

What's on

Coming Up



17th October Holland House, Cropthorne. Waking the Women—Faith, Menopause and the Meaning of Midlife

A day reflecting on the menopause and spirituality with Jayne Manfredi. The day will include input and group reflections, meditation and prayer. Please contact Holland House for more information and booking.

Harvest Services

Little Comberton Sunday 5th October at 10:45 am

Elmley Castle Sunday 19th October at 5.00 pm

Great Comberton Sunday 26th October at 10.45 am

Please email content for the next Link News to rectoryoffice@btinternet.com by Wednesday 1st October 2025. Contributions from all villages welcomed. Thank you.

Please note that the rectory office is manned on Wednesday mornings 9.00 am - 1.00 pm

Weddings, funerals and baptisms

Enquiries should be made to Alison Khan, Administrative Co-ordinator, Bredon Hill Group (tel. 07984 748 059)

Link News is sent to all Church members whose email addresses we have. If you would like to forward it to a friend, please feel free to do so. If you know of someone who would like to be included in the mailing list, please ask

Sunday 21st September, 14th after Trinity and Sunday 28th September, 15th after Trinity



Know the history!

It takes time and effort to learn the history, which is why many of us do not get around to it. The just visual of the Ethno Linguistic Map of Ukraine is enough to show us that the issue is complex. As has been said, "Those who fail to learn from history are doomed to repeat it." Churchill,



I came away from a talk on Russia/Ukraine at the Men's Breakfast, hosted by the Parish Church, with a far more nuanced view than I had had before. A swift canter through the history of the region with an analyst retired from GCHQ left me far more sympathetic to the place in which Russia finds itself. It reaffirmed for me the role that culture has in any relationships. Knowing a culture and language are crucial to unpicking intractable issues. Finding peace in the Ukraine Russia war seems even more challenging having heard something of the history and culture.

Jesus said, "Blessed are the peacemakers." Finding ways to make peace is a profoundly Christian value. Both Russia and Ukraine are Christian nations. Though another nuance here is that some regions are broadly Orthodox Christian and some are Catholic Christian. This should not make any difference to the Christian commitment to forging peace, but it adds another layer of complexity in the region's relationships, and reminds us that it is seldom about religion and mostly about power imbalances.

When the question was asked about what then could make for peace in the region, the answer was economic: when money ran out for one side or the other. Economic sanctions work in the peace-making process.

This puts me in mind of how much more Jesus spoke of money than peace-making in the stories of his life and teaching, even though his whole life's work was about making peace with God.

Every blessing!

Rev'd Katryn

Readings and Collects

Sunday 21st September

Readings

Jeremiah 8: 18 - 91
Psalm 79: 1 - 9
1 Timothy 2: 1 - 17
Luke 16: 1 - 13

Collect:

Merciful God,
Your Son came to save us on the Cross, may we trust in your mercy and know your love, rejoicing in the righteousness that is ours. Through Jesus Christ our Lord

Sunday 28th September

Readings

Jermiah 32: 1 - 3a, 6 - 15
Psalm 91: 1 - 6, 14 - 16
1 Timothy 6: 6 - 9
Luke 16: 19—31

Collect:

Lord God
Defend you Church from all false teaching and give to your people, knowledge of your truth that we may enjoy eternal life in Jesus Christ our Lord.

We pray . . .

For all in our community who are sick or in long term care:

- Bob Davies
- Yvonne Seward
- All in residential and care homes
- All who are living with chronic conditions

We remember the loss of loved ones

Those who have died recently and those whose anniversary of death falls at this time.

May the souls of the faithful departed, through the mercy of God, rest in peace.

For couples getting married

Jack Knowles & Victoria Bozward
William Wade & Laura Folkers

“Lord, we ask for Your strength to bind us together as one. Help us to support each other through challenges and celebrate together in joy. May our unity be a testament to Your love. Amen.”

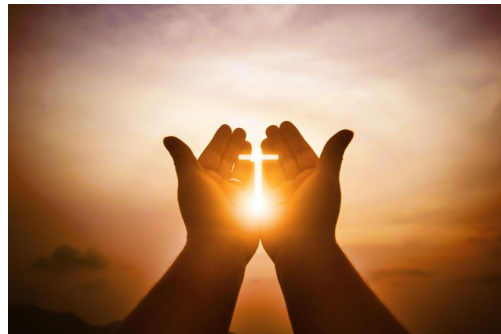
For our friends and neighbours in Main Street and Besscaps, Elmley Castle

May we look at others as if through your eyes, less judging, more loving, and seeing them, like us, as not perfect or finished but as a work in progress that will be completed in due time by your hands.

Prayers

“Be kind and compassionate to one another, forgiving each other, just as in Christ God forgave you.”
We pray for healing from conflict today. Thank You for Your love. Amen

“Your word is a lamp for my feet, a light on my path.” I pray for guidance in uncertainty today. Thank You for Your divine light. Amen.



Sunday 21st September

9.00 am Eckington - Holy Communion
10.45 am Bredon - Holy Communion
10.45 am Elmley Castle - Holy Communion with Baptism
3.00 pm Overbury - Making Church Fun
4.00 pm Eckington – Choral Evensong with Oakville Choir
6.00 pm Beckford - Harvest Evensong

Wednesday 24th September

10.00 am Little Comberton - Morning Worship

Sunday 28th September

9.00 am Great Comberton - Holy Communion
10.45 am Defford - Harvest Service
10.45 am Ashton-under-Hill - Harvest Service
10.45 am Bredon - Village Service
3.00 pm Elmley Castle - Making Church Fun
4.00 pm Bredon's Norton - Harvest Service

Wednesday 1st October

10.00 am Little Comberton - Morning Worship
10.00 am Overbury - Holy Communion

Holland House

Morning Prayer (Celtic and other) at Holland House on: Tuesdays, Wednesdays and Fridays at 9.15 am. There will be a Eucharist at 12 noon on Wednesdays.

Invisible but Important

When the church gathers for worship it doesn't just happen. Things need to be set up, taken down, cleaned, stored until next time. That is the duty of those who act as Sacristan (taking care of the Sacristy which is the place where all the Holy Communion, altar vessels are kept). Sacristans are often invisible but their unobtrusive service is crucial to our gatherings.

Servers use the vessels set out by the Sacristan on duty to assist the priest in setting the table and serving the bread and wine of Holy Communion. We are seeking to build a little team of Sacristans and Servers in all of our churches. This way we will spread the load so no one is overburdened. Those whose gift and calling this is, feel privileged to quietly get on with the work.