

What's on

Coming Up

**A Tale of Two Cities and Several Ladies with Rev'd Dr Gerard Moate
On the 7, 14 and 21st October 2025 7.00 - 8.00 pm at St Faith's
Church, Church Row, Overbury, GL20 7NY**

Three talks making connections between London and respectively the cities of Philippi, Corinth and Rome in New Testament times, secondly, connections between women who were known to St Paul (Lydia, Priscilla and Phoebe) and three ladies who once lived in London - to illustrate aspects of the Christian Virtue of Generosity.

Please email julietvines@gmail.com to let us know if you're thinking of coming, for catering purposes.

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 15th 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)

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**Sunday 5th October, 16th after Trinity
and Sunday 12th October, 17th after
Trinity**



A few weeks ago, I received the news that the college, where I trained for ministry, had closed suddenly with overwhelming financial difficulties. It was named after the 19th century preacher Charles Haddon Spurgeon who founded it. Spurgeon's was my home from home for four years during which time, the Principal, who led the College and taught Church History, was Ray Brown. This week I received news of his death. He was well into his nineties. Ray was not an academic although he had been awarded a doctorate. He was a shepherd, a preacher, a friend. His death is being mourned by many and the tributes pour in. So, in a few weeks, it feels like two pillars of life have gone.

It is 1st October as I write and the first named storm is heading for Scotland. Autumn is here and in the coming weeks, the trees will shed their leaves. The cycle of death and new life is often remarked upon and the necessity thereof. A composer leaves great music, an artist pictures, a college principal may leave a book or two, but more valuable than that is the testimony of men and women who gained encouragement, had their faith strengthened, had their hearts and minds opened and felt loved.

One sometimes wonders how one will be remembered when one's time comes. In the Acts of the Apostles Peter is reported as describing Jesus as someone anointed with the Holy Spirit, who went around doing good.

I cannot think of a better epitaph.

Peter Hayes

Readings and Collects

Sunday 5th October

Readings

Psalm 137

2 Timothy 1: 1-14

Luke 17: 5-10

Collect:

Lord of Creation

Whose glory is around and within,
open our eyes to your wonders, that
we may serve you with reverence
and know your peace at our lives' end

Through Jesus Christ our Lord

Sunday 12th October

Readings

Jeremiah 29: 1, 4-7

Psalm 66 : 1-11

2 Timothy 2: 8-15

Luke 17 : 11-19

Collect:

Gracious God,
You call us to fullness of life,
deliver us from unbelief and banish
our anxieties
With the liberating love of Jesus
Christ

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 live 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

William Wade & Laura Folkers

Lord, Since You are the Source of all good things, we are certain You brought this couple together. We're asking You to remain at the centre of their relationship, that it be based on You and anchored in You. Because we know this marriage is ultimately for Your glory, Jesus, let Your name shine through it. Amen.

Neighbours & Friends

God, teach us to be generous with our time, resources, and love towards our neighbours. May we share our blessings and create a community of mutual support and care. Amen.

World Homeless Day 5th October

Dear Lord, on this World Homeless Day, we lift those without shelter. Grant them comfort, hope and the resources they need. Inspire us to act with compassion and work towards a world where everyone has a safe home.

Malaysia: flooding

Pray for people in Sabah, east Malaysia, where recent flooding has caused much damage and at least 13 deaths. Pray for post-flood repairs and for the Lord to comfort those who have been affected, as some people have even lost their loved ones



October Services

Sunday 5th October

9.00 am Besford - Harvest Worship

10.45 am Little Comberton - Harvest Worship

10.45 am Bredon - Holy Communion

Wednesday 8th October

10.00 am Little Comberton - Morning Worship

Sunday 12th October

9.00 am Bredon's Norton - Holy Communion

10.45 am Elmley Castle - Morning Worship with Prayers for all

10.45 am Eckington - Harvest Service

10.45 am Bredon - Morning Praise

6.00 pm Overbury - Harvest Service

Wednesday 15th October

10.00 am Little Comberton - Iona 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 Might God be calling you?

Please come and join us on Tuesday 28th October, 10.00 am in St Mary's, Elmley Castle followed by refreshments in The Queens.

