

What's on

Coming Up

Saturday 8th November

Men's Breakfast 9.30 am The Queens, Elmley Castle. Roger Spiller will be leading the morning with *Is Christianity a force for the unity of the Churchy and World: A case Study*.

Saturday 29th November 12.00 pm - 4.30 pm Elmley Village Hall

Christmas Gift and Craft Fayre. Followed by Christmas Light switch on in Village Square

Please note that the Rectory Office will be open on Tuesday 11th November instead of Wednesday 12th November Thank you.

Please email content for the next Link News to rectoryoffice@btinternet.com by Tuesday 11th November 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 2nd November All Sain't Day and Sunday 9th November 3rd Sunday before Advent



The Anglican world has been exploding with actions and reactions in the last week or so. First, the Archbishop Designate the Rt Rev'd and Rt Hon. Sarah Mullaly was announced, then, the House of Bishops pushed the authorising of Prayers of Blessing for same sex couples into the next Synod on a point of process.

Both events have caused outbursts of delight and indignation in equal measure. Traditionalists are horrified that a woman, a woman who affirms same sex marriage, has been appointed to the seat of St Augustine of Canterbury, even if she has a proven track record of excellent work building bridges in complex organisations. Conservative elements of a few Anglican Provinces are calling themselves the true Anglican Communion in schism from Canterbury. Rank and file British Anglicans and many other Anglican Provinces are delighted and have offered thanksgiving and prayer for such an excellent appointment.

The House of Bishops has been lauded by some for their action in potentially stopping the movement towards equal marriage in the Church of England. By others they have been branded hypocrites and cowards who have caved in to pressure put on by the deep pockets of the conservative wing of the church.

I have been reading the church historian Dermott MacCullough and it strikes me that 'twas ever thus. The church has fought tooth and nail over a variety of issues over the centuries. Issues which seemed to be life or death of the church in their day, most of which are no longer of relevance to contemporary life.

Young people today are wondering why this is an issue at all? Future generations will be perplexed by the vitriol that the issue has generated. The Bible reminds us that 'God is love' and that 'those who live in love live in God.' Jesus once said that 'You shall know them by their fruits.' I'll leave those thoughts with you as a good rule of thumb for sifting past the heat and noise to the core of the issue, whatever our own culture and conditioning may have taught us.

Every blessing!

Rev'd Katryn

Readings and Collects

Sunday 2nd November

Readings

Daniel 7: 1-3, 15-18

Psalm 149

Ephesians 1: 11-23

Luke 6: 20-31

Collect:

God of Holiness

Your glory is proclaimed in every age as we rejoice in the faith of your saints, inspire us to follow their example with boldness and joy.

Through Jesus Christ our Lord

Sunday 9th November

Readings

Job 19: 23-27a

Psalm 17: 1-9

2 Thessalonians 2: 1-5, 13-17

Luke 2: 27-38

Collect:

God, our refuge and strength

Bring near the day when wars shall cease and poverty and pain shall end. That earth may know the peace of heaven

Through 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 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.

Laurie Croft

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

All Saints' and All Souls' Days

May Christ who makes saints of sinners, who has transformed those we remember, raise and strengthen us that we may transform the world and may God give to us and to all those we love, his comfort and his peace, his light and his joy, in this world and the next, Amen

Remembrance Sunday

Heavenly Father, we lift up to you all those who have served and sacrificed for the cause of peace. Grant them your comfort, strength and healing. Inspire us of your peace in the world.

Prayer for neighbours

Bless the good neighbours, Lord, who calls to check that all is well, and share a cup of tea and chat with those who struggle to get out, and whose gentle act of service brings a ray of light into a day that would otherwise be cheerless.

Bless them, and all who likewise give of their time to others in following your good example, that this might become a better and a more caring world in which to live.

For victims of Hurricane Melissa

Caring Lord,

We ask that you bring hope and healing to all those affected by these powerful storms and floods and that you continue to be a source of peace and strength in the midst of the turmoil.



November Services

Sunday 2nd November

9.00 am Beckford - Holy Communion

9.00 am Little Comberton - All Souls' Holy Communion

10.45 am Bredon - Holy Communion

10.45 am Teddington - All Souls' Holy Communion

6.00 pm Eckington - All Souls' Service

Wednesday 5th November

10.00 am Little Comberton

Sunday 9th November

9.00 am Bredon's Norton - Holy Communion with Remembrance

10.45 am Elmley Castle - Remembrance Service

10.45 am Ashton-under-Hill - Remembrance Service

10.45 am Eckington - Remembrance Service

10.45 am Bredon - Remembrance Service

Wednesday 12th November

10.00 am Little Comberton

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.

Advent Anticipation!

We begin Advent with a Group Service on 30 November with Rev'd Dr John Fitzmaurice, Diocesan Director of Ordinands preaching.

The Holy Communion will be sung to a beautiful setting called Torn Curtain by Roger Jones. Bredon were learning this for a celebration of Rev'd Allison's Tenth Anniversary of Ordination, which sadly did not happen.

We hope that we can learn it together to enjoy the sung parts of the Eucharist together. There will be two rehearsals at St Giles, Bredon at 5.30pm on Friday, Nov. 21st and 28th.

You can familiarise yourself with the setting on this link even if you're not singing in the choir: https://youtu.be/YZqT2O6IE_s