

What's on

Coming Up

Christmas Tree Festival Saturday 13th and Sunday 14th December

Eckington Church

Mum's Aloud Concert Thursday 18th December 7.00 pm St Mary's Church, Elmley Castle. Tickets £10 (Children Free) from Sally Roberts and Debbie Barker.

Carol Services

Sunday 21st December 4.00 pm Elmley Castle, with a Choir

Sunday 2st December 6.00 pm Great Comberton

Sunday 21st December 6.00 pm Little Comberton

Tuesday 23rd December 6.00 pm Bricklehampton

New Year Coffee Morning, Saturday 3rd January 10.00 am—12 noon, St Mary's Church, Elmley Castle - Everyone welcome for coffee, cake and a chat.

Singers needed

A smaller churches choir is going to be formed in the new year to sing at the Cathedral one weekend in April (Friday to Sunday). If you're interested, follow the link:

<https://www.cofe-worcester.org.uk/news/diocesan-small-churches-choir.php>

Please email content for the next Link News to rectoryoffice@btinternet.com by Wednesday 10th December 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

Sunday 30th November, 1st Sunday of Advent and Sunday 7th December, 2nd Sunday of Advent



The Last Judgement Fresco which inspired my Prayer How to Live Well



The founder of Christians Against Poverty lived for thirteen years wondering where his next pay-check was coming from. He founded the charity because he himself, an entrepreneur, had made shed loads of money and lost them getting into debt. His training and financial acumen enabled him to get out of this trouble, but he realised that many without his skills and knowledge would need help (Church Times article).

The Joseph Rowntree Foundation has said that many low-income households are still in serious hardship as of late 2025, a large proportion of households in the bottom 40% of incomes have recently gone without essentials.

We enter into Advent when we will contemplate the second coming of Jesus through the lens of death, judgment, heaven and hell. Themes which make us reflect on how God's love may be expressed in our worlds in the light of an end of the world in which God will judge, purify, redeem and restore. Themes which make us wonder how we may best live life now in the light of Jesus' return?

I wonder what we can do in this season of mad materialism, to step back in the Advent spirit, and reflect on Christmas generosity?

I may not be called to start a charity to help those who need support, but there are many charities who do the work already. Where could my skills and knowledge, my resources, help?

Every blessing!

Rev'd Katryn

Readings and Collects

Sunday 30th November

Readings

Isiah 2: 1-5

Psalm 122

Romans 13: 11-14

Matthew 24: 35-44

Collect:

Almighty God,
As your kingdom dawns,
turn us from the darkness of sin to
the light of holiness.
That we may be ready to meet you
in our Lord and Saviour, Jesus Christ

Sunday 7th December

Readings

Isiah 11: 1-10

Psalm 72: 1-7, 18, 19

Matthew 3: 1-12

Collect:

Almighty God,
Purify our hearts and minds
That, when your son, Jesus Christ,
comes again as judge and saviour,
We may be ready to receive him
who is our Lord and our God

We pray . . .

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

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

"Precious Lord, guide the caregivers of the sick, filling them with Your wisdom and compassion. Keep their hearts uplifted and their spirits steady, as they provide comfort and support to those they serve. Renew their energy and bless them with the strength to face every challenge with grace and unwavering faith. Amen."

We remember the loss of loved ones

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

George Mackison

Helen Richards

John Sharpe

William Steele

The funeral of John Sharpe is to be on
Thursday 18th December at 11.00 am at
St Mary's Church, Elmley Castle.

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

For our neighbours in Netherton Lane and Netherton

Loving God, We lift up our neighbours to You today. May their homes be filled with peace, their hearts with hope, and their days with joy. Protect them from harm, guide them in times of uncertainty, and bless them with good health and loving relationships. Help us to be a source of kindness and understanding in their lives. Amen.

Inter Faith Week

We pray for all Inter faith networks, especially the Worcestershire Interfaith Forum and Interfaith work in Dudley. We pray for events which have happened during Interfaith Week and those which take place throughout the year. We also pray for the National Interfaith Network

Student Faith

This Advent, as friendships grow and faith is shared, pray that more students will discover the hope of Christ for themselves.

November/December Services

Sunday 30th November

10.45 am Bredon - Group Service

Tuesday 2nd December

8.00 pm On-line Advent Reflection (please contact Alison Khan)

Wednesday 3rd December

No Service

Sunday 7th December

9.00 am Alstone - Holy Communion

9.00 am Besford - Holy Communion

10.45 am Bredon - Holy Communion

10.45 am Little Comberton - Holy Communion

4.00 pm Bredon's Norton - Carol Service

Tuesday 9th December

8.00 pm On-line and in person

Wednesday 10th December

10.00 am Little Comberton - St Cuthbert Morning Prayer

6.30 pm Ashton-under-Hill - Celebration of Christmas

Confirmation Preparation 2026

Confirmation preparation for 2026 will be done in the Deanery (Rev'd Katryn will be involved). Confirmation courses are a wonderful opportunity to explore Christian faith over ten weekly sessions, together with others.

The course may be a refresher for you or in preparation for your confirmation. A Confirmation Service is a service where the promises made at your baptism are now affirmed by you as an adult and you receive the laying on of hands and anointing with oil by a bishop confirming you in the Christian faith. (If you have not been baptised, this may happen during the confirmation service at Worcester Cathedral on Easter Eve or in your parish.)

Confirmation classes are due to start on Monday evenings in January if you are thinking of being confirmed or would like to take the course as a refresher, please contact Rev'd Katryn