

What's on

Coming Up

Lent Course 2026

Experiencing the prayer of the church together

Quiet Day: The Psalms as Prayer

Week One: Experiencing the Lord's Prayer

Week Two: Praying with St Paul 1

Week Three: Praying with St Paul 2

Week Four: Cherished Prayers of former saints

Week Five: Cherished Collects

When + Where

Quiet Day: 21 February, 9.30 am to 3.30 pm, led by Rev'd Katryn * **please note change of venue*** at the home of **Phil and Helen Airdrie, The Pound, Great Comberton, Pershore, WR10 3DU**

Lent Groups starting week of 23 February

Monday 2.30 pm - Elmley Castle

Tuesday 2.00 pm - Overbury Village Hall

Wednesday 2.00 pm - Holy Trinity Eckington

Thursday 7.30 pm - Great Comberton

Please let Alison Khan know if you wish to attend a group:

acbhteam@gmail.com or call 07984748059

World Day Of Prayer - A Service for Everyone

Friday 6th March, St Giles Church, Bredon at 2.00 pm. Prepared by Christian women of Nigeria. Refreshments will be served. Everyone is welcome.

Please email content for the next Link News to rectoryoffice@btinternet.com by Wednesday 4th March 2026. 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 22nd February, 1st Sunday of Lent and Sunday 1st March, 2nd Sunday of Lent



This past week we have like many, been watching the Winter Olympics. One competition which has caught my eye is called "big air". In this the athlete descends a steep slope which ends with a curved ramp which launches them into the air. Once airborne they perform a number of twists in mid-air before landing. If they land cleanly, they score points; if they fall, points are deducted. What is abundantly clear is that things need to be considered in advance; if you launch off with no plan you will likely crash.

This week saw the beginning of Lent. Like the skiers we metaphorically approach take off. Lent can seem like that rapid descent and Ash Wednesday marked the take-off.

Perhaps you are all set, books to be read, lent groups to attend, and intention to give something up identified. That's good but like the big air skier it still has to be done!

Then again maybe you are far from sorted, the ramp speeds below you and your mind races to plan something, anything.

As a group around Bredon Hill this Lent we are called to read and consider some of the prayers in the Bible, Psalms and saints' prayers whose words still resonate today.

In Micah 6:6-8 we read -

With what shall I come before the LORD, and bow myself before God on high?

Shall I come before him with burnt offerings, with calves a year old?

Will the LORD be pleased with thousands of rams, with tens of thousands of rivers of oil?

Shall I give my firstborn for my transgression, the fruit of my body for the sin of my soul?

He has told you, O mortal, what is good

and what does the LORD require of you

but to do justice, and to love kindness,

and to walk humbly with your God?

That sounds quite easy does it not, justice, kindness and humility? But as our studies will show, actually making the jump and landing safely takes many years of practice just like the Big air.

Happy landings!

Peter Hayes

Readings and Collects

Sunday 22nd March

Readings

Genesis 2: 15-17, 3: 1-7

Psalms 32

Romans 5: 12-19

Matthew 4: 1-11

Collect:

Heavenly Father, Your son battled with the powers of darkness and grew closer to you in the desert. Help us to use these days to grow in wisdom and prayer, that we may witness your saving Love. In Jesus Christ, Our Lord

Sunday 1st March

Readings

Genesis 12: 1-4a

Psalms 121

Romans 4: 1-5, 13-17

John 3: 1-17

Collect:

Almighty God, by the prayer and discipline of Lent, may we enter into the mystery of Christ's sufferings and, by following in his way, come to share in his Glory. Through Jesus Christ our Lord

We pray . . .

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

- Rev'd Peter Mkeni
- Bob Davies
- Bill Ettridge
- Yvonne Seward
- All in residential and care homes
- All who live with chronic illness

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.*

Emergency Services

Pray for those who work in the emergency services. Give them strength and pray that they will feel God's love as they carry out their vital work

Prayer for forgiveness in Lent

Heavenly Father, we come before You with a humble heart, acknowledging our weaknesses and the ways we have fallen short. Lord, we ask for Your mercy—wash us clean and renew my spirit. Help us to turn away from sin and walk in the light of Your truth.

Teach us to accept Your forgiveness and to forgive others as You have forgiven us. May this Lent be a time of true repentance, where we surrender our burdens and embrace the freedom that comes through Your grace. Thank You for never giving up on us. In Jesus' name, Amen.

Prayers for our neighbours in Miller's Walk and Parkwood

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. Where there is worry, bring comfort; where there is need, bring provision; where there is loneliness, bring friendship. Help us to be a light in their lives, showing kindness and compassion in all we do. Amen.

February/March Services

Sunday 22nd February

9.00 am Ashton-under-Hill - Holy Communion

10.45 am Bredon - Village Worship

10.45 am Great Comberton - Holy Communion

10.45 am Defford - Holy Communion

Wednesday

10.00 am Little Comberton - Northumbrian Morning Prayer

Sunday 1st March

9.00 am Besford - Holy Communion

10.45 am Bredon - Holy Communion

10.45 am Little Comberton - Morning Worship

6.00 pm Teddington - BCP Evensong

Wednesday 4th March

10.00 am Little Comberton - Iona Morning Prayer

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.

