

## What's on

### Coming Up

**Men's Breakfast - Saturday 11th April** at 9.30am in The Queens, Elmley Castle.

**Elmley Castle Churchyard Cleanup - Saturday 25th April** 9.30 - 12 noon. Refreshments provided. If you could spare an hour or so to help, it would be very much appreciated.

**Please email content for the next Link News to [rectoryoffice@btinternet.com](mailto:rectoryoffice@btinternet.com) by Wednesday 15th April 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 April, Easter Sunday  
and Sunday 12th April, First Sunday after  
Easter**



### Faithfulness. Curiosity. Mutuality.

These were the three words to which our bishop Hugh spoke at the Chrism Service (the annual service where holy oils are blessed and at which ordained and licenced ministers renew their ministerial vows.) At this service we remember Jesus' Last Supper with his disciples and his agonising prayer in Gethsemane. To be followers of Jesus will involve the joys of Easter celebration, of life, of resurrection, restoration. The road may also in places be a path of suffering, a *via Dolorosa*, in Jesus' footsteps.

Speaking about hope in an anxious world, +Hugh reminded us of the utter faithfulness of God; that we are safe, secure, loved always, no matter what happens. It is God's commitment to us, and to the world, which enables us, in our turn, to be faithful to God and faithful in the work we do.

Curiosity. Jesus was curious about people. He did not assume what they wanted or needed. He asked questions. He listened to the answers. He engaged in conversation. Being curious is being hopeful, the bishop suggested. being curious was being open to the future. A future that could be shaped by our interest and choices.

At the Last Supper, as Jesus gathers with his disciples, we were reminded that Jesus was all about community, he and they were in this enterprise together. We too are in the enterprise of being disciples of Jesus, together. We work in community, for community.

Wishing you a blessed Easter, thankful for God's deep faithfulness, in an anxious world.

Rev'd Katryn

## Readings and Collects

### Easter Sunday 5th April Readings

Acts 10: 34 - 43  
John 20: 19 - end

#### Collect:

God of glory,  
by the raising of your Son  
you have broken the chains of  
death and hell: fill your Church  
with faith and hope; for a new day  
has dawned and the way to life  
stands open in our Saviour, Jesus  
Christ

### Sunday 12th April

#### Readings

Acts 2 14a: 22 - 32  
Psalm 16  
1 Peter 1: 3 - 9  
John 20: 19 - end

#### Collect:

Risen Christ,  
for whom no door is locked, no  
entrance barred: open the doors  
of our hearts, that we may seek  
the good of others and walk the  
joyful road of sacrifice and peace,  
to the praise of God the Father

#### We pray . . .

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

- Bob Davies
- Rev'd Peter Mkengi
- 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.

Anthony Bury  
John Cook

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

### Chaplaincy of Agriculture and Rural Life

Pray for the Chaplaincy for Agriculture and  
Rural Life (CARL) and the work they do in  
supporting rural communities and farmers.  
We pray for the charities they work with,  
such as such as the Farming Community  
Network, RABI and the Addington Fund and  
for the chaplaincy they provide at the Live-  
stock Market. Chair: David Morris

### Easter Sunday

*Heavenly Father, you have delivered us  
from the power of darkness and brought us  
into the kingdom of your Son: grant that, as  
his death has recalled us to life, so his con-  
tinual presence in us may raise us to eternal  
joy; through Christ our Lord. Amen.*

### For our neighbours in Hill Lane and Park- wood

*Dear Lord, thank You for the people who  
live right next door to us. We pray for their  
well-being, families, and faith. We ask that  
they would feel Your presence in their  
homes and experience Your peace. Help us  
be a light on our street—someone who re-  
flects Your compassion and grace. Use our  
relationships as a way to show Your love.  
In Jesus' name, amen.*

## April Services

### Easter Sunday 5th April

9.00 am Besford - Easter Holy Communion  
9.00 am Bredon's Norton - Easter Holy Communion  
**10.00 am Little Comberton - Easter Holy Communion**  
10.30 am Eckington - Family Communion with Baptism  
10.45 am Bredon - Easter Holy Communion  
10.45 am Ashton-under-Hill - Easter Holy Communion

### Wednesday 8th April

**10.00 am Little Comberton - Thought for the Day**

### Sunday 12th April

9.00 am Bredon's Norton - Holy Communion  
9.00 am Overbury - Holy Communion  
**10.45 am Little Comberton - Morning Worship**  
10.45 am Eckington - Holy Communion  
10.45 am Bredon - Morning Praise

### Wednesday 15th April

**10.00 am Little Comberton - 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.

### Wanted

Could you please help us with donations of the following, for dressing up and  
crafting in Messy Church.

Men's shirts  
Ladies tights

Any donations can be left in the rectory porch, please.  
Many thanks