

PRAYERS: For your prayers this week.

Vocations and ministry:

In this season of APCMs we pray for all PCC members, we give thanks for their service over the last year and pray for those who have agreed to continue in this role for the next year. We pray for anyone who may be considering joining their PCC.

The sick:

Marianne, Kylie, Merry, Alex, David, Jackie, Nic, Babs, Russell and Lee, Dennis, Malcolm and Alan. All those in hospital, having treatment and waiting for test results and operations.

Those needing long term care and support: Pauline, Richard, those being cared for at home, the residents of Goatacre Manor Care Centre and other local care homes.

Those who have died:

We pray for all those who grieve.

Weddings:

We pray for Kim Maffey and Jonathan Beechy who are getting married this month.

Special intentions

We pray for the King and all the Royal family.

In our Diocesan cycle of prayer we continue to pray for churches in the Guernsey Deanery. Loving God, we pray for your blessing on the community of Castel, for all those who live and work in this place. We pray for the ministry of the lay leaders and congregation and priest.

In our Anglican cycle of prayer, we raise to you the Church of Nigeria.

We pray for our Benefice congregations, parishioners and our churches in this time of vacancy. We pray for the person(s) who may feel called to this post.

We give thanks for those helping at this time.



The Benefice of
Lyneham and Woodhill

26th April
4th Sunday of Easter



Bradenstoke
Broad Town
Hilmarton

Communion - 9am
Communion - 10.30am
Communion - 10.30am

Sun 3 rd May	Clyffe Pypard Tockenham Lyneham	Communion - 9am Communion - 10.30am All-Age Service - 10.30am
Weds 6 th May	Hilmarton	Communion - 2pm (in church)
Sun 10 th May	Bradenstoke Hilmarton Broad Town	Communion - 9am Communion - 10.30am Morning Service - 10.30am

Keep in touch by going to: www.achurchnearyou.com and searching for your parish church.

Using the Benefice of Lyneham and Woodhill Facebook page.

Getting your name added to the Benefice email list if it isn't already there – just email Elaine on beneficeofwoodhill@yahoo.co.uk and ask to be added.

COLLECT

Almighty God,
whose Son Jesus Christ is the resurrection and the life:
raise us, who trust in him,
from the death of sin to the life of righteousness,
that we may seek those things which are above,
where he reigns with you
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
one God, now and for ever.

FIRST READING:

Many were baptized and were added to the community. ⁴²They devoted themselves to the apostles' teaching and fellowship, to the breaking of bread and the prayers.

⁴³Awe came upon everyone, because many wonders and signs were being done by the apostles. ⁴⁴All who believed were together and had all things in common; ⁴⁵they would sell their possessions and goods and distribute the proceeds to all, as any had need. ⁴⁶Day by day, as they spent much time together in the temple, they broke bread at home and ate their food with glad and generous hearts, ⁴⁷praising God and having the goodwill of all the people. And day by day the Lord added to their number those who were being saved.

GOSPEL:

Jesus said to the Pharisees: ¹'Very truly, I tell you, anyone who does not enter the sheepfold by the gate but climbs in by another way is a thief and a bandit. ²The one who enters by the gate is the shepherd of the sheep. ³The gatekeeper opens the gate for him, and the sheep hear his voice. He calls his own sheep by name and leads them out. ⁴When he has brought out all his own, he goes ahead of them, and the sheep follow him because they know his voice. ⁵They will not follow a stranger, but they will run from him because they do not know the voice of strangers.' ⁶Jesus used this figure of speech with them, but they did not understand what he was saying to them.

⁷So again Jesus said to them, 'Very truly, I tell you, I am the gate for the sheep. ⁸All who came before me are thieves and bandits; but the sheep did not listen to them. ⁹I am the gate. Whoever enters by me will be saved, and will come in and go out and find pasture. ¹⁰The thief comes only to steal and kill and destroy. I came that they may have life, and have it abundantly.'

POST COMMUNION

Merciful Father,
you gave your Son Jesus Christ to be the good shepherd,
and in his love for us to lay down his life and rise again:
keep us always under his protection,
and give us grace to follow in his steps;
through Jesus Christ our Lord.