

What's on

Coming Up

Roger Spiller's Course - God Talk - Do you believe in God and does it matter?

When and Where

7.30-9.00 pm Wednesday evenings
15th April, 22nd April, 29th April, 6th May
and 20th May

At Little Comberton Village Hall

Please register with <https://wegottickets.com/event/695202>
or, acbhteam@gmail.com - refreshments will be served.

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.

Little Comberton Street Market - Saturday 23rd May 2 - 5 pm

Traditional Stalls, Classic Cars and Children's Games. Teas and Pork Rolls.
Beer Tent and Live Music. £2 entry fee (under 12s free)

Please email content for the next Link News to rectoryoffice@btinternet.com by Wednesday 29th 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)

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 list, please ask

Sunday 19th April, 3rd Sunday after Easter and Sunday 26th April, 4th Sunday after Easter



Eastertide is a season of joy in the church, whatever may be happening in life and in the world. Thankfully 'joy' is not the same as 'happy'. The roots of joy are not in changing circumstance, which can affect how happy or otherwise we feel. The roots of joy go deep into the character and work of God, whatever the vicissitudes of life. God is unchanging in love, in God's desire to be with us in peace and harmony. It is that love which holds us in the darkest of times. The deep certainty that 'nothing can separate us from the love of God', nothing!

St Mary's is a hive (yes, there are masonry bees at the moment) of all sorts of activity. The bell frame has been delivered and is slowly being installed. Tons of steel are lifted and manoeuvred into place by a simple pulley. Once that is in place the bells will be lifted up and installed. It is projected to take five weeks, after which we will have a tuneful, relatively easy ring of bells, neither of which was the case with the previous ring. A series of events will be taking place to introduce the community to the bells as part of our Heritage Lottery Funding. Sadly, the last VAT exemption claim we could have made for £7000 comes after the Government closed it down. If you're able to help, we would appreciate it enormously. Thankfully we were able to claim most of the VAT before. At the same time the works following our five yearly inspection (Quinquennial) have been underway repointing crumbling mortar (with carefully selected sand to match the original), replacing squidgy stone, reflashing weak areas in the lead roof. All this in the bat-safe gap we have in April, so as not to disturb potentially roosting bats.

We hope to get a quote from these heritage masons about repairing the dragon, the chaos monster, on the vandalised font.

Do join us for our Annual Parochial Church Council Meeting following the 10.45am service on 17 May at St Mary's.

Wishing you a joyful Eastertide, thankful for God's deep love for each of us,

Rev'd Katryn

Readings and Collects

Sunday 19th April

Readings

Acts 2 : 14a & 36 - 41
Psalm 116: 1 - 3 & 10 end
1 Peter 1: 17 - 23
Luke 24: 13 - 35

Collect:

Risen Christ,
you filled your disciples with boldness and fresh hope: strengthen us to proclaim your risen life and fill us with your peace,
to the glory of God the Father.

Sunday 26th April

Readings

Acts 2: 42 - end
Psalm 23
1 Peter 2: 19 - end
John 10: 1 - 10

Collect:

Risen Christ,
faithful shepherd of your Father's sheep: teach us to hear your voice and to follow your command,
that all your people may be gathered into one flock,
to the glory 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

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

For Babies and young people as they come to be Baptised

Angus Frederick Wing Shorthouse

*Loving God, we bring to you the children,
young people and families of our diocese.
We pray for those who already know they
are your children. Please protect them,
bless them and keep them firm in their
faith.*

For couples to be married

Andrew Cook and Annabel Le Brun

*God, please teach them to honor You in
their future marriage by respectfully blessing
and supporting one another. Show them
what healthy mutual honor looks like,
taking the time to listen to and consider one
another. We are praying You will bless their
marriage, working for them to develop love
and intimacy with each other. May they be
grateful for the gift that is their marriage.
In Jesus' name, amen.*

Earth Day - 22nd April

*Lord, help us to steward your creation
better. Help us to work together for a
brighter future. We thank you for the gift of
creation and we pray we can work together
so that future generations can enjoy your
glorious work. Amen.*

Vocations Sunday - 26th April

*Lord of all, you have called each of us to
serve you in your world and in your Church;
strengthen and equip us by your Spirit to
recognise your call to us and give us grace
and courage to fulfil that calling. Amen*

April Services

Sunday 19th April

9.00 am Eckington - Holy Communion
9.00 am Elmley Castle - Holy Communion
10.45 am Bredon - Holy Communion
10.45 am Beckford - Holy Communion
3.00 pm Overbury - Messy Church

Wednesday 22nd April

10.00 am Little Comberton - Northumbrian Morning Prayer
10.00 am Overbury - Holy Communion

Sunday 26th April

9.00 am Ashton-under-Hill - Holy Communion
10.45 am Defford - Holy Communion
10.45 am Great Comberton - Holy Communion
10.45 am Bredon - Village Worship
12.30 pm Bricklehampton - Baptism

Wednesday 29th April

10.00 am Little Comberton - Thought for the Day

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.

Come and Sing' Evensong

All singers are warmly invited to come along and prepare a 'come and sing' Evensong on Sunday 10th May at St Mary the Virgin Church, Elmley Castle. The preparation will be from 2pm on the day, and there will be a suitable break before the service (and a break during the preparation). These events can be very rewarding and enjoyable; please do consider joining-in!

I would like to use the Vaughan-Williams Magnificat and Nunc Dimitis in C, which was specially written to be accessible for Parish choirs. I will advise as to the chosen Anthem Responses and the Psalm nearer the date, to all participants.

Please let me know if you would like to participate, so that I can prepare sufficient copies of the music. I will send out electronic copies where possible to all who let me have their e-mails. I look forward to hearing from you.

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