

What's on

Coming Up

Elmley Bells are Coming Home!!! Monday 11th May around 8.30 am. With a Blessing of the Bells at approximately 10.00 am to which all are welcome

It is hoped that the children of Elmley School will be welcoming the lorry with flower posies. It would also be lovely to see as many people as possible lining the road to the Church in welcome.

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 13th May 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 3rd May, 5th Sunday after Easter and Sunday 10th May, 6th Sunday after Easter



'We've been feeding people with religion when what they need is the living God', a comment made 100 years ago but probably at least as true today as then. The aim of God-talk, is to nurture this need.

The third talk explored the silence and hiddenness of God. That was the burden of so many of the psalms, where the petitioner complained at God's silence in the face of suffering and unanswered prayers. We recognised our failure to be present to God and saw how in the passionate and abrasive petitions, in the manner of the psalmist, power was redistributed and God was mobilised to act. But still, the silence and hiddenness of God is a well-established feature of God in the Old Testament, including the absence of a Word of God for a period of 400 years between the last of the prophets and the emergence of John the Baptist. We had the words of the novelist Graham Greene as the strapline for our reflections:

'Those who believe that they believe in God but without passion in their hearts, without anguish of mind, without uncertainty, without doubt, without an element of despair even in their consolation, believe only in the God Idea not in Godself.

On 6 May, we will be focussing on the questions, is God all-knowing, all-powerful, unchanging and does God suffer.

On 20 May, our last session, we will consider the urgent question in our multifaith country as to the relationship we should seek with other monotheistic religions.

Roger Spiller

Readings and Collects

Sunday 3rd May

Readings

Acts 7: 55 - end
Psalm 21: 1 - 5, 15 - 16
1 Peter 2: 2 - 10
John 5: 19 - 25

Collect:

Risen Christ,
your wounds declare your love for
the world
and the wonder of your risen life:
give us compassion and courage
to risk ourselves for those we
serve,
to the glory of God the Father.

Sunday 10th May

Readings

Acts 17: 22 - 23
Psalm 66: 7 - 18
1 Peter 3: 13 - end
John 14: 15 - 21

Collect:

Risen Christ,
by the lakeside you renewed your
call to your disciples:
help your Church to obey your
command
and draw the nations to the fire of
your love,
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
- 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.

Ann Simcox

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

For couples to be married

Andrew Cook and Annabel Le Brun

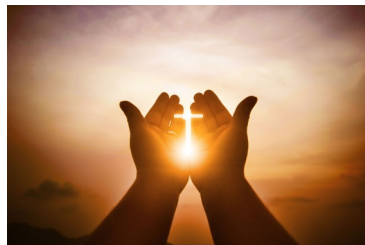
Marriage is more than a ceremony; it is a
lifelong journey of two hearts choosing
each other every day. It is a promise to
walk together through seasons of joy and
challenge, to grow in patience, kindness,
and understanding. As you prepare for this
beautiful commitment, let us pray for your
hearts to be strengthened, your love to be
deepened, and your union to be blessed

For our neighbours in Mill Lane and Mill- field

*O God, bless each home ,
fill their days with peace and shine.
Let love and kindness ever stay,
guiding hearts along the way.*

Prayer for Sunday 3rd May

*Lord help us to remember that even in our flaws
and struggles there is meaning and grace to be
found. You love us in all our darkest times, help
us to learn to do the same.*



May Services

Sunday 3rd May

9.00 am Besford - Holy Communion
9.00 am Alstone - Holy Communion
10.45 am Bredon - Holy Communion
10.45 am Little Comberton - Holy Communion

Wednesday 6th May

10.00 am Little Comberton - Iona Morning Prayer

Sunday 10th May

9.00 am Bredon's Norton - Holy Communion
9.00 am Bricklehampton - Holy Communion
10.45 am Overbury - Family Communion with Baptism
10.45 am Bredon - Morning Prayer
5.00 pm Elmley Castle—BCP Evensong

Wednesday 13th May

10.00 am Little Comberton - St Cuthbert 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.

'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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