

What's on

Coming Up

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) Free parking

Bells Dedication Service - St Mary's Church, Elmley Castle - Sunday 26th July at 5.00 pm

Please email content for the next Link News to rectoryoffice@btinternet.com by Wednesday 27th May 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)

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 17th May, 7th Sunday after Easter and Sunday 24th May, Day of Pentecost



St Mary's bells are back

Following a joyful moment of blessing them with the school children and others who had gathered, they were lifted into the tower and fixed in the new bell frame. We will soon be hearing them again.



The bells decorated and waiting to be blessed

The inscription on one of the new bells is from Mary's Magnificat, that wonderful song of God's promise to bring justice for oppressed and lowly through the Son of God to be born of Mary: "Tell out my soul the greatness of the Lord to children's children and forevermore."

Mary trusted in God and her song exhorts us to trust in God too. To join with God in the works of freedom and healing. What a vision to live for! That God does justice and seeks to do justice through God's faithful people in every generation. That's us!

Whatever the government may be whatever vision or lack of vision it may have, Christians are fired by a vision of justice and peace in the world. God's realm comes among us because we join with God in God's work for righteousness. And we work tirelessly for that in every generation.

We read in the Ascension Gospel that the terrified disciples were now filled with joy. They'd got it! Jesus was alive, heaven had come near and was never going away. The *Anno Domini* was a new age of joyous anticipation of a new heaven and a new earth, not far away, but very near. It was in us, among us, preparing us for its unveiling when the time comes.

Wishing you the joy of the resurrection always,

Rev'd Katryn

Readings and Collects

Sunday 17th May

Readings

Acts 1: 6 - 14
Psalm 68: 1 - 10, 32 - 35
1 Peter 4: 12 - 14, 5: 6 - 11
John 17: 1 - 11

Collect:

Risen, Ascended Lord, as we rejoice at your triumph, fill your church on earth with power and compassion. That all who are estranged by sin, may find forgiveness and know your peace. To the Glory of God the Father

Sunday 24th May

Readings

Acts 2: 1 - 21
John 20: 19 - 23
Numbers 11: 23 - 30
1 Corinthians 12: 3b - 13

Collect:

Holy Spirit, sent by the Father, ignite in us your holy fire, strengthen your children with the gift of faith, revive your church with the breath of love and renew the face of the earth, through Jesus Christ our Lord

We pray . . .

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

- Bob Davies
- Yvonne Seward
- All in residential and care homes
- All who live with chronic conditions

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

Dear Lord, We ask that You bless their relationship with unity. As they embark on this sacred journey together, may they always stand firm in love and support. Teach them to be understanding, patient, and forgiving. Guide them to live in unity, following Your example of unconditional love. Help them to strengthen each other and build a marriage that is centred on you. We thank you for your love for them and for the love and joy they bring to each other, Amen

Children's special diocesan art competition

Please pray for all those who have been involved in our art competition, particularly for the young people who have embraced our diocesan values and have worked hard creating their artwork

Prayer for Pentecost

Lord, at this season of Pentecost, give us a vision. Move us by your Holy Spirit. Bring good news to us all. Bring freedom and peace to broken people, And let us get a taste of Heaven here on Earth. Open our eyes to see you as you are. And open our hearts to praise you.

Prayer for our friends and neighbours in Orchard Close and Manor Lane

We pray a blessing over each person and every household and we ask that each one will be filled with your peace and experience fullness of life.

May Services

Sunday 17th May

9.00 am Eckington Open Gardens Weekend - Holy Communion
10.45 am Bredon - Holy Communion
10.45 am Elmley Castle - Holy Communion (followed by APCM)
3.00 pm Overbury - Messy Church
6.00 pm Beckford - Evensong
6.00 pm Bredon's Norton - Evensong

Wednesday 20th May

10.00 am Little Comberton - Holy Communion

Sunday 24th May

9.00 am Great Comberton - Holy Communion
10.45 am Defford - Family Holy Communion
10.45 am Ashton-under-Hill - Holy Communion
10.45 am Bredon - Village Worship
3.00 pm Elmley Castle - Messy Church

Wednesday 27th May

10.00 am Little Comberton - Northumbrian Morning Prayer
10.00 am Overbury - 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.

