

What's on

Coming Up

ELMFEST - Elmley Castle PTA - Elmley Castle First School - Sunday 28th June from 11 am to 2 pm. Inflatables, Bar & BBQ, Craft Stalls, Games & More.

Beckford Open Village - Saturday 6th & Sunday 7th June 1.00 pm - 6.00 pm. Open gardens, Church Flower Displays, Teas, Live Music, Children's Activities, stalls and more. Entry £8 and under 16's free

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 10th June 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 31st May, Trinity Sunday and Sunday 7th June, First Sunday after Trinity



Trinity or as the Celts said, the Three

Companionship is very precious. Loneliness is hard to bear. At the heart of God is companionship, in God-talk the Trinity or, as the Celts said, the Three.

The Three who are over me,

The Three who are below me,

The Three who are above me here,

The Three who are above me yonder;

The Three who are in earth,

The Three who are in air,

The Three who are in heaven.

The Three shelter me,

The Three surround me,

The Three protect me.

This is reflected in the familiar prayer we often hear at the end of a service found in 2 Corinthians 13:13-14

The grace of the Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

Peter Hayes



Readings and Collects

Sunday 31st May

Readings

Isaiah 40: 12 - 17, 27 - end
Psalm 8
2 Corinthians 13: 11 - end
Matthew 28: 12 - 20

Collect:

Holy God, faithful and unchanging. Enlarge our minds with the knowledge of your truth and draw us more deeply into the mystery of your love, that we may truly worship you.

Father, Son and Holy Spirit

Sunday 7th June

Readings

Genesis 12: 1 - 9
Psalm 33: 1 - 12
Romans 4: 13 - end
Matthew 9: 9 - 13, 18 - 26

Collect:

God of truth, help us to keep your law of love and to walk in ways of wisdom, that we may find true life.

In Jesus Christ, your Son

We pray . . .

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

- Bob Davies
- Rev'd Peter Mkenji
- 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 those being brought for Baptism

Enid Prudence Dowson Graham

Heavenly Father, We thank you for the precious gift of Enid, a life filled with promise and purpose, as we prepare for her baptism. We ask you to ready our hearts and minds to guide her in your ways. Bless her parents, godparents and family, that they may be faithful examples of love, kindness and faith. Amen

Volunteer Week

Lord God, we thank you for all volunteers, and for every gift shared in service. Bless their ministries with strength and joy and call more people to join in your work of love. Amen.

Prayer for our friends and neighbours in Pershore Road & The Lane, Bricklehampton

Holy Spirit, guide us to notice what we can do. Show us who needs a listening ear, who would welcome a meal, or who longs for a word of encouragement. Grow patience in us when differences feel large, and teach us to speak with grace. Plant unity among us like good seed, and bring a harvest of trust over time. Amen

For our young people

Dear Heavenly Father, We pray that You protect them from any negative influences in their lives. Shield them from harmful situations, people, and environments that could distract them from Your purpose. Help them stand firm in their faith and remind them that they are worthy of Your love and protection. May Your strength be their shield and Your truth guide them away from the paths of destruction. Amen

May/June Services

Sunday 31st May

10.45 am Overbury - Group 5th Sunday Service to be taken by Bishop Hugh, followed by a bring your own picnic lunch with

Wednesday 3rd June

10.00 am Little Comberton - Iona Morning Prayer

Sunday 7th June

9.00 am Besford - Holy Communion

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10.45 am Bredon - Holy Communion

10.45 am Teddington - Holy Communion

6.30 pm Beckford - Evening Worship and Thanksgiving after Beckford Open Weekend

Wednesday 10th June

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.

