

What's on

Coming Up

Great Comberton Flower / Dog Show Saturday 29th August 2.00 pm.
Adults £2.50 - children and car park free

Children's Fancy Dress "Story Book Character" for more details for this or entries into other categories, please visit www.theflowershow.org.uk

Parish Harvest Service - Sunday 27th September at 3.00 pm - Chapel Farm Barn, Netherton . Please bring a garden chair and a donation of food, toiletries and harvest produce for Caring Hands. A Collection will also be taken. Refreshments will be served in the Barn.

For more information: what3words: relax. Headlight.landscape

Please email content for the next Link News to rectoryoffice@btinternet.com by Wednesday 2nd September 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 23rd August, 12th after Trinity and
Sunday 30th August, 13th after Trinity**



St Mary's Church, Elmley Castle



Readings and Collects

Sunday 23rd August

Readings

Exodus 1: 8 - Chapter 2: 10

Psalms 124

Romans 12: 1 - 8

Matthew 16: 13 - 20

Collect:

God of constant mercy,
who sent your son to save us, re-
mind us of your goodness, increase
your grace within us, that our
thankfulness may grow,
Through Jesus Christ our Lord

Sunday 30th August

Readings

Exodus 3: 1 - 15

Psalms 105: 1 - 6, 23 - 26 & 45b

Matthew 16: 21 - end

Collect:

Almighty God,
You search us and know us, may we
rely on your strength and rest on
you in weakness now and in all our
days, 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.

June Phillips
Bill Ettridge

*May the souls of the faithful de-
parted,*

Through the mercy of God, rest in peace

Prayer for our friends and neighbours in Kersoe Lane & Kersoe

*"God, let us share in the joys and sorrows of our
neighbors. May we be a source of comfort in
times of need and celebrate together in times of
happiness. Amen."*

Franciscan Peace Pilgrimage

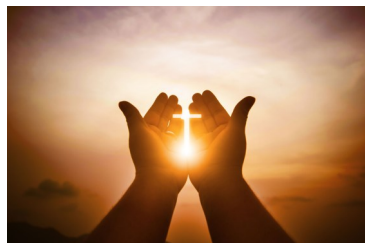
*God of pilgrimage and purpose, inspire us
through the example of St Francis. As pil-
grims journey in faith, deepen our commit-
ment to prayer, service and care for others,
that we may faithfully follow Christ in our
daily lives. Amen.*

For those affected by wildfires

*Heavenly Father, surround all affected by
fire with Your protection, comfort, and
healing, and grant courage to those
fighting the flames.*

Prayer for Comfort and Healing

*Lord, we ask for Your strength to heal the
wounds caused by fire, both visible and un-
seen. Bring peace to hearts burdened by
loss, and let Your presence calm fears and
anxieties. May those affected find hope,
resilience, and the courage to face each
day. Restore what has been lost and guide
them toward wholeness and renewal.
Amen*



August Services

Sunday 23rd August

10.45 am Ashton - under - Hill, Holy Communion

10.45 am Great Comberton - Morning Praise

10.45 am Defford - Holy Communion

10.45 am Bredon - Village Worship

Sunday 30th August

10.45 am Eckington - Group Service

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.

Holland House, an ecumenical retreat house in Cropthorne, Worcestershire,
WR10 2NB is hosting a **Taster Week** from August 25 to August 28, 2026. The
event features free drop-in (just turn up) daily activities—such as mindful walks,
meditation, and music—with hot drinks offered for a donation and optional
vegetarian lunches available for booking.

Schedule of Activities

- **Tuesday, August 25: Pianoscope** with Chris Long (10:45 AM – 11:30 AM)
and a **Meditative/Mindful Garden Walk** led by Warden Helen Stanton
(2.00 PM – 3.00 PM).
- **Wednesday, August 26: Encounter Meditation** led by Mary Flitcroft,
focusing on art (10:45 AM – 11:30 AM and 2:15 PM – 3:00 PM).
- **Thursday, August 27: Meditative/Mindful Garden Walk** led by Helen
Stanton (10:45 AM – 11:30 AM).
- **Friday, August 28: Introduction to Mindfulness** and a short practice led by
Nicky Garrad (9:30 AM – 10:15 AM).

Event Details

Location: Main Street, Cropthorne, Pershore, WR10 3NB – Please park in the car
park off Kennel Bank

Cost: Activities are free (donations welcome for tea and coffee). Optional
vegetarian lunch is £20.00, which must be booked by 20 August.