Link News

Sunday 22 November, Sunday next before Advent and Sunday 29th November, First Sunday of Advent

From Elaine Simpson

Sincere thanks to all who supported and prayed for me at the time of my Ordination by Bishop Martin to curacy in the Bredon Hill Group.

It was a lovely occasion which I will never forget. I have been given some generous and useful gifts, including books for my ministry and a black clergy scarf for use at formal occasions. I used the rest of the money that was collected for my gift to buy some eco-friendly clergy shirts which are made locally in Worcestershire.

I am very grateful to all those who helped to organise the event and played a part in it, those who brought and shared refreshments and those who helped with all the setting up, serving and clearing away. I would like to give a special thanks to the people who gave anonymously - a few gifts had no name or may have been separated from a card!

Please do continue to pray for me as I settle into my new role.

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Readings and Collects

Readings for 22nd November
Ezekiel 34: 11-16
Psalm 95: 1-7
Ephesians 1: 15-end
Matthew 25: 31-end
Collect
God the Father,
Help us to hear the call of Christ the King and to follow in his service, whose kingdom has no end, for he reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, One God, one Glory

Readings for 29th November
Isaiah 64: 1-9
Psalm 80: 1-8,18-20
1 Corinthians 1: 3-9
Mark 13: 24-37
Collect
Almighty God, as your Kingdom dawns, Turn us from the darkness of sin to the light of holiness that we may be ready to meet you in our Lord and Saviour, Jesus Christ.

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

Doris Cooper
Arthur Mason
Richard Williams

And those whose anniversary of death falls at this time

May the souls of the faithful departed, through the mercy of God, rest in peace

For our friends and neighbours in Pershore Road & Manor Lane

Almighty God, place Your hand of protection over our homes, schools, and streets. Keep us safe from harm.

Interfaith Week
We pray for all interfaith networks, especially the Worcestershire Interfaith Forum and interfaith work in Dudley. We pray for events which have happened during Interfaith Week and those which take place throughout the year. We pray also for the national Interfaith network

A Prayer for the First Sunday in Advent th (29 November) .
"Lord, on this first Sunday of Advent, we want to offer You the best of us. Guide our will by Your Word, transform our worries into trust, and fill us with hope as we await the coming of Jesus. Remove our sorrows and replace them with Your peace and goodness. Amen."



November/December Services

Sunday 22nd November

9.00 am	**Great Comberton - Holy Communion**
10.45 am	Defford - Holy Communion
10.45 am	Ashton-under-Hill - Holy Communion
10.45 am	Bredon - Village Worship
3 .00 pm	**Elmley Castle - Messy Church**

Wednesday 25th November

10.00 am	**Little Comberton - St Cuthbert Morning Worship**
10.00 am	Overbury - Holy Communion

Sunday 29 November

10.45 am	**Little Comberton - Group Service**

Wednesday 2nd December

10.00 am	**Little Comberton - Northumbria Morning Worship**
8.00 pm	Online - Advent Reflection

Sunday 6 December

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**
4.30 pm	Bredon's Norton - Carol Service
6.00 pm	Defford - Carol 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.

Holy Communion at Home

If you, or someone you know, is currently housebound and would like to receive Holy Communion at home before Christmas, please contact Rev'd Katryn on 01386 710394

Coming Up

Quiet/Blue Christmas Carol Service - St Mary's Church, Elmley Castle, Saturday 12th December 4.00 pm. To be led by Elaine Simpson and Jean Pienaar

The Bishop's Certificate - A Course for Deaneries and parishes to help you learn more about the bible and the great themes of Christian Faith and Life. A 30 week course starting on Monday 11th January 2027, 7.00 - 8.30 pm. Please contact Rev'd Katryn in the first instance.

Please email content for the next Link News to rectoryoffice@btinternet.com by Wednesday 2nd December. 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