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**St Leonard's church is open daily, 8am-7pm**

**Blakedown church is open daily**

**Churchill church is open every Friday**

**Churchill's porch is open daily**

**The porch of Broome church is open daily**

*If you would like a general pastoral visit, or if you are ill (at home or in hospital) and would like to be visited, please contact a member of the Ministry Team.*

**The Weekly Newsletter for the churches of**

**Holy Trinity – Belbroughton;  
St James the Great – Blakedown;  
St Peter – Broome;  
St James the Great – Churchill;  
St Leonard – Clent;  
St Mark – Fairfield**



(in association with our sister churches in Hagley,  
as the proposed 'Holy Cross' Group)

**Welcome everyone worshipping with us today.**

**A special welcome to anyone visiting us for the first time.**

**THE FAMILY OF THE CHURCH HERE IS NOT COMPLETE WITHOUT YOU.**

**13<sup>th</sup> May 2018**

Coffee is usually available after the morning services. If you would like to find out more information about any of the activities associated with our churches, please speak to a warden or sides person.

**SERVICES**

**Sunday 13<sup>th</sup> May**

**Easter 7 Ascension (White)**

9.30am	Holy Communion	St Leonard, Clent
10.00am	Holy Communion	St James, Churchill
11.15am	Morning Praise	Holy Trinity, Belbroughton
11.15am	Worship4All	St Mark, Fairfield
6.00pm	Christian Aid Service	Hagley Free Church

**Wednesday 16<sup>th</sup> May**

10.00am	Holy Communion	St Peter, Broome
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**Saturday 19<sup>th</sup> May**

8.00am	Christian Aid Big Brekkie	Hagley Free Church
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**Sunday 20<sup>th</sup> May**

**Pentecost (Red)**

9.00am	Morning Praise	St Peter Broome (TBC)
10.00am	3 <sup>rd</sup> Sunday Service	St Leonard, Clent
10.00am	Informal Service of the Word	St James, Blakedown
11.15am	Holy Communion	Holy Trinity, Belbroughton
11.15am	Informal Praise	St James, Churchill

NOTE: Evening service at St Mark's is CANCELLED, instead please come along to:

6.30pm	Service at Worcester Cathedral
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**Wednesday 23<sup>rd</sup> May**

11.15am	Holy Communion	St Leonard, Clent
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## DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

- Open The Book** **Monday 14<sup>th</sup> May 1.30pm**  
St James, Blakedown
- Bible Study** **Thursday 17<sup>th</sup> May 7.30pm**  
Belbroughton Church Office
- Friends for Lunch Club** **Tuesday 19<sup>th</sup> May noon**  
Belbroughton Church Hall
- Coffee Morning** **Friday 8<sup>th</sup> June 10.00am**  
Belbroughton Church Hall
- Caring & Sharing** **Saturday 9<sup>th</sup> June 10.30am**  
Belbroughton Church Office

 <p>The Friends of Churchill Church would be delighted if you would come and join us at</p> <p><b>Churchill church,</b></p> <p>For a hot drink, a slice of posh cake and a friendly chat</p> <p><b>From 10 am</b></p> <p><b>Friday 1<sup>st</sup> June</b></p>  <p><a href="http://friendsofchurchillchurch.weebly.com">friendsofchurchillchurch.weebly.com</a></p>	 <p><i>Two's Company Present</i></p> <p><b>Love Letters</b></p> <p>A play by <b>A.R. Gurney</b></p> <p>Saturday 23<sup>rd</sup> June, Blakedown church 7 pm for 7:30 pm</p> <p>Tickets are £8 (price includes a glass of wine) from: Jan Johns: K 700543 Andrew Yardley: K 700393 <a href="http://cbbchurches.weebly.com">cbbchurches.weebly.com</a></p>
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**Christian Aid at Hagley Free Church**  
**Joint service with speaker from B'ham office**  
**Sunday 13<sup>th</sup> May 6.00pm**

and  
**Big Brekkie**

**Saturday 19<sup>th</sup> May 8.00-10.30am**

Worshippers from all HADAC churches and Christian Aid supporters will be most welcome at both events.

## DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

Please note that future Open the Book dates at St James, Blakedown are as follows: 14<sup>th</sup> May, 11<sup>th</sup> June, 25<sup>th</sup> June, 2<sup>nd</sup> July, 16<sup>th</sup> July. All meet in church at 1.30pm



### PLANT SALE

**Saturday 19<sup>th</sup> May 10.00am**  
Fairfield Church

Back by popular demand  
Get your bedding plants for summer!

**Help required for running the sale on the day.**  
Contact Pauline Jones for details

### FUNERAL

Friday 18<sup>th</sup> May 1.45pm at St Leonard's  
Andrew Forsey

### WEDDING

Saturday 19<sup>th</sup> May 4pm at Holy Trinity  
Craig Hickey & Michele Barley

### BURIAL OF ASHES

Saturday 26<sup>th</sup> May 11.30am at Holy Trinity  
Vera Cound

### BAPTISM

Sunday 27<sup>th</sup> May 1pm at Holy Trinity  
Millicent Rose Perkins



**Royal Wedding Afternoon Tea**  
At the Three Roses Home, Clent

Saturday 19<sup>th</sup> May  
11.30am-2.30pm

Contact Sarah Thompson on 01562 730730

## The Gospel Reading: John 17.6-19

Jesus looked up to heaven and prayed: 'Father, I have made your name known to those whom you gave me from the world. They were yours, and you gave them to me, and they have kept your word. Now they know that everything you have given me is from you; for the words that you gave to me I have given to them, and they have received them and know in truth that I came from you; and they have believed that you sent me. I am asking on their behalf; I am not asking on behalf of the world, but on behalf of those whom you gave me, because they are yours. All mine are yours, and yours are mine; and I have been glorified in them. And now I am no longer in the world, but they are in the world, and I am coming to you. Holy Father, protect them in your name that you have given me, so that they may be one, as we are one. While I was with them, I protected them in your name that you have given me. I guarded them, and not one of them was lost except the one destined to be lost, so that the scripture might be fulfilled. But now I am coming to you, and I speak these things in the world so that they may have my joy made complete in themselves. I have given them your word, and the world has hated them because they do not belong to the world, just as I do not belong to the world. I am not asking you to take them out of the world, but I ask you to protect them from the evil one. They do not belong to the world, just as I do not belong to the world. Sanctify them in the truth; your word is truth. As you have sent me into the world, so I have sent them into the world. And for their sakes I sanctify myself, so that they also may be sanctified in truth.'



### This is the Gospel of the Lord

Alleluia, alleluia! I call you friends, says the Lord, because I have made known to you everything I have learnt from my Father. Alleluia!

## Parish Intercessions Sunday 13<sup>th</sup> May – Easter 7 Ascension

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.

As a corporal act of mercy, please offer the following topics for prayer this week:

- Diocese of Gloucester, Vasteras (Sweden), The Anglican Centre in Rome, Christchurch (New Zealand) and all their Archbishops, Bishops and clergy.
- Justin our Archbishop, John our Bishop, Graham the Bishop of Dudley, for Nikki our Archdeacon, Andrew our Rural Dean, for the Clergy, Readers and Lay-minsters of the Stourbridge Deanery, our ALM Team and visiting Clergy, our Musical Directors, Organists and Choir, and our Administrators Christine & Chrissy.
- The homes and families of:
- BFC: Queen's Hill, Belbroughton; Bromsgrove Road, Clent; Swan Lane, Fairfield;
- CBB: Kidderminster Road South, Broome; Sculthorpe Road, Blakedown & Churchill
- Christian Aid and its work throughout the world, and its staff and supporters
- The work of Stourbridge Deanery

**We pray for those suffering** in body, mind or spirit; may they know your presence alongside them in their time of need.

**We pray, for those mourning** the death of loved ones especially for the family and friends of Laura Hobson, Andy Forsey, Vera Cound, Jean Grove, Peter Ingham, Hugh Hughes, Ruth Cherry, Lionel John Wilkes

## COLLECT FOR THE WEEK

O God the King of glory,  
you have exalted your only Son Jesus Christ  
with great triumph to your kingdom in heaven:  
we beseech you, leave us not comfortless,  
but send your Holy Spirit to strengthen us  
and exalt us to the place where our Saviour Christ is gone before,  
who is alive and reigns with you,  
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,  
one God, now and for ever.

**Amen**

### **First Reading: Acts 1.15-17,21-26**

In those days Peter stood up among the believers (together the crowd numbered about one hundred and twenty people). He said, 'Friends, the scripture had to be fulfilled, which the Holy Spirit through David foretold concerning Judas, who became a guide for those who arrested Jesus – for he was numbered among us and was allotted his share in this ministry. So one of the men who have accompanied us throughout the time that the Lord Jesus went in and out among us, beginning from the baptism of John until the day when he was taken up from us – one of these must become a witness with us to his resurrection.' So they proposed two, Joseph called Barsabbas, who was also known as Justus, and Matthias. Then they prayed and said, 'Lord, you know everyone's heart. Show us which one of these two you have chosen to take the place in this ministry and apostleship from which Judas turned aside to go to his own place.' And they cast lots for them, and the lot fell on Matthias; and he was added to the eleven apostles.

## Psalm: 1

### **Second Reading: 1 John 5.9-13**

If we receive human testimony, the testimony of God is greater; for this is the testimony of God that he has testified to his Son. Those who believe in the Son of God have the testimony in their hearts. Those who do not believe in God have made him a liar by not believing in the testimony that God has given concerning his Son. And this is the testimony: God gave us eternal life, and this life is in his Son. Whoever has the Son has life; whoever does not have the Son of God does not have life.

I write these things to you who believe in the name of the Son of God, so that you may know that you have eternal life.

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### **An Announcement from the Bishop**

The Bishop of Worcester is pleased to announce the appointment of The Revd Canon Susan Oliver as Priest-in-Charge of the Benefice of Churchill-in-Halfshire with Blakedown and Broome, and Curate-in-Charge (to be known as Associate Priest) of the parish of Belbroughton with Fairfield in the Benefice of Belbroughton with Fairfield and Clent, in the proposed Holy Cross Group Ministry. Sue is currently Vicar of St Mark's Pensnett in this Diocese, and diocesan Warden of Readers. She is married to Bob and they have four adult children.



The Bishop of Dudley will license Sue to her new post on Sunday 2 September at 4pm at St James's Church, Blakedown