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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;

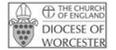
St James the Great – Blakedown;

St Peter – Broome;

St James the Great – Churchill;

St Leonard – Clent;

St Mark – Fairfield



*Holy Cross Group
Of Churches*



(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.

17th March 2019

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 17th March	2nd Sunday of Lent (Purple)
9.00am Informal Service	St Peter, Broome
10.00am Worship4All	St Leonard, Clent
10.00am Informal Service	St James, Churchill
10.00am Holy Communion	St James, Blakedown
11.15am Holy Communion	St Mark, Fairfield
11.15am Worship4All	Holy Trinity, Belbroughton
Wednesday 20th March	
11.15am Holy Communion	St Leonard, Clent
Sunday 24th March	3rd Sunday of Lent
10.30am Group Service	St Saviour, Hagley
	With lunch
3.00pm Baptism at	St James, Churchill
Sunday 31st March	Mothering Sunday (Purple)
10.00am Holy Communion	St Peter, Broome
10.00am Mothering Sunday Worship4All	St Leonard, Clent
10.00am Mothering Sunday Informal Praise	St James, Blakedown
11.15am Mothering Sunday Worship4All	Holy Trinity, Belbroughton
11.15am Mothering Sunday Worship4All	St Mark, Fairfield
Wednesday 3rd April	
11.15am Holy Communion	St Leonard, Clent

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

- Bible Study** Tuesday 19th March 7.30pm
Belbroughton Church Office
- Coffee Morning** Friday 12th April 10.00am-noon
Belbroughton Church Hall
- Caring & Sharing** Saturday 13th April 10.30am-noon
Belbroughton Church Office
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FUNERALS

Felicity Willows
Tuesday 19th March at 2.30pm
St James, Wollaston

John & Margaret Dunn
Monday 25th March at noon
Holy Trinity, Belbroughton

Phyllis Adams (of Clent)
Wednesday 27th March at 11am
Stourbridge Crematorium

Mavis Read (of Fairfield)
Wednesday 27th March at 12.30pm
Redditch Crematorium

Canon Sue's Lent Group Using the Churches Together Method

Friday mornings at the Rectory, Blakedown
10.30am – 12.00pm including coffee and/or cake
On 15th, 22nd, 29th March and 5th & 12th April

Belbroughton Church Office Lent Course is being held on
Wednesdays during 13th March to 10th April 7pm-8.30pm
Led by Pauline Jones

St Saviour's Church Hall Lent Course is being held on
Thursdays at 11am from 14th March to 11th April, led by
Richard Newton and David Tennant

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

IONA: St James the Great, Churchill are launching a new Iona Holy Communion running on a 4th Sunday, 4pm at Churchill Church – the next one is on **28th April**

New Electoral Roll. Every six years the church has to scrap its old electoral roll and compile a new one from scratch. This is the year! Everyone needs to complete a new form and return it to the box in church, so it will be ready for the AGM. Please make sure you take a form, fill it in, and return it. Thank you.

Churchill & Blakedown AGM is on Sunday 7th April after the 10am Service

The Friends of Churchill Church AGM is on Thursday 11th April at 7:30 pm in church

Easter Lilies and Flower Fund

The church is very fortunate that the cost of most of the flowers are supported by donations. At Easter, we ask for contributions towards the lilies and flower funds to remember loved ones. Names of those to be remembered and donations can be given to Pat Westley on 730593 or church wardens. Thank you for your support.

Saturday 30th March Mothering Sunday activities at Blakedown School 2-4pm for primary age children; come along to make a gift and card for Mum – for accompanied children

Sunday 31st March Informal Mothering Sunday service – 10am at Blakedown Church, with flowers for the ladies. This will be led by the ALM Team.

Would anyone be willing to play the organ or piano at St Mark's, Fairfield on occasional services? Small remuneration available. Contact Pauline Jones or the office.

From March 2019, Canon Sue will have her Day Off on **Thursdays** in principle. Please do not ring or email her that day or call round.

Just occasionally, she may have to work on that day and then will take an alternative day off.

BELBROUGHTON WITH FAIRFIELD PAROCHIAL CHURCH COUNCIL AGM Meeting

Sunday 28th April after service
at Holy Trinity, Belbroughton
followed by a shared lunch

The Gospel Reading: Luke 13.31-35

At that very hour some Pharisees came and said to him, 'Get away from here, for Herod wants to kill you.' He said to them, 'Go and tell that fox for me, "Listen, I am casting out demons and performing cures today and tomorrow, and on the third day I finish my work. Yet today, tomorrow, and the next day I must be on my way, because it is impossible for a prophet to be killed away from Jerusalem."

Jerusalem, Jerusalem, the city that kills the prophets and stones those who are sent to it! How often have I desired to gather your children together as a hen gathers her brood under her wings, and you were not willing! See, your house is left to you. And I tell you, you will not see me until the time comes when you say, "Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord."

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!

Readings for next Sunday: 3rd Sunday of Lent (Purple)

First Reading	Isaiah 55.1-9
Second Reading	1 Corinthians 10.1-13
Psalm	63.1-8
Gospel	Luke 13.1-9

Parish Intercessions

Sunday 17th March – Lent 2 (Purple)

Almighty God,
by the prayer and discipline of Lent
may we enter into the mystery of Christ's sufferings,
and by following in his Way
come to share in his glory;
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

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

- Diocese of The Church of England, Lichfield, St David's (Wales), Evangelical Lutheran Church of Latvia, 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, our Parish Priest Canon Sue, for the Clergy, Readers and Lay-minsters of the Stourbridge Deanery, our ALM Team and visiting Clergy, the Church Wardens of our group of Churches; our Musical Directors, Organists and Choir, the Sidespersons, and our Administrators Christine & Chrissy.
- The homes and families of:
BFC: Hockley Brook Lane, Belbroughton, Vine Lane, Clent;
Stourbridge Road, Fairfield
- CBB: Brookland Road, Broome; Birmingham Road, Blakedown & Churchill
- Workshops and places of employment in our villages
- Our annual church meetings

We pray for those suffering in body, mind or spirit; may they know your presence alongside them in their time of need, including: Marilyn Hiscock, Nina Moyes, John and Hazel Smith, Dan Taylor, Geoff Skelding, Jan Woolley, Steve Eagle

We pray, for those mourning the death of loved ones especially for the family and friends of Felicity Willows, Phyllis Adams, Dorothy Pope, Mavis Read, Susan Clark, John & Margaret Dunn, Hazel Jean Cole, Gwendoline Hughes, John Hadgkiss, Aimee Taylor

COLLECT FOR THE WEEK

Almighty God,
you show to those who are in error the light of your truth,
that they may return to the way of righteousness:
grant to all those who are admitted
 into the fellowship of Christ's religion,
that they may reject those things
 that are contrary to their profession,
and follow all such things as are agreeable to the same;
through our Lord Jesus Christ,
who is alive and reigns with you,
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
one God, now and for ever.

Amen

First Reading: Genesis 15.1-12,17-18

The word of the LORD came to Abram in a vision, 'Do not be afraid, Abram, I am your shield; your reward shall be very great.' But Abram said, 'O Lord GOD, what will you give me, for I continue childless, and the heir of my house is Eliezer of Damascus?' And Abram said, 'You have given me no offspring, and so a slave born in my house is to be my heir.' But the word of the LORD came to him, 'This man shall not be your heir; no one but your very own issue shall be your heir.' He brought him outside and said, 'Look towards heaven and count the stars, if you are able to count them.' Then he said to him, 'So shall your descendants be.' And he believed the LORD; and the LORD reckoned it to him as righteousness.

Then he said to him, 'I am the LORD who brought you from Ur of the Chaldeans, to give you this land to possess.' But he said, 'O Lord GOD, how am I to know that I shall possess it?' He said to him, 'Bring me a heifer three years old, a female goat three years old, a ram three years old, a turtle-dove, and a young pigeon.' He brought him all these and cut them in two, laying each half over against the other; but he did not cut the birds in two. And when birds of prey came down on the carcasses, Abram drove them away.

As the sun was going down, a deep sleep fell upon Abram, and a deep and terrifying darkness descended upon him.

When the sun had gone down and it was dark, a smoking fire-pot and a flaming torch passed between these pieces. On that day the LORD made a covenant with Abram, saying, 'To your descendants I give this land, from the river of Egypt to the great river, the river Euphrates.'

Psalm: 27

Second Reading: Philippians 3.17-4.1

Brothers and sisters, join in imitating me, and observe those who live according to the example you have in us. For many live as enemies of the cross of Christ; I have often told you of them, and now I tell you even with tears. Their end is destruction; their god is the belly; and their glory is in their shame; their minds are set on earthly things. But our citizenship is in heaven, and it is from there that we are expecting a Saviour, the Lord Jesus Christ. He will transform the body of our humiliation that it may be conformed to the body of his glory, by the power that also enables him to make all things subject to himself.

Therefore, my brothers and sisters, whom I love and long for, my joy and crown, stand firm in the Lord in this way, my beloved.