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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.**

**29<sup>th</sup> April 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 29<sup>th</sup> April**

10.30am

**Easter 5**  
Group Holy Communion

**(White)**

St John's, Hagley

**Wednesday 2<sup>nd</sup> May**

11.15am

Holy Communion by  
Extension

St Leonard, Clent

**Sunday 6<sup>th</sup> May**

9.00am

**Easter 6**  
Morning Praise

**(White)**

St Peter, Broome

10.00am

Holy Communion

St James, Blakedown

11.15am

Rogation Worship4All

St Mark, Fairfield

Followed by Bring & Share lunch

**Wednesday 9<sup>th</sup> May**

11.15am

Holy Communion

St Leonard, Clent

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

9.30am

**Easter 7 Ascension**  
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

**Saturday 19<sup>th</sup> May**

8.00am

Christian Aid Big Brekkie

Hagley Free Church

## DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

**Clent PCC  
Meeting  
Bible Study**

**Monday 30<sup>th</sup> April 7pm**  
Belbroughton Church Office

**Thursday 1<sup>st</sup> May 7.30pm**  
Belbroughton Church Office

**Mothers Union  
Coffee Morning  
Coffee Morning**

**Thursday 3<sup>rd</sup> May 10am-noon**  
Clent Parish Hall

**Friday 11<sup>th</sup> May 10.30am**  
Churchill Village Hall

**Coffee Morning**

**Friday 11<sup>th</sup> May 10.00am**  
Belbroughton Church Hall

**Caring & Sharing**

**Saturday 12<sup>th</sup> May 10.30am**  
Belbroughton Church Office

**Friends for Lunch  
Club**

**Tuesday 19<sup>th</sup> May noon**  
Belbroughton Church Hall

## DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

### PLANT SALE

**Saturday 19th 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

## 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.



### CLENT MOTHERS' UNION COFFEE MORNING

10.00am to noon, on Thursday, 3<sup>rd</sup> May  
At Clent Parish Hall

Entrance £1 inc. coffee and biscuits  
Jewellery, books, plants, collectibles, cakes, preserves, etc  
Raffle & Tombola

Please come along and support us!

### Interment of Ashes

Friday 4<sup>th</sup> May 2018  
at Holy Trinity, Belbroughton  
**Barbara Fiorani**

### Workparty required



Holy Trinity Church

We are looking for volunteers to help tidy up the churchyard/graveyard around Holy Trinity Church, Belbroughton on future Saturdays.

Equipment provided.

If you are willing to help, please contact Glynn Ashman on 01562  
730122

**Parish Intercessions**  
**Sunday 29<sup>th</sup> April – Easter 5**

## The Gospel Reading: John 15.1-8

Jesus said to his disciples: 'I am the true vine, and my Father is the vine-grower. He removes every branch in me that bears no fruit. Every branch that bears fruit he prunes to make it bear more fruit. You have already been cleansed by the word that I have spoken to you. Abide in me as I abide in you. Just as the branch cannot bear fruit by itself unless it abides in the vine, neither can you unless you abide in me. I am the vine, you are the branches. Those who abide in me and I in them bear much fruit, because apart from me you can do nothing. Whoever does not abide in me is thrown away like a branch and withers; such branches are gathered, thrown into the fire, and burned. If you abide in me, and my words abide in you, ask for whatever you wish, and it will be done for you. My Father is glorified by this, that you bear much fruit and become my disciples.'



### This is the Gospel of the Lord

Alleluia, alleluia! I am the Way, the Truth and the Life, says the Lord; no one can come to the Father except through me. Alleluia!

### Thy Kingdom Come

Thy Kingdom Come is a global prayer movement, which invites Christians around the world to pray between Ascension and Pentecost for more people to come to know Jesus Christ. What started out as an invitation from the Archbishops of Canterbury and York in 2016 to the Church of England has grown into an international and ecumenical call to prayer.

Across the Diocese, we are encouraging parishes and deaneries to set up prayer stations and hold prayer walks and events. There will also be two events on Pentecost Sunday to which everyone is invited – a Praying for Dudley event in Priory Ruins at 2.30pm and a service to pray for the whole diocese in the Cathedral at 6.30pm.

Please pray that people across the Diocese will respond to this call to prayer and as a result will have the confidence to go out and share the Good News of Jesus' love with more people.

Risen Christ,  
your wounds declare your love for the world  
and the wonder of your risen life:  
give us compassion and courage  
to risk ourselves for those we serve,  
to the glory of God the Father.

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

- Diocese of Gothenburg (Sweden), Glasgow & Galloway (Scotland), The Episcopal Church in Jerusalem & The Middle East 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: Pincher's Close, Belbroughton; Adams Hill, Clent; Pepperwood Close, Fairfield;
- CBB: New Wood Lane, Broome; Station Drive, Blakedown & Churchill
- The Retired Clergy, giving thanks for their vocation and ministry over the years.
- The Foodbank and street pastors

**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 Andy Forsey, Vera Cound, Jean Grove, Peter Ingham, Hugh Hughes, Ruth Cherry, Lionel John Wilkes

## COLLECT FOR THE WEEK

Almighty God,  
who through your only-begotten Son Jesus Christ  
have overcome death and opened to us the gate of everlasting life:  
grant that, as by your grace going before us  
    you put into our minds good desires,  
so by your continual help  
we may bring them to good effect;  
through Jesus Christ our risen Lord.

**Amen**

### First Reading: Acts 8.26-40

An angel of the Lord said to Philip, 'Get up and go towards the south to the road that goes down from Jerusalem to Gaza.' (This is a wilderness road.) So he got up and went. Now there was an Ethiopian eunuch, a court official of the Candace, queen of the Ethiopians, in charge of her entire treasury. He had come to Jerusalem to worship and was returning home; seated in his chariot, he was reading the prophet Isaiah. Then the Spirit said to Philip, 'Go over to this chariot and join it.' So Philip ran up to it and heard him reading the prophet Isaiah. He asked, 'Do you understand what you are reading?' He replied, 'How can I, unless someone guides me?' And he invited Philip to get in and sit beside him. Now the passage of the scripture that he was reading was this:

    'Like a sheep he was led to the slaughter,  
    and like a lamb silent before its shearer,  
    so he does not open his mouth.

In his humiliation justice was denied him.

    Who can describe his generation?

    For his life is taken away from the earth.'

The eunuch asked Philip, 'About whom, may I ask you, does the prophet say this, about himself or about someone else?' Then Philip began to speak, and starting with this scripture, he proclaimed to him the good news about Jesus. As they were going along the road, they came to some water; and the eunuch said, 'Look, here is water! What is to prevent me from being baptized?'

He commanded the chariot to stop, and both of them, Philip and the eunuch, went down into the water, and Philip baptized him. When they came up out of the water, the Spirit of the Lord snatched Philip away; the eunuch saw him no more, and went on his way rejoicing. But Philip found himself at Azotus, and as he was passing through the region, he proclaimed the good news to all the towns until he came to Caesarea.

### Psalm: 23

### Second Reading: 1 John 4.7-21

Beloved, let us love one another, because love is from God; everyone who loves is born of God and knows God. Whoever does not love does not know God, for God is love. God's love was revealed among us in this way: God sent his only Son into the world so that we might live through him. In this is love, not that we loved God but that he loved us and sent his Son to be the atoning sacrifice for our sins. Beloved, since God loved us so much, we also ought to love one another. No one has ever seen God; if we love one another, God lives in us, and his love is perfected in us.

By this we know that we abide in him and he in us, because he has given us of his Spirit. And we have seen and do testify that the Father has sent his Son as the Saviour of the world. God abides in those who confess that Jesus is the Son of God, and they abide in God. So we have known and believe the love that God has for us.

God is love, and those who abide in love abide in God, and God abides in them. Love has been perfected among us in this: that we may have boldness on the day of judgement, because as he is, so are we in this world. There is no fear in love, but perfect love casts out fear; for fear has to do with punishment, and whoever fears has not reached perfection in love. We love because he first loved us. Those who say, 'I love God,' and hate their brothers or sisters, are liars; for those who do not love a brother or sister whom they have seen, cannot love God whom they have not seen. The commandment we have from him is this: those who love God must love their brothers and sisters also.