

**The Churches of Holy Trinity Belbroughton,
St Mark Fairfield,
St James the Great Churchill, St James the Great Blakedown,
St Peter Broome**

PEWSHEET 21st February 1st Sunday of Lent (Purple)

A warm welcome to all our Parishioners

Readings this week

Genesis 9.8-17 * 1 Peter 3.18-22 * Psalm 119.17-32 * Mark 1.9-15

This week please pray for:

- * Canterbury: Archbishop Justin Welby, w Bishop Rose Hudson-Wilkin (Dover)
- Peterborough: Bishop Donald Allister w Bishop John Holbrook (Brixworth) Meath and Kildare (Ireland): Bishop Pat Storey Down and Dromore (Ireland): Bishop David McClay Central Africa: Bishop Albert Charma
- *Members of our Parochial Church Councils
- *Charity shops, workers and collectors in our villages
- * The homes and families of: Hartle Lane, Belbroughton; Uffmore Lane, Clent; Fairfield Court, Fairfield. Ryefield Close, Broome; Churchill Lane, Blakedown & Churchill

Prayer for the week

Almighty God,
whose blessed Son was led by the Spirit to be tempted by Satan;
Come quickly to help us who are assaulted by many temptations;
and, as you know the weaknesses of each of us,
let each one find you mighty to save;
through Jesus Christ your Son my Lord, who lives and reigns with you
and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever.

Amen.

We pray for those suffering in body, mind or spirit; may they know your presence alongside them in their time of need, including: Linda Walker, Alan Hall, Anne Lockett, Lance Brennan, Trevor Jones, Tim Burns, Judy Moyes, Ken Winfield, Drew Beaumont, Dorothy Tomkins, Susan Dennis, Nina Moyes, John and Hazel Smith and Steven Tomkins.

We pray, for those mourning the death of loved ones especially for the family and friends of Margaret Carter, Noreen Twells, Rita Shakespeare, Bob Wyatt, David Jones, Diana Edwards, Roger Wormington, Hilda May Davenport and Gordon Jones.

CHURCH NEWS AND SERVICES

Following the Governments announcements, we plan to hold services at Holy Trinity church under the COVID restrictions.

St. Marks will remain closed until further notice.

Blakedown Churchill and Broome will remain closed until further notice.

Sunday February 21st ***First Sunday of Lent*** ***(Purple)***

10.00am	Online Service for all churches	Website
10.30am	Zoom Worship for Clent & Hagley	Zoom
11.15am	Worship4All	Holy Trinity

Sunday February 28th ***Lent 2*** ***(Purple)***

10.00am	Online Service for all churches	Website
10.30am	Zoom Worship for Clent & Hagley	Zoom
11.15am	Morning Praise	Holy Trinity

FUNERAL SERVICES

Friday 19th February
Hilda May Davenport
Holy Trinity, Belbroughton

Thursday 11th February
Diana Edwards
Holy Trinity, Belbroughton

Church Office contact

The Church Office may be unmanned from time to time over the current lockdown - can we please ask that in the first instance you email us on bfcoffice@btconnect.com

From the Prayer Diary

Pray for those who have been appointed Area Deans as well as everyone who will form part of the leadership team in the new deaneries.

Simplification of deaneries

Following the consultation into proposed changes to our deanery structure, a Bishop's Pastoral Order came into effect in February, reducing our deaneries from 13 to 6. Bishop John said, "I am delighted that so many people contributed to the consultation on the changes to our deaneries, resulting in a number of amendments to the Pastoral Order. This new structure is an important step in ensuring our diocese is fit for purpose going forward, allowing us more flexibility in deploying ministry and organising mission. I pray that this will result in new partnerships and ideas for taking the love of Jesus out into our communities."

The new deaneries are:

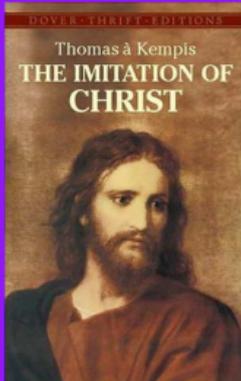
- Greater Dudley
 - Redditch and Bromsgrove
 - Kidderminster and Stourport
 - Worcester
 - Malvern and Upton
 - Pershore and Evesham
- Further details are available on our website:
www.cofe-worcester.org.uk/news/simplification-of-deaneries.php
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Holy Cross Group Of Churches Lent Group 2021



For the people of Belbroughton, Blakedown, Broome, Churchill and Fairfield

On Zoom



on The Imitation of Christ by Thomas a Kempis

Starting Wednesday 24th February

2pm, lasting till 3.15/30 pm

For 6 sessions

The only thing you will need is a Bible.

Session 1: Following Jesus. *Matthew 4: 18-22; 8: 18-27*

Session 2: The Path of Grace. *Mathew 5: 1-12*

Session 3: The Path of Humility. *John 13: 1-17*

Session 4: The Path of Suffering: *Matthew 10: 1-33*

Session 5: The Path of Peace. *Matthew 7: 1-12*

Session 6: Following to the End. *John 11:1-44*



Not everyone agrees, but the majority think that Thomas a Kempis, an Augustinian monk of the 1400's, is the author of a book that for years was second only to the Bible in sales. *The Imitation of Christ* has never been out of print and copies have been in circulation since 1418.

Revered by Protestants and Catholics alike, you might like to get your own copy. You can get the Penguin Classics translation by Robert Jeffery, the Dean of Worcester Cathedral before the present one, for under £10. But you do not *need* to have your own copy. You might already have one!

If you indicate you want to join this Zoom Group, along with the Zoom details, each week you will get a "Handout" with some text from the *Imitation* and the questions we shall discuss/think about.

Do join us!

Canon Sue



ONLINE SERVICES



 **WELCOME TO ONLINE CHURCH**

Join us at 10 am every Sunday on the
CBB church website for our
Online Service.

Simply go to this link:
<https://cbbchurches.weebly.com/online-service-for-this-sunday.html>

Our Online Services are now available as podcasts;
listen any time, anywhere on your mobile phone via the **SOUNDCLOUD** app,
search "Blakedown Church" in the app

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on your mobile phone using the Soundcloud app.

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For all churches (Belbroughton, Fairfield, Clent, Churchill, Blakedown & Broome)

The link to the "Online Service for This Sunday", is <https://cbbchurches.weebly.com/online-service-for-this-sunday.html> and <https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCToVq6Co2UxmbzgrvYbzfUg>

We will also worship together with others from Hagley and Clent on Zoom. You are invited to "attend" **Sunday Worship** on Zoom – at **10.30 am** every Sunday.

Join Zoom Meeting

Please contact Revd Richard Newton for details

This week's Sermon podcast from the Diocese of Worcester can be found here: <https://www.cofe-worcester.org.uk/your-faith/prayer-worship/sermon-podcasts/>

This Weekly pews sheet is available by email; please contact the church office at bfcoffice@btconnect.com to be sent one, or visit our website for the latest news at www.bfc-worcs.co.uk

Diocese guidance regarding Coronavirus can be found here [COVID-19 Lent Holy Week Easter v1.0 1.pdf \(churchofengland.org\)](#)

The CBB church website now has a page carrying all the latest government and Church of England COVID 19 guidelines for the safe use and attendance of church buildings, plus the latest daily COVID 19 infection figures.

The link to the page is: <https://cbbchurches.weebly.com/government--church-of-england-covid-19-guidance-for-all-attending-services.html>

GIVING TO YOUR CHURCHES

Sunday Collections – Belbroughton & Fairfield

During the current pandemic, we continue to face many of our usual expenses such as insurance, utilities bills and churchyard maintenance. We have suffered greatly with no collections from April to July and can only put out the collection plate by the entrance and exits now rather than pass them round as before. The PCC is genuinely concerned about what the effect of this reduction in income may be on our church finances. Many people give regularly to the church through Standing Orders. Others give through cash collection on the plate and/or an additional donation by cheque.

You might like to give by a Standing Order or a donation. We can accept either electronic bank transfer by computer or a cheque. Please send any cheques to the Church Office, put them in the collection bag or give them to John or Wendy at Belbroughton. If you can make an electronic bank transfer, the bank account for St Marks and Holy Trinity is HSBC in Stourbridge with a sort code of 40-43-17 and the account number is 91594095. As you may be aware, any amount that you give can be Gift Aided. There is no cost to you and the church receives at 25% rebate from the Government. For every £100 pound we collect, we can claim another £25 from HMRC. Please contact John or Wendy Penlington for a simple form which you can sign saying you wish to apply Gift Aid to your donation for the past few years and the future. All financial transactions are, of course, completely confidential and the Gift Aid donation is at no cost to you.

ST JAMES THE GREAT, BLAKEDOWN

It is possible to donate to the work of Blakedown church online and via your mobile phone

It is important that everyone continues to give as usual, as the high costs of running the church buildings still have to be paid - Covid 19 may have stopped most things but not those continuing costs unfortunately.



You can donate to Blakedown church by scanning the above QR code with your mobile phone, or you can simply click on this link to be taken directly to the donation page:

<https://thy.ng/CUR008645>

[Donate to Blakedown church at give.net](#)

Simply click on the link below to be taken to Blakedown church's [give.net](#) donations page

<https://www.give.net/20179617>

[Donate to Blakedown church by standing order](#)

Bank Account number: 0003385202

Sort Code: 30-98-21

[You can donate to Churchill church by standing order](#)

Bank account number: 30232351

Sort Code: 40-43-17

Free will offering envelopes:

You can continue to donate to both Churchill and Blakedown churches using your Free Will Offering envelopes - please post them through the letterbox of number

69 Belbroughton Road while you are out for your daily exercise.

If you would like to have a set of Free Will Offering envelopes, then please call (01562) 700543

As a service to the community, the Church Office is very happy to help any parents whose children are doing home schooling and they don't have access to a printer. Either send details of what you want printed to us via email or drop a memory stick outside the office door. We will try to print during our normal office hours and will leave the results outside our door.

Our email address is bffoffice@btconnect.com and phone number is 01562 730777

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Collections of Subscriptions for Clent will continue in the same way as previously, by way of cash or cheque given to your distributor, but if anyone has any concerns and wishes to use the BACS method, then this option is also available to you too.

Thank you. Editor

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FEBRUARY READINGS

Sunday February 7th ***2nd Sunday before Lent*** ***(Green)***

First Reading Proverbs 8.1,22-31
Second Reading Colossians 1.15-20
Psalm Psalm 104.26-37
Gospel John 1.1-14

Sunday February 14th ***Sunday next before Lent*** ***(Green)***

First Reading 1 Kings 2.1-12
Second Reading 2 Corinthians 4.3-6
Psalm Psalm 50.1-6
Gospel Mark 9.2-9

Sunday February 21st ***First Sunday of Lent*** ***(Purple)***

First Reading Genesis 9.8-17
Second Reading 1 Peter 3.18-22
Psalm Psalm 119.17-32
Gospel Mark 1.9-15

Sunday February 28th ***Lent 2*** ***(Purple)***

First Reading Genesis 17.1-7,15-16
Second Reading Romans 4.13-25
Psalm Psalm 22.23-31
Gospel Mark 8.31-38