

SERVICES FOR MAY 2015

	<u>ALDERTON</u>	<u>WASHBOURNE</u>	<u>DUMBLETON</u>	<u>WORMINGTON</u>
1st Sun May 3rd Easter 5		9.00 am P.C.C.W	10.30 am P.C. C.W.	
White	Readings: Acts 8 26-40; 1 John 4 7-21; John 15 1-8.			
2nd Sun May 10th Easter 6		10.30 am P.C.C.W		9.00 am P.C.C.W
	Mrs S. Thurland			
White	Readings: Acts 10 44-48; 1 John 5 1-6; John 15 9-17			
3rd Sun May 17th Easter 7	8.00 am H.C. C.W. Mrs.McIlwraith	9.00 am P.C.C.W	10.30 am Family Service	6.00 pm Evensong
White	Readings: Acts 1 15-17, 21-26; 1 John 5 9-13; John 17 6-19			
4th Sun May 24th Whit Sunday	10.30 am P.C.C.W Mrs.R Smith			9.00 am H.C.B.C.P
Red	Readings: Acts 2 1-21; Romans 8 22-27; John 15 26-27, 16 4b-15.			
5th Sun. May 31st	10.30 am Team Service in St. Peters Church	Winchcombe		
Trinity Sunday	Readings: Isa. 6 1-8; Romans 8 12-17; John 3 1-17			

CHURCHWARDENS

ALDERTON

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WORMINGTON

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ST. MARGARETS ALDERTON, ST. MARY'S GREAT WASHBOURNE
with

ST. PETER'S DUMBLETON, ST. KATHARINE'S WORMINGTON

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MAY 2015

Dear Friends,

May always figured large in the lives of our ancestors but in these present days it has lost much of its significance, and its 'raison d'etre' has been steadily dismantled, changed or lost. Who now remembers Oakapple Day, or the town and village crowning of the May Queen, or Garland Day? In places May still is the time for Well Dressing (Derbyshire & parts of Yorkshire), and in remote parishes the Beating of the Bounds still produces sore backsides!! Dozens of local Essex married couples applied in May to take part in winning the Dunmow Flich. For some five hundred years or more a flich of bacon has been awarded to any couple who are able to prove that they have not quarrelled or regretted their marriage for a year and a day. Not many are/were ever successful!!! VE Day 8th May 1945.... Huge celebrations throughout Great Britain and beyond. Have you witnessed the Padstow Hobby Horse Dance, or danced through the lounges and kitchens and bedrooms of houses in Helston for the Floral Dance Day? Who still dances round the Maypole? We still witness children in some villages looking sweet and charming as they dance and weave ribbons around the pole which belies the fact that it was the most drunken, bawdy day in the calendar and it was teenage lads and lasses and married couples that danced til they dropped (of exhaustion or beer???)

I always enjoyed Ascension Day. In one of my parishes in Yorkshire the choir would climb the high Church tower and sing the Ascension day hymn 'Hail the Day that sees him rise' and then descend to eat bacon sandwiches and mugs of tea...not bad to say the hymn started promptly at 6.00 am!!! Whit Sunday processions were once a sight to behold with thousands taking part, banners flying, brass bands playing...all marching into the history books!

What has happened? Why have all our rich traditions almost disappeared. We seem to be for ever running round and round at an even quicker pace getting nowhere and achieving little. We are leaving a blighted, despoiled polluted planet for future generations...and losing our grip on reality and losing our sense of 'belonging'. Many of us are reluctant to say out loud that we are destroying ourselves...but many of us secretly know time is running out for us.

I long for scenes where man has never trod;

A place where woman never smiled or wept;

There to abide with my Creator, God,

And sleep, as I in childhood sweetly slept:

Untroubling and untroubled where I lie;

The grass below—above the vaulted sky' John Clare (the poor man's poet)

Best wishes,

Nick Carter (Vicar)

DUMBLETON. A few unusual and entertaining things are happening at St. Peters

for all those who wish to come along to bring a picture OR photograph OR printed name of their family. If you put a loop on them they will be hung from a Family tree in church. ... otherwise they will be pinned to a notice board. We shall be holding a Family Alphabet time during this Service.. AFTERWARDS ...help Mrs. Braham to finish decorating the tree...bring scraps of material or ribbons in rainbow colours. (don't forget your cameras...it is the first time...and might be the last time this will happen in Dumbleton)

THURSDAY 28th May WRITING WORKSHOP in Church 10.am—12 noon and 1.00pm - 3.00 pm. Watch out for more information .

Nick

CHRISTIAN AID WEEK May 10th –16th There will be a House to House collection in the villages during the week. Please give as generously as as you can to this very worthwhile charity which helps the poor and poverty stricken throughout the world.

Archdeacon's Visitation 2015 for the Tewkesbury and Wincombe Deanery takes place on Sunday 17th May at 3.00 pm at St. Mary, Deerhurst. At this service the Churchwardens will be presented by their Incumbent and admitted into their office for the coming year by the Archdeacon of Cheltenham. Retiring wardens, families, sidesmen and other PCC members are also invited to this service.

ALDERTON

Flower Rota: There is new one on the leaflet shelf in Church - if you would like to arrange the flowers one week or more, please sign against the week(s) you would like to do them. On the other hand if you would like someone to arrange flowers for you, to mark a special anniversary or occasion, please contact Carla (620600) as soon as possible. We urgently need more volunteers to help with the flowers—you DO NOT have to be an expert at arranging flowers!

Fizz and Food will be held in Alderton Churchyard (in the sunshine we hope!) on Saturday June 20th at 6.00 pm, with wine, fizz and canapes served. So join us for a social evening of refreshments whilst enjoying Cool Jazz with our Brass Band. Tickets will be available from Helen West, Gill Cogzill and the Churchwardens. The money raised will go towards church costs. Further details to follow.

The Cream Teas held on Easter Monday afternoon, was a great success. No doubt the fine weather helped, but attendance was far in excess of what we expected. In all, the total made was £530. A big thank you for all who helped, and a special mention for Rachel and Matthew, who kept it all going even when they were rushed off their feet.

AGM. This took place after the service on April 12th. The two Churchwardens Sheila Reid and Michael Newman were re-elected; as was the treasurer Joy Edwards. Many thanks to Ross Smith as our stand-in secretary, without whose services we could not proceed.

Reminder. The Gift Day and Summer Fete will be held on Sat. July 11th. Stalls, coffee, lunches, Morris Dancers, bell ringers etc.—not to be missed. Please make a note in your diary

Thank You. Kay Brown would like to sincerely thank all who so generously gave to the collection in memory of her late husband William. As a result £1200 was donated to the Kates Home Nursing Charity.

MOTHERS UNION

The Diocesan M.U. Festival Service will be held in Gloucester Cathedral on Wednesday 6th May at 11.00 am at which the Worldwide President will be giving the address. The service

GREAT WASHBOURNE

Easter Egg Competition. Thank you to everyone who supported our Easter Egg competition this year. So much time and energy went into producing a huge range of wonderful designs which made a fantastic display. They were judged on Easter Day by our visiting minister the Rev'd Robert Pestell who was very complimentary about the detail that had gone into their construction. The children's prize was won by Fern Wells for all the pretty buttons and stars and the adult's one by Holly Troughton for the fine detail of the bluebells. Thank you for participating, we hope you enjoyed making them as much as we appreciated the finished products.

Summer Supper will be held on Friday June 26th at 6.30 pm in the garden of Great Washbourne House. This year the musical entertainment will be provided by Paul Newman (guitarist) and Becky Carter (local very talented singer). A supper of roast pork with all the trimmings, strawberries and cream for dessert and there will be the usual bar, raffle, tombola, stalls etc. Tickets priced £10 adults, £5 children will be available from Karen (620633) Jane Kent (620291) and Carla (620600) All proceeds to St. Mary's Church funds—please do come along for a lovely family evening.

The PCC meets on Monday 4th May 7.45 pm Gt. Washbourne House

DUMBLETON

Easter 5 May 3rd. There will be Parish Communion at 10.30 am and on May 17th (Easter 7), Family Service at 10.30 am.

Easter - St. Peter's looked beautiful for the Easter services. Many thanks to all who helped

with the thorough Spring Clean. Thanks also to our flower arrangers for the lovely arrangements, which were highly complimented.

Church Clock - the diocesan approval for work on the church clock has been received at last. We now await a date for work to commence from the contractor

Friendly Coffee Mornings at the Cricket Pavilion in aid of Church funds will be on Tuesdays May 12th and 26th from 10.30 am—12 noon.

Village Hall AGM Tuesday 5th May 7.30 pm in Campbell room. Everyone is welcome to attend (meeting no longer than one hour) and wine and cheese will be served afterwards.

The W.I. meets on Wednesday 13th May 8.00—9.00 pm in the Village Hall and extends a very warm welcome to all who would like to take part in their fun craft evening painting with Silk with Gail Braham. All materials will be provided £3 per person (non members) and for more details contact Jenny Mayer (01386 881474) .

WORMINGTON

Spring Cleaning - A big "Thank You" to all who helped with the Spring Cleaning and Easter Flowers. The church looked lovely for our Easter Service.

Christian Aid week 10th—16th May. I will be delivering the Christian Aid envelopes on Sunday 10th May for collection on Friday 15th May. Angela Piercy.

Friends of St. Katharine's AGM on Sunday 17th May 7.00 pm St. Katharine's Church. All are welcome to attend—apologies for non-attendance should go to Stephen Ward, Well House.

WVS Village Lunch—Monday 18th May 12 noon

Come and enjoy a sociable two course meal followed by tea/coffee at £5. in St. Katharine's Church. Open to all. Please book by Friday 15th May with Angela Piercy tel: 01386 584416 email: angela.piercy@hotmail.co.uk

WVS Race Night - Saturday 23rd May at 7.30 pm in the Village Marquee on the Open