

SERVICES FOR JUNE 2016

ALDERTON WASHBOURNE DUMBLETON WORMINGTON

1st Sun 9.00 am 10.30 am
 June 5th P.C.C.W Mattins
 Trinity 2

Green Readings: 1 Kings 17 17—24; Gal.1 11– 24; Luke 7 11-17

2nd Sun 10.30 am 9.00 am
 June 12th P.C.C.W P.C. C.W.
 Trinity 3 Mrs. R. .Smith

Green Readings: 2 Sam. 11 26-12.10, 13-15; Gal. 2 15-21; Luke 7 36-8.3

3rd Sun 8.00 am 9.00 am 10.30 am Family 6.00 pm
 June 19th H.C. B.C.P. P.C.C.W Service. Fathers' Evensong
 Trinity 4 G.C.G.Agg Day

Green Readings: Isa. 65 1-9; Gal. 3 23-29; Luke 8 26-39

4th Sun 10.30 a.m. 9.00 am
 June 26th P.C. C.W. H.C. B.C.P
 Trinity 5 M. Newman
 Green Readings: 1 Kings 19 15-16, 19- 21;Gal 5 1, 13-25; Luke 9 51-62

1st Sun 9.00 am 10.30am
 July 3rd P.C. C.W. Mattins
 Trinity 6
 Green Readings: Isa. 66 10-14; Gal 6 7-16; Luke 10 1-11, 16-20

Wednesdays Evening Prayer 4.30 pm Aston Somerville 1st; Snowhill 8th;
 Stanley Pontlarge 15th; **Dumbleton 22nd**; Stanway 29th

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JUNE 2016

Dear Friends,

Isn't language a funny thing? We recently returned from a brief visit to the Yorkshire Dales. We drove the car into our hotel car park and started to unload our suitcase into our very pleasant room overlooking Wensleydale. My wife started to unpack (best for men to stay out of the way) while I sauntered round the gardens. Over a tiny stream I spotted an old man in the hotel vegetable patch. He was bent double between large garden canes whilst his Jack Russell (which looked equally ancient) watched his master. He looked up 'Affnoon All reight?' he asked 'Ay, fair ter middlin' I replied. There was an easy silence whilst we assessed each other. 'What yer plantin?' I asked. 'Well I thowt ad get in mi runner beans' he replied taking off his flat cap and wiping his brow with it 'but ah reckon ther might be a frost ower Penn hill toneet'. I nodded sagely (not to disagree with the local octogenarian weather forecaster). 'So' he says 'I reckon al just do a bit of fettling. I'm feeling a bit dowly like, so al do a bit more and then get home for me snap'. With that he got to work again and I turned and walked away with the Yorkshire departing phrase 'Al sithee then'. Less than an hour back in Yorkshire and I reverted to the Yorkshire dialect without any problems. It was so good to get back to my roots and I almost wept to think that after all the years away I could almost pick up where I left off. Over a huge Yorkshire cholesterol choked breakfast (bacon, eggs, sausage, beans, mushrooms, fried bread, and thick slices of black pudding ..toast (homemade farmhouse bread), jam honey marmalade) washed down with mugs of strong tea, we talked to our host and hostess. They too were from the North (Durham) and Angela being from Derbyshire and another two guests from Southern Australia, we bandied about the differences in our accents, dialects and county 'sayings'. It was a real eye opener!

It got me thinking about language in general and 'church' language in particular I got out my Book of Common Prayer (1662) and looked through it...lovely language but some phrases were almost unintelligible. You need a degree in Theology or 16th and 17th century history to work out what Archbishop Cranmer was getting at in his beautifully constructed Prayer Book. Lovely to say as it trips off the tongue.. But does anybody in the pew actually understand what it is saying? I suppose a bit like Shakespeare? I actually love the plays (not keen on Hamlet) but before or after watching a play at the theatre I go home and drag out a commentary to try to understand what it was all about....language has changed so much hasn't it? Churchgoers must come to terms with the fact that 'church' language is unintelligible and 'weird' to many of the modern generations.

Are we going to do anything about it? Will it die out of its own accord? Language is constantly changing entity and I think the Church must change with it. Don't expect children these days to want to embrace our church language....Haven't you noticed , they have their own!

Best wishes,
 Rev'd Nick

LANGUAGE

I heard the story of two old men sitting outside the pub in the Spring sunshine quaffing pints of ale. They noted two young lads dragging down the lane a donkey that was proving stubborn.

‘What yer got theer lads?’ said one old chap.

‘Well its Palm Sunday and its going to church. We’ve got it for the Vicar’. Both old men said together ‘We reckon you’ve got best of the bargain!!!!’

Nick

FATHERS’DAY SERVICE

This special Family Service will be held on Fathers’ Day June 19th at 10.30 am in Dumbleton Church. Please bring along your fathers and grandfathers to this service

ALDERTON

The Queen’s 90th Birthday Celebration. St. Margaret’s is marking the occasion on **Saturday JUNE 11** th with a Food and Fizz Evening in the churchyard (church if wet) from 6.00pm and an exhibition of royal memorabilia in the church. If you have any commemorative items you can lend for the exhibition such as, flags, mugs and tins, or photos of coronation celebrations in Alderton, please contact Ros. Smith 01242 620560. Tickets £5 will be available from Helen West 620587 helenmarywest4@gmail.com or Ros Smith 620560 ros.smith@gpolutions.co.uk to include a selection of canapes. There will be a bar to purchase drinks. A Woodwind Ensemble called ‘Soundtrain’ will be performing background music to add to the occasion. Money raised will be used for the church’s running costs.

Flowers for the Celebration. Please bring along baskets any shape or size of red, white and/or blue flowers to decorate the Church on Friday 10th June between 2.00– 4.00 pm

The Conservation Area is coming into its own, with cowslips, field buttercups, moon daisies, sorrel and cuckoo flowers. The rowan tree in bloom makes a lovely backdrop. Plaudits to Ros. Smith for the inception and management of this area. There is also an orchid in a plot near the church porch.

The Summer Celebration and Gift Day in aid of St. Margaret’s Church will be held on Saturday 9th July from 10.30 am with refreshments in the Churchyard together with stalls and lunch in the Village Hall from 12.30 pm. More details in the July leaflet, but do put the date in your diaries and come along with your families and friends..

Holy Baptism

May 22nd - Oliver Charles Andrew Beattie

MOTHERS’ UNION

The Deanery Quiet Day / Bring and Share Lunch will be held in Ashchurch on Monday June 6th 10.00 am—2.00pm., as discussed at the last meeting. Please let Carla know if you are able to go for the whole day or for the lunch etc. by Sunday 29th May. The Queen’s 90th Birthday will also be celebrated that day, so if you have any memorabilia please take it along.

CAKE AND COFFEE MORNING - Thursday 16th June from 10.30 am in Thelma Platt’s Garden, 26 St. Margaret’s Drive, as part of the Mothers’ Union ‘Big Summer Appeal’, to help families with difficulties worldwide. Coffee and cake £2.50 and there will be a Raffle and Bring and Buy Stall. We hope for a warm sunny morning for you to bring along your friends to enjoy the garden and socialise.

GREAT WASHBOURNE

The Summer Garden Supper will be held on **Friday 24th June** at 6.30 pm– 9.30 pm in the garden of Great Washbourne House. Alocal Cheltenham “Bexjazz” duo will be providing us with light jazzy music during the evening. A supper of roast pork (veggie alternative available) with salads and all the trimmings will be served, followed by strawberries and cream for dessert.. There will be a bar ,(including our own Washbourne pale ale), raffle, cake stall and other entertainment, so do come and join us for what promises to be a great evening. Tickets priced adult £10 children £5 are available in advance from Jane (01242) 620291; Karen 620633 or Carla 620600. All proceeds for Church funds

R.I.P

April 21st - Phyllis Brookes

DUMBLETON

The Friendly Coffee Mornings at the Cricket Pavilion 10.30 am -12 noon on Tuesdays 7th and 21st June. Money raised from these events is now for general church repairs and maintenance, as we expect that we now have enough funds for the toilet/ Kitchen/vestry Refresh project. Over five years, these mornings have raised £1579 for the Project.

Race Night on May 20th in the Village Hall, thanks to all those who came to support this fund raiser, and to all who helped on the night to make this a very enjoyable evening; especial thanks to Richard (Simmo) for the excellent food and for running the betting shop. Total funds raised will be published next month

Evening Garden Party Saturday 25th June - Jenny Hunter’s home, Orchard House, with light refreshments and canapes. Tickets £10 from Jenny Hunter 01386 882796 or Lynda Matthews 01386 881383. Please book early to avoid disappointment

Readers for Sunday Services, to read bible extracts. Lynda Matthews would love to hear from anyone who would be willing to go on the list of readers. Likewise we would really welcome more volunteers to go on the church cleaning rota. If you wish to help please contact Lynda Matthews (01386 881383)

Evening Prayer will be said in St. Peter’s on Wednesday 22nd June at 4.30 pm

The PCC meets on Wednesday 1st June 7.30 pm Yew Tree Cottage. In the May newsletter, Christine Day’s name was accidentally missed from the list of those elected to serve on the PCC.

Christian Aid Week: Thank you to all who gave donations and helped with the house to house collection. Amount collected to be announced in due course.

Dumbleton through the Seasons: a photography exhibition will be held in St. Peter’s Church during Autumn 2016. You are very welcome to take photographs throughout the year to form part of the exhibition. For more information please get in touch with gailbraham@aol.com or 07521750087

Holy Matrimony

May 4th - Luke Philip Wilkinson and Jennifer Evelyn Llewellyn

May 21st - Joseph William Wooldridge and Emily Rose Doran

May 27th - Darren Lee Golby and Victoria Frances O’Keeffe

WORMINGTON

WVS Village Lunch. Apologies, but due to family commitment no date set for June **Queen Elizabeth’s 90th Birthday Celebration. - WVS - on the Open Space.** Saturday June 11th from 4.00 pm onwards. Come along to an afternoon/evening of Shakespearean fun, games and food, Fancy dress/masks optional! Details to follow in flyer re food which will include a glass of cider.

Wormington “BAKE OFF” keep the date free Saturday 2nd July pm. Guest judges!!!