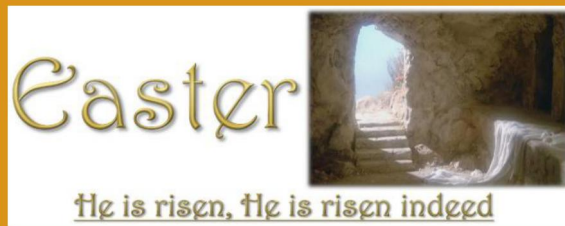




CBB CHURCHES E - NEWSLETTER

21st April 2024 - Vocation Sunday

The churches of Churchill, Blakedown & Broome.



**This Sunday's Gospel reading:
John 10: 11 - 18.**

To listen to this week's Gospel reading, read by David Suchet, please click the following link, then click the play button on the Bible Gateway website:

<https://www.biblegateway.com/audio/suchet/nivuk/John.10>

Upcoming Services at Blakedown, Churchill, & Broome

April

21st Easter 4 - Vocation Sunday

10 am Informal Praise- Blakedown church

10 am Holy Communion - Broome church

28th Easter 5

10 am Holy Communion - Blakedown church

May

5th Easter 6

10 am Informal Praise - Blakedown church

11:15 am Family Service with Holy Communion
Churchill church

12th Ascension Day

10 am Informal Praise - Blakedown church

19th Easter 7 - The Sunday After Ascension

10 am Worship4All - Blakedown church

10 am Holy Communion - Broome church

26th Pentecost

10 am Holy Communion - Blakedown church

We pray for those suffering in body, mind, or spirit

May they know your presence alongside them in this their time of need, including; Steven Anstey, Val Evans, Pam Gumbley, Joe Weston, Tim & Linda Walker, Andrew Partridge, Nina Moyes, Jamie Moyes.

We pray, for those mourning the death of loved ones, especially for the family and friends of; John Beckley, Annick Harvey, John Harvey, Mary Chapman, Janet Cook, Elizabeth Moretti, John Smith, and Patricia Constable.

For a whole lot more information about church Services and what's going on in our three churches please visit the CBB church website at: cbbchurches.weebly.com

The CBB website will be carrying the Church of England's 9am online Service on the C of E TV page: <https://cbbchurches.weebly.com/c-of-e-tv.html>



HOLY COMMUNION
 EVERY FOURTH SUNDAY
 10 AM
 AT BLAKEDOWN CHURCH
**EVERYONE
 IS WELCOME**

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WORSHIP4ALL

WHETHER YOU'RE NEW TO WORSHIP, A LIFE LONG WORSHIPPER,
 OR JUST A BIT CURIOUS. SINGLE, MARRIED, YOUNG, IN THE
 MIDDLE OF LIFE, OR ENJOYING YOUR SECOND CHILDHOOD

EVERYONE'S WELCOME
 EVERY 3RD SUNDAY
 10 AM @ BLAKEDOWN CHURCH
 PRAISE, A CUPPA, AND LOVELY COMPANY

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For April only WORSHIP4ALL is on the 7th April.

St. Peter's Church, Broome.

 ***Come to the table!*** 

*Holy Communion is held at 10am every third
 Sunday. Everyone is Welcome!*



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If you would like to advertise your church Services here then please forward your Service adverts to: andrewyardley4@gmail.com

ROGATION SERVICE

At St Mark's Fairfield

On Sunday 12th May at 11.15am

Bring and share lunch

All welcome!

So - what's Easter all about then?

Easter is the greatest feast in the Christian calendar:

On Easter Sunday Christians celebrate the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead. For Christians, Easter Sunday comes at the end of 40 days of study, prayer, and fasting known as Lent. In those, and similar, ways Christians try to prepare themselves to die spiritually with Christ on Good Friday, the day of His crucifixion, so that they may rise again with Him in new life at Easter.

Easter is the fulfilment of the Christian faith:

Easter Sunday is a day of celebration because it represents the fulfillment of our faith as Christians. St. Paul wrote that; unless Christ rose from the dead, our faith is in vain (1 Corinthians 15:17). Through His death, Christ saved humankind from bondage to sin, and He destroyed the hold that death had on all of us; but it is His resurrection that gives us the promise of new life, both in this world and the next.

The coming of the kingdom:

That new life began on Easter Sunday.

In the Lord's Prayer, we pray that, 'Thy kingdom come, on earth as it is in heaven'. And Christ told His disciples that some of them would not die until they saw the kingdom of God 'Coming in power' (Mark 9:1). The early Christian Church Leaders thought of Easter as the fulfilment of that promise. With the resurrection of Christ, God's kingdom is established on earth, in the form of the church.

New life in Christ:

Often people are Baptised during Eastertide as Baptism parallels Christ's own death and resurrection. When someone is Baptised he or she spiritually die to sin and rises to new life in the kingdom of God.

Easter Communion:

As Easter is of central importance to the Christian faith, the church asks Christians to attend the Holy Eucharist and receive Communion sometime during Eastertide, which lasts to Pentecost, 50 days after Easter Sunday. This reception of the blessed bread and wine is a visible sign of our faith, remembrance of Jesus' Passion, and our participation in the kingdom of God. Christians should receive Communion regularly as every Sunday is a commemoration of Easter.

GRILL

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Everybody is welcome to an evening of uncensored Q&A with your local priest.

Shaun will be on hand to answer all your questions, from baptism and wedding enquiries to the 'whys' and what 'ifs' of church and faith

No need to book - just turn up!

Where: The Park Gate Inn, Cookley, DY10 3PT

When: Tuesday 23rd April 2024

Time: 7pm Arrival (for 7.30pm start)

FREE MEAL INCLUDED DURING THE EVENING!



New ALM Worship Leaders across Dudley



11 people from parishes across the Greater Dudley Deanery have been presented with certificates to mark the completion of their course to become Authorised Lay Ministers (ALMs) as Worship Leaders.

They were given their certificates by Bishop Martin in a special service at St Michael's Church in Brierley Hill, which was planned and led by the candidates themselves.

During the service, two of those becoming ALMs interviewed Bishop Martin. Bishop Martin was asked questions reflecting on the readings during the service as well as on the general theme of Easter with the interviewers touching on subjects from the Life of Brian to whether the Bishop ever experiences fears and doubts and where he prays!

The ALM Worship Leaders course was completed across eight sessions starting last October. Candidates came from churches across the deanery with a variety of different traditions. They were led in their discussions by the Revd David Hoskin, Revd Sarah Roberts-Malpass and Licensed Lay Minister, Melissa Rose.

Jenny Houghton from Christ Church in Quarry Bank said: "It was a very interesting course and really good to chat together about faith as we learnt how services of worship were put together. I'll be using what I've learnt as I lead our Café Church multigenerational, discussion-based service and am looking forward to working alongside the rest of the ministry team, particularly with children's worship and developing a youth congregation."

Ian Lovejoy from St Thomas' Church in Stourbridge said: "It was an extremely good course and very useful. As a result I'm hoping to get more involved in my church, but I'm not yet sure what that will look like."

Helen Moren from St Mary's Church in Kingswinford said: "The course was really good, thought-provoking and well led. We were given plenty of opportunities to develop our own thoughts and beliefs. As Churchwarden I've had to step in and lead services from time to time when the leader has been unwell, so I put myself forward for this course following encouragement from other ALMs. I'm leading my first service later this month and am looking forward to being part of the team and going onto the rota to lead Morning Prayer more regularly. I am also one of the leaders of our Mainly Music toddler group."

If you are interested in finding out more about becoming an Authorised Lay Minister, there is more information on this page:
www.cofe-worcester.org.uk/alm/



BUY A ROOF TILE FOR BLAKEDOWN CHURCH TODAY



Now that we've sorted out the turret we need to get the church's roof done!



It's all been up there since the Victorians built the church during the 1860's, so we've had our money's worth out of the existing tiles (all 10,000 of them) and laths which are now showing their age.

We would like to invite all villagers of all ages to get involved, and to become a part of Blakedown church's history.

We are offering you and your families the opportunity of buying one or a number (as many as you like!) of new hand made roof tiles for the church.

You will receive a certificate detailing the number of tiles you've bought for the church, and most importantly you will be able to sign and date the back of each tile that you buy, and so your name will become a living part of the church building for posterity.



Hip tiles are £25 each, while standard tiles are £5 each

So why wait?

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AND TO BUY TILES TODAY
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All donations go straight into Blakedown church's own bank account.

Thank you 😊



Donate to Churchill church by standing order:

Churchill church bank account number: 30232351.

Sort code: 40 - 43 - 17.

Donate to Broome church online at:

www.achurchnearyou.com/church/18794

COFFEE AT THE CHURCH

FRIDAY 3rd MAY 2024

10 AM 'TIL 12:30 PM

Hot Cross Buns
Tea Cakes
Cakes
Filter Coffee (served in cafetieres)
Espresso
Hot Chocolate
Tea

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To hear more details from our AI assistant please click on the attached Coffee At The Church talking advert.

A Friends Of Churchill Church event.



Saturday 11th May 2024

Blakedown Parish Rooms

£10 each to include food
and a raffle ticket

£60 prize per team

Teams of 6 max

Phone or message:

Viv: 07530 228850

Jenny: 0794 7694185

BROOME VILLAGE HALL



Coffee & Cakes
(& lots more)

On the first Thursday of every month
(except Jan)

11.00am to 12.30pm

Villagers, Walkers, Cyclists, Locals &
Dogs ~ All Welcome

BLACK COUNTRY FOODBANK

LOVE . CONNECT . INVEST

Black Country Foodbank helps vulnerable individuals and families in crisis through the provision of 3 days emergency food supplies while a longer-term solution is developed. The services we provide have an enormous impact on the people who use them, giving them an important breathing space at a time of great need.

You can donate any of the following to the FOODBANK at Blakedown church; food (tinned or in sealed packaging), toiletries, clothing, towels, bedding including sleeping bags, cutlery, crockery, cooking utensils, hot water bottles, thermos flasks.

THANKYOU



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CBB CHURCH WEBSITE



If you want to keep up with all the latest info about what's happening in our three churches then the CBB church website is the place for you at:

cbbchurches.weebly.com

If you're out and about and want to keep up with church news on your smart phone then CBBMOBILE is for you.

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**CHURCHILL & BLAKEDOWN ONLINE
PARISH MAGAZINE ARCHIVE**

Calling all local history buffs!!!

Churchill and Blakedown churches' archive of Parish magazines is now available to view online.

The archive covers the entire history of our local magazine; from 1860 when it first appeared as part of Hagley Parishes' own magazine, through to the present day "Broadcast" magazine.

So if you are researching local history, or would just simply like to read about times gone by in our villages, then the archive is for you.

The archive is available to view on the Churchill and Blakedown church website at this link:

<https://cbbchurches.weebly.com/parish-magazine-and-online-digital-archive.html>

We hope you will also enjoy exploring the website which will keep you up to date with all that is happening in our three churches.

Happy reading.



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PARISH DELIVERY NETWORK

Are you organizing a not for profit event in Churchill or Blakedown, that is for the benefit of the community?

We deliver fliers, free, to over 600 homes within the two villages.

If you would like us to deliver fliers advertising your event then please

Email: andrewyardley@duck.com

Or call: 07935048923

We ask that all fliers are to be with the Network's administrator by the 1st of the month of delivery.

Ministry team:

Priest In Charge
The Parish is in vacancy



For all enquiries during the vacancy please contact our church office at:

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