

Churches of the Churn Valley Benefice

**Bagendon, Baunton, Coberley and Cowley, Colesbourne,
Elkstone, North Cerney, Rendcomb and Stratton.**

Sunday 26th May - the Sixth Sunday of Easter - Rogation Sunday

St. Margaret's, Bagendon President & Preacher Hymns	9.30am	HC [CW] Revd Jan Moore 96, 251, 152, 66
St. Mary Magdalene, Baunton President & Preacher Hymns	9.30am	HC Revd Arthur Champion 290, 214
St Giles, Coberley President & Preacher Hymns NB Reading	9.30am	HC [BCP] Revd Cliff Pooley 152, 743, 702 <i>John 14. 23 - 29</i>
St James', Colesbourne Minister & Preacher	9.30am	Matins Mark Venn
St Mary, Cowley		<i>Service at Coberley</i>
St John the Evangelist, Elkstone		<i>Service at Rendcomb</i>
All Saints, North Cerney President & Preacher	11.00am	Matins Martin Green
St Peter's, Rendcomb President & Preacher	11.00am	HC Revd Bob Edy
St Peter's, Stratton President & Preacher Hymns	11.00am	HC Revd Jan Moore 96, 251, 152, 613, 66

**Please Note: as a general rule we omit the starred verses in hymns.*

Readings for Sunday 26th May - the 6th Sunday of Easter

Old Testament	Ezekiel 37. 1 - 14
Psalm	67
New Testament	Acts 16. 9 - 15
Gospel	John 5. 1 - 9a

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Wedding Banns to be called today at:



All Saints, North Cerney, for:
Jason Neil Stratford and Leonie Elizabeth Bradford
Due to marry in All Saints on 5th July 2019

The Gloria Tune: Evelyns

Glory in the highest to the God of heaven;
Peace to all your people through the earth be given,
Mighty God and Father, thanks and praise we bring,
Singing Alleluia to our heavenly King.

Jesus Christ is risen, God the Father's Son:
With the Holy Spirit, you are Lord alone.
Lamb once killed for sinners, all our guilt to bear,
Show us now your mercy, now receive our prayer.

Christ the world's true Saviour, high and holy one,
Seated now and reigning from the Father's throne:
Lord and God, we praise you! Highest heaven adores;
In the Father's glory, all the praise be yours!

The Collect

God our redeemer, you have delivered us from the power of darkness and brought us into the kingdom of your Son: grant, that as by his death he has recalled us to life, so by his continual presence in us he may raise us to eternal joy; through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord, who is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. Amen.

Psalm 67

May God be gracious to us and bless us and make his face to shine upon us,

that your way may be known upon earth, your saving power among all nations.

Let the peoples praise you, O God; let all the peoples praise you.

Let the nations be glad and sing for joy, for you judge the peoples with equity and guide the nations upon earth.

Let the peoples praise you, O God; let all the peoples praise you.

The earth has yielded its increase; God, our God, has blessed us.

May God continue to bless us; let all the ends of the earth revere him.

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit. As it was in the beginning, is now and shall be forever. Amen.



For our Prayers

Years Mind: Royston Stuart May, *James Loveday*, John Morgan Lewis, *Janet Anne Strawbridge*, Derek Trinder, *Yvonne Jean Millin*, Andrew Garlick, *David Harry Leeson*.

Those who are unwell: Timothy Robinson, *Kelly Haakerson*, Joan Leeson, *Charles Paine*, Jill Prewett, *June Prosser-Vane*, June Stevens, *Myra Jefferies*, Lindy Price, *Teresa Rae*, Nora Sly, *Andrea Shutt*, Clarice Vaughan, *Jennifer and Trevor See*, Gordon Gravette.

Those who have died: *Alfred James Randell*
Funeral to be held on: Wednesday 29th May, 11am at the Parish Church of St Mary, Cowley.

Forthcoming Services

Wednesday 29th May - St Peter's, Stratton: 10am - *MP*
Thursday 30th May - St John's, Elkstone: 9.30am - *HC Ascension Day Service* (in churchyard weather permitting)

Sunday 2nd June - the Seventh Sunday of Easter

St. Margaret's, Bagendon Minister & Preacher	9.30am	Matins Martin Green
St. Mary Magdalene, Baunton		<i>No Service</i>
St Giles, Coberley		<i>Service at Cowley</i>
St James', Colesbourne Minister & Preacher	10.00am	Matins Christopher Hall
St Mary, Cowley Minister & Preacher	11.00am	MP Mark Venn

St John the Evangelist, Elkstone with....	11.00am	HC Revd Arthur Champion
All Saints, North Cerney President & Preacher	11.00am	HC Revd Bob Edy
Rendcomb Village Hall President & Preacher	3.00pm	Pets' Service Revd Bob Edy and Revd Paul Youde
St Peter's, Stratton President & Preacher	9.30am	HC Revd Arthur Champion

Readings for Sunday 2nd June - the 7th Sunday of Easter

Old Testament	Ezekiel 36. 24 - 28
Psalms	97
New Testament	Acts 16. 16 - 34
Gospel	John 17. 20 - 26

News and Notices



Ascension Day service - On *Thursday 30th May*, Christians around the world will be gathering to mark Ascension Day. Despite being a public holiday in more than a dozen countries (although, sadly, not the UK), this festival has a relatively low profile outside the church. The



background is that for 40 days after his resurrection on Easter Sunday, the Bible says that Jesus travelled and preached with his apostles, preparing them for his departure from Earth. He literally ascended into heaven before his disciples, at the village of Bethany, near Jerusalem. Therefore, to mark this important event a *short service of Holy Communion will be held at 9.30am in Elkstone parish churchyard* (weather permitting) followed by coffee and cake at Cowley Rectory.

News and Notices continued...



Thursday 30th May, 7.30pm - Thanksgiving Service for the Emergency Services at Cirencester Parish Church. Please come along to join Police, Fire & Ambulance personnel (and their families) to thank them and celebrate the work they do for us in the community. There is also an afternoon of community engagement events in the Market Place from 2pm involving all the three services; children will be welcome to see Fire Engines / Police cars / horses / Ambulances, etc.

Sunday 2nd June, 3pm - A Pets' Service based in Rendcomb Village Hall with Chedworth Silver Band and guest speaker, the Revd Paul Youde, with his own 'pet', Shorn the Sheep. There will be lots of cake and tea afterwards! Everyone is most welcome.

Saturday 8th June, 7pm - Colesbourne's Annual Barn Dance - A reminder to make sure you get your tickets for this occasion, which is in aid of St James' Church Colesbourne and the *Motor Neurone Disease Association*. **Tickets** are available from Colesbourne Filling Station: £10 for Adults, £5 for children under 10, or £25 for a family ticket. There will be plenty of seating on straw bales or you can reserve one of our tables with comfy chairs (up to 8 people) by contacting Amanda: amandamorgans@yahoo.co.uk.

Sunday 9th June - Cirencester Celebrates Pentecost at 10am in Cirencester Parish Church - All the churches in Cirencester are joining together in one single act of worship to celebrate the Festival of Pentecost and ministers from all denominations will be taking part together with the Salvation Army band. There will **not be a service at St Peter's Stratton that morning** but all are warmly invited to join with fellow Christians at the Parish Church. Please contact Beth Hamid (01285 644895) or Gill Keen (01285 652069) if you can offer or would like a lift.

Update from our Mission Partners - We (Ben, Faith and Theo) enjoyed meeting many of you at the mission service on 7th April in Elkstone Parish Church. Thanks for the super bring and share lunch

afterwards in the Village Hall! Since then we have made the decision to move to Gloucester. Ben will be working for an advocacy charity four days a week. Faith will be involved in the community and supporting asylum seekers and refugees. Faith's role is unpaid, so she plans to remain on financial support to enable her to do this and would appreciate being able to continue the mission partnership. We are planning to move house at the end of May and look forward to being with you again soon! Thank you again for your support. Further details available from the Revd Arthur: 01242 870402.

Sunday 9th June 2019 - 2 - 6pm - Cotswold Gardens at Elkstone Open Day

Please come and join us for this wonderful event which is organised and supported by villagers to raise funds for the upkeep of St John's church and our Village Hall. Adults £5.00, Children free, Parking included. No dogs please.

Wintershall 2019 - An epic open air enactment of the Life of Christ (daily between 18th and 22nd June 2019)! Laura and David will be going on *Wednesday 19th June*. If you would like to join them then please email Corinna, the Benefice Administrator on: beneficeoffice.cv@gmail.com to confirm your interest so that we can get an idea of numbers and plan transport. It's a full day. Rough timings will be: depart 7.30am and return at 6pm. Take a packed lunch. For more details about the occasion please have a word with David on: 01285 655199 or visit: www.wintershall.org.uk Tickets will be around £20 plus transport costs.

Stratton Rectory Fete - Planning for the fete on **Saturday 29th June** from 12 noon is moving ahead. It should be an excellent occasion. We hope you can join us on the day - or better still, offer to staff a stall for all or part of the afternoon. Donations and prizes will also be warmly received. Offers of books, cakes, plants and any pre-loved items we can sell would be welcome. Please contact Beth, Sarah or Laura and David if you can help. A list will be at the back of church for offers of help on the day. We look forward to an exciting day, engaging with our village and raising funds for the church. This is the weekend of our Patronal festival and we will be inviting villagers to support us financially and also to join us at our Sunday service the following day - 30th June, which will be a Benefice service at 10am in St Peter's for St Peter's Day.