

OAK HILL GROUP OF PARISHES

(Alderton, Gt. Washbourne,
Dumbleton & Wormington)

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Dear Friends

Jesus breathed on the disciples and said to them, 'Receive the Holy Spirit.' John 20.22

The 1625 coronation of King Charles I used a translation of the Latin hymn to the Holy Spirit, Veni, Creator Spiritus (Come, Holy Spirit) by John Cosin. This beautiful text has been sung at every coronation since then.

After it was included in the 1662 Book of Common Prayer, it came to be included in services of confirmation and ordination as we recall the royal priesthood in which we all participate. It



prays that we may live always within the breath of Jesus Christ, receiving life from him, so that he may inspire in us authentic life, the life that death can never take away.

Prayer - Come, Holy Ghost, our souls inspire, and lighten with celestial fire. Thou the anointing Spirit art, who dost thy seven-fold gifts impart. Anoint and cheer our soiled face with the bundance of thy grace: Keep far our foes, give peace at home; where thou art guide, no ill can come.

The above text is taken from the Church of England website.

After sunset on the evening before Easter, on Holy Saturday 8 April, a group of people affirmed their faith and trust in Jesus during a confirmation service at Gloucester Cathedral. Amongst those confirmed at this fabulous service was a dear friend of ours Vicky, pictured above with Bishop Rachel. I, and a few of our choir, of whom Vicky is a member, attended this special service. We too prayed that Vicky and all those Confirmed, may live always within the breath of Jesus Christ, receiving life from him.

Likewise, for us I pray that love and hope be poured out upon us all through the power of the Holy Spirit at work within us and between us amongst the Oak Hill Team of Parishes, and in the wider world, enabling us to bring God's love to all we meet. And so, amid these most challenging times may we live always within the breath of Jesus Christ, receiving life from him on our journeys. Have a FAB Coronation weekend! Julia x

ALDERTON

A SPECIAL COMMEMORATIVE SERVICE - to mark the Coronation of King Charles 3rd is being held in Washbourne at 9.00am and Dumbleton at 10.30am, on Sunday 7th May.

CORONATION BELL RINGING (SAT 6th May 2023).

Dumbleton - 9.00am to 9.40am

Alderton 9.50am to 10.30am.

The bells will be rung by our local ringers.

CORONATION BELL RINGING (Bank Holiday Monday 8th May 2023).

Dumbleton - 9.30am to 10.30am

Alderton - 11.00am to 12.00pm

This will consist of a quarter peal at each Church and will be rung by members of the Gloucester and Bristol Guild of Church Bellringers to mark the Coronation of King Charles 3rd.

SATURDAY 13TH MAY There will be a **CONCERT** in St Margaret's Church starting at 6.30pm. This will be with the choral group the Severn's Eight and has been organised by Matthew Clayton from Alderton, one of the singers. The concert itself will last around an hour. There will be a paying bar and Canapés will be served after the singing. The tickets will be £7 in advance and £8.50 on the door and are available from Helen West 07941 373030 or Sarah Hughes 07989 048123. Severn's Eight have kindly performed 3 times before in our Church and although are amateurs, are very professional singers. Do please come and support them and enjoy their singing in our lovely historic Church building, for which the money raised will be given.

EASTER AFTERNOON TEA Many thanks to everyone who came and supported this event. There was a lovely atmosphere and people seemed to enjoy the range of food we served. Thank you to Kim Greaves for very kindly providing the macarons which were much appreciated and to all who provided food and help on the day. The event raised £590 which will be very helpful towards the Church running costs.

CHURCH Thank you to all those who gave their time and skills to make the Church look so lovely for Easter with flowers and also to people who spring cleaned the Church.

A DATE FOR YOUR DIARY An Art Exhibition and Sale in the Village Hall and Flower Festival in Church on Saturday July 29th.

We hope for sunshine to be able to serve a wide range of refreshments in the Churchyard.

GREAT WASHBOURNE

CORONATION SERVICE SUNDAY 7th MAY A Special Commemoration Service at 9.00am will be held to mark the Coronation of King Charles 111.

As many of you are aware, over the last few years we've been trying to save for a major roof repair, we are pleased to say that we have now been able to contract a firm to carry out those works, starting in the very near future. A huge **THANK YOU** for your continued support towards the fund - we are very grateful.

THANK YOU to everyone who supported our Family Quiz night, whether by moving pews and setting up the room, by cooking and providing such an excellent supper or by participating in the quiz itself. A great time was had by all. We don't have a final figure yet, but it is looking to be a very positive result.

This is good news as the roof renovation work is due to start very soon. **THANK YOU** to everyone who has helped with or supported our fundraising events over the last few years, we would not be able to maintain the fabric of our church without it.

The next date for your diary is the Great Washbourne **SUMMER EVENT** on **FRIDAY 23rd JUNE**, we look forward to seeing you there.

DUMBLETON

Following the **ANNUAL PAROCHIAL CHURCH MEETING** the PCC was re-elected as follows; Paul and Tricia Steggles, Gail Braham, Christine Day and Jenny Maher with of course Julia Hook. Sadly, there were no nominations for Churchwardens.

SUNDAY 7th MAY. CORONATION CELEBRATION DAY! We hope you are all looking forward to this extra special day and will join in all the events that are planned. The Coronation Service in church is at **10.30am** (see separate sheet). We hope to see you there.

THEN AT 3pm there will be the **CORONATION AFTERNOON TEA** at the Village Hall to which you are all invited. Please contact Jenny Maher (01386 881474) if you wish to contribute food for the tea.

The long-awaited return of the **VILLAGE HALL WINE BAR** will see many celebrating well into the evening. This historic day promises to be something special and we hope you will be there to share it.

FUNdraising DATE FOR YOUR DIARY! SATURDAY 8th JULY. There is to be a "PIG ROAST" in the garden of The Villa, Blacksmiths Lane, by kind invitation of Fred and Sue Invine. Keep the date clear. Full details next month.

From the Registers: **HOLY MATRIMONY** - Congratulations to Paul **MERCHANT** and Stephanie Helen **RICHARDSON**, 14th April.

WORMINGTON

A big **THANK YOU** to everyone who helped decorate the church for Easter. It looked lovely. Also, many thanks to Sarah and Mark Hughes for organising the Easter Craft-day and Easter Egg Hunt. The children had a fun time.

THANKS ALSO for the kind donations for the North Cotswold Food Bank that will be most appreciated.

VILLAGE CORONATION PICNIC 7TH MAY

From 12pm in the Marquee. Bring your own picnic! Puddings provided and bar open (Pimm's will be available). Coronation fancy dress encouraged (prizes to be won!). Children's entertainment (inflatable slide and crafts) - £5 per child contribution please on the day. Enquiries to: wormingtonvillagesociety@gmail.com

Wormington PCC AGM Sunday 14th May 7pm in church - all are welcome to attend.

SERVICES FOR MAY 2023

Lectionary Year A

7 th May 1 st Sun E5 White	9.00am GT WASHBOURNE Commemorative Service for the Coronation of King Charles III	10.30am DUMBLETON Commemorative Service for the Coronation of King Charles III	Readings: See Order of Service
14 th May 2 nd Sun E6 White	6.00pm WORMINGTON Choral Evensong	10.30am ALDERTON Easter Season HC	Acts 17.22-31 John 14.15-21
21 st May 3 rd Sun E7 White	9.00am GT WASHBOURNE Easter Season HC	10.30am DUMBLETON Easter Season HC	Acts 1.6-14 John 17.1-11
28 th May 4 th Sun PENTECOST Red	9.00am WORMINGTON HC Traditional	10.30am ALDERTON HC CW	Acts 2.1-21 John 20.19-23 or John 7.37-39
4th June 1st Sun TRINITY SUNDAY White	9.00am GT WASHBOURNE HC CW	10.30am DUMBLETON HC CW	Isaiah 40.12-17, 27-end 2 Corinthians 13.11- end Matthew 28.16-end

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