

# OAK HILL GROUP OF PARISHES

(Alderton, Gt. Washbourne,  
Dumbleton & Wormington)

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**JUNE 2024**



Beautiful Stanway parkland

Dear Friends

On the 19<sup>th</sup> May we celebrated Pentecost, that wondrous day when the Holy Spirit came to the disciples. The house they were in was filled with sound, like the rush of a violent wind, filling the entire house and a tongue of fire rested on each disciple and they were filled with the Holy Spirit and were given the gift of speaking different languages. They were able to talk to all, no matter what nation they came from, about the Good News, that was and is Jesus.

On the 26<sup>th</sup> May we celebrated Trinity Sunday, and it was a great pleasure to welcome Bishop Robert, who came to lead our Service. 'The Trinity' is so much about our faith and what we believe.

This coming weekend June arrives and apart from some Saints' days we are in ordinary time. The colour for vestments is green going right through to Advent; the white and purple colour of Lent and Easter gone for quite a while. The word 'ordinary' comes from the word ordinal which means 'counted'. Each week is known by a number, e.g. Proper 4 being the Sunday after Trinity Sunday. The use of the term 'Ordinary Time' distinguishes it from the other seasons - Advent, Christmas, Lent and Easter - which focus on particular aspects of the life of Jesus: his birth, suffering, death and resurrection.

What does ordinary time mean for us? I feel it's a time when perhaps the pressure is off. Our diaries aren't so full of extra services. It's a time when we can concentrate on the bible in a peaceful, calm way. Ordinary Time celebrates Jesus' teaching and ministry. It gives us opportunity to reflect on how we live as Christians, to look at and 'order' our lives while we read and reflect on one of the Gospels. The Church has a three-year cycle for focussing on a particular Gospel so that we can enter it more deeply. This year is year B - The Gospel of Mark.

Ordinary Time, as I said, is when we wear green. Think of all the green around us at this time of year. All the trees are clothed in their late spring/early summer clothes; new life has sprung from the earth, and it is vibrant and green. The allotments are coming to life, full of green leaves, beans climbing up canes, green shoots being nurtured by dedicated gardeners - or feeding the wildlife! The Cambridge Dictionary's definition of the word ordinary is 'not different or special or unexpected in any way'. Ordinary can make us feel safe; it can give us comfort, give peace and healing.

On the 6<sup>th</sup> June we are reminded of those who did not find comfort, peace and healing. On this poignant 80<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the D-Day landings, as Sir Winston Churchill said – ‘let us remember those defenders of our Christian civilisation.’ Let us, in our own small ways, hold high the torch of peace, tolerance and freedom, which they can no longer carry and indeed, many countries currently who sadly, are struggling to carry the torch of peace. I pray – Spirit of God, teach the world your ways, that we may all walk in the paths of peace. Amen.

The beginning of summer is a good time in the year to take stock of ourselves and the things we belong to – the hope (!) of better weather, the abundance of nature around us and longer days that somehow make us feel new things are possible.

Whether you are a part of the church or not, it’s good to take stock and work out where next – for yourself, your family, an organisation you are part of. To look back at the places where we have not taken care of ourselves or others; where we have not been that nice, or thoughtful; where we have allowed ourselves to become lazy and self-serving and out of condition. To look also at the things we have done well, the talents we have made best use of; the times when things worked well, or we did the right things that resulted in our wellbeing and that of those around us. Christians can ask for the gift of the Holy Spirit to feel real and vital, and to help us be transformed and move forward in hope and courage and energy like those first Christians. Indeed, there’s no reason why anyone cannot ask for the gift of the Holy Spirit – just be prepared to be changed! As we start our journey through the summer months may the gift of God’s Holy Spirit fill your hearts, homes and your families with love and peace. Julia x

## **ALDERTON**

**THE BISHOP OF TEWKESBURY** came to our service in Alderton on 26<sup>th</sup> May and it was great to welcome him to our Church. It was good to see the service so well attended, **THANK YOU**, and the Bishop commented on our friendly community!

**FLOWER FESTIVAL, SUMMER FAIR AND GIFT DAY** will be on **Saturday 27<sup>th</sup> July** with a flower display in the Church and stalls and refreshments in the Churchyard and Village Hall – all day. Gift Day is an event normally held on the Saint’s Day for the Church and ours for St Margaret’s is around this time. It is a way of supporting the Church financially because like any building, money is needed to keep it in good condition. We have to have an extensive building survey every 5 years which we have just had and inevitably with a very old building there are repairs that need to be done. The money that you kindly donate will be used for general church maintenance including essential bell tower repairs - many people in the village comment on how they enjoy hearing the bells.

There will be a small envelope which will be delivered with the July Church newsletter to place your donation in which can either be brought up on the day or delivered to Joy Edwards - details to follow.

If you would like to make a cake for the refreshment stall, it would be gratefully received! **FLOWER ROTA**: there is a list on the bookshelves in the Church if you would like to put your name down to do them one Sunday. If you are new to the village or not done them before, please email [helenmarywest4@gmail.com](mailto:helenmarywest4@gmail.com).

The marriage of **Keith Irvine and Katie Pickering** took place on Saturday 4<sup>th</sup> May.

## GREAT WASHBOURNE

**Family Quiz** - many thanks for all who joined us on 27th April; everyone had a great time and we made a very satisfying £780! Special thanks to our super quizmaster Jane.

The Great Washbourne **SUMMER SUPPER** will be held on **Friday 28th June at 6.30pm** in the garden of **Great Washbourne House**. Some local Cheltenham musicians will be providing us with light summer music during the evening. A supper of roast pork (veggie alternative available) and salads will be served with all the trimmings, and strawberries & cream for dessert. There will be a bar, raffle and other entertainment including skittles. Do come and join us for what promises to be a great evening. Tickets will be available in advance from Jane (01242) 620291 or Karen (01242) 620633 or on the door: Adults £14, Children £7. All proceeds will go to the church funds.

## DUMBLETON

**CAFE CHURCH FOR FATHERS DAY SUNDAY 16th JUNE at 10.30am.** Do come and join us for this special occasion when food will be offered for you to enjoy before the informal service begins. This is always an enjoyable gathering and is open to everyone to participate in. We love to see families so please come and bring your children.

The next **FUNdraising event** is our Summer evening in the garden of **THE VILLA**, Blacksmiths Lane, by kind invitation of Fred and Sue Invine.(undercover if wet) It is a **"PIMMS, PLATTERS AND PUDDING"** evening on **SATURDAY 6th JULY** starting at 6pm. Tickets priced at £12 will be available shortly from Jenny Maher (01386 881474) email: jennylynn71@icloud.com. There will be an ordinary **RAFFLE** (any prizes) but also a **TOMBOLA** stall for which donated prizes of **'BOOZE, BISCUITS and CHOCOLATES'** will be gratefully received. \*

We hope you are able to support this event to help boost the church funds for our beautiful Village Church.

\* The Village Hall Committee have kindly offered a space for donated items for the **RAFFLE** and **TOMBOLA** to be left in the Campbell room at their June Breakfast. Alternatively, a box will be placed in church in which to leave your gifts. Many thanks.

## WORMINGTON

**TURRET REPAIR UPDATE**- We have received one favourable grant to date and are awaiting the result of 3 further applications. Again, thank you to all who have contributed to date. The first bat survey identified two species of bats and so, two further night surveys are required to confirm species!! We would then need to apply for a licence.

**WVS Cream tea** in the marquee **Sunday 2nd June 2.30-4.30pm.** £5 a head - All are welcome to come and sample our homemade scones, cream and jam.

Bar nights: **7th June and 22nd June.** From 6.30pm card payment only.

Future events: **"Annual Boules and BBQ" 13th July** **"Wine Tasting with complimentary cheeses" 17th August**

# SERVICES FOR JUNE 2024

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<b>2<sup>nd</sup> June</b> <b>T1 [Proper 4]</b> <b>Green</b>	9.00am <b>GT WASHBOURNE</b> <b>HC Trad</b>	10.30am <b>DUMBLETON</b> <b>HC CW</b>	Deuteronomy 5.12-15 2 Corinthians 4.5-12 Mark 2.23-3.6
<b>9<sup>th</sup> June</b> <b>T2 [Proper 5]</b> <b>Green</b>	9.00am <b>WORMINGTON</b> <b>HC CW</b>	10.30am <b>ALDERTON</b> <b>HC CW</b>	Genesis 3.8-15 2 Corinthians 4.13-5.1 Mark 3.20-end
<b>16<sup>th</sup> June</b> <b>T3 [Proper 6]</b> <b>Green</b>	9.00am <b>GT WASHBOURNE</b> <b>HC CW</b> Service led by Chris Haslam	10.30am <b>DUMBLETON</b> <b>CAFÉ CHURCH for</b> <b>Father's Day</b>	Ezekiel 17.22-end 2 Corinthians 5.6-10 [11-13] 14-17 Mark 4.26-34
<b>23<sup>rd</sup> June</b> <b>T4 [Proper 7]</b> <b>Green</b>	6.00pm <b>WORMINGTON</b> <b>Choral Evensong</b>	10.30am <b>ALDERTON</b> <b>HC CW</b>	Job 38.1-11 2 Corinthians 6.1-13 Mark 4.35-end
<b>30<sup>th</sup> June</b> <b>T5 [Proper 8]</b> <b>Green</b>	10.30am Holy Communion Service <b>DUMBLETON</b> Service led by Revd Mike Holloway		Wisdom 1.13-15; 2.23-24 2 Corinthians 8.7-end Mark 5-21-end

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