



Wyre Forest West Churches

Mamble • Bayton • Clows Top
Rock • Heightington • Far Forest

Sunday 27th April 2nd Sunday of Easter

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10.00 a.m.	Altogether Holy Communion	St Peter and St Paul, Rock
Sunday 4 th May – 3 rd Sunday of Easter		
9.30 a.m.	Holy Communion	St John the Baptist, Mamble
11.00 a.m.	Mattins	Mission Room, Clows Top
6.00 p.m.	Compline	St Giles, Heightington
Sunday 11 th May - 4 th Sunday of Easter		
9.30 a.m.	Holy Communion	Holy Trinity, Far Forest
11.00 a.m.	Commemoration of VE Day followed by tea, coffee and cake	St Peter and St Paul, Rock
6.00 p.m.	Holy Communion BCP	Mission Room, Clows Top
Sunday 18 th April – 5 th Sunday of Easter		
9.30 a.m.	Holy Communion	St Bartholomew's, Bayton
11.00 a.m.	Family Service	St John the Baptist, Mamble
6.00 p.m.	Holy Communion	St Giles, Heightington

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Bible Readings for Sunday

Acts 5.27-32, Psalm 118.14-29, Revelation 1.4-8, John 20.19-31

Bible Readings for Sunday 4th May

Acts 9.1-6(7-20), Psalm 30, Revelation 5.11-14, John 21.1-19

The Collect – the prayer for this week

Risen Christ, for whom no door is locked, no entrance barred:
open the doors of our hearts, that we may seek the good of others
and walk the joyful road of sacrifice and peace, to the praise of God the Father. Amen.

Requests for Prayer

Please continue to pray for all those who are ill, especially Sylvia Jenkins, Susan Godwin, Margaret Wright, Maureen Boswell, Sandra, Sheila Whitelaw, Colin, Ray Yarsley, Madge, Derek Kinnarney, Vince Taylor, Richard Butcher, Diana White, and Mark Driver.

Pray for the family and friends of all who have recently died, Frank Carter, Peter Ray, Jean Piper, and for all who mourn.

We celebrate with the families and friends of Finley and Sofia who will both be baptised at services on Sunday.

News From Around the Benefice

Coffee Mornings



Mamble - In the village hall 10 am - 12.15 pm on Tuesday 13th May. Bayton -

In the village hall, 10 am - 12 pm on

Tuesday 6th May. A warm welcome awaits everyone along with coffee, tea and delicious homemade cakes.

We are looking forward to seeing you all there!



Intercessions

We think of the saints who have served and shared the faith of God over generations. So we remember Pope Francis, who died just a few days ago. We give thanks to you, our God, for his gentleness and humility. We give thanks to you for his calm and wisdom in

leading millions of worshippers across the world. We give thanks to you for the ways he worked with other churches to bring Christian unity, and we give thanks to you for his voice speaking out for peace, kindness and love in our world. Following his example, and knowing the joy of the risen Christ in our hearts, we pray that you will show us how we can follow the example of Pope Francis and other Christian leaders in our daily lives.

May we be your witnesses, **May we unlock your love.**

We think of our country and our community, for those in desperation and those in need. So we remember those who are facing homelessness, poverty and despair. We pray to you, our God, for those who seem on the margins, those who have been forgotten, and those who have not had the chances in life that we enjoy. We pray for those who have given way to addiction, or those who have developed lives of crime. We pray for those who are worried about cuts in benefits or losing their jobs. We pray to you that even those at the end of all hope will find hope in you. Following the example of Jesus, we pray that you will show each one of us what we can do to help those who seem beyond help, and how we as a church community carrying the name of the risen Christ can make a difference.

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We think of the world and all the countries in it, and we pray for financial calm and for peace. We remember the difficulties the world is facing as it looks to the future, with money in the hands of the few, financial crises, and worries about savings and investments. We pray to you, our God, for wisdom to be given to those who make the big decisions in our world, that they would fully understand the global consequences of their actions. We pray to you for those continuing conflicts in Sudan, the Middle East and Ukraine, and the attempts to bring calm. We pray to you for all

those innocent people caught up in horror and violence, that they would be comforted by the knowledge that Jesus suffered, and you heal. Following the life of peace that Jesus led, we pray that we would be people of wisdom and peace in our homes, schools, colleges, churches and workplaces, thinking through our decisions and working for the good of all people.

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We think of those known to us who are in need right now, and we bring our own needs to God. So we remember those in our families and our church family who are sick, lost, or lonely at this time. We pray to you, our God, for your love and comfort to surround them as a good parent protects their children. We pray that they would know the power of your Spirit in bringing healing, and the warmth of your love in bringing comfort. We pray to you that you would help with the decisions that people have to make, the hardships they face, and the mourning they endure. We remember ourselves, as we reflect on the Easter story and look back a week to the joyous resurrection of Jesus. Now, as we read of how the disciples and others met Jesus afresh and believed in him, we pray to you that we would meet Jesus in a new way. May we all be filled with the Holy Spirit to live and serve others.

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Merciful Father, Accept these prayers for the sake of your Son, our Saviour Jesus Christ. Amen.

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