

# ST MARY'S, BERROW AND ST BRIDGET'S, BREAN

SHARING THE LOVE OF JESUS IN OUR LOCAL COMMUNITY AND BEYOND

For news and info from across Berrow and Brean and the wider church

20th May 2022

## Dates for your diary

### Sunday Services

22nd May 9:00am Morning Praise, St Bridget's Brean  
10:30am Holy Communion, St Mary's Berrow

26th May 9:30am Ascension Day Service, St Bridget's

29th May 10:00am Benefice Service, St Mary's Berrow

5th June 10:30am Jubilee LEP Service, St Bridget's Brean  
10:30am Morning Praise, St Mary's Berrow

12th June 9:00am Morning Praise, St Bridget's Brean  
10:30am Holy Communion, St Mary's Berrow  
6:00pm Evening Prayer, St Mary's Berrow

19th June 9:00am Holy Communion, St Bridget's Brean  
10:30am Praise Service, St Mary's Berrow

26th June 9:00am Morning Praise, St Bridget's Brean  
10:30am Holy Communion, St Mary's Berrow

### Midweek Prayer/Services

1st, 15th, 29th June 8:00pm Night Prayer (Online)

8th, 22nd June 9:30am Morning Prayer (St Mary's)

### Berrow and Brean Community Cafés and Hubs

Every Tuesday 1:00-3:00pm Berrow Village Hall

Every Thursday 1:00-3:00pm Brean Village Hall

### Little Seedlings (Baby and Toddler Group)

Wednesday mornings term time only 9:30-11:30am

### Encounters, Julian Group and Bible Meditations

Thursdays weekly 7:30pm St Mary's Church Room

### Fun Club (years 4-6) and Some Thing (years 7-9)

Friday 10th (FC) and Friday 24th June (ST)

Please see our website for more information

Dear all,

Over the past few weeks in church, we have seen God moving in a particularly exciting way. It is important to make note of this when it happens so that we might be encouraged, especially when times are more difficult.

Firstly, I have been really encouraged by the response to the questions I offered in my annual report. It seems like the vision of hope has really resonated with many people and the emails that I have had from some of you with things that you have felt God saying in response have been really encouraging.

Secondly, we marked Mental Health Awareness Week last Sunday and again the feedback from many of you about the way in which God was moving as we engaged with this important subject has been incredibly moving. As I shared with those in church last Sunday, it is my hope that we will run the Sanctuary Course here to raise awareness and understanding of issues around mental health and I hope that many of us will sign up to do this course. For those interested, you can see the service from St Mary's on our YouTube channel (and the vision service the previous Sunday is there as well).

In the next few weeks, we will be marking the Ascension Day, celebrating the completion of the Partnership for Missional Journey process that we have been on for the past 3 years, the Queen's Platinum Jubilee, and Pentecost. As we journey together, let us pray in faith that God will continue to work in and through us as we seek to share the love of Jesus in our local community and beyond.

With every blessing

Rev Jonathan Philpott

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### Readings and Collect for 22nd May

Risen Christ, by the lakeside you renewed your call to your disciples: help your Church to obey your command and draw the nations to the fire of your love, to the glory of God the Father. **Amen.**

Acts 16:9-15                      John 5:1-9

### Readings for 29th May:

Acts 16:16-34b                      John 17:20-26

### Readings for 5th June:

Acts 2:1-21                      John 14:8-17

### Readings for 12th June:

Romans 5:1-5                      John 16:12-15

### Readings for 19th June:

Galatians 3:23-29                      Luke 8:26-39

### Readings for 26th June:

Galatians 5:1, 13-25                      Luke 9:51-62

### For your prayers

As you may know, we have a Prayer Diary for Berrow and Brean, and we would love to encourage you to join us in praying each day using this as it is a really great way of being united in our prayers. If you don't have a copy, please contact Rev Jonathan Philpott.

Please also pray for the different things that are in this newsletter, and for the groups that offer people the chance to grow in their faith. Please also continue to pray for our community cafe and hubs, and for the young people who attend our youth and children's groups.

### A Prayer for our new Bishop

Gracious God, we give you thanks for the wonderful ways in which you gently guide our lives in order to fulfil your purposes in us.

We give thanks for bringing us all to this day, and for your continuing presence with us through times of change. We give thanks especially for Bishop Michael's coming to us. May the coming days be filled with your blessing as he begins to see something of the life of our Diocese, and meets strangers who will become colleagues and friends.

Guide us all, we pray, through this coming time of preparation, and pour the gifts of your Spirit upon him, his family, and on this Diocese. Give to us all the grace of encouragement as we wait in hope and trust for the unfolding of your plans for us, that we may build up in one another the confidence to respond to your call into the future. **Amen.**

### Queen's Jubilee Plans

In the week leading up to the 5th June, there are a number of events planned for the Queen's Jubilee.

Tuesday 31st May - Berrow Community Hub (1-3pm)

Thursday 2nd June - Brean Community Hub (1-3pm)

Cream teas will be served at St Mary's Berrow between 2-4pm on 3rd, 4th and 5th June. Cream teas will then continue between 2-4pm every Saturday and Sunday until 4th September.

There are special services in both churches on 5th June followed by bring and share lunches. **Please note the service times over the page for this special occasion.**

### Special Services in May

Thursday 26th May is Ascension Day, and there will be a special service at 9:30am at St Bridget's, Brean.

Sunday 29th May is a benefice service where both churches come together. At this service we will be looking back at and celebrating the Partnership for Missional Church journey that we have been on over the past 3 years.

### A new Bishop of Bath and Wells

After a long wait, it was recently announced that Rt Rev Michael Beasley will be consecrated as the 80th Bishop of Bath and Wells. Bishop Michael has been to visit the Diocese and there is a great deal of excitement about his arrival with us later this year.

Bishop Michael is currently the Bishop of Hertford and has previous experience working with UNICEF, the NHS as well as other organisations. We look forward to welcoming him to the Diocese in the autumn, and when opportunity presents, here in Berrow and Brean.

### Rector's Annual Report

The Rector's annual reports for St Mary's and St Bridget's are now available online and can be downloaded along with the other paperwork from this year's APCMs. Please do have a read and pray about God's direction for us here in Berrow and Brean.