

WHEATHILL PRIORY BENEFICE

“Jesus Lives: Follow Him”

Sunday 18 Easter 3

The death of His royal Highness the Prince Philip, Duke of Edinburgh has, rightly been a major topic of conversation, news and the focus of much of the public life of our nation in this past week, a focus that will continue until the end of the official mourning period at 8am on Sunday Morning.

Obviously for The Queen and Royal Family mourning will not suddenly stop as the funeral ends and the focus of newsprint moves on. Their lives, like the life of anyone who mourns the loss of a much-loved member of their family, is forever different and altered.

This time happens during Easter, the seven-week period when the church focuses on the reality of the resurrection and our Christian hope that this life is not an end in itself but that we have a hope and expectation of a heavenly and eternal life.

That doesn't mean there is no grief when someone we love dies. Nor does it mean that we must approach everything with smiles glued to the outside of our faces whilst inside we're being torn in two. Instead I think it means that we approach all that happens in life with an eternal perspective, which is easier sometimes than others!

It is noticeable that often in the resurrection appearances Jesus reassures his disciples with the words 'Peace be with you', and then he shows them the marks of crucifixion. Encountering and believing in a resurrection is done alongside the unanswered questions, the marks on our bodies but with the hope of God's peace amid all that.

May you know that peace today and in the days to come.

Saturday 17 April Midday the bells of Kingweston, Lydford and Barton St David will toll 99 times. In Kingweston this will be followed by a short commemoration service. Our intention is that we will be home well before the television coverage of the funeral begins.

Bible Readings for the week (Sorry last week I gave this week's readings...)

Sunday Psalm 4, Acts 3:12-19, Luke 24:36b-48

Monday Psalm 96, Deuteronomy 5:1-22, Ephesians 1;1-14

9am Morning Prayer Keinton Mandeville

7:00pm Keinton Mandeville Reordering Group meets on Zoom

Tuesday Psalm 98, Deuteronomy 5;22-end, Ephesians 1:15-end

11:45am Post-Covid Group meets on Zoom

Wednesday Psalm 105, Deuteronomy 6, Ephesians

2:1-10

Thursday Psalm 136, Deuteronomy 7:1-11, Ephesians

2;11-end

9am Morning Prayer on Zoom

Friday (St George's Day) Psalm 5, Joshua 1:1-9, Ephesians 6:10-20

Saturday Psalm 108, Deuteronomy 8, Ephesians 3;14-end

Sunday 10:30am Morning Worship Barton St David

4:00pm Faith 'n Fun Keinton Churchyard on St George



Phone Church

We have set up a phone line that you can use (for the cost of a local call so probably free for most) to listen to a reading, the reflection and prayers of intercession for the week. The

phone number is **01458 552155**. The service will be available from Monday morning.

There is also the Church of England Daily Hope phone line, which has hymns, prayers and reflections.



A free phone line of hymns, reflections and prayers

YouTube

Our weekly worship continues to be available on YouTube, we hope to livestream the services as they happen, so from 10:30am. If that fails we will upload them after the service. You can find the service here:

https://www.youtube.com/channel/UC9tB_kpGA8SZwwyE9AmKvmg/videos?view=57

Bishop Peter

As you may have heard Bishop Peter, Bishop of Bath and Wells has announced his retirement, you can read his reflection <https://www.bathandwells.org.uk/2021/03/bishop-peter-announces-retirement-as-he-continues-recovery-from-leukaemia/> and watch a video from him here: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=DX88FMztObl>

He has also recorded an Easter message for the diocese which you can see here: https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=T5jdn_yURzg

There will be a process to follow regarding a new Bishop, and that will take time, but for now we continue to pray for Bishop Peter and Jane as they prepare for the next step in their lives.

Annual Church Meetings

Our Annual Church meetings will take place in May

16 May 12:00 on Zoom Keinton Mandeville

24 May 7:00pm In Barton St David

26 May 7:30pm in Lydford Church

If you are on an electoral roll please come to that meeting, to hear the reports of the year and for us to assess together where we are as parish and benefice.

April – May worship

18/4/21 10:30am Morning Worship Keinton Mandeville

28/4/21 10:30am Morning Worship Barton St David

4pm Faith 'n Fun Keinton Churchyard

2/5/21 10:30am Barton St David

Zoom Details:

Topic: Morning Prayer Weekly from January 14

Time: Jan 14, 2021 09:00 London

Join Zoom Meeting

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/8750238874?pwd=dkpVVnNoZnhvcUJCeVNsYTdJRHZOZz09>

Meeting ID: 875 0238 8874

Passcode: 115224

The next meeting of the Bible Book Club will be on Wednesday 2 June at 7:30pm in Lydford Church. We're going to talk about the book of Daniel.