

WHEATHILL PRIORY BENEFICE

“Jesus Lives: Follow Him”

Sunday 2 April Easter 5

The second of Jesus’ ‘I am’ sayings in John’s Gospel that we’re reading this year is ‘I am the vine’. Like the Shepherd this is an expression that has deep resonances with the people of Israel in his time. In the Old Testament Israel is referred to as vines (e.g. in Isaiah 5) and a vineyard which God has tended, and yet they have failed to yield fruit.

So when Jesus says ‘I am the vine’ he is proclaiming that he is the true Israel, moreover he is fruitful. Those who follow him will need to submit (in the way that Israel had not) to pruning so that they bear fruit and are useful.

For those who garden the concept of pruning is one we’re used to. Pruning means that the quality of the flowers (roses) or fruit is improved because the plant grows true, that which is weak and ineffectual is removed and the plant is able to grow towards the light, thereby bearing fruit.

By calling us to live in the vine that is Jesus himself we are called to orientate our lives towards his light, to remove that which prevents us from doing so, not in our own strength but by working with God, to listen and re-orientate, something that I find I need to do daily!

When we do this, then God is glorified, we see growth and change in churches and congregations and the number of followers grows.

So what helps you to stay close to God? And where are you called to bear fruit so that others too may know him better?

Bible Readings for the week

Sunday Psalm 22:25-31, Acts 8:26-40, John 15:1-8

8:30am Holy Communion Lydford on Fosse

10:30am Morning Worship Barton St David

Monday 145, Deuteronomy 16:1-20, 1 Peter 1:1-12

Tuesday Psalm 19, Deuteronomy 17:8-end, 1 Peter 1:13-end

Wednesday Psalm 30, Deuteronomy 18: 9-end, 1

Peter 2:1-10

Thursday Psalm 57, Deuteronomy 19, 1 Peter 2:11-

end



9am Morning Prayer on Zoom

Friday Psalm 138, Deuteronomy 21:22-22:8, 1 Peter 3:1-12

Saturday Psalm 150, Deuteronomy 24:5-end, 1 Peter 3:13-end

Sunday 10:30am Rogation Service outside Lydford on Fosse (please bring chairs!)

Please note that if our worship at 10:30am is inside we will hold two services, one at 8:30am and one at 10:30am. This is to ensure that we have space for all those who would like to come.

Ascension Day: 13 May Holy Communion 7pm Kingweston

Our apologies that last week we failed to manage to record the service so there was nothing on YouTube or the Phone Church. We hope that this week we will record and upload after the service, with phone church live from Monday morning as usual.

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.

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

This week we probably will not livestream since we are in Barton where reception is particularly bad!

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.

May worship

- 9/5/21 10:30am Rogation Service Lydford churchyard
(bring your own chair!)
- 13/5/21 7pm Holy communion for Ascension
- 16/5/21 8:30am Holy Communion Barton St David
10:30am Morning Worship Keinton Mandeville
- 23/5/21 10:30am Holy Communion Kingweston (Outside)

Zoom Details:

Topic: Morning Prayer

Join Zoom Meeting

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/87502388874?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.

Jane Durham is inviting you to a scheduled Zoom meeting.

Topic: Keinton Mandeville with Kingweston Annual Meeting

Time: May 16, 2021 12:00 London

Join Zoom Meeting

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/84523282473?pwd=dVRucFR3TlR1ZzVveUtvaEV6WkRSZz09>

Meeting ID: 845 2328 2473

Passcode: 359933

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