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PILGRIMAGE TO PICQUET HILL

On Good **Friday 7th April**, we will again be carrying a cross to the top of Picquet Hill, as we remember the events that culminated in Jesus' crucifixion.

In 2022 over 90 adults and children, plus many dogs, followed the cross, stopping on the way for prayer, readings and songs. Please consider joining us for this time of reflection and worship. We will meet at Bratton Baptist Church, Carpenters Lane, from 1000 a.m. for coffee and hot cross buns, before starting out at 1030 a.m. Please contact Ian Humphrey on 01380 830 149 if further details are required.

COFFEE POT EASTER SPECIAL

The coffee pot are having an 'Easter Special' on **Thursday 6th April** from 10.30 am to 12.00 in the Church Institute. There will be: Easter cakes; an Easter egg hunt (inside if wet); a free Easter raffle and a chance to decorate the Easter tree. See you there! The Coffee Pot Team x

BRATTON JUBILEE HALL BREAKFASTS

Our breakfasts are increasingly popular; come along and enjoy 3 freshly prepared courses served at your table with unlimited toast and coffee/tea. The next breakfast is **Sunday 2nd April**. (there will not be a breakfast on Sunday 7th May) Book by calling 07792 533 357 or email: jubileehall87@yahoo.com. More details on Facebook or our website: <https://www.brattonjubileehall.info/contact-us>

WHO'S NEW? WHO KNOWS?

It is time for an update to **Bratton's Who's Who** and the new version will be included in the May Parish News so that every household has a copy. If you are involved with a village organisation and the contact details have changed in the past three years, please let us know so that we can be sure that Bratton Who's Who is up to date. We try to pick up changes to contacts as they occur but we can't be sure that we have them all. Details of the contact name and 'phone number should be sent to Mike Manson at mpm1307@outlook.com or 01380 830 853.

NEIGHBOURHOOD PLAN UPDATE

Thanks to those who nominated Green Spaces and Views, which are being evaluated with our consultants. Work is ongoing with character assessments of the village and we have secured technical support funding for the assessment of the potential development sites. A reminder that there will be a Neighbourhood Plan day during Bratton Week on **28th June** where we will be presenting where we are in the process, getting your feedback and answering any questions you might have. Contact: Eddie Cole eddie.cole@bratton-parish.co.uk

PHONE BOX REPURPOSING

We are still open to any suggestions as to the future use of the old phone kiosk. At present, we expect it to be a Hub for the village which will be enhanced by decorative mosaics. We are planning a book exchange; maps of local walks and a general notice board. Any other ideas will be welcome. Steve Lloyd mastsl@aol.com

FASHION THROUGH THE AGES WITH THE W.I.

This month was our annual meeting when we review our last year and work towards the next one. Our officers' vote retained the president, secretary and all serving committee members but we welcomed a new treasurer, Jane Gibson and new committee members Chris Crosby and Angela Cole; welcome extra hands to spread the work. At our next meeting on **4th April** we have Clancy Steer visiting to talk about Fashion through the Ages and her work as an award winning TV and film costume designer. New members are always welcome. If you're not doing anything on Tuesday afternoons why not come along to the church institute at 2pm on the first Tuesday of the month and see what we're about. For details telephone Jan Jones on 01380 830 928.

TREATS IN STORE WITH THE HISTORY ASSOCIATION

Our Talks Programme continues in the **Bratton Church Institute** on:

Sunday 16 April (5pm) *The Dancing Stones: Folk Tales and Folk Tale Collectors in Wiltshire* by Kirsty Hartsiotis

Sunday 21 May (5pm) *Market Lavington Museum Miscellany* by Sue Frost

Details of the rest of our Talks Programme for 2023 are available on our website (**brattonhistory.co.uk**) where you will also find an selection of Blogs based on previous talks and other subjects of local interest.

Other Dates for your diary

Saturday 18 April (10.30-12.30): Join us for an informal *Coffee Morning* at Meadow View, Lower Road.

Thursday 4 May (10.15am-5pm): Day tour of Part of the Stonehenge Heritage Site and Avebury led by Nick Jones

Talks are £2 for members and £4 for non-members. If you'd like early notification of our events and the opportunity to take advantage of discounts on our talks programme, why not become a member.

Membership Fees: £8 p.a. (Single)/£12 (Joint). Details on how to join from Rob Drummond (robdrum63@gmail.com)

MACHINERY GALORE

Westbury Transport and Vintage Gathering -**Saturday April 22nd and Sunday April 23rd.**

All are welcome at our annual event, held as usual alongside Westbury Road just by The Hollow. All classic vehicles and machines welcome. Further information call 07516 599 179.

We welcome people to come along to exhibit items of vintage or classic machinery ranging from lorries and tractors to penny farthings and sewing machines. There are no charges for exhibitors or any local non-profit making stalls. All children are free as is parking but we do charge £2 per head for adult visitors which enables us to meet our expenses. Our original charge was £2 and we have never altered it. We are pleased to be able to welcome many local people and those from further afield, but if anyone would like further information, ring 07516 599 179 or 01373 864 166 Keith B. Miller

THE FOUR VILLAGES LINK

If you would like to find out what Four Villages Link has to offer, or to use our services, please call the coordinator on 07852 256 939 or go to <http://thefourvillageslink.org.uk/> Look out for events over the coronation weekend in May and we will do our best to provide transport.

HELP US TO KEEP BRATTON LOOKING GREAT

A huge thank you to everyone who adopted an area of Bratton to keep an eye on and remove litter (what a shame that we need to do this). You are making an enormous difference.

The next **Tidy Bratton Group** morning will be on **Wednesday 19th April, 10am to 12.30pm.** Come and join us. It's fun! We will meet in the Duke car park at 10am and look forward to seeing you there. Please provide your own gardening gloves and we'll supply the rest of the tools. Thanks from Chris and April Tarling 01380 830468

SUCCESS FOR BRATTON SILVER BAND

March was a great month for the band. We came 2nd in our section at the Oxford and District Area Brass Band Association Contest held in Banbury and 7th out of 16 bands at the West of England Area Championships in Torquay. We're now rehearsing new music for our forthcoming engagements. The first being the Village Coronation Picnic Lunch on **Sunday 7th May** at 1pm on the Village Green, followed by a concert at All Saints Parish Church in Westbury on **Saturday 13th May, 7.30pm.** We hope you will come along and enjoy these special events.

CANDLES FOR KIEV

Many thanks to everyone who gave me their unwanted candles. 10 kg were taken to Marlborough golf club for the people of Kiev who are without electricity. Joan

CHURCH VIEWS

In the Vicarage at Easter, we always try to celebrate with roast lamb. It's expensive, but we like to make Easter a special treat. When carving the joint, I usually make a typical 'Dad' joke about the butcher's string. A piece of string on someone's plate is referred to as "Death's dead string!" Quite often in church we would have sung that morning the hymn, "The strife is o'er, the battle done" from which this is a deliberate misquote (It should be "death's dread sting").

Hymns and songs, often learned in childhood, stick in our memories for a lifetime. I find Easter hymns are particularly powerful. Take, for instance, Charles Wesley's Easter hymn:

Love's redeeming work is done

Fought the fight, the battle won:

Lo! Our sun's eclipse is o'er;

Lo! He sets in blood no more.

Vain the stone, the watch, the seal;

Christ has burst the gates of hell!

Death in vain forbids His rise:

Christ has opened Paradise.

There's no beating about the bush here. Wesley uses sharp, hard words to get his message across:

vain...stone...watch...seal...burst...hell. It's a hard-hitting hymn that gives the Easter story to you 'no holds barred': Christ died on a cross, his body was buried in a sealed tomb, he rose again on the third day, and is alive, here, now and ever.

You may notice that in nearly every hymn we sing on Easter Day death's dread sting is faced squarely, not glossed over, not diminished. The brutal reality of death, which includes the grief of bereavement, is central to the Christian belief in resurrection. It is resurrection that we believe in, not immortality. When the risen Christ appeared to his disciples, it was to the marks of his dying (his wounds) that he drew their attention. When he ate supper at Emmaus on the evening of that first Easter Day, it was by the symbols of his death (the bread broken and the wine outpoured) that he disclosed himself to the two friends. Easter does not cancel Good Friday; it interprets it, transforms it.

As we celebrate Christ's resurrection on Easter Day, there will be some for whom the cross of bereavement is a recent and most grievous burden. For others, the loss may not be recent, but the pain is still there, contained, but no less bitter. None of us can escape from this deeply troubled world and its sufferings. By our *Alleluias* on Easter Day we are not turning a blind eye to the darkness, but looking it square in the face, and seeing in it the figure of the dying Christ transfigured by his resurrection.

Andrew Sinclair

EXCITING NEWS FROM BRATTON PRIMARY SCHOOL

New School Website! We are really excited to announce that a lot of hard work has been going on behind the scenes to create our new school website which should be launched by Easter! We hope that the new look will be easier to navigate and that it provides a window into all the amazing things we do here at Bratton Primary School. We would love to hear your feedback when the new website goes live.

We are also trying to put together a historical gallery of Bratton Primary School over the years in photos. If you have any old images that you are willing to share, please let Mrs Bunce in the school office know.

***Advance notice of our Disney-themed Scarecrow Trail **Saturday 24th June to Sunday 2nd July**

U3A: ALL ABOUT GLOVES

Westbury and District u3a had an interesting talk on 14 March 2023, given by Dawn Lawrence about The Born Free Foundation (remember Elsa the lion?). Founded by Virginia McKenna, Will and Bill Travers, the Foundation works tirelessly to stop the exploitation and suffering of individual animals living in captivity or in the wild.

Westbury u3a's next meeting will be on **11 April at 2.00** and is by Lily Munday, about The Local Glove Industry.

We're at: Westbury URC Hall, Warminster Rd, Westbury BA13 3PJ. Park at rear, off The Butts via Hospital Road. £2 payable on entry unless otherwise stated. Prospective new members pay no admission on the first visit.

Chris Crosby Westbury u3a Publicity

WAR MEMORIAL RESTORATION

Young Johnson, the stonemasons of Westbury, will be carrying out the cleaning, renovation and repair work required to our War Memorial. This work should start on **Monday, April 17**, and take 3 weeks to complete, weather permitting. Apologies for any inconvenience while this work is in progress.

BRATTON PARISH COUNCIL NOTICES

Contact the Clerk on 01373 864 127, email nicoladuke@bratton-parish.co.uk or the Chair on 01380 831 199, email keith.rayward@bratton-parish.co.uk Website: <https://bratton-parish.co.uk>

Next meeting

The annual council meeting of the Bratton Parish Council is on Tuesday, May 23rd, at 7.15pm in the Jubilee Hall. The annual parish meeting follows straight after at 8pm. It's your chance to talk to councillors about issues that matter to you in the village. All are welcome to attend and we look forward to seeing you there.

Parish Council Vacancies

The Parish Council currently has a vacancy. We would welcome the support of a community minded resident to assist in our work. New members can be co-opted to the council through a simple vote, without needing to go through an election process. Applicants must be over 18 years old and have lived or worked in the parish for the past 12 months. Please contact our clerk Nicola Duke for more information on 01373 864127 / 07971 987806 or email nicola.duke@bratton-parish.co.uk.

Bratton Highways Update Meeting

An informal meeting to discuss road traffic issues affecting Bratton in order to share information about up-coming changes affecting traffic within Bratton; to learn about recent Speedwatch findings; and to share any issues that people may have concerning the roads. The meeting will be at 7.15pm on **Wednesday April 12th** in the Bratton Church Institute Oratory Room. All welcome; if you plan to attend, please inform keith.rayward@bratton-parish.co.uk

Dog Fouling on the Recreation Ground

Please clean up after your dogs on the rec. ground. The ground is in continual use and dog fouling is a health risk.

Possible Disruption To Recreation Ground

At some stage during April, SSEN will be carrying out excavation work along the pylon line. This should not take more than a few days and any work going on will be well marked; but apologies in advance for any inconvenience that might be caused.

BRATTON CHURCH INSTITUTE

March has been a busy time in the hall, with a new user: Jacqui with 'Well balanced Pilates' (Some Fridays, 9.30 am). Coffee Pot in the hall is still a 'warm space' with lots of friendly faces, Thursdays between 10.30am to 12 am with Marie's freshly brewed coffee and cakes. Rainbows is every Tuesday from 5.30 to 6.45. This Easter the hall will be the venue for the wedding of two local young people: our very best wishes go to Thomas and Jade. Please let me know if there is a change in your usual schedule so I can adjust the heating program. Contact me for ALL BOOKINGS joanmartin147@gmail.com: 01380 840 744 07576 851 267 We wish you all a very Happy Easter.

CALLING ALL BABIES AND TODDLERS

Bratton Baby and Toddler Group runs at Bratton Church Institute on Wednesdays, school term time only from 9am until 11.30am. £2 per child and 50p per additional sibling or child with childminder. All children up to school age. Parents, guardians, childminders are all welcome to stay and play with their little ones. We offer a friendly relaxed setting with plenty of toys, a craft table each week, books, a baby area, plus a snack and drink for little ones and the mummies and daddies! Seasonal games/parties are also held. Plenty of outside play space too, great for the approaching summer months! Do come along! We would love to have you!

YOUR COMMUNITY MINIBUS- THE THREE VILLAGES MINIBUS (TVM)

We run regular return trips to Westbury, Devizes, Warminster and Salisbury and will pick you up at the bus stop (or elsewhere) and deliver you home to your door. You would be most welcome to join us, but booking is essential through Joy Fraser (tel: 830426). Shopping Trips starting at Bratton:

Destination	April	Start Time
Devizes-£3.20	Thurs 6 th	8.45am.
Warminster-£2.80	Tues 18 th	1.30pm.
Westbury- £2.30	Every Thursday	1.30pm.
Salisbury-£5.00	Saturday 8 th	9.15am.

All these journeys accept concessionary passes and will return you to your door. These trips are open to **all** resident of our villages; we welcome everyone, of any age. The wearing of face coverings in the minibus is no longer required, but some passengers may still prefer to continue to do so.

COULD YOU BE A SHARED-LIVES CARER?

Suzanne Wickham tells us that Wiltshire Council has launched a new support service to help people that are medically fit to leave hospital and continue their recovery in a safe environment while regaining the daily living skills and confidence needed to return home. The Shared Lives Home from Hospital Service will enable people to stay and be cared for in the home of a Shared Lives carer for up to 12 weeks before either returning to their own home to live independently or moving to somewhere that can provide the ongoing support they need.

The introduction of the Home from Hospital Service will mean people don't have to stay in hospital when they are ready to leave and as well as creating a more supportive and homely environment for the individuals, it means more hospital beds are available for those who need them.

There are many reasons why people ready to leave hospital cannot return to their own home immediately. They may be waiting for adaptations to their home, require day to day support to continue their recovery following medical conditions such as a stroke or to learn how to manage a long-term condition and there is no one at home to assist them. It could also be because they are waiting for the start of home care services or have had a period of mental ill health which required a hospital admission. It could be older people requiring more time to recover and regain their strength and confidence following a hospital stay.

Would you, or someone you know be interested in becoming a Shared Lives carer?

The job is very flexible with carers able to work in their own home and fit around their family life. Shared Lives carers do not need qualifications as we provide training but should have a wide range of life experience. Shared Lives carers come from diverse backgrounds. They may be single or couples, with or without children living at home. They can be any age over 18 years.

For more information on Shared Lives and Shared Days Carers, including the remuneration package, please visit the [Wiltshire Council website](http://www.wiltshire.gov.uk/home-from-hospital) at www.wiltshire.gov.uk/home-from-hospital

Please don't hesitate to contact me if I can help with any local matter. Suzanne Wickham – Wiltshire Councillor
Ethandune Email – suzanne.wickham@wiltshire.gov.uk Phone 07967 213336

THE CORONATION WEEKEND- SAVE THESE DATES

WATCH THE CORONATION WITH FRIENDS

The Jubilee Hall plan to screen the Coronation on **Saturday 6th May** along with a delicious buffet lunch. Timings to be confirmed but book your place now! Tickets are £10, to include lunch and a glass of fizz. The paying bar will serve wine, beer, fizz and soft drinks. Come along and experience this important event with your friends and family.

CORONATION STREET PARTY

Bratton Parish Council are organising a Coronation 'Street Party' on **Sunday 7th May** to be held on the Village Green, so as to allow the village to get together without needing to close any roads to traffic. The arrangements will be similar to those for the Jubilee, with people bringing their own food, seating etc. Further details will be published nearer to the time. If anyone has any suggestions for entertainment, please contact the BPC Chair, Cllr Keith Rayward.

CORONATION TEA PARTY

Anyone over 60 wishing to join the tea party hosted by Westbury Lions on **Sunday 7th May**, to be held at the Paragon Hall, Haynes Road, Westbury, should complete the advert appearing in the White Horse News on 11th April and return it to a box at Bratton Stores by Saturday 22nd April. This will be a free afternoon which includes entertainment, refreshments and a raffle.

FANCY A CUPPA?

There will be a special Teabags from 2.30pm on **Monday 8th May** as part of the Coronation celebrations. Cakes, chat, music played by Debby Bailey, and to mark the occasion, a free raffle ticket with every piece of cake bought. The prize? A celebration Coronation cake! Put the date in your diaries, and we'll see you there!

BIG HELP-OUT DAY, MONDAY 8TH MAY

This is a nationwide event as part of the Coronation celebrations.

- The Jubilee Hall's exterior windows are in a sad state and we would like your help to sand and repaint, weather permitting.
- The Tidy Bratton Group invite you to join in a BIG LITTER PICK around Bratton and along the roads leading into the village. Please meet in The Duke car park at 10.00 am.

WHICH PATH DO YOU MEAN?

We are so lucky to have so many footpaths linking parts of the village. Some: The Ball, Emms Lane, Millditch, Sands Lane, Giles Lane Tinkers Lane and Bury Lane have names. The rest have numbers on a map. To celebrate the Coronation, The Tidy Bratton Group invite you to suggest names for the other paths. Maybe we could commemorate special people, maybe significant events. Whatever your idea, send it to 07892 717 644, editorbratton@outlook.com or pop it on a piece of paper by **27th April**. (You'll find a suggestion box in the village shop). A committee will select names in time for May 6th and a map with all the footpath names on it will be included in the May BPN.

THAT'S THE SPIRIT

The **Bratton Jubilee Players'** next production is Noel Coward's 'improbable farce' **Blithe Spirit** and will be delighting audiences on **18th, 19th and 20th May**. Rehearsals are well under way. As always, anyone wishing to be involved with the players please contact them via the website: jubileeplayers.com or Facebook.

CORONATION CONCERT

On **Saturday 29 April, 7:30pm** at Edington Priory Church, Please join Westbury Choral Society for a Coronation Concert, starting with a pre-concert drink and canapés from 6:50pm, (included in your ticket price). Programme to include: The King Shall Rejoice – Handel/ All in the April Evening – Robertson/ Open Thou Mine Eyes – Rutter/ Shoshone Love Song – Emerson/ Missa Brevis Sancti Joannis de Deo – Haydn/ There is Nothing Like a Dame - Rodgers & Hammerstein/ The Road Home – Paulus/ Sprig of Thyme - Rutter

Tickets £12 (accompanied children free) Available from choir members, South West Hearing Care on High Street, TicketSource (a link can be found at westburychoral.org.uk) Also available on the door (subject to availability).

THE 2023 EDINGTON ARTS CHORAL WORKSHOP

Something rather different this year: on **Saturday 20th May** Jeremy Summerly will be leading a choral workshop in Edington Priory Church, working with us on a number of Spirituals from an edition compiled and arranged by Bob Chilcott. The day will run from registration at 9.30am, until approximately 4.30pm, ending with a run-through for family and friends after tea and cake to which all are welcome. The cost, at £20, (students £10), is less than last year, and includes arrival and mid-morning refreshments and music hire. Application forms are downloadable from www.edingtonarts.org/whats-on or you can email anne@edingtonarts.org .

SAVE THE DATE - BRATTON WEEK 2023 24th June - 1st July 2023

Bratton village will be hosting a variety of wonderful activities throughout the week to include: the Church Fete; a Pub Quiz; Bell Tower Tour; Wine and Cheese Night; Scarecrow Trail; Cricket Match; Pilates; Church Service; Art Class Exhibition; Murder Mystery; School Fete... plus lots more! ***Watch this space for more details in the coming months***

CALLING ALL ARTISTS

Last held in 2019, **Art in the Garden** is back on **Sunday 9th July**. If you are an artist, craftsperson, or any type of creative person and live in Bratton or nearby and are interested in helping to raise money for charity by exhibiting your work in a lovely garden setting please contact Caroline Wood at carolinewood.uk@hotmail.com or Lucy Ellis on 07973 938 211 for more information.

SUPPORT THE LIFESAVERS

In order to continue Saving Lives at Sea the RNLI depend upon many volunteers. It's not just our lifesaving crews that are volunteers, it's our many fundraisers too. Without the hard work and time donated by these very special people, the RNLI would not be able to train or equip our crews. Our fundraisers are an incredibly important part of the RNLI team. Would you consider donating some of your spare time to become one of our volunteer fundraisers?

To find out more or to apply to join our local fundraising team follow this link: www.rnli.org/onecrewvolunteers

BRATTON CRICKET CLUB

With spring around the corner it will not be long before the sound of bat on ball will be returning to the recreation ground. Outdoor nets resume every Thursday evening from 13th April starting at 6pm, all are welcome. For club members a reminder to sign up on Pitchero where the full fixture list for the season is published; new members always welcome please contact Nick Cooper monpetiavion@hotmail.com or 079678201390

BRATTON BAPTIST CHURCH

Our time together is relaxed and informal with people of all ages meeting **every Sunday morning at 11am** for worship and fellowship. Activities for both young and old are provided and we finish each service with refreshments. We look forward to welcoming you! Details about services and events will also be on our Facebook and Instagram pages as well as our noticeboard outside the church.

Activities for April

Easter Scavenger & Egg Hunt Saturday 1st April 10 – 11.30am. Free event. Please contact Allison for more details.

Good Friday Pilgrimage starts from the Chapel at 10.30am, Friday 7th April.

Easter Sunday Service, a time of celebration for all the family. 11am Sunday, 9th April.

Tea-time Service, 4pm on Sunday 23rd April. A short informal Sunday service, followed by tea & cake.

Revive Café is open every Monday afternoon in term time, 2.30 – 4.30pm @ the Chapel. Dates for April are 17th and 24th. Pop in for a cup of tea or freshly brewed coffee and a slice of cake. Craft activities for the children provided.

Early Bird Prayer every Wednesday, 7am at the Chapel.

Pickleberry Ladies every Thursday, come and meet upstairs at Pickleberry Coffee Shop from 11am - all ages welcome!

Connect, alternate Thursdays, 2pm at the Chapel. Come and make friends, chat over coffee and study the Bible together. Thursday 13th April.

Bratton Bugs Fridays 21st and 28th April at 1.45 – 3pm @ the Chapel. Bring your under 5s to enjoy a time of music making, singing and play. £1.50 per family.

Comets: Friday 21st April at 6.30pm. Comets is a club for children in school years 3, 4, 5 & 6. Each club night is themed, and the children engage in games and craft activities, and includes a refreshment break.

Fusion: A youth club for 11 – 14s, every 1st Friday of the month. A space to hang out, chat, have some fun and relax. Please note there is no Fusion in April!

We will be running an **Alpha** course starting on Thursday 4th May. **Alpha** provides an opportunity to learn more about the Christian faith. Call Allison or Esther for more details.

For support or information, please call Esther (Minister in training) or Allison (Children and Families worker) on 01380 830746 or contact by email: esther@brattonbaptistchurch.org.uk or allison@brattonbaptistchurch.org.uk

ST. JAMES' CHARITY OF THE MONTH

Our charity this month needs little introduction - in support of Dorothy House, our wonderful local hospice in Winsley. We all know or know of somebody who has benefited from the loving care given by the staff at Dorothy House, either respite care or end of life care on earth. The staff attend to all the needs of their patients, including their spiritual needs, with close links to all denominations. This homely house with its warm, welcoming staff that are totally up to date with new developments in this field makes Dorothy House unique so please support. Who knows who will be there next? Thank you all.

ST JAMES' CHURCH ANNUAL MEETINGS

The Annual Meetings of St James' Church will be held on **Tuesday 18th April**, starting at 7.30 p.m. in the Church Institute. This is to elect Churchwardens, members of the PCC, and representatives for the Deanery Synod, as well as to hear reports on our activities in 2022.

WHAT'S ON

To keep up with the latest events in our village please check the Facebook page: Bratton Village What's On

THE VIEWS EXPRESSED IN THE BRATTON PARISH NEWS ARE NOT NECESSARILY THOSE OF THE PCC

Please submit Items for the **May 2023** issue of Bratton Parish News by **Wednesday 26th April** to the Editor:
editorbratton@outlook.com (Font - Calibri 11points, if possible). Thank you.

The Benefice of Bratton, Edington and Imber, Erlestoke and Coulston

SERVICES IN THE BENEFICE – APRIL 2023

	Bratton	Edington	Erlestoke	Coulston
<i>1st Sunday</i> 2nd April Palm Sunday	8.00 Holy Communion 09.30 Service on Village Green	10.45 Palm Sunday <i>procession from the Church</i> 11.00 Parish Communion <i>in the Parish Hall</i>	15.00 Service at Erlestoke 16.30 Evensong at Great Cheverell <i>followed by tea</i>	12.00 Onwards Village Hall available for Shelter for Picnic Lunch 13.30 Palm Sunday Reflection
<i>2nd Sunday</i> 9th April Easter Day	8.00 Holy Communion 11.00 Easter Communion <i>followed by Easter Egg Hunt</i> 18.00 Sing Praise	5.30 Easter Liturgy 9.30 Solemn Eucharist <i>followed by Easter Egg Hunt</i>	11.00 Easter Parish Communion	11.00 Easter Parish Communion
<i>3rd Sunday</i> 16th April Second Sunday of Easter	08.00 Holy Communion 11.00 Footprints	09.30 Parish Communion <i>in the Parish Hall followed by APCM</i> 18.30 Evensong		11.00 Parish Communion
<i>4th Sunday</i> 23rd April Third Sunday of Easter	08.00 Holy Communion 11.00 Parish Communion	09.30 Parish Communion 18.30 Choral Evensong <i>with Bishop Andrew</i>	11.00 Morning Service <i>followed by APCM</i>	
<i>5th Sunday</i> 30th April Fourth Sunday of Easter	11.00 Benefice Service			

MIDWEEK SERVICES

Evening Prayer 5.30pm at Erlestoke (Mondays), Coulston (Tuesdays), the Vicarage for Edington (Wednesdays), the Vicarage for Imber (Thursdays), St James' Bratton (Fridays).

Holy Week Services

Monday 3 rd April	19.30 Compline with Holy Week Reflection			
Tuesday 4 th April		19.30 Compline with Holy Week Reflection		
Wednesday 5 th April				19.30 Compline with Holy Week Reflection
Thursday 6 th April Maundy Thursday	19.30 Fellowship Meal & Special Reflection for Holy Week (BCI)	19.30 Maundy Thursday Eucharist with footwashing & Vigil		
Friday 7 th April Good Friday	10.00 Ecumenical Walk of Witness from Bratton Baptist Church to Picquet Hill 19.30 The Cross of Christ	13.00 Good Friday Liturgy		
Saturday 8 th April Easter Eve	20.00 Christ in Quiet			

ST. JAMES' CHURCH, BRATTON - Key contacts

For pastoral matters please call: Rector: Rev'd Andrew Sinclair 830374 Honorary Associate Priest: Rev'd Malcolm Wieck 830256 Rev'd Ann Ilsley 830651 Licensed Lay Minister (LLM): Andrew King 831227	Lay Pastoral Assistants (LPA) Lynn Noble 830036 Jill Forbes 830577 Chloe Watts 830600	For other matters please call Church Warden – Mike Manson 830853 or Marie Nunn 830505 Tower Captain (Bells): Dusty Millier 830696 Verger: Sandy Perry 830536 Organist: Brian Martin FRCO LRAM ARCM 830060 BCI Caretaker: Joan Martin 830744
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