



BRATTON PARISH NEWS



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YOUR PARISH NEWS IS EVOLVING!

The Bratton Parish News has recently moved from being the responsibility of the Parochial Church Council to the Parish Council but retains its independence and is still edited by a team of volunteers. This month also sees a change to the printing of the BPN which will now be carried out by a third party, The Wiltshire Print Group in Melksham. This will mean some changes to the deadlines going forward so please keep an eye on our back page which details the deadline date for the next edition. We will also be sending the dates for the rest of 2024 to regular contributors.

We would like to say a very big thank you to Peter Sharland who has been such a stalwart, printing around 580 or so copies of the BPN, previously the White Horse Churchman, almost every month over the past 7 years, and ensuring that the finished article gets to our loyal band of distributors on time.

BRATTON CHURCH INSTITUTE (BCI)

All enquiries to Joan L Martin Tel: 01380830744 Mobile: 07576851267 e-mail: joanmartin147@gmail.com

If you are thinking of having a party or event, please contact me for details. HAPPY EASTER - From the BCI team.

BRATTON JUBILEE HALL

Fundraising for Hall improvements: We are hugely grateful to Eve Bird, a villager for 50+ years, who has very generously donated the £900 required to restore the windows. This means that monies raised can now go to other internal improvements and especially our long-term goal of installing solar panels. Work on the windows will start soon. Thanks very much to everyone who supported our events in March.

April Breakfast: Book your place on **7th April** by calling 07897 011887 or email jubileehall87@yahoo.com. 3 delicious courses served at your table and a great way to start your Sunday.

Steeple Rocks Concert Friday 19th April 7.30 pm: We would like to thank Adrienne and the choir, Debby and Nick and Bratton Folk for giving their time to a fund-raising concert for the hall. This will be a casual concert, with seating around tables, nibbles, a bar and donations rather than tickets. Don't miss out!

Coffee, Cookies and Chat: Come along on **Saturday 27th April between 10-12** for our regular village get-together.

Jubilee Hall Committee: We are looking for at least one more person to join the committee, in particular for managing social media and promotions. We meet once a month and would very much appreciate more support to keep the hall running efficiently. Our next meeting is 2nd April at 7pm, if you would like to come along and find out more.

ROYAL BRITISH LEGION WOMEN'S SECTION

Several of us celebrated our Branch Birthday, with a bring something for the table at Marie's, and we had a good old natter. Can I please remind everyone that I am still collecting spectacles, which are checked over by a friend who is an optician, and they are sent abroad (I am quite happy to collect them from you). Do join us one evening to see who we are and what we stand for. We meet the on last Tuesday of the month at 7.00pm in the Oratory room at the Church Institute, or for further information please contact us, Marie 01380 830505 m.nunn505@gmail.com or Sandy, 01380 830536 sandyperry505@gmail.com

WESTBURY U3A

Members of Westbury & District u3a enjoyed a very interesting and fun talk by Sally Smith about her book: Magnificent Women and Flying Machines. The book is about the first 100 years of women in the sky, including Hilda Hewlett who was the first British woman to hold a full pilot's license in 1911, solo pilot Edith Cook in 1910, Letitia Sage the first woman balloonist and aeronaut in 1785, and Winifred Brown. It is worth looking up these unsung heroines and their amazing achievements!

Westbury u3a meets on the 2nd Tuesday monthly in Westbury United Reform Church Hall, Warminster Road, Westbury BA13 3PJ. Park at rear, off The Butts, via Hospital Road.

£3 payable on entry. Do please bring a friend who might like to join us!

WHAT'S ON? DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

EVENT	DATE	TIME
Easter Egg & Scavenger Hunt at Bratton Baptist Chapel	Saturday 30 th March	10.00 am
Easter Communion and Easter Egg Hunt St. James' Church	Sunday 31 st March	11.00 am
Jubilee Hall Committee Meeting	Tuesday 2 nd April	7.00 pm
Bratton Hilly entries close	Tuesday 2 nd April	
3 Villages minibus going to Devizes	Thursday 4 th April	8.45 am
Bratton Hilly Run	Saturday 6 th April	11.00 am
History Association Coffee Morning, 49A Lower Rd	Saturday 6 th April	10.30 – 12.30
Breakfast at the Jubilee Hall	Sunday 7 th April	8.30-10.00 am
3 Villages Minibus AGM, Edington Village Hall	Monday 8 th April	2.30 pm
Four Villages Link Meeting, The Duke	Wednesday 10 th April	10.30 am
Mobile Library at The Duke	Thursday 11 th April	2.45 pm
3 Villages minibus to Salisbury	Saturday 13 th April	9.15 am
3 Villages minibus to Warminster	Tuesday 16 th April	1.30 pm
Steeple Rocks Concert at the Jubilee Hall	Friday 19 th April	7.30 pm
Bratton Community Band Coffee Morning BCI	Saturday 20 th April	10.30 – 12.30
Poppy Talk: Jonathan Bailey BCI	Saturday 20 th April	6.00 pm
Westbury Choral Society Spring Concert	Saturday 20 th April	7.30 pm
BHA Talk by Mike Manson at the BCI	Sunday 21 st April	5.00 pm
Westbury Transport & Vintage Gathering	Sat/Sun 27 th /28 th April	From 9.00 am
Coffee Cookies and Chat – Jubilee Hall	Saturday 27 th April	10.00 – 12.00
Tidy Bratton	Saturday 27 th April	10.00 am
Election Police & Crime Commission – Jubilee Hall	Thursday 2 nd May	
St James' Plant Sale - BCI	Saturday 4 th May	10.00 am
Mobile Library at The Duke	Thursday 9 th May	2.45 pm
Jubilee Players – Eager Beavers	Thu -Sat 9 th -11 th May	
Bratton Community Brass Bands Concert Frome	Saturday 18 th May	7.30 pm
BHA Talk Allan Brodie	Sunday 19 th May	5.00 pm
Parish Council ACM and APM Jubilee Hall	Tuesday 23 rd May	6.30 & 7.30 pm

THE BIG SPECTACULAR BRATTON PLANT SALE - SATURDAY 4th MAY

Come along to the Church Institute and get your garden ready for Summer! There will be a wide choice of flower and vegetable plants available for you to purchase. The plants will include more unusual ones as well as the familiar. Donations of plants, tools, pots etc. gratefully received on the morning of the sale from 8.30am or prior to the event, please contact Lucy Ellis on 831469.

There will be a bygones section of garden tools, plant pots and garden related objects so come and find a bargain! Bacon Butties will be served from 10.00am (entrance through the main door to the hall). Plant Sale will begin at 10.30am entrance by the side gate. After you have made your purchases, why not join us for tea and cake in our lovely hall? Do come and see us and please tell you friends to help us spread the word!

MARQUEES FOR HIRE

The Parochial Church Council and the Recreation Ground Committee own four white marquees which are available for hire within Bratton. Two are 8 metres by 3 metres and two are 6 metres by 3 metres. Hire fees are £40 per marquee for an event of up to two days. The Monday Gang will erect and remove them for a charge of £10. For bookings, please phone Mike Smith (830351) or Mike Manson (830 853).

BRATTON CRICKET CLUB

Bratton Cricket Club are gearing up for the upcoming season. We play a number of friendly games against local teams over the summer months and are always very keen to welcome new players, ability is not a barrier! as many players past and present will verify. We will be using the fantastic facilities at the Rec on Thursday evenings after Easter for nets sessions at 18.30. If you are interested or would like to find out more, please contact Nick Cooper (07967820130).

TEAM ROOM HIRE - BRATTON REC. GROUND

With the coming of Spring and the warmer and (hopefully) drier weather, don't forget that an excellent facility for family events and children's parties is available at the village recreation ground on Trowbridge Road. We are talking about the Team Room, which is in the Pavilion, between the kitchen and the equipment store. It is a sizeable room, furnished, with tables and chairs. The kitchen is well equipped for low level catering, and the whole interior is cleaned every week. It can be an excellent afternoon function location, combining festivities both inside and outside on the big, green spaces. The cost is £20.00 per hour, payable to Bratton Parish council, so please contact the fixture secretary, Steve Lloyd, on 07988 491880 to reserve your date and time. And please do remember that children must be supervised by a responsible adult at all times.

LAST CHANCE - BRATTON HILLY!

Don't forget - Bratton Hilly – **6th April**. Please use the link below to register, The Bratton Hilly 11K and find all the information you may need: - <https://www.entrycentral.com/event/111817> .Note: Entries close on **2nd April**.

A SECOND DEFIBRILLATOR IN THE VILLAGE

Thanks to a generous donation, the village now has a second defibrillator. It is located in the porch of the pavilion at the Recreation Ground. Simple instructions for its use are on the front. It has been registered with the South West Ambulance Service. The unit was fitted at no cost by a member of Bratton Football Club.

TATTY POSTERS

Posters are a great way of advertising all the wonderful things happening in the village, however many are damaged by rain and sadly look very tatty. Posters will stay smart if you ensure that punched or pin holes don't pierce the enclosed paper. You can achieve this by making laminate borders wider than inner poster itself. Please also take care not to pierce others' posters. If there isn't room on a notice board, please find somewhere else to display your poster and also please ensure that posters are removed promptly after your event has taken place. Thank you. The Tidy Bratton Group.

MOBILE LIBRARY DATES

The mobile Library visits Bratton once a month, parking in the Duke Car Park for half an hour between **2.45** and **3.15pm** on the following Thursdays: **11th April, 9th May, 6th June, 4th July, 1st August**. The van stocks books and magazines for children and adults.

BRATTON PARISH COUNCIL NEWS

Contact the Clerk on 01373 864 127, email parish.clerk@brattonparishcouncil.gov.uk or the Chair on 01380 831 199, email parish.chair@brattonparishcouncil.gov.uk

If you have items to be included on the Parish website, please send to: editorial@brattonparishcouncil.gov.uk. Website: <https://brattonparishcouncil.gov.uk>

Annual Council and Annual Parish Meeting

The Annual Council Meeting will take place on **Thursday 23rd May at 6.30pm** in the Jubilee Hall, followed by the Annual Parish Meeting at 7.30pm. It's your chance to hear updates from the parish and raise any issues you might have. Councillor Lloyd is keen to hear any ideas for future Christmas festivities. All are welcome.

Penn Farm

Wiltshire Council are looking into the restaurant, B and B accommodation and shower and toilet block at Penn Farm which have been built without planning permission. We'll update you on their decision.

Police and Crime Commissioner

The election for the Wiltshire Police and Crime Commissioner will take place on **Thursday 2nd May**. The deadline for postal votes is **Wednesday 17th April at 5pm**. Please apply for your postal vote early to ensure it reaches you in time and return it via Royal Mail.

Bus Shelter

We're making progress with replacing the bus shelter at the bottom of Castle Road. We've received quotes and hope to start work soon. Again, we want to apologise for slow pace of this work which was as a result of an argument between the insurance companies involved.

BRATTON HISTORY ASSOCIATION

The BHA aims to provide all those curious about local history with an opportunity to meet, exchange ideas, and discover more about the history of Bratton and Wiltshire.

Bratton Between Chalk and Cheese tells the story of Bratton from earliest times up to 1914 in a series of booklets covering different time periods. Booklets are available for purchase by emailing archive@brattonhistory.co.uk

Saturday 6th April from 10.30pm-12.30pm: Coffee Morning at Meadow View, 49A Lower Road

Sunday 21st April at 5pm: *Over 200 Years of Education in Bratton* by Mike Manson

Sunday 19th May at 5pm: *Wiltshire Holidaymakers in the Past: What were the Options?* by Allan Brodie

Talks take place at the Bratton Church Institute. Doors open half an hour in advance to allow us to start promptly. New members and guests are always welcome. Annual membership fee of £8 each, or £12 for a couple, plus £2 per member or £4 per guest per meeting (collected on the door).

For more information on how to join, visit our website at www.brattonhistory.co.uk

NEW FENCING

The Monday Gang is presently involved in renewing the fencing to the North side of the footpath that runs around the North outside of the churchyard. The old metal mesh, barbed wire, and posts were in a sorry state, and a few of the wooden posts had rotted and were held up by the fence! The old fence and posts were taken down on 11th March, and the new one might well be in place by the time you read this. Take a stroll up Church Lane and have a look.

SPRINGTIME SPRING CLEAN

The Tidy Bratton Group will be meeting together on **Saturday 27th April** to give the roads and footpaths of our lovely village a spring clean. We'll be meeting as usual in the Duke car park at 10.00 am and will tidy up through to 12.30 pm. Children (accompanied by an adult) are very welcome. Please bring gardening gloves and we'll supply everything else. See you there! Chris and April Tarling 01380 830 468.

WESTBURY CHORAL SOCIETY SPRING CONCERT

You are invited to join us for our Spring concert: Showcasing Church Music & Celebrating Composer Anniversaries.

The concert will be held at All Saints' Parish Church, Westbury on **Saturday 20th April 2024, 7:30pm.**

Our conductor is Luke Pickett with organist Steven Hollas. Our programme includes works by Handel, Jenkins, Stainer, Faure among others.

Tickets £12 (accompanied children free) are available from choir members, South West Hearing Care on High Street, TicketSource (www.westburychoral.org.uk) or on the door (subject to availability).

Please join us for a pre-concert celebratory drink and nibbles from 6:50pm, included in your ticket price.

APRIL POPPY TALK

The final Poppy Talk for this season will be on **Saturday 20th April** in the Church Institute. Jonathan Bailey will tell us more about the results of his research into the Special Operations Executive in World War II, adding to the fascinating talk on this subject that he gave last year.

As usual, entrance is by donation to the Poppy Appeal, with at least £5 suggested. Wine and soft drinks will be available before the talk, again for a donation. Doors open at 5.40 pm, the talk starts at 6 pm. It will include a break, and end by about 7.45 pm.

EAGER BEAVERS!

Tickets now on sale! The Jubilee Players are in full rehearsal mode for our May production of Eager Beavers by Andy Bennison, a laugh out loud comedy of life in a charity shop. Running from the **9th to 11th of May**, tickets are now on sale via the following link. <https://www.trybooking.com/uk/DGWH> or via our website.

W.I. NEWS

The March meeting was the Annual Meeting so there was no speaker. There is no change to the Committee as each member agreed to continue for another year. Please look out for the new list of speakers which will be published and popped on to various noticeboards around Bratton very soon. Meetings are held on the first Tuesday of the month at 2pm in the Church Institute and we look forward to seeing as many new members as possible in the coming months!

CHURCH VIEWS

"I hope that you have had a good Easter!" It's a nice greeting to get at this time of year, but, sadly, it's not accurate. Easter isn't just one day. It is a season that lasts for fifty days, ending with the giving of the Holy Spirit at Whitsun. Easter marks a celebration of new life, as new growth appears in nature around us, and as God promises us new life through the resurrection of Jesus Christ.

So how do you celebrate new life at Easter? One obvious answer is by exchanging Easter eggs. The breaking open of an egg is a reminder of the way in which Jesus broke out alive from the tomb in which he had been buried on Good Friday. But eggs aren't the only way to celebrate at this time of year.

Easter is a popular time to get out in the garden, to plant flowers and crops and celebrate the new life that God gives us in the natural world around us. For garden centres, the bank holiday weekend is a peak time for trade. Many people will tend their garden without even realising that there are connections here with our Christian heritage. On Easter morning, Mary Magdalene at first thought that Jesus was a gardener, tending the land around the tomb where she had expected to find Jesus' body. St. Paul wrote about resurrection to the church in Corinth, describing it as a seed that is planted in the ground and grows into a crop. If you are planting seeds this month, you may like to remember that you are joining in God's work of creation. Say a prayer, as many gardeners do, that your planting will produce a lovely harvest, whether it be beautiful flowers or something to eat.

Are there other ways to celebrate new life at Easter? Of course! Just think about the ways in which you can help others around you, your family or your neighbours. Doing some good deed, or showing love and kindness to others, is about enabling you and them to enjoy the good things of life. Easter is about spreading love and hope in our families and communities in a way that is life-giving. Even if it's just a small act of kindness, like giving someone a lift or doing some shopping for someone who is housebound, it's a sign that you care.

At the end of St. John's gospel, the risen Jesus appears by Lake Galilee when his disciples have gone fishing. He performs a simple act of kindness for them by preparing a BBQ fish breakfast on the shore. The disciples are amazed to see him there and eat with him once again. Jesus then challenges Peter to 'feed my lambs'. His life isn't going to be about fishing anymore, but about continuing the work of Jesus. We also are called to carry on Jesus' work through acts that bring new life to others around us.

Andrew Sinclair Rector

BRATTON COMMUNITY BRASS BANDS

In February we started an Adult Beginners Group and have been delighted to welcome twelve new adult learners. Our Brass Roots Groups for children are going from strength to strength with the children enjoying performing together. During March the Silver Band took part in the West of England Area Championships Contest. To prepare for this, players participated in a workshop day and each section of the band received tuition on the contest test piece. The organisation also organised a very successful afternoon at Wiltshire Music where 5 bands came together to have a trial run at performing their test piece. The Silver Band was very pleased to achieve 5th place out of 18 bands in their section.

Looking ahead, we have a Spring Coffee Morning from **10.30am to 12.30pm on Saturday 20th April** at the Church Institute and would like to invite villagers, family, and friends to join us for tea, coffee and cake. We'll have a few activities for children, the opportunity to try an instrument, raffle and some background music too.

Future concerts:

Saturday 18th May 7.30pm at Merlin Theatre, Frome- Bratton Silver Band Spring Concert

Saturday 8th June 7.30pm at Holy Trinity Church, Bradford on Avon, -Bratton Silver Band will be performing a special concert commemorating the 80th Anniversary of the D-Day landings along with Warminster Military Wives Choir.

Tickets for our concerts can be booked on Ticket Source via our website or by calling 07983 144183.

CHAMBER CHORAL CONCERT - FRIENDS OF ERLESTOKE PRISON

The Farrant Singers will be performing 'Summer Dreams' a choral concert with music from Purcell, Gibbons, Parry, Byrd, Finzi and others on **Thursday 20th June 2024 7.30pm** at the Church of All Saints and St Mary, Chitterne, BA12 0LF. Parking available. Tickets £15/person (including a welcome drink) from: treasurer@friendsoferlestokeprison.com. All proceeds to The Friends of Erlestoke Prison charity to support rehabilitation projects for HMP Erlestoke prisoners and their families www.friendsoferlestokeprison.com.

YOUR LOCAL COUNCILLOR

At the Full Council meeting on **Tuesday 20th February** the budget for 2024/25 was set. The council receives nearly 84% of its funding from local taxes, business rates and council tax, and is dependent on increases in these to deliver services to Wiltshire's residents, communities, and businesses. Wiltshire Council is proposing to increase general Council Tax by 2.99% plus a 2% levy to be spent solely on adult social care. This will mean an increase of £1.65 per week for those with a Band D property at an annual charge of £1,805.73.

I am pleased that the Council plans to continue investing for the future, by providing services that prioritise early help. This puts it in a strong position to deliver on its Business Plan priorities, without the need to rely on reserves for day-to-day services, and in contrast to some other local authorities across the country, some of whom are having to cut services and sell assets. The recent children's services Ofsted inspection recognised the positive impact that the focus on prevention is having and was rated Outstanding.

An additional £36m will support the council's services, with the proposed budget for 2024/25 at around £486m.

The most significant spending in 2024/25 will be:

- Adult services - £179.4m
- Families and children - £70.8m
- Environment - £49.5m
- Highways and transport - £43m
- Education and skills - £35.1m

This prudent and preventative plan means that further investment can be made to improve services and infrastructure. Despite the challenging financial climate nationally, Wiltshire Council will still be investing in key services and programmes. The council has allocated an extra £10m over the next two years to spend on filling potholes, road resurfacing and verge repairs. This funding is in addition to the £25.9m the council receives from the Government for Highways Maintenance. Also included in the budget is an additional £1 million investment into extra gully cleaning work and reactive pothole filling. This is on top of the £1 million that was invested into improving drainage in 2022 and will effectively treble drain-clearing work since 2021.

Another £1m has also been allocated in 2024/25 for the Wiltshire Towns Programme to help create and support vibrant town centres. The council is also focussing on strengthening its work around enforcement, building on the significant reduction in fly-tipping.

The capital programme for 2024/25 has been budgeted at around £285m and details the council's investment in the improvement and maintenance of the county's infrastructure.

Suzanne Wickham – Wiltshire Councillor – Ethandune

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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. Please book your seat through Joy Fraser (tel: 830426). Shopping Trips starting at Bratton.

Destination	April	Start Time
Devizes - £3.20	4th	8.45am.
Warminster - £2.80	16th	1.30pm.
Westbury - £2.30	Every Thursday	1.30pm.
Salisbury - £5.00	13th	9.15am.

All these journeys accept concessionary passes and will return you to your door. These trips are open to all residents of our villages; we welcome everyone, of any age.

The Annual AGM of the minibus will take place on **Monday 8th April at 2.30pm** in Edington Parish Hall. All are welcome to come and hear about your local community minibus services. It also gives you an opportunity to have your say about any suggestions for additional services etc.

FOUR VILLAGES LINK



If you are in need of transport to medical or other appointments, shopping, hairdressing etc, please call the coordinator on 07852 256939. The volunteers also undertake good neighbour tasks and are happy to just keep people company over a cup of tea. There is a meeting for volunteers at **10.30am on Wednesday 10th April** at The Duke, Bratton. Do come along if you would like to hear volunteers' experiences and to find out more about the Link.

THE WESTBURY TRANSPORT AND VINTAGE GATHERING

Is being held as usual in the top field, at the corner of Westbury Road and The Hollow, **Saturday 27th April and Sunday 28th April, from 9.00 am** onwards. All owners of Stationary engines, Classic and Vintage cars, Trucks, Bikes Tractors. Any interesting machinery etc. welcome. No entry charge. All visitors and viewers welcome. Entry charge, unchanged for the last three decades, £2 per adult. All children, whatever age, free. Parking Free, Stalls, Refreshments available. Contacts 01373 864166, 07849230853.

Any - not for profit - village organisations welcome to have a free stall.

DATE FOR THE DIARY – OPEN GARDENS STEEPLE ASHTON

Sunday 2nd June from 11 am to 6pm. Advance tickets £8 from the Steeple Ashton shop or www.ticketsource.co.uk. £10 on the day.

THE CHURCH OF ST JAMES THE GREAT - CHARITY OF THE MONTH

This month our charity is the Leprosy Mission, an International Christian organisation who strive to break the chains of leprosy, empowering people to attain healing, dignity, and life in all its fullness. This year the Mission is celebrating 150 years since it was founded by Wellesley and Alice Bailey. Around 200,000 people are diagnosed with leprosy every year and 2/3 million are living with leprosy related disabilities. More information can be found in the Church.

BRATTON BAPTIST CHURCH

We meet 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 and on the Bratton Parish Council website.

Activities for April

Messy Church: 4pm on Sunday 21st April. We warmly welcome you to participate in a time of creativity, exploring a biblical theme, through getting messy; a short celebration time involving story, prayer and song; and a traditional Sunday teatime meal. Messy Church is for all ages and all members of the community.

Tea-time Service, 4pm on Sunday 28th 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 15th, 22nd, and 29th. Pop in for a cup of tea or freshly brewed coffee and a slice of cake. Craft activities for the children provided.

Well-being Revive opens every Monday from 1 – 2.30pm. Enjoy a calm, welcoming and inclusive space to find refreshment for mind and soul. Mindful and creative activities provided in a space where it is ok not to be ok! Please note Wellbeing Revive will not be open on Easter Monday (1st April).

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: Thursday 18th April, 2pm at the Chapel. Come and make friends, chat over coffee and study the Bible together.

Bratton Bugs Fridays 19th and 26th 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 19th 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: Usually the first Friday in the month. A youth club for 11 – 14s – a space to hang out, chat, have some fun and relax. Please note there is no Fusion in April!

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

**THE BENEFICE OF BRATTON, EDINGTON AND IMBER, ERLESTOKE AND COULSTON
SERVICES IN THE BENEFICE – APRIL 2024**

	Bratton	Edington	Erlestoke	Coulston
<i>1st Sunday</i> 7th April <i>Second Sunday of Easter</i>	08.00 Holy Communion 11.00 Family Service <i>with Baptism</i>	09.30 Parish Communion 18.30 Evensong		11.00 Parish Communion
<i>2nd Sunday</i> 14th April <i>Third Sunday of Easter</i>	11.00 Parish Communion 18.00 Sing Praise	08.00 Holy Communion 11.00 Family Service		
<i>3rd Sunday</i> 21st April <i>Fourth Sunday of Easter</i>	08.00 Holy Communion 11.00 Footprints <i>Bratton Church Institute</i>	09.30 Parish Communion <i>followed by APCM</i>		11.00 Parish Communion
<i>4th Sunday</i> 28th April <i>Fifth Sunday of Easter</i>	08.00 Holy Communion 11.00 Parish Communion	09.30 Parish Communion	11.00 Morning Service	
<i>1st Sunday</i> 7th April <i>Second Sunday of Easter</i>	08.00 Holy Communion 11.00 Family Service <i>with Baptism</i>	09.30 Parish Communion 18.30 Evensong		11.00 Parish Communion

MIDWEEK SERVICES

Public Morning Prayer Thursdays at 8.30am Edington

Evening Prayer 5.30pm at Erlestoke (Mondays), Coulston (Tuesdays), Edington (Wednesdays), the Vicarage for Imber (Thursdays), St James' Bratton (Fridays). *No midweek services in the week after Easter.*

ST. JAMES' CHURCH, BRATTON - Key contacts

For pastoral matters please call: Rector: Rev'd Andrew Sinclair 830374 Honorary Associate Priest: Revd Malcolm Wieck 830256 Revd 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 Wardens: Kitty Cole 830869 or Marie Nunn 830505 Tower Captain (Bells): Dusty Millier 830696 Verger: Sandy Perry 830536 Organist: Brian Martin 830060 BCI Caretaker: Joan Martin 830744
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