



# BRATTON PARISH NEWS

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## WHAT'S ON? DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

EVENT	DATE	TIME
BHA walking tour of Avebury, meet at the Duke	Wednesday, 1 <sup>st</sup> May	09.30 am
Election Police & Crime Commission – Jubilee Hall	Thursday 2 <sup>nd</sup> May	
St James' Plant Sale - BCI	Saturday 4 <sup>th</sup> May	10.00 am
Breakfast at the Jubilee Hall	Sunday, 5 <sup>th</sup> May	08.30–10.00 am
W I Resolutions Meeting, BCI	Tuesday, 7 <sup>th</sup> May	2.00 pm
Mobile Library at The Duke	Thursday 9 <sup>th</sup> May	2.45 pm
Jubilee Players – <b>Eager Beavers</b>	Thu -Sat 9 <sup>th</sup> -11 <sup>th</sup> May	07.30-10.00 pm
U3A Good Hare Days Photography – Westbury URC Hall	Tuesday 14 <sup>th</sup> May	02.00 pm
Coffee, cookies & chat – Jubilee Hall	Saturday, 18 <sup>th</sup> May	10.30 am
Bratton Silver Band Concert – Merlin Theatre, Frome	Saturday 18 <sup>th</sup> May	7.30 pm
BHA Talk Allan Brodie	Sunday 19 <sup>th</sup> May	5.00 pm
Parish Council ACM and APM Jubilee Hall	Tuesday 23 <sup>rd</sup> May	6.30 & 7.30 pm
RBL Ladies Section – Oratory Room, BCI	Tuesday, 28 May	7.00 pm
Open Gardens – Steeple Ashton	Sunday 2 <sup>nd</sup> June	11.00 am–6.00 pm
BHA walk with Mike Manson – meet at the Duke	Wednesday, 5 <sup>th</sup> June	6.00 pm
Mobile Library at The Duke	Thursday 6 <sup>th</sup> June	2.45 pm
Bratton Silver Band – D Day Memorial - Holy Trinity, B-o-A	Saturday 8 <sup>th</sup> June	7.30pm
Chamber Choral Concert – All Saints, Chitterne	Thursday 20 <sup>th</sup> June	7.30pm
Murder mystery dinner – Jubilee Hall	Friday 28 <sup>th</sup> June	TBA
St. James Church Fete - BCCI	Saturday 29 <sup>th</sup> June	2.00 pm

## THE BIG SPECTACULAR BRATTON PLANT SALE SATURDAY 4<sup>th</sup> MAY. BRATTON CHURCH INSTITUTE 10.30am BACON BUTTIES SERVED AT 10.00am

Come along and get your garden ready for Summer! There will be a wide choice of flower and vegetable plants available for you to purchase, organised by Lucy Ellis. The plants will include more unusual ones as well as the familiar. We will welcome any donations of plants to sell too. There will be a by-gones 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 all your purchases why not join us for tea and cake in our lovely hall? Do come and see us and please tell your friends to help us spread the word!

### ROYAL BRITISH LEGION WOMEN'S SECTION

Can I please remind everyone that I am still collecting spectacles, which are checked over by a friend who is an optician, and then 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](mailto:m.nunn505@gmail.com) or Sandy, 01380 830536 [sandyperry505@gmail.com](mailto:sandyperry505@gmail.com)

## EAGER BEAVERS!

The Bratton Jubilee Players are in full rehearsal mode with only a few days to go. The set is built, the cast are like coiled springs....what can possibly go wrong! Tickets now on sale! Don't miss our May production of **Eager Beavers** by Andy Bennison, a laugh out loud comedy of life in a charity shop. Running from the **9<sup>th</sup> to 11<sup>th</sup> of May**, tickets are now on sale via the following link. <https://www.trybooking.com/uk/DGWH> or via our website.

## BRATTON JUBILEE HALL

We are delighted to receive another very generous cheque towards hall upkeep; these donations are a great incentive for our fundraising plans. You can help by participating in these events:

**Sunday Breakfast 5<sup>th</sup> May:** Book yourselves in between 8.30 - 10.00 by calling 07897 011887 or email jubileehall87@yahoo.com. Three courses, freshly prepared and served to you at table – what more could you want on a Sunday morning?

**Coffee, Cookies and Chat Saturday 18<sup>th</sup> May:** Come along from 10.30 and enjoy proper coffee and home-made cookies while you sit and chat to fellow villagers. Donations welcomed; no booking required.

**Murder Mystery Dinner Friday 28<sup>th</sup> June:** Save the date – following the very successful evening in 2023, the Hall committee is delighted to host this event again with the Jubilee Players. This year we're serving chilli with all the trimmings – hot and not so hot and veggie option, plus bar. Cost tbc in the June newsletter.

Please contact us if you are willing to assist at any of our events or in other ways – we are a small committee and would very much appreciate occasional extra helpers.

## BRATTON CHURCH INSTITUTE (BCI)

This time of year, we are looking forward to a spring/summer of events, including the plant sale in May, the Church Fete in June, and an Ice Cream Parlour in August. So please come and enjoy. The hall is in great demand for coffee mornings, prayer/ discussion groups, and art classes, to name a few. Contact Joan Martin for more information, on 01380830744, or 07576851267, or joanmartin147@gmail.com. Look out for special holiday offer in August for children's parties !!

## 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: **9<sup>th</sup> May, 6<sup>th</sup> June, 4<sup>th</sup> July, 1<sup>st</sup> August**. The van stocks books and magazines for children and adults.

## BRATTON CRICKET CLUB

Now the wickets are drying out, Bratton Cricket Club will be starting its sporting summer in May with the following fixtures: Wed 8th May (A) v Whitley, Sun 12th May (H) v Broughton Gifford, Sun 19th May (H) v Beckington, Wed 22nd May (H) v Horningsham. All support would be welcome for your village team or alternatively if you would be interested in playing, then please give Nick Cooper a call on 07967820130. We will be continuing nets sessions at the Rec on Thursday evenings as well, and all are very welcome.

## BRATTON HISTORY ASSOCIATION

**Join Us!** 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).

**Wed., 1 May:** Walking Tour of Avebury Landscape with Nick Jones. Members (and their guests) only. Meeting at The Duke at 9.30am, returning approx. 4.30pm. Places 12 to be booked in advance with Nick on 07779 142686

**Sunday 19 May @5pm:** Wiltshire Holidaymakers in the Past: What Were The Options? Illustrated Talk by Allan Brodie at Bratton Church Institute. Doors open half an hour in advance to allow us to start promptly. New members and guests are always welcome.

**Wed 5 June @6pm:** Bratton History Walk (approx. 1½ hours) with Mike Manson, meeting and ending at The Duke. This walk is open to anyone but places are limited to 20. Please book early by emailing Mike Manson at mpm1307@outlook.com

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 robdrum64@gmail.com  
For more information, visit our website at [brattonhistory.co.uk](http://brattonhistory.co.uk)

## CHURCH VIEWS

Back in April 1961, when Yuri Gagarin became the first person to orbit the Earth in space and successfully return to earth, he is reported to have said that he didn't see God up there. He was presumably trying to disprove the existence of God and promote the officially atheist regime of the Soviet Union. And to some extent he succeeded, in that the Bible repeatedly describes God as being up in heaven, above the clouds. An example of this is the story of the Ascension of Jesus into heaven. In the book of Acts, St. Luke tells of the disciples seeing Jesus ascend from earth into heaven. And if you visit Jerusalem, you may even visit a mosque where, in the courtyard, there is a footprint in the stone pavement where the ascension is supposed to have happened.

This month we celebrate the Ascension of Christ on **May 9th**. In Edington, provided the weather is ok, the choir will sing from the top of the church tower at 7am to greet the day, with a service afterwards. In Bratton, there will be an open-air service in the memorial garden in the churchyard at 11am. However, Christians don't have to believe that God is up above the clouds. The Ascension simply means that God in Christ is no longer confined to being in one place on earth. Jesus, through his departure into heaven, is now available to people all around the world equally, in all times and in all places. The use of picture language describing Jesus as 'going up beyond the clouds' is a useful way of helping us to understand this theological concept. Through his Ascension, Jesus demonstrates God's mastery over all creation, earth and heaven, time and eternity. Through the subsequent giving of the Holy Spirit, celebrated at Pentecost, he encourages us to pray and to share with others the message of salvation that God has promised through Jesus. Lewis Carroll, in *Alice through the Looking Glass*, writes this:

"Alice laughed. 'There's no use trying,' she said. 'One can't believe impossible things.' I daresay you haven't had much practice,' said the Queen. 'When I was your age, I always did it for half-an-hour a day. Why, sometimes I've believed as many as six impossible things before breakfast.'"

Carroll himself was Church of England clergyman, writing at a time of growing scepticism about the Bible and the Christian faith. I still come across people today who think that Christians have to believe impossible things, or things that have long been disproved by scientific advances. Yuri Gagarin's failure to find God up there in space does not disturb me at all, and I'm quite happy to accept that complicated theological concepts may be explained by stories and picture language. After all, Jesus in his teaching was known for using parables all the time, and a parable is simply a story illustrating something with a profound truth in it.

**Andrew Sinclair, Rector**

## BRATTON COMMUNITY SPEED WATCH

Community Speed Watch are looking for volunteers so if you are passionate about making a difference and want to help to reduce the number of speeding motorists through the village please get in touch. We operate every other month, as we share our speed detection device with Edington and usually operate for an hour at a time. Full training is given and you will be issued with your own fluorescent jacket and ID volunteer card. As we can't operate when the weather is either wet or foggy you are guaranteed an hour of nice weather! You will be with at least one other volunteer at a time convenient to you with a choice of four locations within the village. For further info, please email the Community Speed Watch team at [brattoncsw@gmail.com](mailto:brattoncsw@gmail.com)

## 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).

## TEAM ROOM HIRE - BRATTON REC. GROUND

Don't forget that an excellent facility for family events and children's parties is available at the village recreation ground on Trowbridge Road. The Team Room, which is in the Pavilion, between the kitchen and the equipment is available at £20.00 per hour, payable to Bratton Parish council. 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.

## YOUR LOCAL COUNCILLOR

A brief article from me this month, but nonetheless a very important message to residents. Wiltshire Council is running a survey to gather the views of people who have experienced domestic abuse across Wiltshire. The survey provides an opportunity for victims and survivors of domestic abuse to anonymously share their experience. The results of the survey will shape the local Domestic Abuse Strategy, influencing how future support services are run. The survey is open to people aged 16 and over until Friday 31 May 2024. It is understood that domestic abuse is a sensitive and difficult topic for many, and the Council really appreciate those who are willing to share their experience to inform future services. Safeguarding residents from harm is a high priority and we aim to ensure that we are providing the best support and advice available.

Anyone worried about domestic abuse, call FearFree on 01225 775276 or email [spa@fearfree.org.uk](mailto:spa@fearfree.org.uk). Outside of office hours and weekends call 01225 712880.

The survey can be found:

- Online: [Wiltshire.gov.uk](https://wiltshire.gov.uk) – Domestic Abuse
- On a Wiltshire library computer using the shortcut link on the computer home screen. View Wiltshire library computer locations: <https://apps.wiltshire.gov.uk/librariesinformation/Library/List>
- On a paper copy at a Wiltshire library. Every library will have paper copies available and a deposit box for completed surveys.

Best wishes

Suzanne Wickham – Wiltshire Councillor Ethandune; Email: [Suzanne.wickham@wiltshire.gov.uk](mailto:Suzanne.wickham@wiltshire.gov.uk) Tel: 07967 213336

## BRATTON HILLY

Bratton Hilly Run on 6th April attracted over 90 entries, many from far and wide, but several of them local lads. They started running into a brisk Westerly, but this helped on the later legs, of the race and the runners! It is a well-respected local event, make a note in your diary for next May!

## FROM THE RUH - Di Benham and Ian Lafferty

In our first update for The Parish News, we'd like to introduce ourselves as Public Governors at the Royal United Hospital Bath, NHS Foundation Trust. Our role is to represent the South Wiltshire community at the hospital, finding out about what's important to you, to help improve the services.

The Dyson Cancer Centre will welcome patients from the end of April. The centre has been carefully designed to create a nurturing and therapeutic environment that supports high-quality clinical care. Among its features are light-filled spaces filled with art inspired by the natural world, and a three-storey Macmillan Wellbeing Hub (funded by Macmillan Cancer Support) that provides a non-clinical space for patients and their loved ones. The RUH would like to pass on their gratitude to the many generous supporters who helped make the centre happen.

Sulis Hospital in Peasedown St John (formerly known as Circle Bath Hospital and acquired by the RUH in 2021) will soon be able to perform an extra 3,750 non-emergency, orthopaedic operations each year for NHS patients in the new Sulis Elective Orthopaedic Centre. This will really help with the backlog of elective surgery across the region.

Maternity services at the Royal United Hospitals Bath NHS Foundation Trust are in the top three per cent in England following a recent inspection by the Care Quality Commission (CQC) which saw the team retain its 'outstanding' rating. We want to hear your concerns, questions and suggestions about the RUH. Please drop us an email via the RUH Membership office, addressing your message to Di and Ian: [RUHmembership@nhs.net](mailto:RUHmembership@nhs.net). Anyone aged over 16 and living in the area can become a member of the RUH for free. You can join around 10,000 other members at <https://tinyurl.com/RUHMember>.

## KEEPING BRATTON BEAUTIFUL

Bratton benefits from having so many people who spend time keeping the village beautiful- not just those who turn out on 'Tidy Up' days. It makes such a difference and the village is looking great!

Later this year we will be competing to be the 'Best of the Best' in the CPRE's Best Kept Village competition.

Our next get-together for general tidying is on **Thursday 30th May** from 10.00 am.

As always, we'll meet in the Duke's car park at 10.00 and have a coffee/tea and biscuits break at 11.30. See you there! (Please also remember to keep any poster displays around the village tidy. Thanks!)

Chris and April Tarling 01380 830468

## BRATTON PARISH COUNCIL NEWS

Contact the Clerk on 01373 864 127, email [parish.clerk@brattonparishcouncil.gov.uk](mailto:parish.clerk@brattonparishcouncil.gov.uk) or the Chair on 01380 831 199, email [parish.chair@brattonparishcouncil.gov.uk](mailto:parish.chair@brattonparishcouncil.gov.uk)

If you have items to be included on the Parish website, please send to: [editorial@brattonparishcouncil.gov.uk](mailto:editorial@brattonparishcouncil.gov.uk).

Website: <https://brattonparishcouncil.gov.uk>

### Annual Council and Annual Parish Meeting

The Annual Council Meeting will take place on **Thursday 23<sup>rd</sup> 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.

### Castle Road Bus Shelter

It has been decided to proceed with the replacement of the bus shelter on a like for like basis (powder coated aluminium, solid Perspex and corrugated roof) and to submit the associated quotation in the amount of £9,800 + vat to the insurance company.

### Westbury Soap Box Derby

This will be run on **Saturday May 18**, and there will be disruption to traffic around the access roads to the White Horse. The part of the road known as Port Way (Part), Bratton; from its junction with Castle Road to outside its property known as Bratton Camp, is to be closed (save in all cases of emergency) to all vehicular traffic from 06.00 to 22.00

### Christmas Event 2024

Pre-planning for this event could use some input from YOU, so, any ideas, contact Steve Lloyd on 07988491880

### Police and Crime Commissioner

The election for the Wiltshire Police and Crime Commissioner will take place on **Thursday 2<sup>nd</sup> May**. Remember, if you want to vote, you must bring a photo ID to the polling station to be eligible.

### Area Board

The next Westbury Area Board meeting will be on **June 19**.

## NEW FENCING

The new fence put up by the Monday Gang to the North side of the footpath that runs around the North outside of the churchyard is now fully in place. And very smart it looks! Take a stroll up Church Lane and have a look.

## W.I. NEWS

Bratton WI members enjoyed a fun and informative talk from Sarah Gray, entitled "It's Behind You! A History of Pantomime". Pantomime became very popular in Great Britain in the 18th century, with its colourful clowns, dames and harlequins, along with risqué humour, dance and acrobatics. It has remained a very popular art form especially at Christmas, which has become the traditional panto season.

Bratton WI next meets on **7 May at 2.00**. This time there is no speaker, as it's the turn of our Resolutions. Please do come along though, if you'd like to meet us with a view to joining.

Thank you. Chris Crosby, Bratton WI Publicity.

## SUMMER TEABAGS WILL BE BACK IN JUNE!

TeaBags will be back in the Church Institute for its summer season, starting on **Tuesday June 11th**, then **18th, 25th** and **July 2nd**.

Come along from 2.30pm for tea, cake, a good chat with friends – and if the weather has decided to play ball, the kids could too!

## ST JAMES CHURCH FETE 2024 - 29TH JUNE 2.00PM - BRATTON CHURCH INSTITUTE

Everyone is welcome to our Annual Event in our lovely hall and garden.

As always there will be afternoon tea with homemade cakes to be enjoyed, served by Fiona and her team, whilst listening to Bratton Silver Band playing our favourite melodies. There will be the Grand Raffle, with amazing prizes run by Penny.

The garden will be full of various stalls with goodies to buy, games to play including a children's activity corner which will be FREE of charge! The Ice cream stall served by Gill and Jo will have the usual choice of delicious flavours, sauces and sprinkles topped with a chocolate flake!

In fact, something for everyone 0-100! Look out for more information in the June edition of the Bratton Parish News! Don't miss this amazing event so put it in your diary now and see you there!

The Fete Team

## MOLE PLOWING, ANYONE?

You are maybe aware that the past two months have been the wettest since records began. As a result, there have been many cancelled football fixtures at the Rec. Ground. The wettest areas of the ground are at the North end, where we want to install some extra drainage to help reduce the impact of wet weather. Mole ploughing (or plowing) has been suggested, where a "plough" with a 100mm cylinder on the end of its blade, pulled by a tractor, cuts a hole under the surface (like a mole run) that can be filled with pea gravel and allows water to drain away. But there is no contractor locally that offers this. So, if anyone knows of someone, possibly a local farmer or sports ground, that has one of these devices that we might borrow, please contact Steve Lloyd on 07988491880 for a chat.

## COLLECTION OF FOREIGN COINS FOR THE RNIB

If you all remember I put out a request for foreign coins and notes remaining from your holidays abroad to increase my 2.75 kilo to 3 kg, the minimum weight required by the RNIB to be exchanged for cash.

As a village you were all very generous and in total, I was able to send off over 9 Kilos which I packed very snugly in the two boxes provided. There was a huge assortment of coins and notes and I have now been advised this amounted to just over £200!!! Such a great total so thank you all very much for supporting the RNIB.

Gill Humphrey

## VILLAGE HALLS DAY 23RD MARCH BRATTON CHURCH INSTITUTE

A big thank you to everyone who came and supported our open day and table top sale. We also had our collection for toiletries and cleaning products for the Westbury food Bank. And ten full carrier bags (weighing 33 kilos the food bank told me!) were donated, for which the Food Bank were so very grateful. Thank you all again from the BCI committee.

Gill Humphrey

## WESTBURY U3A

Our next meeting is on **14 May** with David Bailey (not that one!) and his Good Hare Days photography. He's a very good, enjoyable speaker. We meet on **2nd Tuesday monthly 2.00** at Westbury URC Hall. Park at the rear off The Butts via Hospital Road. £3 payable on entry, and do please bring along a friend who might be interested in joining!

Many thanks, Chris Crosby, Westbury u3a, Publicity Officer, 07599 966597

## BRATTON COMMUNITY BRASS BANDS

Our Brass Roots Group for children and the Adult Beginners Group are going from strength to strength with both groups enjoying performing together.

Future concerts: **Saturday 18<sup>th</sup> May 7.30pm** at Merlin Theatre, Frome- Bratton Silver Band Spring Concert.

**Saturday 8<sup>th</sup> 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.



## FOUR VILLAGES LINK

Spring Covid vaccinations are beginning and if you would like a lift to a health centre, 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.

## EDINGTON ARTS

Our annual Choral Workshop is in Edington Priory Church on **Saturday June 15th**. King's Singer Chris Bruerton will work on music from Eastern Europe. For this day of fun music-making, book online at [www.edingtonarts.org](http://www.edingtonarts.org); the cost is £25, which includes all music, and welcome and mid-morning refreshments. Come on, tenors basses and sopranos – don't hold back! Contact Anne at [anne@edingtonarts.org](mailto:anne@edingtonarts.org) or Chrissy on 01380 831256 if you need any help.

## DATE FOR THE DIARY – OPEN GARDENS STEEPLE ASHTON

**Sunday 2<sup>nd</sup> June from 11 am to 6pm**. Advance tickets £8 from the Steeple Ashton shop or [www.ticketsource.co.uk](http://www.ticketsource.co.uk). £10 on the day.

## 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 20<sup>th</sup> June 2024 at 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](mailto: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](http://www.friendsoferlestokeprison.com).

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

Our Charity of the month is Christian Aid, selected for this month to coincide with Christian Aid week from 12 to 18 May. Well established as an ecumenical charity, primarily as a relief and development agency, it works to support sustainable development, eradicate poverty, support civil society and provide disaster relief throughout the world. It is also one of the charities working very closely with the Disaster Emergency Committee (DEC)

## BRATTON BAPTIST CHURCH

People, both young and old, meet **every Sunday morning at 11am** for worship and fellowship. Activities for all ages are provided, and we gather after each service for conversation and 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 May

**Messy Church:** 4pm on Sunday 19<sup>th</sup> May. 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 26<sup>th</sup> May. 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 May are 13<sup>th</sup> and 20<sup>th</sup>. 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 May Day or Spring Bank Holiday (6<sup>th</sup> & 27<sup>th</sup> May).

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

**Pickleberry Ladies** every Thursday, at Pickleberry Coffee Shop from 11am - all ages welcome!

**Connect:** Thursdays 2<sup>nd</sup>, 16<sup>th</sup> & 30<sup>th</sup> May, 2pm at the Chapel. Come and make friends, chat over coffee and study the Bible together.

**Bratton Bugs** Fridays 3<sup>rd</sup>, 10<sup>th</sup>, 17<sup>th</sup> and 24<sup>th</sup> May 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 17<sup>th</sup> May at 6.30pm. Comets is a club for children in school years 3, 4, 5 & 6.

**Fusion:** Friday 3<sup>rd</sup> May. A youth club for 11 – 14s – a space to hang out, chat, have some fun and relax.

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](mailto:esther@brattonbaptistchurch.org.uk) or [allison@brattonbaptistchurch.org.uk](mailto:allison@brattonbaptistchurch.org.uk)

# THE BENEFICE OF BRATTON, EDINGTON AND IMBER, ERLESTOKE AND COULSTON

## SERVICES IN THE BENEFICE – MAY 2024

### 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.*

	Bratton	Edington	Erlestoke	Coulston
<i>1<sup>st</sup> Sunday</i>	08.00 Holy Communion			
<b>5<sup>th</sup> May</b> <i>Sixth Sunday of Easter</i> <i>Rogation Sunday</i>	11.00 Family Service	09.30 Parish Communion 18.30 Evensong		11.00 Parish Communion
<i>2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday</i>		08.00 Holy Communion		
<b>12<sup>th</sup> May</b> <i>Seventh Sunday of Easter</i>	11.00 Parish Communion 18.00 Sing Praise	11.00 Family Service		
<i>3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday</i>	08.00 Holy Communion			
<b>19<sup>th</sup> May</b> <i>Pentecost</i>	11.00 Footprints <i>BCI</i>	09.30 Parish Communion 18.30 Evensong		11.00 Parish Communion
<i>4<sup>th</sup> Sunday</i>	08.00 Holy Communion			
<b>26<sup>th</sup> May</b> <i>Trinity Sunday</i>	11.00 Parish Communion	09.30 Parish Communion	11.00 Morning Service	

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### SPECIAL EVENTS

**Thursday 9<sup>th</sup> May - Ascension Day**

**Ascension Day Celebration** 7am in the Tower in Edington followed by Holy Communion

**Ascension Day Service** 11.00am in the Garden of Remembrance, St James' Church, Bratton *or in church if wet*

#### ST. JAMES' CHURCH, BRATTON - Key contacts

<b>For pastoral matters please call:</b> 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	<b>For other matters please call Church Wardens:</b> 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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