

WHEATHILL PRIORY BENEFICE

“Jesus Lives: Follow Him”

Sunday 1 May 2022 3rd Sunday of Easter

It was announced on Thursday 28 May that The Rt Revd Michael Beasley will be the next Bishop of Bath and Wells. He is currently the Bishop of Hertford, a role which he has held since 2015.

Prior to taking a fulltime role with the church, Bishop Michael was an epidemiologist, a background he was called on to use during the pandemic as a member of the Church of England’s Covid task force.

Bishop Michael is already familiar with Somerset. His wife Lizzie is from a farming family from Somerset and prior to Bishop Michael being interviewed for the role of Bishop of Bath and Wells, they both undertook a 60 mile walk around the county.

Speaking in advance of today’s announcement, Bishop Michael shared his joy in becoming the 80th Bishop of Bath and Wells and said he was looking forward to getting to know the people of Somerset.

He says, “I am delighted to be coming to be the Bishop of Bath and Wells and to joining with everyone in the diocese as together we live and tell the story of Jesus.

“We have strong family connections with Somerset and I’m very much looking forward to working alongside its people, communities and churches.

“We have all been through a challenging few years. The Covid pandemic pushed us all apart. Now is the time to come back together. Our churches have an essential role in helping us rebuild communities and in facing the challenges present to us both internationally and at home.

“Jesus’s message is one of peace – a peace I’m looking forward to sharing and pursuing as I join you as your bishop.”

Before his ordination as Bishop of Hertford in the Diocese of St Albans, Bishop Michael served as Director of Mission in the Diocese of Oxford. A scientist by background, he was an epidemiologist specialising in infectious diseases of children in low-income countries.

As well as being a member of the Church of England’s Covid task force he also worked with UNICEF, the NHS, the Government and leaders of different faiths to launch vaccinaid.org which has raised more than £10 million in support of vaccination for low-income countries.

We look forward to welcoming Bishop Michael and his family to the diocese in due course.

Bible Readings

Sunday 1 May 2022 Psalm 30, Acts 9:1-6 John 21:1-19

8:30am Holy Communion Keinton Mandeville

10:30am Morning Prayer Lydford on Fosse

Monday Psalm 119:1-8, Ephesians 1:3-10, John 14:1-14 (St Philip & James)

Tuesday Psalm 98, Exodus 20:1-21, Luke 1:26-38

Wednesday Psalm 105, Exodus 24, Luke 1:39-56

9am Morning Prayer Barton St David

7:30pm Holiday Club meeting Methodist Chapel downstairs

Thursday Psalm 28:1-22, Exodus 25:1-22, Luke 1:57-end

9am Morning Prayer in Lydford

Friday Psalm 107, Exodus 28:1-4a, 29-38, Luke 2:1-20

Saturday Psalm 110, Exodus 29:1-9, Luke 2:21-40

Sunday 8 May 2022

**10:30am Benefice Service of Holy Communion for Rogation Lydford on Fosse
(outside we hope...)**

Forthcoming worship

15/5/22 Easter 5

8:30am Holy Communion Barton St David

10:30am Morning Prayer Keinton Mandeville

11:30am Keinton Mandeville Annual Parochial Church Meeting

22/5/22 Easter 6

8:30am Holy Communion Lydford on Fosse

10:30am Morning Prayer Barton St David

11:30pm Barton St David Annual Parochial Church Meeting

4:00pm Faith 'n fun Keinton Mandeville

26/5/22 Ascension 7pm Kingweston

29/5/22 Easter 7

10:30am Holy Communion Kingweston

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 reflection



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

Forthcoming courses:

The Bible Course is an 8 week introduction to the Bible, how it was written, how we read it and how we can interpret it. We plan to run this from April – July on a Wednesday evening, approximately fortnightly, next meeting 11 May 2022 7:30pm The Rectory, please let Jane know if you would like to join us.

Our guidelines for how we conduct our worship are:

- Masks are now voluntary, it is your choice whether or not you wear one
- We sing
- We film and livestream/record & post to YouTube
- You can either sit in close proximity with someone or be distanced (if you want to be distanced please take a notice and put it on the pew beside you)
- Communion continues to be administered in pews and using wafers and wine from small glasses, we will discuss returning to coming to the rail to receive after Easter
- We have reinstated Tea and Coffee after our church services, where we have people to prepare it.

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