

# The Wylie and Till Valley Benefice

*Berwick St James, Great Wishford, Little Langford, South Newton and Stoford, Stapleford, Steeple Langford, Stockton, Winterbourne Stoke and Wylie with Fisherton de la Mere*



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**Sunday 12<sup>th</sup> May 2024**

**The Seventh Sunday of Easter (CW); The Sixth Sunday after Easter (BCP)**

**Sunday after the Ascension**

**Ezek 36: 24 – 28; Acts 1.15-17,21-26; Psalm 1; 1 John 5.9-13  
John 17.6-19**

09:30am	Great Wishford	Holy Communion (CW)
10:30am	Steeple Langford	Holy Communion (CW) (@ Little Langford)
6:00pm	Stockton	Evening Worship

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

7:00pm, **Great Wishford**, Benefice Holy Communion Service  
with the Benefice Choir

Dear Friends,

This Sunday is the last Sunday of Easter before Pentecost. Our Gospel reading is part of the inspiring prayer offered by Jesus *for* His disciples, and *for* all “*those who will believe in Him through their word*” ~ which, of course, is us. Jesus prays for us! It is such a gift and blessing to be prayed for. Prayer is a remarkable gift, because it opens us up to God’s promises, and invites God to help us, and those for whom we are praying.

Jesus prays right before He is arrested ~ knowing what is to come. “*I am no longer in the world, but they are in the world*” ~ Jesus will no longer be with His friends in the same way: “*While I was with them, I protected them in your name ... But now I am coming to you.*”

It was John’s belief that Good Friday to the Ascension is all *one* Truth, the moment when the disciples *and* the world finally comes to understand who Jesus is. It is also the moment when His friends to go out into the world to continue His work but without Jesus physically. Jesus therefore prays for His disciple’s protection; for them to be sanctified and empowered in the Truth in order to introduce the Saviour to a doubting world and to remind the world of God’s undying love for all of Creation. A huge amount to pray for.

Jesus is our way, our truth, and our life. Jesus is the One who loves us, who died for us, *and* who prays for us. This must surely fill us with hope and joy as we continue to Make Jesus Known ~ that we work in the power and strength of the One who not just sent us, but saved us. Amen.

## Please pray for

<b>The long-term need for prayer</b>	Angela and David Baldwin (South Newton), Joyce Binder (Steeple Langford), Diane Blake (S Newton), Rosemary Borthwick-Clarke (Hanging Langford), Ann Brierley (Stapleford), Pat Considine (Steeple Langford), Liz Dilnot (Stockton), Anton Funnell; June Howes (Wyllye), Valerie Palmer, Sheena Pratt (Stapleford),
<b>The urgent sick</b>	
<b>The Departed</b>	John Powell, organist and musician; Pam Veale (SL) Jean Batchelor (WS)
<b>Those being baptized</b>	
<b>Weddings</b>	

## From the Benefice Prayer Sheet

12	<b>7<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Easter (CW) The Sunday after Ascension Day (BCP)</b> <b>Start of Christian Aid Week 2024.</b> Loving God, Help us to see when things are unfair in our world. In our daily lives, help us to think 'What would Jesus Do?' Help us to have the courage to stand up for what we know to be right. Amen
13	O God, the comfort of all who are sorrowful, and the salvation of those who put their trust in you, in this dying life, give us that peace for which we humbly pray, and finally receive us into eternal joy in your presence; through our Lord Jesus Christ. Amen.
14	<b>Matthias the Apostle</b> O Almighty God, who into the place of Judas didst choose thy faithful servant Matthias to be of the number of the Twelve: Grant that thy Church, being delivered from false apostles, may always be ordered and guided by faithful and true pastors; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who liveth and reigneth with thee, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever, Amen
15	We pray for the church and village community of Wyllye and Fisherton Delamere, their Churchwarden Roger Liddiard and their Local Church Council.
16	Lord Jesus Christ, who are called the Prince of Peace, who are Yourself our peace and reconciliation, who said, "Peace to you" – please grant us peace. Make all men and women witnesses of truth, justice and brotherly love. Amen
17	O God! O our master! You are eternal life and everlasting peace by Your essence and attributes. The everlasting peace is from You and it returns to you. O our Sustainer! Grant us the life of true peace and usher us into the abode of peace. O Glorious and Bounteous One! You are blessed and sublime.
18	We pray for the church and village community of Berwick St James. We pray for Bill Hiscocks and James Douse Churchwardens and the PCC.
19	<b>Pentecost/Whit Sunday</b> GOD, who as at this time didst teach the hearts of thy faithful people, by the sending to them the light of thy Holy Spirit; Grant us by the same Spirit to have a right judgement in all things, and evermore to rejoice in his holy comfort; through the merits of Christ Jesus our Saviour, who liveth and reigneth with thee, in the unity of the same Spirit, one God, world without end. Amen.

## Sunday 19<sup>th</sup> May – Pentecost

09:00am	Little Langford	Holy Communion (BCP)
10:00am	Berwick St James	Matins (BCP)
10:30am	Wyllye	Matins (BCP)
11:00am	Stapleford	Holy Communion (CW)
4:00pm	South Newton	Family@4 service with afternoon tea in the church



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