



# CHW CATCH UP

THE MONTHLY NEWSLETTER FOR COXLEY,  
HENTON, AND WOOKEY CHURCHES

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## Tidy Up the Churchyard

On a lovely sunny April afternoon in Wookey we had a big team of helpers who tidied graves and flower beds and also made bird feeders and homes for wildlife. If you are passing, do stop to admire the primroses, celandines and bluebells (some shown in this photo!). In the Wilder Churches project, Somerset Wildlife Trust and the Diocese of Bath & Wells encourage communities to get to know the wildlife in their local churchyard and increase the value of these special places for wildlife. If you would like to have a go at the treasure hunt, there are tick sheets inside the church.



## PLEASE PRAY FOR...

- That you would “come to enjoy the peace, love, and eternal life that are found in Jesus” (Justin Welby & Stephen Cottrell - Archbishops of Canterbury & York)

## FLOWER FESTIVAL

Come and delight in the beauty of nature, which flowers bring to our lives.



Henton Church will be a beautiful setting for a Flower Festival, taking place on **4th and 5th May (10am - 4pm)**. There will be flower arrangements produced by local people, all depicting 'village life', using locally grown flowers and ones from further field. Enjoy a cup of tea or coffee, and a slice of cake too! No entrance fee, and all money raised will go toward Henton Revitalisation.





## ASCENSION DAY - 9TH MAY

Jesus appeared to the disciples many times after his resurrection and then finally ascended into heaven. We remember his Ascension with a Holy Communion service, which will be held at **Henton Church on 6pm Thursday 9th May.**

## CHRISTIAN AID

Christian Aid this year is focused on helping people in Burundi set up successful small businesses, to lift their families out of poverty. You can give online at **caweek.org** or return the red Christian Aid envelope either to Jenny Crossley at Ryemead, Henton or Jenny Cooke, Amber House, Coxley or to Revd Jan, The Vicarage, Wookey. Christian Aid week is **12th - 18th May**. Envelopes are available at the back of each of the three churches.

If you want to know more, go to hear David Hart of Christian Aid speaking at **St Joseph & St Teresa's Church** in Wells at **6pm on Sunday 12th May.**



## ROGATION PRAYER WALK

We have a prayer walk from Wookey to Henton on **19th May**. Meet at **3pm** at **Wookey Church** for this walk of approximately 2 miles, praying for those who live and work in our villages, or just join us for refreshments at Christ Church Henton at the end at about 4pm.

Well-behaved dogs are welcome on the walk and lifts can be arranged for those who don't want to walk back to the start.

## CHURCH SERVICE LOCATIONS

You may be wondering why there are two 'special' services taking place at Henton: Ascension Day Holy Communion and Pentecost. This is because the Ascension Day service rotates between the three churches, and Pentecost is held at the church which would usually host a Holy Communion service. The church hosting the service on the fifth Sunday of the month also rotates between the three churches, and in June it's Henton's turn to host. So don't worry, it's all fair, it's just worked out that Henton have a busy couple of months this year.



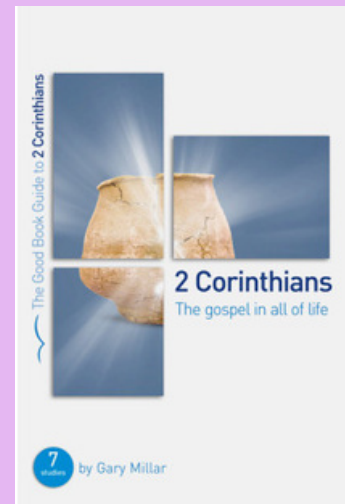
## NEW SHORT COURSE: THE GOSPEL IN ALL OF LIFE

You are invited to get together with others to read and discuss 2 Corinthians - the Gospel in All of Life. This letter, written by the apostle Paul, is the place to go in the New Testament to learn what gospel ministry is all about. For Paul, gospel ministry is what we all do. It is walking with, speaking for, and serving Jesus in all of life. So this letter is written for all of us.

2 Corinthians takes us through how to live by faith in our broken world. It's the key to embracing our weakness and living in the strength which God himself supplies.

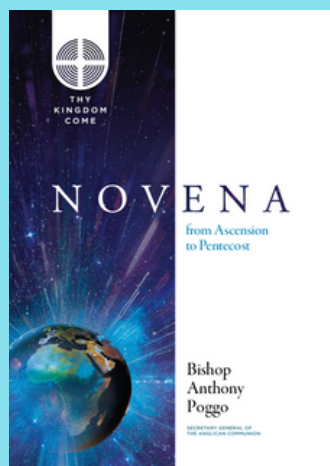
Proposed time to meet is **2:30pm** Tuesday afternoons in Coxley Church starting **Tuesday 4th June** for **7 weeks**. Please let Katrina know if you are planning to join us so we order enough books.

Contact Katrina via email: [benadmin@chwchurches.co.uk](mailto:benadmin@chwchurches.co.uk) or phone: 07704 604165



## THY KINGDOM COME

'Thy Kingdom Come' is a global prayer movement, started in 2016 by the Archbishops of Caterbury and York.



'On Ascension - **9th May** - we celebrate Jesus' return to God his Father. On **19th May**, we celebrate Pentecost - when the Holy Spirit arrived. In between those days are nine days to focus on prayer for God's Kingdom to Come. Everyone is invited to join either at our mid-week prayers or privately. Do pick up one of the inspirational booklets - Novena - at the back of the churches.

To find out more about 'Thy Kingdom Come' please visit [www.thykingdomcome.global/](http://www.thykingdomcome.global/)

## PENTECOST

Pentecost is an important date in the church year - we celebrate God's Spirit bringing new life to all Jesus' followers.

We are joining all three churches together, to celebrate Pentecost at Henton at **10:30am Sunday 19th May**. We'd love for you to be there.



# May Services

Sunday 5th

08:30 at Wookey - Quiet Holy Communion  
09:00 at Henton - Sunday Breakfast  
Village Hall  
10:30 at Coxley - Holy Communion

Sunday 12th

09:00 at Henton - Holy Communion  
10:30 at Wookey - Inspire (Informal)  
18:30 at Coxley - Evensong

Sunday 19th

10:30 at Henton - Pentecost Holy  
Communion

Sunday 26th

10:30 at Wookey - Holy Communion  
10:30 at Coxley - Sunday Brunch  
18:30 at Henton - Evensong

Thursday 9th May

**Events:**

Sunday 19th May

18:00 at Henton - Ascension Day Holy  
Communion

15:00 at Wookey - Rogation Prayer Walk

(Walking from Wookey to Henton, ending at  
Henton Church at 4pm for refreshments)

**Mondays:**

**Tuesdays:**

**Wednesdays:**

**Thursdays:**

16:30 at Henton - Afternoon Prayer

09:15 at Coxley - Morning Prayer

10:00 at Wookey - Holy Communion

14:30-16:00 at  
Coxley - Community Cafe  
(Warm Space)