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THE MONTHLY NEWSLETTER FOR COXLEY,
HENTON, AND WOOKEY CHURCHES

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MEET GLADIATOR 'ACE' AND ENJOY ACTIVITIES AT COXLEY CHURCH



Did you love the 1990's 'Gladiators' TV series? This is your chance to come and meet Warren Furman ('Ace'), who will be sharing the lessons he's learnt as he's gone from tv celebrity to become an ordained priest.

As part of 'Wonder-full Wells' events, Coxley Church are hosting 'How to be Strong': a café afternoon with lots of activities for children and adults (**3-4:30pm Thursday 25th June**).

A not to be missed opportunity, and will be a wonderful experience for all!



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PLEASE PRAY FOR...

- Peace in the world
- All students preparing for their exams
- Those who are part of the groups (PCCs) that help run our churches - either newly elected or already serving

SPECIAL PLANT SALE, BBQ & CONCERT - SATURDAY 9TH MAY



Come on down to **Henton Church** for a wonderful afternoon with three back-to-back events! Starting off at **3pm** with a plant sale, with a range of plants to bring colour and greenery to your home and garden. There'll also be stalls with other gardening related items, cakes and refreshments.

Following on, there will be a BBQ and bar! A perfect way to socialise with local people and enjoy the sunny weather (fingers crossed!). Finally, at **7:30pm** there'll be a Baroque Concert - see separate article on the next page. You are welcome to come to one or all of these events, and we hope that you can pop along and have a fun time as you support the next phase of revitalising Christ Church Henton. Cash or card payments can be made.



AN EVENING OF BAROQUE DELIGHTS - SATURDAY 9TH MAY

Round off an afternoon of events at Henton Church, come and enjoy music from the 17th & 18th centuries including arias, duets and keyboard music by Handel. **Arrive 7pm for 7:30pm** at **Christ Church Henton**. Tickets £10 on the door. All proceeds in aid of the Christ Church Henton Revitalising Fund.



Wine and soft drinks by donation available before and after the concert. Performed by: Sarah Davies, Tricia Rees-Jones and David Secchi. If possible, please let us know you will be attending by emailing: jennycrossley@mbzonline.net

MEDITATION GROUP (MON. 11TH MAY & MON. 1ST JUNE)

If you're new to meditation or silent prayer, it can help to try in with a group of friendly local people. The session will start with a short reading before a time for meditation / silent prayer.

We meet in **Buxton's Community Room** (left of Buxton's Close, Vicarage Road, Wookey, BA5 1JW). Please arrive at **2pm** so that we can all be seated by **2:15pm**, as there is a security lock on the door. There's a chance to enjoy a cuppa afterwards too, and donations for heating are always welcome. Contact Julie Moore for more information: stuart.moore3@btinternet.com Please note that the session in May is not on the first Monday of the month.



ASCENSION DAY HOLY COMMUNION - 6PM THURSDAY 14TH MAY



At Easter we celebrate Jesus' victory over death, 40 days later we remember his Ascension, when he returned to be with God. We hope that you can join us for this special communion service which will be at **St Matthew's Wookey**.

ROGATION WALK - SUNDAY 17TH MAY - STARTING AT 3PM

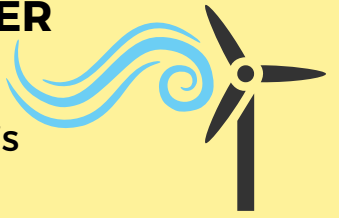
This year we have 2 prayer walks. The first is from **Wookey Church** to Coxley! As we walk we'll stop to pray blessings over key places in our communities. We hope to arrive at **Coxley Church** about **4:30pm**, for tea and cakes. The walk has some uneven surfaces but no stiles. Well behaved dogs welcome. Or just join us at Coxley Church for the refreshments.

The return walk is on **Saturday 20th June** leaving **Coxley Church** at **10am** and ending with lunch at **Wookey Goat Farm**.



THY KINGDOM COME - 9 DAYS OF PRAYER

Do pick up a prayer journal as we focus on prayer in the days leading up to Pentecost, seeking to align ourselves with God's will for the world and bring the needs of others to God.



PENTECOST - 10:30AM SUNDAY 24TH MAY - WOOKEY CHURCH

The next big festival after Easter is Pentecost, a chance for us to give thanks for what happened at the first Pentecost, and what God's Spirit does today.



At Pentecost God's spirit changed the disciples from being fearful to courageous. God's Spirit can also bring us courage and fullness of life.

With songs, Bible readings, prayers and a short talk to inspire, we join together across the 3 parishes for this service **24th May**. Do join us!

CELEBRATING HENTON CHURCH'S RE-OPENING

Since Christmas, Henton Church has been closed for revitalising work to take place in the building. We are pleased to announce that Phase 1 of this work will be complete by the end of May.



We are holding a special Holy Communion service at **10:30am** on **Sunday 31st May**, to which everyone is invited, as we celebrate being together inside Henton Church.

ART AND THE BIBLE - RESURRECTION AND AFTER

Look at and discuss 4 paintings about the early church in the months after Christ's resurrection. We start with Stanley Spencer's *The Resurrection*, Cookham, and then follow Peter's exciting activities - with old masters by Raphael and El Greco as well as modern interpretations. Don't worry if you can't make it to all sessions.

7:30pm Thursday 30th April, 7th May, 4th and 11th June.

Contact Katrina
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May Services

Sunday 3rd	08:30 at Wookey - Quiet Holy Communion 09:00 at Henton Village Hall - Sunday Breakfast 10:30 at Coxley - Holy Communion
Sunday 10th	9:00 at Henton - Holy Communion 10:30 at Wookey - Morning Worship 18:30 at Coxley - Evensong
Sunday 17th	10:30 at Coxley - All Together Communion
Sunday 24th	10:30 at Wookey - Pentecost All Together Communion
Sunday 31st	10:30 at Henton - All Together Communion
Events: Saturday 9th Thursday 14th Sunday 17th	15:00 at Henton - Special Plant Sale, followed by BBQ & Concert 18:30 at Wookey - Ascension Day Holy Communion 15:00 at Wookey to Coxley - Rogation Prayer Walk
Mondays: Tuesdays: Wednesdays: Thursdays:	16:30 at Dove Cottage, Henton - Afternoon Prayer 09:15 at Coxley - Morning Prayer 10:00 at Wookey - Midweek Holy Communion 14:30 - 16:00 at Coxley - Coxley Community Cafe (Warm Space)

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