

Welcome to the Mells Group of Parishes
Chantry, Great Elm,
Mells with Vobster, Whatley



Sunday 3rd November - All Saints

10.00am Group Service with Holy Communion
at Great Elm led by David Clark

Sunday 10th November - Remembrance

9.30am Lay Led Remembrance Service at Great Elm
9.30am Holy Communion at Mells led by Martin Weymont
9.30am Morning Prayer at Whatley led by Hazell Tovey
10.50am Holy Communion at Chantry led by David Clark



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**All Saints**

**Collect**

Almighty God, you have knit together your elect in one communion and fellowship in the mystical body of your Son Christ our Lord: grant us grace so to follow your blessed saints in all virtuous and godly living that we may come to those inexpressible joys that you have prepared for those who truly love you; through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord, who is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever.

**First Reading: Wisdom 3.1-9**

But the souls of the righteous are in the hand of God, and no torment will ever touch them.

In the eyes of the foolish they seemed to have died, and their departure was thought to be a disaster and their going from us to be their destruction, but they are at peace. For though in the sight of others they were punished, their hope is full of immortality. Having been disciplined a little, they will receive great good, because God tested them and found them worthy of himself; like gold in the furnace he tried them, and like a sacrificial burnt offering he accepted them. In the time of their visitation they will shine forth and will run like sparks through the stubble. They will govern nations and rule over peoples, and the Lord will reign over them forever. Those who trust in him will understand truth, and the faithful will abide with him in love, because grace and mercy are upon his holy ones, and he watches over his elect.

## **or Isaiah 25.6-9**

On this mountain the Lord of hosts will make for all peoples a feast of rich food, a feast of well-matured wines, of rich food filled with marrow, of well-matured wines strained clear. And he will destroy on this mountain the shroud that is cast over all peoples, the sheet that is spread over all nations; he will swallow up death for ever. Then the Lord God will wipe away the tears from all faces, and the disgrace of his people he will take away from all the earth, for the Lord has spoken. It will be said on that day, Lo, this is our God; we have waited for him, so that he might save us. This is the Lord for whom we have waited; let us be glad and rejoice in his salvation.

## **Psalm 24.1-6**

The earth is the Lord's and all that is in it, the world, and those who live in it; for he has founded it on the seas, and established it on the rivers. Who shall ascend the hill of the Lord? And who shall stand in his holy place? Those who have clean hands and pure hearts, who do not lift up their souls to what is false, and do not swear deceitfully. They will receive blessing from the Lord, and vindication from the God of their salvation. Such is the company of those who seek him, who seek the face of the God of Jacob.

## **Second Reading: Revelation 21.1-6a**

Then I saw a new heaven and a new earth; for the first heaven and the first earth had passed away, and the sea was no more. And I saw the holy city, the new Jerusalem, coming down out of heaven from God, prepared as a bride adorned for her husband. And I heard a loud voice from the throne saying, 'See, the home of God is among mortals. He will dwell with them; they will be his peoples, and God himself will be with them; he will wipe every tear from their eyes. Death will be no more; mourning and crying and pain will be no more, for the first things have passed away.'

And the one who was seated on the throne said, 'See, I am making all things new.' Also, he said, 'Write this, for these words are trustworthy and true.' Then he said to me, 'It is done! I am the Alpha and the Omega, the beginning and the end. To the thirsty I will give water as a gift from the spring of the water of life.'

## **Gospel: John 11.32-44**

When Mary came where Jesus was and saw him, she knelt at his feet and said to him, 'Lord, if you had been here, my brother would not have died.' When Jesus saw her weeping, and the Jews who came with her also weeping, he was greatly disturbed in spirit and deeply moved. He said, 'Where have you laid him?' They said to him, 'Lord, come and see.' Jesus began to weep. So, the Jews said, 'See how he loved him!' But some of them said, 'Could not he who opened the eyes of the blind man have kept this man from dying?'

Then Jesus, again greatly disturbed, came to the tomb. It was a cave, and a stone was lying against it. Jesus said, 'Take away the stone.' Martha, the sister of the dead man, said to him, 'Lord, already there is a stench because he has been dead for four days.' Jesus said to her, 'Did I not tell you that if you believed, you would see the glory of God?' So, they took away the stone. And Jesus looked upwards and said, 'Father, I thank you for having heard me. I knew that you always hear me, but I have said this for the sake of the crowd standing here, so that they may believe that you sent me.'

When he had said this, he cried with a loud voice, 'Lazarus, come out!' The dead man came out, his hands and feet bound with strips of cloth, and his face wrapped in a cloth. Jesus said to them, 'Unbind him, and let him go.'

## **Post Communion**

God, the source of all holiness and giver of all good things: may we who have shared at this table as strangers and pilgrims here on earth be welcomed with all your saints to the heavenly feast on the day of your kingdom; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

# From The Diocese

## Healing Gathering 2025

Saturday 18 January 10am – 1pm at Flourish House, Wells.

The gathering presents an opportunity for all people interested in healing - both clergy and laity - to come together in one place to explore Christian Healing.

The aim is to offer a relaxed, open, welcoming environment for all who are interested in Christian Healing including: those who are exploring Christian Healing for the first time; those who are already involved in Christian Healing and want to explore further; as well as those who are experienced in the healing ministry who want to delve deeper and are able to share their experience.

It will be a chance to meet together, share together and learn from each other. A chance to create links with a view to creating an encouraging and supportive healing network across the diocese.

To book a place or for further information, please contact Sue Whitehead [sue.whitehead@bathwells.anglican.org](mailto:sue.whitehead@bathwells.anglican.org) or 01749 685272.

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Windrush the Journey: People and Place

The first visit to Somerset of a photo exhibition from Jim Grover, social-documentary photographer. With connections to Somerset, Jim's particular passion is using images to tell stories, especially to celebrate daily life, people, local communities and traditions, and to make the unseen seen.

This exhibition includes;

- an exhibition of photos
- a front room installation from the 1950s
- 2 suitcases with contents to provide an insight into migration and travel
- a range of interpretation & engagement sessions, including guided tour, artefact handling, in-conversation with... and more

Rook Lane Chapel, Frome

14 November - 18 December 2024