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THE BENEFICE OF BLAGDON WITH

Give ear to my words, O Lord; give heed to my sighing. Lead me, O Lord, in your righteousness, make your way straight before me.

let them ever sing for joy.

Extract from Psalm 5

CHARTERHOUSE,

UBLEY

COMPTON MARTIN AND

Please join us for the Sunday Eucharist on 6th June in St Andrew's Church, Blagdon. Booking, as usual, is via the form on our website, to enable us to comply with Track and Trace regulations. Please accept our apologies: there will be no online worship this week. Please would those of you who usually worship with us online consider joining the worship which will be streamed from Wells Cathedral from 10am. There is a link below or you can watch it on the Cathedral's Youtube channel.

But let all who take refuge in you rejoice;

Gillian Straine. Please see the notice below for details of how to register. We look forward to welcoming you soon. Yours in Fellowship, Revd. Simon Lewis Laura Williams If you would prefer not to receive electronic communications from us, please unsubscribe here.

The Diocese of Bath and Wells has also asked us to inform you about a Healing Forum that will be taking place next month via Zoom with Revd. Dr



...and the crowd came together again, so that they could not even eat. When his family heard it, they went out to restrain him, for people were saying, 'He has gone out of his mind.' And the scribes who came down from

Jerusalem said, 'He has Beelzebul, and by the ruler of the demons he casts

out demons.' And he called them to him, and spoke to them in parables,

'How can Satan cast out Satan? If a kingdom is divided against itself, that kingdom cannot stand. And if a house is divided against itself, that house will

not be able to stand. And if Satan has risen up against himself and is divided, he cannot stand, but his end has come. But no one can enter a strong man's house and plunder his property without first tying up the strong

'Truly I tell you, people will be forgiven for their sins and whatever

blasphemies they utter; but whoever blasphemes against the Holy Spirit can never have forgiveness, but is guilty of an eternal sin' - for they had said, 'He

Then his mother and his brothers came; and standing outside, they sent to him and called him. A crowd was sitting around him; and they said to him, 'Your mother and your brothers and sisters are outside, asking for you.' And

he replied, 'Who are my mother and my brothers?' And looking at those who

sat around him, he said, 'Here are my mother and my brothers! Whoever

does the will of God is my brother and sister and mother.'

#### has an unclean spirit.' The True Kindred of Jesus

**A Reflection** 

man; then indeed the house can be plundered.

to Greek literature of the period in which he is writing, some decades after the events of Jesus life. It is a sort of sandwich beginning with the 'Crowd' it moves to Jesus' family; then the filling, the confrontation with religious authorities, then back to the 'Crowd' and ending again, with the Family.) The development of Christian thinking, practice and theology owes much to Greek influence. The same method is used elsewhere in the Gospel; the crowd is an important feature; the crowd, social media in particular, are an important feature of today; beware the crowd. Remember, this conflict comes directly after Jesus emerges from his temptations in the desert. His family think he is disturbed and want to take

care of him; the religious authorities, the scribes get in on the act. They

diagnose 'possession by Satan. Jesus is more than match; 'It does not make

sense to say that I drive out demons, using demons - Satan- as my weapon. Then, those words that you might apply in cases close to home; 'If a house is

divided against itself, how can that house stand'. It is worth noting that the

When 'the family set out to take charge of him' Mark uses the same word he

uses for Jesus' arrest in the Garden of Gethsemane. Elsewhere in the

Gospels Jesus' power is associated with Satan (John 2:20, 8:48).

word 'diabolical' is from a Greek word 'to split in two'.

I wait for the Lord, my soul waits for him:

I can do no good thing without you,

that in the keeping of your commandments

I may please you both in will and deed; through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord,

grant me the help of your grace,

who is alive and reigns with you,

in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever.

Amen.

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With Special Guest Revd. Dr. Gillian Straine

**Chief Operating Officer** Guild Of Health

and, because through the weakness of my mortal nature

(As an aside, it is interesting to note that Mark uses a literary device common

Jesus makes clear, by means of a parable that his task is to free people from all that comes between humanity and God. Jesus, who, Mark says, is stronger than John the Baptist (Mark 1:7), is stronger than Satan too. The passage reflects the whole story of Jesus and the community in which the Gospel was first told and shared. Those who follow Jesus often still experience the same resistance to the glory and the presence of God. Out of the deep have I called to you, O Lord; Lord, hear my voice.

in his word is my hope. [Psalm 30] A Prayer for Sunday O God, my Creator, the strength of all those who put their trust in you, mercifully accept my prayer

Online Worship - Trinity I

6 June 2021, 10:00am

#### We have been unable to record a worship in the Benefice this week. Please would those of you who usually join us online consider joining the streamed worship broadcast on Wells Cathedral's website from 10am, which

will remain online for the week.

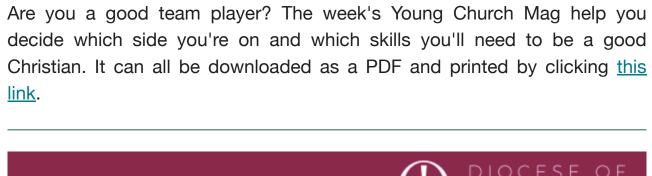
This week's recording for the Ring of Bells' radio station will be broadcast on

Sunday morning, beginning with the sound of church bells at 10:45am and with the talk beginning at 11:00pm. You can also listen to this week's

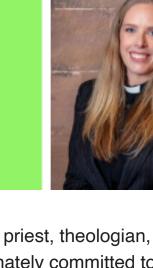
recording on our website, by clicking on the image below.

Ringers' Radio

**Isolation Station** 



**Summer Healing Forum** Wednesday, 7th July 2021 7:30pm – 9:00pm on Zoom Healing in a Changing World – Session 3



 Promoting the church as a hub for health and healing • Learning from one another about how to promote human flourishing Creating networks of people who are passionate in linking faith and health • Helping people to connect with the church as a hub for wellbeing

and health, primarily but not exclusively from a Christian perspective,

As with our previous two evening sessions, this evening with Gillian will include a talk, time for reflection, opportunities for discussion in small groups and sharing feedback. If you are interested in attending, please register on the event page for the

Prayer within our Community

In the Parish of Blagdon, please pray for Nicky and her family, Britta and her

parents Roger and Kathy, for Elizabeth, Nick, Neil and Margaret, Rhianon

and the family of Barbara White. In the Parish of Ubley, please pray for Richard and Nigel. In the Parish of Compton Martin, please pray for Ann and Robert, for Mathew, Tom and Harry, Ceinwen and Robert.

## married at St Andrew's on Friday 4th June.

We have been asked to pray for:

### God of truth, help us to keep your law of love

in Jesus Christ your Son. Amen If you have someone or something that you would like us to pray for, your requests can be passed onto them and included in our prayers. Please click here to send us your requests.

Community Support and Help Details

Support is available in all our villages for anyone who is self-isolating: For those who live in Ubley **Ubley Cares** 

For those who live in Compton Martin:

Email: comptonmartin.cv@gmail.com Landline: 221415 speak to Jean Luckett

Email: peterandjeanluckett@gmail.com

For those who live in Blagdon:

**Blagdon Community Link** Support during Covid-19 Email: caroblagdon@gmail.com

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Children's Corner

Living the story. Telling the story

# The Journey Towards **Health & Healing**



• Researching healing from an academic viewpoint

session: https://www.bathandwells.org.uk/healing-forum-booking-form.

### Please pray for our wedding couples as they prepare for their marriage ceremonies in our churches this month, and for Simon and Kerry who were

### and to walk in ways of wisdom, that we may find true life

Praying for all who are suffering

Landline: 463509 speak to Wes Hallam Email: whallam@ubleyparish.co.uk Landline: 462827 speak to Jonathan Longhurst Email: jl1andjl2@sky.com

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