

Stour Vale Newsletter No.276

Sunday 3rd August

9:15am Parish Communion Todber
*10:00am Morning Worship West Stour (CW)
11:00am Parish Communion East Stour



*Please remember that West Stour's services are now at 10:00am

**Please remember all who are ill or bereaved in Sunday's intercessions
and in your prayers this week**

All who are ill, especially Peter (KM), Nicky (T), Margaret (WS) and Tony (WS); those who are bereaved, especially the family and friends of John Parker (KM), Henrietta Davys (KM), Jean Hoskins (KM), Monica de Sallis (KM), and Margaret Elsworth (WS).

Other Benefice services/events coming up in August

Every Tuesday – Said Morning Prayer 9:30am West Stour Church

Every Wednesday – Said Holy Communion 10:30am East Stour Church

Sunday 17th – Breakfast Church 8:45am Buckhorn Weston Village Hall

Sunday 17th – Songs of Praise in Celebration of Marriage 5pm East Stour
(following on from their Cream Tea at 3pm)

Monday 18th – Knit and Natter 2:30pm East Stour Village Hall

Tuesday 19th August – Benefice Lunch 12:30pm Lakeside Kitchen Todber

Please remember to book your place and your food order with Jill or Clare by Tuesday 12th

Thursday 28th – Stour Vale Benefice Prayer Group 2pm East Stour Church

Sunday 31st August – Lammas Communion 10:30am and Pet Service 3pm – see below



Breakfast served from 8.45am

Worship 9.00am - 9.30am

Buckhorn Weston Village Hall (SP8 5HF).

Scan the QR code for more information,

Or contact Fiona Hedges: fjhedges1@gmail.com; 01747 838 942



Stour Vale Benefice

**5th Sunday Services
Sunday 31st August**

10:30am Lammas
Communion Service
at Fifehead Magdalen

3:00pm Outdoor Pet
Blessing Service
at Todber

All welcome.



Readings Sunday 3rd August

Ecclesiastes 1.2, 12-14; 2.18-23

Colossians 3.1-11

7th Sunday after Trinity

Psalm 49.1-12

Luke 12.13-21

Colossians 3:1-11 (NIV)

Since, then, you have been raised with Christ, set your hearts on things above, where Christ is, seated at the right hand of God. ² Set your minds on things above, not on earthly things. ³ For you died, and your life is now hidden with Christ in God. ⁴ When Christ, who is your life, appears, then you also will appear with him in glory.

⁵ Put to death, therefore, whatever belongs to your earthly nature: sexual immorality, impurity, lust, evil desires and greed, which is idolatry. ⁶ Because of these, the wrath of God is coming. ⁷ You used to walk in these ways, in the life you once lived. ⁸ But now you must also rid yourselves of all such things as these: anger, rage, malice, slander, and filthy language from your lips. ⁹ Do not lie to each other, since you have taken off your old self with its practices ¹⁰ and have put on the new self, which is being renewed in knowledge in the image of its Creator. ¹¹ Here there is no Gentile or Jew, circumcised or uncircumcised, barbarian, Scythian, slave or free, but Christ is all, and is in all.

(NIV)

Someone in the crowd said to him, “Teacher, tell my brother to divide the inheritance with me.”

¹⁴ Jesus replied, “Man, who appointed me a judge or an arbiter between you?” ¹⁵ Then he said to them, “Watch out! Be on your guard against all kinds of greed; life does not consist in an abundance of possessions.”

¹⁶ And he told them this parable: “The ground of a certain rich man yielded an abundant harvest. ¹⁷ He thought to himself, ‘What shall I do? I have no place to store my crops.’

¹⁸ “Then he said, ‘This is what I’ll do. I will tear down my barns and build bigger ones, and there I will store my surplus grain. ¹⁹ And I’ll say to myself, “You have plenty of grain laid up for many years. Take life easy; eat, drink and be merry.”’

²⁰ “But God said to him, ‘You fool! This very night your life will be demanded from you. Then who will get what you have prepared for yourself?’

²¹ “This is how it will be with whoever stores up things for themselves but is not rich toward God.”



Collect and Post Communion for Sunday 3rd August

Collect

Lord of all power and might,
the author and giver of all good things:
graft in our hearts the love of your name,
increase in us true religion,
nourish us with all goodness,
and of your great mercy keep us in the same;
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.

Post Communion

Lord God, whose Son is the true vine and the source of life,
ever giving himself that the world may live:
may we so receive within ourselves the power of his death and passion
that, in his saving cup, we may share his glory and be made perfect in his love;
for he is alive and reigns, now and for ever.

Prayer in the Benefice – Sunday 3rd to Saturday 9th August

Please join us in prayer this week, either by adding the topics to your usual daily prayers or by praying the specific prayers suggested below. If you would like us to pray for something, or someone, then please contact Jill Perry (octavoeditorsvb@gmail.com).

Sunday: Church Events: Services in the Benefice, the Gillingham and Shaftesbury Show.



O Lord, may your presence be tangible in our worship services today. Fill us with thankfulness and awe so that we praise and glorify you with our thoughts, our words and our deeds.

We ask your blessing on all the preparations for the Gillingham and Shaftesbury Show, and for the event itself next week. We especially pray for the Church Tent, and for all within our Benefice and our neighbouring Benefices, who will support that by baking cakes, setting up, manning the stall, providing photos, chatting to customers, or any of the other myriad jobs that combine to highlight your presence to all who attend the show. May The Tent be an oasis of peace and hospitality, and a place where people can find you. Amen.

Monday: The Middle East, especially Gaza – a prayer by Christian Aid:

www.christianaid.org.uk

Dear God, We cry out to you in the midst of the pain, trauma of violence and fear in the Holy Land. Be with those who need you in these days of suffering. While we pray for the establishment of peace, we call for you to bring justice and equity to the peoples. In Jesus' name we pray. Amen.

Tuesday: West Stour

Faithful Father, please bless all who live or work in West Stour. We pray for all the people in the village who aren't well, especially those who have been diagnosed with a terminal illness, and for their families and friends. Please comfort them and give them peace. Amen.



Wednesday: All who are ill or bereaved, especially those listed on the first page of the newsletter that we have specifically been asked to pray for; all whose conditions are hidden.



Merciful Lord, hear us as we remember those who are suffering, especially the sick, the bereaved and those whose suffering is not obvious to others. You love them, and know their needs far better than we do. We do not attempt to dictate to you. All we ask is that you will do for them as you see best, and bless them with your peace. Amen.

Thursday: The persecuted Church in Nigeria – A Prayer by Open Doors:

www.opendoorsuk.org

Heavenly Father, we cry out to You for our persecuted sisters and brothers in Nigeria. Comfort and heal all who have been attacked, traumatised or bereaved and fill them with hope. We pray especially for women and girls who have been abducted and assaulted – set them free and restore them to their families. Help the new president to work together with the authorities to bring an end to terrorism in the country. Build Your good kingdom in Nigeria through Your church and give believers courage to keep proclaiming the good news of Jesus. Amen.

Friday: Give Thanks

Lord of Life, we celebrate your countless gifts, in days and nights, in rainbows and rain, in touch, dream and smile, in partners who love, in kids who cuddle, in grannies who listen, in friends who care, in dogs who lick, in hands that sew, in food



on the table, yet above all in your coming among us, walking our roads, calling our names, enfolding our lives, inviting us home. Amen.

Saturday: Ourselves

Christ as a light, illuminate and guide us, Christ as a shield overshadow us, Christ under us, Christ over us, Christ beside us on our left and our right. Amen.

When I say I am a Christian

When I say, "I am a Christian," I'm not shouting, "I am saved!"
I'm whispering, "I get lost; that is why I chose this way."

When I say, "I am a Christian," I don't speak of this with pride.
I'm confessing that I stumble and need Someone to be my Guide.

When I say, "I am a Christian," I'm not bragging I am strong.
I'm professing that I'm weak, and I pray for strength to carry on.

When I say, "I am a Christian," I'm not bragging of success.
I'm admitting I have failed and cannot ever pay the debt.

When I say, "I am a Christian," I'm not claiming to be perfect.
My flaws are all too visible, but God believes I'm worth it.

When I say, "I am a Christian," I still feel the sting of pain.
I have my share of heartaches, which is why I cry His name.

When I say, "I am a Christian," I do not wish to judge.
I have no authority; I only know I'm loved.

Author unknown

Parish Pump

You can contact Revd Clare on: 01747 838171

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Please Note: Clare's usual day off is Monday.



This Newsletter



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