

# Stour Vale Newsletter No.277

**Sunday 10<sup>th</sup> August**



9:15am Parish Communion Buckhorn Weston  
10:30am Morning Worship Stour Provost (CW)  
11:00am Morning Worship Kington Magna (CW)  
6:30pm Parish Communion Fifehead Magdalen

**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).

## *Prayer Walks*

Prayer walking is rooted in centuries old Christian spiritual traditions such as "Beating the Bounds" and the practice of Pilgrimage. It offers an opportunity to bless people, places, businesses and animals, intercede for the concerns of villagers, and affirm the life and unity of the community, especially in acknowledging those places which are key to village life. All welcome.

**Saturday 9<sup>th</sup> August – 10am Buckhorn Weston (meet at the church)**

**Saturday 30<sup>th</sup> August – 10am Stour Row (meet at the village hall)**

## *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 17<sup>th</sup>** – Breakfast Church 8:45am Buckhorn Weston Village Hall

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

**Monday 18<sup>th</sup>** – Knit and Natter 2:30pm East Stour Village Hall

**Tuesday 19<sup>th</sup> 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 28<sup>th</sup>** – Stour Vale Benefice Prayer Group 2pm East Stour Church

**Sunday 31<sup>st</sup> 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](mailto:fjhedges1@gmail.com); 01747 838 942



Stour Vale Benefice

**5<sup>th</sup> Sunday Services  
Sunday 31<sup>st</sup> August**

**10:30am** Lammas  
Communion Service  
at Fifehead Magdalen

**3:00pm** Outdoor Pet  
Blessing Service  
at Todber

All welcome.





## Readings Sunday 10<sup>th</sup> August

Genesis 15.1–6

Hebrews 11.1–3, 8–16

*8th Sunday after Trinity*

Psalm 33.12–end

Luke 12.32–40

### Hebrews 11.1–3, 8–16(NIV)

Now faith is confidence in what we hope for and assurance about what we do not see. <sup>2</sup>This is what the ancients were commended for.

<sup>3</sup> By faith we understand that the universe was formed at God's command, so that what is seen was not made out of what was visible.

<sup>8</sup>By faith Abraham, when called to go to a place he would later receive as his inheritance, obeyed and went, even though he did not know where he was going. <sup>9</sup> By faith he made his home in the promised land like a stranger in a foreign country; he lived in tents, as did Isaac and Jacob, who were heirs with him of the same promise. <sup>10</sup> For he was looking forward to the city with foundations, whose architect and builder is God. <sup>11</sup> And by faith even Sarah, who was past childbearing age, was enabled to bear children because she<sup>[a]</sup> considered him faithful who had made the promise. <sup>12</sup> And so from this one man, and he as good as dead, came descendants as numerous as the stars in the sky and as countless as the sand on the seashore.

<sup>13</sup> All these people were still living by faith when they died. They did not receive the things promised; they only saw them and welcomed them from a distance, admitting that they were foreigners and strangers on earth. <sup>14</sup> People who say such things show that they are looking for a country of their own. <sup>15</sup> If they had been thinking of the country they had left, they would have had opportunity to return. <sup>16</sup> Instead, they were longing for a better country—a heavenly one. Therefore God is not ashamed to be called their God, for he has prepared a city for them.

### Luke 12.32–40 (NIV)

"Do not be afraid, little flock, for your Father has been pleased to give you the kingdom. <sup>33</sup> Sell your possessions and give to the poor. Provide purses for yourselves that will not wear out, a treasure in heaven that will never fail, where no thief comes near and no moth destroys. <sup>34</sup> For where your treasure is, there your heart will be also.

<sup>35</sup> "Be dressed ready for service and keep your lamps burning, <sup>36</sup> like servants waiting for their master to return from a wedding banquet, so that when he comes and knocks they can immediately open the door for him. <sup>37</sup> It will be good for those servants whose master finds them watching when he comes. Truly I tell you, he will dress himself to serve, will have them recline at the table and will come and wait on them. <sup>38</sup> It will be good for those servants whose master finds them ready, even if he comes in the middle of the night or toward daybreak. <sup>39</sup> But understand this: If the owner of the house had known at what hour the thief was coming, he would not have let his house be broken into. <sup>40</sup> You also must be ready, because the Son of Man will come at an hour when you do not expect him."

### Collect and Post Communion for Sunday 10<sup>th</sup> August

#### Collect

Almighty Lord and everlasting God,  
we beseech you to direct, sanctify and govern both our hearts and bodies  
in the ways of your laws and the works of your commandments;  
that through your most mighty protection, both here and ever,  
we may be preserved in body and soul;  
through our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ,  
who is alive and reigns with you,  
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,  
one God, now and for ever.

### **Post Communion**

Strengthen for service, Lord,  
the hands that have taken holy things;  
may the ears which have heard your word  
be deaf to clamour and dispute;  
may the tongues which have sung your praise be free from deceit;  
may the eyes which have seen the tokens of your love  
shine with the light of hope;  
and may the bodies which have been fed with your body  
be refreshed with the fullness of your life;  
glory to you for ever.

### ***Prayer in the Benefice – Sunday 10<sup>th</sup> to Saturday 16<sup>th</sup> August***

This week all our prayers are very short! We hope you will use them to inspire your own. They come from the book 'Short Prayers for Long Days' by Greg Mitchell.

As always, please remember the people we have been asked to pray for in your prayers. You'll find the list on the first page of the newsletter. Do let us know if you would like us to pray for you or anyone you know.

#### ***Sunday:***

Dear God, I am sitting here waiting for you to call.  
I will try desperately to be home. Amen.



#### ***Monday:***

Dear God, teach me that paperwork  
is far less important  
than people work. Amen.

#### ***Tuesday:***

Dear God, make me always fill up the jug of life...  
not just drink from it...  
and put it back in the fridge. Amen.



#### ***Wednesday:***

Dear God, teach me that 'silent' and 'listen'  
are anagrams that mean prayer. Amen.

#### ***Thursday:***

Dear God, help me to put right  
those who are left out. Amen.

#### ***Friday:***

Dear God, remind me  
that we all live in glass houses. Amen.



#### ***Saturday:***

Dear God, may my halo be the 'hello'  
I give to those I meet. Amen.

*Our series on the Nicene Creed continues as Canon Paul Hardingham considers  
a bedrock of our Christian belief: that Jesus is the Son of God.*

## **The Nicene Creed part 2: Who is Jesus?**

*We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only Son of God, eternally begotten of the Father, God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God, begotten, not made, of one Being with the Father; through him all things were made.*

This month we are looking at what the Nicene Creed affirms about the person of Jesus Christ.

*'We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only Son of God':* Jesus is presented as the unique Son of God. This reflects the big debate at the time, which was to counter the teachings of Arius, who taught that Jesus was the first and greatest of God's creatures, but not the same as God the Father.

Today we can be more concerned about Jesus' authority as a moral teacher, neglecting that Jesus the man is also truly God. *'We have seen His glory, the glory of the one and only Son, who came from the Father'* (John 1:14).

*'eternally begotten of the Father, God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God, begotten, not made, of one Being with the Father':* These words affirm the divinity of Jesus. The phrase *'begotten not made'* is crucial in understanding Jesus as the unique Son of the Father, who existed eternally of the same divine nature as the Father.

*'In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. He was with God in the beginning'* (John 1:1,2). It is a powerful reminder that our belief revolves around trusting a person, not simply in a set of beliefs and moral teaching.

*'through Him all things were made':* The Creed affirms that Jesus the Son cannot be made, because through Him all things were made and only God can create from nothing.

*'Through Him all things were made; without Him nothing was made that has been made.'* (John 1:3). This implies that our world was made good, with a purpose in which we can share.

Also, Jesus has the last word in promising to bring everything in heaven and on earth together at the end of time under His Lordship (Ephesians 1:10). This makes a real difference to how we see and treat God's Creation and those created in God's image.

In response to this, can we say that Jesus is Lord of every area of our life?

### *Parish Pump*

You can contact Revd Clare on: 01747 838171

Or by email: [clare@evzone.co.uk](mailto:clare@evzone.co.uk)

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



## **This Newsletter**



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