

# Stour Vale Newsletter No.278



**Sunday 17<sup>th</sup> August**

8:45am Breakfast Church Buckhorn Weston Village Hall  
\*10:00am Parish Communion West Stour  
10:00am Family Service Todber  
5:00pm approx. Songs of Praise in Celebration of marriage  
(following a Cream Tea at 3pm – all welcome)

\*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).

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

***Saturday 6<sup>th</sup> September – 10am Todber (meet at the church)***

## *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**

**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**

**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,

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### Readings Sunday 17<sup>th</sup> August

Jeremiah 23.23–29

Hebrews 11.29—12.2

### 9<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Trinity

Psalm 82

Luke 12.49–56

### Hebrews 11. 29—12.2 (NIV)

By faith the people passed through the Red Sea as on dry land; but when the Egyptians tried to do so, they were drowned.

<sup>30</sup> By faith the walls of Jericho fell, after the army had marched around them for seven days.

<sup>31</sup> By faith the prostitute Rahab, because she welcomed the spies, was not killed with those who were disobedient.

<sup>32</sup> And what more shall I say? I do not have time to tell about Gideon, Barak, Samson and Jephthah, about David and Samuel and the prophets, <sup>33</sup> who through faith conquered kingdoms, administered justice, and gained what was promised; who shut the mouths of lions, <sup>34</sup> quenched the fury of the flames, and escaped the edge of the sword; whose weakness was turned to strength; and who became powerful in battle and routed foreign armies. <sup>35</sup> Women received back their dead, raised to life again. There were others who were tortured, refusing to be released so that they might gain an even better resurrection. <sup>36</sup> Some faced jeers and flogging, and even chains and imprisonment. <sup>37</sup> They were put to death by stoning; they were sawed in two; they were killed by the sword. They went about in sheepskins and goatskins, destitute, persecuted and mistreated— <sup>38</sup> the world was not worthy of them. They wandered in deserts and mountains, living in caves and in holes in the ground.

<sup>39</sup> These were all commended for their faith, yet none of them received what had been promised, <sup>40</sup> since God had planned something better for us so that only together with us would they be made perfect.

12 Therefore, since we are surrounded by such a great cloud of witnesses, let us throw off everything that hinders and the sin that so easily entangles. And let us run with perseverance the race marked out for us, <sup>2</sup> fixing our eyes on Jesus, the pioneer and perfecter of faith. For the joy set before him he endured the cross, scorning its shame, and sat down at the right hand of the throne of God.

## **Luke 12. 49–56 (NIV)**

“I have come to bring fire on the earth, and how I wish it were already kindled! <sup>50</sup> But I have a baptism to undergo, and what constraint I am under until it is completed! <sup>51</sup> Do you think I came to bring peace on earth? No, I tell you, but division. <sup>52</sup> From now on there will be five in one family divided against each other, three against two and two against three. <sup>53</sup> They will be divided, father against son and son against father, mother against daughter and daughter against mother, mother-in-law against daughter-in-law and daughter-in-law against mother-in-law.”

<sup>54</sup> He said to the crowd: “When you see a cloud rising in the west, immediately you say, ‘It’s going to rain,’ and it does. <sup>55</sup> And when the south wind blows, you say, ‘It’s going to be hot,’ and it is.

<sup>56</sup> Hypocrites! You know how to interpret the appearance of the earth and the sky. How is it that you don’t know how to interpret this present time?

### **Collect and Post Communion for Sunday 17<sup>th</sup> August**

#### **Collect**

Almighty God,  
who sent your Holy Spirit  
to be the life and light of your Church:  
open our hearts to the riches of your grace,  
that we may bring forth the fruit of the Spirit  
in love and joy and peace;  
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**

Holy Father,  
who gathered us here around the table of your Son  
to share this meal with the whole household of God:  
in that new world where you reveal the fullness of your peace,  
gather people of every race and language  
to share in the eternal banquet of Jesus Christ our Lord.

### ***Prayer in the Benefice –Sunday 17<sup>th</sup> to Saturday 23<sup>rd</sup> 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](mailto:octavoeditorsvb@gmail.com)).

#### ***Sunday: Church Events: Services in the Benefice, East Stour Wedding Themed Tea and Service***

Creator of the universe, may our praise continually blend with that of all creation, in each of our services today and in our daily lives. We pray for the services throughout the Benefice today, especially Breakfast Church this morning and the East Stour Tea and Songs of Praise this afternoon. May many people come, enjoy the services, sense your presence and worship you. Be glorified in all that we do. Amen.



#### ***Monday: The United Kingdom***

Sovereign Lord, thank you for our country and the freedom we have within it. We ask for a new and better nation in which people strive not only to gain their rights, but to fulfil their

responsibilities. Give everyone a deeper sense of duty, to You and to one another, so we reflect Your kingdom values not of wealth and power, but of service and faithfulness. Amen.

### ***Tuesday: Our Communities***

Faithful Father, we thank you for all the communities we are part of – where we live, where we work, where we volunteer, our hobby, sports, or interest groups, our friends, our church family. May they be a source of support and help when we are in need. May we be salt and light within them, showing others your love and drawing them closer to you. Amen.

### ***Wednesday: All who are ill or bereaved, especially those listed on the first page of the newsletter we have specifically been asked to pray for; families struggling financially.***



Merciful God, the creator and preserver of all, we pray for people of every race and in every kind of need, especially the sick, the bereaved, the oppressed and those who are struggling to feed and clothe themselves and their children, to pay their bills or to keep a roof over their head. Meet their needs. Give them joy, hope and peace. Amen.

### ***Thursday: Making Jesus Known***

Holy Lord, we pray that your Church, in every nation and of every denomination, will seek to make Jesus known, through their deeds and their words, that all may flourish and grow, seeking your kingdom, here and now. Amen

### ***Friday: Celebrities and those in the spotlight***

Loving Father, we pray for all on whom the media spotlight falls, both those who seek fame and those who have fame thrust upon them by the circumstances of their lives. Give them perspective and keep them humble. May their words and their actions be a force for good in the world, reflecting your values and your will. Amen.



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

Heavenly Father, in Jesus' name we ask for a fresh outpouring of your Holy Spirit. Help us to grow in our experience of your love, forgiveness and healing. Challenge our contentment to stay as we are. Renew our vision of what it means to be a disciple of Jesus Christ, that through our words and the way we live, others may be drawn to his way. Amen.

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



### ***This Newsletter***



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