

# Stour Vale Newsletter No.282

## Sunday 14<sup>th</sup> September



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); and for all those who are bereaved.

### *Other Benefice services/events coming up in September*

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

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

**Monday 15<sup>th</sup>** – Knit and Natter 2:30pm East Stour Village Hall

**Tuesday 23<sup>rd</sup>** – Benefice Lunch 12:30pm Udder Farm

*Please remember to let Jill have your pre-orders for lunch by Tuesday 16th*

**Friday 26<sup>th</sup>** – Stour Vale Prayer Group 2pm East Stour Church (Please note change of day.)

### **Harvest Festivals and Lunches/Suppers**



<b>Friday 12<sup>th</sup> September</b>	Buckhorn Weston Service 7pm followed by Supper
<b>Sunday 21<sup>st</sup> September</b>	Todber Service 10:30am followed by refreshments
<b>Friday 26<sup>th</sup> September</b>	Kington Magna Service 6:30pm followed by Supper*
<b>Saturday 27<sup>th</sup> September</b>	Stour Provost Service 6:30pm followed by Supper
<b>Sunday 5<sup>th</sup> October</b>	West Stour Service 10:00am Lunch 12:30pm East Stour Service 11:00am followed by Lunch
<b>Saturday 11<sup>th</sup> October</b>	Fifehead Magdalen Supper 6:30pm
<b>Sunday 12<sup>th</sup> October</b>	Fifehead Magdalen Service 6:30pm

\*Correction for phone number for tickets for Kington Magna Supper – Brenda 01747 838175 or Ann 01747 838690.

*Remember to check if you need to book for harvest lunches/suppers  
– see Octavo for more information or ask your church warden.*

### **Readings for Harvest Festivals:**

Deuteronomy 26.1–11  
Psalm 100  
John 6.25–35

### **Collect for Harvest Festival**

Creator God,  
you made the goodness of the land,  
the riches of the sea  
and the rhythm of the seasons;  
as we thank you for the harvest,  
may we cherish and respect  
this planet and its peoples,  
through Jesus Christ our Lord.



## **Readings Sunday 14<sup>th</sup> September** *13<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Trinity*

Exodus 32.7–14

Psalm 51.1–11

1 Timothy 1.12–17

Luke 15.1–10

### **1 Timothy 1.12–17**

I am grateful to Christ Jesus our Lord, who has strengthened me, because he judged me faithful and appointed me to his service, <sup>13</sup> even though I was formerly a blasphemer, a persecutor, and a man of violence. But I received mercy because I had acted ignorantly in unbelief, <sup>14</sup> and the grace of our Lord overflowed for me with the faith and love that are in Christ Jesus. <sup>15</sup> The saying is sure and worthy of full acceptance, that Christ Jesus came into the world to save sinners—of whom I am the foremost. <sup>16</sup> But for that very reason I received mercy, so that in me, as the foremost, Jesus Christ might display the utmost patience, making me an example to those who would come to believe in him for eternal life. <sup>17</sup> To the King of the ages, immortal, invisible, the only God, be honour and glory for ever and ever. Amen.

### **Luke 15:1-10**

Now all the tax-collectors and sinners were coming near to listen to him. <sup>2</sup> And the Pharisees and the scribes were grumbling and saying, ‘This fellow welcomes sinners and eats with them.’

<sup>3</sup> So he told them this parable: <sup>4</sup> ‘Which one of you, having a hundred sheep and losing one of them, does not leave the ninety-nine in the wilderness and go after the one that is lost until he finds it? <sup>5</sup> When he has found it, he lays it on his shoulders and rejoices. <sup>6</sup> And when he comes home, he calls together his friends and neighbours, saying to them, “Rejoice with me, for I have found my sheep that was lost.” <sup>7</sup> Just so, I tell you, there will be more joy in heaven over one sinner who repents than over ninety-nine righteous people who need no repentance.

<sup>8</sup> ‘Or what woman having ten silver coins, if she loses one of them, does not light a lamp, sweep the house, and search carefully until she finds it? <sup>9</sup> When she has found it, she calls together her friends and neighbours, saying, “Rejoice with me, for I have found the coin that I had lost.” <sup>10</sup> Just so, I tell you, there is joy in the presence of the angels of God over one sinner who repents.’

## **Collect and Post Communion for Sunday 14<sup>th</sup> September**

### **Collect**

Almighty God,  
who called your Church to bear witness  
that you were in Christ reconciling the world to yourself:  
help us to proclaim the good news of your love,  
that all who hear it may be drawn to you;  
through him who was lifted up on the cross,  
and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit,  
one God, now and for ever.

Or

### **A prayer following the death of the Duchess of Kent**

Almighty and eternal God,  
Lord of life and conqueror of death,  
Receive, we pray, your servant Katharine,  
Whom you have called from this life.  
Grant her a share in the inheritance of the saints in light,  
and comfort us who mourn her passing,  
that, strengthened by your grace,  
we may trust in your Son,  
who is the resurrection and the life;  
through the same Jesus Christ our Lord.

### **Post Communion**

God our creator,  
you feed your children with the true manna,  
the living bread from heaven:  
let this holy food sustain us through our earthly pilgrimage  
until we come to that place where hunger and thirst are no more;  
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

### ***Prayer in the Benefice – Sunday 14<sup>th</sup> to Saturday 20<sup>th</sup> September***

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; Harvest Festivals***



We praise you, O God; We acknowledge you to be the Lord. We ask you to bless the services happening in the Benefice today, and all the Harvest Festival Services happening over the next few weeks. May they be well attended, be an opportunity for all to worship you and acknowledge your goodness to them, and encourage all who come to want to find out more about Jesus and get to know you better. Amen.

#### ***Monday: Farmers and Harvest***

Creator God, please bless the harvest, farmers, and all who work the land. Keep them safe, give them strength, refresh them when they are tired, encourage them when they are down. May they find a fair price for their produce, a fair wage for their work and joy in their labours. Amen.

#### ***Tuesday: East Stour***

Loving Father, please bless all who live or work in East Stour. We pray for the village community: for the relationships between neighbours, that they may support those in need. For the businesses and farms, that they may prosper and have a positive impact on the community and the environment. For the Village Hall and all the activities held there. May your presence be tangible in all that happens in the village, may your light shine into dark places, your glory be revealed and may your will be done. 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 and the unemployed.***



Merciful Lord, may your blessing rest on all who are in trouble, sorrow, sickness, and need. Bless those who try to help them. Fill them with encouragement and peace. We also pray for those who are unemployed. May they not grow despondent or lose their self-worth. Protect their families and their finances.

Help them to employ their gifts in other directions and find fulfilment in service to others. Amen.

#### ***Thursday: Persecuted Church in Iran – A Prayer from Open Doors: ([www.opendoorsuk.org](http://www.opendoorsuk.org))***

Heavenly Father, guide Iran's new government according to Your will. We ask You to protect secret churches, granting believers both wisdom and courage. Would You strengthen Christian prisoners and their families, ensuring their mental and physical well-being. Please bless the growing church in Iran, allowing it to multiply safely. In Your name we pray, Amen.

#### ***Friday: Teachers – A Prayer by Thomas Aquinas***

Father, whose Son our Lord taught the crowds and the disciples, may all who work in our schools, colleges and universities be inspired to teach with skill, imagination and impartiality,

guiding all students into a search for knowledge and truth, that in turn will lead them to find You. Amen.

**Saturday: Those We Find Hard to Like** – A prayer by William Law (1761)

Father of all, help us to love and care for those we find hard to like. Teach us to understand and befriend all who have been hurt by life such that they can only express themselves in hurtful ways. We ask this through Jesus Christ, whose healing power brought wholeness of life to all who came to him. Amen.



**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.

**Friday 3<sup>rd</sup> October – 10am Todber (meet at the church)**

**Church Pass for free entry for parishioners to Westminster Abbey**

Clare has been able to organise a Church Pass for Westminster Abbey which allows up to four people to visit the Abbey – for more information talk to Clare.

**Smile Lines – Using the English language...**

If lawyers are disbarred and clergymen defrocked, doesn't it follow that . .

electricians could be delighted, musicians denoted, cowboys deranged, models deposed, and dry cleaners depressed?

Likewise, bedmakers might be debunked, bulldozer operators degraded, organ donors delivered, software engineers detested, and underwear manufacturers debriefed?

And won't all composers one day decompose? On a more positive note, perhaps we can hope politicians will someday be devoted...

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**Please Note:** Clare is away from the 11<sup>th</sup> to the 22<sup>nd</sup> September – for anything urgent speak to your Church Warden, Fiona or Jill.



**This Newsletter**



We hope you find this newsletter helpful. If you know of anyone who would like to join the mailing list, tell them to send their name, parish and email address to Jill Perry at [octavoeditorsvb@googlemail.com](mailto:octavoeditorsvb@googlemail.com) with the subject “Newsletter Mailing List”. But, if you do not wish to continue receiving them, please email her with “Unsubscribe” in the subject field.

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