

Stour Vale Newsletter No.284

Sunday 28th September



10:30am Morning Worship Buckhorn Weston (CW)
11:00am Parish Communion Kington Magna
6:30pm Evensong Fifehead Magdalen (BCP)

Please note: there is NO Parish Communion at Stour Provost this Sunday.

**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

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

Harvest Festivals and Lunches/Suppers



Friday 26th September Kington Magna Service 6:30pm followed by Supper*

Saturday 27th September Stour Provost Service 6:30pm followed by Supper

Please remember the harvest festival replaces Stour Provost's Sunday service.

Sunday 5th October West Stour Service 10:00am Lunch 12:30pm
East Stour Service 11:00am followed by Lunch

Saturday 11th October Fifehead Magdalen Supper 6:30pm

Sunday 12th October Fifehead Magdalen Service 6:30pm

Readings for Harvest Festivals:

Deuteronomy 26.1–11

Psalms 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 28th September 15th Sunday after Trinity

Amos 6.1a, 4–7

Psalms 146

1 Timothy 6.6–19

Luke 16.19–end

1 Timothy 6.6–19 (NIV)

But godliness with contentment is great gain. ⁷ For we brought nothing into the world, and we can take nothing out of it. ⁸ But if we have food and clothing, we will be content with that. ⁹ Those who want to get rich fall into temptation and a trap and into many foolish and harmful desires that plunge people into ruin and destruction. ¹⁰ For the love of money is a root of all kinds of evil.

Some people, eager for money, have wandered from the faith and pierced themselves with many griefs.

¹¹ But you, man of God, flee from all this, and pursue righteousness, godliness, faith, love, endurance and gentleness. ¹² Fight the good fight of the faith. Take hold of the eternal life to which you were called when you made your good confession in the presence of many witnesses.

¹³ In the sight of God, who gives life to everything, and of Christ Jesus, who while testifying before Pontius Pilate made the good confession, I charge you ¹⁴ to keep this command without spot or blame until the appearing of our Lord Jesus Christ, ¹⁵ which God will bring about in his own time—God, the blessed and only Ruler, the King of kings and Lord of lords, ¹⁶ who alone is immortal and who lives in unapproachable light, whom no one has seen or can see. To him be honour and might forever. Amen.

¹⁷ Command those who are rich in this present world not to be arrogant nor to put their hope in wealth, which is so uncertain, but to put their hope in God, who richly provides us with everything for our enjoyment. ¹⁸ Command them to do good, to be rich in good deeds, and to be generous and willing to share. ¹⁹ In this way they will lay up treasure for themselves as a firm foundation for the coming age, so that they may take hold of the life that is truly life.

Luke 16.19-end (NIV)

“There was a rich man who was dressed in purple and fine linen and lived in luxury every day.

²⁰ At his gate was laid a beggar named Lazarus, covered with sores ²¹ and longing to eat what fell from the rich man’s table. Even the dogs came and licked his sores.

²² “The time came when the beggar died and the angels carried him to Abraham’s side. The rich man also died and was buried. ²³ In Hades, where he was in torment, he looked up and saw Abraham far away, with Lazarus by his side. ²⁴ So he called to him, ‘Father Abraham, have pity on me and send Lazarus to dip the tip of his finger in water and cool my tongue, because I am in agony in this fire.’

²⁵ “But Abraham replied, ‘Son, remember that in your lifetime you received your good things, while Lazarus received bad things, but now he is comforted here and you are in agony. ²⁶ And besides all this, between us and you a great chasm has been set in place, so that those who want to go from here to you cannot, nor can anyone cross over from there to us.’

²⁷ “He answered, ‘Then I beg you, father, send Lazarus to my family, ²⁸ for I have five brothers. Let him warn them, so that they will not also come to this place of torment.’

²⁹ “Abraham replied, ‘They have Moses and the Prophets; let them listen to them.’

³⁰ “‘No, father Abraham,’ he said, ‘but if someone from the dead goes to them, they will repent.’

³¹ “He said to him, ‘If they do not listen to Moses and the Prophets, they will not be convinced even if someone rises from the dead.’”

Collect and Post Communion for Sunday 21st September

Collect

God, who in generous mercy sent the Holy Spirit
upon your Church in the burning fire of your love:
grant that your people may be fervent
in the fellowship of the gospel
that, always abiding in you,
they may be found steadfast in faith and active in service;
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

Keep, O Lord, your Church, with your perpetual mercy;
and, because without you our human frailty cannot but fall,

keep us ever by your help from all things hurtful,
and lead us to all things profitable to our salvation;
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Prayer in the Benefice – Sunday 28th to Saturday 4th October

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 of England Generosity Week - A prayer by St Ignatius Loyola



Lord, take as your right, and receive as my gift, all my freedom, my memory, my understanding and my will. Whatever I am and whatever I possess, you have given it to me; I restore it all to you again, to be at your disposal, according to your will. Give me only a love for you, and the gift of your grace; Then I am rich enough, and ask for nothing more. Amen.

Monday: All who are ill or bereaved, especially those listed on the first page of the newsletter we have specifically been asked to pray for; victims of crime.

God of compassion, comfort the sick, lonely, the bereaved and the oppressed. Look upon those who have been victims of crime. Heal any anguish and sorrow that linger, and give them a sense of serenity and hope. Amen.

Tuesday: Kington Magna and Nyland

Loving Father, please bless all who live or work in Kington Magna or Nyland. We thank you for all who are involved in the church: helping to organise or take part in the services; cleaning, decorating or maintaining the church and the churchyard; raising funds or contributing financially to the costs; showing God's love by caring for others; or in any other way. May they feel appreciated for their efforts and joyful in all they do. Amen.



Wednesday: International Older People's Day Prayer



Heavenly Father, on this World Day dedicated to grandparents and the elderly, we express our heartfelt gratitude for their long life and wisdom. We pray for our elderly neighbours and all older adults around the globe, beseeching Your protection upon them in old age. Gift them strength, hope, and honour their resilience, dear God. In reverence, we cherish these pillars of our communities who continue to shower us with love. Amen.

Thursday: The Church

Bind us together, Lord, and make us one body in Christ. Break down the divisions between believers. Help us to forget our differences and put aside our prejudices, so that the people of your pilgrim church, led by the Spirit towards your kingdom, may work, pray and live happily together in charity and in peace. Amen.



Friday: Vandalism

Merciful Lord, we pray for those who feel the need to damage other people's property. We ask you to replace the anger, the resentment, and the frustration that fuels their destructiveness with worthwhile outlets for their energy. Show them that the gratification gained from helping others outweighs the thrill of doing harm. Amen.

Saturday: Ourselves: A Prayer from St Columba of Iona

Alone with none but thee, my God, I journey on my way. What need I fear, when thou art near, O King of night and day? More safe I am within thy hand than if a host did round me stand.

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 3rd October – 10am Todber (meet at the church)

You can contact Revd Clare on: 01747 838171

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Please Note: Clare’s day off is Monday



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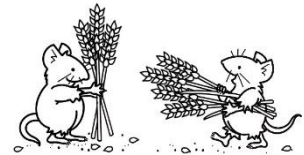


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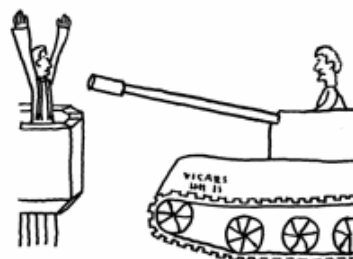


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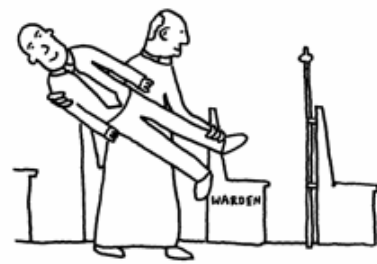
THESE ARE SOME OF THE THINGS THEY DO



MAKING SURE THAT PARISHES
TAKE CARE OF THEIR BUILDINGS



RESOLVING PROBLEMS BETWEEN
CLERGY AND THEIR CONGREGATIONS



INSTALLING CHURCHWARDENS
(PUTTING THEM IN THEIR PLACE)



ADVISING ABOUT THE DAMP
IN THE NORTH WEST CORNER



OK, WE’LL
START THE
BIDDING
AT 500
MAKING SURE THAT YOU ARE
RUNNING A CHURCH AS OPPOSED
TO ANY OTHER SORT OF ENTERPRISE



ACTING AS A FOUNT
OF ALL KNOWLEDGE