

Stour Vale Newsletter No.288

Sunday 26th October



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

**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); for the family
and friends of John Score (KM) and all those who are bereaved.

Other Benefice services/events coming up in October

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

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

Tuesday 28th – Benefice Lunch 12:30pm Lakeside Kitchen Todber

Friday 31st – Stour Vale Prayer Group 2pm East Stour Church

Confirmation Service

The Confirmation service was very joyful and Bishop Karen sent her thanks for the welcome given by everyone at East Stour. Thank you to everyone who made cake (very well received) and all who helped to make this a memorable service for all being confirmed and received. This has been a very busy time for Bishop Karen, who will have had the joy of confirming 75 people overall during these services around the diocese.



Stour Vale Benefice

Light Party for Halloween

Thursday 30th October 4pm-5.30pm

East Stour Church, SP8 5LP.

All children welcome, with their adult(s).
Come in fancy dress or as you are.



Pumpkin Fun, Spider Splat,
Games, Crafts, Puzzles.

Hot chocolate and
all the treats, without the tricks!



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Annual Memorial Service

Sunday 2nd November at 4pm
Fifehead Magdalen Church



A Service of Thanksgiving for the lives of those who have passed from our sight, and to treasure before God the memories of all who meant much to us. It will be a quiet service of prayer and recollection. There will be an opportunity to light a candle and the names of those to be remembered will be read out.

If you there is someone whose name you would like to be included, please let your Church Warden or Jill Perry know by **Monday 27th October thank you.**



Stour Vale Benefice

Remembrance Sunday

Sunday 9th November

Benefice Service
at Stour Provost 10:30am

Please note there will be a Said Communion
At Buckhorn Weston—9:00am



Readings Sunday 26th October

Isaiah 45.22–end

Romans 15.1–6

Bible Sunday

Psalm 119.129–136

Luke 4.16–24

Romans 15.1–6 (NIV)

We who are strong ought to bear with the failings of the weak and not to please ourselves. ² Each of us should please our neighbours for their good, to build them up. ³ For even Christ did not please himself but, as it is written: “The insults of those who insult you have fallen on me.” ⁴ For everything that was written in the past was written to teach us, so that through the endurance taught in the Scriptures and the encouragement they provide we might have hope.

⁵ May the God who gives endurance and encouragement give you the same attitude of mind toward each other that Christ Jesus had, ⁶ so that with one mind and one voice you may glorify the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ.

Luke 4.16–24 (NIV)

He went to Nazareth, where he had been brought up, and on the Sabbath day he went into the synagogue, as was his custom. He stood up to read, ¹⁷ and the scroll of the prophet Isaiah was handed to him. Unrolling it, he found the place where it is written:

¹⁸ “The Spirit of the Lord is on me,

because he has anointed me

to proclaim good news to the poor.

He has sent me to proclaim freedom for the prisoners

and recovery of sight for the blind,
to set the oppressed free,
¹⁹ to proclaim the year of the Lord's favor."

²⁰ Then he rolled up the scroll, gave it back to the attendant and sat down. The eyes of everyone in the synagogue were fastened on him. ²¹ He began by saying to them, "Today this scripture is fulfilled in your hearing."

²² All spoke well of him and were amazed at the gracious words that came from his lips. "Isn't this Joseph's son?" they asked.

²³ Jesus said to them, "Surely you will quote this proverb to me: 'Physician, heal yourself!' And you will tell me, 'Do here in your hometown what we have heard that you did in Capernaum.'"

²⁴ "Truly I tell you," he continued, "no prophet is accepted in his hometown."

Collect and Post Communion for Sunday 26th October

Collect

Blessed Lord,
who caused all holy Scriptures to be written for our learning:
help us so to hear them,
to read, mark, learn and inwardly digest them
that, through patience, and the comfort of your holy word,
we may embrace and for ever hold fast the hope of everlasting life,
which you have given us in our 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

God of all grace,
your Son Jesus Christ fed the hungry
with the bread of his life
and the word of his kingdom:
renew your people with your heavenly grace,
and in all our weakness
sustain us by your true and living bread;
who is alive and reigns, now and for ever.

Prayer in the Benefice –Sunday 26th to Saturday 1st November

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: Bible Sunday



Gracious Father, thank you for the Bible. May it always be a lamp to our feet, guiding us and inspiring us. We pray for those who translate your Word into countless languages, bridging the gap for diverse communities. Bless them with wisdom and accuracy. We ask you to ensure the seamless distribution of Bibles, especially in regions where Your Word faces obstacles and opposition, so that more hearts may be illuminated by your wisdom. Amen.

Monday: Climate Change

Creator God, we ask you to mitigate the devastating impacts of climate change. We pray for all those whose livelihood or home is impacted by drought or flooding; for subsistence farmers struggling to feed their families as conditions change; for the vulnerable who struggle with the

heat or the cold. Inspire the leaders of nations and businesses to reduce their impact on our environment and show us all what we can do to make a difference, however small. Amen.

Tuesday: The Benefice

Faithful Father, please bless all who live or work in our Benefice. Give them a desire to seek you, wisdom to find you, the joy of discovering life with you, peace and comfort in times of trouble, and a grateful heart. May your will be done in our communities and our churches. 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; children in care.



Comfort, O merciful Father all who are afflicted or distressed in body, mind or spirit. We ask you to bless all children who are in foster homes or care homes. May they find love, acceptance, and stability. Remove any trauma or stigma they feel. Give them peace, joy, good friends and good role models. We also pray for all those who care for them. Give them compassion, patience and wisdom. Amen.

Thursday: Today's Light Party and Halloween

Almighty Lord, we thank you for the opportunities at Halloween to do things as a family, and for the joy that children experience as they 'trick or treat'. Please wrap your arms of protection around them. Keep them safe from traffic dangers. Keep them safe from would-be wrongdoers. And, most importantly, keep them safe from the evil forces that work to separate them from your love. We pray that many will come to the Light Party, that they will have fun, be safe, and leave knowing more about you and being comfortable in church. May all our actions today and tomorrow point people to you, without quashing their fun. Amen.

Friday: Give Thanks: A Prayer by Frank Colquhoun

Our Father, as we thank you for the gift of life, we thank you also for the faculties which enable us to enjoy it: our eyes to see the wonders of your world, our ears to hear speech and the sound of music, our lips with which to talk and sing, our hands for working and our feet for walking. Make us daily grateful for all your gifts and help us to use them all for your glory. Amen.



Saturday: Ourselves

God be in me this day; God ever with me stay; God be in the night; Keep me by your light; God be in my heart; God abide, never depart. Amen.

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



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