




Sunday 5th October 2025 - Sixteenth after Trinity



**A PRAYER FOR
THE ARCHBISHOP OF CANTERBURY**

Almighty and everlasting God,
the only worker of great marvels,
send down upon your servant Sarah,
called to be Archbishop of Canterbury,
and all who are committed to her care,
the spirit of your saving grace,
and that they may truly please you,
pour upon them the continual dew of your blessing.
Grant this, O Lord,
for the honour of our advocate and mediator,
Jesus Christ.
Amen.

Welcome to Benefice Service this Sunday – (Green)

0915 Holy Communion at East Chinnock Church – Rev. Rod Key

1100 BCP HC Harvest at Sutton Bingham Church – Canon John Owen & Chris Varley

1100 Morning Prayer at West Coker Church – Lay Led

Readings for Sunday 5th October 2025:

Holy Communion: Habakkuk 1.1-4; 2.1-4; Psalm 37.1-9; 2 Timothy 1.1-14; Luke 17.5-10.

Morning Prayer: Psalm 141; Isaiah 49.13-23; Luke 12.1-12.

Evening Prayer: Psalm 142; Nehemiah 5.1-13; John 9.

Collect for Sunday 5th October 2025:

O Lord, we beseech you mercifully to hear the prayers of your people who call upon you; and grant that they may both perceive and know what things they ought to do, and also may have grace and power faithfully to fulfil them; 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.

Deanery Prayers - Please pray for Barwick Church, its leaders, congregation and community.

Services for Sunday 12th October 2025: Seventeenth Sunday after Trinity (Green)

0915 Holy Communion service at Closworth Church – Canon Richard Kirlew

0945 Family Service at Pendomer Church (also via Zoom) – Lay Led

1100 Harvest Festival at East Coker Church – Led by Chris Varley

1100 Holy Communion service at Hardington Church – Led by Canon John Owen

1100 Family Service at West Coker Church – Lay Led

1800 Evening Prayer at East Chinnock Church – Lay Led

Readings for Sunday 12th October 2025:

Holy Communion: 2 Kings 5.1-3, 7-15c; Psalm 111; 2 Timothy 2.8-15; Luke 17. 11-19.

Morning Prayer: Psalm 143; Isaiah 50.4-10; Luke 13. 22-30.

Evening Prayer: Psalm 144; Nehemiah 6. 1-16; John 15. 12-end.

Collect for Sunday 12th October 2025:

Almighty God, you have made us for yourself, and our hearts are restless till they find their rest in you: pour your love into our hearts and draw us to yourself, and so bring us at last to your heavenly city where we shall see you face to face; 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.

Pray for Nepal:

Alex and Clair Swarbrick will be serving with the International Nepal Fellowship (INF) and Interserve in the city of Kathmandu and Pokhara between 4th October and 29th November. Please pray for the work of INF, for Claire and Alex's health, and for their work to be blessed with wisdom and power, bearing good fruit in a country with much need and experiencing unrest so recently. Visit inf.org.np or interserve.org.uk to find out more and give financially to: International Nepal Fellowship, Sort Code: 12-05065, Account Number: 00394482, Cheques can be sent to 196-198 Edward Road, Balsall Heath, Birmingham, B12 9LX.

For your prayers:

Those who have died recently in the benefice: ***Jacqueline Clough, Robert Mead, Beryl Preston, John Andrews, Keith Moger, John Andrews and Suzanne (better known as 'Zanne') Lawson.***

Funeral:

Thanksgiving service for Beryl Preston will be held on Tuesday 7th October at 11am at St Martin of Tours Church, West Coker, All Welcome.

Please pray for all their families and friends at this sad time: Loving and merciful God, we entrust our loved ones to your mercy. You loved them greatly in their lives, now that they are freed from all its cares, give them happiness and peace for ever. **Amen**

ROUND AND ABOUT:

- ❖ **Lords Larder** – Current items needed are: Tins of Ravioli, Curry, Tuna, Carrots, Sweetcorn; Meals in a Tin; Bars of Soap; Carrier Bags. These can be left at East and West Coker Church's or Hardington-Springfield Stores or taken directly to The Gateway, Yeovil.
- ❖ **Christmas Shoeboxes** – Daphne Creed will be collecting filled shoeboxes to send to Children around the world via Samaritans Purse UK. You can collect a pre-printed box from Daphne at Springfield Stores, Hardington and return to her by 8th November.
- ❖ **Hope Prayer Group meets on the first Tuesday of the month.** All are welcome to join us for around an hour of informal worship and prayer. Our next meeting will be on **7th October at 7pm at Welhams, East Street, West Coker.**

Harvest Festival Services within the Benefice:

All Saints, Sutton Bingham - Harvest Service - Sunday 5 October at 11.00 am.

Please accept this invitation to join us for our Harvest Service on Sunday 5th October at 11.00 am.

We will be decorating the Church for the service on Saturday Morning and would ask that any donations you have for the decorations be left in the porch by 10.30 am on Saturday 4th October.

If you would rather bring your Harvest donations on Sunday Morning We will collect items to be donated to The Lord's Larder at the Gateway.

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12th October:

11am – St Michael's in East Coker – followed by Bring & Share lunch in church

Harvest Festival at St Michael's East Coker - Everyone is welcome to St Michael's at 11am on Sunday 12th October to celebrate Harvest Festival. The service will include the presentation of non-perishable gifts for the Lord's Larder and it will be followed by a Bring and Share lunch in church.

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