



Sunday 23rd November 2025 – Sunday next before Advent (Red/White)

Welcome to Benefice Service this Sunday – (Red/Green)

0830 BCP Service at West Coker Church – Rev. Phil Macaulay
0945 Family Service (Aso via Zoom) at Pendomer Church – Lay Led
1000 Holy Communion at East Chinnock Church – Canon Richard Kirlew
1030 Family Service at Hardington Church – Lay Led
1100 Holy Communion at East Coker Church – Rev. Phil Macaulay
1100 Morning Worship at West Coker Church – Lay Led
1830 Evensong at Closworth Church – Lay Led

Readings for Sunday 23rd November 2025:

Principle Service: Jeremiah 23.1-6; Psalm 46; Colossians 1.11-20; Luke 23.33-43
Evening Prayer: Psalm 2; 1 Samuel 8.4-20; John 18.33-37.

Collect for Sunday 23rd November 2025:

Eternal Father, whose Son Jesus Christ ascended to the throne of heaven that he might rule over all things as Lord and King: keep the Church in the unity of the Spirit and in the bond of peace, and bring the whole created order to worship at his feet; who is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever.

Morning Prayer at 0930 on Wednesday 26th November at St Mary's Church in Hardington, All are welcome

Services for Sunday 30th November 2025: Advent Sunday

1000 Benefice Service at St Mary's Church, Hardington – Rev. Phil Macaulay

Readings for Sunday 30th November 2025:

Principal Service: Isaiah 2.1-5; Psalm 122; Romans 13.11-end; Matthew 24.36-44.

Collect for Sunday 30th November 2025:

Almighty God, give us grace to cast away the works of darkness and to put on the armour of light, now in the time of this mortal life, in which your Son Jesus Christ came to us in great humility; that on the last day, when he shall come again in his glorious majesty to judge the living and the dead, we may rise to the life immortal; through him 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 Mudford, its leaders, congregation and community.

For your prayers:

Those who have died recently in the benefice: ***Keith Moger, Suzanne Lawson, Kenneth Curtis, Brian Bower, Allan Perry, Gerry Smith and Brian Rodney Smith.***

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 Macaroni Cheese, Curry, Soup, Beans & Sausage, Fruit; Packets of Custard; Pasta Sauce; Carrier Bags. These can be left at East and West Coker Church's or Hardington-Springfield Stores or taken directly to The Gateway, Yeovil.
- ❖ **Street Prayers in East Chinnock** during November will be for: College, The Village Hall, Fordhay to Bridge Farm Cider.
- ❖ **Yeovil Chamber Choir Concert** – 7.30pm Friday 28th November at St Andrews Church, Preston Grove. £10 per ticket - All are welcome
- ❖ **Alex & Claire Swarbrick** – Nepal Update No. 2 – please see the attached link to the update (if you have trouble accessing this update please let me know and I can send you the document via email. [Claire and Alex update 2.pdf](#))
- ❖ **Peaceable Living** – A One day programme on Building Peace in our Divided Worlds – Saturday 21st March 2026 – see the attached flyer for more information and how to sign up.

Christmas Services over and above the normal service pattern:

7 th Dec	16:00	Hardington Church	Christingle	PM
16 th Dec	19:00	East Chinnock Church	CAROL SERVICE	PM
19 th Dec	18:00	Hardington Church	FAMILY CAROL SERVICE	PM
20 th Dec	18:30	West Coker Church	CAROL SERVICE	PM
21 st Dec	18:00	East Coker Church	CAROL SERVICE	HG
22 nd Dec	18:30	Pendomer Church	CRIB & CAROL SERVICE	PM
23 rd Dec	18:30	Sutton Bingham	CAROL SERVICE	PM
24 th Dec	15:00	West Coker Church	Crib Service	PM
	16:30	East Chinnock	Crib Service	LM
	23:30	West Coker Church	Midnight Mass	PM
25 th Dec	10:00	East Coker Church	HC	PM
	10:30	East Chinnock Church	HC	CJO
	10:30	Hardington Church	FAMILY CAROL SERVICE	Lay
	10:00	West Coker Church	FS	CRK

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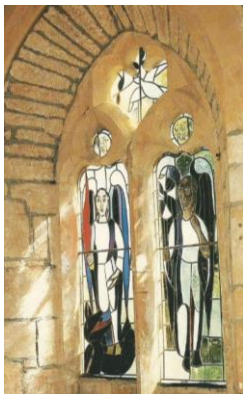
Peaceable living

Building peace in our divided worlds

**A one-day programme on Saturday 21st March 2026
10am to 4pm**

St Mary's Church East Chinnock, BA22 9DP

In our increasingly divided and polarised worlds, whether globally, nationally or closer to home, how do we learn what it takes to live peaceably, with curiosity and understanding of those we label the 'other'?



The unique stained glass windows of St Mary's, East Chinnock have long symbolised peace and reconciliation. Created and donated by a WW2 German prisoner of war as tokens of peace and gratitude for care by the village, they remain inspiring symbols of reconciliation for our divided worlds today.

Drawing on this remarkable legacy, St Mary's second peace programme is thrilled to welcome speakers Jo Berry CBE and Simon Keyes.

Jo Berry CBE - international peace builder, founder of Building Bridges for Peace, and Somerset resident, Jo says *"On October 12th 1984 my father, Sir Anthony Berry and 4 others were killed in the bombing of the Grand Hotel, Brighton..... I made a personal decision just two days later, to bring something positive out of this emotionally shattering trauma and to try and understand those who had killed him. I chose to give up blame and revenge, instead taking responsibility for my pain and feelings, transforming them into passion for peace".* Jo was the subject of the 2001 BBC documentary "Facing the Enemy."



Simon Keyes was previously Professor of Reconciliation and Peacebuilding at the University of Winchester and is the Bath and Wells Diocesan Adviser on Peacebuilding.



The programme includes practical interactive sessions exploring how to listen skilfully and engage constructively in the face of "difference", in order to live more peaceably in our day-to-day contexts.

Up to January 31st 2026, 'Early bird' tickets are on sale for £20, including tea, coffee, and buffet lunch. Tickets from February 1st 2026 are £25

For tickets and more details contact Alex Swarbrick (alexclaire.es@gmail.com)