



Sunday 25th January 2026 – Third Sunday of Epiphany (White)

Welcome to Benefice Service this Sunday:

- 0830 BCP Service at West Coker Church – Rev. Phil Macaulay
0945 Family Service at Pendomer Church (also via Zoom) – 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 25th January 2026:

Principal Service: Jeremiah 1.4-10; Psalm 67; Acts 9.1-22; Matthew 19.27-end.

Collect for Sunday 25th January 2026:

Almighty God, whose Son revealed in signs and miracles the wonder of your saving presence: renew your people with your heavenly grace, and in all our weakness sustain us by your mighty power; 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 St Michael's Church in Yeovil, its leaders, congregation and community.

Morning Prayer – Wednesday 28th January 2026 - 0930 at St Michael's & All Angels Church in East Coker, all are welcome.

Services for Sunday 1st February 2026 – Fourth Sunday of Epiphany (White)

- 0915 Holy Communion at East Chinnock Church – Rev. Phil Macaulay
1100 BCP Holy Communion at Sutton Bingham Church – Rev. Phil Macaulay
1800 Candlemas Service at West Coker Church – Rev. Phil Macaulay

Candlemas Evensong - 6pm Sunday 1st February at St Martin of Tours.

The Rector and Choir will lead a music focused service of evening prayer. This service will also include a moment to bless any candles you bring with you, with the idea that taking them home again they will be a reminder of the Light of Jesus in your own home through the darkness of winter, so please do bring a candle with you.

Readings for Sunday 1st February 2026:

Principle Service: 1 Kings 17.8-16; Psalm 36.5-10; 1 Corinthians 1.18-end; John 2.1-11.

Candlemas: Malachi 3.1-5; Psalm 24. [1-6] 7-end; Hebrews 2.14-end; Luke 2.22-40.

Collect for Sunday 1st February 2026:

God our creator, who in the beginning commanded the light to shine out of darkness: we pray that the light of the glorious gospel of Christ may dispel the darkness of ignorance and unbelief, shine into the hearts of all your people, and reveal the knowledge of your glory in the face of 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.

Morning Prayer Wednesday 4th February 2026 at 0930 at St Roch at Pendomer, all are welcome.

Lay Worship Assistant Course

Wednesday evenings 7-9pm beginning January 28th for six sessions (not every Wednesday) until March 25th. For those who want to, or are already, leading worship and other ministry in the Benefice. Please do let Rev Phil if you would like to join. Attendance doesn't mean you have to sign up for something after!

For your prayers:

Those who have died recently in the benefice: ***Angela Johnson, Billie Hester, Sally Noel and Margaret Jean Partridge.***

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**

Funeral: A Funeral Service for Margaret Partridge will be held on Thursday 5th February 2026 at 2pm at Yeovil Crematorium.

ROUND AND ABOUT:

- ❖ **Lords Larder** – Current items needed are: Tins of Baked Beans, Soup, Carrots; Meals in a Tin; Packets of Pasta n Sauce; Instant Noodles; Shampoo and 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 January will be for: Orchardleigh, Springfields, Orchard Close.
- ❖ **World Day of Prayer will be on Friday 6th March at 2.30pm in St Michael's, East Coker.** This year the ladies of Nigeria have written the programme. Tea and refreshments afterwards.

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