



Sunday 1st February 2026 – Fourth Sunday of Epiphany / Candlemas (Gold or White)

Welcome to Benefice Service this Sunday:

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

Readings for Sunday 1st February 2026:

Principal 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.

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.

Deanery Prayers – Please pray for the work of the Christians Against Poverty Centre, its staff, volunteers and clients.

Morning Prayer – Wednesday 4th February 2026 - 0930 at St Roch's Church in Pendomer, all are welcome.

Services for Sunday 8th February 2026 – Second Sunday before Lent (Green)

0915 Holy Communion at Closworth Church – Rev. Phil Macaulay

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

1100 Family Service at East Coker Church – Led by Gillian Tettmar

1100 Holy Communion at Hardington Church – Rev. Phil Macaulay

1100 Family Service at West Coker Church – Lay Led

Readings for Sunday 8th February 2026:

Principal Service: Genesis 1.1-2.3; Psalm 136; Romans 8.18-25; Matthew 6.25-end.

Collect for Sunday 8th February 2026:

Almighty God, you have created the heavens and the earth and made us in your own image: teach us to discern your hand in all your works and your likeness in all your children; through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord, who with you and the Holy Spirit reigns supreme over all things, now and for ever.

Morning Prayer Wednesday 11th February 2026 at 0930 at St Mary's Church in Hardington, all are welcome.

For your prayers:

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

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:

- ❖ **Coffee Morning – Saturday 14th February 10am till 1130am** at St James' Church, Preston Road
- ❖ **Lords Larder** – Current items needed are: Tins of Ravioli, Soup, Curry, Rice Pudding; Packets of Rice; Boxes of Cereal; Shower Gel 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 February will be for: Weston Close and Underhayes Court
- ❖ **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.
- ❖ **Peaceable Living** – A One day programme on Building Peace in our Divided Worlds – Saturday 21st March 2026 – at St Mary's Church in East Chinnock – 10am till 4pm. Contact Alex Swarbrick on alexclaire.es@gmail.com for more information.

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