



**Sunday 15<sup>th</sup> February 2026 – Sunday next before Lent  
(Green)**

**Welcome to Benefice Service this Sunday:**

0915 Holy Communion at Pendomer Church (Also via Zoom) – Rev. Phil Macaulay

0945 Café Church at Room at the Park, East Chinnock – Lay Led

1100 Holy Communion at West Coker Church – Rev. Phil Macaulay

**Readings for Sunday 15<sup>th</sup> February 2026:**

**Principle Service:** Exodus 24.12-end; Psalm 2; 2 Peter 1.16-end; Matthew 17.1-9.

**Collect for Sunday 15<sup>th</sup> February 2026:**

Almighty Father, whose Son was revealed in majesty before he suffered death upon the cross: give us grace to perceive his glory, that we may be strengthened to suffer with him and be changed into his likeness, from glory to glory; who is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever.

**Ash Wednesday Communion Service** - 18<sup>th</sup> February 2026 at 1030 at St Mary's Church in East Chinnock, all are welcome.

**Services for Sunday 22<sup>nd</sup> February 2026 – First Sunday of Lent (Purple)**

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 John Owen

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 – Chris Varley

1830 Evensong at Closworth Church – Lay Led

**Readings for Sunday 22<sup>nd</sup> February 2026:**

**Principal Service:** Genesis 2.15-17, 3.1-7; Psalm 32; Romans 5.12-19; Matthew 4.1-11.

**Collect for Sunday 22<sup>nd</sup> February 2026:**

Almighty God, whose Son Jesus Christ fasted forty days in the wilderness, and was tempted as we are, yet without sin: give us grace to discipline ourselves in obedience to your Spirit; and, as you know our weakness, so may we know your power to save; 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 Sutton Bingham Church, its leaders, congregation and community.

### **For your prayers:**

Those who have died recently in the benefice: ***Margaret Jean Partridge, Trevor Phillips and Christopher White.***

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 Christopher White will be held on Wednesday 18<sup>th</sup> February at 12noon at St Mary's Church, Hardington.

### **ROUND AND ABOUT:**

- ❖ **Lent Group-** A group will be meeting during Lent using the Church of England Lent book for 2026 'Draw Near, Life-giving habits for Lent' as a basis for discussion and prayer. There will be 5 weekly meetings on Thursdays from 10am - 11am with refreshments to follow. The first meeting is on 26th February at Barbara Cloke's home: Church Cottage, Higher Burton, East Coker. All are welcome. Contact Barbara for details or to let her know you would like to come, Tel: 01935 862623
- ❖ **Hope Prayer Meeting -** this takes place every first Tuesday of the month, 7.30pm. Venue vary each month. An opportunity for joyful worship and prayer for the Benefice and seeking God's purpose for us as a Benefice. All very welcome. Please come and join us. The next meeting will be on Tuesday 3rd March, at Alan and Jackie Gormer's house, Welhams, East Street, West Coker, BA22 9BG. Tel: 862437 For further details, please contact Alan or Jackie.
- ❖ **Lords Larder** – Current items needed are: Tins of Meatballs, Ravioli, Curry, Custard; Bags of Sugar; Toilet Rolls; Razors and Shower Gel. 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 21<sup>st</sup> March 2026 – at St Mary's Church in East Chinnock – 10am till 4pm. Contact Alex Swarbrick on [alexclaire.es@gmail.com](mailto:alexclaire.es@gmail.com) for more information.

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