



Sunday 8th March 2026 –Third Sunday of Lent (Purple)

Welcome to Benefice Service this Sunday:

0915 BCP Holy Communion at Closworth Church – Canon John Owen

0945 Family Service at Pendomer Church – Led by Alan Gormer

1100 Holy Communion at Hardington Church – Canon Richard Kirlew

1100 Family Service at West Coker Church – Lay Led

Readings for Sunday 8th March 2026:

Principal Service: Exodus 17.1-7; Psalm 95; Romans 5.1-11; John 4.5-42.

Collect for Sunday 8th March 2026:

Almighty God, whose most dear Son went not up to joy but first he suffered pain, and entered not into glory before he was crucified:

mercifully grant that we, walking in the way of the cross, may find it none other than the way of life and peace; 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.

Rector on holiday

Rev Phil is taking time off 2nd - 9th March to rest and recover from the last few months

Morning Prayer Service on Wednesday 11th March at 0930am at St Martin of Tours Church, West Coker – All are welcome.

Services for Sunday 15th March 2026 – Fourth Sunday of Lent / Mothering Sunday (Purple)

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

0945 Café Church at East Chinnock Room @ The Park – Lay Led

1100 Family Service at East Coker Church – Led by Chris Varley

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

Readings for Sunday 15th March 2026:

Principle Service: Exodus 2.1-10; Psalm 34.11-20; 2 Corinthians 1.3-7; Luke 2.33-35.

Collect for Sunday 15th March 2026:

God of compassion, whose Son Jesus Christ, the child of Mary, shared the life of a home in Nazareth, and on the cross drew the whole human family to himself:

strengthen us in our daily living that in joy and in sorrow we may know the power of your presence to bind together and to heal; 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 Mary’s Church, in Hardington Mandeville, its leaders, congregation and community.

For your prayers:

Those who have died recently in the benefice: ***Trevor Phillips, Christopher White, Joan Whiteman, Maureen Shaw and John New.***

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: Funeral service for Joan Whiteman will be held on Monday 9th March 2026 at 12noon at St Mary’s Church in Hardington.

ROUND AND ABOUT:

- ❖ **Lent Lunch** – Wednesday 11th March 2026 12noon at West Coker Commemoration Hall – Funds raised to go to West Coker Primary School. All Welcome.
- ❖ **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 next meeting is on 5th March. For venue and more details please contact Gillian Smith 862572.
- ❖ **Lords Larder** – Current items needed are: Tins of Baked Beans, Macaroni Cheese, Chilli, Meat Pies, Sweetcorn; Jars of Pasta Sauce; Boxes of 80 Tea Bags; Bars of Soap. 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 March will be for: West Ways, Eastfield Farm, Cod Lane, Broad Lane & Broad Hill.
- ❖ **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. **Please car-share if possible**; there is 'disabled parking only' at the church.
- ❖ **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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