



## **Sunday 22nd March 2026 – Fifth Sunday of Lent (Purple)**

### **Welcome to Benefice Service this Sunday:**

- 0830 BCP Service at West Coker Church – Rev. Phil Macaulay  
1000 Holy Communion at East Chinnock Church – Canon Richard Kirlew  
1030 Family Service at Hardington Church – Lay Led  
1100 Holy Communion service at East Coker Church followed by APCM at 1145 – Rev. Phil Macaulay  
1100 Morning Worship at West Coker Church – Led by Chris Varley  
1830 Evensong at Closworth Church – Lay Led

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

**Principal Service:** Ezekiel 37.1-14; Psalm 130; Romans 8.6-11; John 11.1-45.

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

Most merciful God, who by the death and resurrection of your Son Jesus Christ delivered and saved the world: grant that by faith in him who suffered on the cross we may triumph in the power of his victory; 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.

**Annunciation Day Service** on Wednesday 25<sup>th</sup> March at 1030am at All Saints Church, Sutton Bingham – All are welcome.

### **Services for Sunday 29th March 2026 – Palm Sunday (Red)**

1000 Benefice Service at West Coker Church – Rev. Phil Macaulay

### **Readings for Sunday 29<sup>th</sup> March 2026:**

**Principle Service:** Isaiah 50.4-9a; Psalm 31. 9-16; Philippians 2. 5-11; Matthew 26.14-end of 27.

### **Collect for Sunday 29<sup>th</sup> March 2026:**

Almighty and everlasting God, who in your tender love towards the human race sent your Son our Saviour Jesus Christ to take upon him our flesh and to suffer death upon the cross: grant that we may follow the example of his patience and humility, and also be made partakers of his resurrection; 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 Martin of Tours Church, in West Coker, 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**

### **ROUND AND ABOUT:**

- ❖ **A schedule of Easter Services is set out on the next page:**
- ❖ **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. For venue and more details please contact Gillian Smith 862572.
- ❖ **Lords Larder** – Current items needed are: Tins of Macaroni Cheese, Sweetcorn, Spaghetti, Meat Pies, Potatoes, Baked Beans; Packets of Cereal; Easter Eggs. 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.
- ❖ **Praying for our Children** – See notice over the page
- ❖ **Save the Date-Sat 9th May: Benefice Retreat Day at Pendomer Church.** 9.30am - 4pm with a break for lunch. *'How much more...'* (Luke 11.13) *Seeking God's gifts for the church today.* Sessions will be led by Rev Keith Powell, who is the Diocesan Renewal Advisor. For further enquiries contact Gillian Tettmar on 07476937105 or [gilliantettmar@gmail.com](mailto:gilliantettmar@gmail.com) – see flyer attached.
- ❖ **Closworth Parish AGM 20 April 2026** - Closworth Parish is holding an Assembly of the Parish Meeting on 20 April in the Dampier Room, East Coker Village Hall at 7pm. Did you know that 3 of the 7 churches in the Benefice are in Closworth Parish. Please come along to this meeting, you may have some points of interest or questions you might wish to raise at the meeting or even able just to provide something to pin on an information noticeboard advising parishioners of the Benefice and its services? Any queries please email the parish clerk at: [clerk@closworthparishmeeting.gov.uk](mailto:clerk@closworthparishmeeting.gov.uk)

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## Easter Services

29 <sup>th</sup> March Palm Sunday	10:00	West Coker Church	Benefice Service	PM
2 <sup>nd</sup> April Maunday Thursday	19:00	Hardington Church	HC & Hand Washing	PM
3 <sup>rd</sup> April Good Friday	1000	East Chinnock Room @ The Park	Walk of Witness (followed by Hot - cross Buns & Coffee at 11am	
	10:00 – 19:00	East Coker Church	Vigil & Reflection Space	PM
5 <sup>th</sup> April East Sunday	09:15	East Chinnock Church	Easter Communion	PM
	09:15	Pendomer Church	Easter Communion	RRK
	11:00	Sutton Bingham Church	Easter Communion	PM
	11:00	East Coker Church	Easter Communion	RRK
	11:00 11:00	Hardington Church West Coker Church	Easter Communion Easter Communion	CRK CJO

### Praying for our children



Ever felt helpless in the face of issues and challenges facing your children, step-children or grandchildren? As parents and grandparents we never stop caring and having those concerns.

Felt like praying? Unsure what or how to pray or whether its worth praying? Sometimes the only, and best, thing we can do is pray.

This new informal monthly group is for us as parents and grandparents to come together and pray for our children and grandchildren, whether out loud or in the quiet of our own hearts, whether you consider yourself to have faith or no faith.

Our initial get-together, if you're interested or curious, will be at my house on **Monday 23rd March 10:00 am** (address below). There'll always be tea, coffee and cake so let me know if you have any dietary requirements.



For more info, or if you're interested but can't make the date, call me on 07309 630222

Claire Swarbrick

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# Benefice Retreat Day:

*“How much more...” Luke 11v13*

*Seeking God’s gifts for the Church today.*

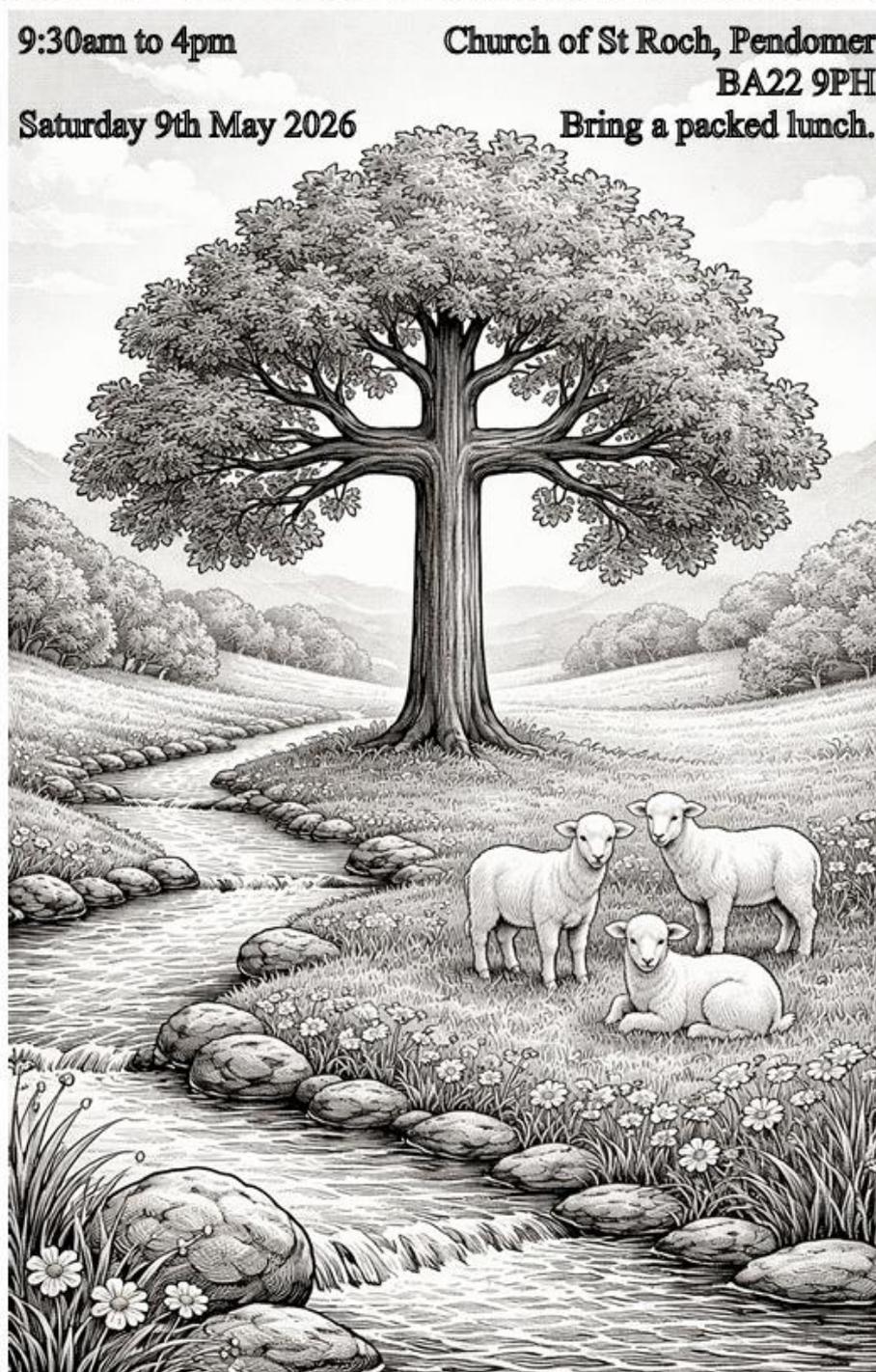
Led by Reverend Keith Powell, Diocesan Renewal Advisor & Representative of ‘Resource’ Ministries.  
No tickets/charge - but we will welcome thanksgiving donations to Resource Ministries.

**9:30am to 4pm**

**Church of St Roch, Pendomer  
BA22 9PH**

**Saturday 9th May 2026**

**Bring a packed lunch.**



If possible let Barbs know you are coming: [officecokerridge@gmail.com](mailto:officecokerridge@gmail.com)