



Sunday 26th April 2026 – Fourth Sunday of Easter (White)

Services for this Sunday:

- 0830 BCP HC at West Coker Church – Rev. Phil Macaulay
- 0945 Family Services 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 26th April 2026

Principle Service: Acts 2.42-end; Psalm 23; 1 Peter 2.19-end; John 10.1-10.

Collect for Sunday 26th April 2026:

Almighty God, whose Son Jesus Christ is the resurrection and the life: raise us, who trust in him, from the death of sin to the life of righteousness, that we may seek those things which are above, where he reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever.

Morning Prayer – 29th April-0930 at All Saints Church in Sutton Bingham – All are welcome

Annual Parochial Council Meetings:

- West Coker - Monday 27th April at 7pm – St Martin of Tours Church
- Sutton Bingham – Sunday 3rd May at 1145/12noon – All Saints Church
- Closworth – Wednesday 6th May at 7pm in Closworth
- East Chinnock – Wednesday 27th May at 5pm venue tbc

All are welcome to these meetings

Services for Sunday 3rd May 2026 - Fifth Sunday of Easter (White)

- 0915 Holy Communion at East Chinnock Church – Rev. Phil Macaulay
- 1100 BCP Communion at Sutton Bingham Church – Rev. Phil Macaulay
- 1100 Morning Prayer at West Coker Church – Lay Led

Readings for Sunday 3rd May 2026:

Principal Service: Acts 7.55-end; Psalm 31.1-5,15-16; 1 Peter 2.2-10, John 14.1-14.

Collect for Sunday May 2026:

Almighty God, who through your only-begotten Son Jesus Christ have overcome death and opened to us the gate of everlasting life: grant that, as by your grace going before us you put into our minds good desires, so by your continual help we may bring them to good effect; through Jesus Christ our risen 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 Andrew's Church, Preston Grove in Yeovil, 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:

- ❖ **Lords Larder** – Current items needed are: Tins of Hotdogs, Meatballs, Chilli Con Carne, Peas, Fruit; Packets of Dried Pasta; Bars of Soap and Shampoo. 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 April will be for: High Street, Carters Lane, Portman Close, Chinnock Hollow, Odcombe Hollow.
- ❖ **Praying for our Children** – Ever felt helpless in the face of issues and challenges facing your children, stepchildren or grandchildren? Felt like praying? This new informal monthly group is to pray for our children and grandchildren, whether out loud or in the quiet of our own hearts, whether you have faith or no faith. Our next get-together, if you're interested or curious, will be at my house on **Monday 18th May 10:30 am (address below)**. There'll always be tea, coffee and cake. For more info, call me on **07309 630222 Claire Swarbrick Address: Linden House, Underhayes Court, East Chinnock, BA22 9F**
- ❖ **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 – see flyer attached.
- ❖ **22nd-24th May - Pentecost Pilgrimage with The Coker Ridge Benefice**
In each of the seven village churches there will be three prayer activities, as well as ink stamps and a recording leaflet to mark which ones you and your family/friends make it to. However, this is about more than just the quiet beauty of these church buildings, we hope that you will have a special journey between them enjoying the witness of God's creation and the gift of the encounters you have along the way. See attached poster for postcodes and more details.

Who to Contact across the Benefice: Reverend Philip Macaulay Tel: 01935 733160, email: officecokerridge@gmail.com Barbs Hampshire – officecokerridge@gmail.com Flexible Office Hours 01935 864574; Monica Whipp – Tel: 01935 862834; West Coker – Mick Collins - 01935 863129, Sue Bonning 01935 862351; East Chinnock – John Chappelle – 07887875622, East Coker – Gillian Smith - 01935 862572 or gillianandderek226@gmail.com Toffer Beattie – 01935 862469; Hardington – Daphne Creed 01935 862363, Richard Middleton 01935 863812; Pendomer – Robin & Sheila Carpenter – 01935 862339; Closworth Robin Bryer robinbryer@btinternet.com; Sutton Bingham–Elaine Taylor elaine.taylor78@btinternet.com

Benefice Retreat Day:

“How much more...” Luke 11v13

Seeking God’s gifts for the Church today.

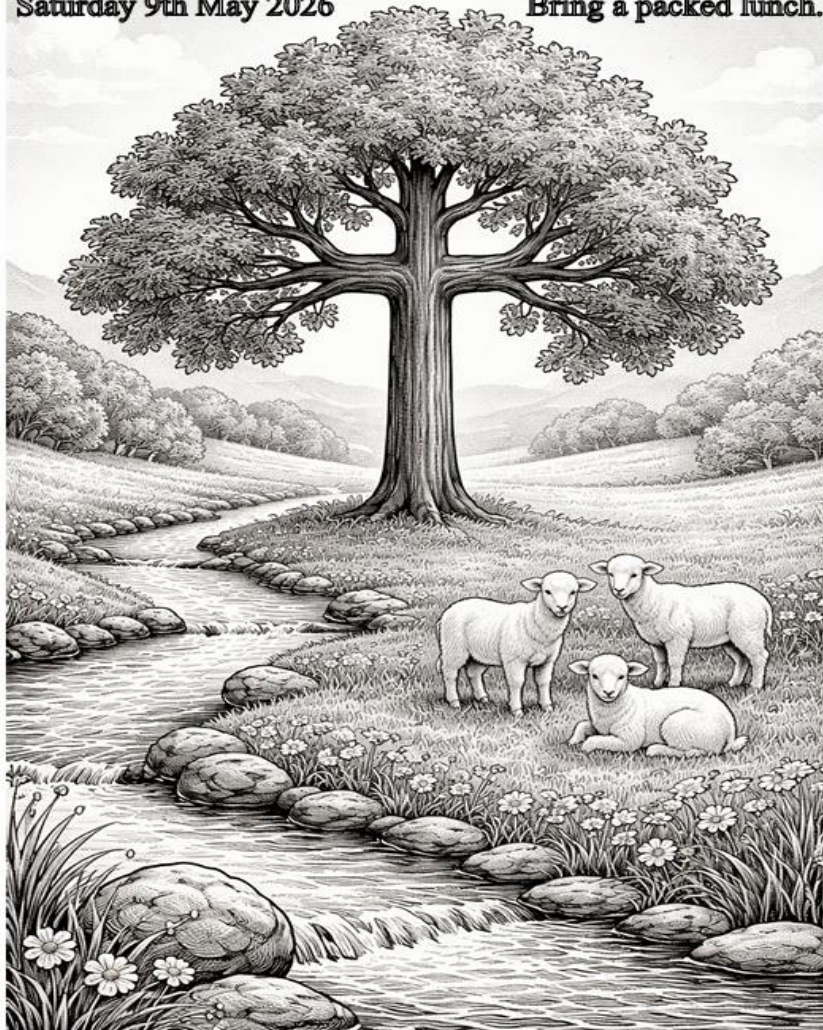
Led by Reverend Keith Powell, Diocesan Renewal Advisor & Representative of ‘Resource’ Ministries.
No tickets/charge - but we will welcome thanksgiving donations to Resource Ministries.

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

Pentecost Pilgrimage

Fri, Sat & Sunday
22nd to 24th
May 2026



9:30am to 7pm Through the weekend of Pentecost our Seven Parish Churches will be open and hosting creative and thoughtful family-friendly prayer stations.

Engage with moments of faith in our beautiful buildings, and encounter the beauty of creation as you find your own way to travel between as many or as few of the churches as you desire. Child-friendly prayer activities and a stamp-book will be available. Cash donations to the churches will be very welcome but not necessary.



All Saints Church,
Closworth,
BA22 9RN



Church of St Roch,
Pendomer,
BA22 9PH



All Saints Church,
Sutton Bingham,
BA22 9QP



St Marys Church,
Hardington Mandeville
BA22 9PQ



St Michaels & All
Angels, East Coker,
BA22 9JW



St Marys Church, High
Street, East Chinnock,
BA22 9DP

We can't take responsibility for your travel between churches but footpaths are available- See OS Explorer Map 129. Remember to take drinking water with you!



St Marys Church, High
Street, East Chinnock,
BA22 9DP