



Sunday 12th April 2026 – Second Sunday of Easter (White)

Readings for Sunday 12th April 2026:

- 0915 BCP HC at Closworth Church – Rev. Phil Macaulay
0945 Family Service at Pendomer Church (also via Zoom) – Jacky Gormer
1100 Family Service at East Coker Church – Led by Rev. Rod Key
1100 Holy Communion Service at Hardington Church – Rev. Phil Macaulay
1100 Family Service at West Coker Church – Lay Led

Readings for Sunday 12th April 2026

Principal Service: Acts 2.14a,22-32; Psalm 16; 1 Peter 1.3-9; John 20.19-end.

Collect for Sunday 12th April 2026:

Almighty Father, you have given your only Son to die for our sins and to rise again for our justification: grant us so to put away the leaven of malice and wickedness that we may always serve you in pureness of living and truth; through the merits of your Son Jesus Christ our Lord, who is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever.

Services for Sunday 19th April 2026 - Third Sunday of Easter (White)

- 0915 Holy Communion at Pendomer Church (also via Zoom) – Rev. Phil Macaulay
1000 Café Church at Room at the Park, Weston St, East Chinnock – Lay Led
1100 Holy Communion at West Coker Church – Rev. Phil Macaulay

Readings for Sunday 19th April 2026:

Principal Service: Acts 2.14a, 36-41; Psalm 116.1-3, 10-end; 1 Peter 1.17-23, Luke 24.13-35.

Collect for Sunday 19th April 2026:

Almighty Father, who in your great mercy gladdened the disciples with the sight of the risen Lord: give us such knowledge of his presence with us, that we may be strengthened and sustained by his risen life and serve you continually in righteousness and truth; 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 Barwick Church, 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:

- ❖ **Friends of St Mary's Church in East Chinnock invite you to attend a musical concert on Friday 24th April at 7pm in the church – Classical Ukulele and Guitar –**
– See poster below for more details.
- ❖ **Lords Larder** – Current items needed are: Tins of Meatballs, Hotdogs, Peas, Tuna, Rice Pudding; Packets of Breakfast Cereal; Bags of Sugar 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? As parents/grandparents we never stop caring and having those concerns. Felt like praying? Unsure what or how to pray or whether it's worth praying? Sometimes the only, and best, thing we can do is pray. This new informal monthly group is for 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 next get-together, if you're interested or curious, will be at my house on **Monday 13th April 19:30 am (address below)**. There'll always be tea, coffee and cake. For more info, or if you're interested but can't make the date, 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.
- ❖ **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, you may have some points of interest or questions you might wish to raise. Any queries please email the parish clerk at: clerk@closworthparishmeeting.gov.uk

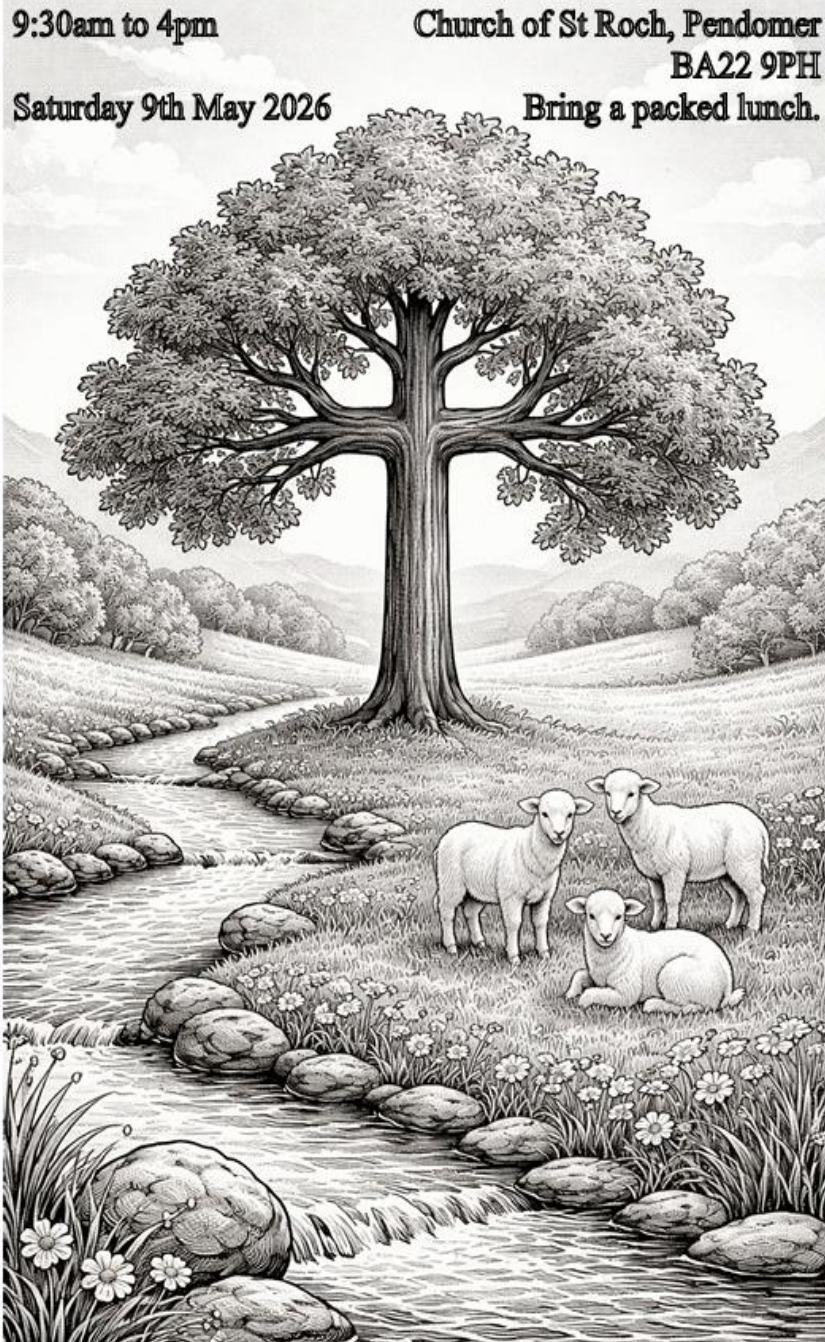
Who to Contact across the Benefice: Reverend Philip Macaulay Tel: 01935 733160, email: officecokerridge@gmail.com Barbs Hampshire – officecokerridge@gmail.com
Flexible Office Hours 01935 864574; Monica Whipp – Tel: 01935 862834; West Coker – Mick Collins - 01935 863129, Sue Bonning 01935 862351; East 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:

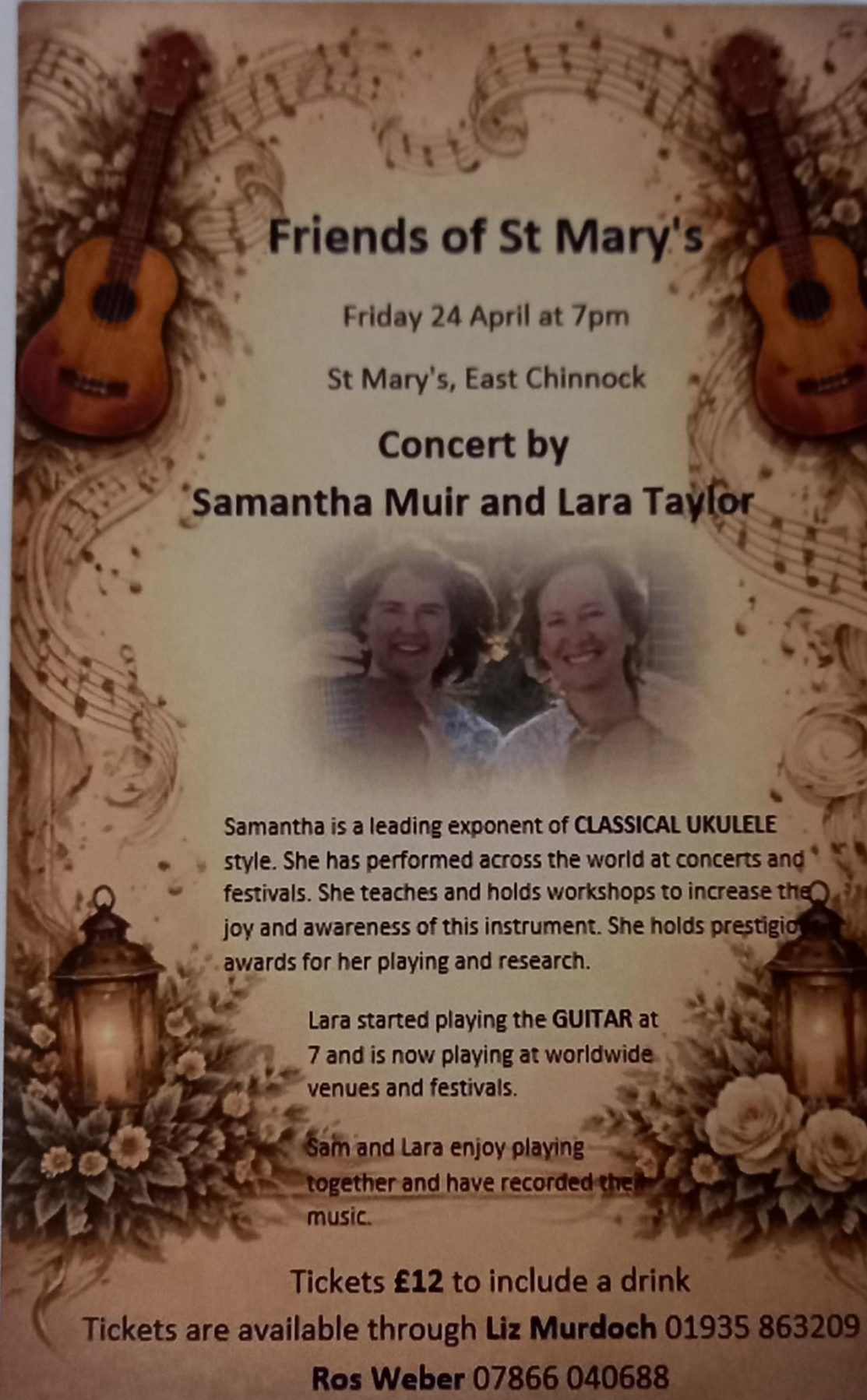
“How much more...” Luke 11v13

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.



If possible let Barbs know you are coming: officecokerridge@gmail.com



Friends of St Mary's

Friday 24 April at 7pm

St Mary's, East Chinnock

Concert by Samantha Muir and Lara Taylor



Samantha is a leading exponent of **CLASSICAL UKULELE** style. She has performed across the world at concerts and festivals. She teaches and holds workshops to increase the joy and awareness of this instrument. She holds prestigious awards for her playing and research.

Lara started playing the **GITAR** at 7 and is now playing at worldwide venues and festivals.

Sam and Lara enjoy playing together and have recorded their music.

Tickets **£12** to include a drink

Tickets are available through **Liz Murdoch** 01935 863209 or

Ros Weber 07866 040688