



# Stour Vale Benefice

Seven Churches, One Body, One Benefice

## *Newsletter No. 318*

**Sunday 31<sup>st</sup> May – Trinity Sunday**

**Benefice Service – 10:30am**

Communion Service for Trinity Sunday at Todber



**Please remember all who are ill or bereaved in Sunday's intercessions  
and in your prayers this week**

All who are ill, especially Angela (BW), Helen (BW), Joyce (ES), Irene (KM), Peter (KM), Eoin (SP), Liz (SP), Margaret (WS) and Tony (WS); for the family and friends of Roy Collis (ES) and Doris Parfitt (ES), and all those who are bereaved.

### **Baptism:**

Please pray for Finlay Jude Eugene Leonard and his family and Godparents as he is baptised at St John the Baptist on Saturday 30<sup>th</sup> May.

*We welcome him into God's family.*

### **Funerals:**

Doris Parfitt, 4<sup>th</sup> June, 12pm at East Stour

Roy Collis 9<sup>th</sup> June, 2:30pm at East Stour

*May they rest in peace and rise in glory.*

### ***Other Benefice services/events coming up in June***

**Every Wednesday** – Said Holy Communion 10:30am East Stour Church

*2<sup>nd</sup> Wednesday of the month with be a Healing Communion service*

**Monday 15<sup>th</sup>** – Knit and Natter 2:30pm East Stour Village Hall

**Friday 26<sup>th</sup>** – Stour Vale Benefice prayer Group 2pm East Stour Church

*Please note there is no Benefice Lunch in June*

For others events around the Benefice see Octavo, the website:

<https://stourvalebenefice.org.uk/>

Or Facebook: [www.facebook.com/profile.php?id=100089949903748](http://www.facebook.com/profile.php?id=100089949903748)



### **Readings Sunday 31<sup>st</sup> May**

Isaiah 40.12–17, 27–end

2 Corinthians 13.11–end

### ***Trinty Sunday***

Psalm 8

Matthew 28.16–end

### **Psalm 8**

<sup>1</sup> Lord, our Lord,

how majestic is your name in all the earth!

You have set your glory

in the heavens.

<sup>2</sup> Through the praise of children and infants

you have established a stronghold against your enemies,

to silence the foe and the avenger.

<sup>3</sup> When I consider your heavens,

the work of your fingers,  
the moon and the stars,  
which you have set in place,  
<sup>4</sup> what is mankind that you are mindful of them,  
human beings that you care for them?  
<sup>5</sup> You have made them a little lower than the angels  
and crowned them with glory and honour.  
<sup>6</sup> You made them rulers over the works of your hands;  
you put everything under their feet:  
<sup>7</sup> all flocks and herds,  
and the animals of the wild,  
<sup>8</sup> the birds in the sky,  
and the fish in the sea,  
all that swim the paths of the seas.  
<sup>9</sup> Lord, our Lord,  
how majestic is your name in all the earth!

### **2 Corinthians 13.11–end (NIV)**

Finally, brothers and sisters, rejoice! Strive for full restoration, encourage one another, be of one mind, live in peace. And the God of love and peace will be with you.

<sup>12</sup> Greet one another with a holy kiss. <sup>13</sup> All God's people here send their greetings.

<sup>14</sup> May the grace of the Lord Jesus Christ, and the love of God, and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

### **Matthew 28.16–end (NIV)**

Then the eleven disciples went to Galilee, to the mountain where Jesus had told them to go.

<sup>17</sup> When they saw him, they worshipped him; but some doubted. <sup>18</sup> Then Jesus came to them and said, 'All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me. <sup>19</sup> Therefore go and make disciples of all nations, baptising them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, <sup>20</sup> and teaching them to obey everything I have commanded you. And surely I am with you always, to the very end of the age.'

## **Collect and Post Communion Sunday 31<sup>st</sup> May**

### **Collect**

Almighty and everlasting God,  
you have given us your servants grace,  
by the confession of a true faith,  
to acknowledge the glory of the eternal Trinity  
and in the power of the divine majesty to worship the Unity:  
keep us steadfast in this faith,  
that we may evermore be defended from all adversities;  
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.

### **Post Communion Prayer**

Almighty and eternal God,  
you have revealed yourself as Father, Son and Holy Spirit,  
and live and reign in the perfect unity of love:  
hold us firm in this faith,

that we may know you in all your ways  
and evermore rejoice in your eternal glory,  
who are three Persons yet one God,  
now and for ever.

### ***Prayer in the Benefice – Sunday 31<sup>st</sup> May to Saturday 6<sup>th</sup> June***

Please join us in prayer this week, either by adding the topics to your usual daily prayers or by praying the specific prayers suggested below. If you would like us to pray for something, or someone, then please contact Jill Perry ([adminsrb@gmail.com](mailto:adminsrb@gmail.com)).

#### ***Sunday: Trinity Sunday*** – A Collect from the Church of England

Holy God, faithful and unchanging: enlarge our minds with the knowledge of your truth, and draw us more deeply into the mystery of your love, that we may truly worship you, Father, Son and Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. Amen.

#### ***Monday: World Leaders***



King of Kings, we pray for rulers and statesmen who are called to leadership in the affairs of the world. Give them vision to see far into the issues of their time, courage to uphold what is right, and integrity in their motives. May their service to their people promote the welfare of all. Amen.

#### ***Tuesday: Fifehead Magdalen***

Loving Lord Jesus, please bless all who live or work in Fifehead Magdalen. We pray especially for the farmers, and their reliance upon the weather, that they have sufficient food to feed their animals and store enough for the winter months avoiding undue stress and worry; for people involved in the armed services and in peace keeping, that there will be peace in war torn areas of the world.



We also pray for inspiration to enthuse the people of Fifehead to support the church and community so as a village we pull together to know and care for each other and our facilities. Amen.

#### ***Wednesday: All who are ill or bereaved, especially those listed on the first page of the newsletter we have specifically been asked to pray for; victims of abuse.***



Merciful Father, comfort all who are afflicted or distressed in body, mind or spirit. We pray particularly for those who are bullied, suffering domestic or sexual abuse, discriminated against, persecuted or oppressed. Comfort them and give them courage and wisdom to know what to do. We remember those we know who are ill or bereaved. Turn their hearts towards you and succour them. Amen.

#### ***Thursday: Volunteers Week***

Glorious Lord, thank you for all the selfless volunteers who act, often unnoticed, to help those in need, do your will, and make our lives more pleasant. Give them strength, dedication and resilience. May they know their efforts are appreciated. Inspire more people to give their time and their skills to make the world a better place and to serve you. Amen.

#### ***Friday: Those Who Serve Us***

Father God, we remember before you those who serve us in the everyday ministries of life: doctors, dentists, nurses, teachers, assistants in shops, banks and offices, builders, plumbers, mechanics, milkmen, postmen, dustmen and so many others. Keep us mindful, O Lord, of what they and others do for us, and may we accept their services with gratitude. Amen.



## Saturday: Ourselves

O God, it is so hard for us not to be anxious. We worry about work and money, about food and health, about weather and crops, about war and politics, about loving and being loved. Help us to tell you about what worries us, and to trust you to do what's best. Amen.

### Volunteers Day – Friday 5<sup>th</sup> June

We would love you to join our Volunteers Day, with resources and seminars to help you in your context, as well as a celebratory lunch.

Join the diocesan team as we resource and celebrate those who volunteer and serve in our churches across the Diocese of Salisbury.



*This day is for anyone who volunteers and serves regularly in their church, in an official or unofficial capacity.*

You can choose different sessions to support your work and ministry, and there will also be drop-in sessions available for individual, informal conversations. (Giving and Fundraising, Energy Footprint Tool, Parish services, Governance, Thirtyone:Eight and Safeguarding Hubs, Flower Arranging and Anglican Heritage)

There is free parking available at Wilton Park and Ride, The Avenue, SP2 0FG. Do consider giving a lift share to others in your parish or benefice if possible, and if you are getting the train to Salisbury, you can then get a bus to the Wilton Park and Ride, [click here](#).

**When and where?** Friday 5<sup>th</sup> June at Emmaus House, The Avenue, Wilton SP2 0FG. The event will begin at 10:00am and end at approximately 4:00pm.

**To book and for more information on the sessions, [click here](#).**

Or visit the Diocesan Website.

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Or by email: [vicarsvb@gmail.com](mailto:vicarsvb@gmail.com)



**Please Note:** Clare's usual day off is Monday.



#### This Newsletter

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