



# Stour Vale Benefice

Seven Churches, One Body, One Benefice

## Newsletter No. 315

Sunday 10<sup>th</sup> May – Rogation Sunday



9:30am Holy Communion Service Buckhorn Weston

11am **Benefice Rogation Service**

Kindly Hosted by the Trevor Family

at Middle Farm, Fifehead Magdalen, SP8 5RR

*Please join us to celebrate and bless the work of our farming communities.*

**Bring a chair and dress for the weather!**

**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 Jack Osborne (BW), Julia Gould (ES), Syliva Fox (KM), Sarah Best (KM), David Hustwayte (KM), Tom Higgins (KM), and all those who are bereaved.

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

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

**Tuesday 19<sup>th</sup>** – Benefice Lunch 12:30pm Lakeside Kitchen

*Food Orders to Jill by Tuesday 12<sup>th</sup> please.*

**Friday 29<sup>th</sup>** – Stour Vale Benefice prayer Group 2pm East Stour Church



### **Readings Sunday 10<sup>th</sup> May**

Acts 17.22–31

1 Peter 3.13–end

### *6<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Easter*

Psalm 66.7–end

John 14.15–21

### **1 Peter 3.13–end (NIV)**

Now who will harm you if you are eager to do what is good? <sup>14</sup> But even if you do suffer for doing what is right, you are blessed. Do not fear what they fear, and do not be intimidated, <sup>15</sup> but in your hearts sanctify Christ as Lord. Always be ready to make your defence to anyone who demands from you an account of the hope that is in you; <sup>16</sup> yet do it with gentleness and reverence. Keep your conscience clear, so that, when you are maligned, those who abuse you for your good conduct in Christ may be put to shame. <sup>17</sup> For it is better to suffer for doing good, if suffering should be God's will, than to suffer for doing evil. <sup>18</sup> For Christ also suffered for sins once for all, the righteous for the unrighteous, in order to bring you to God. He was put to death in the flesh, but made alive in the spirit, <sup>19</sup> in which also he went and made a proclamation to the spirits in prison, <sup>20</sup> who in former times did not obey, when God waited patiently in the days of Noah, during the building of the ark, in which a few, that is, eight people, were saved through water. <sup>21</sup> And baptism, which this prefigured, now saves you—not as a removal of dirt from the body, but as an appeal to God for a good conscience, through the resurrection of Jesus Christ, <sup>22</sup> who has gone into heaven and is at the right hand of God, with angels, authorities, and powers made subject to him.

## **John 14.15-21 (NIV)**

'If you love me, you will keep my commandments. <sup>16</sup> And I will ask the Father, and he will give you another Advocate, to be with you for ever. <sup>17</sup> This is the Spirit of truth, whom the world cannot receive, because it neither sees him nor knows him. You know him, because he abides with you, and he will be in you.

<sup>18</sup> 'I will not leave you orphaned; I am coming to you. <sup>19</sup> In a little while the world will no longer see me, but you will see me; because I live, you also will live. <sup>20</sup> On that day you will know that I am in my Father, and you in me, and I in you. <sup>21</sup> They who have my commandments and keep them are those who love me; and those who love me will be loved by my Father, and I will love them and reveal myself to them.'

### **Collect and Post Communion Sunday 10<sup>th</sup> May**

#### **Collect**

God our redeemer,  
you have delivered us from the power of darkness  
and brought us into the kingdom of your Son:  
grant, that as by his death he has recalled us to life,  
so by his continual presence in us he may raise us to eternal joy;  
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**

God our Father,  
whose Son Jesus Christ gives the water of eternal life:  
may we thirst for you,  
the spring of life and source of goodness,  
through him who is alive and reigns, now and for ever.

### ***Prayer in the Benefice – Sunday 10<sup>th</sup> to Saturday 16<sup>th</sup> May***

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)).

This week is both Christian Aid Week (10<sup>th</sup> – 16<sup>th</sup> May: [www.christianaid.org.uk](http://www.christianaid.org.uk)) and the start of 'Thy Kingdom Come' (an ecumenical initiative for the ten days between Ascension and Pentecost: [www.thykingdomcome.global/thy-kingdom-come-2026](http://www.thykingdomcome.global/thy-kingdom-come-2026)) so we will be using their prayer resources.

#### ***Sunday: A Prayer for Christian Aid Week***



Lord, hear us as we pray for our global neighbours. We hold before you all people forced to live in inadequate housing, without reliable access to running water, sanitation or electricity. We pray for those who live with uncertainty and the threat of hunger each day. Help us to hear clearly the voices of our neighbours when they share their experiences. Inspire us to action, as we respond to your command to love one another. Amen.

#### ***Monday: The powerful*** – A prayer from Christian Aid

Lord, hear us as we pray for those with power: for governments, leaders, lawmakers, and those who speak with loud voices on the public stage. May those who have power and influence love mercy, act justly and walk humbly. We pray for governments to take action to end economic

inequality. We pray especially for countries which are carrying an unjust debt burden. Instil in us the prophetic voice that speaks truth to power. Amen.

**Tuesday: Conflict** – A prayer from Chrisitan Aid

Lord, hear us as we pray for an end to conflict. Strengthen those working for peace and justice across the world. We pray especially for Russia and Ukraine, the Middle East, Sudan, Nigeria, Mali, Pakistan and Afghanistan. Show us how to seek peace and pursue it in our lives. 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** – Adapted from a prayer by Chrisitan Aid:



Lord, hear us as we pray for all those known to us who are sick or suffering. We pray for all those who are grieving. We pray for those who face unimaginable challenges on top of their illness, distress or grief. Bless them and give them your comfort and provision. Fill us with compassion for all those in need of support. Amen.

**Thursday: Ascension Day: A Prayer from Thy Kingdom Come**

Almighty God, Your ascended Son has sent us into the world to preach the good news of Your kingdom: inspire us with Your Spirit and fill our hearts with the fire of Your love, that all who hear Your Word may be drawn to You, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen



**Friday: Changemakers** – A prayer from Chrisitan Aid

God of sadness and celebration, you share our pain at loss as well as our joy in reunion. We remember with gratitude the mixed emotions of VE Day, in people's hearts, and on the streets. Comfort those who still grieve, and challenge us who live on to value what was won and to build on the legacy of lives sacrificed. Amen.

**Saturday: Ourselves** – A Prayer from Thy Kingdom Come by St Teresa of Avila, 1515–1582

Lord, grant that I may always allow myself to be guided by You, always follow Your plans, and perfectly accomplish Your Holy Will. Help me respond to the slightest prompting of Your Grace, so that I may be Your trustworthy instrument for Your honour. May Your Will be done in time and in eternity by me, in me, and through me. Amen.

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

We would love for 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 OFG. 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 OFG. 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.

## New Benefice Website – <https://stourvalebenefice.org.uk/>

Do have a look and remember it is a resource for everyone in the Benefice, not just for visitors.

There should be a 'redirect' on our old website if you have that in your list of favourites—don't forget to add the new site to your favourites.

**New email addresses – Please update your contact lists, thank you.**

**For Revd Clare please use:** [vicarsvb@gmail.com](mailto:vicarsvb@gmail.com)

**For all Admin related emails for Jill Perry please use:** [adminsrb@gmail.com](mailto:adminsrb@gmail.com)

### Please note:

Jill will continue to use the [octavoeditorsvb@googlemail.com](mailto:octavoeditorsvb@googlemail.com) address for anything relating to Octavo.

## 'Thy Kingdom Come' – global prayer movement marks ten years

This year the global prayer movement *Thy Kingdom Come* (TKC) will take place from Thursday 14<sup>th</sup> to Sunday 24<sup>th</sup> May.

Spanning the 11 days between Ascension and Pentecost, the initiative encourages Christians to pray for five people whom they know (friends, families, neighbours) to come to faith.

This year is a special one for *Thy Kingdom Come*. It was ten years ago, in 2016, that it began as a call to prayer from the Archbishop of Canterbury and the Archbishop of York.

TKC has since grown into a global wave of prayer, involving tens of millions of Christians, in dozens of denominations, in almost 90% of countries worldwide.

To mark these first ten years, the new archbishop, Sarah Mullally, has written a Novena for the initiative.

This year's theme is 'God With Us'. With the help of leaders from across the church traditions, TKC will explore a different Bible story each day, one which demonstrates God's transformative presence, power and love at work in the lives of people and communities.

More information at: <https://www.thykingdomcome.global/>

You can contact Revd Clare on: 01747 838171

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**Please Note:** Clare's usual day off is Monday. (Please note Clare is not available Tuesday this week because of a Deanery Clergy commitment.)



### This Newsletter

We hope you find this newsletter helpful. If you know of anyone who would like to join the mailing list, tell them to send their name, parish and email address to Jill Perry at [octavoeditorsvb@googlemail.com](mailto:octavoeditorsvb@googlemail.com) with the subject "Newsletter Mailing List". But, if you do not wish to continue receiving them, please email her with "Unsubscribe" in the subject field.

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