



# Stour Vale Benefice

Seven Churches, One Body, One Benefice

## Newsletter No. 319

**Sunday 7<sup>th</sup> June – 1<sup>st</sup> Sunday of Trinity**

9:15am Parish Communion Todber  
10:00am Morning Worship West Stour (CW)  
11:00am Parish Communion East Stour

**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.

**Funeral:**

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

*May he 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/>

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**Readings Sunday 7<sup>th</sup> June**

*1<sup>st</sup> Sunday of Trinity*

Hosea 5.15—6.6

Psalm 50.7–15

Romans 4.13–end

Matthew 9.9–13, 18–26

**Psalm 50.7–15**

<sup>7</sup> Listen, my people, and I will speak;

I will testify against you, Israel:

I am God, your God.

<sup>8</sup> I bring no charges against you concerning your sacrifices

or concerning your burnt offerings, which are ever before me.

<sup>9</sup> I have no need of a bull from your stall

or of goats from your pens,

<sup>10</sup> for every animal of the forest is mine,

and the cattle on a thousand hills.

<sup>11</sup> I know every bird in the mountains,

and the insects in the fields are mine.

<sup>12</sup> If I were hungry I would not tell you,

for the world is mine, and all that is in it.

<sup>13</sup> Do I eat the flesh of bulls  
or drink the blood of goats?  
<sup>14</sup> 'Sacrifice thank-offerings to God,  
fulfil your vows to the Most High,  
<sup>15</sup> and call on me in the day of trouble;  
I will deliver you, and you will honour me.'

### **Romans 4.13–end (NIV)**

It was not through the law that Abraham and his offspring received the promise that he would be heir of the world, but through the righteousness that comes by faith. <sup>14</sup> For if those who depend on the law are heirs, faith means nothing and the promise is worthless, <sup>15</sup> because the law brings wrath. And where there is no law there is no transgression.

<sup>16</sup> Therefore, the promise comes by faith, so that it may be by grace and may be guaranteed to all Abraham's offspring – not only to those who are of the law but also to those who have the faith of Abraham. He is the father of us all. <sup>17</sup> As it is written: 'I have made you a father of many nations.' He is our father in the sight of God, in whom he believed – the God who gives life to the dead and calls into being things that were not.

<sup>18</sup> Against all hope, Abraham in hope believed and so became the father of many nations, just as it had been said to him, 'So shall your offspring be.' <sup>19</sup> Without weakening in his faith, he faced the fact that his body was as good as dead – since he was about a hundred years old – and that Sarah's womb was also dead. <sup>20</sup> Yet he did not waver through unbelief regarding the promise of God, but was strengthened in his faith and gave glory to God, <sup>21</sup> being fully persuaded that God had power to do what he had promised. <sup>22</sup> This is why 'it was credited to him as righteousness.'  
<sup>23</sup> The words 'it was credited to him' were written not for him alone, <sup>24</sup> but also for us, to whom God will credit righteousness – for us who believe in him who raised Jesus our Lord from the dead. <sup>25</sup> He was delivered over to death for our sins and was raised to life for our justification.

### **Matthew 9.9–13, 18–26 (NIV)**

As Jesus went on from there, he saw a man named Matthew sitting at the tax collector's booth. 'Follow me,' he told him, and Matthew got up and followed him.

<sup>10</sup> While Jesus was having dinner at Matthew's house, many tax collectors and sinners came and ate with him and his disciples. <sup>11</sup> When the Pharisees saw this, they asked his disciples, 'Why does your teacher eat with tax collectors and sinners?'

<sup>12</sup> On hearing this, Jesus said, 'It is not the healthy who need a doctor, but those who are ill. <sup>13</sup> But go and learn what this means: "I desire mercy, not sacrifice."<sup>[a]</sup> For I have not come to call the righteous, but sinners.'

While he was saying this, a synagogue leader came and knelt before him and said, 'My daughter has just died. But come and put your hand on her, and she will live.' <sup>19</sup> Jesus got up and went with him, and so did his disciples.

<sup>20</sup> Just then a woman who had been subject to bleeding for twelve years came up behind him and touched the edge of his cloak. <sup>21</sup> She said to herself, 'If I only touch his cloak, I will be healed.'

<sup>22</sup> Jesus turned and saw her. 'Take heart, daughter,' he said, 'your faith has healed you.' And the woman was healed at that moment.

<sup>23</sup> When Jesus entered the synagogue leader's house and saw the noisy crowd and the people playing pipes, <sup>24</sup> he said, 'Go away. The girl is not dead but asleep.' But they laughed at him.

<sup>25</sup> After the crowd had been put outside, he went in and took the girl by the hand, and she got up.

<sup>26</sup> News of this spread through all that region.

## Collect and Post Communion Sunday 7<sup>th</sup> June

### Collect

O God,  
the strength of all those who put their trust in you,  
mercifully accept our prayers  
and, because through the weakness of our mortal nature  
we can do no good thing without you,  
grant us the help of your grace,  
that in the keeping of your commandments  
we may please you both in will and deed;  
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

Eternal Father,  
we thank you for nourishing us  
with these heavenly gifts:  
may our communion strengthen us in faith,  
build us up in hope,  
and make us grow in love;  
for the sake of Jesus Christ our Lord.

## *Prayer in the Benefice – Sunday 7<sup>th</sup> to Saturday 13<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: Church Events:** Services this week; Revd Clare

Heavenly Father, we honour your name. Please bless all the worship services in our Benefice, today and during the week. We also pray for Clare. Guide and inspire her, give her fortitude, protect her health and keep her safe. Amen.

**Monday: The Government**



Sovereign Lord, we pray for our government. Give them wisdom and discernment as they face challenges outside their control, and for the difficult decisions they must make. May they focus on the good of the country and the most vulnerable in society, not internal party politics. May they act with integrity, justice and mercy. Inspire and guide them so that your will is done. Amen.

**Tuesday: Kington Magna and Nyland**

Loving Lord Jesus, please bless all who live or work in Kington Magna or Nyland. We pray for the village community: for the relationships between neighbours, that they may support those in need. For the businesses and farms, that they may prosper and have a positive impact on the community and the environment. For the Village Hall and all the activities held there. May your presence be tangible in all that happens in the village, may your light shine into dark places, your glory be revealed and may your will be done. 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; those who are awaiting appointments.**



Merciful Father, we commend to your loving care those who suffer, remembering especially those who have asked for prayer and others known to us. We pray particularly for those who are awaiting appointments, test results or operations.

Give them patience, comfort, and peace as they wait. Bless all who work for the NHS. Give them compassion and resilience. Amen.

**Thursday: The Blackmore Vale Deanery**

Almighty God, we pray for the churches and Benefices in our Deanery: for Gillingham with Milton and Silton, Shaftesbury, Hazelbury Bryan and the Hillside Parishes, Marnhull, Okeford, Spire Hill, Sturminster Newton with Hinton St Mary and Lydlinch, and not forgetting the Stour Vale! Please bless and guide Tim Heaton our Rural Dean. May all the churches grow and flourish, creating disciples, doing your Will in their communities, and *Making Jesus Known*. Amen.

**Friday: The Media**

Faithful Father, we pray for all who provide us with news and entertainment via television, radio, streaming services, newspapers, or on-line. May the journalists and editors seek to report factually, in a balanced way, not to sensationalise, and with respect for those involved. Limit the influence of those whose messages are harmful or hateful. Amen.



**Saturday: Ourselves**

Lord Jesus, thank you for calling us to serve you in our daily lives. Help us to cheerfully obey this calling in the places where we work or volunteer, in our homes, and in our society. And make us always ready to seize the opportunities of doing good to others and helping those in need. Amen.

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**Please Note:** Clare’s usual day off is Monday, but due to a funeral Clare will be taking Thursday afternoon off this week.

Advance notice: Clare will be on annual leave from the 15<sup>th</sup> -30<sup>th</sup> June inclusive.



**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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