



# Stour Vale Benefice

Seven Churches, One Body, One Benefice

## *Newsletter No. 322*

**Sunday 28<sup>th</sup> June – 4<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Trinity**

9:15am	Parish Communion Stour Provost
10:30am	Morning Worship Buckhorn Weston (CW)
11:00am	Parish Communion Kington Magna
6:30pm	Evensong Fifehead Magdalen (BCP)

**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.

**Funerals:**

Helen Joan Cobbald – Tuesday 30<sup>th</sup> June, 10:30am at Stour Provost

Malcolm Raymond (Ray) James – Wednesday 1<sup>st</sup> July, Midday at Buckhorn Weston

*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*

**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 28<sup>th</sup> June**

*4<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Trinity*

Jeremiah 28.5–9

Psalm 89.1–4, 15–18

Romans 6.12–end

Matthew 10.40–end

**Psalm 89.1–4, 15–18**

- <sup>1</sup> I will sing of the Lord's great love for ever;  
with my mouth I will make your faithfulness known  
through all generations.
- <sup>2</sup> I will declare that your love stands firm for ever,  
that you have established your faithfulness in heaven itself.
- <sup>3</sup> You said, 'I have made a covenant with my chosen one,  
I have sworn to David my servant,
- <sup>4</sup> "I will establish your line for ever  
and make your throne firm through all generations."
- <sup>15</sup> Blessed are those who have learned to acclaim you,  
who walk in the light of your presence, Lord.

- <sup>16</sup> They rejoice in your name all day long;  
they celebrate your righteousness.  
<sup>17</sup> For you are their glory and strength,  
and by your favour you exalt our horn. [d]  
<sup>18</sup> Indeed, our shield [e] belongs to the Lord,  
our king to the Holy One of Israel..

### **Romans 6.12–end (NIV)**

Therefore do not let sin reign in your mortal body so that you obey its evil desires. <sup>13</sup> Do not offer any part of yourself to sin as an instrument of wickedness, but rather offer yourselves to God as those who have been brought from death to life; and offer every part of yourself to him as an instrument of righteousness. <sup>14</sup> For sin shall no longer be your master, because you are not under the law, but under grace.

<sup>15</sup> What then? Shall we sin because we are not under the law but under grace? By no means!

<sup>16</sup> Don't you know that when you offer yourselves to someone as obedient slaves, you are slaves of the one you obey – whether you are slaves to sin, which leads to death, or to obedience, which leads to righteousness? <sup>17</sup> But thanks be to God that, though you used to be slaves to sin, you have come to obey from your heart the pattern of teaching that has now claimed your allegiance.

<sup>18</sup> You have been set free from sin and have become slaves to righteousness.

<sup>19</sup> I am using an example from everyday life because of your human limitations. Just as you used to offer yourselves as slaves to impurity and to ever-increasing wickedness, so now offer yourselves as slaves to righteousness leading to holiness. <sup>20</sup> When you were slaves to sin, you were free from the control of righteousness. <sup>21</sup> What benefit did you reap at that time from the things you are now ashamed of? Those things result in death! <sup>22</sup> But now that you have been set free from sin and have become slaves of God, the benefit you reap leads to holiness, and the result is eternal life. <sup>23</sup> For the wages of sin is death, but the gift of God is eternal life in Christ Jesus our Lord.

### **Matthew 10.40–end (NIV)**

Anyone who welcomes you welcomes me, and anyone who welcomes me welcomes the one who sent me. <sup>41</sup> Whoever welcomes a prophet as a prophet will receive a prophet's reward, and whoever welcomes a righteous person as a righteous person will receive a righteous person's reward. <sup>42</sup> And if anyone gives even a cup of cold water to one of these little ones who is my disciple, truly I tell you, that person will certainly not lose their reward.'

## **Collect and Post Communion Sunday 28<sup>th</sup> June**

### **Collect**

O God, the protector of all who trust in you,  
without whom nothing is strong, nothing is holy:  
increase and multiply upon us your mercy;  
that with you as our ruler and guide  
we may so pass through things temporal  
that we lose not our hold on things eternal;  
grant this, heavenly Father,  
for our Lord Jesus Christ's sake,  
who is alive and reigns with you,  
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,  
one God, now and for ever.

## Post Communion Prayer

Eternal God,  
comfort of the afflicted and healer of the broken,  
you have fed us at the table of life and hope:  
teach us the ways of gentleness and peace,  
that all the world may acknowledge  
the kingdom of your Son Jesus Christ our Lord.

## *Prayer in the Benefice – Sunday 28<sup>th</sup> to Saturday 4<sup>th</sup> July*

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; Fellowship**

Glorious Lord, thank you for fellowship and friendship. We pray for all our Worship Services today and for all the events that happen in the Benefice, allowing us to see old friends and make new ones, to chat, to laugh, and to support each other. Amen.

### **Monday: Healthcare**



King of Kings, we pray for creative and feasible solutions to the problems with access to GPs, dentists, hospital appointments, adult social care and mental health care in the UK. We ask that the workloads of those in the NHS may be manageable, allowing sufficient time for rest and respite, and that they may feel valued and appreciated for all they do. We also pray for the wisdom and the will in the country to remove the underlying causes of poor health, especially in deprived areas. Amen.

### **Tuesday: Todber**

Loving Lord Jesus, please bless all who live or work in Todber. We thank you for all who work to support the church and keep it going. As the PCC consider plans for the future of the building, and possible further work, we ask for your guidance. May those involved discern your Will and how best to achieve it. 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; the elderly**



Merciful Father, hear us as we remember those we know who are ill in body, mind or spirit. Look with mercy on those whose increasing years brings them weakness, distress or isolation. Give them understanding helpers and the willingness to accept help. As their strength diminishes, increase their faith and their assurance of your love. Amen.

### **Thursday: Christian Unity**

Great High Priest, govern and direct your Church, fill it with love and truth; and grant it that unity which is your will. Give us boldness to preach the gospel in all the world and to make disciples of all the nations. Amen.

### **Friday: Commerce and Industry**

Lord of Lords, we pray for all involved in business: for the influence they have on our society through advertising and their products, for the impact of their operational processes on climate change and the world's resources, for them to deal fairly with those who work for them directly, or as part of their supply chain. May they be a force for good in the world, and not put profit before ethics. Amen.



**Saturday: Ourselves** - An extract from Pope Francis' Encyclical 'Fratelli Tutti'

Come, Holy Spirit, show us Your beauty, Reflected in all the peoples of the earth. So that we may discover anew That all are important and all are necessary. Different faces of the one humanity That God so loves. Amen.



**SUNDAY 19TH JULY & 16TH AUGUST**

Breakfast served from 8.45am  
Worship 9.00am - 9.30am

Buckhorn Weston Village Hall (SP8 5HF)



Scan the QR code for more information,  
Or contact Fiona Hedges: [fjhedges1@gmail.com](mailto:fjhedges1@gmail.com); 01747 838 942

It's church, but not as you know it!  
Join us for a drink, a chat and a chance  
to spend some time with God.

**Friday 24<sup>th</sup> July**

**Open from 11am for an 11:15 start**

Tea and coffee will be provided, and the  
licensed bar will be open throughout for  
those who would like to buy a drink.

After the service, feel free to leave or stay  
for a drink. If anyone would like to stay and  
have lunch, we would advise you to reserve  
a table in the usual way.



**The Ship Inn, West Stour, SP8 5RP**

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**Please Note:** Clare is 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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Kington Magna – Stour Provost – Todber – West Stour



Coming up this summer



**Benefice Pet Service**

**Sunday 23rd August**  
3pm in Todber Church Yard  
Pet and Family Friendly service  
to bless our pets from across the  
Benefice.

**Benefice Songs of Praise**

**Sunday 30th August**

We will be having a Songs of Praise service for our  
5th Sunday Service in August.

*Send in your favourite hymns via your  
Churchwarden, or Jill Perry, by 2<sup>nd</sup> August.*



*Please Note:* There will also be a Holy Communion Service at  
9:15am at Todber on Sunday 30th August.