



# Stour Vale Benefice

Seven Churches, One Body, One Benefice

## *Newsletter No. 320*

**Sunday 14<sup>th</sup> June – 2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday of Trinity**

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

**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.

**Wedding:**

Thomas Edwards and Charlotte Brehaut at Kington Magna Saturday 13<sup>th</sup> June  
*We pray for your life together.*

***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 14<sup>th</sup> June**

*2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday of Trinity*

Exodus 19.2–8a

Psalm 100

Romans 5.1–8

Matthew 9.35—10.8

**Psalm 100**

<sup>1</sup> Shout for joy to the Lord, all the earth.

<sup>2</sup> Worship the Lord with gladness;  
come before him with joyful songs.

<sup>3</sup> Know that the Lord is God.

It is he who made us, and we are his;  
we are his people, the sheep of his pasture.

<sup>4</sup> Enter his gates with thanksgiving

and his courts with praise;  
give thanks to him and praise his name.

<sup>5</sup> For the Lord is good and his love endures for ever;  
his faithfulness continues through all generations.

### **Romans 5.1-8 (NIV)**

Therefore, since we have been justified through faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ, <sup>2</sup> through whom we have gained access by faith into this grace in which we now stand. And we boast in the hope of the glory of God. <sup>3</sup> Not only so, but we also glory in our sufferings, because we know that suffering produces perseverance; <sup>4</sup> perseverance, character; and character, hope. <sup>5</sup> And hope does not put us to shame, because God's love has been poured out into our hearts through the Holy Spirit, who has been given to us.

<sup>6</sup> You see, at just the right time, when we were still powerless, Christ died for the ungodly. <sup>7</sup> Very rarely will anyone die for a righteous person, though for a good person someone might possibly dare to die. <sup>8</sup> But God demonstrates his own love for us in this: while we were still sinners, Christ died for us.

### **Matthew 9.35—10.8 (NIV)**

Jesus went through all the towns and villages, teaching in their synagogues, proclaiming the good news of the kingdom and healing every disease and illness. <sup>36</sup> When he saw the crowds, he had compassion on them, because they were harassed and helpless, like sheep without a shepherd. <sup>37</sup> Then he said to his disciples, 'The harvest is plentiful but the workers are few. <sup>38</sup> Ask the Lord of the harvest, therefore, to send out workers into his harvest field.'

10 Jesus called his twelve disciples to him and gave them authority to drive out impure spirits and to heal every disease and illness.

<sup>2</sup> These are the names of the twelve apostles: first, Simon (who is called Peter) and his brother Andrew; James son of Zebedee, and his brother John; <sup>3</sup> Philip and Bartholomew; Thomas and Matthew the tax collector; James son of Alphaeus, and Thaddaeus; <sup>4</sup> Simon the Zealot and Judas Iscariot, who betrayed him.

<sup>5</sup> These twelve Jesus sent out with the following instructions: 'Do not go among the Gentiles or enter any town of the Samaritans. <sup>6</sup> Go rather to the lost sheep of Israel. <sup>7</sup> As you go, proclaim this message: "The kingdom of heaven has come near." <sup>8</sup> Heal those who are ill, raise the dead, cleanse those who have leprosy, drive out demons. Freely you have received; freely give.

## **Collect and Post Communion Sunday 14<sup>th</sup> June**

### **Collect**

Lord, you have taught us  
that all our doings without love are nothing worth:  
send your Holy Spirit  
and pour into our hearts that most excellent gift of love,  
the true bond of peace and of all virtues,  
without which whoever lives is counted dead before you.  
Grant this for your only Son 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**

Loving Father,  
we thank you for feeding us at the supper of your Son:  
sustain us with your Spirit,  
that we may serve you here on earth  
until our joy is complete in heaven,  
and we share in the eternal banquet  
with Jesus Christ our Lord.

## ***Prayer in the Benefice – Sunday 14<sup>th</sup> to Saturday 20<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; Lay Assistants***



O glorious God: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, your whole creation sings your marvellous work; may heaven's praise echo in our hearts at our services and in our lives this week. We thank you for all who serve as Lay Worship Leaders and Lay Pastoral Assistants in our Benefice, and pray for those currently training to join them. Encourage them, guide them and inspire them so their words and their deeds align to your Will. Amen.

### ***Monday: Refugee Week - A prayer by the Church of England***

Almighty and merciful God, whose Son became a refugee and had no place to call his own; look with mercy on those who today are fleeing from danger; homeless and hungry. Bless those who work to bring them relief; inspire generosity and compassion in all our hearts; and guide the nations of the world towards that day when all will rejoice in your Kingdom of justice and of peace; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

### ***Tuesday: Stour Provost***

Loving Lord Jesus, please bless all who live or work in Stour Provost. We pray for all those in the village who are ill, or have moved into care homes. May they experience your joy and peace, whatever their circumstances. May the village continue to be a place of support and fellowship for all the residents and former residents. 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 unemployed.***



Lord Jesus, you are the source of all health and healing, all strength and peace. Pour your healing power onto those who are ill and those who mourn. Bless all who are seeking work but unable to find it, or whose health or personal circumstance mean they cannot work. Protect their mental health. Give them peace and joy. May they know how much you love and value them. Amen.

### ***Thursday: The Persecuted Church in Iraq: A Prayer from Open Doors: [www.opendoorsuk.org](http://www.opendoorsuk.org)***

Almighty God, it can be difficult to know how to pray for our brothers and sisters in Iraq. They continue to live for You in a situation that seems to grow more dire as more and more believers leave; we hear how there is a lack of opportunity, and we see how these ancient communities of believers are dwindling. Please, would You pour out Your Spirit anew in Iraq? Would You raise up people who feel called to remain and flourish? Would You bless those who have stayed? We ask this in the name of Jesus, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever, Amen.

### ***Friday: Farmers and Farmworkers***

Creator God, we ask you to bless all those who work the land to provide food for us. Keep them safe from injury and anxiety. Give them resilience to cope with the challenges of the weather; healthy, productive animals and crops; fair prices for their produce; joy in their labours and hope for their futures. Amen.



### ***Saturday: Ourselves***

Loving Father, open our eyes to see you, our ears to hear you, our hearts to love you and our minds to know you, through Jesus Christ our Lord, Amen.

## 16<sup>th</sup> June - Richard of Chichester, wanting God more clearly, dearly and nearly

Ever wonder where the prayer ... 'May I know thee more clearly, love thee more dearly, and follow thee more nearly, day by day' comes from? Richard of Chichester, a bishop in the 13<sup>th</sup> century, wrote it.

He began life as Richard de Wych of Droitwich, the son of a yeoman farmer. But Richard was a studious boy, and after helping his father on the farm for several years, refused an advantageous offer of marriage, and instead made his way to Oxford, and later to Paris and Bologna to study canon law.

In 1235 he returned to Oxford, and was soon appointed Chancellor, where he supported Edmund, Archbishop of Canterbury, in his struggles against King Henry III's misuse of Church funds. After further study to become a priest, Richard was in due course made a bishop himself. He was greatly loved. He was charitable and accessible, both stern and merciful to sinners, extraordinarily generous to those stricken by famine, and a brilliant legislator of his diocese. He decreed that the sacraments were to be administered without payment, Mass celebrated in dignified conditions, the clergy to be chaste, to practise residence, and to wear clerical dress. The laity was obliged to attend Mass on Sundays and holy days, and to know by heart the Hail Mary as well as the Lord's Prayer and the Creed.

Richard was also prominent in preaching the Crusade, which he saw as a call to reopen the Holy Land to pilgrims, not as a political expedition. He died at Dover on 3<sup>rd</sup> April 1253. In art, Richard of Chichester is represented with a chalice at his feet, in memory of his having once dropped the chalice at Mass! One ancient English church is dedicated to him.

And, of course, he is author of that famous prayer, now set to popular music, which runs in full: "Thanks be to thee, my Lord Jesus Christ for all the benefits thou hast given me, for all the pains and insults which thou hast borne for me. O most merciful redeemer, friend and brother, may I know thee more clearly, love thee more dearly and follow thee more nearly, day by day."

*Parish Pump*

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**Please Note:** 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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