



Dear Friends

What a wonderful time we had at St James' Woodmancote last Sunday celebrating the life and work of that place as a whole church family. It was such a joy to see so many of you there, from across the Benefice, and to be able to share time and fellowship together as one big family.

This Sunday we have services at Micheldever, Stoke Charity and South Wonston, where we have a treasure trove of Bible readings to enjoy. We will be hearing the story of Jacob wrestling with God (or was it God wrestling with Jacob?) and of Jesus feeding the 5000. Both these readings point us to how much God loves us and cares for us in the messiness of real life, but also speak to us of how God works in us to transform us, so that we can become the best versions of ourselves, become the people God made us to be, so that we can spread God's love and peace to those around us. Rob looks forward to welcoming you at Micheldever at 9 or at Stoke Charity at 10, and I look forward to welcoming you at South Wonston at 10, as we dig into this some more before joining together around the Lord's table for communion.

What3Words:

The app "What3Words" locates any place by giving it a three word code. Over this summer we are looking to find the three words which sum us up as a church family, and I would love to hear *your* three words. Email me the three words which best describe your experience of church here, or write them on a post-it note at one of my services. I can't wait to hear from you!

Coming up:

- Wonston Pop-Up Cafe, Wednesday 5th August, 9:30-12 - come along to the Victoria Hall for a cuppa, a slice of something delicious and great conversation. I'd love to see you there!
- Bible Book Club, Monday 10th August, 7pm - all are welcome to my house as we dig into the final section of the Book of Acts (chapters 16-end). If you're planning on coming for the first time do drop me an email!

I look forward to seeing you at South Wonston on Sunday, at Pop-Up Cafe on Wednesday, or somewhere else around the Benefice very soon!

Claire

Rev'd Claire Bentham

Assistant Curate, Dever Benefice

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Ephesians 2:10

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Sunday 2 August 2026

‘Show me the wonders of your great love,
you who save by your right hand
those who take refuge in you from their foes.’

Psalm 17:7

Sunday 2 August 2026

9am	BCP Holy Communion (said)	Micheldever	Rob Rees
10am	Holy Communion	South Wonston	Claire Bentham
10am	Holy Communion	Stoke Charity	Rob Rees

Bible Book Club

Bible Book Club Mon 10 Aug 7pm
Micheldever Cottage, Rook Lane, Micheldever SO21 3DE

Cafés

Pop-up Café, Wed 5 Aug 9.30am-12noon
Sutton Scotney Community Café, Wed 16 Sept 9.30am-12noon
both at Victoria Hall, Sutton Scotney

PRAYER

Georgia Stewardson & Will Bryant's marriage on Sat 8 Aug at Wonston
UK Government and its representatives
Local Parishes, District and County Councils

Next Week's Services - Sunday 9 August 2026

10am	BCP Holy Communion (said)	East Stratton	Rob Rees
10am	Morning Prayer with Fellowship (said)	South Wonston	Lay Led

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