



Stour Vale Benefice

Seven Churches, One Body, One Benefice

Newsletter No. 325

Sunday 19th July – 7th Sunday of Trinity

8:45am	Breakfast Church Buckhorn Weston Village Hall
10:00am	Morning Prayer Todber (BCP)
10:30am	Parish Communion West Stour
6:00pm	Evensong East Stour (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), Nancy (4yrs old with a connection with KM), Jill (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.

Other Benefice services/events coming up in July

Every Wednesday – Said Holy Communion 10:30am East Stour Church

2nd Wednesday of the month with be a Healing Communion service

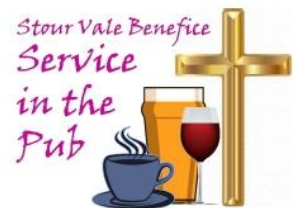
Monday 20th – Knit and Natter 2:30pm East Stour Village

Friday 24th – Service in the Pub 11am The Ship Inn West Stour

Tuesday 28th – Benefice Lunch at Lakeside Kitchen Todber 12:30pm

Please place orders by Tuesday 21st July

Friday 31st – Stour Vale Benefice prayer Group 2pm East Stour Church



For others events around the Benefice see Octavo, the website:

<https://stourvalebenefice.org.uk/>

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Readings Sunday 19th July

Isaiah 44.6-8
Romans 8.12-25

7th Sunday of Trinity

Psalm 86.11-end
Matthew 13.24-30, 36-43

Psalm 86:11-end

¹¹ Teach me your way, Lord,
that I may rely on your faithfulness;
give me an undivided heart,
that I may fear your name.

¹² I will praise you, Lord my God, with all my heart;
I will glorify your name for ever.

¹³ For great is your love towards me;
you have delivered me from the depths,
from the realm of the dead.

- ¹⁴ Arrogant foes are attacking me, O God;
ruthless people are trying to kill me –
they have no regard for you.
- ¹⁵ But you, Lord, are a compassionate and gracious God,
slow to anger, abounding in love and faithfulness.
- ¹⁶ Turn to me and have mercy on me;
show your strength on behalf of your servant;
save me, because I serve you
just as my mother did.
- ¹⁷ Give me a sign of your goodness,
that my enemies may see it and be put to shame,
for you, Lord, have helped me and comforted me.

Romans 8.12-25 (NIV)

Therefore, brothers and sisters, we have an obligation – but it is not to the flesh, to live according to it. ¹³ For if you live according to the flesh, you will die; but if by the Spirit you put to death the misdeeds of the body, you will live.

¹⁴ For those who are led by the Spirit of God are the children of God. ¹⁵ The Spirit you received does not make you slaves, so that you live in fear again; rather, the Spirit you received brought about your adoption to sonship. And by him we cry, ‘*Abba*, Father.’ ¹⁶ The Spirit himself testifies with our spirit that we are God’s children. ¹⁷ Now if we are children, then we are heirs – heirs of God and co-heirs with Christ, if indeed we share in his sufferings in order that we may also share in his glory.

¹⁸ I consider that our present sufferings are not worth comparing with the glory that will be revealed in us. ¹⁹ For the creation waits in eager expectation for the children of God to be revealed. ²⁰ For the creation was subjected to frustration, not by its own choice, but by the will of the one who subjected it, in hope ²¹ that the creation itself will be liberated from its bondage to decay and brought into the freedom and glory of the children of God.

²² We know that the whole creation has been groaning as in the pains of childbirth right up to the present time. ²³ Not only so, but we ourselves, who have the firstfruits of the Spirit, groan inwardly as we wait eagerly for our adoption to sonship, the redemption of our bodies. ²⁴ For in this hope we were saved. But hope that is seen is no hope at all. Who hopes for what they already have? ²⁵ But if we hope for what we do not yet have, we wait for it patiently.

Matthew 13.24-30, 36-43 (NIV)

Jesus told them another parable: ‘The kingdom of heaven is like a man who sowed good seed in his field. ²⁵ But while everyone was sleeping, his enemy came and sowed weeds among the wheat, and went away. ²⁶ When the wheat sprouted and formed ears, then the weeds also appeared.

²⁷ ‘The owner’s servants came to him and said, “Sir, didn’t you sow good seed in your field? Where then did the weeds come from?”

²⁸ “An enemy did this,” he replied.

‘The servants asked him, “Do you want us to go and pull them up?”

²⁹ “No,” he answered, “because while you are pulling up the weeds, you may uproot the wheat with them. ³⁰ Let both grow together until the harvest. At that time I will tell the harvesters: first collect the weeds and tie them in bundles to be burned; then gather the wheat and bring it into my barn.”

Then he left the crowd and went into the house. His disciples came to him and said, ‘Explain to us the parable of the weeds in the field.’

³⁷ He answered, ‘The one who sowed the good seed is the Son of Man. ³⁸ The field is the world, and the good seed stands for the people of the kingdom. The weeds are the people of the evil one,

³⁹ and the enemy who sows them is the devil. The harvest is the end of the age, and the harvesters are angels.

⁴⁰ 'As the weeds are pulled up and burned in the fire, so it will be at the end of the age. ⁴¹ The Son of Man will send out his angels, and they will weed out of his kingdom everything that causes sin and all who do evil. ⁴² They will throw them into the blazing furnace, where there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth. ⁴³ Then the righteous will shine like the sun in the kingdom of their Father. Whoever has ears, let them hear.

Collect and Post Communion Sunday 19th July

Collect

Lord of all power and might,
the author and giver of all good things:
graft in our hearts the love of your name,
increase in us true religion,
nourish us with all goodness,
and of your great mercy keep us in the same;
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.
Amen.

Post Communion Prayer

Lord God, whose Son is the true vine and the source of life,
ever giving himself that the world may live:
may we so receive within ourselves the power of his death and passion
that, in his saving cup, we may share his glory and be made perfect in his love;
for he is alive and reigns, now and for ever.

Prayer in the Benefice – Sunday 19th to Saturday 25th 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).

Sunday: Church Events: Services in the Benefice, especially those held mid-week.

Glorious Lord, help us to give our minds to you in our worship, so we may listen to what you have to say; our hearts to you in our worship, so that we may want to do your will; our strength to you in our worship, so your will may be done.

Bless the services happening today; Morning Prayer on Tuesdays; Mid-week Communion on Wednesdays, and the Service at the Ship Inn this Friday. May you be worshipped and glorified through them all. Amen.



Monday: Creation

Creator God, may the governments, businesses, and we ourselves, take seriously our present climate emergency, working for a better stewardship of Earth's precious resources and the protection of its vulnerable peoples and wildlife. Help us all to restore the gift of this world to its original beauty and glory. Amen.

Tuesday: The Benefice

Good Shepherd, pour your blessings onto all who live or work in our Benefice. We pray for all the services held, events organised, and support given to the community by the members of our

churches. Guide, inspire and encourage all our words and our actions so they further your Kingdom. 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; refugees.



Merciful Lord, we bring to you those who need our prayers: the suffering, the lonely, the elderly, the sick, the housebound. We pray for those who are fleeing from danger: homeless, hungry, frightened, with no certain future or hope. Bless those who work to bring them relief and guide the nations of the world towards that day when all will rejoice in your Kingdom of justice and of peace. Amen.

Thursday: The Persecuted Church in Eritrea - A Prayer from Open Doors:
www.opendoorsuk.org

Lord Jesus, thank You for all You're doing in the Maldives through the quiet, courageous faith of Your children. Give believers encouragement in their walks with You today and provide new opportunities for them to gather. Deepen their sensitivity to Your voice and may they see the Holy Spirit move in wonderful ways in and through them. Protect them from harm and provide the resources and community to grow in their faith. In Jesus' name, Amen.

Friday: End of the school year.

Loving Father, as the academic year comes to an end we pray for all children and teachers. Watch over them as they embark on their summer adventures. Keep them safe and refresh them. Give them good health and the ability to make responsible choices. We pray especially for those leaving school, college or university. Grant them wisdom, courage, and resilience to face the challenges that lie ahead. May they use their education to make a positive impact on the world. Amen.



Saturday: Ourselves – A Prayer by Martyn Payne for BRF:

Teach us, Father God, how to listen to one another so that we might discover your wisdom; how to lean on one another so that we might model your love; how to learn from one another so that we might reflect your glory, as co-disciples of Jesus on our journey of faith. Amen.

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Please Note: Clare's usual day off is Monday.



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