



# Stour Vale Benefice

Seven Churches, One Body, One Benefice

## *Newsletter No. 324*

**Sunday 12<sup>th</sup> July – 6<sup>th</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), 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  
*2<sup>nd</sup> Wednesday of the month with be a Healing Communion service*

**Monday 20<sup>th</sup>** – Knit and Natter 2:30pm East Stour Village

**Friday 24<sup>th</sup>** – Service in the Pub 11am The Ship Inn West Stour

**Tuesday 28<sup>th</sup>** – Benefice Lunch at Lakeside Kitchen Todber 12:30pm  
*Please place orders by Tuesday 21<sup>st</sup> July*

**Friday 31<sup>st</sup>** – Stour Vale Benefice prayer Group 2pm East Stour Church

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 12<sup>th</sup> July**

Isaiah 55.10-13  
Romans 8.1-11

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

Psalm 65  
Matthew 13.1-9, 18-23

### **Psalm 65**

<sup>1</sup> Praise awaits you, our God, in Zion;  
to you our vows will be fulfilled.  
<sup>2</sup> You who answer prayer,  
to you all people will come.  
<sup>3</sup> When we were overwhelmed by sins,  
you forgave our transgressions.  
<sup>4</sup> Blessed are those you choose  
and bring near to live in your courts!  
We are filled with the good things of your house,  
of your holy temple.

<sup>5</sup>You answer us with awesome and righteous deeds,  
God our Saviour,  
the hope of all the ends of the earth  
and of the farthest seas,  
<sup>6</sup>who formed the mountains by your power,  
having armed yourself with strength,  
<sup>7</sup>who stilled the roaring of the seas,  
the roaring of their waves,  
and the turmoil of the nations.  
<sup>8</sup>The whole earth is filled with awe at your wonders;  
where morning dawns, where evening fades,  
you call forth songs of joy.  
<sup>9</sup>You care for the land and water it;  
you enrich it abundantly.  
The streams of God are filled with water  
to provide the people with corn,  
for so you have ordained it.  
<sup>10</sup>You drench its furrows and level its ridges;  
you soften it with showers and bless its crops.  
<sup>11</sup>You crown the year with your bounty,  
and your carts overflow with abundance.  
<sup>12</sup>The grasslands of the wilderness overflow;  
the hills are clothed with gladness.  
<sup>13</sup>The meadows are covered with flocks  
and the valleys are mantled with corn;  
they shout for joy and sing.

### **Romans 8.1-11 (NIV)**

Therefore, there is now no condemnation for those who are in Christ Jesus, <sup>2</sup>because through Christ Jesus the law of the Spirit who gives life has set you free from the law of sin and death. <sup>3</sup>For what the law was powerless to do because it was weakened by the flesh, God did by sending his own Son in the likeness of sinful flesh to be a sin offering. And so he condemned sin in the flesh, <sup>4</sup>in order that the righteous requirement of the law might be fully met in us, who do not live according to the flesh but according to the Spirit.

<sup>5</sup>Those who live according to the flesh have their minds set on what the flesh desires; but those who live in accordance with the Spirit have their minds set on what the Spirit desires. <sup>6</sup>The mind governed by the flesh is death, but the mind governed by the Spirit is life and peace. <sup>7</sup>The mind governed by the flesh is hostile to God; it does not submit to God's law, nor can it do so. <sup>8</sup>Those who are in the realm of the flesh cannot please God.

<sup>9</sup>You, however, are not in the realm of the flesh but are in the realm of the Spirit, if indeed the Spirit of God lives in you. And if anyone does not have the Spirit of Christ, they do not belong to Christ. <sup>10</sup>But if Christ is in you, then even though your body is subject to death because of sin, the Spirit gives life because of righteousness. <sup>11</sup>And if the Spirit of him who raised Jesus from the dead is living in you, he who raised Christ from the dead will also give life to your mortal bodies because of his Spirit who lives in you.

### **Matthew 13.1-9, 18-23 (NIV)**

That same day Jesus went out of the house and sat by the lake. <sup>2</sup>Such large crowds gathered round him that he got into a boat and sat in it, while all the people stood on the shore. <sup>3</sup>Then he told them many things in parables, saying: 'A farmer went out to sow his seed. <sup>4</sup>As he was scattering the seed, some fell along the path, and the birds came and ate it up. <sup>5</sup>Some fell on rocky places, where it did not have much soil. It sprang up quickly, because the soil was shallow. <sup>6</sup>But when the sun came up, the plants were scorched, and they withered because they had no

root. <sup>7</sup> Other seed fell among thorns, which grew up and choked the plants. <sup>8</sup> Still other seed fell on good soil, where it produced a crop – a hundred, sixty or thirty times what was sown.

<sup>9</sup> Whoever has ears, let them hear.'

'Listen then to what the parable of the sower means: <sup>19</sup> when anyone hears the message about the kingdom and does not understand it, the evil one comes and snatches away what was sown in their heart. This is the seed sown along the path. <sup>20</sup> The seed falling on rocky ground refers to someone who hears the word and at once receives it with joy. <sup>21</sup> But since they have no root, they last only a short time. When trouble or persecution comes because of the word, they quickly fall away. <sup>22</sup> The seed falling among the thorns refers to someone who hears the word, but the worries of this life and the deceitfulness of wealth choke the word, making it unfruitful. <sup>23</sup> But the seed falling on good soil refers to someone who hears the word and understands it. This is the one who produces a crop, yielding a hundred, sixty or thirty times what was sown.'

### **Collect and Post Communion Sunday 12<sup>th</sup> July**

#### **Collect**

Merciful God,  
you have prepared for those who love you  
such good things as pass our understanding:  
pour into our hearts such love toward you  
that we, loving you in all things and above all things,  
may obtain your promises,  
which exceed all that we can desire;  
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**

God of our pilgrimage,  
you have led us to the living water:  
refresh and sustain us  
as we go forward on our journey,  
in the name of Jesus Christ our Lord.

### ***Prayer in the Benefice – Sunday 12<sup>th</sup> to Saturday 18<sup>th</sup> July***

This week all our prayers are very short! We hope you will use them to inspire your own. They come from the book 'Short Prayers for Long Days' by Greg Mitchell.

As always, please remember the people we have been asked to pray for in your prayers. You'll find the list on the first page of the newsletter. If you would like us to pray for something, or someone, then please contact Jill Perry ([adminsrb@gmail.com](mailto:adminsrb@gmail.com)).

#### ***Sunday:***

Dear God, I come to pray...  
that I pray well. Amen.

#### ***Monday:***

Dear God, let me only make mistakes  
that don't matter. Amen.

#### ***Tuesday:***

Dear God, help me to see the light



and understand the heavy. Amen.

**Wednesday:**

Dear God, why is bad  
so entertaining? Amen.



**Thursday:**

Dear God, make me as generous with my money  
as I am with my advice. Amen.

**Friday:**

Dear God, in the great sock drawer of life  
let me be paired with the odd people. Amen.



**Saturday:**

Dear God, I place my life into your hands.  
I hope they are warm. Amen.

**Stour Vale Benefice**  
**BREAKFAST**  
**CHURCH**  
**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.

*Stour Vale Benefice*  
**Service**  
*in the*  
**Pub**

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

For more details, please contact Fiona Hedges on  
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**Please Note:** Clare's usual day off is Monday.



**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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