



Sunday 26th July 2026 - Eighth Sunday after Trinity (Green)

Services for this Sunday:

0830 BCP Holy Communion at West Coker Church – Rev. Phil Macaulay
0945 Family Service at Pendomer Church (also via Zoom) – Lay Led
1000 Holy Communion at East Chinnock Church – Canon Richard Kirlew
1030 Family Service at Hardington Church – Lay Led
1100 Holy Communion at East Coker Church – Rev. Phil Macaulay
1100 Morning Worship at West Coker Church – Chris Varley
1830 Evensong at Closworth Church – Lay Led

Readings for Sunday 26th July 2026

Principal Service: 1 Kings 3.5-12; Psalm 119.129-136; Romans 8.26-end,
Matthew 13.31-33, 44-52.

Collect for Sunday 26th July 2026:

Almighty Lord and everlasting God, we beseech you to direct, sanctify and govern both our hearts and bodies in the ways of your laws and the works of your commandments; that through your most mighty protection, both here and ever, we may be preserved in body and soul; through our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ, who is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever.

Deanery Prayers – Please pray for Chilton Cantelo Church its leaders, congregations and community.

Morning Prayer – Wednesday 29th July at 10am in St Mary's Church, Hardington.

Services for Sunday 2nd August 2026 – Nineth Sunday after Trinity (Green)

0915 Holy Communion at East Chinnock Church – Rev. Phil Macaulay
1100 BCP HC at Sutton Bingham Church – Rev. Phil Macaulay
1100 Morning Prayer at West Coker Church – Lay Led

Readings for Sunday 2nd August 2026

Principal Service: Isaiah 55.1-5; Psalm 145. 15-end; Romans 9.1-5; Matthew 14.13-21

Collect for Sunday 2nd August 2026:

Almighty God, who sent your Holy Spirit to be the life and light of your Church: open our hearts to the riches of your grace, that we may bring forth the fruit of the Spirit in love and joy and peace; 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.

Services for Sunday 9th August 2026 – Tenth Sunday after Trinity (Green)

0915 BCP HC Service at Closworth Church – Rev. Phil Macaulay

0945 Family Service at Pendomer Church (Also via Zoom – Lay Led

1100 Family Service at East Coker Church – Lay Led

1100 Holy Communion at Hardington Church – Rev. Phil Macaulay

1100 Family Service at West Coker Church – Lay Led

Readings for Sunday 9th August 2026

Principal Service: 1 Kings 19.9-18; Psalm 85.8-13; Romans 10.5-15; Matthew 14.22-23

Collect for Sunday 9th August 2026:

Let your merciful ears, O Lord, be open to the prayers of your humble servants; and that they may obtain their petitions make them to ask such things as shall please you; 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.

For your prayers:

Those who have died recently in the benefice: ***Pauline Hellier, Mervin Babinett, Adrian (Adge) Hermon and Richard (Dick) Van der Plank.***

Please pray for all their families and friends at this sad time: Loving and merciful God, we entrust our loved ones to your mercy. You loved them greatly in their lives, now that they are freed from all its cares, give them happiness and peace for ever. **Amen**

ROUND AND ABOUT:

- ❖ **Benefice Treasurer Needed** – Would you be interested in being our benefice treasurer? This is not an onerous task at all, for more information please contact Barbs Hampshire on 01935 864574.
- ❖ **Madrigals & Folk Songs. On the evening of 8th August** - See poster for details.
- ❖ **Lords Larder** – Current items needed are: Tins of Soup, Curry, Tuna, Tomatoes; Bags of Sugar; Toilet Rolls; Shower Gel. These can be left at East and West Coker Church's or Hardington-Springfield Stores or taken directly to The Gateway, Yeovil.
- ❖ **Wines of Lebanon - On the evening of 22 August** - Lebanese wine tasting evening at East Coker Village Hall sponsored by the Friends of St Michael's. Award winning writer/ wine critic Michael Karam will lead a guided tasting of Lebanese wines and talk about the evolution of a small but resilient wine industry shaped by conflict, political instability and renewal, while celebrating the people who sustain it. Ticket price includes tasting of 7 wines from Château Ksara and a mezze of classic Levantine fare. Seating will be at tables of six, to book a table Doors open at 7 p.m. For more information and tickets go to www.ecchurch.co.uk/event-detail/wines-of-lebanon.
- ❖ **Street Prayers in East Chinnock** during July will be for: Orchardleigh, Springfields and Orchard Close.
- ❖ **Praying for our Children** – Ever felt helpless in the face of issues and challenges facing your children, stepchildren or grandchildren? Felt like praying? This informal monthly group is to pray for our children and grandchildren, whether out loud or in

the quiet of our own hearts, if you have faith or not. Our next get-together will be at my house on **Monday 27th July 10:30 am (address below)**. There'll always be tea, coffee and cake. For more info, call me on **07309 630222 Claire Swarbrick**
Address: Linden House, Underhayes Court, East Chinnock, BA22 9F

- ❖ **East Chinnock Gardening and Countryside Club Annual Village Show 2026**. It will be showing flowers, vegetables and crafts, including photography, from 2.15 on **Saturday July 25th in the village hall**. Exhibitors are advised to 'stage' their exhibits between 9am and 10.45am and prize giving will be at 3.30pm. Admission is 50p and children are free.
- ❖ **Closworth Missal viewing in Oxford - All Saints Church**, Closworth is connected with a special medieval illuminated text called 'The Closworth Missal' that is stored in the special collections of the Bodleian Library. Rev Phil is planning to visit Oxford in early 2027 and arrange to view this document in person. If anyone is interested in meeting up in Oxford to view it together, please let Rev. Phil know – A date of 4th February 2027 has been set for this visit. I'm sure we could do a cream tea and evensong at Christchurch college too.

Who to Contact across the Benefice: Reverend Philip Macaulay Tel: 01935 733160, email: officecokerridge@gmail.com Barbs Hampshire – officecokerridge@gmail.com
Flexible Office Hours 01935 864574; West Coker – Mick Collins - 01935 863129, Sue Bonning 01935 862351; East Coker – Gillian Smith - 01935 862572 or gillianandderek226@gmail.com Toffer Beattie – 01935 862469; Hardington – Daphne Creed 01935 862363, Richard Middleton 01935 863812; Pendomer – Robin & Sheila Carpenter – 01935 862339; Closworth Robin Bryer robinbryer@btinternet.com; Sutton Bingham–Elaine Taylor elaine.taylor78@btinternet.com

Cantus Amicis present an evening of

Madrigals and Folk Songs

7 p.m. Saturday 8th August
St Michael and All Angels Church, East Coker



Bar opens at 6.30 p.m.
General admission - £10
U16 and Friends - £5

Information and tickets on-line: www.ecchurch.co.uk/friendsevents
reserve by email: info@ecchurch.co.uk
or pay on the door

Event sponsored by the Friends of St Michael's

