



Stour Vale Benefice

Seven Churches, One Body, One Benefice

Newsletter No. 328

Sunday 9th August – 10th 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.

Baptism:

Baptism of Albie Peter Hawtree at West Stour on Sunday 16th August
We welcome him into God's family

Wedding:

Chris Rhodes and Eve Mason at East Stour on Saturday 22nd August
We pray for your life together

Gillingham and Shaftesbury Agricultural Show 19th /20th August and Our Church Tent

Arrangements are well under way as D Day or Cake Day approaches.
Home-made cakes are the speciality of the Church Tent and we depend on the Bakers of the churches in Gillingham, Shaftesbury and Stour Vale for their donations.
Cakes should be delivered to St. John's, Enmore Green by 4.00pm on Tuesday 18th August

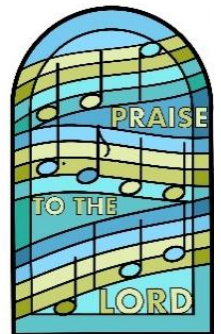
Benefice Pet Service – Sunday 23rd August 3pm in Todber Churchyard



Pet and Family Friendly service to bless our pets
from across the Benefice.

Benefice Songs of Praise Sunday 30th August 11am at West Stour

Benefice 5th Sunday Service – All Welcome!



Please Note: There will also be a Holy Communion Service at 9:15am at Todber.

Other Benefice services/events coming up in August

Every Wednesday – Said Holy Communion 10:30am East Stour Church
2nd Wednesday of the month will be a Healing Communion service

Monday 17th August – Knit and Natter 2:30pm East Stour Village Hall

Friday 28th – 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 9th August

1 Kings 19.9–18
Romans 10.5–15

10th Sunday of Trinity

Psalm 85.8–13
Matthew 14.22–33

Psalm 85.8–13 (NIV)

- ⁸ I will listen to what God the Lord says;
he promises peace to his people, his faithful servants –
but let them not turn to folly.
⁹ Surely his salvation is near those who fear him,
that his glory may dwell in our land.
¹⁰ Love and faithfulness meet together;
righteousness and peace kiss each other.
¹¹ Faithfulness springs forth from the earth,
and righteousness looks down from heaven.
¹² The Lord will indeed give what is good,
and our land will yield its harvest.
¹³ Righteousness goes before him
and prepares the way for his steps.

Romans 10.5–15 (NIV)

Moses writes this about the righteousness that is by the law: ‘The person who does these things will live by them.’ ⁶ But the righteousness that is by faith says: ‘Do not say in your heart, “Who will ascend into heaven?”’ (that is, to bring Christ down) ⁷ ‘or “Who will descend into the deep?”’ (that is, to bring Christ up from the dead). ⁸ But what does it say? ‘The word is near you; it is in your mouth and in your heart,’ that is, the message concerning faith that we proclaim: ⁹ if you declare with your mouth, ‘Jesus is Lord,’ and believe in your heart that God raised him from the dead, you will be saved. ¹⁰ For it is with your heart that you believe and are justified, and it is with your mouth that you profess your faith and are saved. ¹¹ As Scripture says, ‘Anyone who believes in him will never be put to shame.’ ¹² For there is no difference between Jew and Gentile – the same Lord is Lord of all and richly blesses all who call on him, ¹³ for, ‘Everyone who calls on the name of the Lord will be saved.’

¹⁴ How, then, can they call on the one they have not believed in? And how can they believe in the one of whom they have not heard? And how can they hear without someone preaching to them?

¹⁵ And how can anyone preach unless they are sent? As it is written: ‘How beautiful are the feet of those who bring good news!’

Matthew 14.22–33 (NIV)

Immediately Jesus made the disciples get into the boat and go on ahead of him to the other side, while he dismissed the crowd. ²³ After he had dismissed them, he went up on a mountainside by himself to pray. Later that night, he was there alone, ²⁴ and the boat was already a considerable distance from land, buffeted by the waves because the wind was against it.

²⁵ Shortly before dawn Jesus went out to them, walking on the lake. ²⁶ When the disciples saw him walking on the lake, they were terrified. ‘It’s a ghost,’ they said, and cried out in fear.

²⁷ But Jesus immediately said to them: ‘Take courage! It is I. Don’t be afraid.’

²⁸ ‘Lord, if it’s you,’ Peter replied, ‘tell me to come to you on the water.’

²⁹ 'Come,' he said.

Then Peter got down out of the boat, walked on the water and came towards Jesus. ³⁰ But when he saw the wind, he was afraid and, beginning to sink, cried out, 'Lord, save me!'

³¹ Immediately Jesus reached out his hand and caught him. 'You of little faith,' he said, 'why did you doubt?'

³² And when they climbed into the boat, the wind died down. ³³ Then those who were in the boat worshipped him, saying, 'Truly you are the Son of God.'

Collect and Post Communion Sunday 9th August

Collect

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.

Post Communion Prayer

God of our pilgrimage,
you have willed that the gate of mercy
should stand open for those who trust in you:
look upon us with your favour
that we who follow the path of your will
may never wander from the way of life;
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Prayer in the Benefice – Sunday 9th to Saturday 15th August

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



Amazing God, may your presence be tangible in our worship services today and throughout the week. Fill us with thankfulness and awe so that we praise and glorify you. May our communal worship inspire our thoughts, words, and deeds all week long, so that we worship you at all times and in all places, living lives that are pleasing to you. Amen.

Monday: The Middle East– a prayer by Christian Aid: www.christianaid.org.uk

God of peace, when fear threatens to consume our hearts, send us your Spirit of power and love. We pray urgently and unceasingly for peace across the Middle East. We pray for communities who have been displaced and for families traumatised by bombing. We hold before you those who need comfort and help, especially those who are injured or bereaved. Amen.

Tuesday: East Stour

Loving Father, please bless all who live or work in East Stour. We pray for all the businesses run from East Stour, especially The Crown pub and the pop-up Post Office, which provide opportunities for villagers to meet and socialise. May all



business owners in the village be astute in their decisions, honest in their dealings and good employers to those who work for them. 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; all whose conditions are hidden.



Merciful Lord, hear us as we remember those who are suffering, especially the sick, the bereaved and those whose suffering is not obvious to others. You love them, and know their needs far better than we do. We do not attempt to dictate to you. All we ask is that you will do for them as you see best, and bless them with your peace. Amen.

Thursday: The Church of England

Great High Priest, we pray for the Church of England. Please bless our archbishops, bishops, priests, deacons and all in positions of power or influence. Give them wisdom and discernment, courage and faithfulness. We pray for all who worship within the Anglican community. Bind us together and make us one body in Christ. May we work together in pilgrimage and discipleship. Amen.

Friday: Give Thanks

Lord of Life, we celebrate your countless gifts, in days and nights, in rainbows and rain, in touch, dream and smile, in partners who love, in kids who cuddle, in grannies who listen, in friends who care, in dogs who lick, in hands that sew, in food on the table, yet above all in your coming among us, walking our roads, calling our names, enfolding our lives, inviting us home. Amen.



Saturday: Ourselves

Christ as a light, illuminate and guide us, Christ as a shield overshadow us, Christ under us, Christ over us, Christ beside us on our left and our right. Amen.

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Or by email: vicarsvb@gmail.com

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



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