



Stour Vale Benefice

Seven Churches, One Body, One Benefice

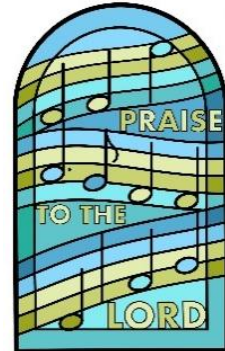
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Sunday 30th August

9:15am Holy Communion Service at Todber

11am Benefice Songs of Praise at West Stour

Benefice 5th Sunday Service – All Welcome!



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 Brian Botelle (BW), Nicki Whitmarsh (ES), Mark Hoskins (KM), Alan Ames (T) and all those who are bereaved.

Funerals:

Wednesday 2nd September – Nicki Whitmarsh 12:30pm at East Stour

Thursday 3rd September – Brian Botelle 3pm at Buckhorn Weston

May they rest in peace and rise in glory

Wedding:

Friday 4th September – James Bradley and Annabel Mains at Stour Provost 11:30am

We pray for your life together

Baptisms:

Thursday 3rd September – Eleanor Jane Dearing – Stour Provost

Friday 4th September – Maximilian Jeremy Bradley – Stour Provost

We welcome them into God's family

Other Benefice services/events coming up in September

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

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

Monday 21st – Knit and Natter – 2:30pm

Friday 25th – Stour Vale Benefice prayer Group 2pm East Stour Church

Tuesday 29th – Benefice Lunch – Udder Farm 12:30pm

Pre-orders for food to Jill by Tuesday 22nd please

For others events around the Benefice see Octavo,
the website: <https://stourvalebenefice.org.uk/>

Or Facebook: www.facebook.com/profile.php?id=100089949903748



Readings Sunday 30th August

Jeremiah 15.15–21

Romans 12.9–end

Trinity 13

Psalms 26.1–8

Matthew 16.21–end

Psalm 26:1-8 (NIV)

Vindicate me, Lord,
for I have led a blameless life;
I have trusted in the Lord
and have not faltered.
² Test me, Lord, and try me,
examine my heart and my mind;
³ for I have always been mindful of your unfailing love
and have lived in reliance on your faithfulness.
⁴ I do not sit with the deceitful,
nor do I associate with hypocrites.
⁵ I abhor the assembly of evildoers
and refuse to sit with the wicked.
⁶ I wash my hands in innocence,
and go about your altar, Lord,
⁷ proclaiming aloud your praise
and telling of all your wonderful deeds.
⁸ Lord, I love the house where you live,
the place where your glory dwells.

Romans 12.9-end**Marks of the True Christian**

⁹Let love be genuine; hate what is evil, hold fast to what is good; ¹⁰love one another with mutual affection; outdo one another in showing honour. ¹¹Do not lag in zeal, be ardent in spirit, serve the Lord. ¹²Rejoice in hope, be patient in suffering, persevere in prayer. ¹³Contribute to the needs of the saints; extend hospitality to strangers.

¹⁴Bless those who persecute you; bless and do not curse them. ¹⁵Rejoice with those who rejoice, weep with those who weep. ¹⁶Live in harmony with one another; do not be haughty, but associate with the lowly; do not claim to be wiser than you are. ¹⁷Do not repay anyone evil for evil, but take thought for what is noble in the sight of all. ¹⁸If it is possible, so far as it depends on you, live peaceably with all. ¹⁹Beloved, never avenge yourselves, but leave room for the wrath of God; for it is written, 'Vengeance is mine, I will repay, says the Lord.' ²⁰No, 'if your enemies are hungry, feed them; if they are thirsty, give them something to drink; for by doing this you will heap burning coals on their heads.' ²¹Do not be overcome by evil, but overcome evil with good.

Matthew 16:21-end**Jesus Foretells His Death and Resurrection**

²¹From that time on, Jesus began to show his disciples that he must go to Jerusalem and undergo great suffering at the hands of the elders and chief priests and scribes, and be killed, and on the third day be raised. ²²And Peter took him aside and began to rebuke him, saying, 'God forbid it, Lord! This must never happen to you.' ²³But he turned and said to Peter, 'Get behind me, Satan! You are a stumbling-block to me; for you are setting your mind not on divine things but on human things.'

The Cross and Self-Denial

²⁴Then Jesus told his disciples, 'If any want to become my followers, let them deny themselves and take up their cross and follow me. ²⁵For those who want to save their life will lose it, and those who lose their life for my sake will find it. ²⁶For what will it profit them if they gain the whole world but forfeit their life? Or what will they give in return for their life?

²⁷For the Son of Man is to come with his angels in the glory of his Father, and then he will repay everyone for what has been done. ²⁸Truly I tell you, there are some standing here who will not taste death before they see the Son of Man coming in his kingdom.'

Collect and Post Communion Sunday 30th August

Collect

Almighty God,
who called your Church to bear witness
that you were in Christ reconciling the world to yourself:
help us to proclaim the good news of your love,
that all who hear it may be drawn to you;
through him who was lifted up on the cross,
and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
one God, now and for ever.

Post Communion Prayer

God our creator,
you feed your children with the true manna,
the living bread from heaven:
let this holy food sustain us through our earthly pilgrimage
until we come to that place where hunger and thirst are no more;
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Prayer in the Benefice –Sunday 30th August to Saturday 5th September

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 the Wedding and Baptism and Stour Provost and the Benefice Songs of Praise Service



Glorious Lord, we are humbled as we wonder at Your greatness and power, Your gentleness and love. Help us to worship You in our words, in our thoughts and in our lives. Bless all the church services happening today, in our Benefice and throughout the world.

We pray especially for the Benefice Songs of Praise this morning, for the wedding of Annabel and James on Friday, and for the two people to be baptised at that wedding. May those services be a time of joy, thanksgiving and worship for all who attend. May Annabel and James be blessed throughout their lives together, growing continually in love and faith and bringing their children up to know You as their Lord and Saviour. Amen.

Monday: All in authority

Lord of Lords, we pray for all in positions of authority in the world, the church, businesses, and our local communities. Rid them of selfish ambition, jealousy and prejudice. Give them good judgement, vision and wise advisers. May they show grace, mercy and compassion. Grant us insight to know where and when we can influence for good, and courage to do so. Amen.

Tuesday: Stour Provost and Stour Row

Sovereign Lord, please bless all who live or work in Stour Provost and Stour Row. Increase the existing unity and engagement between the two villages. Encourage the residents of Stour Row to feel part of the parish, and inhabitants of both to



engage with church services and events in both locations. Make all the people aware of your presence and draw them to you. 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; the unemployed.



Merciful Lord, may your blessing rest on all who are in trouble, sorrow, sickness, and need. Bless those who try to help them. Fill them with encouragement and peace. We also pray for those who are unemployed. May they not grow despondent or lose their self-worth. Protect their families and their finances. Help them to employ their gifts in other directions and find fulfilment in service to others. Amen.

Thursday: Our churches – A prayer by David Adam

Sovereign Lord, reveal in us your glory, stir in us your power, renew in us your kingdom, develop in us your faith. Show in us your way, open in us your love, strengthen in us your hope. Work in us your miracles, revive in us your resurrection. Abide in us yourself. Amen.



Friday: Teachers – Adapted from a prayer by *Thomas Aquinas*

Father, whose Son, our Lord taught the crowds and the disciples, may all who work in our schools, colleges and universities be inspired to teach with skill, imagination and impartiality, guiding all students into a search for knowledge and truth, that in turn will lead them to find You.

We pray especially for Mr Deane, the new Head at Stour Provost School, that he may be a blessing to the pupils, the staff and the wider community. Guide and encourage him in all he does. Amen.

Saturday: Ourselves

Lord of light, shine on us; Lord of peace, dwell in us; Lord of might, succour us; Lord of love, enfold us; Lord of wisdom, enlighten us. Amen.

You can contact Revd Clare on: 01747 838171

Or by email: vicarsvb@gmail.com

Please Note: Clare's usual day off is Monday but because of the Bank Holiday she will be taking Tuesday off this week.



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