



Stour Vale Benefice

Seven Churches, One Body, One Benefice

Newsletter No. 330

Sunday 23rd August – 12th Sunday of Trinity

9:15am	Parish Communion Stour Provost
10:30am	Morning Worship Buckhorn Weston (CW)
11:00am	Parish Communion Kington Magna
3:00pm	Pet Service – see poster below
6:30pm	Evensong Fifehead Magdalen (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 Nicki Whitmarsh (ES), Mark Hoskins (KM), Alan Ames (T) and all those who are bereaved.

Wedding:

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

OUTDOOR PET BLESSING SERVICE

St Andrew's Church, Todber
Sunday 23rd August
3:00 PM

Bring your beloved pets – large or small –
for a joyful blessing in the beautiful
churchyard of St Andrew's.

All animals welcome, whether they
bark, purr, neigh, chirp or slither!

Family-friendly • Hymns & Prayers
Pet Treats & Water Bowls

Outdoors – please bring a chair or
blanket and dress for the weather

All creatures great and
small welcome!



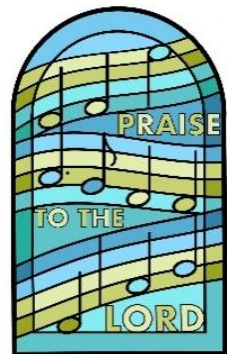
Sunday 30th August

11am

Benefice Songs of Praise 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*

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 23rd August

Isaiah 51.1–6

Romans 12.1–8

Trinty 12

Psalm 138

Matthew 16.13–20

Psalm 138 (NIV)

- ¹I will praise you, Lord, with all my heart;
before the 'gods' I will sing your praise.
²I will bow down towards your holy temple
and will praise your name
for your unfailing love and your faithfulness,
for you have so exalted your solemn decree
that it surpasses your fame.
³When I called, you answered me;
you greatly emboldened me.
⁴May all the kings of the earth praise you, Lord,
when they hear what you have decreed.
⁵May they sing of the ways of the Lord,
for the glory of the Lord is great.
⁶Though the Lord is exalted, he looks kindly on the lowly;
though lofty, he sees them from afar.
⁷Though I walk in the midst of trouble,
you preserve my life.
You stretch out your hand against the anger of my foes;
with your right hand you save me.
⁸The Lord will vindicate me;
your love, Lord, endures for ever –
do not abandon the works of your hands.

Romans 12:1-8 (NIV)

Therefore, I urge you, brothers and sisters, in view of God's mercy, to offer your bodies as a living sacrifice, holy and pleasing to God – this is your true and proper worship. ²Do not conform to the pattern of this world, but be transformed by the renewing of your mind. Then you will be able to test and approve what God's will is – his good, pleasing and perfect will.

³For by the grace given me I say to every one of you: do not think of yourself more highly than you ought, but rather think of yourself with sober judgment, in accordance with the faith God has distributed to each of you. ⁴For just as each of us has one body with many members, and these members do not all have the same function, ⁵so in Christ we, though many, form one body, and each member belongs to all the others. ⁶We have different gifts, according to the grace given to each of us. If your gift is prophesying, then prophesy in accordance with your ^[a]faith; ⁷if it is serving, then serve; if it is teaching, then teach; ⁸if it is to encourage, then give encouragement; if it is giving, then give generously; if it is to lead, ^[b]do it diligently; if it is to show mercy, do it cheerfully.

Matthew 16:13-20 (NIV)

When Jesus came to the region of Caesarea Philippi, he asked his disciples, 'Who do people say the Son of Man is?'

¹⁴They replied, 'Some say John the Baptist; others say Elijah; and still others, Jeremiah or one of the prophets.'

¹⁵'But what about you?' he asked. 'Who do you say I am?'

¹⁶Simon Peter answered, 'You are the Messiah, the Son of the living God.'

¹⁷Jesus replied, 'Blessed are you, Simon son of Jonah, for this was not revealed to you by flesh and blood, but by my Father in heaven. ¹⁸And I tell you that you are Peter, and on this rock I will

build my church, and the gates of Hades will not overcome it. ¹⁹ I will give you the keys of the kingdom of heaven; whatever you bind on earth will be bound in heaven, and whatever you loose on earth will be loosed in heaven.' ²⁰ Then he ordered his disciples not to tell anyone that he was the Messiah.

Collect and Post Communion Sunday 23rd August

Collect

Almighty and everlasting God,
you are always more ready to hear than we to pray
and to give more than either we desire or deserve:
pour down upon us the abundance of your mercy,
forgiving us those things of which our conscience is afraid
and giving us those good things which we are not worthy to ask
but through the merits and mediation
of 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 all mercy,
in this eucharist you have set aside our sins
and given us your healing:
grant that we who are made whole in Christ
may bring that healing to this broken world,
in the name of Jesus Christ our Lord.

Prayer in the Benefice – Sunday 23rd to Saturday 29th 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, especially the Pet Blessing Service



Almighty God, we pray for all the services happening this week. Give your people grace to hear and receive your word and to bring forth the fruit of the Spirit. We pray for the Pet Blessing Service at Todber this afternoon. May people who don't usually come to church may be inspired to join us, may the weather be favourable, and may we all thank you for the joy we find in your creation, especially our pets. Amen.

Monday: Inequality of Wealth across the World

Forgive us, Lord Jesus, for the way we hoard resources while others struggle to survive. Forgive us for political and economic systems which depend upon the weak getting weaker and the rich possessing the earth. Give wisdom to all in authority, and direct this, and every nation, in the ways of justice and of peace, that men may honour one another, and seek the common good. Amen.

Tuesday: Kington Magna and Nyland

Loving Father, please bless all who live or work in Kington Magna and Nyland, especially those who are ill or recently bereaved. Comfort them and give them peace. We pray for the families that are moving on to pastures new, that you will guide them and keep them safe. We also pray for the new families arriving, that



they will find the village a joyful place to live, where they make good friends and find great neighbours. May our church sit at the heart of the community as a place where you are made known. 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; those who are lonely or housebound.



Merciful Lord, comfort and heal all who suffer in body, mind or spirit. We remember especially those we have been asked to pray for, and those we know who are ill, lonely, housebound, bereaved or struggling in any way. Surround them with support and love. Be their hope and their solace. Grant them the joy of being in your presence for eternity. Amen.

Thursday: The world-wide Church

Sovereign Lord, we pray for your Church throughout the world. Guide and govern us by Your Holy Spirit, that all who call themselves Christians may be led into the way of truth, and hold the faith in unity of spirit, in the bond of peace and the righteousness of life. Amen.

Friday: Farmers and Harvest

Creator God, please bless the harvest, farmers, and all who work the land. Keep them safe, give them strength, refresh them when they are tired, encourage them when they are down. May they find a fair price for their produce, a fair wage for their work and joy in their labours. Amen.



Saturday: Ourselves

Heavenly Father, take me as I am, with all my faults and failures, and make me what you want me to be. I give myself to you, that through me you may fulfil your purpose, for me and for your glory. Amen.

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Or by email: vicarsvb@gmail.com

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



This Newsletter

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