



Sunday 23rd August 2026 - Twelfth Sunday after Trinity (Green)

Services for this Sunday:

0830 BCP HC 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 – Lay Led
1830 Evensong at Closworth Church – Lay Led

Readings for Sunday 23rd August 2026

Principal Service: Isaiah 51.1-6; Psalm 138; Romans 12.1-8; Matthew 16.13-20

Collect for Sunday 23rd August 2026:

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.

Deanery Prayers – Please pray for East Coker Church its leaders, congregations and community.

Services for Sunday 30th August 2026 – Thirteenth Sunday after Trinity (Green)

1030 Open Air Benefice Service at Pendomer –Canon Richard Kirlew & Rev. Phil Macaulay. Followed by a Picnic, please bring a chair or rug.

Readings for Sunday 30th August 2026

Principal Service: Isaiah 55: 12-end; Colossians 1: 15-20; John 1: 1-14

Collect for Sunday 30th August 2026:

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.

Services for Sunday 6th September 2026 – Fourteenth Sunday after Trinity (Green)

0915 Holy Communion at East Chinnock Church – Re. Phil Macaulay

1100 BCP Holy Communion at Sutton Bingham Church – Rev. Phil Macaulay

1100 Morning Prayer at West Coker Church – Lay Led

Readings for Sunday 16th August 2026

Principal Service: Isaiah 55: 12-end; Psalm 96; Colossians 1: 15-20; John 1: 1-14

Collect for Sunday 16th August 2026:

Almighty God, whose only Son has opened for us a new and living way into your presence: give us pure hearts and steadfast wills to worship you in spirit and in truth; 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: ***Richard (Dick) Van der Plank, Andrew Irwin, Tim O’Riordan and Janice Oakham***

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.
- ❖ **Sutton Bingham Church is holding an ‘Open Church’ event –Saturday 22nd August 11am until 3pm** – do come along, all are welcome – see poster on page 4.
- ❖ **Lords Larder** – Current items needed are: Tins of Meatballs, Spaghetti, Baked Beans, Sweetcorn, Corned Beef; Packets of Instant Noodles; Biscuits. These can be left at East and West Coker Church’s or Hardington-Springfield Stores or taken directly to The Gateway, Yeovil.
- ❖ **Street Prayers in East Chinnock** during August will be for: Weston Close and Underhayes Court.
- ❖ **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 7th September 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
- ❖ **Tour of Wells Cathedral** – An opportunity to join others in the benefice on a Tour of Wells Cathedral on Thursday 10th September at 3pm. If you are interested in doing this please contact Barbs Hampshire, car share essential.

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

SUTTON BINGHAM CHURCH *Open Event*

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Come and explore our beautiful church, enjoy delicious scones, tea and cakes and a warm welcome.



**SATURDAY
22 AUGUST
2026**



**11.00 AM
TO
3.00 PM**



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We look forward to seeing you! ♥