



Stour Vale Benefice

Seven Churches, One Body, One Benefice

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Sunday 20th September *Trinity 16*

8:45am	Breakfast Church Buckhorn Weston Village Hall
10:30am	Parish Communion West Stour
3:00pm	Harvest Festival Todber
6:00pm	Evensong East Stour (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 Brian Botelle (BW), Nicki Whitmarsh (ES), Mark Hoskins (KM), Christina Symes (KM), Alan Ames (T) and all those who are bereaved.

Baptism:

Baptism of Hattie Alison Prichard at East Stour on Sunday 20th September
We welcome her 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 with 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/>

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Readings Sunday 20th September *Trinity 16*

Jonah 3.10—end of 4

Psalm 145.1–8

Philippians 1.21–end

Matthew 20.1–16

Psalm 145:1-8 (NIV)

I will exalt you, my God the King;

I will praise your name for ever and ever.

² Every day I will praise you

and extol your name for ever and ever.

³ Great is the Lord and most worthy of praise;

his greatness no one can fathom.

⁴ One generation commends your works to another;

they tell of your mighty acts.

⁵ They speak of the glorious splendour of your majesty –

- and I will meditate on your wonderful works.
⁶ They tell of the power of your awesome works –
 and I will proclaim your great deeds.
⁷ They celebrate your abundant goodness
 and joyfully sing of your righteousness.
⁸ The Lord is gracious and compassionate,
 slow to anger and rich in love.

Philippians 1.21–end (NIV)

For to me, to live is Christ and to die is gain. ²² If I am to go on living in the body, this will mean fruitful labour for me. Yet what shall I choose? I do not know! ²³ I am torn between the two: I desire to depart and be with Christ, which is better by far; ²⁴ but it is more necessary for you that I remain in the body. ²⁵ Convinced of this, I know that I will remain, and I will continue with all of you for your progress and joy in the faith, ²⁶ so that through my being with you again your boasting in Christ Jesus will abound on account of me.

²⁷ Whatever happens, conduct yourselves in a manner worthy of the gospel of Christ. Then, whether I come and see you or only hear about you in my absence, I will know that you stand firm in the one Spirit, [\[a\]](#) striving together as one for the faith of the gospel ²⁸ without being frightened in any way by those who oppose you. This is a sign to them that they will be destroyed, but that you will be saved – and that by God. ²⁹ For it has been granted to you on behalf of Christ not only to believe in him, but also to suffer for him, ³⁰ since you are going through the same struggle you saw I had, and now hear that I still have.

Matthew 20.1–16 (NIV)

‘For the kingdom of heaven is like a landowner who went out early in the morning to hire workers for his vineyard. ² He agreed to pay them a denarius [\[a\]](#) for the day and sent them into his vineyard.

³ ‘About nine in the morning he went out and saw others standing in the market-place doing nothing. ⁴ He told them, “You also go and work in my vineyard, and I will pay you whatever is right.” ⁵ So they went.

‘He went out again about noon and about three in the afternoon and did the same thing. ⁶ About five in the afternoon he went out and found still others standing around. He asked them, “Why have you been standing here all day long doing nothing?”

⁷ ““Because no one has hired us,” they answered.

‘He said to them, “You also go and work in my vineyard.”

⁸ ‘When evening came, the owner of the vineyard said to his foreman, “Call the workers and pay them their wages, beginning with the last ones hired and going on to the first.”

⁹ ‘The workers who were hired about five in the afternoon came and each received a denarius.

¹⁰ So when those came who were hired first, they expected to receive more. But each one of them also received a denarius. ¹¹ When they received it, they began to grumble against the landowner.

¹² ““These who were hired last worked only one hour,” they said, “and you have made them equal to us who have borne the burden of the work and the heat of the day.”

¹³ ‘But he answered one of them, “I am not being unfair to you, friend. Didn’t you agree to work for a denarius? ¹⁴ Take your pay and go. I want to give the one who was hired last the same as I gave you. ¹⁵ Don’t I have the right to do what I want with my own money? Or are you envious because I am generous?”

¹⁶ ‘So the last will be first, and the first will be last.’

Collect and Post Communion Sunday 20th September

Collect

O Lord, we beseech you mercifully to hear
the prayers of your people who call upon you;
and grant that they may both perceive and know what things they ought to do,
and also may have grace and power faithfully to fulfil them;
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

Almighty God,
you have taught us through your Son
that love is the fulfilling of the law:
grant that we may love you with our whole heart
and our neighbours as ourselves;
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Prayer in the Benefice – Sunday 20th to Saturday 26th 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; Harvest Festivals



We praise you, O God; We acknowledge you to be the Lord. We ask you to bless today's services, Knit and Natter, our Wednesday Communion service, Prayer Group on Friday, and all the Harvest Festival Services happening over the next few weeks. May they be well attended, be an opportunity for all to worship you and encourage all who come to want to find out more about Jesus and get to know you better. Amen.

Monday: Harvest Festival

Jesus, you fed the hungry crowds with your overwhelming generous heart. Inspire your Church this Harvest Festival to be generous in love. Help us all go beyond our normal routine church service, and start a fire within us to move us into action to help those in need. Make our congregation more than a building of people, but a family of brothers and sisters that welcomes everyone with open arms. Encourage us to use our spiritual gifts in unique ways so that nobody in our community is forgotten, and everyone finds hope through you. Amen.

Tuesday: Our Villages

God of hope, thank you for the villages and communities that we can call our home. As we celebrate the harvest festival, we ask that you'll help unite us all so that we can love our neighbours as ourselves. Help us look out for those who feel alone and support those who are struggling. Fill us with encouragement so that we can work together for a kinder, fairer community. Help us be generous people so that our communities can reflect your abundant love. 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 in nursing homes or hospital



Compassionate God, we pray for all who we know who are housebound and in nursing homes; those in hospitals, in recovery, and rehabilitation. We thank you for

our local hospitals, health centres and clinics and for all those working in sheltered accommodation and care homes. Amen.

Thursday: Those Who Pray

Almighty God, we thank you for all who uphold, in prayer, our Benefice, our churches and us as individuals. May all of us be faithful to pray for those in need, for our communities and for our Benefice, that through our prayers your will may be done and your Kingdom come. Amen.



Friday: Your World

Merciful God, your world is hurting; in addition to the many seemingly endless and tragic conflicts inflicting suffering on people in Ukraine, the Persian Gulf, the Eastern Mediterranean, and, largely unseen, a number of African countries, lives have been blighted by natural disasters, most recently the flash floods in Nepal and Tibet. Comfort those who have lost loved ones, homes, and livelihoods, and bring hope to those who are missing and to their anxious families. Protect the rescuers and emergency workers, and inspire governments and communities to respond with compassion and generosity. May those who are suffering know your presence, comfort and peace. Amen.

Saturday: The new school year

Father of all, help all those who have returned to school this month, those just starting school, and all teachers, to find inspiration in the classroom, and to increase their thirst for knowledge and wisdom. On this Saturday, may they enjoy a break from their studies, and look to Sunday as a day where they might combine their pursuit of sport and hobbies with a few moments to acknowledge all that you do for us. Amen.

You can contact Revd Clare on: 01747 838171

Or by email: vicarsvb@gmail.com

Please Note: Clare is away on a course Monday to Wednesday (21st-23rd) this week.



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