



## **Sunday 20<sup>th</sup> September 2026 - Sixteenth Sunday after Trinity (Green)**

### **Services for this Sunday:**

0915 Harvest Communion at Pendomer Church (also via Zoom) – Rev. Phil Maculay  
0945 Café Church at East Chinnock Room @ The Park, Weston St, Lay Led  
1100 Holy Communion at West Coker Church – Rev. Phil Macaulay

### **Readings for Sunday 20<sup>th</sup> September 2026**

**Principal Service:** Philippians 1.21-end; Matthew 20.1-16

### **Collect for Sunday 20<sup>th</sup> September 2026:**

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.

**Deanery Prayers** – Please pray for St Mary's in East Chinnock, its leaders, congregation and community.

## **Services for Sunday 27<sup>th</sup> September 2026 – Seventeenth Sunday after Trinity (Green)**

0830 BCP HC at West Coker Church – Rev. Phil Macaulay  
1000 Holy Communion at East Chinnock Church – Canon Richard Kirlew  
1100 Harvest Service at Hardington Church – Lay Led (see details re lunch in Notices)  
1100 Holy Communion at East Coker Church – Rev. Phil Macaulay  
1100 Morning Worship at West Coker Church – Chris Varley  
1800 Patronal Service at East Coker Church – Rev. Phil Macaulay  
1830 Evensong at Closworth Church – Lay Led

### **Readings for Sunday 27<sup>th</sup> September 2026**

**Principal Service:** Philippians 2.1-13; Matthew 21.23-32.

**Harvest Service:** 2 Corinthians 9.6-end; Luke 12.16-30.

### **Collect for Sunday 27<sup>th</sup> September 2026:**

Almighty God, you have made us for yourself, and our hearts are restless till they find their rest in you: pour your love into our hearts and draw us to yourself, and so bring us at last to your heavenly city where we shall see you face to face; 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.

## **Services for Sunday 4<sup>th</sup> October 2026 –Eighteenth Sunday after Trinity (Green)**

1000 Harvest Communion at East Chinnock Church – Canon Richard Kirlew

1100 Harvest Communion at Sutton Bingham Church – Canon John Owen

1100 Harvest Service at West Coker Church – Lay Led – Followed by Lunch

## **Readings for Sunday 4<sup>th</sup> October 2026**

**Harvest Service at East Coker:** 2 Corinthians 9.6-end; Luke 12.16-30.

## **Collect for Sunday 4<sup>th</sup> October 2026:**

Almighty God, to whose glory we celebrate the dedication of this house of prayer: we praise you for the many blessings you have given to those who worship you here: and we pray that all who seek you in this place may find you, and, being filled with the Holy Spirit, may become a living temple acceptable to you; though 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, Janice Oakham and Christopher Hayward.***

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:**

- ❖ **Men’s Breakfast this Saturday 20<sup>th</sup> Sept - 0830 at Room @ The Park, Weston Street, East Chinnock**
- ❖ **Michaelmas Choral Evensong 6 p.m. 27th September** - As part of the celebration of its patronal festival, there will be a service of **Choral Evensong at St Michael and All Angels at 6 p.m. on Sunday 27th September**. We will be joined by In Ecclesia, a Taunton based choir and, for the benefit choral evensong aficionados, the service will consist of: Introit: Locus Iste - Anton Bruckner, Preces and Responses: Smith, Magnificat and Nunc Dimittis: Stanford in C, Anthem: O How Glorious is the Kingdom – Stopford. If you are familiar with choral evensong, you will know what a peaceful, reflective service it is. If you haven't, come and experience a musical tradition that has remained largely unchanged for centuries.  
And please stay for a glass of wine after the service.
- ❖ **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.
- ❖ **Lords Larder** – Current items needed are: Tins of Meatballs, Ravioli, Macaroni Cheese, Spaghetti, Beans & Sausages; Packets of savoury Biscuits; UHT Milk. 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 September will be for: West Ways, Eastfield Farm, Cod Lane, Broad Hill and Lane.

- ❖ **Praying for our Children** – “The next Praying Parents will be on November 23rd, 10.30 at Linden House, Underhayes Court, East Chinnock BA22 9FG. We normally meet monthly but the long gap this time is because I will be back working in Nepal for six weeks from the end of this month. Newcomers always very welcome 😊 Much love Claire x (07309630222)”
- ❖ **Harvest Services across the Benefice:**
  - Sunday 20<sup>th</sup> Sept 0915 – St Roch’s, Pendomer – followed by a Bring n Share Harvest Supper at Weaver’s Cottage, Hardington at 1830.**
  - Sunday 27<sup>th</sup> Sept at 1100 – St Mary’s in Hardington – followed by lunch at Sonny’s – **please let Daphne Creed know you will be attending the lunch.**
  - Sunday 4<sup>th</sup> October – 10am Room at St Mary’s Church, East Chinnock followed by lunch at Room@ The Park, Weston St, East Chinnock
  - Sunday 4<sup>th</sup> October – 11am St Martin of Tours, West Coker followed by a Harvest Lunch.
  - Sunday 4<sup>th</sup> October – 11am All Saints Church in Sutton Bingham followed by a Harvest Lunch.
- ❖ **Somer Singers** are giving a concert on Friday 16<sup>th</sup> October at 7pm at St Mary’s Church in East Chinnock. Their repertoire includes songs from the 60s through to the 90s, pop classics to mighty Ballads, some Blues, Gospel and Show Tunes in there too! Tickets are £12 and are available from Liz Murdoch on 01935 863209 or Ros Weber on 07866040688.
- ❖ **Save the Date** – The Parnham Voices are giving a concert on Saturday 28<sup>th</sup> November at St Martin of Tours Church, West Coker – More details will follow.

**Support for Nepal Disaster** – A message from Alex & Claire Swarbrick - The Christian organisation we know best, INF, (International Nepal Fellowship) are working in collaboration with other Christian aid and development organisations on the ground in the affected area, and funding for the work is being collected by INF UK. If you want to donate to this cause please use the link below to transfer a donation is here. <https://www.inf.org.uk/get-involved/donate/>

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