



Stour Vale Benefice

Seven Churches, One Body, One Benefice

Newsletter No. 333

Sunday 13th September *Trinity 15*

9:30am Parish Communion Buckhorn Weston
10:30am Morning Worship Stour Provost (CW)
11:00am Morning Worship Kington Magna (CW)
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 Brian Botelle (BW), Nicki Whitmarsh (ES), Mark Hoskins (KM), Christina Symes (KM), Alan Ames (T) and all those who are bereaved.

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/>

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



Readings Sunday 13th September *Trinity 15*

Genesis 50.15-21

Psalm 103.1-13

Romans 14.1-12

Matthew 18.21-35

Psalm 103:1-13 (NIV)

Praise the Lord, my soul;

all my inmost being, praise his holy name.

² Praise the Lord, my soul,

and forget not all his benefits –

³ who forgives all your sins

and heals all your diseases,

⁴ who redeems your life from the pit

and crowns you with love and compassion,

⁵ who satisfies your desires with good things

so that your youth is renewed like the eagle's.

⁶ The Lord works righteousness

and justice for all the oppressed.

- ⁷ He made known his ways to Moses,
his deeds to the people of Israel:
⁸ the Lord is compassionate and gracious,
slow to anger, abounding in love.
⁹ He will not always accuse,
nor will he harbour his anger for ever;
¹⁰ he does not treat us as our sins deserve
or repay us according to our iniquities.
¹¹ For as high as the heavens are above the earth,
so great is his love for those who fear him;
¹² as far as the east is from the west,
so far has he removed our transgressions from us.
¹³ As a father has compassion on his children,
so the Lord has compassion on those who fear him;

Romans 14.1–12 (NIV)

Accept the one whose faith is weak, without quarrelling over disputable matters. ² One person's faith allows them to eat anything, but another, whose faith is weak, eats only vegetables. ³ The one who eats everything must not treat with contempt the one who does not, and the one who does not eat everything must not judge the one who does, for God has accepted them. ⁴ Who are you to judge someone else's servant? To their own master, servants stand or fall. And they will stand, for the Lord is able to make them stand.

⁵ One person considers one day more sacred than another; another considers every day alike. Each of them should be fully convinced in their own mind. ⁶ Whoever regards one day as special does so to the Lord. Whoever eats meat does so to the Lord, for they give thanks to God; and whoever abstains does so to the Lord and gives thanks to God. ⁷ For none of us lives for ourselves alone, and none of us dies for ourselves alone. ⁸ If we live, we live for the Lord; and if we die, we die for the Lord. So, whether we live or die, we belong to the Lord. ⁹ For this very reason, Christ died and returned to life so that he might be the Lord of both the dead and the living.

¹⁰ You, then, why do you judge your brother or sister? Or why do you treat them with contempt? For we will all stand before God's judgment seat. ¹¹ It is written:

"As surely as I live," says the Lord,
"Every knee will bow before me;
every tongue will acknowledge God."

¹² So then, each of us will give an account of ourselves to God.

Matthew 18.21–35 (NIV)

Then Peter came to Jesus and asked, 'Lord, how many times shall I forgive my brother or sister who sins against me? Up to seven times?'

²² Jesus answered, 'I tell you, not seven times, but seventy-seven times.

²³ 'Therefore, the kingdom of heaven is like a king who wanted to settle accounts with his servants. ²⁴ As he began the settlement, a man who owed him ten thousand bags of gold was brought to him. ²⁵ Since he was not able to pay, the master ordered that he and his wife and his children and all that he had be sold to repay the debt.

²⁶ 'At this the servant fell on his knees before him. "Be patient with me," he begged, "and I will pay back everything." ²⁷ The servant's master took pity on him, cancelled the debt and let him go.

²⁸ 'But when that servant went out, he found one of his fellow servants who owed him a hundred silver coins. ²⁹ He grabbed him and began to choke him. "Pay back what you owe me!" he demanded.

²⁹ 'His fellow servant fell to his knees and begged him, "Be patient with me, and I will pay it back."

³⁰ 'But he refused. Instead, he went off and had the man thrown into prison until he could pay the debt. ³¹ When the other servants saw what had happened, they were outraged and went and told their master everything that had happened.

³² 'Then the master called the servant in. "You wicked servant," he said, "I cancelled all that debt of yours because you begged me to. ³³ Shouldn't you have had mercy on your fellow servant just as I had on you?" ³⁴ In anger his master handed him over to the jailers to be tortured, until he should pay back all he owed.

³⁵ 'This is how my heavenly Father will treat each of you unless you forgive your brother or sister from your heart.'

Collect and Post Communion Sunday 13th September

Collect

God, who in generous mercy sent the Holy Spirit
upon your Church in the burning fire of your love:
grant that your people may be fervent
in the fellowship of the gospel
that, always abiding in you,
they may be found steadfast in faith and active in service;
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

Keep, O Lord, your Church, with your perpetual mercy;
and, because without you our human frailty cannot but fall,
keep us ever by your help from all things hurtful,
and lead us to all things profitable to our salvation;
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Prayer in the Benefice – Sunday 13th to Saturday 19th 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 the services happening in the Benefice this week, 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 acknowledge your goodness to them, and encourage all who come to want to find out more about Jesus and get to know you better. Amen.

Monday: Harvest – A prayer written by Martyn Payne for BRF: www.brf.org.uk

Hope-giving God, thank you for creating a world full of seeds that testify to your loving investment in the land and in our lives. Just as you rejoice to see those seeds bear fruit, we come to you at this festival time with the fruit of praise and thanksgiving for your goodness and faithful love. Amen.

Tuesday: West Stour

Sovereign Lord, please bless all who live or work in West Stour, especially the new arrivals. May they find the village and the church a place of welcome, where they can



use their individual gifts to serve you, and attain fulfilment and joy. Please also nurture those moving on to pastures new.

We pray for the restoration work on the church bells, which seems to have stalled, and ask you to intervene so they may be swiftly returned to aid our worship and our witness. 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; victims of crime



God of compassion, comfort the sick, lonely, the bereaved and the oppressed. Look upon those who have been victims of crime. Heal any anguish and sorrow that linger, and give them a sense of serenity and hope. 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: Social Media

O Lord, we pray for all who use social media. For those who post content to be responsible and truthful. For the platforms to be protective of the vulnerable and diligent in removing harmful or hateful material. Guide users to be conscientious in how they engage with the media, what they read, and what they share. Amen.



Saturday: Those We Find Hard to Like – A prayer by William Law (1761)

Father of all, help us to love and care for those we find hard to like. Teach us to understand and befriend all who have been hurt by life so they can only express themselves in hurtful ways. We ask this through Jesus Christ, whose healing power brought wholeness of life to all who came to him. Amen.

You can contact Revd Clare on: 01747 838171

Or by email: vicarsvb@gmail.com

Please Note: Clare is on leave from 5th to 15th September.
For anything urgent speak to your Churchwarden, Fiona or Jill.



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