



Stour Vale Benefice

Seven Churches, One Body, One Benefice

Newsletter No. 336

Sunday 4th October *Trinity 18*

9:15am Parish Communion Todber
10:00am Harvest Festival West Stour
11:00am Parish Communion with Harvest Festival East Stour

**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), Penny (T), Bunny (T), Margaret (WS) and Tony (WS); for the family and friends of Joan Osborne (BW), Nicki Whitmarsh (ES), Mark Hoskins (KM), Christina Symes (KM), Alan Ames (T) and all those who are bereaved.

From the Registers:

Baptism of Chloe Candy – Sunday 4th October at Todber

We welcome her into God's family

Wedding of Hugo Carmedy and Pandora Yates – Saturday 10th October at Kington Magna

We pray for your life together

Other Benefice services/events coming up in October

Every Wednesday – Said Holy Communion 10:30am East Stour Church

2nd Wednesday of the month with be a Healing Communion service

Sunday 11th October – Baby Loss Service—3:00pm – East Stour.

Monday 19th – Knit and Natter – 2:30pm East Stour Village Hall

Friday 23rd October – Service in the Pub 11am The Ship, West Stour.

Tuesday 27th – Benefice Lunch at Lakeside Kitchen 12:30pm

*Pre-order your food by Tuesday 20th – **please check their new menu** before you order*

Wednesday 28th – Stour Vale Benefice prayer Group 2pm East Stour Church

For others events around the Benefice see Octavo,

the website: <https://stourvalebenefice.org.uk/>

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

Deanery Commissioning Service with Bishop Karen

Thursday 22nd October 7pm, at Kington Magna

For our new LPAs and LWL

from Stour Vale Benefice and Sturminster Newton

Followed by refreshments. Hosted by Rick & Annie Bounsall

Please come and support Annie Bounsall, Jan Martin, Marika Osmond,

Mary Riall and David Clack on this important day.

BABY LOSS MEMORIAL SERVICE



Remembering those who have been part of
our lives who died too soon

Sunday 11th October 3pm
East Stour

Stour Vale Benefice
Service
in the
Pub



Friday 23rd October

**The Ship Inn, West
Stour, SP8 5RP**

Open from 11am for an 11:15 start

Stour Vale Benefice
Light Party

for Halloween

Friday 30th October

4pm-5.30pm

East Stour Church, SP8 5LP.

All children welcome, with their adult(s). Come in
fancy dress or as you are.

Pumpkin Fun, Spider Splat,

Games, Crafts, Puzzles.

Hot chocolate and

all the treats, without the tricks!



Readings Sunday 4th October

Trinity 18

Isaiah 5.1-7

Psalm 80.8-16

Philippians 3.4b -14

Matthew 21.33-end

Psalm 80.8-16 (NIV)

You transplanted a vine from Egypt;
you drove out the nations and planted it.

⁹ You cleared the ground for it,
and it took root and filled the land.

¹⁰ The mountains were covered with its shade,
the mighty cedars with its branches.

¹¹ Its branches reached as far as the Sea,
its shoots as far as the River.

¹² Why have you broken down its walls
so that all who pass by pick its grapes?

¹³ Boars from the forest ravage it,
and insects from the fields feed on it.

¹⁴ Return to us, God Almighty!
Look down from heaven and see!

Watch over this vine,

¹⁵ the root your right hand has planted,
the son^[a] you have raised up for yourself.

¹⁶ Your vine is cut down, it is burned with fire;
at your rebuke your people perish.

Philippians 3:3b-14 (NIV)

though I myself have reasons for such confidence.

If someone else thinks they have reasons to put confidence in the flesh, I have more:

⁵ circumcised on the eighth day, of the people of Israel, of the tribe of Benjamin, a Hebrew of

Hebrews; in regard to the law, a Pharisee; ⁶ as for zeal, persecuting the church; as for righteousness based on the law, faultless.

⁷ But whatever were gains to me I now consider loss for the sake of Christ. ⁸ What is more, I consider everything a loss because of the surpassing worth of knowing Christ Jesus my Lord, for whose sake I have lost all things. I consider them garbage, that I may gain Christ ⁹ and be found in him, not having a righteousness of my own that comes from the law, but that which is through faith in Christ – the righteousness that comes from God on the basis of faith. ¹⁰ I want to know Christ – yes, to know the power of his resurrection and participation in his sufferings, becoming like him in his death, ¹¹ and so, somehow, attaining to the resurrection from the dead.

¹² Not that I have already obtained all this, or have already arrived at my goal, but I press on to take hold of that for which Christ Jesus took hold of me. ¹³ Brothers and sisters, I do not consider myself yet to have taken hold of it. But one thing I do: forgetting what is behind and straining towards what is ahead, ¹⁴ I press on towards the goal to win the prize for which God has called me heavenwards in Christ Jesus.

Matthew 21.33–end (NIV)

‘Listen to another parable: there was a landowner who planted a vineyard. He put a wall round it, dug a winepress in it and built a watchtower. Then he rented the vineyard to some farmers and moved to another place. ³⁴ When the harvest time approached, he sent his servants to the tenants to collect his fruit.

³⁵ ‘The tenants seized his servants; they beat one, killed another, and stoned a third. ³⁶ Then he sent other servants to them, more than the first time, and the tenants treated them in the same way. ³⁷ Last of all, he sent his son to them. “They will respect my son,” he said.

³⁸ ‘But when the tenants saw the son, they said to each other, “This is the heir. Come, let’s kill him and take his inheritance.” ³⁹ So they took him and threw him out of the vineyard and killed him.

⁴⁰ ‘Therefore, when the owner of the vineyard comes, what will he do to those tenants?’

⁴¹ ‘He will bring those wretches to a wretched end,’ they replied, ‘and he will rent the vineyard to other tenants, who will give him his share of the crop at harvest time.’

⁴² Jesus said to them, ‘Have you never read in the Scriptures:

“‘The stone the builders rejected
has become the cornerstone;
the Lord has done this,
and it is marvellous in our eyes”?

⁴³ ‘Therefore I tell you that the kingdom of God will be taken away from you and given to a people who will produce its fruit. ⁴⁴ Anyone who falls on this stone will be broken to pieces; anyone on whom it falls will be crushed.’

⁴⁵ When the chief priests and the Pharisees heard Jesus’ parables, they knew he was talking about them. ⁴⁶ They looked for a way to arrest him, but they were afraid of the crowd because the people held that he was a prophet.

Collect and Post Communion Sunday

Collect

Almighty and everlasting God,
increase in us your gift of faith
that, forsaking what lies behind
and reaching out to that which is before,
we may run the way of your commandments
and win the crown of everlasting joy;
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.
Amen.

Post Communion Prayer

We praise and thank you, O Christ, for this sacred feast:
for here we receive you,
here the memory of your passion is renewed,
here our minds are filled with grace,
and here a pledge of future glory is given,
when we shall feast at that table where you reign
with all your saints for ever.

Prayer in the Benefice – Sunday 4th October to Saturday 10th October

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; Revd Clare



Glorious Lord, please bless all the church services happening today, in our Benefice and throughout the world, and those what will happen during the coming week, especially the baptism of Chloe at Todber today and the wedding of Hugo and Pandora in Kington Magna on Saturday. Give Your people grace to hear and receive your word and to bring forth the fruit of the Spirit.

We thank you for Revd Clare, and for all her family. Be her shield and strength. Protect, nourish and sustain her through the work of your Holy Spirit. May she find rest and encouragement in your loving care. Amen.

Monday: World Peace

Almighty God, bring peace to all the nations of the earth, especially between Russia and Ukraine, in the Middle East and in Sudan. Heal and strengthen all who are suffering as a result of conflict. Protect the innocent. Give wisdom and perseverance to all who work for peace. Amen.

Tuesday: Buckhorn Weston

Lord Jesus, we pray for all who live or work in Buckhorn Weston. We pray for the businesses, the pub, the village hall, and the visits from the Post Office van, which help sustain the community. Please bless them and prosper them.



We pray for Breakfast Church, that families will discover it and find it a welcoming, fun environment where they can worship you and learn more about you, and for the Jumble Sale, that it will both raise much needed funds for the church, but also be a time of fellowship for the community. 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; the lonely, the depressed.



God our healer, lift the shadow of suffering from all who are ill, bereaved, lonely or depressed. Help them and heal them, Lord. Relieve the things that make life difficult for them and give them courage, joy and self-belief. Amen.

Thursday: The Persecuted Church in Somalia – A prayer from Open Doors (www.opendoorsuk.org)

Heavenly Father, when You are with us, no one can be against us. What people see as impossible, like a Somali church, is in fact possible because of You. Because when we have You, everything for Your Kingdom is possible. No persecution, rejection, excommunication or threat could

remove the light from the Somali people. You told us that the gates of hell cannot prevail against the church. In Your name, we pray. Amen.

Friday: Autumn

Creator God, thank you for the things we love about autumn. The warm but fresh days, the gentle sunshine, the colours, the beauty of the countryside through the mist. Yet it's often tinged with sadness, with the knowledge that the harshness of winter is close at hand. Help us to live in the moment, to pause and appreciate what we can see and hear and smell. As we look to the future, give us courage, comfort, joy and peace. Be with us in the autumn of the year, and in the autumn of our lives. Amen.



Saturday: World Homelessness Day – A Prayer from Housing Justice (housingjustice.org.uk)

Merciful Father, we pray today for all who are homeless this day. For those sleeping under bridges, on park benches, in doorways or bus stations, outside high street shops and many other inappropriate places. For those who can only find shelter for the night but must wander in the daytime. For lives broken apart because they cannot afford to pay the rent. For those who have no relatives or friends who can take them in. For those who have no place to keep possessions that remind them who they are. For those who are afraid and hopeless. For those who have been let down and cast out.

For all these people, we pray that you will provide shelter, security and hope. Help us not to fall into complacency and forgetfulness.

Jesus, help us to see your face in the eyes of every person experiencing homelessness who we meet. So that we may be empowered through word and deed, and by your grace, to bring justice and peace to those who are homeless. Amen.

From David Grierson – Events you might enjoy

Sunday 4th October, 3.00 p.m. Bell Street United Church Shaftesbury. Free Afternoon tea for Christian Aid. Music from the Phoenix Cafe Orchestra with a programme of light classics, numbers from the golden age of cinema and hits from the roaring twenties onwards.

Sunday 18th October, 6.00 p.m. St Luke's Church, West Orchard. Patronal Festival Choral Evensong followed by refreshments.

You can contact Revd Clare on: 01747 838171

Or by email: vicarsvb@gmail.com

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



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