



Sunday 18th October 2026 – Twentieth Sunday after Trinity (Green)

Services for this Sunday:

0915 Holy Communion at Pendomer Church (Also via Zoom) – Rev. Phil Macaulay
0945 Café Church at Room at The Park, Weston Street – Lay Led
1100 Holy Communion at West Coker Church – Rev. Phil Macaulay

Readings for Sunday 18th October 2026

Principle Service: Isaiah 35.3-6; 2 Timothy 4.5-17; Luke 10v1-9 .

Collect for Sunday 18th October 2026:

God, the giver of life, whose Holy Spirit wells up within your Church: by the Spirit's gifts equip us to live the gospel of Christ and make us eager to do your will, that we may share with the whole creation the joys of eternal life; 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 25th October 2026 – Last Sunday after Trinity (Green)

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 John Owen
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 – Chris Varley
1800 Evensong at Closworth Church – Lay Led

Readings for Sunday 25th October 2026

Principle Service: Nehemiah 8.1-4a [5-6] 8-12; Colossians 3.12-17; Matthew 24.30-35.

Collect for Sunday 25th October 2026:

Merciful God, teach us to be faithful in change and uncertainty, that trusting in your word and obeying your will we may enter the unfailing joy of Jesus Christ our Lord.

Services for Sunday 1st November 2026 –All Saints Day (Gold or White))

0915 Holy Communion Service at East Chinnock Church – Rev. Phil Macaulay
1100 BCP HC Service at Sutton Bingham Church – Rev. Phil Macaulay
1100 Morning Prayer at West Coker Church – Lay Led
1800 All Saints Patronal Evensong at Closworth Church – Rev. Phil Macaulay

Readings for Sunday 1st November 2026

Principal Service: 1 John 3.1-3; Matthew 5.1-12.

Collect for Sunday 1st November 2026:

Almighty God, you have knit together your elect in one communion and fellowship in the mystical body of your Son Christ our Lord: grant us grace so to follow your blessed saints in all virtuous and godly living that we may come to those inexpressible joys that you have prepared for those who truly love you; 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.

All Souls Service Monday 2nd November 2026 –(Red/Green)

1800 All Souls Service at East Coker Church – Rev. Phil Macaulay – All Welcome

Deanery Prayers – Please pray for Barwick Church, its leaders, congregation and community.

For your prayers:

Those who have died recently in the benefice: ***Christopher Hayward, Kathleen Smith, Hazel Turner, Angela Lewis and Jonathan Chadwick***

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:

- ❖ **Lords Larder** – Current items needed are: Curry, Carrots, Tuna, Tomatoes, Hotdogs; Bags of Sugar; UHT Milk; Shower Gel; Bars of Soap. 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 October will be for: High Street, Carters Lane, Portman Close, Chinnock Hollow and Odcombe Hollow.
- ❖ **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)”
- ❖ **Somer Singers** are giving a concert on Friday 16th 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 28th November at St Martin of Tours Church, West Coker – More details will follow.
- ❖ **On the eve of Remembrance Sunday, (Saturday 7th November at 1830hrs)** military historian and author Christopher Jary, will give a talk in St Michael and All Angels, East Coker. 'Lighting the Darkest Corner' will explore how influential chaplains have been at the darkest of times and how important their kindness and spiritual support has been to soldiers in combat through the year. In particular Christopher will

examine the lives and service of three military chaplains: Geoffrey Studdert-Kennedy MC (aka Woodbine Wille) who set the standard for modern chaplaincy, Theodore Hardy VC DSO MC – one of the most highly decorated non-combatants of the First World War, and Gus Claxton MC, who served with the 2nd Dorsets at the battle of Kohima.

Though anyone with an interest in local and military history is likely to enjoy the talk, I think it will be particularly thought provoking for those involved in ministry.

The event is free to attend. Any donations made at the talk will go to the RBL Poppy Appeal. More details online - [Lighting the Darkest Corner | St Michael's East Coker](#)

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The Friends of St Michael's present



Lighting the Darkest Corner

The evolution and history of military chaplaincy

A talk by historian and author Christopher Jary



**7th November
6.30 p.m.**

St Michael and
All Angels Church,
East Coker

Admission Free

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