



Sunday 4th October 2026 - Eighteenth Sunday after Trinity (Green)

Services for this Sunday:

- 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 4th October 2026

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

Collect for Sunday 4th 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; 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 Michael's Church in Yeovil, its leaders, congregation and community.

Services for Sunday 11th October 2026 – Nineteenth Sunday after Trinity (Green)

- 0915 BCP HC at Closworth Church – Rev. Rod Key
- 0945 Family Service at Pendomer Church (Also via Zoom) – Lay Led
- 1100 Family Service at East Coker Church – Rev. Rod Key
- 1100 Holy Communion at Hardington Church – Canon Richard Kirlew
- 1100 Family Service at West Coker Church – Lay Led

Readings for Sunday 11th October 2026

Principal Service: Philippians 4.1-9; Matthew 22.1-14.

Collect for Sunday 11th October 2026:

Faithful Lord, whose steadfast love never ceases and whose mercies never come to an end: grant us the grace to trust you and to receive the gifts of your love, new every morning, in Jesus Christ our Lord.

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

- 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: TBC

Collect for Sunday 18th October 2026:

TBC

For your prayers:

Those who have died recently in the benefice: ***Andrew Irwin, Tim O'Riordan, Janice Oakham, Christopher Hayward and Kathleen Smith.***

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: Soup, Curry, Tomatoes, Meals in a Tin; Packets of Rice; Shampoo; Packets of Sweets for Children. 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)”
- ❖ **Harvest Services across the Benefice:**
 - Sunday 4th October – 10am at St Mary's Church, East Chinnock** followed by lunch at Room@ The Park, Weston St, East Chinnock (St Mary's are happy to receive gifts of tinned food and dry packet good which will be donated to the Lords Larder. It will be followed by a bring and share lunch at the room at the park at 12.30pm. Everyone is welcome, just bring a plate of food to share.
 - Sunday 4th October – 11am St Martin, West Coker** followed by a Harvest Lunch.
 - Sunday 4th October – 11am All Saints Church in Sutton Bingham**
- ❖ **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.
- ❖ **Money Coaching Course** - **Monday 5, 12, 19 October 12 – 2pm at St. John's Schoolrooms, BA20 1HE**. Managing your money doesn't have to be a pain. Learn the skills to make it simple with a three-week course run by CAP at St. John's. You don't need to be in debt or supported by the centre to partake in the course. It is a free service we are providing designed to empower you with the knowledge, budgeting

skills and confidence to better manage your finances. To book your place visit <https://moneycoaching.capuk.org>

- ❖ **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.

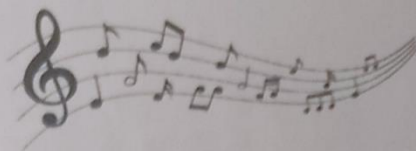
The event is free to attend. Any donations made at the talk will go to the RBL Poppy Appeal. More details online - [Lighting the Darkest Corner | St Michael's East Coker](#)

Message from Monica Whipp – I am writing to thank everybody for their prayers and thoughts during my recent stays in hospital. It was a miracle following my fall they did not find any broken bones. Only a terrible black eye and a face that needed lots of stitches. I really thought on my second admission to hospital I would never see my home again. I was in so much chest pain and with internal bleeding. But thanks to excellent service I had from Ill and the hospital care with all your prayers I survived and am now back home. My apologies if you had difficulty finding me. Care Homes are not permitted to tell friends where I was. I did appreciate your visit if you managed to find me. Especially those who visited me from Closworth, young children that used to worship there and are now adults and their parents.

Thank you all

Monica X

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Somer Singers



Friday 16 October at 7pm

St Mary's, East Chinnock BA22 9DP

A four-part vocal harmony group based in Somerton. Currently 14 members strong, they sing unaccompanied arrangements in 'a cappella' style.

Their repertoire includes songs from the 60s to the noughties, from pop classics to mighty ballads, with a smattering of blues, gospel and show tunes.

Tickets **£12** to include a drink

Tickets are available through **Liz Murdoch** 01935 863209 or

Ros Weber 07866 040688

Raffle – cash on the door

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