



Stour Vale Benefice

Seven Churches, One Body, One Benefice

Newsletter No. 337 – Sunday 11th October Trinity 19

9:30am	Parish Communion Buckhorn Weston
10:30am	Morning Worship Stour Provost (CW)
11:00am	Morning Worship Kington Magna (CW)
6:30pm	Parish Communion with Harvest Festival Fifehead Magdalen

BABY LOSS MEMORIAL SERVICE



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

Sunday 11th October 3pm
East Stour

There will also be Baby Loss Services at:

St Gregory's Church Marnhull
at 4pm on Saturday 10th October

St Mary's Church Gillingham
at 7pm on Thursday 15th October

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:

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

Wedding of Tom Bishop and Heidi Standfield – Saturday 17th October at East Stour

We pray for your lives together

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,
Mary Riall and David Clack on this important day.

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

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 – *please note the change of day for October only.*

For others events around the Benefice see Octavo,

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

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



Friday 23rd October

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

Open from 11am for an 11:15 start

A blue rounded rectangle graphic for a Halloween light party. It contains images of a pumpkin with a cross, hands holding a light, a cup of hot chocolate, and a church building. The text reads: '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 11th October

Trinity 19

Isaiah 25.1–9

Psalm 23

Philippians 4.1–9

Matthew 22.1–14

Psalm 23 (NIV)

¹ The Lord is my shepherd, I lack nothing.

² He makes me lie down in green pastures,
he leads me beside quiet waters,

³ he refreshes my soul.

He guides me along the right paths
for his name's sake.

⁴ Even though I walk
through the darkest valley,

I will fear no evil,

for you are with me;
your rod and your staff,
they comfort me.

⁵ You prepare a table before me
in the presence of my enemies.

You anoint my head with oil;
my cup overflows.

⁶ Surely your goodness and love will follow me
all the days of my life,
and I will dwell in the house of the Lord
for ever.

Philippians 4.1–9 (NIV)

Therefore, my brothers and sisters, you whom I love and long for, my joy and crown, stand firm in the Lord in this way, dear friends!

² I plead with Euodia and I plead with Syntyche to be of the same mind in the Lord. ³ Yes, and I ask you, my true companion, help these women since they have contended at my side in the cause of the gospel, along with Clement and the rest of my co-workers, whose names are in the book of life.

⁴ Rejoice in the Lord always. I will say it again: rejoice! ⁵ Let your gentleness be evident to all. The Lord is near. ⁶ Do not be anxious about anything, but in every situation, by prayer and petition, with thanksgiving, present your requests to God. ⁷ And the peace of God, which transcends all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus.

⁸ Finally, brothers and sisters, whatever is true, whatever is noble, whatever is right, whatever is pure, whatever is lovely, whatever is admirable – if anything is excellent or praiseworthy – think about such things. ⁹ Whatever you have learned or received or heard from me, or seen in me – put it into practice. And the God of peace will be with you.

Matthew 22.1–14 (NIV)

Jesus spoke to them again in parables, saying: ² “The kingdom of heaven is like a king who prepared a wedding banquet for his son. ³ He sent his servants to those who had been invited to the banquet to tell them to come, but they refused to come.

⁴ “Then he sent some more servants and said, “Tell those who have been invited that I have prepared my dinner: my oxen and fattened cattle have been slaughtered, and everything is ready. Come to the wedding banquet.”

⁵ “But they paid no attention and went off – one to his field, another to his business. ⁶ The rest seized his servants, ill-treated them and killed them. ⁷ The king was enraged. He sent his army and destroyed those murderers and burned their city.

⁸ “Then he said to his servants, “The wedding banquet is ready, but those I invited did not deserve to come. ⁹ So go to the street corners and invite to the banquet anyone you find.” ¹⁰ So the servants went out into the streets and gathered all the people they could find, the bad as well as the good, and the wedding hall was filled with guests.

¹¹ “But when the king came in to see the guests, he noticed a man there who was not wearing wedding clothes. ¹² He asked, “How did you get in here without wedding clothes, friend?” The man was speechless.

¹³ “Then the king told the attendants, “Tie him hand and foot, and throw him outside, into the darkness, where there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth.”

¹⁴ “For many are invited, but few are chosen.”

Collect and Post Communion Sunday

Collect

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.
Amen.

Post Communion Prayer

Holy and blessed God,
you have fed us with the body and blood of your Son
and filled us with your Holy Spirit:
may we honour you,
not only with our lips
but in lives dedicated to the service of Jesus Christ our Lord.

Prayer in the Benefice – Sunday 11th October to Saturday 17th 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 this week; Baby Loss Memorial Service



We proclaim your greatness, our God and king. May your praise resound at the services in the Benefice today and throughout the week. We pray especially for the Baby Loss Memorial Service this afternoon. May it be a source of comfort and hope to all who attend. May all who mourn the loss of a child, a miscarriage, or the inability to have children, be filled with your peace and joy. Amen.

Monday: A Prayer for Prisons Week (www.prisonsworld.org)

Lord, you offer freedom to all people. We pray for those in prison. Break the bonds of fear and isolation that exist. Support with your love prisoners and their families and friends, prison staff and all who care. Heal those who have been wounded by the actions of others, especially the victims of crime. Help us to forgive one another, to act justly, love mercy and walk humbly together with Christ in his strength and in his Spirit, now and every day. Amen.

Tuesday: East Stour

Faithful Father, please bless all who live or work in East Stour. We thank you for the sacred space of our church building and for the thousands of people who have worshipped there over the years. We pray that you will guide our plans for its maintenance, and its future at the heart of the community. We pray especially for the current restoration of the stonework, and all involved in that, that you will guide them and keep them safe. 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; prisoners



God of compassion, comfort and heal all who are afflicted in body, mind or spirit. We pray for all prisoners. May those who have committed crimes repent and learn of your love and forgiveness. Give them the opportunity of a fresh start. Give to those who are unjustly imprisoned courage and hope in their ordeal and swift release.

We pray also for those recently released. May they have safe, welcoming places to call home, a chance at employment and support to create a new life without reoffending. Amen.

Thursday: Making Jesus Known

Holy Lord, we pray that your Church, in every nation and of every denomination, will seek to make Jesus known, through their deeds and their words, that all may flourish and grow, seeking your kingdom, here and now. Amen.

Friday: World Food Day

Merciful God, thank you that we have sufficient to eat, and easy access to provision for our daily needs. We cry out for those who do not. Provide food for the starving and hope for the hopeless.

Raise leaders, organizations, and communities that will work together to eliminate hunger. Let resources be shared justly so that no one is left behind. We pray for farmers throughout the world, that they will have favourable weather, resilient crops and fair prices for their goods. Amen.



Saturday: Ourselves: A Prayer from St Columba of Iona

Alone with none but thee, my God, I journey on my way. What need I fear, when thou art near, O King of night and day? More safe I am within thy hand than if a host did round me stand. Amen.

Appeal from Archbishop Stephen Dokolo for funding for the Diocese of Lui to help with the Lui Hospital and medical care, from Pauline Batstone (Deanery Lay Chair) and Revd Canon Tim Heaton (Rural Dean)

When we were visiting back in 2012 the hospital in Lui was being financed and run by an Italian charity, with some support from the South Sudan Government. Since our visit the standard of buildings on the hospital campus has been radically improved but the Italian charity has pulled out because of concerns about the safety of their staff.

So now Archbishop Stephen finds himself, or at least the hospital, in a desperate situation. His message today is:

"I am writing from the Diocese of Lui to submit a special appeal to you about the needs in Lui Missionary Hospital. The hospital is currently suffering terrible because there is medicines in the hospital store. There is no diesel for running the generator, there is no Ambulance in the hospital. The workers has not received incentives for period of more than six months. The situation is terrible. We need your help."



We have so much and our fellows in Lui have so little. Please remember them in your thoughts and prayers. If you are able to contribute financially then please send any money either direct to: **Blackmore Vale Deanery Sort Code 30 93 45 (Lloyds) Account No 01175018** or cheques may be posted to our new Deanery Treasurer Annette Newman, Woolland View, Ibberton, Blandford, Dorset DT11 0EJ.

See attached flyer for more information

You can contact Revd Clare on: 01747 838171

Or by email: vicarsvb@gmail.com

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



This Newsletter



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