Stour Vale Benefice

Seven Churches, One Body, One Benefice

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Sunday 25th October *Bible Sunday*

9:15am	Parish Communion Stour Provost
10:30am	Morning Worship Buckhorn Weston (CW)
11:00am	Parish Communion Kington Magna
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), Eoin (SP), Liz (SP), Penny (T), Bunny (T), Margaret (WS) and Tony (WS); for the family and friends of Joan Osborne (BW), Jill Townsley (KM), Mark Hoskins (KM), Christina Symes (KM), Alan Ames (T) and all those who are bereaved.

From the Registers:

Memorial Service & Funeral

Wednesday 28th October – Memorial service for Mark Hoskins 2:30pm at Kington Magna

Friday 30th October – Funeral of Margaret Miller 11:30am at West Stour

May they rest in peace and rise in glory

Deanery Commissioning Service with Bishop Karen

Congratulations to our new LWL and LPAs

David Clack, Annie Bounsall, Mary Riall and Jan Martin.



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

Wednesday 28th – Stour Vale Benefice prayer Group 2pm East Stour Church – *please note the change of day for October only.*

Friday 30th – Light Party – 4:00-5:30pm East Stour Church

For others events around the Benefice see Octavo, the website:
https://stourvalebenefice.org.uk/
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Readings Sunday 25th October *Bible Sunday*

Nehemiah 8.1–4a [5–6] 8–12 Psalm 119.9–16
Colossians 3.12–17 Matthew 24.30–35

Psalm 119.9–16 (NIV)

How can a young person stay on the path of purity?
By living according to your word.
10 I seek you with all my heart;
do not let me stray from your commands.
11 I have hidden your word in my heart
that I might not sin against you.
12 Praise be to you, Lord;
teach me your decrees.
13 With my lips I recount
all the laws that come from your mouth.
14 I rejoice in following your statutes
as one rejoices in great riches.
15 I meditate on your precepts
and consider your ways.
16 I delight in your decrees;
I will not neglect your word.

Colossians 3.12–17 (NIV)

Therefore, as God's chosen people, holy and dearly loved, clothe yourselves with compassion, kindness, humility, gentleness and patience. 13 Bear with each other and forgive one another if any of you has a grievance against someone. Forgive as the Lord forgave you. 14 And over all these virtues put on love, which binds them all together in perfect unity.
15 Let the peace of Christ rule in your hearts, since as members of one body you were called to peace. And be thankful. 16 Let the message of Christ dwell among you richly as you teach and admonish one another with all wisdom through psalms, hymns, and songs from the Spirit, singing to God with gratitude in your hearts. 17 And whatever you do, whether in word or deed, do it all in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks to God the Father through him.

Matthew 24.30–35 (NIV)

'Then will appear the sign of the Son of Man in heaven. And then all the peoples of the earth[a] will mourn when they see the Son of Man coming on the clouds of heaven, with power and great glory. 31 And he will send his angels with a loud trumpet call, and they will gather his elect from the four winds, from one end of the heavens to the other.

32 'Now learn this lesson from the fig-tree: as soon as its twigs become tender and its leaves come out, you know that summer is near. 33 Even so, when you see all these things, you know that it[c] is near, right at the door. 34 Truly I tell you, this generation will certainly not pass away until all these things have happened. 35 Heaven and earth will pass away, but my words will never pass away.

Collect and Post Communion Sunday 25th October

Collect

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.
Amen.

Post Communion Prayer

God of all grace,
your Son Jesus Christ fed the hungry
with the bread of his life
and the word of his kingdom:
renew your people with your heavenly grace,
and in all our weakness
sustain us by your true and living bread;
who is alive and reigns, now and for ever.

Prayer in the Benefice –Sunday 25th to Saturday 31st 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 (adminsvb@gmail.com).

Sunday: **Bible Sunday**



Gracious Father, thank you for the Bible. May it always be a lamp to our feet, guiding us and inspiring us. We pray for those who translate your Word into countless languages, bridging the gap for diverse communities. Bless them with wisdom and accuracy. We ask you to ensure the seamless distribution of Bibles, especially in regions where Your Word faces obstacles and opposition, so that more hearts may be illuminated by your wisdom. Amen.

Monday: **World Leaders**

King of Kings, we pray today for statesmen, leaders and rulers. May they be quiet in spirit, clear in judgement, able to understand the issues that face them. Grant them patience and courage, foresight and faith. In their anxieties be their security. In their opportunities be their inspiration. Amen.

Tuesday**: Kington Magna and Nyland**

Faithful Father, please bless all who live or work in Fifehead Magdalen. Please guide those considering the future of the church, both the building and the congregation, that your will may be done. Enhance the unity between the church and the village community, and between the church congregation and other congregations in the benefice. May they support and encourage each other, and seek to glorify you in all they do. We also pray for new arrivals into the village, that you will steer them as they start the next phase of their lives. 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; for all refugees.** A prayer from BRF Ministries:



Life-giving, love-bringing, home-making God, may the shelter of your presence bring hope and healing to all those who have been uprooted and stranded in unfamiliar lands, because of the brokenness of this world, and to all who suffer in body, mind or spirit.

May your blessing rest on all who are in trouble, sorrow, sickness, and need, especially those known personally to us or named above. Bless those who try to help them. Fill them with encouragement and peace. Amen.

***Thursday*: The Church**

Bind us together, Lord, and make us one body in Christ. Break down the divisions between believers. Help us to forget our differences and put aside our prejudices, so that the people of your pilgrim church, led by the Spirit towards your kingdom, may work, pray and live happily together in charity and in peace. Amen.

***Friday:* Today's Light Party and Halloween**

Almighty Lord, we thank you for the opportunities at Halloween to do things as a family, and for the joy that children experience as they 'trick or treat'. Please wrap your arms of protection around them. Keep them safe from traffic dangers and would-be wrongdoers. And, most importantly, keep them safe from the evil forces that work to separate them from your love.

We pray that many will come to the Light Party, that they will have fun, be safe, and leave knowing more about you and being comfortable in church. May all our actions today and tomorrow point people to you, without quashing their fun. Amen.



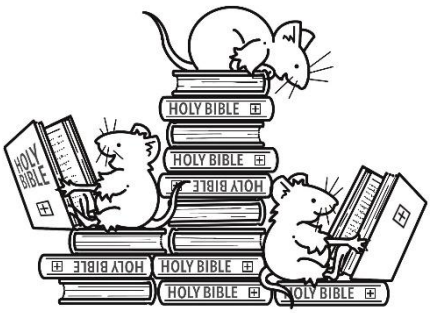
***Saturday:* Ourselves:**

God be in me this day; God ever with me stay; God be in the night; Keep me by your light; God be in my heart; God abide, never depart. Amen.



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



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