



Stour Vale Benefice

Seven Churches, One Body, One Benefice

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Sunday 18th October *Luke the Evangelist*

8:45am Breakfast Church Buckhorn Weston Village Hall
10:00am Family Service Todber
10:30am Parish Communion West Stour
6:00pm Evensong East Stour (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:

Wedding of Tom Bishop and Heidi Standfield – Saturday 17th October at East Stour
We pray for your lives together

Funerals/Memorial Services

Wednesday 21st October – Funeral of Joan Osborne 12pm at Buckhorn Weston
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

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.

Other Benefice services/events coming up in October

Every Wednesday – Said Holy Communion 10:30am East Stour Church
2nd Wednesday of the month will 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.

Please Note Benefice Lunch has been cancelled this month

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/>

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



Readings Sunday 18th October

Luke the Evangelist

Acts 16.6–12a

Psalm 147.1–7

2 Timothy 4.5–17

Luke 10.1–9

Psalm 147:1-7 (NIV)

Praise the Lord.

How good it is to sing praises to our God,
how pleasant and fitting to praise him!

² The Lord builds up Jerusalem;
he gathers the exiles of Israel.

³ He heals the broken-hearted
and binds up their wounds.

⁴ He determines the number of the stars
and calls them each by name.

⁵ Great is our Lord and mighty in power;
his understanding has no limit.

⁶ The Lord sustains the humble
but casts the wicked to the ground.

⁷ Sing to the Lord with grateful praise;
make music to our God on the harp.

2 Timothy 4.5–17 (NIV)

But you, keep your head in all situations, endure hardship, do the work of an evangelist, discharge all the duties of your ministry.

⁶ For I am already being poured out like a drink offering, and the time for my departure is near.

⁷ I have fought the good fight, I have finished the race, I have kept the faith. ⁸ Now there is in store for me the crown of righteousness, which the Lord, the righteous Judge, will award to me on that day – and not only to me, but also to all who have longed for his appearing.

⁹ Do your best to come to me quickly, ¹⁰ for Demas, because he loved this world, has deserted me and has gone to Thessalonica. Crescens has gone to Galatia, and Titus to Dalmatia. ¹¹ Only Luke is with me. Get Mark and bring him with you, because he is helpful to me in my ministry. ¹² I sent Tychicus to Ephesus. ¹³ When you come, bring the cloak that I left with Carpus at Troas, and my scrolls, especially the parchments.

¹⁴ Alexander the metalworker did me a great deal of harm. The Lord will repay him for what he has done. ¹⁵ You too should be on your guard against him, because he strongly opposed our message.

¹⁶ At my first defence, no one came to my support, but everyone deserted me. May it not be held against them. ¹⁷ But the Lord stood at my side and gave me strength, so that through me the message might be fully proclaimed and all the Gentiles might hear it. And I was delivered from the lion's mouth.

Luke 10.1–9 (NIV)

After this the Lord appointed seventy-two others and sent them two by two ahead of him to every town and place where he was about to go. ² He told them, 'The harvest is plentiful, but the workers are few. Ask the Lord of the harvest, therefore, to send out workers into his harvest field. ³ Go! I am sending you out like lambs among wolves. ⁴ Do not take a purse or bag or sandals; and do not greet anyone on the road.

⁵ 'When you enter a house, first say, "Peace to this house." ⁶ If someone who promotes peace is there, your peace will rest on them; if not, it will return to you. ⁷ Stay there, eating and drinking whatever they give you, for the worker deserves his wages. Do not move around from house to house.

⁸ ‘When you enter a town and are welcomed, eat what is offered to you. ⁹ Heal those there who are ill and tell them, “The kingdom of God has come near to you.”

Collect and Post Communion Sunday 18th October

Collect

Almighty God,
you called Luke the physician,
whose praise is in the gospel,
to be an evangelist and physician of the soul:
by the grace of the Spirit
and through the wholesome medicine of the gospel,
give your Church the same love and power to heal;
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

Almighty God,
who on the day of Pentecost
sent your Holy Spirit to the apostles
with the wind from heaven and in tongues of flame,
filling them with joy and boldness to preach the gospel:
by the power of the same Spirit
strengthen us to witness to your truth
and to draw everyone to the fire of your love;
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Prayer in the Benefice – Sunday 18th to Saturday 24th 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: Anti-Slavery Day – A prayer by Revd Rachel Carnegie of the Anglican Alliance: anglicanalliance.org



Loving God, we call to you with hearts in pain for all in our world who suffer the horrors of modern slavery; for all who dream of a better life in another place only to be trapped, tricked and traded; for all those who labour, forced and unseen, to make our everyday possessions; for all who agonise for loved ones lost into this trade in humans.

Your Son came to bring good news to the poor and freedom for the oppressed – may we too be voices against oppression, channels of good news; may our eyes be opened wide to all who suffer in our midst but out of sight. All this we pray to you, loving God, for whom no one is invisible. Amen.

Monday: The Environment

Faithful Lord, we are sorry for the damage being done to your beautiful world. We pray that you will undo the harm caused by pollution, litter, greed and the squandering of earth's precious resources. Give everyone an appreciation of the value of creation; influence those who can make a difference to do so; and show us how we can play our part. Amen.

Tuesday: Fifehead Magdalen

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; the bereaved



God our healer, lift the shadow of suffering from all who are ill, lonely, depressed or bereaved. We pray especially for the family and friends of Joan and Margaret, whose funerals are imminent, Mark whose thanksgiving service is next week and Jill who died unexpectedly last week. Comfort them with your presence. Amen.

Thursday: Commissioning of Lay Worship Leader and Lay Pastoral Assistants today

God of mercy and love, new birth by water and the spirit is your gift, a gift that none can take away. Grant that your servants being commissioned today may grow into the fullness of the stature of Christ. Fill them with the joy of your presence, and increase in them the fruit of your Spirit, the Spirit of wisdom and understanding, love, patience and gentleness, that they may be instruments of your love across the Deanery to the glory of your Holy Name. Amen.

Friday: Those serving in the Emergency Services and the Armed Forces

Loving Lord, thank you for those who 'run towards danger' to keep us safe and free. We honour their bravery and their sacrifice. Embolden and protect them. Give them courage and loyalty. Bless their loved ones. Amen.

Saturday: Ourselves:

Lord God, creator of the world, we rejoice that you make all things new. Give us grace to trust you daily for fresh love and inspiration, fresh courage and perseverance. Make us always ready to see the new ways you show us and to follow you in whichever direction you lead. Amen.



Lambeth Palace has issued the following statement regarding Bishop Stephen Lake:

"The [two complaints](#) brought against the Bishop of Salisbury, Stephen Lake, under the Clergy Discipline Measure, will now proceed to the next stage and Bishop Stephen has been asked to respond to the allegations. He has been suspended from ministry by the Archbishop of Canterbury. Suspension is a neutral act while the allegations are progressed under the Clergy Discipline Measure 2003.

"The complaints were brought following allegations of financial misconduct and concerns raised with the National Safeguarding Team relating to his conduct."

The statement is also available on the national church website here [Bishop Stephen Lake | The Church of England](#). Bishop Karen remains Acting Bishop of Salisbury.

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

