Stour Vale Benefice

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Sunday 1st November *All Saints Day*

9:15am Parish Communion Todber
10:00am Morning Worship West Stour (CW)
11:00am Parish Communion East Stour
5:00pm All Souls Service of Remembrance Fifehead Magdalen

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 Daphne Watts (BW), Joan Osborne (BW), Jill Townsley (KM), Mark Hoskins (KM), Christina Symes (KM), Alan Ames (T) and all those who are bereaved.

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Annual All Souls Service of Remembrance and Thanksgiving

You are warmly invited to join us on

Sunday 1st November at 5.00pm

St Mary Magdalene Church, Fifehead Magdalen



This special service is an opportunity to give thanks for the lives of those we love but see no longer and to hold before God the precious memories we carry in our hearts.

It will be a quiet, reflective service of prayer, thanksgiving and remembrance.



There will be an opportunity to light a candle in memory of someone special, and the names of those we remember will be read aloud.

All are welcome, whether your loss is recent or from many years ago. We hope you will find comfort in sharing this time of remembrance with others.



8th November – Remembrance Sunday

Said Communion at 9:15am East Stour

Remembrance Service at 10:30am
Buckhorn Weston



From the Registers:

Baptism: Sunday 1st November – Patrick Payne, 2pm at Buckhorn Weston
We welcome him into God's family

Other Benefice services/events coming up in November

Every Wednesday – Said Holy Communion 10:30am East Stour Church
2nd Wednesday of the month with be a Healing Communion service

Monday 16th - Knit and Natter 2:30pm East Stour Village Hall

WEDNESDAY 18th – Benefice Lunch 12:30pm Lakeside Kitchen – ***new menu*** *please check before placing your order with Jill by Wednesday 11th November*

Friday 27th – Stour Vale Benefice prayer Group 2pm 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 1st November *All Saints Day*

Revelation 7.9–end
1 John 3.1–3
Psalm 34.1–10
Matthew 5.1–12

Psalm 34.1–10 (NIV)

I will extol the Lord at all times;
his praise will always be on my lips.
2 I will glory in the Lord;
let the afflicted hear and rejoice.
3 Glorify the Lord with me:
let us exalt his name together.
4 I sought the Lord, and he answered me;
he delivered me from all my fears.
5 Those who look to him are radiant;
their faces are never covered with shame.
6 This poor man called, and the Lord heard him;
he saved him out of all his troubles.
7 The angel of the Lord encamps around those who fear him,
and he delivers them.
8 Taste and see that the Lord is good;
blessed is the one who takes refuge in him.
9 Fear the Lord, you his holy people,
for those who fear him lack nothing.
10 The lions may grow weak and hungry,
but those who seek the Lord lack no good thing.

1 John 3.1–3 (NIV)

See what great love the Father has lavished on us, that we should be called children of God! And that is what we are! The reason the world does not know us is that it did not know him. 2 Dear friends, now we are children of God, and what we will be has not yet been made known. But we know that when Christ appears,[a] we shall be like him, for we shall see him as he is. 3 All who have this hope in him purify themselves, just as he is pure.

Matthew 5.1–12 (NIV)

Now when Jesus saw the crowds, he went up on a mountainside and sat down. His disciples came to him, 2 and he began to teach them.

The Beatitudes

He said:

3 ‘Blessed are the poor in spirit,
for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.
4 Blessed are those who mourn,
for they will be comforted.
5 Blessed are the meek,
for they will inherit the earth.
6 Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for righteousness,
for they will be filled.
7 Blessed are the merciful,
for they will be shown mercy.
8 Blessed are the pure in heart,
for they will see God.
9 Blessed are the peacemakers,
for they will be called children of God.
10 Blessed are those who are persecuted because of righteousness,
for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.
11 ‘Blessed are you when people insult you, persecute you and falsely say all kinds of evil against you because of me. 12 Rejoice and be glad, because great is your reward in heaven, for in the same way they persecuted the prophets who were before you.

Collect and Post Communion Sunday 1st November

Collect
God of holiness,
your glory is proclaimed in every age:
as we rejoice in the faith of your saints,
inspire us to follow their example
with boldness and joy;
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Post Communion Prayer
God, the source of all holiness and giver of all good things:
may we who have shared at this table
as strangers and pilgrims here on earth
be welcomed with all your saints
to the heavenly feast on the day of your kingdom;
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Prayer in the Benefice –Sunday 1st to Saturday 7th November

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: **Church Events: Services in the Benefice; Engagement with Families and Children**



O Lord our God, you are worthy to receive glory and honour. Please bless all the services in the Benefice this week, that you may be worshipped and honoured through them. We pray particularly for the Baptism of Patrick at Buckhorn Weston today. Inspire us to find opportunities to engage with families, and guide our interactions with children and young people, so that they will be drawn into a closer relationship with you. Amen.

Monday: **Police Officers and the Communities they Serve**

Lord our Protector, we pray for strong, positive connections to flourish between our police officers and the communities they serve. Help our police officers be seen as partners in promoting safety and justice. Grant them the opportunity to engage with community members, building relationships based on mutual respect and understanding. Give all our police officers wisdom and discernment in the face of complex situations. Amen.

Tuesday**: Stour Provost**



Faithful Father, please bless all who live or work in Stour Provost. We pray for the village community: for the relationships between neighbours, that they may support those in need. For the businesses and farms, that they may prosper and have a positive impact on the community and the environment. For the Village Hall and all the activities held there. May your presence be tangible in all that happens in the village, may your light shine into dark places, your glory be revealed and may your will be done. 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; those who struggle financially.**



Merciful Father, you are the source of all health and healing, all strength and peace. Pour your healing power onto those who are ill and those who mourn. Bless all those who have insufficient income to meet their needs; all those who worry how to feed their families, pay the rent, or heat their homes; all those who have got into debt beyond their ability to repay. Provide for them and give them peace. Amen.

Thursday**: The Diocese of Salisbury**

Lord of the Church, we pray for our Diocese: for Bishop Karen covering for two roles in addition to her own; for all the clergy; for the staff in the Diocesan Offices and for all who worship in the churches. Inspire us with creative ways to fund our activities and our buildings. Provide us with the resources to do your Will in our Benefice, in the Diocese and throughout the Church of England. Bless us all in our efforts to Make Jesus Known. Amen.

Friday: **Give thanks**



Generous Lord, thank you for the many blessings you pour out on us, our loved ones, our Benefice, our country and our world. Help us to recognise your actions in our lives, and to be grateful for all that you do for us. Amen.

Saturday: **Ourselves:** *A prayer by Marquerite Bourgeouys, c.1700*

Lord, I know you created me for a special purpose, to serve you in a unique way. You have given me a gift, and talents, a certain something no-one else has. Help me to be a valuable link in the chain of humanity. Help me to find peace and meaning in what I do, knowing no one else can be me. Amen.



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

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