Stour Vale Benefice

Seven Churches, One Body, One Benefice

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Sunday 8th November *Remembrance Sunday*

9:15am Said Communion East Stour
10:30am Remembrance Sunday Buckhorn Weston – see below

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.



8th November – Remembrance Sunday

Remembrance Service at 10:30am
Buckhorn Weston

Parking is available at the Stapleton Arms and the farm at the end of Pound Lane



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

No Mid-Week service on Wednesday 11th November

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 8th November *Remembrance Sunday*

Amos 5.18–24 Psalm 70
1 Thessalonians 4.13–end Matthew 25.1–13

Psalm 70 (NIV)

Hasten, O God, to save me;
come quickly, Lord, to help me.
2 May those who want to take my life
be put to shame and confusion;
may all who desire my ruin
be turned back in disgrace.
3 May those who say to me, 'Aha! Aha!'
turn back because of their shame.
4 But may all who seek you
rejoice and be glad in you;
may those who long for your saving help always say,
'The Lord is great!'
5 But as for me, I am poor and needy;
come quickly to me, O God.
You are my help and my deliverer;
Lord, do not delay.

1 Thessalonians 4.13–end (NIV)

Brothers and sisters, we do not want you to be uninformed about those who sleep in death, so that you do not grieve like the rest of mankind, who have no hope. 14 For we believe that Jesus died and rose again, and so we believe that God will bring with Jesus those who have fallen asleep in him. 15 According to the Lord's word, we tell you that we who are still alive, who are left until the coming of the Lord, will certainly not precede those who have fallen asleep. 16 For the Lord himself will come down from heaven, with a loud command, with the voice of the archangel and with the trumpet call of God, and the dead in Christ will rise first. 17 After that, we who are still alive and are left will be caught up together with them in the clouds to meet the Lord in the air. And so we will be with the Lord for ever. 18 Therefore encourage one another with these words.

Matthew 25.1–13 (NIV)

'At that time the kingdom of heaven will be like ten virgins who took their lamps and went out to meet the bridegroom. 2 Five of them were foolish and five were wise. 3 The foolish ones took their lamps but did not take any oil with them. 4 The wise ones, however, took oil in jars along with their lamps. 5 The bridegroom was a long time in coming, and they all became drowsy and fell asleep.

6 'At midnight the cry rang out: "Here's the bridegroom! Come out to meet him!"

7 'Then all the virgins woke up and trimmed their lamps. 8 The foolish ones said to the wise, "Give us some of your oil; our lamps are going out."

9 '"No," they replied, "there may not be enough for both us and you. Instead, go to those who sell oil and buy some for yourselves."

10 'But while they were on their way to buy the oil, the bridegroom arrived. The virgins who were ready went in with him to the wedding banquet. And the door was shut.

11 'Later the others also came. "Lord, Lord," they said, "open the door for us!"

12 'But he replied, "Truly I tell you, I don't know you."

13 'Therefore keep watch, because you do not know the day or the hour.

Collect and Post Communion Sunday 8th November

Collect

Almighty Father,
whose will is to restore all things

in your beloved Son, the King of all:
govern the hearts and minds of those in authority,
and bring the families of the nations,
divided and torn apart by the ravages of sin,
to be subject to his just and gentle rule;
who is alive and reigns with you,
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
one God, now and for ever.
Amen.

Post Communion Prayer
God of peace,
whose Son Jesus Christ proclaimed the kingdom
and restored the broken to wholeness of life:
look with compassion on the anguish of the world,
and by your healing power
make whole both people and nations;
through our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ.

Prayer in the Benefice –Sunday 8th to Saturday 14th 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 and Events in the Benefice, especially Remembrance Sunday**



We praise you, O God; We acknowledge you to be the Lord. We ask you to bless today's services, our Wednesday Communion service, Prayer Group on Friday, and all the other services happening over the next few weeks. May they be well attended, be an opportunity for all to worship you and encourage all who come to want to find out more about Jesus and get to know you better. We pray especially for the fallen and injured in conflict, and remember their sacrifice in our Remembrance Service. Amen.

Monday: **Those who are hungry and cold**

Jesus, you fed the hungry crowds with your overwhelming generous heart. Inspire your Church as the winter weather starts to bite, to be generous in love. Help us all go beyond our normal routine church services, and start a fire within us to move us into action to help those in need. Make our congregation more than a building of people, but a family of brothers and sisters that welcomes everyone with open arms. Encourage us to use our spiritual gifts in unique ways so that nobody in our community is forgotten, and everyone finds hope through you. Amen.

Tuesday**: Our villages**

God of hope, thank you for the villages and communities that we can call our home. We ask that you'll help unite us all so that we can love our neighbours as ourselves. Help us look out for those who feel alone and support those who are struggling. Fill us with encouragement so that we can work together for a kinder, fairer community. Help us be generous people so that our communities can reflect your abundant love. Amen.

Wednesday**: Remembrance Day**

Father of all, remember your holy promise, and look with love on all your people, living and departed. On this day, as we remember those who lost their lives in war, we especially ask that you would hold forever all who have suffered during war, those who returned scarred by



warfare, those who waited anxiously at home, and those who returned wounded, and disillusioned; those who mourned, and those communities that were diminished and suffered loss. Remember too those who acted with kindly compassion, those who bravely risked their own lives for their comrades, and those who in the aftermath of war, worked tirelessly for a more peaceful world. And as you remember them, remember us, O Lord; grant us peace in our time and a longing for the day when people of every language, race, and nation will be brought into the unity of Christ's kingdom. This we ask in the name of the same Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

***Thursday*: Those Who Pray**

Almighty God, we thank you for all who uphold, in prayer, our Benefice, our churches and us as individuals. May all of us be faithful to pray for those in need, for our communities and for our Benefice, that through our prayers your will may be done and your Kingdom come. Amen.

***Friday:* Your World**



Merciful God, your world is hurting; in addition to the many seemingly endless and tragic conflicts inflicting suffering on people in Ukraine, the Persian Gulf, the Eastern Mediterranean, and, largely unseen, a number of African countries; lives have also been blighted by natural disasters and tragic accidents, most recently in Spain. Comfort those who have lost loved ones, homes, and livelihoods, and bring hope to those who are missing and to their anxious families. Protect the rescuers and emergency workers, and inspire governments and communities to respond with compassion and generosity. May those who are suffering know your presence, comfort and peace. Amen.

***Saturday:* All who are ill or bereaved, especially those listed on the first page of the newsletter we have specifically been asked to pray for; victims of crime**



Compassionate God, we pray for all who we know who are housebound and in nursing homes; those in hospitals, in recovery, and rehabilitation. We thank you for our local hospitals, health centres and clinics and for all those working in sheltered accommodation and care homes. We pray for all those who are bereaved, and all who are victims of crime or anti-social behaviour. Amen.



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Please Note: Clare will be taking Monday and Tuesday off this week.

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