Stour Vale Benefice

Seven Churches, One Body, One Benefice

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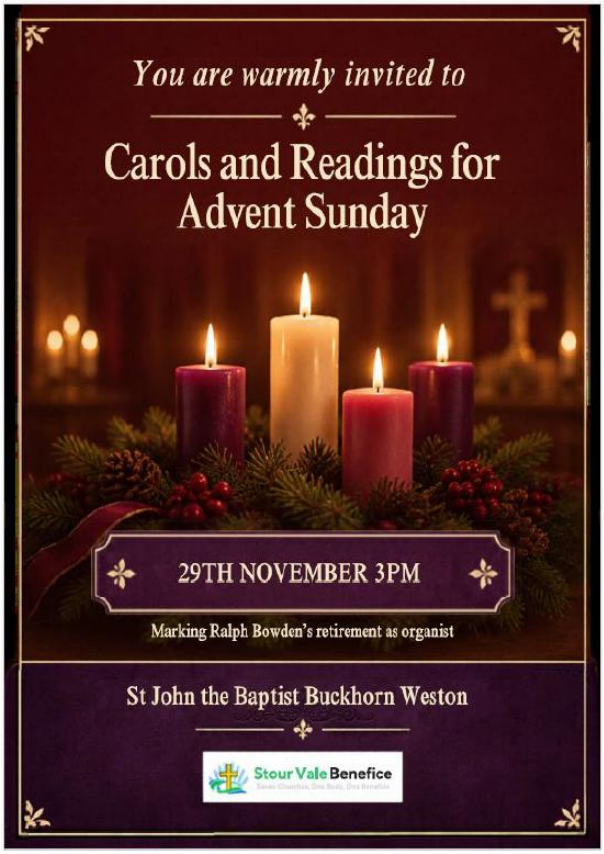
Sunday 22nd November *Christ the King*

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), Liz (SP), Penny (T), Bunny (T), Richard (WS), Margaret (WS) and Tony (WS); for the families and friends of Daphne Watts (BW), Joan Osborne (BW), Gill Townsley (KM), Mark Hoskins (KM), Christina Symes (KM), Eoin Ashton Johnson (SP), and all those who are bereaved.



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

Friday 27th – Stour Vale Benefice prayer Group 2pm East Stour Church

Sunday 29th – Carols and Readings for Advent Sunday 3pm Buckhorn Weston

For others events around the Benefice see Octavo, the website: **https://stourvalebenefice.org.uk/**
Or Facebook:
www.facebook.com/profile.php?id=100089949903748

From the Registers: Funerals:

Wednesday 2nd December for Gill Townsley – 2pm at Kington Magna
Friday 4th December Thanksgiving for Eoin Ashton Johnson – 11:30am at Stour Provost
May they rest in peace and rise in glory



Readings Sunday 22nd November *Christ the King*
Ezekiel 34.11–16, 20–24 Psalm 95.1–7
Ephesians 1.15–end Matthew 25.31–end

Psalm 95.1–7 (NIV)

Come, let us sing for joy to the Lord;
let us shout aloud to the Rock of our salvation.
2 Let us come before him with thanksgiving
and extol him with music and song.
3 For the Lord is the great God,
the great King above all gods.
4 In his hand are the depths of the earth,
and the mountain peaks belong to him.
5 The sea is his, for he made it,
and his hands formed the dry land.
6 Come, let us bow down in worship,
let us kneel before the Lord our Maker;
7 for he is our God
and we are the people of his pasture,
the flock under his care.

Ephesians 1.15–end (NIV)

For this reason, ever since I heard about your faith in the Lord Jesus and your love for all God's people, 16 I have not stopped giving thanks for you, remembering you in my prayers. 17 I keep asking that the God of our Lord Jesus Christ, the glorious Father, may give you the Spirit[a] of wisdom and revelation, so that you may know him better. 18 I pray that the eyes of your heart may be enlightened in order that you may know the hope to which he has called you, the riches of his glorious inheritance in his holy people, 19 and his incomparably great power for us who believe. That power is the same as the mighty strength 20 he exerted when he raised Christ from the dead and seated him at his right hand in the heavenly realms, 21 far above all rule and authority, power and dominion, and every name that is invoked, not only in the present age but also in the one to come. 22 And God placed all things under his feet and appointed him to be head over everything for the church, 23 which is his body, the fullness of him who fills everything in every way.

Matthew 25.31–end (NIV)

'When the Son of Man comes in his glory, and all the angels with him, he will sit on his glorious throne. 32 All the nations will be gathered before him, and he will separate the people one from another as a shepherd separates the sheep from the goats. 33 He will put the sheep on his right and the goats on his left.

34 'Then the King will say to those on his right, "Come, you who are blessed by my Father; take your inheritance, the kingdom prepared for you since the creation of the world. 35 For I was hungry and you gave me something to eat, I was thirsty and you gave me something to drink, I was a stranger and you invited me in, 36 I needed clothes and you clothed me, I was ill and you looked after me, I was in prison and you came to visit me."

37 'Then the righteous will answer him, "Lord, when did we see you hungry and feed you, or thirsty and give you something to drink? 38 When did we see you a stranger and invite you in, or needing clothes and clothe you? 39 When did we see you ill or in prison and go to visit you?"

40 'The King will reply, "Truly I tell you, whatever you did for one of the least of these brothers and sisters of mine, you did for me."

41 'Then he will say to those on his left, "Depart from me, you who are cursed, into the eternal fire prepared for the devil and his angels. 42 For I was hungry and you gave me nothing to eat, I was thirsty and you gave me nothing to drink, 43 I was a stranger and you did not invite me in, I needed clothes and you did not clothe me, I was ill and in prison and you did not look after me."

44 'They also will answer, "Lord, when did we see you hungry or thirsty or a stranger or needing clothes or ill or in prison, and did not help you?"

45 ‘He will reply, “Truly I tell you, whatever you did not do for one of the least of these, you did not do for me.”
46 ‘Then they will go away to eternal punishment, but the righteous to eternal life.’

Collect and Post Communion Sunday 22nd November

Collect
God the Father,
help us to hear the call of Christ the King
and to follow in his service,
whose kingdom has no end;
for he reigns with you and the Holy Spirit,
one God, one glory.
Amen.

Post Communion Prayer
Stir up, O Lord,
the wills of your faithful people;
that they, plenteously bringing forth the fruit of good works,
may by you be plenteously rewarded;
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Prayer in the Benefice –Sunday 22nd to Saturday 28th 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: **Appointing a New Bishop of Ramsbury –** A prayer from Salisbury Diocese



Gracious God, we ask that you send us a new Bishop who loves you, is faithful and prayerful, who will teach your Word, who has a real love for people, and who will lead your church effectively. Guide all who help find this person, lead them not to the one we think we want, but to the one you know we need. In this whole process, may your will alone be done. Amen.

Monday: **Young People**

Lord Jesus, you know the challenges of growing up and finding your place in society. We ask you to bless and guide all the young people in our communities and in our country, as they struggle with the pressures of finding work or funding education; dealing with peer pressure; forming meaningful and healthy relationships and developing self-worth. Give us wisdom in our interactions with them; patience and compassion in our attitude towards them. Draw them into a loving relationship with you. Amen.

Tuesday**: West Stour**
Faithful Father, please bless all who live or work in West Stour. We thank you that the restoration work on the bells is nearing completion and ask that as they ring out they will call the whole community to worship you and glorify you. 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; all facing adversity –** a prayer from Malawi



So fill us with your Spirit, O Lord, to think and pray for our friends who are in adversity, that they may grow from strength to strength; finding their joy in you. Repel every anxiety and discouragement. May they develop a childlike faith and trust in you, the Almighty. Amen.

***Thursday*: The Persecuted Church in Sudan –** A prayer from Open Doors (www.opendoorsuk.org)

Lord Jesus, we pray for Your peace to rain down on Sudan. We pray for the future of Your church, that it may continue to be salt and light in their dark country. Please protect our brothers and sisters there and provide all they need during this incredibly difficult time. We pray that Christians will not be seen as a threat by society and warring factions, but as a blessing in their communities. In Jesus' name, Amen.

***Friday:* Friends**



We thank you, Lord, for the circle of friends you have given us; those we know well, who understand us best and on whom we can always rely. May that circle not be a narrow one. Help us to enlarge it and bring others inside it, so that both they and we may be enriched by our friendship. Amen.

***Saturday:* Ourselves**

Holy Spirit of God, source of knowledge and creator of fellowship, open our minds to recognise the truth and our hearts to welcome it, that in company together we may learn your will and be strengthened to obey it. Teach us the best way of doing the best things, lest we spoil the end by inadvertent means. Amen.

Advent Appeal to support Archbishop Stephen Dokolo with funding for the Diocese of Lui to help with the Lui Hospital and medical care



You will remember that in October we highlighted the urgent need for funding for the Lui Hospital from Archbishop Stephen.

His message was:

> *"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 terribly 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 have not received incentives for a 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

And to support this our Collection at the Advent Sunday Carol service will go to the Lui appeal.



You can contact Revd Clare on: 01747 838171
Or by email: vicarsvb@gmail.com

Please Note: Clare is away Monday to Friday this week.

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