

# The Benefice of Chew Valley East

## Morning Prayer for Sunday 7 June 2026, The First Sunday after Trinity

*If you wish to join in the service, then the words in **bold** are to be said together.  
Please join in with the Psalms and Canticles – by reciting each one in its entirety.*

### Preparation

O Lord, open our lips  
**and our mouth shall proclaim your praise.**

Blessed are you, creator of all,  
to you be praise and glory for ever.  
As your dawn renews the face of the earth  
bringing light and life to all creation,  
may we rejoice in this day you have made;  
as we wake refreshed from the depths of sleep,  
open our eyes to behold your presence  
and strengthen our hands to do your will,  
that the world may rejoice and give you praise.  
Blessed be God, Father, Son and Holy Spirit.  
**Blessed be God for ever.**

The night has passed, and the day lies open before us;  
let us pray with one heart and mind.

*Silence is kept.*

As we rejoice in the gift of this new day,  
so may the light of your presence, O God,  
set our hearts on fire with love for you;  
now and for ever. **Amen.**

### The Word of God

#### Psalm 50:7-15

<sup>7</sup>Hear, O my people, and I will speak: ♦  
‘I will testify against you, O Israel;  
for I am God, your God.

<sup>8</sup>‘I will not reprove you for your sacrifices, ♦  
for your burnt offerings are always before me.

<sup>9</sup>‘I will take no bull out of your house, ♦  
nor he-goat out of your folds,

<sup>10</sup>‘For all the beasts of the forest are mine, ♦  
the cattle upon a thousand hills.

<sup>11</sup>‘I know every bird of the mountains ♦  
and the insect of the field is mine.

<sup>12</sup>‘If I were hungry, I would not tell you, ♦  
for the whole world is mine and all that fills it.

<sup>13</sup>‘Do you think I eat the flesh of bulls, ♦  
or drink the blood of goats?

<sup>14</sup>‘Offer to God a sacrifice of thanksgiving ♦  
and fulfil your vows to God Most High.

<sup>15</sup>‘Call upon me in the day of trouble; ♦  
I will deliver you and you shall honour me.’

**Glory to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit;  
as it was in the beginning is now and shall be for ever. Amen.**

### **First Reading: Romans 4:13-25**

<sup>13</sup>The promise that Abraham would inherit the world did not come to Abraham or to his descendants through the law but through the righteousness of faith. <sup>14</sup>If it is the adherents of the law who are to be the heirs, faith is null and the promise is void. <sup>15</sup>For the law brings wrath; but where there is no law, neither is there violation.

<sup>16</sup>For this reason it depends on faith, in order that the promise may rest on grace and be guaranteed to all his descendants, not only to the adherents of the law but also to those who share the faith of Abraham (for he is the father of all of us,

<sup>17</sup>as it is written, ‘I have made you the father of many nations’). Abraham believed in the presence of the God who gives life to the dead and calls into existence the things that do not exist. <sup>18</sup>Hoping against hope, he believed that he would become ‘the father of many nations,’ according to what was said, ‘So numerous shall your descendants be.’ <sup>19</sup>He did not weaken in faith when he considered his own body, which was already as good as dead (for he was about a hundred years old), or when he considered the barrenness of Sarah’s womb.

<sup>20</sup>No distrust made him waver concerning the promise of God, but he grew strong in his faith as he gave glory to God, <sup>21</sup>being fully convinced that God was able to do what he had promised. <sup>22</sup>Therefore his faith ‘was reckoned to him as righteousness.’ <sup>23</sup>Now the words, ‘it was reckoned to him,’ were written not for his sake alone, <sup>24</sup>but for ours also. It will be reckoned to us who believe in God who raised Jesus our Lord from the dead, <sup>25</sup>who was handed over to death for our trespasses and was raised for our justification.

## **Canticle**

**Splendour and majesty are yours, O God;  
you are exalted as head over all.**

<sup>1</sup>Blessed are you, God of Israel, for ever and ever, ♦  
for yours is the greatness, the power,  
the glory, the splendour and the majesty.

<sup>2</sup>Everything in heaven and on earth is yours; ♦  
yours is the kingdom, O Lord,  
and you are exalted as head over all.

<sup>3</sup>Riches and honour come from you ♦  
and you rule over all.

<sup>4</sup>In your hand are power and might; ♦  
yours it is to give power and strength to all.

<sup>5</sup>And now we give you thanks, our God, ♦  
and praise your glorious name.

<sup>6</sup>For all things come from you, ♦  
and of your own have we given you.

*1 Chronicles 29.10b-13, 14b*

**Glory to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit;  
as it was in the beginning is now and shall be for ever. Amen.**

**Splendour and majesty are yours, O God;  
you are exalted as head over all.**

## **Second Reading: Matthew 9:9-13, 18-26**

<sup>9</sup>As Jesus was walking along, he saw a man called Matthew sitting at the tax booth; and he said to him, ‘Follow me.’ And he got up and followed him.

<sup>10</sup>And as he sat at dinner in the house, many tax-collectors and sinners came and were sitting with him and his disciples. <sup>11</sup>When the Pharisees saw this, they said to his disciples, ‘Why does your teacher eat with tax-collectors and sinners?’

<sup>12</sup>But when he heard this, he said, ‘Those who are well have no need of a physician, but those who are sick. <sup>13</sup>Go and learn what this means, “I desire mercy, not sacrifice.” For I have come to call not the righteous but sinners.’

<sup>18</sup>While he was saying these things to them, suddenly a leader of the synagogue came in and knelt before him, saying, ‘My daughter has just died; but come and lay your hand on her, and she will live.’ <sup>19</sup>And Jesus got up and followed him, with his disciples. <sup>20</sup>Then suddenly a woman who had been suffering from haemorrhages for twelve years came up behind him and touched the fringe of his cloak, <sup>21</sup>for she said to herself, ‘If I only touch his cloak, I will be made

well.’ <sup>22</sup>Jesus turned, and seeing her he said, ‘Take heart, daughter; your faith has made you well.’ And instantly the woman was made well. <sup>23</sup>When Jesus came to the leader’s house and saw the flute-players and the crowd making a commotion, <sup>24</sup>he said, ‘Go away; for the girl is not dead but sleeping.’ And they laughed at him. <sup>25</sup>But when the crowd had been put outside, he went in and took her by the hand, and the girl got up. <sup>26</sup>And the report of this spread throughout that district.

## **Responsory**

Awake, O sleeper, and arise from the dead

**And Christ shall give you light.**

You have died and your life is hid with Christ in God.

**Awake, O sleeper, and arise from the dead.**

Set your minds on things that are above,  
not on things that are on the earth.

**And Christ shall give you light.**

When Christ our life appears you will appear with him in glory.

**Awake, O sleeper, and arise from the dead,  
and Christ shall give you light.**

*from Colossians 3*

## **Gospel Canticle: Benedictus**

**You have raised up for us a mighty Saviour,  
born of the house of your servant David.**

<sup>1</sup>Blessed be the Lord the God of Israel, ♦  
who has come to his people and set them free.

<sup>2</sup>He has raised up for us a mighty Saviour, ♦  
born of the house of his servant David.

<sup>3</sup>Through his holy prophets God promised of old ♦  
to save us from our enemies, from the hands of all that hate us,

<sup>4</sup>To show mercy to our ancestors, ♦  
and to remember his holy covenant.

<sup>5</sup>This was the oath God swore to our father Abraham: ♦  
to set us free from the hands of our enemies,

<sup>6</sup>Free to worship him without fear, ♦  
holy and righteous in his sight all the days of our life.

<sup>7</sup>And you, child, shall be called the prophet of the Most High, ♦  
for you will go before the Lord to prepare his way,

<sup>8</sup>To give his people knowledge of salvation ♦  
by the forgiveness of all their sins.

<sup>9</sup>In the tender compassion of our God ♦  
the dawn from on high shall break upon us,

<sup>10</sup>To shine on those who dwell in darkness and the shadow of death, ♦  
and to guide our feet into the way of peace. *Luke 1.68-79*

**Glory to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit;  
as it was in the beginning is now and shall be for ever. Amen.**

**You have raised up for us a mighty Saviour,  
born of the house of your servant David.**

### **Intercessions**

*To the words:* Loving God:  
*Please respond:* **keep us faithful and believing.**

Faithful God, we pray for those whose faith is weak:  
those too distracted by the busyness of life  
to listen out for your still, small voice;  
those who have been so often betrayed  
that they find it hard to trust anyone, even you;  
those whose childhood faith was strong  
but proves inadequate for the realities of adult life.  
We pray for ourselves, that our faith may be strengthened.  
Loving God: **keep us faithful and believing.**

Faithful God, we pray for those whose faith is challenged:  
those facing suffering or ridicule  
as they stand up for justice, freedom or their beliefs;  
those who are ill, dying or bereaved  
asking ‘Why me?’ of you, loving God;  
those whose old beliefs are wavering  
in the light of new thinking, growing knowledge.  
We pray for ourselves, that our faith may endure all things.  
Loving God: **keep us faithful and believing.**

Faithful God, we pray for those who have lost their faith:  
those who cannot find or feel you in their everyday lives;  
those whose experience of suffering or evil  
has destroyed their belief in goodness;  
those whose doubts and questioning

have led them to say ‘There is no God.’

We pray for ourselves, that our faith will survive dark days.

Loving God: **keep us faithful and believing.**

We thank you, God of the past, present, and future,

for all those who kept faith with you

until the end of their earthly lives:

for their example and their encouragement.

In the name of Christ,

who stayed faithful even to death on the cross,

that we might know your faithfulness to us. **Amen.**

### **Collect**

God of truth,

help us to keep your law of love

and to walk in ways of wisdom,

that we may find true life

in Jesus Christ your Son. **Amen.**

### **Lord’s Prayer**

Rejoicing in God’s new creation,

as our Saviour taught us, so we pray

**Our Father in heaven,**

**hallowed be your name,**

**your kingdom come,**

**your will be done,**

**on earth as in heaven.**

**Give us today our daily bread.**

**Forgive us our sins**

**as we forgive those who sin against us.**

**Lead us not into temptation**

**but deliver us from evil.**

**For the kingdom, the power,**

**and the glory are yours**

**now and for ever. Amen.**

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### **Conclusion**

The Lord bless us, and preserve us from all evil,

and keep us in eternal life. **Amen.**

Let us bless the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**