

Stour Vale Letter No.113

Services in the Stour Vale – 5th June - Pentecost

A warm welcome awaits you at our services this week:

9:15am	Todber	Parish Communion (CW)
10:30am	West Stour	Morning Worship (CW)
11:00am	East Stour	Parish Communion (CW)



CW – Common Worship BCP = Book of Common Prayer)

Readings for 5th June



Acts 2:1-21
Romans 8:14-17

Psalm 104:26-36, 37b
John 14:8-17

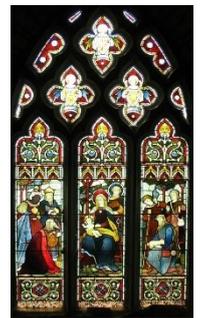
Collect

God, who as at this time taught the hearts of your faithful people by sending to them the light of your Holy Spirit: grant us by the same Spirit to have a right judgement in all things and evermore to rejoice in his holy comfort; through the merits of Christ Jesus our Saviour, who is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever.

Praying for our communities

This week in the Stour Vale we pray for the community in Kington Magna, the congregation of All Saints and all who live and work in and around the village.

Please find a few moments in your week to remember this community.



Regular Benefice Gatherings coming up in June:

Monday 13 th June at 7:30pm	East Stour Church	Compline & Company
Sunday 19 th June at 3pm	Kington Magna	Messy Church
Monday 20 th June at 2:30pm	East Stour Village Hall	Knit & Natter
Monday 27 th June at 10:30am	West Stour Village Hall	Bible Book Group

Events dates for your Diary

Saturday 11th June – Todber Church

Coffee morning & Brunch, 10am – 12 noon



Saturday 25th June - Todber Church

Coffee morning with a gardening theme, 10am – 12 noon

Saturday 9th July – Todber Church

Coffee morning, 10am – 12 noon

Saturday 9th July – Buckhorn Weston Village Hall

Fete and fun dog show starts 2:30pm

Sunday 17th July – East Stour Church

Cream Teas – more information to follow

Sat 23rd / Sun 24th July – Fifehead Magdalen Church

Flower Festival from 3pm – 4:30pm both days, concluding with a Songs of Praise on Sunday at 6:30pm.

Saturday 30th July – Kington Magna Church

The ever-popular Artisan Coffee & Crafts from 10am – 12 noon

See Octavo for other village activities over the next few months!



The Newsletter

Due to Barbara's new job and increased working hours, this Newsletter is now going to be produced by Jill Perry, our *Octavo* magazine editor and administrator. If you would like anything advertised in the weekly newsletter, contact either Jill or Revd Richard.

Pause for Thought

Dem Bones, dem bones

It has been said that the body of any organisation is made up of four types of bones....

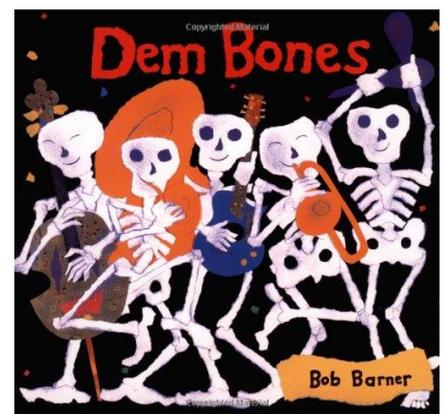
There are the Wishbones – who spend their time wishing someone else would do something about the problem under discussion....

There are the Jawbones – who spend their time talking about the problem.

There are the Knucklebones – who spend their time knocking everything that everyone has already done or would like to do.

Finally, there are the Backbones who quietly come along, get under the load, and carry it!

Which type of bone are you?



With Pentecost in mind...

Come Holy Ghost

Come, Holy Ghost, our souls inspire
And lighten with celestial fire;
Thou the anointing Spirit art,
Who dost Thy sevenfold gifts impart.

Thy blessed unction from above
Is comfort, life, and fire of love;
Enable with perpetual light
The dullness of our blinded sight.

Anoint and cheer our soiled face
With the abundance of Thy grace;
Keep far our foes; give peace at home:
Where thou art guide no ill can come.

Teach us to know the Father, Son,
And Thee of both, to be but One,
That through the ages all along
This may be our endless song,
Praise to Thine eternal merit,
Father, Son and Holy Spirit.

Anonymous prayer, 9th century, translated by John Cosin



Quote of the Week

The Holy Spirit ... writes His own gospel and He writes it in the hearts of the faithful.
Jean-Pierre de Caussade SJ

Prayer for the Queen

Almighty God, whose Son Jesus Christ
exchanged the glory of a heavenly throne
for the form of a servant,
we thank you that you have given Elizabeth our
Queen
a heart to serve her people,
and have kept her devoted in this service
beyond all who were before her:
encourage us by her example to serve one another,



and to seek the common good,
until you call us all to reign with Christ in your eternal kingdom. Amen.

For Your Prayers

The Archbishops' Prayer: God of peace and justice, we pray for the people of Ukraine. We pray for peace and the laying down of weapons. We pray for all those who fear for tomorrow, that your Spirit of comfort would draw near to them. We pray for those with power over war or peace, for wisdom, discernment and compassion to guide their decisions. Above all, we pray for all your precious children, at risk and in fear, that you would hold and protect them. We pray in the name of Jesus, the Prince of Peace. Amen



We pray for Queen Elizabeth II as we celebrate her Platinum Jubilee. We give thanks for the dedication and service she has shown to this country for 70 years and we pray for her good health and safety.

We remember those in our communities who are ill or recovering at home, for those in hospital or care, and for those who are waiting for procedures and surgery, and we remember those who have lost loved ones and miss them. We pray for those who find life difficult, particularly the lonely, isolated and afraid, those who feel themselves forgotten or unloved, and those who are low in spirits or find the world a confusing place. May they all know the healing presence of God's love.

Private Prayer

Many of our churches are open throughout the week for private prayer. Please do take advantage of this, and if you visit our beautiful churches and feel you can make a donation to their life and upkeep, please do so. It would be very much appreciated.



This Newsletter



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