

Stour Vale Letter No.114

Services in the Stour Vale – 12th June – Trinity Sunday

A warm welcome awaits you at our services this week:

9:15am	Buckhorn Weston	Morning Worship (CW)
10:30am	Stour Provost	Morning Prayer (BCP)
11:00am	Fifehead Magdalen	Morning Prayer (CW)
11:00am	Kington Magna	Morning Worship (CW)



CW – Common Worship BCP = Book of Common Prayer

Readings for 12th June



Proverbs 8:1-4, 22-31
Romans 5:1-5

Psalm 8
John 16:12-15

Collect

Almighty and everlasting God, you have given us your servants grace, by the confession of a true faith, to acknowledge the glory of the eternal Trinity and in the power of the divine majesty to worship the Unity: keep us steadfast in this faith, that we may evermore be defended from all adversities; through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord, 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 Stour Provost, the congregation of St Michael and All Angels and all who live and work in and around the village.

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



Please Note: Rev Richard is currently unavailable due to illness. Please contact Jill Perry (01747 838911) in the first instance if you have any queries and she will endeavour to assist.

Regular Benefice Gatherings coming up in June:

Monday 13 th June at 7:30pm	PLEASE NOTE Compline & Company is cancelled .
Sunday 19 th June at 3pm	Kington Magna Messy Church
Monday 20 th June at 2:30pm	East Stour Village Hall Knit & Natter
Friday 24 th June at 2pm	Easter Stour Church Stour Vale Prayer Group
Monday 27 th June at 10:30am	West Stour Village Hall Bible Book Group

Events dates for your Diary

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!

With Trinity Sunday in mind...

Behold, enfold, hold

The Father who created me
With eye benign beholdeth me;
The Son who dearly purchased me
With eye divine enfoldeth me;
The Spirit who so altered me
With eye refining holdeth me;
In friendliness and love the Three
Behold me when I bend the knee.

From an old Celtic prayer



Pause for Thought

Without the Trinity, there is no Christianity

The Trinity is easier to say than to explain. Christians believe in one God, made up of three equal Persons. It is fundamental to the Nicene Creed, which sets out the definitive doctrine of the Trinity for more than two billion Christians worldwide, including all

Dates for
the Diary:

Roman Catholics, Eastern Orthodox, Anglicans, Lutherans, Presbyterians and Reformed Christians.

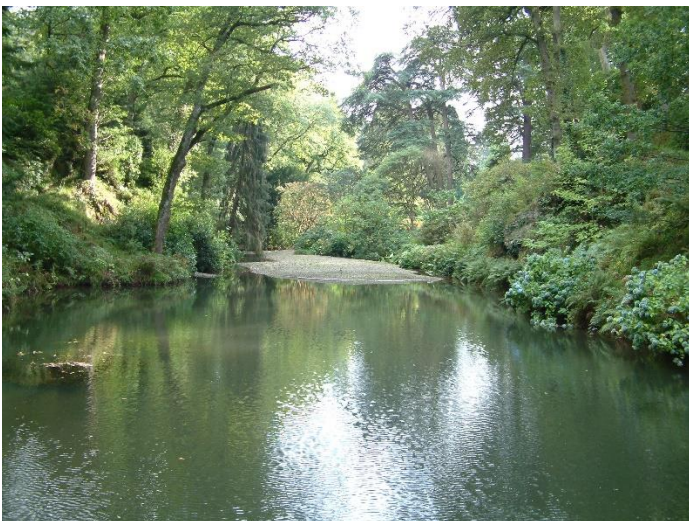
The theologian Ian Paul, writing on the Book of Revelation, points out that chapter five has a wonderful depiction of the Trinity in action. He writes: "...another figure appears in the drama, the lion who looks like a lamb. ... Here is the one who fulfils the hopes of God's people Israel, as the promised anointed Davidic king who was to come. Here is one who is fierce and powerful enough to conquer their enemies, and tear them apart.

"And yet when John sees Him, He is like a weak and vulnerable lamb who has been slaughtered, just as the Passover lamb eaten by the people, the suffering servant who was 'wounded for our transgressions' and the lamb offered as an atoning sacrifice. He is the one who *was* slain, but *now* stands, and shares the throne with God, and with Him sends the Spirit to enact His will on earth. Here we have the most explicit (and perhaps the most complex) Trinitarian statement in the whole New Testament."

From the Revd Dr Ian Paul's excellent blog at:

<https://www.psephizo.com/revelation/what-does-rev-4-5-tell-us-about-the-trinity/>
(dated May 17, 2017)

Quote of the Week



I think that God's works are so beautiful that I am amazed that people can admire them but deny that they have a Maker. –

Commissioner Catherine Bramwell-Booth

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 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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Please remember Richard is currently unavailable due to illness.

Messages can be left on the answerphone, or you can contact Jill Perry, 01747 838911,

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or speak to your church warden, or one of the LLMs

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