

Stour Vale Letter No.115

Services in the Stour Vale – 19th June

A warm welcome awaits you at our services this week:

9:15am West Stour Morning Worship (CW)*

10:00am Todber Morning Prayer (BCP)

6:00pm East Stour Evening Prayer (BCP)



CW – Common Worship BCP = Book of Common Prayer

*Please note that the **Benefice Service for Anthony Thomas** will now take place on **Sunday 17th July at 9:15am at West Stour.**

Readings for 19th June – 1st Sunday after Trinity



Isaiah 65:1-9

Galatians 3:23-end

Psalms 22:19-28

Luke 8:26-39

Collect

O God, the strength of all those who put their trust in you, mercifully accept our prayers and, because through the weakness of our mortal nature we can do no good thing without you, grant us the help of your grace, that in the keeping of your commandments we may please you both in will and deed; 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 Todber, the congregation of St Andrew's 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:

Sunday 19th June at 3pm

Kington Magna

Messy Church

Monday 20th June at 2:30pm

East Stour Village Hall

Knit & Natter

Monday 27th June at 10:30am

West Stour Village Hall

Bible Book Group

You are invited to Bishop Stephen's Inauguration

The long awaited inauguration of Bishop Stephen is finally here - do join us at Salisbury Cathedral on 19th June for a big welcome and celebration.

The service will begin at 3pm on Sunday, and guests are asked to ensure being seated by 2:30pm, as a procession of Clergy and Laity is to begin by 2:40pm, ahead of the main ceremony.

Bishop Stephen invites you to stick around once guests have spilled out onto the West Lawn, where light refreshments will be available.

Don't worry if you can't attend in person, the service will be live streamed [on YouTube](#), and will remain on the Cathedral channels.

For those driving, limited parking will be available.



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 Green

Fete and fun dog show starts 2:30pm – full details will be in the July-August Octavo next week.

Sunday 17th July – East Stour Church

Cream Teas – from 3:30-5pm at Christchurch, £5 on the door followed by Songs of Praise at 5pm.

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!



Help wanted!!

Are you a pianist? Could you occasionally play some hymns in church when a regular organist is unavailable?

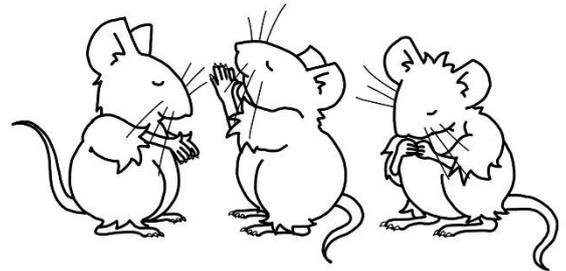
If so, we would love to hear from you. Please contact Ralph Bowden on 01747 822150.

Pause for Thought

Nigel Beeton notes that with all the anxiety around at the moment, Psalm 143 is helpful when it comes to seeking God in prayer. It literally is a cry to God to 'incline His ear to us'...

Hear our Prayer

O hear our prayer, dear Father
 To us incline Your ear!
 O righteous, loving Father
 Allow us to draw near;
 With heartfelt supplications
 We seek Your loving grace
 With earnest intercessions
 We come to seek Your face.



Your kindness ev'ry morning
 We trust we'll find in prayer
 We lift our hands before You
 We reach out for Your care;
 O teach us, Father, teach us
 Your gentle, loving way,
 For You alone are able
 To guide us every day.

By Nigel Beeton



Quote of the Week

Nature is the art of God.
Thomas Browne

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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