

# Stour Vale Letter No.118

## Services in the Stour Vale – 10<sup>th</sup> July

A warm welcome awaits you at our services this week:

9:15am Buckhorn Weston Parish Communion

11:00am Fifehead Magdalen Morning Prayer (BCP)

11:00am Kington Magna Morning Worship (CW)

10:30am Stour Provost Morning Prayer (BCP)

CW – Common Worship BCP = Book of Common Prayer

*Please note that while the parishes will aim to provide cover for Communion services those services may be subject to change – thank you.*



The **Benefice Service for Anthony Thomas** will take place on **Sunday 17<sup>th</sup> July at 10:30am at West Stour**. Please note the later service time!

## Readings for 10<sup>th</sup> July – 4<sup>th</sup> Sunday After Trinity



Deuteronomy 30:9-14

Colossians 1:1-14

Psalms 25:1-10

Luke 10:25-37

## Collect

Almighty and eternal God, who, for the firmer foundation of our faith, allowed your holy apostle Thomas to doubt the resurrection of your Son till word and sight convinced him: grant to us, who have not seen, that we also may believe and so confess Christ as our Lord and our God; 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 East Stour, the congregation of Christ Church 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.

## Lammas Service – Sunday 31<sup>st</sup> July – 10:30am

Our Benefice 5<sup>th</sup> Sunday service will be at Tanners Farm Kington Magna (SP8 5HB)

## Memorial Service for Roger Trevor

There will be a Memorial Service for Roger at 2:30pm on the 26<sup>th</sup> July at Stalbridge Church. You are welcome to join the family Stalbridge village hall for the wake afterwards.

## Regular Benefice Gatherings coming up in June:

Sunday 17th July      Messy Church 3pm Kington Magna Village Hall  
Monday 18th July      Knit and Natter    2:30pm East Stour

## Receiving the Newsletter:

We've reached a point where **we need to update our mailing list** and ensure that we have GDPR consent from everyone. Thank you to all those who have replied already. If you haven't yet contacted Jill, we would really appreciate it if you would contact her to confirm your consent for us holding your email address for the purpose of receiving the Newsletter (and Octavo if you have both digitally).

Email Jill at: [octavoeditorsvb@googlemail.com](mailto:octavoeditorsvb@googlemail.com) Please put 'Newsletter Mailing List' in the subject line and then simply write:

I consent to my email address being in a database for the Stour Vale Benefice Newsletter.

Please include your name (*especially if not obvious in your email address*) and which parish you belong to. And please add 'and Octavo' if you also receive it by email. We will be **moving to the new mailing list on Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> July**, so please make sure you have emailed Jill by then to carry on receiving the Newsletter – thank you.

## Events dates for your Diary

### ***Saturday 9<sup>th</sup> July – Todber Church***

Coffee morning, 10am – 12 noon

### ***Saturday 9<sup>th</sup> July – Buckhorn Weston Village Green***

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

### ***Friday 15<sup>th</sup> July – Todber Talks***

Starting at 11:30am with a talk on Compassion given by Jacintha Bowe (Jacintha is a excellent speaker, so not to be missed!). Entry £6 to include tea or coffee, in the church.

### ***Friday, 15<sup>th</sup> July – Stour Row Pop up Pub: The Stroll Inn***

The Stroll Inn will be opening its doors again at 7:00pm on July. Look forward to seeing you there.

### ***Sunday 17<sup>th</sup> July – East Stour Church***

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

### ***Sat 23<sup>rd</sup> / Sun 24<sup>th</sup> July – Fifehead Magdalen Church***

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

### ***Saturday 6<sup>th</sup> August – Kington Magna Church – Please note new date!***

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

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



## Pause for Thought

*Nigel Beeton writes: This is the month of St Swithun. We all have rainy days. But after a rainy day often comes a sunny evening, and there's a peculiar clarity to the air after rain. You can hear the birds singing from miles around, and you can pick up the scent from flowers that sparkle in the evening sunlight, the droplets of water on the leaves shining like jewels. At times like that we can feel really close to God!*

### Evening Sun

After a day of cloud and rain  
The evening sun comes out again.  
Forget the gloomy day that's gone,  
And listen to the robin's song!

In the sunshine's golden glow  
See the garden's floral show!  
And nature, freshened, can rejoice  
In sparkling colour, scent, and voice.

If your day is damp and grey  
Know the cloud will go away –  
The pouring rain will soon be done  
And then will come the evening sun!

*By Nigel Beeton*



### Quote of the Week

The Bible was the only book Jesus ever quoted, and then never as a basis for discussion but to decide the point at issue. - *Leon Morris*

### 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**



We hope you find this newsletter helpful. If you know of anyone who would like to join the mailing list, tell them to send their email address to Jill Perry at [octavoeditorsvb@googlemail.com](mailto:octavoeditorsvb@googlemail.com) with the subject "Newsletter Mailing List". But, if you do not wish to continue receiving them, please email her with "Unsubscribe" in the subject field.

Please remember Richard is currently unavailable due to illness. Messages can be left on his answerphone, or you can contact Jill Perry, 01747 838911, Email: [octavoeditorsvb@googlemail.com](mailto:octavoeditorsvb@googlemail.com) ; or speak to your church warden, or one of the LLMs

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