

Stour Vale Letter No.120

Services in the Stour Vale – 24th July

A warm welcome awaits you at our services this week:

- 9:15am Stour Provost Parish Communion
10:30am Buckhorn Weston Morning Worship (CW)
11:00am Kington Magna Parish Communion
6:30pm Fifehead Magdalen Evening Prayer (BCP)

CW – Common Worship BCP = Book of Common Prayer



Please note: the parishes will aim to provide cover for Communion services, but those services may be subject to change at short notice.

There is no mid-week communion service at East Stour at the moment.

Readings for 24th July – 6th Sunday After Trinity



Genesis 18:20-32

Psalm 138

Colossians 2:6-15 [16-19]

Luke 11:1-13

Collect

Merciful God, you have prepared for those who love you such good things as pass our understanding: pour into our hearts such love toward you that we, loving you in all things and above all things, may obtain your promises, which exceed all that we can desire; 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 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.



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 31st July – 10:30am

Our Benefice 5th 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 26th July at Stalbridge Church. You are welcome to join the family at Stalbridge village hall for the wake afterwards.

Regular Benefice Gatherings coming up in August:

There are no events in August – please note that Rucksack Stories and Compline & Company have been cancelled.

A message from Anthony and Jeannie Thomas

Thank you all so much for the extremely generous cheque that was given me after my final Service for the Benefice on July 17th. This was a very special Service for Jeannie and me, as we sang our favourite hymns, and the Choir sang us the beautiful Rutter Blessing at the end.

We were thrilled that so many across the Benefice came to wish us well and to thank me for my work as an LLM (aka Lay Reader) over the past 20 years.

I have been so blessed and privileged to be able to exercise my ministry in churches which have supported and welcomed me during this time. Not all clergy or PCCs accept this kind of ministry, but the Stour Vale Benefice certainly has. So, thank you for welcoming me into your churches, and for making this ministry so enjoyable and rewarding. This has greatly enhanced the enjoyment of our lives in this Benefice, and Jeannie and I consider ourselves so blessed to have so many friends across the seven churches.

May your worship be a blessing to you now and always,

Anthony.

Events dates for your Diary

Saturday 23rd / Sunday 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 6th August – Kington Magna Church

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

Saturday 10th September DHCT Ride and Stride

A number of our churches will be open and/or having people looking for sponsorship as they Ride and Stride around the Benefice.

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



WE WANT YOUR USED CANDLES



We are delighted to announce a new candle recycling scheme operating at each of our garden centres, where businesses, churches and individuals can deposit their used candles. These will then be collected by [The Recycled Candle Company](#), which produces hand poured luxury candles using only recycled wax. Part of a circular trading model, designed to help businesses reduce their carbon footprint, this new

initiative will help the UK's only wax recycling business keep 40 tonnes of candle wax from ending up in landfill.

This is a great opportunity to join forces with local businesses to reduce our impact on the environment, while helping consumers to reduce their landfill waste. We have seen great success with other schemes, such as sending plant trays back to suppliers to reuse and [collecting empty compost bags](#) to use in the garden centres, so we are confident that this will be another well received offering for the local community.

Any candle that is not in a glass container can be recycled at Brimsmore Gardens, Castle Gardens (in Sherborne) and Poundbury Gardens, seven days a week. The Recycled Candle Company can remove other elements, such as wicks and tea light metal, once they have gathered them from the various collection points.

Pause for Thought

1 Corinthians 13 – New International Version

If I speak in the tongues of men or of angels, but do not have love, I am only a resounding gong or a clanging cymbal. ²If I have the gift of prophecy and can fathom all mysteries and all knowledge, and if I have a faith that can move mountains, but do not have love, I am nothing. ³If I give all I possess to the poor and give over my body to hardship that I may boast, but do not have love, I gain nothing.



⁴Love is patient, love is kind. It does not envy, it does not boast, it is not proud. ⁵It does not dishonour others, it is not self-seeking, it is not easily angered, it keeps no record of wrongs. ⁶Love does not delight in evil but rejoices with the truth. ⁷It always protects, always trusts, always hopes, always perseveres.

⁸Love never fails. But where there are prophecies, they will cease; where there are tongues, they will be stilled; where there is knowledge, it will pass away. ⁹For we know in part and we prophesy in part, ¹⁰but when completeness comes, what is in part disappears. ¹¹When I was a child, I talked like a child, I thought like a child, I reasoned like a child. When I became a man, I put the ways of childhood behind me. ¹²For now we see only a reflection as in a mirror; then we shall see face to face. Now I know in part; then I shall know fully, even as I am fully known.

¹³And now these three remain: faith, hope and love. But the greatest of these is love.

Quote of the Week

Before we can pray, 'Thy kingdom come', we must be willing to pray, 'My kingdom go'.
Alan Redpath

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. You can pass messages via Jill Perry, 01747 838911, Email: octavoeditorsvb@googlemail.com; or for anything urgent please speak to your church warden.

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