Local abbreviations

BR : <u>Broomfield</u> CH : <u>Cheddon Fitzpaine</u>
KSM: <u>Kingston St Mary</u> WM: <u>West Monkton</u>

Trad HC: Communion from Book of Common Prayer

HC: Holy Communion
Morn. Wsp: Morning Worship
Eve Wsp: Evening Worship

DATE	BR	CH	KSM	WM
28 th Apr	10.00am HC		8.30am Trad HC	10am HC followed by APCM
			6.00pm Choral E.song	
5 th May	6.00pm Rogation		10am HC	8.30am Trad HC
	service			10am Morn.Wsp
9 th May Thursday			7pm Ascension Day HC	
12 th May	10.00am Morn. Wsp		8.30am Trad HC	10am HC
19 th May		10am HC followed by APCM	10am HC	8.30am Trad HC
				10am Morn.Wsp
26 th May	10.00am HC		8.30am Trad HC	10am HC followed by APCM
			6.00pm Choral E.song	
3 rd June	6.00pm Evening		10am HC	8.30am Trad HC
	Prayer			10am Morn.Wsp

Tuesday 8.30am morning prayer on Zoom – contact Rev Jim for the link

Morning Prayer in Kingston church: Normally Rev Jim Cox will say Morn Prayer in Kingston church on Mon – Weds at 8.00am do come and join him if you wish.

Parish ministry team

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OUR MISSION STATEMENT: "To know, share and spread the love of God"

Welcome 5th Sunday of Easter

28th April 2024

Collect for 5th Sunday of Easter

Risen Christ, your wounds declare your love for the world and the wonder of your risen life: give us compassion and courage to risk ourselves for those we serve, to the glory of God the Father. Amen

Readings: Acts 8: 26-40 and John 15: 1-8

For your prayers:

John Earp, Rob Mackay, Pauline Stone, John, Munna Mitra, Bob Pettitt, Ray Cleave, Philippa, Roger Osmond,

If you know of someone who wishes us to pray for them, please obtain their permission before you contact the Office

Those who have died and those who mourn them:

Guy Triggol (Stuart's brother) 3rd May 12noon at the crematorium

Receiving Communion:

If you want to receive bread intincted in the chalice come to the LEFT half of the altar rail and to drink from the common cup to the RIGHT.

If you would rather not receive, please do come forward with everyone else and keep your hands down to receive a blessing.

(a collection for the work of the church may be taken during the service)

Readings for 5th May 6th Sunday of Easter

Acts 10: 44-48 and John 15: 9-17

Closures: Rev Jim off 5th - 7th May Benefice Office closed from 2p Weds 1st May until 9am Tues 7th May

For weddings, banns of marriage, baptisms and funerals please contact the benefice office.

DIARY DATES:

April

Sat 27th 11am BR blessing of Bez Purdy bench
Sun 28th WM APCM after the 10am service

May

Sat 4th 10am WM Coffee, cake & Talk

Thur 9th 7pm KSM Ascension Day HC service Sat 11th 10am/1pm Broomfield plant sale / stalls

Mon 13th 2.30pm MU Meeting at Hazel's

Mon 13th 6.30pm CH APCM in the church

Fri 17th 7pm Kingston Village Hall – 'Ripple Effect' event our Benefice charity – contact Lucy Hay or Rosalie for tickets.

Sun 19th 6pm St Andrew's church – Deanery

reflective evening service with Alan Cook

and musicians

<u>June</u>

Mon 3rd 10am Service leaders rota meeting

2.15pm KSM PCC in the office

Sat 8th 2.30 onwards Kingston Village fete

Sun 9th West Monkton Open Gardens

Thur 20th Archdeacons Visitation

Mon 24th 6.30 BR PCC Meeting in the office

Tues 25th 10.00am Wardens meeting in the office

Annual Parochial Church Meetings:

These will be taking place in April and May. <u>Please</u> come along to support your local church, hear what has been happening and plans for the future and enable it to stay open. **WE NEED YOUR HELP!**

Vacancies: There will be vacancies for Churchwardens and PCC members.

Volunteers: We are always looking for people to help with flowers/ cleaning/ churchyard tidying. Lots of small tasks to help keep our building safe and fit for use.

Electoral Roll: If you are not on the church electoral roll and would like to be do ask a Churchwarden or contact the church office.

APCM Reports are available for collection in the churches.

APCM DATES:

West Monkton: Sun 28th Apr after 10am service Cheddon: Mon 13th May 6.30pm in the church

PLEASE NOTE: Cheddon will have NO Churchwardens, PCC Secretary or Electoral Roll Officer unless we get people coming forward West Monkton 4th May 10am Coffee, cake & more: Deb Stodgell & Jackie Aldridge - "The life and work of a celebrant" – their role in taking civil ceremonies.

Broomfield Sat 11th May 10am / 1pm Plant Sale & stalls: Cakes/ Preserves/ Produce/ Raffle/ Refreshments. If you have any potted up vegs, seedlings and cuttings to offer please contact Jane House 451619

Mens Group: 16th The Swan, Kingston- Walk 11am /Pub lunch 1pm. Booking required please! Contact the office: office@southquantockbenefice.org.uk

Cheddon Churchyard working party 18th May 9.30am-12noon. As usual bring your tools, kneelers, gloves. Refreshments provided.

Reading: John 15: 1-8

'I am the true vine, and my Father is the vinegrower. ² He removes every branch in me that bears no fruit. Every branch that bears fruit he prunes to make it bear more fruit. 3 You have already been cleansed by the word that I have spoken to you. ⁴ Abide in me as I abide in you. Just as the branch cannot bear fruit by itself unless it abides in the vine, neither can you unless you abide in me. ⁵ I am the vine, you are the branches. Those who abide in me and I in them bear much fruit, because apart from me you can do nothing. ⁶ Whoever does not abide in me is thrown away like a branch and withers; such branches are gathered, thrown into the fire, and burned. 7 If you abide in me, and my words abide in you, ask for whatever you wish, and it will be done for you. 8 My Father is glorified by this, that you bear much fruit and become my disciples.

Reflection: Jesus the True Vine:

If you grow fruit or roses you know how important it is to prune the plants. If no pruning takes place the plant goes rampant but has little fruit and few small flowers. When pruned you can preserve the shape of the plant, encourage growth and develop bigger and better fruit and flowers.

Jesus loves us and wants us to be fruitful as His disciples by following Him and keeping the commandments. We need to keep a strong connection with Jesus so that we can remain in his love.

Rosie Brown (Reader)