Local abbreviations

BR: Broomfield CH: Cheddon Fitzpaine KSM: Kingston St Mary WM: West Monkton

Trad HC: Communion from Book of Common Prayer

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

DATE	BR	CH	KSM	WM
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	10am HC	8.30am Trad HC
				10am Morn.Wsp
26 th May	10.00am HC		8.30am Trad HC	10am HC
			6.00pm Choral E.song	
2 nd June	6.00pm Evening		10am HC	8.30am Trad HC
	Prayer			10am Morn.Wsp
9 th June	10.00am Morn. Wsp		8.30am Trad HC	10am HC
16 th June		10am HC	10am HC	8.30am Trad HC
				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 6th Sunday of Easter

5th May 2024

Collect for 6th Sunday of Easter

Risen Christ, by the lakeside you renewed your call to your disciples: help your Church to obey your command and draw the nations to the fire of your love, to the glory of God the Father. Amen

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

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:

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 12th May 7th Sunday of Easter

Acts 1: 15-17, 21-26 and John 17: 6-19

Closures:

Rev Jim off 5th - 7th May Benefice Office closed until 9am Wed 8th May

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

DIARY DATES:

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>

Thur 20th

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

Archdeacons Visitation Mon 24th 6.30 BR PCC Meeting in the office

Tues 25th 10.00am Wardens meeting in the office



Ascension Day Holy Communion Service in Kingston St Mary Church Thursday 9th May, at 7.00pm

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

CHEDDON - Annual Church Meeting: Mon 13th May 6.30pm in the church

Please 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 lots of small tasks

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 church.

PLEASE NOTE: Cheddon will have NO Churchwardens, PCC Secretary or Electoral Roll Officer unless we get people coming forward

Singles.14th May .Lunch at The Maypole .12-30 Names to Dianne Besley: 01823-412857 please.

'All faiths and none': New Group starting Monkton Heathfield on Tue 14th May at 11am.

We have been approached to start a group for people who no longer go to church. The first meeting is o 14th May. If this is something that might interest you or someone you know, please contact the Rector or the Benefice Office.

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: 9-17

⁹ As the Father has loved me, so I have loved you; abide in my love. ¹⁰ If you keep my commandments, you will abide in my love, just as I have kept my Father's commandments and abide in his love. ¹¹I have said these things to you so that my joy may be in you, and that your joy may be complete.

¹² 'This is my commandment, that you love one another as I have loved you. ¹³ No one has greater love than this, to lay down one's life for one's friends. 14 You are my friends if you do what I command you. ¹⁵I do not call you servants any longer, because the servant does not know what the master is doing; but I have called you friends, because I have made known to you everything that I have heard from my Father. ¹⁶ You did not choose me but I chose you. And I appointed you to go and bear fruit, fruit that will last, so that the Father will give you whatever you ask him in my name. 17 I am giving you these commands so that you may love one another.

Reflection:

An issue that I sometimes struggle with is the nature of God's love for us. This passage suggests that it is conditional on living our lives in a way of which God would approve. A friend of mine recently told me that he constantly felt judged by God rather than loved. I told him that I mostly felt the opposite but I might just not be thinking hard enough about my life as a Christian! Jesus talks here of love that unlocks joy in our lives. Can we imagine a world where love doesn't exist? God offers us something more wonderful. Thank goodness. David Way