

Local abbreviations

Br : Broomfield CF : 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	CF	KSM	WM
16 th Feb	11.am HC	9.30am HC	10.00am HC	8.30am Trad HC 10.00am Morn.Wsp
23 rd Feb			8.30am Trad HC 6.00pm Choral Evensong	10.00am HC
2 nd Mar	4.00pm Eve. Wsp.		10.00am HC	8.30am Trad HC 10.00am Morn.Wsp
Ash Wed 5 th			11.30am Ash Weds HC service	6.00pm Ash Weds HC Service
9 th Mar			8.30am Trad HC	10.00am HC
16 th Mar	11.am HC	9.30am HC	10.00am HC	Church Closed – Service in Cheddon 9.30am
23 rd Mar			8.30am Trad HC 6.00pm Choral Evensong	10.00am HC If church still out of use this service will be held in Cheddon at 10

Tuesday 8.30am morning prayer on Zoom. Contact the office for the link if you'd like to join in

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

3rd Sunday before Lent

16th February 2025

Collect for 3rd Sunday before Lent

Eternal God, whose Son went among the crowds and brought healing with his touch; help us to show his love; in your church as we gather together, and by our lives as they are transformed into the image of Christ our Lord.

Readings: 1 Corinthians 15: 12-20

Luke 6: 17-26

For your prayers:

Peter Wright, Andy, Joan F, Philippa, Bob Pettitt, Ray Cleave, Sandy & Brian Adams, Bob Padgham. *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:

Roger Osmond – Thanksgiving service in Cheddon church Sunday 23rd Feb at 11.30am. Please wear colourful clothes if you wish.

John Earp – our prayers are with Dorothy & the family. Funeral Mon 3rd March 11am in Kingston

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.

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

PRAYERS: Please pray for the events taking place across the Benefice, that we make Christ known in all we do and in all our conversations.

Readings 23rd Feb: 2nd Sunday before Lent:

Revelation 4 & Luke 8: 22-25

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

OFFICE CLOSED WEDS 19th & THURS 20th FEB

DIARY DATES:

February

Mon 17th 2.15pm KSM PCC in Benefice Office
Tues 18th 7.30pm Deanery Synod – St James Church
Thur 20th 10.30am Meditation Group at Tricia's
Weds 26th 7pm Music Group rehearsal at Ruth's
Thur 27th 10.30am Meditation Group at Tricia's

March

Sat 1st 10am WM Coffee & More: Canine Insight
Mon 3rd 6.30pm BR PCC in the Benefice Office
Wed 5th 2pm WM Flower demonstration with tips
and how to's / how not to's: Refreshments
Weds 5th **Ash Weds Services:** 11.30am KSM
and 6pm WM
12.30pm KSM Lent Lunches – soup/roll
7.00pm Evening Lent Groups begin
Thur 6th 10.30am Lent Groups begin – church office
Sat 22nd 10am-12noon BR Coffee morning

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Tuesday Morning Prayers: Every Tuesday (almost) morning prayer is offered on Zoom. It starts at 8.30am and ends around 9. We are a small group that 'meets' to discuss a Bible passage and to pray for the welfare of the benefice and beyond. If you would like to join us, ask at the office to receive the zoom link.

LENT GROUPS: Will be running Wednesday evenings at 7pm & Thursday mornings 10.30am in the benefice office starting 5th / 6th March.

Please let the office know if you are planning to attend one of the groups so that we can order the materials in time. *Tel 451257*

or email: office@southquantockbenefice.org.uk

DEANERY SYNOD FEB 18th 7.30pm St James Church, Taunton - open to everyone. The meeting in February will be focusing on end-of-life care. If you are interested in being involved in this ministry with the church in any way, do come along as Ann Fulton gives a brief presentation.

West Monkton Coffee morning 1st March with speaker from Canine Insight speaker on how they train dogs to help with PTSD – All welcome

West Monkton church closure: from Monday 10 March to enable new radiators and pipework to be fitted. There will be NO services held on Sunday 16 March. (& possibly 23rd – *tba*) Please join us at Cheddon at 09.30.

Lent Lunches in Kingston Church. Wednesdays 12.30pm start 5th March – 9th April. Choice of soup & bread roll. Come along with friends / neighbours.

Broomfield Coffee Morning 22nd March 10am-12noon Includes raffle; preserves; cake & book stalls. All are welcome.

West Monkton Visit to Salisbury Cathedral on Wednesday 9 April by coach with a tour by a blue badge guide. Cost £30 each. Tickets and details on the website www.westmonktonchurch.co.uk

Reading: Luke 6: 17-26

¹⁷ He came down with them and stood on a level place, with a great crowd of his disciples and a great multitude of people from all Judea, Jerusalem, and the coast of Tyre and Sidon. ¹⁸ They had come to hear him and to be healed of their diseases; and those who were troubled with unclean spirits were cured. ¹⁹ And all in the crowd were trying to touch him, for power came out from him and healed all of them. ²⁰ Then he looked up at his disciples and said: 'Blessed are you who are poor, for yours is the kingdom of God. ²¹ 'Blessed are you who are hungry now, for you will be filled. 'Blessed are you who weep now, for you will laugh. ²² 'Blessed are you when people hate you, and when they exclude you, revile you, and defame you on account of the Son of Man. ²³ Rejoice on that day and leap for joy, for surely your reward is great in heaven; for that is what their ancestors did to the prophets. ²⁴ 'But woe to you who are rich, for you have received your consolation. ²⁵ 'Woe to you who are full now, for you will be hungry. 'Woe to you who are laughing now, for you will mourn and weep. ²⁶ 'Woe to you when all speak well of you, for that is what their ancestors did to the false prophets.

Pew Sheet reflection on Luke 6: 17-26

In today's Gospel we reflect on the Christian identity encapsulated in the Beatitudes, and it says that Jesus' disciples are blessed because they are poor. The Beatitudes were addressed to the disciples. They may sound strange, almost incomprehensible – however if we ask ourselves what a disciple of Jesus is like, the answer is precisely the Beatitudes. *Loretta*