

## Local abbreviations

Br : Broomfield   CF : Cheddon Fitzpaine  
KSM: Kingston St Mary   WM: West Monkton  
ROC – Romanian Orthodox Church  
Trad HC: Communion from Book of Common Prayer  
HC: Holy Communion Ch.Es: Choral Evensong  
Morn. Wsp: Morning Worship;  
Eve Wsp: Evening Worship

DATE	Br	CF	KSM	WM
15 <sup>th</sup> Feb	11.00am HC	9am-2pm ROC 6.00pm Deanery Reflection & prayer	9.30am HC	8.30am BCP HC 10.00am Morn.Wsp
22 <sup>nd</sup> Feb		9am-2pm ROC	8.30am BCP HC 6.00pm Ch,Esong	10.00am HC
1 <sup>st</sup> Mar	<b>4.00pm</b> Eve Wsp.	11.00am HC	9.30am HC	8.30am BCP HC 10.00am Morn.Wsp
8 <sup>th</sup> Mar		9am-2pm ROC	8.30am BCP HC	10.00am HC
15 <sup>th</sup> Mar	11.00am HC	9am-2pm ROC 6.00pm Reflection & prayer	9.30am Mothering Sunday Service	8.30am BCP HC 10.00am Morn.Wsp
22 <sup>nd</sup> Mar		9am-2pm ROC	8.30am BCP HC 6.00pm Ch,Esong	10.00am HC

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

*Wednesdays: Bible study group in the Benefice Office 7pm. Contact the benefice office for details*

**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

### Sunday next before Lent 15<sup>th</sup> February 2026

We welcome Archdeacon Simon Hill who is with us for this morning's services

#### Collect for Sunday next before Lent

Holy God,  
you know the disorder of our sinful lives;  
set straight our crooked hearts,  
and bend our wills to love your goodness  
and your glory. **Amen**

**Readings:** Exodus 24: 12-18 Matthew 17: 1-9  
NT: 2 Peter 1: 16-21

#### For your prayers:

Carol Carter, Charlie Way, Barbara Hastilow,  
Andy, Philippa, Bob Pettitt, Sandy & Brian Adams,  
Ray Cleave, Angela; *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:

Nancy Lyons – Taunton Crematorium Thurs 5<sup>th</sup>  
March at 11.20am

**Receiving Communion:** All who are baptised are welcome to receive bread & wine in our churches.

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 22<sup>nd</sup> February: 1<sup>st</sup> Sunday of Lent**

Genesis 2: 15-17, 3: 1-7      Matthew 4: 1-11  
Romans 5: 12-19

## FEB

15<sup>th</sup> 6pm CF - Deanery Evening service  
18<sup>th</sup> 11.30am KSM Ash Weds service & lunch  
18<sup>th</sup> 6.00pm WM – Ash Weds service  
21<sup>st</sup> 10.00am WM Churchyard clean-up  
21<sup>st</sup> 7.00pm WM Concert 'Voice of the People'  
23<sup>rd</sup> 10.30am Lent Group begins – *book via office*  
24<sup>th</sup> 10.00am Wardens meeting in the office  
25<sup>th</sup> 9.00am Bath Abbey Trip – see below  
25<sup>th</sup> 7.00pm Lent Group begins – *book via office*  
March  
2<sup>nd</sup> 10.30am Lent Group session 2 at Tricia's  
4<sup>th</sup> 12.30 KSM church lent lunch  
4<sup>th</sup> 7.00pm Lent Group Session 2 at Ele's  
7<sup>th</sup> 10am WM Coffee & more – 'Bedlam to Beds' - Changing the NHS one bed at a time.  
9<sup>th</sup> 10.30am Lent Group session 3 at Tricia's  
11<sup>th</sup> 10.00am KSM PCC in the Vicarage  
11<sup>th</sup> 12.30 KSM church lent lunch  
11<sup>th</sup> 7.00pm Lent Group Session 3 at Ele's  
16<sup>th</sup> 10.30am Lent Group session 4 at Tricia's  
18<sup>th</sup> 12.30 KSM church lent lunch  
18<sup>th</sup> 7.00pm Lent Group Session 4 at Ele's

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**Sun 15<sup>th</sup> Feb 6.00pm Cheddon:** Deanery service of reflection, Prayer & music – open to everyone

**Sun 15<sup>th</sup> 9.30am Kingston: 'Kids Club' in church.** Songs, craft, toys – with Ele.

**LENT LUNCHES** (soup, roll) – **12.30pm in Kingston** held in the church every Weds from 18<sup>th</sup> Feb to 25<sup>th</sup> March incl. Everyone welcome.

**Sat 21<sup>st</sup> 10am West Monkton – Churchyard clean up** come along and help Henry with tidying up the churchyard. Everyone welcome.

**Saturday 21<sup>st</sup> Feb 7pm – West Monkton Church** Concert by "Voice of the People" choir with special guest, Yvette Staelens. Free entry. Donations welcome. Drinks available.

### **LENT GROUPS BEGIN W/C 23<sup>rd</sup> Feb:**

We will be following the Pilgrim Book 'Turning to Christ'.

Mondays 10.30am (at Tricia's) or  
Weds 7.00pm in Kingston (at Ele's)

**(please sign up via the office so we can ensure we have enough books & for location details)**

**WM Bath Abbey Trip: 25<sup>th</sup> Feb – cost £30: Details on WM church website.** To book click the link: <https://www.tickttaillor.com/events/westmonkt onchurchfundraisers/1956052>

### **Reading: Matthew 17: 1-9**

Six days later, Jesus took with him Peter and James and his brother John and led them up a high mountain, by themselves.<sup>2</sup> And he was transfigured before them, and his face shone like the sun, and his clothes became dazzling white.<sup>3</sup> Suddenly there appeared to them Moses and Elijah, talking with him.<sup>4</sup> Then Peter said to Jesus, 'Lord, it is good for us to be here; if you wish, I will make three dwellings here, one for you, one for Moses, and one for Elijah.'<sup>5</sup> While he was still speaking, suddenly a bright cloud overshadowed them, and from the cloud a voice said, 'This is my Son, the Beloved; with him I am well pleased; listen to him!'<sup>6</sup> When the disciples heard this, they fell to the ground and were overcome by fear.<sup>7</sup> But Jesus came and touched them, saying, 'Get up and do not be afraid.'<sup>8</sup> And when they looked up, they saw no one except Jesus himself alone.

<sup>9</sup> As they were coming down the mountain, Jesus ordered them, 'Tell no one about the vision until after the Son of Man has been raised from the dead.'

### **Reflection on Matthew 17: 1-9**

The transfiguration is recounted in Luke and Mark's gospels as well as in Matthew's and together they give us a little more detail of this extraordinary event, particularly the disciple's reactions. These include fear, awe and a forlorn bid by Peter to build tents to somehow prolong the moment. When it is all over, the disciples come down off the mountain and are bidden not to speak of or maybe somehow hang onto their experience. They return from the extraordinary to the ordinary but they will have many, many more experiences of the divine presence of God in their ongoing journey with Jesus. Perhaps this reminds us not to place too much of a premium on having or even seeking special 'mountain-top' spiritual encounters with God. We meet, see, hear and experience the extraordinary God in our journey with Jesus in the very ordinariness of everyday life. That is just as special and wonderful enough.

*Peter Wright*