

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



OUR MISSION STATEMENT:

“To know, share and spread the love of God”

Welcome

Mothering Sunday 15th March 2026

DATE	Br	CF	KSM	WM
15 th Mar	11.00am Mothering Sunday HC	9am-2pm ROC 6.00pm Reflection & prayer	9.30am Mothering Sunday Service	8.30am BCP HC 10.00am Morn.Wsp Mothering Sunday
22 nd Mar		9am-2pm ROC	8.30am BCP HC 6.00pm Ch. Esong	10.00am HC
29 th Mar	NO 8.30am Service <u>10.00am</u> United Benefice Palm Sunday Holy Communion – West Monkton church			
	For Holy Week services / events see inside weekly newsletter			
5 th Apr Easter Day	10.00am HC NO Evening Prayer	11.00am HC	9.30 HC and Kids Church	NO 8.30am Service 10.00am HC
12 th Apr		9am-2pm ROC	8.30am BCP HC	10.00am HC
<i>Tuesday 8.30am morning prayer on Zoom. Contact the office for the link if you'd like to join in</i>				
<i>Wednesdays: Bible study group in the Benefice Office 7pm. Contact the benefice office for details</i>				
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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Collect for Mothering Sunday

God of love, passionate and strong,
tender and careful:

watch over us and hold us

all the days of our life;

through Christ our Lord . **Amen**

Readings: 1 Samuel 1: 20-28 Luke 2: 33-35
2 Corinthians 1: 3-7 (WM)

For your prayers:

Liz Thompson, Philippa, Tom Baker, Carol Carter,
Andy, Charlie Way, Barbara Hastilow, Bob Pettitt,
Ray Cleave, Sandy & Brian Adams, 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:

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 22nd March: 5th Sunday of Lent

Ezekiel 37: 1-14 ;

John 11: 1-45

Romans 8: 6-11

BENEFICE OFFICE CLOSED WEDS 18th / Thurs 19th

March

16th 10.30am Lent Group session 4 at Tricia's
16th 7.00pm Cheddon PCC at 30 Waterleaze
18th OFFICE CLOSED TODAY
18th 12.30 KSM church lent lunch
18th 7.00pm Lent Group Session 4 in the office
21st 3.00pm Mens Group – Titans Rugby £15
23rd 10.30am Lent Group session 5 at Tricia's
23rd 7.00pm WM PCC at the BACH
24th 6.30pm Br PCC in the Benefice Office
25th 12.30 KSM church lent lunch
25th 7.00pm Lent Group Session 5 in the office
28th 10am – 11.30am Childrens Easter activities in
Cheddon Memorial Hall
28th 2.30pm WM Ukelele concert – free event
29th NO 8.30am BCP service today
30th 10.30am Lent Group Session 6 at Tricia's

April

13th 10.00am KSM PCC in the Vicarage
14th 7.00pm Mens Group talk in Cheddon Memorial
Hall. Bring own drinks / snacks
15th 7.00pm Cheddon APCM in the church

Every Wednesday : 12.30pm in Kingston church.
LENT LUNCHESES (soup, roll). Every Weds until 25th
March incl. Everyone welcome.

**Sat 14th March 10am-12noon: Broomfield Coffee
Morning in the Village Hall:** Raffle; preserves; cake;
books. Everyone welcome

CHILDRENS EASTER EVENT: Saturday 28th March
10.00am – 11.30am in Cheddon Memorial Hall:
Please contact the office if you would like to help.

Sat 28th March 2.30pm West Monkton:
TUSC ukulele concert. Free event.
Refreshments available. Donations welcome

**New Book Review from Peter Wright on the
website: The Middle Eastern Jesus: Nadim Nassar:**
[https://southquantockbenefice.org.uk/book-
reviews/](https://southquantockbenefice.org.uk/book-reviews/)

Gospel Reading: Luke 2: 33-35

³³ And the child's father and mother were amazed at
what was being said about him.

³⁴ Then Simeon blessed them and said to his mother
Mary, 'This child is destined for the falling and the
rising of many in Israel, and to be a sign that will be
opposed ³⁵ so that the inner thoughts of many will be
revealed—and a sword will pierce your own soul too.'

Reflection on Luke 2: 33-35

After the birth of Jesus when shepherds and later
wise men sought out the family Mary must have
wondered what would happen when they came
to the temple in Jerusalem to make the sacrifices
as all parents would. To start with nothing seems
to be special at all until Simeon comes and takes
Jesus in his arms and blesses him. Telling Mary
that not only is God with him but a sword will
pierce Mary's heart. How hard to know at the
start how anxious life will be as the mother of
this child.

Rosie Brown

Free Family Event

Saturday 28th March

10.00 – 11.30am

in Cheddon memorial Hall

**Aimed at 2-11's. Easter Egg Hunt, Easter
garden, chocolate nests, card making, biscuit
decorating and much, much more!**

Drinks will be provided. Everyone welcome

Children must be accompanied by an adult

HOLY WEEK SERVICES

Sun 29th March

10.00am Palm Sunday United Benefice service in
West Monkton church

Mon 30th March

7.00pm Compline in Broomfield church

Tues 31st March

7.00pm Compline in West Monkton church

Weds 1st April

7.00pm Compline in Kingston church

Maundy Thurs 2nd April

7.00pm Holy Communion in Cheddon church

Good Friday 3rd April - WALK OF WITNESS

*All the family welcome – do bring children, dogs
& packed lunch. Please join in at any point for
part or all of the walk & services.*

10.00am Reflection at Broomfield / walk to
Kingston

11.00am Reflection & refreshments in Kingston/
walk to Cheddon

12.15 Reflection & refreshments in Cheddon
(lunch break) / leave 1.30pm and walk
to West Monkton

2.00pm Reflection & refreshments in West
Monkton

LAST FAIR TRADE SALES AT WEST MONKTON:

Sunday 22nd March at the 10am service