

## 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

**6<sup>th</sup> SUNDAY of EASTER**  
**10<sup>th</sup> May 2026**

### Collect for 6<sup>th</sup> 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 17: 22-31 *must be used*;  
John 14: 15-21 (WM: Genesis 8:20 -9:17)

### For your prayers:

Philippa, Tom Baker, Carol Carter, Charlie Way,  
Andy, 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:

Geoffrey Beccle- 21<sup>st</sup> May 2.00pm WM church  
Penny Mullins – 26<sup>th</sup> May 12noon KSM church

**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 17<sup>th</sup> May: 6<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Ascension

Acts 1: 6-14 (must be used) John 17: 1-11  
Ezekiel 36: 24-28 (WM)

DATE	Br	CF	KSM	WM
10 <sup>th</sup> May		9am–2pm ROC	8.30am BCP HC	10.00am HC then the APCM
Thurs 14 <sup>th</sup> May	Ascension Day Holy Communion KSM church 7.00pm			
17 <sup>th</sup> May	11.00am HC	6.00pm Prayer & Reflection	9.30am HC	8.30am BCP HC 10.00am Morn.Wsp
24 <sup>th</sup> May		9am–2pm ROC	8.30am BCP HC 6.00pm Ch. Esong	10.00am HC
31 <sup>st</sup> May	NO 8.30am service 10.00am United Holy Communion in Cheddon			
7 <sup>th</sup> June	6.00pm Deanery Reflection & Prayer	11.00am HC	9.30am HC and Kids Church	8.30am BCP HC 10.00am Morn.Wsp
14 <sup>th</sup> June		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>				
<b>Morning Prayer in Kingston church:</b> Normally Rev Jim Cox will say Morn Prayer in Kingston church on <b>Mon – Weds at 8.00am</b> do come and join him if you wish.				

## Parish ministry team

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## May

- 11<sup>th</sup> 7.00pm Broomfield APCM in the church  
13<sup>th</sup> 10.00am Churchwardens Meeting in the office  
14<sup>th</sup> 7.00pm Ascension Day HC in Kingston church  
20<sup>th</sup> 11am Mens Group meet at Ham Wall  
25<sup>th</sup> All day - Bank Holiday – office closed

## June

- 1<sup>st</sup> 7.00pm WM PCC at the BACH  
2<sup>nd</sup> 2.30-4pm Meditation Group starts – 5 weeks at Tricia's – contact the office for details  
6<sup>th</sup> 9.30-12noon Cheddon churchyard clean up  
7<sup>th</sup> 6.00pm Taunton Deanery Prayer & Reflection in Cheddon church with local musicians  
9<sup>th</sup> 6.00pm Archdeacon's Visitation – The Minster. Arrive from 5.45pm with your form. Service at 7pm  
19<sup>th</sup> 7.00pm KSM – talk by Michael Brown 'The Pilgrim route to Santiago de Compostela' for Ripple Effect – tickets £10 [rosaliehughes@hotmail.co.uk](mailto:rosaliehughes@hotmail.co.uk)  
27<sup>th</sup> 7.00pm Men's Group – cocktails at Vicarage

## July

- 12<sup>th</sup> Pilgrimage – see details of what's proposed

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**Weds 20<sup>th</sup> May 11am – Mens Group** meet at Ham Wall bird watching. Refreshments not always available there but do take your own. Parking £4

**APCM DATES – all held in the churches** in May  
Broomfield: Monday 11<sup>th</sup> 7.00pm  
Kingston: Sunday 24<sup>th</sup> 4.30pm (*refreshments 3.45*)

**Meditation Group begins 2<sup>nd</sup> June: 2.30-4pm** in WM area for 5 weeks – contact office for details

**Sat 6<sup>th</sup> June 10am WM – coffee & more** - Some garden know how when Andrew Pitman from Monkton Elm Garden Center joins us for Coffee for our garden weekend.

**Sun 7<sup>th</sup> June 2.00pm WM – Open Gardens** Collect your ticket from the church at 2pm - Our garden hosts will be happy to welcome you into their gardens, where for the past six months they would have been very busy preparing.

### **Annual Parochial Church Meetings in May :**

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!**

**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

## **John 14: 15-21**

<sup>15</sup> 'If you love me, you will keep my commandments. <sup>16</sup> And I will ask the Father, and he will give you another Advocate, to be with you for ever. <sup>17</sup> This is the Spirit of truth, whom the world cannot receive, because it neither sees him nor knows him. You know him, because he abides with you, and he will be in you. <sup>18</sup> 'I will not leave you orphaned; I am coming to you. <sup>19</sup> In a little while the world will no longer see me, but you will see me; because I live, you also will live. <sup>20</sup> On that day you will know that I am in my Father, and you in me, and I in you. <sup>21</sup> They who have my commandments and keep them are those who love me; and those who love me will be loved by my Father, and I will love them and reveal myself to them.'

### **Reflection on John 14: 15-21**

Our Lord reminds us that the manifestation of our love for him will be our obedience to his commands.

Keeping God's commandments is and always has been the best test of our love for Jesus. I find a special place to see the commandments carved into 2 slabs of granite is on Dartmoor overlooking the Dart Valley near Buckland -in-the-Moor on the slopes of Buckland Beacon.

*Loretta McHugh*

### ***ADVANCE NOTICE from Rev Jim: PILGRIMAGE – Sunday 12<sup>th</sup> July:***

This year the diocese is asking the parishes to make a special focus on prayer. As part of this the deanery has organised a pilgrimage to the Minster on Sunday 12th July.

The plan is for prayer stations in the Minster from 3pm, refreshments at 4pm and a joint service at 5pm.

I am proposing to walk from Broomfield (1pm), through Kingston and Cheddon and join the canal at the Crown Medical Centre hopefully to meet others from West Monkton (and possibly Creech) about 2.30pm, to continue on into town. Please give it some thought.