

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
26 th July		9am–2pm ROC	8.30am BCP HC 6pm Ch. Esong	10.00am HC
2 nd Aug	6.00pm Lammas with Bishop Fiona	11.00am HC	9.30am HC	8.30am BCP HC 10.00am Morn.Wsp
9 th Aug		9am–2pm ROC	8.30am BCP HC	10.00am HC
16 th Aug	11.00am HC	6.00pm Prayer & Reflection	9.30am HC	8.30am BCP HC 10.00am Morn.Wsp
23 rd Aug		9am–2pm ROC	8.30am BCP HC 6.00pm Ch.Es	10.00am HC
30 th Aug	<u>NO 8.30am Service</u> 10.00am United Benefice Holy Communion In Broomfield church			
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.				

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OUR MISSION STATEMENT:

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

Welcome

8th SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY
26th July 2026

Collect for 8th Sunday after Trinity

Lord God, your Son left the riches of heaven and became poor for our sake:
when we prosper, save us from pride,
when we are needy, save us from despair, that we may trust in you alone;
through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen**

Readings: Romans 8: 26-end
Matthew 13: 31-33, 44-52

Choral E.sng 1 Kings 6:11-14, 31-end;
Acts 12: 1-17

For your prayers:

Philippa, Tom Baker, Charlie Way, Bob Pettitt,
Marion Baker, Barbara Hastilow, Ray Cleave,
Andy, Sandy & Brian Adams.

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 2nd Aug: 9th Sunday after Trinity

Romans 9: 1-5 Matthew 14: 13-21

(WM: Isaiah 55: 1-5)

July

Mon 27th 10am Wardens Meeting in the office

Mon 27th 7pm WM PCC at the BACH

Aug

NO Tuesday Zoom morning prayer in August

NO Weds evening Bible group in August

1st 10am WM Coffee and More - join us for company, coffee & a giant crossword on screen.

23rd 2.30-4.30pm Vicarage tea party for the Benefice at Jim's. Come along for cake & a cup of tea.

(weather permitting) *a change from the July date!*

24th 10am Mens Group Croquet in Kingston

book via office please by 14th August

29th 3pm WM Village BBQ – more details soon

Sept

5th 10am WM Coffee & More in aid of Macmillan

6th 3pm KSM Concert by Liz Watts in the church – tickets on sale soon

Saturday 1st Aug 10am West Monkton Coffee & More. Coffee & a giant crossword on screen

Sunday 2nd August 6pm Lammas at Broomfield

We are delighted Bishop Fiona will be joining us for this service. Followed by bread, cheese, cider & apple juice (*Outside if weather good*) Everyone welcome.

Aug 24th 10am Mens Group – Croquet in Kingston
Please book via the benefice office by 14th August.

Aug 29th 3pm WM Village BBQ in the churchyard. It's our 4th year! Join us for a great afternoon together, great food, great company. come along and meet your neighbours, especially if you are new to the village.

Matthew 13: 31-33, 44-52

³¹ He put before them another parable: 'The kingdom of heaven is like a mustard seed that someone took and sowed in his field; ³² it is the smallest of all the seeds, but when it has grown it is the greatest of shrubs and becomes a tree, so that the birds of the air come and make nests in its branches.'

³³ He told them another parable: 'The kingdom of heaven is like yeast that a woman took and mixed in with three measures of flour until all of it was leavened.'

⁴⁴ 'The kingdom of heaven is like treasure hidden in a field, which someone found and hid; then in his joy he goes and sells all that he has and buys that field.'

⁴⁵ 'Again, the kingdom of heaven is like a merchant in search of fine pearls; ⁴⁶ on finding one pearl of great value, he went and sold all that he had and bought it.'

⁴⁷ 'Again, the kingdom of heaven is like a net that was thrown into the sea and caught fish of every

kind; ⁴⁸ when it was full, they drew it ashore, sat down, and put the good into baskets but threw out the bad. ⁴⁹ So it will be at the end of the age. The angels will come out and separate the evil from the righteous ⁵⁰ and throw them into the furnace of fire, where there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth. ⁵¹ 'Have you understood all this?' They answered, 'Yes.' ⁵² And he said to them, 'Therefore every scribe who has been trained for the kingdom of heaven is like the master of a household who brings out of his treasure what is new and what is old.'

Reflection on Matthew 13: 31-33, 44-52

I can identify with this analogy because it is true that something so seemingly small, planted at an early stage in my life, has grown slowly, and without me noticing, become an essential part of my life and being. The mustard seed describes Jesus's impact on the world, from the humblest of beginnings to the greatest influence on the world. There is however a bit of 'carrot and stick' about this passage. There are several teachings explaining the rewards of the kingdom of heaven but Matthew underlines again that there will be final judgement. I'm not sure that I like the sound of that and especially the furnace of fire, but in any case, I think I will keep nurturing my mustard seed, live the best life I can and pray for the best!

David Way

Sunday 23rd August 2.30-4.30pm Vicarage Tea Party for the Benefice

in The Vicarage Garden, Kingston St
Mary (*weather permitting!*)

Come along for tea, cake & company

Home Communion for the sick / house-bound:

If you would like to receive communion at home – even for a short, temporary period, please contact the Benefice Office
01823 451257

Rev Mary Styles is being licensed to her new parish in Seal, Sevenoaks on Monday 27th July at 7pm (zoom link should be open from around 6.50pm): Join Zoom Meeting
<https://us04web.zoom.us/j/72253810201?pwd=rHb4fihaH5W71nOzOgOOJNHeiP5sxp.1>

Meeting ID: 722 5381 0201

Passcode: 7j8R7m