

## 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                                          |
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| 23 <sup>rd</sup><br>Aug                                                                                                                                                 |                                                                                            | 9am–2pm<br>ROC                   | 8.30am<br>BCP HC<br><br>6.00pm<br>Ch.Es | 10.00am<br>HC                               |
| 30 <sup>th</sup><br>Aug                                                                                                                                                 | <u>NO 8.30am Service</u><br>10.00am United Benefice Holy Communion<br>In Broomfield church |                                  |                                         |                                             |
| 6 <sup>th</sup><br>Sept                                                                                                                                                 | 6.00pm<br>Eve. Wsp                                                                         | 11.00am<br>HC                    | 9.30am<br>HC                            | 8.30am<br>BCP HC<br><br>10.00am<br>Morn.Wsp |
| 13 <sup>th</sup><br>Sept                                                                                                                                                |                                                                                            | 9am–2pm<br>ROC                   | 8.30am<br>BCP HC                        | 10.00am<br>HC                               |
| 20 <sup>th</sup><br>Sept                                                                                                                                                | 11.00am<br>HC                                                                              | 6.00pm<br>Prayer &<br>Reflection | 9.30am<br>HC                            | 8.30am<br>BCP HC<br><br>10.00am<br>Morn.Wsp |
| 27 <sup>th</sup><br>Sept                                                                                                                                                |                                                                                            | 9am–2pm<br>ROC                   | 8.30am<br>BCP HC<br><br>6.00pm<br>Ch.Es | 10.00am<br>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                                                                       |                                                                                            |                                  |                                         |                                             |
| <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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## OUR MISSION STATEMENT:

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

## Welcome

### 12<sup>th</sup> SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY

23<sup>rd</sup> August 2026

#### Collect for 12<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Trinity

God of constant mercy,  
who sent your Son to save us;  
remind us of your goodness,  
increase your grace in us,  
that our thankfulness may grow,  
through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen**

**Readings:** Romans 12: 1-8 ;  
Matthew 16: 13-20  
(WM: Isaiah 51: 1-6)  
KSM E.Song: Deuteronomy 18: 15 – 19  
Matt 10: 1 – 10

#### For your prayers:

Peter Wright, Philippa, Tom Baker, Charlie Way,  
Bob Pettitt, Marion Baker, Barbara Hastilow,  
Ray Cleave, Andy, Sandy 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:

Brian Adams – Funeral in WM church *tbc*

**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 30<sup>th</sup> Aug: 13<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Trinity

Romans 12: 9-21 ; Matthew 16: 21-28

## **Aug**

### **NEW OFFICE HOURS / DAYS:**

Monday, Tuesday & Thursday 8am – 2.30pm

NO Tuesday Zoom morning prayer in August

NO Weds evening Bible group in August

Sun 23<sup>rd</sup> 2.30-4.30pm Vicarage tea party for the  
Benefice at Jim's. Come along for cake & a cup  
of tea. (*weather permitting*)

24<sup>th</sup> 10am Mens Group Croquet in Kingston

29<sup>th</sup> 3pm WM Village BBQ – see below

## **Sept**

5<sup>th</sup> 9.30 – 12noon CF churchyard working party.

Bring your tools / gloves etc. Refreshments provided

5<sup>th</sup> 10am WM Coffee & More in aid of Macmillan

6<sup>th</sup> 3pm KSM Concert by Liz Watts in the church  
(internationally renowned soprano) *see below*

7<sup>th</sup> 6pm Mens Group BBQ at Mill Meadow.

13<sup>th</sup> 6pm Deanery Evening Prayer in Staplegrove  
church with local musicians

28<sup>th</sup> 7pm WM PCC at the BACH

29<sup>th</sup> 6.30pm Br PCC in the office

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**Aug 29<sup>th</sup> 3pm WM Village BBQ** in the churchyard. £12  
adult; £6 under 12's; Under 5's free. Games, prizes,  
skittles. Book via West Monkton church website:  
[Select tickets – West Monkton Village BBQ – West  
Monkton Churchyard](#) Please advise of any dietary  
restrictions at time of booking.

### **Mon Sept 7<sup>th</sup> Mens Group – BBQ at Mill Meadow**

Please book by 2<sup>nd</sup> Sept via benefice office so we can  
work out catering. Fishing rods available if you want to  
have a try. Bring your drinks and £6 towards food.

**Sunday 6<sup>th</sup> Sept 3.00pm 'An Afternoon with  
Elizabeth Watts' - internationally renowned  
soprano, in Kingston church.** Tickets £20: Under 16's  
£10 from: Margaret Way [way744@btinternet.com](mailto:way744@btinternet.com)

*Liz is kindly donating her time & talents. Ticket cost covers  
Pianist and grand piano hire. Wine & nibbles included*

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## **Matthew 16: 13-20**

<sup>13</sup> Now when Jesus came into the district of Caesarea  
Philippi, he asked his disciples, 'Who do people say  
that the Son of Man is?' <sup>14</sup> And they said, 'Some say  
John the Baptist, but others Elijah, and still others  
Jeremiah or one of the prophets.' <sup>15</sup> He said to them,  
'But who do you say that I am?' <sup>16</sup> Simon Peter  
answered, 'You are the Messiah, the Son of the living  
God.' <sup>17</sup> And Jesus answered him, 'Blessed are you,  
Simon son of Jonah! For flesh and blood has not

revealed this to you, but my Father in  
heaven. <sup>18</sup> And I tell you, you are Peter, and on this  
rock I will build my church, and the gates of Hades  
will not prevail against it. <sup>19</sup> I will give you the keys  
of the kingdom of heaven, and whatever you bind  
on earth will be bound in heaven, and whatever you  
loose on earth will be loosed in heaven.' <sup>20</sup> Then he  
sternly ordered the disciples not to tell anyone that  
he was the Messiah.

## **Reflection on Matthew 16: 13-20**

There must have been many rumours and  
conjectures in circulation about who Jesus was,  
after all his acts, all the miracles and preaching, but  
now, heading towards Jerusalem and the cross,  
Jesus really needed to know from the disciples  
"who do you say that I am"? When we rephrase  
the question as "who am I to you personally?" we  
can perhaps hear how Jesus meant it then and how  
he asks it of each one of us now. In other words, it  
is about knowing Jesus personally as in a  
relationship, not just knowing about him. Jesus  
wants to know, and to hear our response in our  
lives. He knows it's important for us to make that  
discovery for ourselves, to be able to constantly  
renew and refresh that discovery, to know him  
ever more clearly and deeply.

*Peter Wright*

### **Sunday 23<sup>rd</sup> 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**

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### **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

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## **Book Reviews:**

**See website for 3 new book reviews written by  
Jim Cox and Peter Wright:**

The Language of Tears – David Runcorn  
Faithful Presence in a Fractured World - Helen  
Paynter (editor).  
Fringe Dweller - Jonny Baker and David Cotterill.  
<https://southquantockbenefice.org.uk/book-reviews/>

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