

## 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

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

**27<sup>th</sup> September 2026**

### Collect for 17<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Trinity

Gracious God, you call us to fullness of life:

deliver us from unbelief

and banish our anxieties

with the liberating love of Jesus Christ our Lord.

**Readings:** Philippians 2: 1-13

Matthew 21: 23-32 (WM: Ezekiel 18:1-4, 25-end)

KSM E.Song: Ezekiel 37: 15-28 & 1 John 2: 22-29

### For your prayers:

Peter Wright, Philippa, Tom Baker, 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:

Ursula Gray – Kingston: Sat 10<sup>th</sup> Oct 2.30pm

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**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 4<sup>th</sup> Oct: 18<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Trinity

Philippians 3: 4b-14 ; Matthew 21: 33-46

### HARVEST Services Readings:

2 Corinthians 9: 6-15 Luke 12: 16-30

**Office re-opens Monday 28<sup>th</sup> Sept 8am**

| DATE                     | Br                           | CF                               | KSM                                                   | WM                                                    |
|--------------------------|------------------------------|----------------------------------|-------------------------------------------------------|-------------------------------------------------------|
| 27 <sup>th</sup><br>Sept |                              |                                  | 8.30am<br>BCP HC<br><br>6.00pm<br>Ch.Es               | 10.00am<br>HC                                         |
| 4 <sup>th</sup><br>Oct   | 6.00pm<br>Harvest<br>service | 11.00am<br>Harvest<br>service    | 9.30am<br>HC                                          | 8.30am<br>BCP HC<br><br>10.00am<br>Harvest<br>Service |
| 11 <sup>th</sup><br>Oct  |                              |                                  | 8.30am<br>BCP HC<br><br>11.30am<br>Harvest<br>service | 10.00am<br>HC                                         |
| 18 <sup>th</sup><br>Oct  | 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           |
| 25 <sup>th</sup><br>Oct  |                              |                                  | 8.30am<br>BCP HC<br><br>6.00pm<br>Ch.Es               | 10.00am<br>HC                                         |

*Tuesday 9.00am 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

Clergy: Rector: Revd Jim Cox 01823 802790

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## Sept

28<sup>th</sup> 7pm WM PCC at the BACH  
29<sup>th</sup> 1.30pm KSM – Babies & Toddlers walking group  
29<sup>th</sup> 6.30pm Br PCC in the office  
30<sup>th</sup> 10am – 11.30am Meditation Group begins  
30<sup>th</sup> 7pm Bible Study Group in the benefice office

## Oct

3<sup>rd</sup> 9.30am-12 – Cheddon churchyard working party  
3<sup>rd</sup> 10am WM Coffee & More – SAW art exhibition  
5<sup>th</sup> 7.30pm KSM PCC in the Benefice Office  
7<sup>th</sup> 10 – 11.30am Meditation at Tricia's  
7<sup>th</sup> 7.30pm Bible Study Group in Benefice Office  
13<sup>th</sup> 7.30pm Deanery Synod  
19<sup>th</sup> 7pm Mens Group in Cheddon Memorial Hall  
23<sup>rd</sup> 7pm Michael Brown talk in KSM village hall  
24<sup>th</sup> 7pm WM church 'Brass with a glass' £12

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**Please Note: West Monkton church will be locked when not in use for the next 2 weeks**

### Until 4<sup>th</sup> Oct in West Monkton Church

**Somerset Arts Week – Free Entry.** Theme –

'Cultural Connections'. parking and refreshments. with Family History Corner, featuring local families. Open to visit: Weds 2-5pm; Thurs 2-8pm; Fri 2-5pm; Sat 10am -5pm; Sun 12noon -5pm.

### Babies & Toddlers Walking Group – Kingston

**Tuesdays 1.30pm – 3pm.** Meet by the oak tree at the bottom of Church Lane. Includes coffee & chat.

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**Mon 19<sup>th</sup> Oct 7.00pm. Mens Group** – in Cheddon Memorial Hall – the Ron Burnett Room. Talk by Major General (retired) Richard Spencer. *"A soldier's eye view: Operations, the Gurkhas and defence acquisition – with a look at where global conflict goes next"* Bring your own drinks / snacks

**Fri 23<sup>rd</sup> KSM Village Hall – Talk by Michael Brown**  
**'Walking the Camino de Santiago'** in aid of Ripple Effect our Benefice charity. Tickets £10 from Rosalie:  
[rosaliehughes@hotmail.co.uk](mailto:rosaliehughes@hotmail.co.uk)

**Sat 24<sup>th</sup> WM 7pm Brass with a Glass** Wiveliscombe brass band. Tickets £12 incl a drink. U18's free. See West Monkton website for details & to book tickets

### Matthew 21: 23-32

**23** When he entered the temple, the chief priests and the elders of the people came to him as he was teaching, and said, 'By what authority are you doing these things, and who gave you this authority?'

**24** Jesus said to them, 'I will also ask you one question; if you tell me the answer, then I will also tell you by what authority I do these things. **25** Did the baptism of John come from heaven, or was it of

human origin?' And they argued with one another, 'If we say, "From heaven", he will say to us, "Why then did you not believe him?" **26** But if we say, "Of human origin", we are afraid of the crowd; for all regard John as a prophet.' **27** So they answered Jesus, 'We do not know.' And he said to them, 'Neither will I tell you by what authority I am doing these things.

**28** 'What do you think? A man had two sons; he went to the first and said, "Son, go and work in the vineyard today." **29** He answered, "I will not"; but later he changed his mind and went. **30** The father went to the second and said the same; and he answered, "I go, sir"; but he did not go. **31** Which of the two did the will of his father?' They said, 'The first.' Jesus said to them, 'Truly I tell you, the tax-collectors and the prostitutes are going into the kingdom of God ahead of you. **32** For John came to you in the way of righteousness and you did not believe him, but the tax-collectors and the prostitutes believed him; and even after you saw it, you did not change your minds and believe him.

### Reflection on Matthew 21: 23-32

If you are asked about your faith would you be able to give an answer? In the second story two sons are asked to work for their dad. One says he will but bunks off while the second says he won't but changes his mind and goes off to work. Just saying "I will" does not make things right. Again we are known by our actions.

Rosie Brown

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### Meditation Group:

#### Harvest Services - All welcome

4<sup>th</sup> October 10am – West Monkton (followed by applecake / drinks. Speaker Rob Walrond)

4<sup>th</sup> October 11am – Cheddon

4<sup>th</sup> October 6pm - Broomfield

11<sup>th</sup> October 11.30am – Kingston followed by Ploughman's lunch

Donations of dried foods / toiletries etc to Open Door or the Food bank. Refreshments served

Please note Open Door DO NOT WANT: pasta, tea, tuna, tinned soup or porridge

### Wednesdays 10.00am – 11.30am at Tricia's

This group is open to all. Please feel free to come along. There will be a variety of different styles to try each week. Contact the office for address etc : Tel 451257: [office@southquantockbenefice.org.uk](mailto:office@southquantockbenefice.org.uk)