

## Local abbreviations

Br : Broomfield CF : Cheddon Fitzpaine  
KSM: Kingston St Mary WM: West Monkton  
BCP HC: Communion from Book of Common Prayer  
HC: Holy Communion Ch.Ev: Choral Evensong  
Morn. Wsp: Morning Worship;

| DATE                 | Br                            | CF                                   | KSM                                            | WM                                |
|----------------------|-------------------------------|--------------------------------------|------------------------------------------------|-----------------------------------|
| 18 <sup>th</sup> Oct | 11.00am HC                    | 6.00pm Prayer & Reflection           | 9.30am HC                                      | 8.30am BCP HC<br>10.00am Morn.Wsp |
| 25 <sup>th</sup> Oct |                               |                                      | 8.30am BCP HC<br>6.00pm Ch.Ev                  | 10.00am HC                        |
| 1 <sup>st</sup> Nov  | <b>4.00pm</b> Evening Worship | 11.00am HC                           | 9.30am HC<br>9.30am Sunday School              | 8.30am BCP HC<br>10.00am Morn.Wsp |
| 8 <sup>th</sup> Nov  | 10am Short Act of Remembrance | 10.50 Remembrance Day Service        | 8.30am BCP HC<br>10.50 Remembrance Day Service | 10.50 Remembrance Day Service     |
| 15 <sup>th</sup> Nov | 11.00am HC                    | 6.00pm Deanery - Prayer & Reflection | 9.30am HC                                      | 8.30am BCP HC<br>10.00am Morn.Wsp |
| 22 <sup>nd</sup> Nov |                               |                                      | 8.30am BCP HC<br>6.00pm Ch.Ev                  | 10.00am 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

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## OUR MISSION STATEMENT:

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

## Welcome

**20<sup>th</sup> SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY**  
**18<sup>th</sup> October 2026**

### Collect for 20<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Trinity

God, our light and our salvation:  
illuminate our lives, that we may see your  
goodness in the land of the living,  
and looking on your beauty  
may be changed into the likeness  
of Jesus Christ our Lord.

**Readings:** 1 Thessalonians 1: 1-10 ;  
Matthew 22: 15-22  
Isaiah 45: 1-7 (WM)

### For your prayers:

Derrick Weston, 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:

Lai Ping Mo – West Monkton – 12<sup>th</sup> Nov 12noon  
Iris Heal – Bridgwater Crematorium *tba*

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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 25<sup>th</sup> Oct: Bible Sunday

Colossians 3: 12-17 ; Matthew 24: 30-35  
Nehemiah 8: 1-4a, 8-12 (WM)

## Oct

- 19<sup>th</sup> 7pm Men's Group in **Benefice Office!!**  
19<sup>th</sup> 7pm Deanery Synod members – Bishop Fiona at  
The Minster, Taunton.  
21<sup>st</sup> 10-11.30am Meditation Group  
23<sup>rd</sup> 7pm Michael Brown talk in KSM village hall  
24<sup>th</sup> 7pm WM church 'Brass with a glass' £12  
28<sup>th</sup> 3pm Friends of KSM meeting in the office  
28<sup>th</sup> 7.00pm WM Extraordinary PCC at the BACH

## Nov

- 2<sup>nd</sup> 10.00am Churchwardens meeting in the office  
2<sup>nd</sup> 6.00pm All Souls service in WM church  
6<sup>th</sup> 2pm Remembrance in Somerset Wood by the  
WW1 commemorative stone  
7<sup>th</sup> 10am WM church Coffee & more 'Windsor –  
everything but Andrew' speaker David Cronshaw  
12<sup>th</sup> 10am Home Communion team at Julia's  
14<sup>th</sup> 10-12 Broomfield coffee morning  
**15<sup>th</sup> 6pm Deanery Evening Reflection at Cheddon**  
16<sup>th</sup> 7.30pm KSM PCC Meeting in the office  
23<sup>rd</sup> 7.00pm WM PCC at the BACH  
28<sup>th</sup> 2.30-4pm Children's Christmas Event – in KSM

## Dec

- 5<sup>th</sup> 10am WM Christmas Fayre – WM village hall  
7<sup>th</sup> 10am- 11.30am Advent Group (runs for 3 weeks)  
8<sup>th</sup> Volis Farm Nativity for the schools

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**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> 7.00pm. Men's Group – NOTE- now in**  
**BENEFICE OFFICE** –Talk: 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 etc..

**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  
[Buy tickets – Brass with a Glass – St Augustine's Church,](#)  
[West Monkton](#)

**Sat 7<sup>th</sup> Nov 10am WM church Coffee & more**  
**'Windsor – everything but Andrew'** speaker David  
Cronshaw. Suggested donation £3

**Sat 14<sup>th</sup> Nov 10am – 12noon. Broomfield Coffee**  
**Morning in the Village Hall.** Raffle, preserves, cakes,  
Christmas cards, crafts and more....

## **Matthew 22: 15-22**

<sup>15</sup> Then the Pharisees went and plotted to entrap him in what he said. <sup>16</sup> So they sent their disciples to him, along with the Herodians, saying, 'Teacher, we know that you are sincere, and teach the way of God in accordance with truth, and show deference to no one; for you do not regard people with partiality. <sup>17</sup> Tell us, then, what you think. Is it lawful to pay taxes to the emperor, or not?' <sup>18</sup> But Jesus, aware of their malice, said, 'Why are you putting me to the test, you hypocrites? <sup>19</sup> Show me the coin used for the tax.' And they brought him a denarius. <sup>20</sup> Then he said to them, 'Whose head is this, and whose title?' <sup>21</sup> They answered, 'The emperor's.' Then he said to them, 'Give therefore to the emperor the things that are the emperor's, and to God the things that are God's.' <sup>22</sup> When they heard this, they were amazed; and they left him and went away.

## **Reflection on Matthew 22: 15-22**

The question set here is a trap which Jesus spots straightaway. He is not the naïve preacher the Pharisees are expecting. His answer neatly avoids standing on either side of the religious/civil divide. We too have to live in the real world where our beliefs and actions are guided by our faith but must also fit in with the laws and conventions of our own society. We are called to live in ways that honour both God and humankind and to bring all that we are to the service of the world as well as to God. Not easy!

Ruth Cook

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## **Meditation Group:** **Wednesdays 10.00am – 11.30am**

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)

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## **United Benefice All Souls Service:** **West Monkton church -** **Monday 2<sup>nd</sup> Nov at 6.00pm**

A wonderful opportunity to remember those we have loved and lost. A quiet service of reflection, to light a candle and write a prayer card for the memory tree. Everyone is welcome.

## **Announcement:**

The Minster, Taunton - The Revd Sam Healey has been appointed as Vicar, to start in January 2027. We pray for him and the church as they all prepare for this next chapter.