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
29th Nov	United Benefice Advent Sunday Service 10.00am in Kingston St Mary			
6th Dec	**4.00pm** Evening Worship	11.00am HC 4.00pm Carol Service	9.30am HC 9.30am Sunday School	8.30am BCP HC 10.00am Morn.Wsp
13th Dec			8.30am BCP HC	10.00am HC
20th Dec	11.00am HC	6.00pm **NO SERVICE**	9.30am HC 6.00pm Carol Service	8.30am BCP HC 10.00am Morn.Wsp 6pm Carol Service
24th Dec		9.00pm HC	4.30pm Crib serv 11.30pm HC	3.00pm Crib Serv
25th Dec	10.00am HC			10.00am HC
27th Dec	10.00am Holy Communion in West Monkton Church			

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.

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SOUTH QUANTOCK BENEFICE

OUR MISSION STATEMENT:
"To know, share and spread the love of God"

Welcome

Advent Sunday

29th November 2026

Collect for Advent Sunday
Almighty God, as your kingdom dawns,
turn us from the darkness of sin to the light of holiness, that we may be ready to meet you in our Lord and Saviour, Jesus Christ. **Amen**

Readings: Isaiah 64: 1-9 & Mark 13: 24-37

For your prayers:
Chris Neighbour, Graham Ward, 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:

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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)

Readings 6th Dec: 2nd Sunday of Advent
2 Peter 3: 8-15a Mark 1: 1-8
Isaiah 40: 1-11

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.

Dec

2nd 7-8.15 Advent Group in the benefice office
5th 10am WM Christmas Fayre – WM village hall
6th 2-4pm KSM Village Hall- Ch Hospice Xmas fayre
7th 10am- 11.30am Advent Group (runs for 3 weeks)
8th Volis Farm Nativity for the schools
8th 7pm Mens Group Pool at Allstars Sports Club
9th 7-8.15 Advent Group in the benefice office
11th 7pm KSM Concert – Jasmine Tipper. Tickets adults £10 8-18yrs £5 under 8's free.
12th 7pm WM Singalong Christmas *Free event*
14th 6.30 Tetton Farm Carols in the Cattleshed
19th 6pm Broomfield. Carols on the green.

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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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Dec 5th 10am Christmas Fayre & Crafts – West Monkton Village Hall - Cakes, jigsaws, tombola's, books, toys, raffles, bacon baps, & lots more. Donations just drop off in West Monkton church.

Dec 6th 2-4pm Kingston Village Hall: Children's Hospice Christmas Fayre. Entrance £1 (children free) Lots of stalls and goodies. Tea, coffee, cake

Dec 12th 7pm West Monkton church Singalong to your favourite Christmas songs and wear your Christmas jumper! Free event.

CAROL SERVICES ACROSS THE BENEFICE

Carol Services

6th Dec	4.00pm Cheddon
16th Dec	7.00pm Broomfield
20th Dec	6.00pm Kingston
20th Dec	6.00pm West Monkton

Mark 13: 24-37

24 'But in those days, after that suffering,
the sun will be darkened, and the moon will not give
its light, 25 and the stars will be falling from heaven,
and the powers in the heavens will be shaken.
26 Then they will see "the Son of Man coming in
clouds" with great power and glory. 27 Then he will
send out the angels, and gather his elect from the
four winds, from the ends of the earth to the ends of
heaven.28 'From the fig tree learn its lesson: as soon
as its branch becomes tender and puts forth its
leaves, you know that summer is near. 29 So also,
when you see these things taking place, you
know that he is near, at the very gates. 30 Truly I
tell you, this generation will not pass away until
all these things have taken place. 31 Heaven and
earth will pass away, but my words will not pass
away. 32 'But about that day or hour no one
knows, neither the angels in heaven, nor the Son,
but only the Father. 33 Beware, keep alert; for you
do not know when the time will come. 34 It is like
a man going on a journey, when he leaves home
and puts his slaves in charge, each with his work,
and commands the doorkeeper to be on the
watch. 35 Therefore, keep awake—for you do not
know when the master of the house will come, in
the evening, or at midnight, or at cockcrow, or at
dawn, 36 or else he may find you asleep when he
comes suddenly. 37 And what I say to you I say to
all: Keep awake.'

Reflection on Mark 13: 24-37

And so – Happy New Year. The Christian calendar starts here, not with the 'run-up to Christmas' but with the anticipation of the Return of Christ. Quite a different prospect coming down the chimney! We have now moved on from Matthew to Mark and are given the unflinching vision of the End. Each generation reimagines the apocalypse: it'll be the Chinese, the Russians, the Martians, some mad megalomaniac or ecological disaster. Take your pick. Hard as it may be to imagine, the God who loves us in this life, loves us no less in eternity. And that is the hope to which we cling.

Jim Cox

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Advent Groups:

Mondays 10.00am – 11.30am (WM area)
7th, 14th & 21st December

This group is open to all. Contact the office for details : office@southquantockbenefice.org.uk

AND Wednesdays 7pm – 8.15pm
2nd & 9th December

in the Benefice Office, Kingston. Open to all. For more details contact the office or the Vicar.

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DAILY ADVENT PRAYER BOOKLETS

Jim has produced a booklet following readings and prayers for morning and evening during advent. These are available in Kingston on Sunday. If you would like a copy please contact the benefice office

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