

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
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			
6 th Sept	6.00pm Eve. Wsp	11.00am HC	9.30am HC	8.30am BCP HC 10.00am Morn.Wsp
13 th Sept		9am–2pm ROC	8.30am BCP HC	10.00am HC
20 th Sept	11.00am HC	6.00pm Prayer & Reflection	9.30am HC	8.30am BCP HC 10.00am Morn.Wsp
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.				

Parish ministry team

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OUR MISSION STATEMENT:

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

Welcome

11th SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY

16th August 2026

Collect for 11th Sunday after Trinity

God of glory, the end of our searching,
help us to lay aside all that prevents us from
seeking your kingdom, and to give all that we
have to gain the pearl beyond price,
through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen**

Readings: Romans 11: 1-2a, 29-32

Matthew 15: 21-28

(WM: Isaiah 56: 1, 6-8)

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:

Joan Parsons – Ashes in Kingston 17th Aug 10.30am

Amy Hanbidge – Ashes (Private)

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 23rd Aug: 12th Sunday after Trinity

Romans 12: 1-8 ; Matthew 16: 13-20

(WM: Isaiah 51: 1-6)

Aug

NEW OFFICE HOURS:

Monday, Tuesday & Thursday 8am – 2.30pm

NO Tuesday Zoom morning prayer in August

NO Weds evening Bible group in August

Mon 17th 7.30pm KSM PCC

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

24th 10am Mens Group Croquet in Kingston

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
(internationally renowned soprano) *see below*

7th 6pm Mens Group BBQ at Mill Meadow.

Book via benefice office please.

13th 6pm Deanery Evening Prayer in Staplegrove
church with local musicians

28th 7pm WM PCC at the BACH

29th 6.30pm Br PCC in the office

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. £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.

**Sunday 6th 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

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

Matthew 15: 21-28

²¹ Jesus left that place and went away to the district
of Tyre and Sidon. ²² Just then a Canaanite woman
from that region came out and started shouting,
'Have mercy on me, Lord, Son of David; my daughter
is tormented by a demon.' ²³ But he did not answer
her at all. And his disciples came and urged him,
saying, 'Send her away, for she keeps shouting after
us.' ²⁴ He answered, 'I was sent only to the lost sheep
of the house of Israel.' ²⁵ But she came and knelt
before him, saying, 'Lord, help me.' ²⁶ He answered,
'It is not fair to take the children's food and throw it
to the dogs.' ²⁷ She said, 'Yes, Lord, yet even the dogs

eat the crumbs that fall from their masters'
table.' ²⁸ Then Jesus answered her, 'Woman, great
is your faith! Let it be done for you as you wish.'
And her daughter was healed instantly.

Reflection on Matthew 15: 21-28

Jesus's initial reaction to the Canaanite woman is
puzzling. She is only asking for help but Jesus is
at first silent then he insultingly scorns her.
However, the encounter then begins to make him
struggle internally with his understanding of his
calling. We can imagine him saying - perhaps as
much to himself - "I was sent only to the lost
sheep of the house of Israel - wasn't I?" Then he
feels the impact of the challenges evoked by the
woman. He sees her faith ("Lord help me"); her
grace (in the face of Jesus's scorn and the
dismissiveness of the disciples); her love (not
least for her daughter); her persistence, and her
wit in the face of rebuff. Jesus then realises his
calling is also to her and the world beyond Israel.
It is a pivotal moment in Jesus's ministry. The
woman is not named or mentioned again in the
gospels but we have a lot to thank her for.

Peter Wright

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

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/>

OFFICE DAYS CHANGING

NEW DAYS/HOURS ARE:

Mon, Tues & Thurs 8.00am – 2.30pm