

Local abbreviations

BR : Broomfield CF : Cheddon Fitzpaine

KSM: Kingston St Mary WM: West Monkton

Trad HC: Communion from Book of Common Prayer

HC: Holy Communion E.Song: Choral Evensong

Morn. Wsp: Morning Worship;

Eve Wsp: Evening Worship

DATE	Br	CF	KSM	WM
31 st Aug				8.30am BCP HC
	10.00am United Benefice Holy Communion in Broomfield church			
7 th Sept	6.00pm Evening Prayer	11am HC New time & date	9.30am HC New time from Sept	8.30am BCP HC 10.00am Morn.Wsp
14 th Sept			8.30am Trad HC	10.00am HC
21 st Sept	11am HC	NEW! 6.00pm Reflection & Prayer	9.30am HC New time from Sept	8.30am BCP HC 10.00am Harvest service & apple cake
28 th Sept			8.30am Trad HC 6.00pm Choral Esng	10.00am HC
5 th Oct	6.00pm Harvest Service	11am Harvest Service	11am Harvest Service & lunch	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

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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For weddings, banns of marriage, baptisms and funerals please contact the benefice office.



OUR MISSION STATEMENT:

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

Welcome

11th Sunday after Trinity

31st August 2025

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 our Saviour Jesus Christ. **Amen**

Readings: Ecclesiastes 10:12-18

Luke 14: 7-14;

For your prayers:

Charlie Way and his family, Carol Carter, Andy,
Barbara Hastilow, Philippa, Bob Pettitt,
Ray Cleave, 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:

John & Ann Pugh – ashes – CF- 2nd Sept 12noon
Elizabeth 'Liz' Andrews – West Monkton Mon
22nd Sept 11.30am

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 7th Sept – 12th Sunday after Trinity

Deuteronomy 30: 15-20 : Luke 14: 25-33

(WM: Philemon 1-21)

Sept

Mon 1st 3pm Cheddon PCC at Patricia's

Weds 3rd 7.00pm – 8.30pm Bible Group starts in the Benefice office. Runs weekly for 8 weeks

Sat 6th 10am WM Coffee & More – talk Rob Raju

Sat 6th 10am-4pm KSM 800 years Open Tower day

Sun 7th 3.30pm KSM 800 years Saxophone concert -

Wed 10th 10am KSM PCC in the Vicarage

Sat 13th 9am-12noon Cheddon churchyard working party – bring your own tools etc.

Sat 13th 2pm-6pm KSM 800 years Medieval Banquet – pre-booked ticket only event – see below

Mon 15th 6pm BR PCC in the Benefice Office

Wed 17th Mens Grp walk– Il Basilico 10.30/ lunch at 12.30/1pm

Sat 20th WM - "Brass with a Glass" start 7pm. Tickets and further details on WM church website <https://westmonktonchurch.co.uk/upcoming-events>

Mon 22nd 7pm WM PCC in the BACH

Tues 23rd 6.00pm WM - Audio test gathering in church

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Sat 6th Sept 10am-4pm Kingston Open Tower Event.
Refreshments - part of the 800 anniversary events

Sat 6th Sept 10am West Monkton coffee - guest speaker is Rob Raju who talks about his time behind the scenes at Heathrow, Terminal 4

Sun 7th Sept 3.30pm KSM Saxophone concert.
Pre-booked tickets only! quantocks@live.co.uk

Sat 13th Sept – 9.30am – 12noon Cheddon Churchyard working party as usual please bring your own tools – refreshments provided

Kingston 800 years events Finale!

Medieval Banquet – Hog Roast

Sat 13th Sept – 2 - 7pm

with Hog roast, dryad gin bar; ice-creams & soft drinks. Veggie option available.
games & activities etc....

in Vicarage garden - suitable for all the family.

Tickets must be purchased in advance!

from Jean Alger Green. £10 Adult; £5 under 12's
Family ticket (2 adults, 2 children) £25.

Call Jean on: 07513 460 576

Weds 17th Sept 10.30am Mens Group – Walk – Il Basilico / lunch 12.30/1pm **TBC**

Sunday 28th Sept 6pm 'Special' Choral Evensong in Kingston St Mary church. We will welcome the Bishop of Bath & Wells to a special service in Kingston to finalise the 800 years of the church events. Everyone is warmly invited to come. Followed by wine & nibbles.

Bible Study Group – Wednesday Evenings

Starts Weds 3rd Sept 7pm – 8.30pm in Kingston St Mary Benefice Office. Runs for 8 weeks. Suitable for everyone. For more information contact the benefice office 451257.

Broomfield Harvest Supper: 3rd October at 7.30.

Tickets and info from Paul Hibberd: 426991. Email: pw.hibberd@btinternet.com

Reading: Luke 14: 7-14

⁷When he noticed how the guests chose the places of honour, he told them a parable. ⁸'When you are invited by someone to a wedding banquet, do not sit down at the place of honour, in case someone more distinguished than you has been invited by your host; ⁹and the host who invited both of you may come and say to you, "Give this person your place", and then in disgrace you would start to take the lowest place. ¹⁰But when you are invited, go and sit down at the lowest place, so that when your host comes, he may say to you, "Friend, move up higher"; then you will be honoured in the presence of all who sit at the table with you. ¹¹For all who exalt themselves will be humbled, and those who humble themselves will be exalted.'

¹²He said also to the one who had invited him, 'When you give a luncheon or a dinner, do not invite your friends or your brothers or your relatives or rich neighbours, in case they may invite you in return, and you would be repaid. ¹³But when you give a banquet, invite the poor, the crippled, the lame, and the blind. ¹⁴And you will be blessed, because they cannot repay you, for you will be repaid at the resurrection of the righteous.'

Reflection on Luke 14: 7-14

This morning we have a lesson on the value of humility – Jesus helps us to see the need we have to choose the last places, - that is to seek littleness and hiddenness: humility. The poor, those who count for nothing could never repay an invitation to dinner – thus Jesus showed his preference for the poor and excluded those who are the privileged of the Kingdom of God, and transmits the fundamental message of the Gospel- which is to serve our neighbour for the love of God.

Loretta McHugh

Services changes starting in September for Cheddon & Kingston churches:

Cheddon

1st Sunday monthly 11am HC services

3rd Sunday monthly 6pm Reflection & Prayer

Kingston

1st & 3rd Sunday HC moves to 9.30am