

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

5th SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY 5th July 2026

Collect for 5th Sunday after Trinity

Almighty God,
send down upon your Church
the riches of your Spirit,
and kindle in all who minister the gospel
your countless gifts of grace;
through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen**

Readings: Romans 7: 15-25a
Matthew 11: 16-19, 25-end
(WM: Zechariah 9: 9-12)

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:

Chris Thorne – funeral 8th July 2.00pm in Bude Methodist Church – prayers for Lindsay & family

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 12th July: 6th Sunday after Trinity

Romans 8: 1-11 Matthew 13: 1-9, 18-23
Isaiah 55: 10-13 (WM)

DATE	Br	CF	KSM	WM
5 th July	6.00pm Eve.Wsp	11.00am HC	9.30am HC and Kids Church	8.30am BCP HC 10.00am Morn.Wsp
12 th July		9am–2pm ROC	8.30am BCP HC	10.00am HC
19 th July	11.00am HC	6.00pm Prayer & Reflection	9.30am HC	8.30am BCP HC 10.00am Morn.Wsp
26 th July		9am–2pm ROC	8.30am BCP HC 6pm Ch. Esong	10.00am HC
2 nd Aug	6.00pm Lammas with Bishop Fiona	11.00am HC	9.30am HC and Kids Church	8.30am BCP HC 10.00am Morn.Wsp
9 th Aug		9am–2pm ROC	8.30am BCP HC	10.00am HC
<i>Tuesday 8.30am morning prayer on Zoom. Contact the office for the link if you'd like to join in</i>				
<i>Wednesdays: Bible study group in the Benefice Office 7pm. Contact the benefice office for details</i>				
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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July

5th 2-5pm Cheddon Open Gardens- tickets £10 *from the church* incl tea & cake. Under 10's free.

6th 7pm Cheddon PCC

7th 7.30pm Deanery Synod HC at WM church

9th 10am Home Comm team at Julia's

12th 12.45pm from KSM - Pilgrimage walk to The Minster - see details

14th 10am – Mens Group – Golf, Pitch & Putt

17th 7pm KSM church - Rev Paul Cudby talk '

18th 7pm WM – Trinity Entertainers – see below

19th 3.30pm KSM Farewell to Rev Maureen Doble

20th 6.30pm Broomfield PCC in the office

25th

Aug

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

Sun 5th July 2-5pm Cheddon Open Gardens

Tickets available from the church £10 to include tea and cake at Medecia Cottage. (Under 10's free) Plant stall; Parking in the field at the top of the village All proceeds will go to the church

Tues 14th 10am Mens Group – Golf – pitch& putt (£8) – driving range available. ***Please ring or email the office to book your place by 6th July***

Fri 17th July 7.30pm KSM Village Hall: 'Faith in Nature' talk / music by Rev Paul Cudby & Alison Eve. FREE entry / donations taken. Drinks & nibbles available. booking via : way744@btinternet.com (*for numbers*).

Part 2: Sat 18th July 10am in the churchyard.

Either sessions open to everyone.

Sat 18th July 7pm West Monkton church Trinity

Entertainers – tickets £12 see their website:

<https://www.tickettailor.com/events/westmonktonchurchfundraisers/2215192>

Matthew 11: 16-19, 25-end

¹⁶ 'But to what will I compare this generation? It is like children sitting in the market-places and calling to one another, ¹⁷ "We played the flute for you, and you did not dance; we wailed, and you did not mourn."

¹⁸ For John came neither eating nor drinking, and they say, "He has a demon"; ¹⁹ the Son of Man came eating and drinking, and they say, "Look, a glutton and a drunkard, a friend of tax-collectors and sinners!" Yet wisdom is vindicated by her deeds.'

²⁵ At that time Jesus said, 'I thank you, Father, Lord of heaven and earth, because you have hidden these things from the wise and the intelligent and have

revealed them to infants; ²⁶ yes, Father, for such was your gracious will. ²⁷ All things have been handed over to me by my Father; and no one knows the Son except the Father, and no one knows the Father except the Son and anyone to whom the Son chooses to reveal him.

²⁸ 'Come to me, all you that are weary and are carrying heavy burdens, and I will give you rest. ²⁹ Take my yoke upon you, and learn from me; for I am gentle and humble in heart, and you will find rest for your souls. ³⁰ For my yoke is easy, and my burden is light.'

Reflection on Matthew 11: 16-19, 25-end

I have always found the idea of being able to give up a burden to God very comforting. Indeed, I have taken advantage of this on many occasions, especially when I was working and had difficult decisions to take. The feeling of being alone and having everything on my shoulders was often a heavy burden. But offering the issue up to God made life a lot less stressful. I tried to make decisions that were not just right for my organisation but that sat well with me as a Christian who cared about my colleagues and people affected by the decision. God can help us with any challenge. He is available and willing to help us with any heavy burden and give us the rest we badly need.

David Way

PILGRIMAGE WALK TO THE MINSTER 12th July

The deanery has organised a pilgrimage to the Minster on Sunday 12th July. The plan is for prayer stations in the Minster from 3pm, refreshments at 4pm and a joint service at 5pm

I will walk ***from Kingston St Mary (meet 12.45pm by the triangle and leave promptly by 1.00pm)*** and to Cheddon and join the canal at the Crown Medical Centre, hopefully to meet others from West Monkton (and possibly Creech) about 2.30pm to continue on into town to The Minster.

You are welcome to join in at any point, as you wish.

Jim Cox

Service for Rev Maureen Doble

Sunday 19th July 3.30

Kingston St Mary Church

Followed by tea and cake

We would like to formally thank Rev Maureen Doble as she retires from ministry, for her many years of service across the Benefice and invite you all to come and join us.

Maureen remains part of our church community.