

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

7th SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY

19th July 2026

Collect for 7th Sunday after Trinity

Generous God,
you give us gifts and make them grow;
though our faith is small as mustard seed, make it
grow to your glory and the flourishing of your
kingdom; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen**

Readings: Romans 8: 12-25
Matthew 13: 24-30, 36-43
(WM: Isaiah 44: 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:

Valerie Radley ashes in KSM 20.07.2026

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 26th July: 8th Sunday after Trinity

Romans 8: 26-end Matthew 13: 31-33, 44-52
1 Kings 3: 5-12 (WM)

DATE	Br	CF	KSM	WM
19 th July	11.00am HC	6.00pm Prayer & Reflection	9.30am HC 3.30pm Service for Maureen	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
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
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.				

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July

19th 3.30pm KSM Farewell to Rev Maureen Doble

20th 6.30pm Broomfield PCC in the office

24/25 9am-1pm WM Big Church Clean

Sat 25th 2.30pm CH Flower Show – Memorial Hall

Mon 27th 10am Wardens Meeting in the office

Mon 27th 7pm WM PCC at the BACH

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!*

24th 10am Mens Group Croquet in Kingston

book via office please by 14th August

29th 3pm WM Village BBQ – more details soon

Sunday 2nd August 6pm Lammass at Broomfield We are delighted Bishop Fiona will be joining us for this service. Followed by bread, cheese, cider & apple juice Everyone welcome.

Big Church Clean: West Monkton 9-1 Friday and Saturday 24th-25th July. All hands and dusters much appreciated. Many hands make the job quicker

Aug 24th 10am Mens Group – Croquet in Kingston

Please book via the benefice office by 14th August.

Matthew 13: 24-30, 36-43

²⁴ He put before them another parable: 'The kingdom of heaven may be compared to someone who sowed good seed in his field; ²⁵ but while everybody was asleep, an enemy came and sowed weeds among the wheat, and then went away. ²⁶ So when the plants came up and bore grain, then the weeds appeared as well. ²⁷ And the slaves of the householder came and said to him, "Master, did you not sow good seed in your field? Where, then, did these weeds come from?" ²⁸ He answered, "An enemy has done this." The slaves said to him, "Then do you want us to go and gather them?" ²⁹ But he replied, "No; for in gathering the weeds you would uproot the wheat along with them. ³⁰ Let both of them grow together until the harvest; and at harvest time I will tell the reapers, Collect the weeds first and bind them in bundles to be burned, but gather the wheat into my barn."

³⁶ Then he left the crowds and went into the house. And his disciples approached him, saying, 'Explain to us the parable of the weeds of the field.' ³⁷ He answered, 'The one who sows the good seed is the Son of Man; ³⁸ the field is the world, and the good seed are the children of the kingdom; the weeds are the children of the evil one, ³⁹ and the enemy who sowed them is the devil; the harvest is the end of the age, and the reapers are angels. ⁴⁰ Just as the weeds are collected and burned up with fire, so will it be at the end of the age. ⁴¹ The Son

of Man will send his angels, and they will collect out of his kingdom all causes of sin and all evildoers, ⁴² and they will throw them into the furnace of fire, where there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth. ⁴³ Then the righteous will shine like the sun in the kingdom of their Father. Let anyone with ears listen!

Reflection on Matthew 13: 24-30, 36-43

I always like parables that draw on rural images and activities. They somehow speak to me with greater clarity and authenticity. It is helpful too that this is one of the few parables that Jesus explains in detail. There can be many reasons for this but one is that Jesus is privately tutoring his disciples in readiness for when they are the custodians of his teachings. I wonder if they imagined then that their wisdom would be passed on to us so many generations later. We certainly recognise the world that is being described, with so much evil battling every day with good. I often wonder why God allows this to continue. Surely enough is enough. But Jesus encourages us to be patient, not to judge people too soon and to live faithfully in this far from perfect world. Let anyone with ears listen!

David Way

Service of thanks for the ministry of 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.
Please stay and join her after the service*

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

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