

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 of Lent
22nd March 2026**

DATE	Br	CF	KSM	WM
22 nd Mar		9am–2pm ROC	8.30am BCP HC 6.00pm Ch. Esong	10.00am HC
29 th Mar	NO 8.30am Service <u>10.00am</u> United Benefice Palm Sunday Holy Communion – West Monkton church			
	For Holy Week services / events see inside weekly newsletter			
5 th Apr Easter Day	10.00am HC NO Eve.Wsp	11.00am HC	9.30 HC and Kids Church	NO 8.30am Service 10.00am HC
12 th Apr		9am–2pm ROC	8.30am BCP HC	10.00am HC
19 th April	11.00am HC	6.00pm Prayer & Reflection	9.30am HC	8.30am BCP HC 10.00am Morn.Wsp
26 th April		9am–2pm ROC	8.30am BCP HC 6.00pm Ch. Esong	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.				

Parish ministry team

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Collect for 5th Sunday of Lent

Gracious Father, you gave up your Son out of love for the world. Lead us to ponder the mysteries of his passion, that we may know eternal peace through the shedding of our Saviour's blood, Jesus Christ our Lord . **Amen**

Readings: Ezekiel 37: 1-14 John 11: 1-45
Romans 8: 6-11 (WM)
KSM E.Song: Lamentations 3: 19-33
Matthew 20: 17-28

For your prayers:

Liz Thompson, Philippa, Tom Baker, Carol Carter, Andy, Charlie Way, Barbara Hastilow, Bob Pettitt, Ray Cleave, Sandy & Brian Adams, Angela;
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:

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 29th March: Palm Sunday

Matthew 21: 1-11 Liturgy of the Palms

Matthew 27: 11-54 Liturgy of the Passion

**BENEFICE OFFICE CLOSED WEDS 25th / Thurs 26th
March**

23rd 10.30am Lent Group session 5 at Tricia's
23rd 7.00pm WM PCC at the BACH
24th 6.30pm Br PCC in the Benefice Office
25th 12.30 KSM church lent lunch
25th 7.00pm Lent Group Session 5 in the office
28th 10am – 11.30am Childrens Easter activities in
Cheddon Memorial Hall
28th 2.30pm WM Ukelele concert – free event
29th NO 8.30am BCP service today
30th 10.30am Lent Group Session 6 at Tricia's
30th 7.00pm Compline at Broomfield
31st 7.00pm Compline at West Monkton

April

1st 7.00pm Compline at Kingston
2nd 7.00pm Maundy Thursday HC – Cheddon
3rd Bank Holiday/ 10.00am Good Friday walks
start from Broomfield church
6th Bank Holiday
8th 10.00am KSM Standing Cttee – Jan's
12th 6.00pm Deanery Eve. Prayer in St. Andrews
13th 10.00am KSM PCC in the Vicarage
14th 7.00pm Mens Group talk in Cheddon Memorial
Hall. Bring own drinks / snacks
15th 7.00pm Cheddon APCM in the church
24th 7.00pm WM – Tim Pitman concert £15
<https://www.tickettailor.com/events/westmonktonchurchfundraisers/2074377>

**Every Wednesday : 12.30pm in Kingston church.
LENT LUNCHESES** (soup, roll). Every Weds until 25th
March incl. Everyone welcome.

**Sat 28th March 2.30pm West Monkton:
TUSC ukulele concert. Free event.**

Refreshments available. Donations welcome

**New Book Review from Peter Wright on the
website: The Middle Eastern Jesus: Nadim Nassar:**
<https://southquantockbenefice.org.uk/book-reviews/>

Gospel Reading: John 11: 1-45

Too long to print here this week but click on the link
below if you would like to read it :

<https://www.biblegateway.com/passage/?search=John%2011%3A%201-45&version=NRSVA>

CHURCH APCM's are coming up. Please ensure you
are on the electoral roll of your church. There are
vacancies for Churchwardens and PCC members –
we always need other help too. WE NEED YOU!

Reflection on John 11: 1-45

These close friends of Jesus must have wondered
why Jesus appeared to heal everyone else but to
ignore his own friend. Instead, Jesus waited to
come until days after he had been buried. Only
later did they realise that the delay was so that
Jesus could raise Lazarus from the dead. What a
shock to everyone. It is one thing to heal
someone – even one who has just died. But to
raise someone from the dead after a few days –
well – only God could do that couldn't he?

Rosie Brown

Free Family Event

Saturday 28th March

10.00 – 11.30am

in Cheddon memorial Hall

*Aimed at 2-11's. Easter Egg Hunt, Easter
gardens, chocolate nests, card making, biscuit
decorating and much, much more!*

*Drinks will be provided. Everyone welcome
Children must be accompanied by an adult*

HOLY WEEK SERVICES

Sun 29th March

10.00am Palm Sunday United Benefice service in
West Monkton church

Mon 30th March

7.00pm Compline in Broomfield church

Tues 31st March

7.00pm Compline in West Monkton church

Weds 1st April

7.00pm Compline in Kingston church

Maundy Thurs 2nd April

7.00pm Holy Communion in Cheddon church

Good Friday 3rd April - WALK OF WITNESS

*All the family welcome – do bring children, dogs
& packed lunch. Please join in at any point for
part or all of the walk & services.*

10.00am Reflection at Broomfield / walk to
Kingston

11.00am Reflection & refreshments in Kingston/
walk to Cheddon

12.15 Reflection & refreshments in Cheddon
(lunch break) / leave 1.30pm and walk
to West Monkton

2.00pm Reflection & refreshments in West
Monkton

LAST FAIR TRADE SALES AT WEST MONKTON:

Sunday 22nd March at the 10am service