

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 of EASTER
17th May 2026

Collect for 7th Sunday of Easter

Risen ascended Lord,
as we rejoice in your triumph,
fill your Church with power and compassion,
that all who are estranged by sin may find
forgiveness and know your peace
to the glory of God the Father. **Amen**

Readings: Acts 1: 6-14 *must be used*;
John 17: 1-11 (WM: Ezekiel 36: 24-28)

For your prayers:

Philippa, Tom Baker, Carol Carter, Charlie Way,
Andy, 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:

Geoffrey Beccle- 21st May 2.00pm WM church
Penny Mullins – 26th May 12noon KSM church

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 24th May: Pentecost

Acts 2: 1-21 (must be used) John 20: 19-23
Ezekiel 36: 24-28 (WM)

| DATE | Br | CF | KSM | WM |
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| 17 th May | 11.00am HC | 6.00pm Prayer & Reflection | 9.30am HC | 8.30am BCP HC 10.00am Morn.Wsp |
| 24 th May | | 9am–2pm ROC | 8.30am BCP HC 6.00pm Ch. Esong | 10.00am HC |
| 31 st May | NO 8.30am service 10.00am United Holy Communion in Cheddon | | | |
| 7 th June | 6.00pm Deanery Reflection & Prayer | 11.00am HC | 9.30am HC and Kids Church | 8.30am BCP HC 10.00am Morn.Wsp |
| 14 th June | | 9am–2pm ROC | 8.30am BCP HC | 10.00am HC |
| 21 st June | 11.00am HC | 6.00pm Prayer & Reflection | 9.30am HC | 8.30am BCP HC 10.00am Morn.Wsp |
| 28 th June | | 9am–2pm ROC | 8.30am BCP HC 6pm 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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May

20th 11am Mens Group meet at Ham Wall

25th All day - Bank Holiday – office closed

June

1st 7.00pm WM PCC at the BACH

2nd 2.30-4pm Meditation Group starts – 5 weeks at Tricia's – contact the office for details

6th 9.30-12noon Cheddon churchyard clean up

7th 6.00pm Taunton Deanery Prayer & Reflection in Broomfield church with local musicians

9th 6.00pm Archdeacon's Visitation – The Minster. Arrive from 5.45pm with your form. Service at 7pm

19th 7.00pm KSM – talk by Michael Brown
POSTPONED until the autumn

27th 7.00pm Men's Group – cocktails at Vicarage

July

12th Pilgrimage – see details of what's proposed

Weds 20th May 11am – Mens Group meet at Ham Wall bird watching. Refreshments not always available there but do take your own. Parking £4

Kingston APCM: Sunday 24th May at 4.30pm (refreshments from 3.45). Choral Evensong follows at 6.00pm followed by wine & nibbles.

Meditation Group begins 2nd June: 2.30-4pm in WM area for 5 weeks – contact office for details

Sat 6th June 10am WM – coffee & more - Some garden know-how when Andrew Pitman from Monkton Elm Garden Center joins us for Coffee for our garden weekend.

Sun 7th June 2.00pm WM – Open Gardens Collect your ticket from the church at 2pm - Our garden hosts will be happy to welcome you into their gardens, where for the past six months they would have been very busy preparing.

Annual Parochial Church Meetings in May :

Please come along to support your local church, hear what has been happening and plans for the future and enable it to stay open. **WE NEED YOUR HELP!**

Volunteers: We are always looking for people to help with flowers/ cleaning/ churchyard tidying. Lots of small tasks to help keep our building safe and fit for use

John 17: 1-11

After Jesus had spoken these words, he looked up to heaven and said, 'Father, the hour has come; glorify your Son so that the Son may glorify

you, ²since you have given him authority over all people, to give eternal life to all whom you have given him. ³And this is eternal life, that they may know you, the only true God, and Jesus Christ whom you have sent. ⁴I glorified you on earth by finishing the work that you gave me to do. ⁵So now, Father, glorify me in your own presence with the glory that I had in your presence before the world existed.

⁶I have made your name known to those whom you gave me from the world. They were yours, and you gave them to me, and they have kept your word. ⁷Now they know that everything you have given me is from you; ⁸for the words that you gave to me I have given to them, and they have received them and know in truth that I came from you; and they have believed that you sent me. ⁹I am asking on their behalf; I am not asking on behalf of the world, but on behalf of those whom you gave me, because they are yours. ¹⁰All mine are yours, and yours are mine; and I have been glorified in them. ¹¹And now I am no longer in the world, but they are in the world, and I am coming to you. Holy Father, protect them in your name that you have given me, so that they may be one, as we are one.

Reflection on John 14: 15-21

As we reflect on Jesus' prayer may we be inspired to deepen our own prayer lives, focusing on God's Glory, while also praying for others. This prayer exemplifies the selfless nature of intercessory prayer and encourages us to pray fervently for others, especially fellow believers. He teaches us the essence of our faith is not just about rules and rituals but about a deep personal relationship with God.

Loretta McHugh

PILGRIMAGE – Sunday 12th July:

This year the diocese is asking the parishes to make a special focus on prayer. As part of this 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 service at 5pm.

I am proposing to walk from Broomfield (1pm), through Kingston and 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. Please give it some thought.

Jim Cox