Local abbreviations

Br : Broomfield CF : Cheddon Fitzpaine
KSM: Kingston St Mary WM: West Monkton
BCP HC: Communion from Book of Common Prayer
HC: Holy Communion Ch.Ev: Choral Evensong
Morn. Wsp: Morning Worship;

DATE	Br	CF	KSM	WM
1st Nov	**4.00pm** Evening Worship	11.00am HC	9.30am HC 9.30am Sunday School	8.30am BCP HC 10.00am Morn.Wsp
8th Nov	10am Short Act of Remembrance	10.50 Remembrance Day Service	8.30am BCP HC 10.50 Remembrance Day Service	10.50 Remembrance Day Service
15th Nov	11.00am HC	6.00pm Deanery - Prayer & Reflection	9.30am HC	8.30am BCP HC 10.00am Morn.Wsp
22nd Nov			8.30am BCP HC 6.00pm Ch.Ev	10.00am HC
29th Nov	United Benefice Advent Sunday Service 10.00am in Kingston St Mary			
6th Dec	**4.00pm** Evening Worship	11.00am HC 4.00pm Carol Service	9.30am HC 9.30am Sunday School	8.30am BCP HC 10.00am Morn.Wsp

Tuesday 9.00am 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.

Parish ministry team

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SOUTH QUANTOCK BENEFICE

OUR MISSION STATEMENT:
"To know, share and spread the love of God"

Welcome

ALL SAINTS DAY

1st November 2026

Collect for All Saints Day
God of holiness,
your glory is proclaimed in every age:
as we rejoice in the faith of your saints,
inspire us to follow their example with boldness and joy: through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Readings: 1 John 3: 1-3; Matt 5: 1-12
Revelation 7: 9-end (WM)

For your prayers:
Derrick Weston, Peter Wright, Philippa, Tom Baker, Bob Pettitt, Marion Baker, Barbara Hastilow, Ray Cleave, Andy, Sandy 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:
Lai Ping Mo – West Monkton – 12th Nov 12noon
Iris Heal –Sedgemoor Crem. 4th Nov 11.30am

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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)

Readings 8th Nov: Remembrance Sunday
8.30am: 1 Thess 4: 13-end & Matt 25: 1-13
Remembrance Services: KSM: Isaiah 2: 1-5
WM & CF: John 15: 9-17 ;

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.

Nov

2nd 10.00am Churchwardens meeting in the office
2nd 6.00pm All Souls service in WM church
6th 2pm Remembrance in Somerset Wood by the WW1 commemorative stone
7th 10am WM church Coffee & more - see below
11th 9.00am Home Communion team at Kate's
14th 10-12 Broomfield coffee morning
15th 6pm Deanery Evening Reflection at Cheddon
16th 12-2pm Mens Group bowls – see below
16th 7.30pm KSM PCC Meeting in the office
23rd 7.00pm WM PCC at the BACH
28th 2.30-4pm Children's Christmas Event – in KSM

Dec

5th 10am WM Christmas Fayre – WM village hall
7th 10am- 11.30am Advent Group (runs for 3 weeks)
8th Volis Farm Nativity for the schools

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Babies & Toddlers Walking Group – Kingston Tuesdays 1.30pm – 3pm. Meet by the oak tree at the bottom of Church Lane. Includes coffee & chat.

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Sat 7th Nov 10am WM church Coffee & more 'Windsor – everything but Andrew' speaker David Cronshaw. Suggested donation £3

Sat 14th Nov 10am – 12noon. Broomfield Coffee Morning in the Village Hall. Raffle, preserves, cakes, Christmas cards, crafts and more….

Mon 16th Nov Mens Group Bowls -12noon – 2pm at Vivary Park. £10 incl ploughman's at 1.30pm**.** Please book by 9th Nov via the benefice office.

Matthew 5: 1-12

5 When Jesus saw the crowds, he went up the mountain; and after he sat down, his disciples came to him. **2** Then he began to speak, and taught them, saying: **3** 'Blessed are the poor in spirit, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven. **4** 'Blessed are those who mourn, for they will be comforted. **5** 'Blessed are the meek, for they will inherit the earth. **6** 'Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for righteousness, for they will be filled. **7** 'Blessed are the merciful, for they will receive mercy. **8** 'Blessed are the pure in heart, for they will see God. **9** 'Blessed are the peacemakers, for they will be called children of God. **10** 'Blessed are those who are persecuted for righteousness' sake, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven. **11** 'Blessed are you when people revile you and persecute you and utter all kinds of evil against you falsely on my account. **12** Rejoice and be glad, for your reward is great in heaven, for in the same way they persecuted the prophets who were before you.

Reflection on Matthew 5: 1-12

I once preached an in-depth sermon on the beatitudes. Over coffee afterwards someone said, 'I liked the sermon but what's a beatitude?' Never assume. The gospel today is Matthew's take on the beatitudes. Luke has his own version. I suppose it means the 'blessed sayings'. The interesting part, though, is the verb tense: present. It doesn't say all these unfortunates *will be* blessed when they are rewarded, but that they *are* blessed. What does that mean?

Jim Cox

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United Benefice All Souls Service:
West Monkton Church - 2nd Nov at 6.00pm.



We specifically invite those who have been recently bereaved, but it is a wonderful opportunity for us all to come together to pray, and to remember with deep affection those we have lost along life's way.

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Remembrance Sunday Services : Nov 8th:

10.00am Act of Remembrance in Broomfield

10.50am Remembrance Services in: Cheddon, Kingston and West Monkton

TAUNTON DEANERY EVENING SERVICE:

Prayer & Reflection

With musicians from around the deanery

6.00pm - Sunday 15th November

at Cheddon Fitzpaine church

Advent Group: 7th, 14th & 21st December
Mondays 10.00am – 11.30am

This group is open to all. Contact the office for details : office@southquantockbenefice.org.uk

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Wednesday Evening Bible Study

We usually meet every Wednesday 7pm - 8.15 in the Benefice Office, Kingston. Open to everyone. For more details contact the office or the Vicar.

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New Book Review from Jim:

George van Kooten: Reverberations of Good News. on South Quantock Benefice website: Do check it out. https://southquantockbenefice.org.uk/book-reviews/