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
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
13th Dec			8.30am BCP HC	10.00am HC
20th Dec	11.00am HC	6.00pm **NO SERVICE**	9.30am HC 6.00pm Carol Service	8.30am BCP HC 10.00am Morn.Wsp 6pm Carol Service
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.				

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SOUTH QUANTOCK BENEFICE

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

Welcome

2nd SUNDAY before ADVENT

15th November 2026

Collect for 2nd Sunday before Advent
Heavenly Lord,
you long for the world's salvation:
stir us from apathy, restrain us from excess
and revive in us new hope that all creation will
one day be healed in Jesus Christ our Lord.
Amen

Readings: 1 Thess 5: 1-11 & Matt 25: 14-30
(WM also Zephaniah 1: 7, 12-end)

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:

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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 22nd Nov: Christ the King
Ephesians 1: 15-end & Matt 25: 31-end
(WM also Ezekiel 34: 11-16, 20-24)

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

15th 6pm Deanery Evening Reflection at Cheddon

16th 12-2pm Mens Group bowls

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

Sat 28th Nov KSM Village hall: Children's Christmas Activities Event. FREE. Lots of crafts and things to do. Refreshments. *Children must be accompanied by a responsible adult please*.

Matthew 25: 14-30

14 'For it is as if a man, going on a journey,
summoned his slaves and entrusted his property to
them; 15 to one he gave five talents, to another two,
to another one, to each according to his ability. Then
he went away. 16 The one who had received the five
talents went off at once and traded with them, and
made five more talents. 17 In the same way, the one
who had the two talents made two more talents.
18 But the one who had received the one talent went
off and dug a hole in the ground and hid his master's
money. 19 After a long time the master of those
slaves came and settled accounts with them.
20 Then the one who had received the five talents
came forward, bringing five more talents, saying,
"Master, you handed over to me five talents; see,
I have made five more talents." 21 His master said to
him, "Well done, good and trustworthy slave; you
have been trustworthy in a few things, I will put you
in charge of many things; enter into the joy of your
master." 22 And the one with the two talents also
came forward, saying, "Master, you handed over to
me two talents; see, I have made two more talents."
23 His master said to him, "Well done, good and
trustworthy slave; you have been trustworthy in a
few things, I will put you in charge of many things;
enter into the joy of your master." 24 Then the one
who had received the one talent also came forward,
saying, "Master, I knew that you were a harsh man,
reaping where you did not sow, and gathering
where you did not scatter seed; 25 so I was afraid,
and I went and hid your talent in the ground.
Here you have what is yours." 26 But his master
replied, "You wicked and lazy slave! You knew,
did you, that I reap where I did not sow, and
gather where I did not scatter? 27 Then you ought
to have invested my money with the bankers,
and on my return I would have received what
was my own with interest. 28 So take the talent
from him, and give it to the one with the ten
talents. 29 For to all those who have, more will be
given, and they will have an abundance; but from
those who have nothing, even what they have
will be taken away. 30 As for this worthless slave,
throw him into the outer darkness, where there
will be weeping and gnashing of teeth."

Reflection on Matthew 25: 14-30

New Testament scholars often warn us to never assume Jesus is using allegory. The 'king' or the 'judge' or the 'landlord' is not always 'God'. If he is, we are left with a pretty distorted view of a God of love. This parable, above all others, must surely NOT be allegory. Who, from a Christ-inspired position, would take from the small and struggling, the humble and modest, the weak and exhausted and give it to the rich and the wealthy, the successful and the big?

Jim Cox

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TAUNTON DEANERY EVENING SERVICE:

Prayer & Reflection

With musicians from around the deanery

6.00pm - Sunday 15th November

at Cheddon Fitzpaine church

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Advent Groups:

Mondays 10.00am – 11.30am (WM area)

7th, 14th & 21st December

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

AND

Wednesdays 7pm – 8.15pm

25th November, 2nd & 9th December

in the Benefice Office, Kingston. Open to all.
For more details contact the office or the Vicar.

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NO Wednesday bible study 18th November