

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

15th SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY 13th September 2026

Collect for 15th Sunday after Trinity

Lord God, defend your Church from all false teaching and give to your people knowledge of your truth, that we may enjoy eternal life in Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen**

Readings: Romans 14: 1-12;
Matthew 18: 21-35 (WM: Genesis 50: 15-21)

For your prayers:

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:

Aileen Spencer – WM ch.yard Tue 15th Sept 10am

Brian Adams – Funeral in WM church Tues 15th Sept at 12noon

Gwyneth Trowbridge – TD Crematorium Tues 15th Sept at 2.40pm

Ursula Gray – WM Sat 10th Oct 2.30pm

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 20th Sept: 16th Sunday after Trinity

Philippians 1: 21-30 ; Matthew 20: 1-16
(WM: Jonah 3:10 – end of chapter 4)

DATE	Br	CF	KSM	WM
13 th Sept			8.30am BCP HC	10.00am HC
20 th Sept	11.00am HC	6.00pm Prayer & Reflection	9.30am HC	8.30am BCP HC 10.00am Morn.Wsp
27 th Sept			8.30am BCP HC 6.00pm Ch.Es	10.00am HC
4 th Oct	6.00pm Harvest service	11.00am Harvest service	9.30am HC	8.30am BCP HC 10.00am Harvest Service
11 th Oct			8.30am BCP HC 11.30am Harvest service	10.00am HC
18 th Oct	11.00am HC	6.00pm Prayer & Reflection	9.30am HC	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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Sept

Office will be closed w/c 21st September

13th 6pm Deanery Evening Prayer in Staplegrove church with local musicians
16th 7pm Bible Study Group in the benefice office
19th to 4th Oct WM – Somerset Arts Week Exhibition
23rd 7pm Bible Study Group in the benefice office
28th 7pm WM PCC at the BACH
29th 6.30pm Br PCC in the office
30th 10am – 11.30am Meditation Group begins
30th 7pm Bible Study Group in the benefice office

Oct

3rd 9.30am-12 – Cheddon churchyard working party
3rd 10am WM Coffee & More – SAW art exhibition
5th 7.30pm KSM PCC in the Benefice Office

Please Note: West Monkton church will be locked when not in use for the next 3 weeks

19th Sept to 4th Oct in West Monkton Church Somerset Arts Week – Free Entry

Theme - 'Cultural Connections'.
Plentiful parking and delicious refreshments.
A new addition for this year is our Family History Corner, featuring local families.
Open to visit: Weds 2-5pm; Thurs 2-8pm; Fri 2-5pm;
Sat 10am -5pm; Sun 12noon -5pm.

Mon 19th Oct 7.00pm. Mens Group – in Cheddon Memorial Hall – the Ron Burnett Room. Talk by Major General (retired) Richard Spencer. *"A soldier's eye view: Operations, the Gurkhas and defence acquisition – with a look at where global conflict goes next"* Bring your own drinks / snacks

Harvest Services - All welcome

4th October 10am – West Monkton (*followed by applecake / drinks. Speaker Rob Walrond*)
4th October 11am – Cheddon
4th October 6pm - Broomfield
11th October 11.30am – Kingston *followed by Ploughman's lunch*

Donations of dried foods / toiletries etc to Open Door or the Food bank.
Refreshments after the services.

Please note Open Door DO NOT WANT: pasta, tea, tuna, tinned soup or porridge

Matthew 18: 21-35

²¹ Then Peter came and said to him, 'Lord, if another member of the church sins against me, how often should I forgive? As many as seven times?' ²² Jesus

said to him, 'Not seven times, but, I tell you, seventy-seven times. ²³ 'For this reason the kingdom of heaven may be compared to a king who wished to settle accounts with his slaves. ²⁴ When he began the reckoning, one who owed him ten thousand talents was brought to him; ²⁵ and, as he could not pay, his lord ordered him to be sold, together with his wife and children and all his possessions, and payment to be made. ²⁶ So the slave fell on his knees before him, saying, "Have patience with me, and I will pay you everything." ²⁷ And out of pity for him, the lord of that slave released him and forgave him the debt. ²⁸ But that same slave, as he went out, came upon one of his fellow-slaves who owed him a hundred denarii; and seizing him by the throat, he said, "Pay what you owe." ²⁹ Then his fellow-slave fell down and pleaded with him, "Have patience with me, and I will pay you." ³⁰ But he refused; then he went and threw him into prison until he should pay the debt. ³¹ When his fellow-slaves saw what had happened, they were greatly distressed, and they went and reported to their lord all that had taken place. ³² Then his lord summoned him and said to him, "You wicked slave! I forgave you all that debt because you pleaded with me. ³³ Should you not have had mercy on your fellow-slave, as I had mercy on you?" ³⁴ And in anger his lord handed him over to be tortured until he should pay his entire debt. ³⁵ So my heavenly Father will also do to every one of you, if you do not forgive your brother or sister from your heart.'

Reflection on Matthew 18: 21-35

This passage reminds us that we should treat others in the way we would like to be treated ourselves. The slave who had been forgiven a large debt got his comeuppance when his fellow slaves dobbed him in. Christians are said to be known by their actions – can you be known by yours?

Rosie Brown

Meditation Group:

A Meditation Group returns starting on Weds 30th September for a few weeks:

Wednesdays 10.00am – 11.30am at Tricia's

This group has attracted people from outside the Benefice and is open to all. Please feel free to come along. There will be a variety of different styles to try each week.

Contact the office for address etc : 01823 451257 or email: office@southquantockbenefice.org.uk
