

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

16th SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY 20th September 2026

Collect for 16th Sunday after Trinity

Lord of creation,
whose glory is around and within us:
open our eyes to your wonders,
that we may serve you with reverence
and know your peace at our lives' end,
through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen**

Readings: Philippians 1: 21-30

Matthew 20: 1-16 (WM: Jonah 3 :10 – 4:11)

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:

Ursula Gray – Kingston: 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 27th Sept: 17th Sunday after Trinity

Philippians 2: 1-13 ; Matthew 21: 23-32
(WM: Ezekiel 18: 1-4, 25-end)

BENEFICE OFFICE CLOSED UNTIL MONDAY 28th SEPTEMBER.

Phone has been diverted for emergencies.

DATE	Br	CF	KSM	WM
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 closed w/c 21st September

19th to 4th Oct WM – Somerset Arts Week Exhibition

22nd 1.30pm KSM Babies/Toddlers walking group

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

7th 10 – 11.30am Meditation at Tricia's

7th 7.30pm Bible Study Group in Benefice Office

Please Note: West Monkton church will be locked when not in use for the next 2 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.

Babies & Toddlers Walking Group – Kingston

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

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 served

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

Matthew 20: 1-16 ‘For the kingdom of heaven is like a landowner who went out early in the morning to hire labourers for his vineyard. ² After agreeing

with the labourers for the usual daily wage, he sent them into his vineyard. ³ When he went out about nine o'clock, he saw others standing idle in the market-place; ⁴ and he said to them, “You also go into the vineyard, and I will pay you whatever is right.” So they went. ⁵ When he went out again about noon and about three o'clock, he did the same. ⁶ And about five o'clock he went out and found others standing around; and he said to them, “Why are you standing here idle all day?” ⁷ They said to him, “Because no one has hired us.” He said to them, “You also go into the vineyard.” ⁸ When evening came, the owner of the vineyard said to his manager, “Call the labourers and give them their pay, beginning with the last and then going to the first.” ⁹ When those hired about five o'clock came, each of them received the usual daily wage. ¹⁰ Now when the first came, they thought they would receive more; but each of them also received the usual daily wage! ¹¹ And when they received it, they grumbled against the landowner, ¹² saying, “These last worked only one hour, and you have made them equal to us who have borne the burden of the day and the scorching heat.” ¹³ But he replied to one of them, “Friend, I am doing you no wrong; did you not agree with me for the usual daily wage. ¹⁴ Take what belongs to you and go; I choose to give to this last the same as I give to you. ¹⁵ Am I not allowed to do what I choose with what belongs to me? Or are you envious because I am generous?” ¹⁶ So the last will be first, and the first will be last.’

Reflection on Matthew 20: 1-16

I think there are two lessons in this passage. One is to be like the landowner and be generous. He helped many families by giving each worker a day's pay no matter how long they had worked for him. This will have allowed each of them to feed their families that day. The second lesson is that we should perhaps be pleased at other people's good luck even when we feel hard done by. Maybe we can even help others more ourselves.

Rosie Brown

Meditation Group:

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