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Pews News **3rd August 2025** **7th after Trinity**



Luke 12 13-21

Collect

Lord of all power and might,
the author and giver of all good things:
graft in our hearts the love of your name,
increase in us true religion,
nourish us with all goodness,
and of your great mercy keep us in the same;
through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord,
who is alive and reigns with you,
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
one God, now and for ever.

Post Communion

Lord God, whose Son is the true vine and the source of life,
ever giving himself that the world may live:
may we so receive within ourselves
the power of his death and passion
that, in his saving cup,
we may share his glory and be made perfect in his love;
for he is alive and reigns, now and for ever.

Readings

7 Trinity: Ecclesiastes 1.2, 12-14, 2. 18-23 Colossians 3.1-11, Luke 12.13-21.
8th Trinity: Genesis 15.1-6, Hebrews 11.1-3, 8-16, Luke 12.32-40

Reflection for the 7th Sunday after Trinity

Canon Richard Franklin

When people talk of 'Christian morality' nine times out of ten they mean Christian sexual morality. Issues like lust, adultery, divorce, homosexuality come to the forefront of their minds. When, however, you read the gospels carefully you see that these subjects, important as they are, pale into insignificance by comparison with Jesus' teaching on other moral issues. Other themes which have more prominence than sex include non-violence, simplicity of life, inner motivation, care for the weak, the innocent and those on the margins of society and the priority of the demands of love over other laws.

He taught these things not only in his words but also in his deeds. Another theme of great importance in Jesus' teaching concerns money and wealth. There are far more examples of his views on this subject than on the issue of sex. The gospel reading for the 7th Sunday after Trinity contains material typical of Jesus' approach. Greed, acquisitiveness, possessiveness, love of money, these are all moral vices according to Jesus and those who belong to God's kingdom must overcome them as well as they can. Like some other teachings of Jesus his pronouncements on this topic contain hyperbole or exaggeration to emphasise his point, the most famous being, 'It is easier for a camel to pass through the eye of a needle than for a rich man to enter the Kingdom of God.' (Matt. 19.24)

Nevertheless, we must take his teachings on this subject seriously. In the world we live in today, a world dominated by wealth, or the lack of it, it is doubly important to remember Jesus' teaching. There is a very powerful saying at the heart of today's gospel which we would be wise to take to heart. It is this: 'one's life does not consist in the abundance of possessions.' Virtually all of us living here in Dorchester have an abundance of possessions. I know I do. But we need to be careful if what we possess comes to define who we are. Material things are, of course, important, and I would be a fool to say that it is always better to be poor than to be rich. But often riches can be a barrier to genuine human flourishing. Furthermore, material things are transient and passing whereas spiritual things last forever. The old saying 'you can't take it with you' has a great deal of truth within it. Jesus summed it up another way: 'Do not lay up for yourselves treasures on earth ... but lay up for yourselves treasure in heaven For where your treasure is, there will your heart be also.' (Matt. 6.19-21)



St Andrew's Church

MORNING PRAYER Every Tuesday at 9.45am - all welcome.

PRIVATE PRAYER & REFLECTION

The church is open every day from 10am to 4pm.

HOME COMMUNION If you are unable to go to church and would like to receive Holy Communion at home then please contact Revd Cora Yarrien on

262421 or email revd.cora.yarrien@gmail.com

Join us for Coffee at 10.45. Service at 11.15. Gluten Free Communion Wafers are available, please let us know if you will need one.

AUGUST SERVICES

Services begin at 11.15am. Coffee at 10.45am. All welcome.

3th - Matins

10th - Holy Communion

17th - Matins

24th - Holy Communion

31st - NO service as 5th Sunday.

All welcome at St George's Church, Fordington for Holy Communion at 9.45am.

NO Coffee & Chat in August

Church Contacts:- Team Vicar: Revd Cora Yarrien - 262421

Secretary : Janet Ranger-Dennis 07752 634773



St Simon and St Jude, Winterborne Monkton

Holy Communion is celebrated at **11.15am** on the first Sunday of each month. The church is open every weekend or by arrangement with Judy Norman 01305 262719



Dorchester Strollers:

Monday 4th August 10.30 Tesco

Tuesday 5th August Borough Gardens Bandstand



St George's Church

open daily from 9.00am - 4.00pm for private prayer and access to our Community Larder.

Wednesday - 9.30am for Morning Prayer in the choir stalls.

Thursday - 11.00am Midweek Holy Communion, with tea & coffee afterwards.

Sunday - 8.00am - BCP Holy Communion on 1st & 3rd Sunday in the Edward Chapel.

Sunday - 9.45am - Holy Communion every Sunday. We also have tea & coffee after this service in the Hall.

Dragons Sunday School meets in the Church Hall every Sunday during the 9.45 service. During term time All school age children are welcome to come and join in the fun.

Community Larder and Community Lunch – Everyone is welcome to come and join us for a community lunch **Wednesday 12.30 – 1.30 in Church Hall**. Please invite those who are in need of support or company. All food donations welcome for the Community Food Larder.

Please can we have additional donations for the Community Larder. Items needed are coffee, UHT milk, cereals, canned fruit, peanut butter, pasta shots, instant noodles and canned veg.

PEWS NEWS - Please sign up to receive Pews News by email by emailing the Parish Office at dorchesterpcc@gmail.com Pews News can also be viewed on the Parish website: www.dorchesteranglican.org.uk

Confirmation—Are you interested in being confirmed or know someone who is interested. Please contact Revd Cora Yarrien tel 01305 262421 or email revd.cora.yarrien@gmail.com for more information.

Tea, Toast and Toddlers is re-opening at St George's Hall on 15th September 9.30-11.30am. Under 5s welcome with their grown ups.

FOR YOUR PRAYERS THIS WEEK:

Among those in special need: Martin Williams, Fr David Harris, Lesley Harris, Edwin; Rupert; Carol, Pam Adams, Paul & Linda Buckingham; Jean Howarth; Helen Lange; Christopher; Katharine; Michael Phelan; Jonathan Davis; Morag & Robert Curtis; Alan Woods; Tessa Bullick; Margaret Morrissey; Jean Baker; Jill Smith; Jill Davis; Pam Revell.

Many thanks to everyone who's helped me to update the list and asked me to retain the names of these people, who continue to need our prayerful support. As always, please contact me at any time to update the list – please phone 01305 268749 or 07800 962672, leaving a message if necessary; or email johnsamwood@me.com

Among those who have recently died: Trevor Bassett, Kathleen Bell, **Remember those whose Year's Mind falls this week:** Derrice Howe, Jim Patrick, David Kaine,

THANK YOU—Thank you to all who attended Trevor's Thanksgiving and Funeral Service on Tuesday and to all who sent me cards and flowers they were greatly appreciated. Rose.

Dorcas MU next meets, after our August break, on **Wednesday 10 September** at 10am at 155 Damers Road for prayer, bible study and fellowship. Newcomers welcome. Contact: Janet 01305 260259.

Dorchester Family Support All is now in place to welcome our families this Summer with a food parcel. As I have mentioned previously, we have had to adapt our normal arrangements but hopefully things will flow smoothly. We are blessed with a wonderful group of volunteers who often go above and beyond in forming relationships with our families and offering a listening ear if needed. Please remember both our volunteers and families over the next few weeks. Dorchester is a supportive community and all money raised is spent on families that live in this area. Thank you. Kath Joslin – joslinkath@gmail.com

Our next Parish **Men's Breakfast** is on Saturday 8th August at the **Engine Room at Poundbury Garden Centre**. 9am as normal. There is ample on-street parking and if you would like a lift, I can arrange this. If you plan to come, please advise by telephone on 07776 256537 or by email at davidelliott220@btinternet.com. The Engine Room ask that we pre-order and I will forward the menu to you. Many thanks. David Elliott

The next **Ladies Breakfast** will be on Saturday 9th August 2025 at 09.30 at the Yalbury Cottage Cafe, Copper Street, Brewery Square, DT1 1GA (next to Duke's Auctioneers). Parking is close by at the Fairfield car park or near the bus routes on Weymouth Avenue. All are most welcome to join us. If you have any queries please phone Ginny Farmiloe on 01305 262811.

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St Peter's Church

The church is open **daily from 10am - 6pm during the summer.** **Sundays** BCP Eucharist at 9am & Common Worship Eucharist 10.30am.

Mid-week - Morning Prayer at **9.15am** on Monday & Thursday

Midweek Eucharist Our Midweek Eucharist is at **10.00 am on Thursday.** This is always followed by refreshments. Please do consider joining us.

Pastoral Visiting - If you would like to receive the Eucharist at home please contact me by phone or email. Keith

Storehouse Church Food Larder The Food Larder is especially low on food at present. **Many thanks to all who contribute. In this last year we have donated 784 kilos of food**

Refreshments at St. Peters Thank you to all those who have offered to assist in order to keep the provision of refreshments after the 10.30 services going. While the team will continue to prepare everything, we are grateful for the offer of help with bringing everything through to the church. Your assistance is greatly appreciated. Judy Macdonald

WiFi Link. BT have provided us with a new Router to move us to their new Digital Voice service. If you need to access WiFi in church, you need the new Password, which David can provide.

Lay Pastoral Assistants

We are blessed at St Peter's to have three Lay Pastoral Assistants: Jill Bryant, Jean Garrod and Ginny Farmiloe. If you would like a visit from one of them or know someone else who would, please do speak to one of them.



Music at St Peter's

The choir is taking a break during August but choral services and musical events will return with a recital by the internationally renowned vocal consort *The Gents of St John's College, Cambridge* on Saturday 6th September at 7pm. Tickets are available online at www.musicatstpetersdorchester.org or from David Elliott after services. Our Autumn brochure is now available at the back of the church or on our website so please do have a browse of all the wonderful music on offer.

St Mary's Church

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On Sundays each week Sung Eucharist at 9.45am

Gluten Free Communion is available—please ask the Sidesperson

Morning Prayer on **Tuesdays** at 9am followed by **Said Eucharist** at 9.30am.

The Contemplative Prayer Group will be suspended until September due to concerts, holiday commitments and illness. We will meet again on Wednesday 3rd September

On the first Sunday there will be a Said Eucharist at 8am and Taize Worship at 6pm. Next date 3rd August

The Sanctuary Lamp Candle is given by Sue Blencowe in memory of her parents on their birthdays 3rd and 4th August

The Bible Study Group meets once a fortnight at the Vicarage 17a Edward Road on Monday evenings at 7.30pm. The next gathering is **18th August. (None on 4th August)**

Thanks to further donations the sum raised for the **Mission to Seafarers** has risen to **£300** Thanks again to everyone who contributed.

St Mary the Virgin welcomes **Laudemus!** The Glory of Choral Evensong on 13th August at 6pm

Patronal Festival Cream Tea to be held on Sunday 17 August in St Mary's Church at 3pm – 4.30pm. If you would like to come please add your name to the sign-up sheet at the back of church. Invitations will be delivered to our neighbours in Edward Rd, Alexandra Rd, Olga Rd, Dagmar Rd and part of Coburg Rd so we will need lots of scones. Please tick the sheet if you're able to bake/supply some scones or jam or money towards the cream, thank you. Contact: janeticooper@hotmail.com

St Mary's Hall Lobby - In our quest to brighten up the Hall Lobby area outside the kitchen we would like to decorate it. If you have some time and DIY skills for painting etc, and can help with this, please let Trudy know trtabone@gmail.com