DORCHESTER AND THE WINTERBOURNES TEAM MINISTRY

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All Saints Day



The Forerunners of Christ with Saints and Martyrs, Fra Angelico, 1423-1424, The National Gallery, London

Collect

Almighty God,
you have knit together your elect
in one communion and fellowship
in the mystical body of your Son Christ our Lord:
grant us grace so to follow your blessed saints
in all virtuous and godly living
that we may come to those inexpressible joys
that you have prepared for those who truly love you;
through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord,
who is alive and reigns with you,
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,

Post Communion

God, the source of all holiness and giver of all good things:
may we who have shared at this table
as strangers and pilgrims here on earth
be welcomed with all your saints
to the heavenly feast on the day of your kingdom;
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

All Saints Day: Revelation 7.9 to end, 1 John 3, 1-3, Matthew 5. 1-12
Remembrance: Wisdom 6. 12-16, 1 Thessalonians 4. 13 to end, Matthew 25. 1-13

Reflection for All Saints Day – Rev Mike Stear

Warm greetings from Kigali, Rwanda, where Angie and I are leading two conferences. The book of Revelation is always a challenging read yet a blessing. There are some wonderful glimpses into heaven itself. The passage appointed for today is one - a glimpse of glory and saints glorified, freed from the sufferings of this world which, for some, was intense. Chapter 5 gives a glimpse of the elders and angels bowing in worship before the ascended and reigning Lord Jesus. *"they sang a new song, saying,* "*Worthy are you to take the scroll and to open its seals, for you were slain, and by your blood you ransomed people for God from every tribe and language and people and nation," v9.* Every time that we are privileged to visit the Church abroad we get a glorious glimpse of what heaven will be like, people *"from every tribe and language and people and nation."*

Last Sunday, 25th Oct, church leaders from numerous nations gathered for the enthronement of the new Archbishop of Rwanda, formerly Bishop Manasseh of the Geheni Diocese. Geheni is the place where, many years ago, a group of ordinary 'saints' gathered to pray in a round hut weekly for ten years. So started the East Africa revival. Today is an opportunity to give thanks for saints of former times and for those who are still here. Most relatively unknown ordinary people through whom the Lord did, or continues to do, extraordinary things.

I think of Jack and Daphne from my first parish, quiet witnesses to Christ through word, leadership, godly wisdom and loving action. They touched the lives of scores. Then there is a Dutch couple - let's call them Matt and Christine - sacrificially serving in a hospital in D R Congo. They and their young family have faced two Ebola epidemics. Also in D R Congo, Madam B risking assault, rape, even her life to reach out to women with the Gospel and teach them practical skills. In Rwanda, there is retired Archdeacon Stephen whose entire family was annihilated when he was a young pastor. After a year of trauma and desire for vengeance he had a dramatic experience of the Holy Spirit who instantaneously healed his trauma and replaced the desire for vengeance with a passion to work for reconciliation. Saints past and saints present.

Paul addressed most of his letters to the churches, *"To the saints at …" ,* motley crews though most of them were, especially in Corinth. They were 'saints' in virtue of the work God had begun in them, a work in progress until glory! That's true of us too. I love the words in the Communion Service where we are reminded, that when we worship we do so with *"angels and archangels and all the company of heaven" ,* as well as with 'saints' here on earth near by and far away.

Father God, thank you for the blessed fellowship of all the saints into which you have called us through our Saviour Jesus Christ. May our lives glorify you through the power of the Holy Spirit working within us and through us. Amen.

The Children's Society

Christmas cards

Display boards of cards will be in the town Churches on Sundays in October. Purchases are a valuable source of income for the Society and much appreciated.

Cards can also be ordered from Rita - 01305 265432

Thank you for your support.

FOR YOUR PRAYERS THIS WEEK

Among those in special need: Wendy Allwood, Richard & Christine, Geoff Turnock, Tony Cullington, Joan Moreton, Libby, Lesley, Fr David Harris, Lesley Harris, Edwin; Rupert; Carol, Paul & Linda Buckingham; Jean Howarth; Helen Lange; Christopher; Katharine; Jonathan Davis; Morag & Robert Curtis; Tessa Bullick; Margaret Morrissey; Jill Smith; Ruth Davis; Pam Revell.
To add or remove names from this list, please contact Canon John Wood at any time – phone 01305 268749 or 07800 962672, leaving a message if necessary; or mail johnsamwood@me.com

Among those who have recently died: Phillip Groom, Chris Bailey, Jean Lowdell

Remember those whose Year's Mind falls this week Florence Watts

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Benefice Eucharist Service at St Martin's Church, Martinstown on 22nd November at 10.30am. Preacher Brother Hugh SSF from Hilfield Priory. Refreshments will be served in the village hall. We would be grateful for donations of cake which could be left in the village hall before the service. Thank you.

Dorcas MU next meets for prayer, bible study and fellowship on Wednesday 4 November at 24 Bowes Lyon Court, Poundbury at 10am Newcomers welcome. Contact Janet 01305 260259

URGENT The Dorchester Disabled Club are in **urgent** need of **drivers** for their mini buses on a voluntary basis. The Club itself meets fortnightly on a Thursday, during the winter months in the afternoon and in the summer months in the evenings, also we have some afternoon outings. We also use our buses for the Blind Club, and shopping trips for people in Puddletown etc. For more information please contact Teresa Rogers (Sec.) on 07826 287658 or Cynthia Fry (Chair) on 01305 573076 or 07368426844. Thank you in advance.

Candles for Ukraine- Candles are being collected from us w/b 16th November and we would be very grateful for your donations of wax and candles! (NOT SCENTED) They can be left at our house - please contact Emma on raggedtigerwrites@gmail.com or Martin on 07909 117108 for details

United Church Christmas Sale is on Saturday 14th November from 10-12 with Christmas crafts, candle, calendars and gifts, books etc and coffee tea, mince pies and bacon butties. Proceeds to The Leprosy Mission.

The next Ladies Breakfast will be held on **Saturday 14th November 2026** at 9.00am at Taste Cafe which is next to the Museum and St Peter's church on High West Street, Dorchester, DT1 1XA. All are most welcome to join us. If you have any queries please phone Ginny Farmiloe on 01305 262811.

The Churches Together Ecology group would like to bring to your attention the Dorset COP, which this year is on our doorstep, at **Kingston Maurward on 14th November**. It is an annual networking event which is now in its 4th year and is designed for local people and organisations to have their say and inspire action on environmental and climate issues. The theme of this year's event is "How to make an impact for climate and nature" and an event based around the theme of giving people the tools, knowledge and support they need to be more effective in restoring nature and reducing their carbon emissions. Tickets currently available for £10 from https://events.humanitix.com/dorsetcop-2026

St Peter's Church

The church is open **daily from 10am - 4pm during the winter.**
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 We are grateful for your donations each week. Please donate items of tinned and packet food, toiletries and sanitary wear. There is currently have an excess of dried pasta so this is not needed. Thank you for your generosity.
Coffee will be served after the 9am Sunday morning service for the following day's:- 1st November, 22nd November, 20th December, 27th December

All Souls and All Saints choral weekend at St Peter's On Saturday 31st October at 5pm, you are warmly invited to ***Flights of Angels***, an hour long sequence of words and music, in which we remember loved ones who are no longer with us. Tavener's *Song for Athene*, Vaughan Williams' *The Lark Ascending* and Lauridsen's *Lux aeterna* will be paired with poems and readings reflecting on the soul's journey heavenward. Admission free and all very welcome. The on Sunday 1st November at 10.30am there will be a special ***Jazz Choral Eucharist for All Saints.*** Chilcott's *Jazz Mass* will be accompanied by a professional jazz ensemble and there will also be more music by Lauridsen.

On Sunday 8th November the only service at St Peter's will be a Sung Eucharist at 9.00am. This will allow everyone to attend the Town Memorial Service at 10.55 am at the War Memorial at the top of South Street.

On Sunday 15th November we are having our Memorial Service at 3pm for those who have died.

Thursday Morning Clean Group As we move more indoors with Autumn upon us, we need to ensure that the Church is kept clean and welcoming for parishioner's and visitors. Hence, Nikki is starting a cleaning group to meet at the Church on a Thursday morning, following the 10am service. We are looking at the first Thursday of the month at 11am. With the first group being on **5th November**. Cleaning equipment will be provided, and we will be spending a maximum of 1 hour. Refreshments will be provided for all those who assist. So, if you can help please turn up at 11am, or speak to Nikki on a Sunday morning. The more people who can help the better. Thank you in advance for your service.

Please support the Christian Aid Annual Market on Saturday 7th November in the United Church Hall 10 -12 Stalls and teas/ coffees. Contributions for cake stall would be gratefully received on the morning. Thank you!
Children's Society Christmas Cards will be on display and available to order at the back of church.

Music at St Peter's
Choral Services this coming week

- **Choral Matins for Remembrance.** Saturday 7th November at 11am.
  Guest *For the fallen*; Ayleward Responses, Stanford Te Deum & Jubilate in Bb, Eleanor Daley *Remembrance*, Parry *Crossing the bar*.

Concerts and Special Events

- **Flights of Angels: *A Musical Meditation for All Souls***. Saturday 31st October at 5pm. Tavener *Song for Athene*, Vaughan Williams *The Lark Ascending* (soloist Christina Scott), Lauridsen *Lux Aeterna*. Admission free.

- **Lunchtime Concert:** Saturday 7th October from 12.30pm-1pm. Danny Mitchell, Frech Horn and Rob Taylor, Piano. Music by Mozart, Richard Strauss and Poulenc. Admission free

- **Bach by Candlelight**: Friday 13th November at 7pm. Join us as Royal College of Music scholar gives a performance of Bach's monumental *Goldberg Variations* on a reproduction Flemish harpsichord by Robert Jennings. Tickets £15 available from www.musicatstpetersdorchester.org.

- **Handel's *Messiah*:** Saturday 12th December at 5.30pm. A performance given by St Peter's choir with University Music Chamber Choir and a professional orchestra. Tickets £15 available from www.musicatstpetersdorchester.org

St. Mary's Church

www.facebook.com/St-Marys-Dorchester-672844449522662

Sunday Services

8.00am Said Eucharist (1st Sunday only)
9.45am Sung Eucharist
Gluten Free Communion wafers are available—please ask the Sidesperson
6.00pm Taizé worship (1st Sunday only)

Weekday Services

Monday 7.30pm Bible study at 17a Edward Road (fortnightly)
The next Bible Study will be 9 November
Tuesday 9.00am Morning Prayer
Tuesday 9.30am Said Eucharist
Wednesday 5.00pm Contemplative Prayer (20mins of silence)
Wednesday 6.00pm Said Eucharist (3rd Wednesdays of the month only) The next will be 18 Nov.
Last Thursday of month 10am – 12 noon Church cleaning – Next date 26 November
The Sanctuary Lamp Candle none this week

If you have missed or would like to revisit any of Rev. Jimmy's sermons, you can find audio recordings (and transcripts) on the Benefice website under Resources/Sermons & Hymns

Other events

All Souls 2026 - Monday 2nd November, 4pm. Join us for an act of worship commemorating our loved ones who have gone before us. There is an opportunity to have the names of loved ones read out. If you'd like to have a name included please use the sheet at the back of church, or email Rev'd Jimmy, revjimmyholden@gmail.com.

Olive Branch coffee morning on Friday 6th November at Crossroads cafe Crown Square Poundbury at 10.30 am. The December coffee morning will be on 4th December same venue at 10.30 am. No coffee morning in January.

The Christian Aid Market at United Church, South Street, Dorchester on the **Saturday 7th November** from 10-12noon. St Mary's are providing the Tombola and any items, which can be used for prizes, will be gratefully received by Sue Dunkerly and June Waight.

The Occasional Singers - 'Comfort and Joy!' Advent Concert
St Mary's Church, Edward Road, Dorchester DT1 2HL **On Sunday 22 November at 3.00** in the afternoon, St Mary's Church in Dorchester will be filled with the glorious sounds of choral music, as the Occasional Singers perform a programme of Advent songs and carols chosen to bring 'Comfort and Joy'. Taking us from 1596 through to the present day, composers will include Monteverdi, Poulenc, MacMillan and many others. Admission is FREE with a retiring collection in aid of Dorchester Poverty Action. Everyone is most welcome.

Refreshing ECO TIPS!
We should never ever put any used cooking oil/fat down the drain. (2)
ANIMAL BASED COOKING OIL ONLY
This should never be put in the compost as it may attract vermin. When cool, pour into a small securely lidded container (jam jar or similar) and place it in the general waste bin or for larger amounts eg chip fryer oil, take it to the local recycling centre in a suitable lidded container.

St George's Church

Sunday Services

8.30am Holy Communion on 1st and 3rd Sunday, in the Edward Chapel.
10.30am Holy Communion and **Dragons Sunday School** followed by refreshment in the church hall.
*****Remembrance Sunday 8th November - *Earlier* 9.15am Holy Communion** and **Dragons Sunday School** to allow time to walk down to the Cenotaph for the Town Remembrance Ceremony.

Weekday Services

Monday 9.30am Online Morning Prayer via Zoom. You can join from the comfort of your own homes with a mug of tea in hand. Contact Rev Cora for Zoom details.
Wednesday 9.30am Morning Prayer at the back of the church.
Thursday 11.00am Holy Communion followed by refreshments and fellowship group.

Weekly Activities

Monday 7.15pm Bible Study Group in members' homes. Details from Rev Cora or Rev Gerry.
Wednesday 12.30pm Community Larder and Lunch. All are welcome for company in a warm space, a soup lunch, and food in times of hardship. We welcome donations of store cupboard items. Thank you for your support.

Notes

Dorset Arts Week: St George's Church is looking for local artists to form a collective to be showcased in the Church over Dorset Art Week 2027. If you, or anyone you know is interested, please email admin.stgeorges@gmail.com for more information. The deadline for artist sign-up with our collective will be 16th November.

Christmas Tree Festival: St George's Annual Christmas Tree Festival will be from the 4th - 7th December 2026. The theme this year is: 'Christmas around the World: Joy, Peace and Hope.' Submissions for the Christmas Trees are now open, and if you would like to do a Christmas tree please fill out the festival registration form found in paper form at the back of the church or by scanning the QR code. Also, please spread the word and encourage any groups, charities organisations that might be interested to get involved!

Dates for your Diary

- **Sunday 1st November 6.30pm Pizza and Praise** in the church hall. All are welcome.
- **Sunday 8th November Remembrance Sunday. Earlier Sunday Morning Service at 9.15am**, followed by **Town Remembrance Service** at the Cenotaph starting at **10.55am**. A **Service of Commemoration** to remember the German Prisoners of War will take place in the Churchyard behind St George's church at **12.30pm**.
- **Saturday 14th November 10am Walk and Wonder**. Join us for our next reflective walk, with a 1-hour walk, starting from the church and followed by refreshments.
- **Sunday 15th November 4pm Memorial Service.** A special service to remember lost loved ones.
- **Friday 20th November 6pm Bingo Evening** in the church hall. Eyes down at 6.30pm, all are welcome to join in, with festive prizes to be won! We are also collecting prizes, and if you have any donations, please give to Maggie or leave in front of the office door.



Confirmations 2027: We are delighted to announce that the Bishop of Sherborne and Acting Bishop of Salisbury, Karen Gorham, will be returning to St George's to confer the Sacrament of Confirmation and to celebrate candidates' First Holy Communion on April 17 2027. Details of Confirmation preparation will be announced in due course. For more information or to register your interest, please email the curate, Reverend Connor, at FrConnor@mail.com.

Revd Gerry can be contacted on 01305 608410 or mail revgerryburgess@gmail.com.

St. ANDREW's CHURCH

MORNING PRAYER

Every Tuesday at 9.30am - all welcome.

PRIVATE PRAYER & REFLECTION

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

HOME COMMUNION

If you would like to receive Holy Communion at home then please contact the vicar - details below. Gluten free wafers are available.

November Services

Refreshments afterwards

8th - 10.45 Remembrance Service in the village (see below)
15th - 10.30am Matins
22nd - **No service** as Benefice Service at Martinstown at 10.30am. All welcome.
29th - **5th Sunday so a joint service at St George's at 10.30. All welcome.**

REMEMBRANCE SERVICE Sunday 8th November - gathering at 10.45am outside the village hall (indoors if wet). Complimentary sherry/tea/coffee afterwards in the hall.

Coffee & Chat - Saturday 14th November from 10am to noon. All welcome.

Diary Date Carol Service on Sunday 13th December at 6.30pm

A Ghost Story for Christmas: Curate Connor is delighted to announce the first annual parish creative writing competition 'A Ghost Story for Christmas' to raise money for St Andrew's, West Stafford. We are inviting submissions of short stories, poems, and illustrations on the theme of 'O Holy Night'. The top five entrants in each category will be invited to perform by candlelight at St Andrew's on December 20 at 4pm, to be followed by refreshments and Compline (Night Prayer). Entries close on December 6 at 12pm. You must be 16 or over to enter. For full Ts&Cs or to submit, go to https://forms.gle/7935oAeiQVNU72Bz7 Good luck!

Church Contacts

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St Simon & St Jude

Winterborne Monkton

Holy Communion is celebrated at **11.15am** on the first Sunday of each month. The church is open every weekend 10am-4pm or by arrangement with Judy Norman 01305 262719

Churchwardens Charles and Judy Norman tel 07880 700926

Dorchester Strollers:
Monday 2nd November 10.30am Tesco by the fountains
Tuesday 3rd November 2.15pm Borough Gardens Bandstand

DORCHESTER AND THE WINTERBOURNES TEAM MINISTRY

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The Benefice Website: www.dorchesteranglican.org.uk

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Don't forget that, on the Benefice website, you can find service times, news of the latest concerts and events, and recordings of sermons preached across our churches. https://www.dorchesteranglican.org.uk/