

Pews News 26th October 2025 Last After Trinity



The Pharisee and the Tax Collector

Collect

Blessed Lord,

who caused all holy Scriptures to be written for our learning:

help us so to hear them,

to read, mark, learn and inwardly digest them

that, through patience, and the comfort of your holy word,

we may embrace and for ever hold fast

the hope of everlasting life,

which you have given us in our Saviour Jesus Christ,

who is alive and reigns with you,

in the unity of the Holy Spirit,

one God, now and for ever.

Post Communion

God of all grace,

your Son Jesus Christ fed the hungry

with the bread of his life

and the word of his kingdom:

renew your people with your heavenly grace,

and in all our weakness

sustain us by your true and living bread;

who is alive and reigns, now and for ever.

Last after Trinity Joel 2.23 -end, 2 Timothy 4.6-8, 16-18, Luke 18. 9-14

All Saints Day 4th Sunday Before Advent Daniel 7.1-3, 15-18, Ephesians 1.11-end, Luke 6.20-31

Reflection on Last after Trinity

Revd Jane Culliford

Throughout the gospels Jesus teaches us the importance of prayer. While last week's gospel emphasised persistent prayer, today's gospel focuses on the character and attitude of the pray-er as he tells another parable. In this parable Jesus contrasts two men who go to pray in the temple in Jerusalem. Still today, the heart of Jewish religious life is the law of Moses. In Jesus' time the Pharisees were the experts in this law, wanting to ensure it was observed in every exact detail. Jesus, supported upholding the law but came into conflict with the Pharisees over their unquestioning legalism. The Pharisee portrayed in Jesus' parable, is self-righteous with a contempt for others as he goes to pray. In contrast Jesus tells of a tax-collector, not a hard -working government official as today, but someone working for the hated Roman occupiers of the land collecting oppressive taxes and taking extra for themselves. Tax collectors were often linked in the gospels with sinners and in the parable the tax-collector acknowledges that he is a sinner as he prays humbly with down-cast eyes, seeking God's mercy. Jesus praises this humble approach to God in prayer unlike the Pharisee who exalts himself, listing all his virtues. This reversal of the accepted order of things, with the humble lifted- up and the exalted humbled, is a theme throughout Luke's gospel from Mary's joyful Magnificat to Jesus' humility before his accusers and his death on the cross before his resurrection and ascension to majesty and glory. From this we learn the way we should come before God in prayer, humbly seeking God's mercy and grace as in this prayer from the 19th century priest and writer Charles Vaughan.

Take away from our hearts, O Christ, all over-confidence and boasting, all high and vain thoughts, all desire to excuse ourselves for our sins, or to compare ourselves proudly with others; grant us rather to take as Master and King you who chose to be crowned with thorns and to die in shame for us all, Jesus our Lord. Amen

FOR YOUR PRAYERS THIS WEEK:

Among those in special need: June Williams, Stella Joslin, Lesley, Gabrielle and Matthew, Margaret Parkhurst, Fr David Harris, Lesley Harris, Edwin; Rupert; Carol, Paul & Linda Buckingham; Jean Howarth; Helen Lange; Christopher; Katharine; Jonathan Davis; Morag & Robert Curtis; Alan Woods; Tessa Bullick; Margaret Morrissey; Jill Smith; Ruth 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:* Mike Morris, Sylvia King, Michael Roe, Kenzie (Ken) Lambert, Jill Davis, Catherine (Kay) Ayers, Jean Baker;

Remember those whose Year's Mind falls this week: Meriel Dunham

Clocks go back 1 hour this weekend

Dorcas MU next meets on Wednesday 26 November at 10am at 28 Maiden Castle Road for prayer, bible study and fellowship. Newcomers welcome. Contact: Janet 01305 260259. **The next Ladies Breakfast will be held on Saturday 8th November 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 gueries please phone Gill Michell on 01305 250347

Our next **Parish Men's Breakfast** is on Saturday 8th November 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

TEA TOAST and TODDLERS Calling all under five's and their grown ups. Do come along on a Monday (term times)9.30-12pm and have company and fun with lots of toys and activities. Drinks are available and tea and coffee. Fruit, toast and cake are also available. Suggested donation is £2 per family. This is a joint Benefice activity held in St George's Church Hall. For more information contact Ruth McGee Tel. 07984 021132

Christmas Cards in aid of THE CHILDREN'S SOCIETY are available to view and order in each of the town Churches and also from Rita Kennett 01305 265432. This is a valuable source of funds and publicity for the Society. They are of good quality and reasonably priced.

The coffee, cake and stalls event has become a popular fundraiser for the Dorchester Committee of the **Children's Society**. It is taking place on **Saturday**, 8th **November** from 10 am till noon in the United Church Hall, which is at the lower end of South Street. Entry is free, with coffee and homemade cake for £2.50. There will be a variety of stalls and a tombola. We hope to see you there.

Christian Aid Annual Market on Saturday 1^{st} November in the United Church from 10.00 - 12.00. (Ploughman's Lunches from 12.00 - 1.00) There will be stalls galore coffees, teas, lunches. Official opening by the Deputy Mayor and Mayoress.

Team Eucharist There will be a Team Eucharist on **Sunday 23rd November**, the Feast of Christ the King, at 9.45 at St Mary's Church. Bishop Karen will celebrate and David Bowen will preach. This is a wonderful opportunity for us all to worship together as a team and so this will be the only service on that day.

Peacemaking in the Gospel and in our Time Pursuing Peace between people of different faiths

Saturday November 22nd at 12 pm. The Rectory 17A Edward Road, Dorchester DT1 2HL Ruth Jones MP will lead a discussion based on her parliamentary experience as a Labour Party Special Envoy for Freedom of Religion or Belief. All are welcome. Free entry

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

Each week we collect food and toiletries for the Food Larder at The Storehouse Church. At our Harvest Festival, as a result of more people contributing, we collected a lot more. If you gave for the first time at harvest, please would you consider giving on a more regular basis. The support that will give to the more vulnerable people in our town will be greatly appreciated.

The funeral of Jill Davis will be held on Wednesday 29th October at 12.00 noon at St Peter's. All welcome.

The funeral of Jean Baker will take place on Thursday October 30th at 12.00 noon. All are welcome.

The Autumn Fair that was planned for Saturday 1st November has been cancelled. Thanks to all who had contributed to the planning but it will not now take place.

You are warmly invited to come to the **Annual Christian Aid market** with coffee and lunch on **Saturday 1st November United Church Hall 10am til 1pm** Contributions for the cake stall would be so welcome . Please bring along on the morning thank you.

An invitation is extended to anyone wishing to join the **Bible study group** which currently meets every Monday at 2.30pm at 30 Grosvenor Road, Dorchester. For further details please phone Rosemary Briggs on 0 1305 757444. (Own transport is essential.) We look forward to welcoming you.

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Hearing Loop. Please speak with David if you are struggling with hearing during the service. **Thanksgiving Sunday** A huge 'thank you' for your contributions towards improving accessibility to St. Peter's. We raised a wonderful £2,815 to which we can add Gift Aid of £691 making a grand total of £3,506.

Sponsored Skydive for St. Peter's Nikki Griffin, who attends our 10.30am service with her Mum, Mildred is terrified of heights but has always wanted to do a sky dive in aid of something close to her heart. She writes "My Mum and I were made so very welcome by this inclusive church with its lovely clergy and congregation. I want to help support the amazing work St. Peter's does in the local community helping the most vulnerable and every donation will make an impact." You can support Nikki by completing a Sponsor Form in church or online at www.gofundme.com/f/sky-diving-for-our-community. Thank you.

Children's Society Christmas Cards are on display each Sunday at the back of church.

Music at St Peter's

November brings with it an absolute feast of music at St Peter's. There will be a devotional performance of **Faure's Requiem** for All Souls at 5pm on Saturday 1st November and on Sunday 2nd November at 10.30am, a very special Choral Eucharist featuring Will Todd's **Mass in Blue** accompanied by a jazz ensemble. On Saturday November 8th we have **Choral Matins for Remembrance** at 11am followed, at 12.30pm, by our free **Lunchtime Concert** featuring the outstanding young saxophonist Maddie McCoubrie accompanied by Rob Taylor. On Friday 14th November, at 7pm we have the next in our series of **Candlelit Recitals** featuring the renowned lutanist and early music scholar Matthew Nisbett. Tickets are available online or from David Elliott after services. Our regular **Choral Evensong** is on Saturday 22nd November at 4.30pm and then on Saturday 29th November at 4.30pm we have our **Advent Carol Service** with the University Chamber Choir and a feast of glorious music for the season. **Choral Eucharist** on Sunday 30th November at 10.30am will also feature music for Advent. As ever, full details

at www.musicatstpetersdorchester.org

St Mary's Church

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

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. Wednesday's at 5pm in the Blessed Sacrament Chapel at St Mary's. Come and join us for 20 minutes of silence.

All Souls – On Saturday 1st November at 4pm there will be a simple act of worship giving thanks for our loved ones gone before us. If you would like the name of a loved one read out at this service, please write it on the list at the back of church.

On the first Sunday there will be a Said Eucharist at 8am and Taize Worship at 6pm. Next date 2nd November

Taize at St Mary's Church – A Taize service of song, silence and meditation has been held in St Mary's at 6pm on the first Sunday of the month for many years. On Sunday 2 November at 5pm it is planned to show a short film, before the service, about the Taize Community in France. The film describes the emergence during the Second World War of this innovative international and ecumenical community, and its subsequent service and ministry to the young people of Europe. Everyone is welcome to come along to see the film which will be followed by refreshments. Any who wish are then very welcome to stay for the monthly Taize service at 6pm.

The Sanctuary Lamp Candle is given by Di House in memory of her Mum and Dad whose years mind falls on 25 October

The Bible Study Group meets once a fortnight at the Vicarage 17a Edward Road on Monday evenings at 7.30pm. The next gathering is **27th October**

Church Cleaning on Thursday 30th October. 10 – 12. All welcome.

Olive Branch Coffee Morning is on Friday 7th November at 10.30am. At the Crossroads Cafe Crown Street Poundbury. All welcome

Christian Aid Annual Market on **Saturday 1**st **November**. St Mary's is responsible for the Tombola stall again. We'd be grateful for suitable prizes please e.g. nice food and drink (no alcohol please) toiletries etc. Thank you June and Sue.

St George's Church

The church is open every day from 9.00am to 4.00pm for private prayer.

Sunday services:

8.00am Holy Communion. **1st and 3rd Sundays** A quiet traditional BCP service in the Edward Chapel.

10.30am Holy Communion (NOTE NEW TIME!) followed by refreshments in the church hall. **Dragons, our children's group**, meets in the church hall during the 10.30 service in term time. All school age children are welcome.

6.30pm Pizza and Praise, first Sunday of the month. A new monthly service for youth and families.

Weekday services:

Tuesday 9.00, Wednesday 9.30am **Morning Prayer** at the back of church.

Thursday 11.00am Holy Communion followed by refreshments.

Other regular activities:

Monday: 9.30-12 Tea, Toast and Toddlers in the hall

Monday: **Bible Study group** 7.15pm weekly in members' homes. Details from Cora or Gerry. Wednesday 12.30-1.30 **The food larder/ lunch club** welcomes anyone who needs company, lunch, or food in times of hardship. As the weather gets colder the hall provides a warm space to meet with friends and members of St George's Congregation.

Thursday: **Fellowship group** 12.00-1.00 in church. A new informal time of prayer and Bible reflection over a sandwich lunch (bring your own!) All are welcome.

Forest Praise - THIS SATURDAY - 10.30am Sat 26th October St George's Church Hall. Come and Join in the Fun. All families are welcome.

PIZZA AND PRAISE - Musician needed for Pizza and Praise Worship Band - particularly drummer, electric guitar and keyboard player. Please let Rev Cora Know if you are free to play on the first Sunday evening of the month as we develop this new service.

WREATH MAKING WORKSHOP - Saturday November 15th 10-12.30pm. **The craft group** are having an artificial wreath making workshop there are a limited number of spaces left so if you would like to join us please sign the sheet on the welcome desk. Jenny Russell

8.00 Holy Communion. There has been a request to move the service a little later. If you attend this service or would like to, please let Cora or Gerry know your preferred time(s): 8.00, 8.30, 8.45 or 9.00am.

St George's Church Bingo Evening Friday 7 November in the church hall

Doors open 6pm and Eyes down at 6.30pm. All are welcome. We look forward to seeing you at the bingo. Any donations of prizes very welcome. Please give to Helen or David Pickard or me. Thank you Maggie Carter.

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Fellowship group - Come and Join us on Thursday from 12.00 -1.15 in church committee room. A new informal time of prayer and Bible reflection over a cup of tea and sandwich lunch. All are welcome.

DIARY DATES:

9th November, Remembrance Sunday. Our service is at 9.15am before the ceremony in town. 23rd November 9.45 joint Benefice service at St Mary's with Bishop Karen. No service at St George's

5th-8th December Christmas Tree Festival (Carols on the Green 6.30pm on Sat 7th) 21st December 6.00pm Carol Service

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

Services are at 11.15am on first and 3rd Sundays and 9.00am on 2nd and 4th Sundays.

Gluten Free Communion Wafers are available, please let us know if you need one.

NOVEMBER SERVICES

PLEASE NOTE CHANGE of SERVICE TIMES

2nd - Morning Prayer at 11.15 with coffee at 10.45

9th - Remembrance Service at 10.45am outside The Wise Man Inn (in the Oak Room if wet) THIS IS A VILLAGE GATHERING TO PAY TRIBUTE TO THE FALLEN

There will be a table in the church under the War Memorial (opposite the entrance door) on which to place your poppies to remember a 'loved one'.

16th - Holy Communion at 11.15 with coffee at 10.45

23rd - No Service (Benefice Service at St Mary's Church, Edward Road, Dorchester - Bishop Karen is officiating. All welcome)

30th - No Service (5th Sunday so all invited to St George's at 10.30am for Holy Communion)

Coffee & Chat is on Saturday 29th November from 10am to noon. All welcome.

Christmas Diary Dates - Sunday 14th December "Carols by Candlelight" at 6pm
Tuesday 23rd December - Christingle Making at 10am
Christmas Eve - Christingle Service at 4pm
Bethlehem Midnight Mass at 9pm
Christmas Morning Service at 9am

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 10am-4pm or by arrangement with Judy Norman 01305 262719

Dorchester Strollers:

Monday 27th October 10.45am Trumpet Major, Allington Avenue Tuesday 28th October 2.15pm Borough Gardens by the Bandstand



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