



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



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Plant Sale

8 Grosvenor Road DT1 2BB
(by kind invitation of Jane and Nigel Culliford)

Thursday 8th May
10am – 3pm

Plants for sale will be very welcome beforehand
by Jane Culliford (8 Grosvenor Road) and
Annette Aldridge (16 Manor Road)

Plants also welcome on the day

In aid of

The Children's Society





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Collect

Almighty Father,
you have given your only Son to die for our sins
and to rise again for our justification:
grant us so to put away the leaven of malice and wickedness
that we may always serve you
in pureness of living and truth;
through the merits of your Son Jesus Christ our Lord,
who is alive and reigns with you,
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
one God, now and for ever.

Dorchester Strollers: Monday 28th April 10.45am Trumpet Major
Tuesday 29th April 2.15pm Borough Gardens Bandstand
Team Rector & St Peter, High West St: Revd Keith Magee 07766 645135
Keith.magee@btinternet.com
Curate: Revd Heidi Merrett 07706 058676 revheidimerrett@gmail.com
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St Andrew, West Stafford Revd Cora Yarrien 01305 262421 revd.cora.yarrien@gmail.com
The Winterbournes and Compton Valence Churches Rev Teresa Stewart-Sykes
01305 549242 email revteresa@outlook.com

Benefice website: <https://dorchesteranglican.org.uk>
Parish Office: 01305 250719 dorchesterpcc@gmail.com open 9-1, Tues, Thur, Fri

Readings

2nd of Easter:	Exodus 14.10-end; 15.20,21, Acts 5.27-32, Revelation 1.4-8, John 20.19-end.
3rd of Easter:	Acts 9.1-6 (7-20), Revelation 5.11-end. John 21.1-19

Reflection for 2nd of Easter

Revd Heidi Merrett

Our Gospel reading from John this Sunday includes the story that every Sunday School child can recount, the story of Thomas, Doubting Thomas as he is known, although perhaps we should be a little less judgmental and call him questioning Thomas instead. Although most of us, when reading this passage, will be drawn to this familiar story, it is something else that resonates with me. It is the extraordinary phrase 'he breathed on them and said to them, "Receive the Holy Spirit."

In John's account of the gifting of the Holy Spirit, it is given to the disciples in the breath, the pneuma of the crucified and risen Jesus. Jesus breathes out as one who is speaking and as one who is sharing the breath from his lungs, the very breath of life. There is an echo of the creation story here, just as God formed humans from the dust and breathed the breath of life into their nostrils to create a living being, so Jesus breathes new life into his disciples as they begin their new lives as proclaimers of the Good News. And as Christians we also share in the gifting of the spirit, we too experience the breath of Christ when we open our hearts and minds to the possibility of being members of the body of Christ and sharing the Gospel message as Jesus instructed. Just as we breathe in the breath of Christ, so must we breathe it out in the form of Spirit inspired words which we in turn can use to inspire others to walk in the footsteps of Jesus.

The breath of Jesus both inspires and equips. It also enables the disciples and in turn all of us in the mission which Jesus explains to them in our reading. The disciples are instructed and empowered to both forgive sins and act as judge to those who do not deserve such forgiveness, their Spirit inspired words will be declarations of divine fact. This is not to say that they are being sent forth as some sort of holy judicial party, to judge and pass sentence on all whom they encounter. It is more that they bear and share the compassion that Jesus had for the wounded humanity he encountered. For Jesus, the Messiah whose first words to his friends on his return from the dead were "peace be with you", it is this peace that comes hand in hand with challenge and forgiveness, with affliction and comfort. So as we take up the mantle and proclaim the Good News we must always remember to adopt these Christ-like qualities.

I leave you with the alternative preface for this Sunday:

Risen Christ

For whom no door is locked, no entrance barred:

Open the doors of our hearts,

That we may seek the good of others

And walk the joyful road of sacrifice and peace,

To the praise of God the Father.

Amen

Every Blessing to you, Heidi

Winterbourne Valley Events

Home Group contact Cathie (889244) or Nigel (889910) for dates and venues

Steepleton Church Meditation Group Every Wednesday evening 7pm—8.30pm. All Meditators are welcome contact: Jo Lacy-Smith 0784 177 6759

FOR YOUR PRAYERS:

Among those in special need: Margaret Jefferies, Jane Rootham.

Remember those who have died recently- Sally Godding

And those whose Year's Mind falls this month:

Elizabeth Penfold, Lorna Power

If you would like a prayer request included please contact Rev Teresa (revteresa@outlook.com 01305 549242)



Winterbourne Valley Services

Services at Martinstown

11 am Holy Communion – 1st Sunday

8 am Holy Communion (BCP) – 2nd Sunday

5pm Evensong – 3rd Sunday

11am Holy Communion – 4th Sunday

Morning Prayer Tuesday and Wednesday at 9am - all welcome

Evening Prayer Tuesday and Wednesday at 5pm - all welcome

Services at Winterbourne Abbas

9.30am Worship Together – 1st Sunday

9.30am Holy Communion – 3rd Sunday

Service At Compton Valence

9.30am Holy Communion—2nd Sunday

Service At Winterbourne Steepleton

11 am Holy Communion – 3rd Sunday

FOR YOUR PRAYERS THIS WEEK:

Among those in special need: Katharine, Paul Buckingham, Jane Cullington, Robert Kirk, Jill Smith, Conrad Jezard, Jean Howarth, Michael Phelan, Andrew Roberts, Philipose Abraham Rupert, Robert Curtis, Maggie Gibbons, Helen Lange, Brian Knowles, Alan Woods, Rosemary, Anna, Fr David Harris, Lesley Harris, Debs, Risa Romy, Jonathan Davis, Ruth Davis, Ben Francis, Clare, Ian Benson, Ronnie, Simon, Veronica Thomas, Dorothy, Tessa Bullick, Morag Curtis, Margaret Morrissey, Christopher, Pam Revell, Jean Baker,

(To add or remove names in this list, please contact: Canon John Wood 01305 268749) *Pray for all who being cared for by our healthcare and social services, those who are suffering stress as a result of increased living costs and financial uncertainties, and all whose lives are affected by extremes of weather..*

Among those who have recently died: Maggie Stephens

Remember those whose Year's Mind falls this week: Tom Goss, Marie Martin.

The Benefice Website: www.dorchesteranglican.org.uk

Did you know that you can listen to, and read, some of Rev Jimmy's sermons on the new website. And there are some of your favourite hymns.

Benefice Confirmation - We are running confirmation preparation classes on Tuesday evening every two weeks for those who would like to be confirmed at our **Benefice Confirmation Service by Bishop Stephen at 5pm on 21st June**. The dates for these confirmation classes are **7.30pm Tuesday 6th May, 20th May, 3rd June and 17th June** at St George's Church.

For more information about confirmation talk to Revd Jimmy, Revd. Teresa or Revd Cora on tel: 262421 or revd.cora.yarrien@gmail.com

Dorcas MU next meets on **Wednesday 7 May** to join in the Quiet Space Celtic Communion in Poundbury at 11am, followed by lunch in a cafe. Contact Janet 260259'.

Our next Parish **Men's Breakfast** is on **Saturday 10th May** 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

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.**

The church **AGM will be on Sunday, 27 April**, after the 10.30am Eucharist. If you wish to join the Church Committee please see Keith after the service.

Advance notice - The Rectory Garden Party will be on Saturday 5th July at 2pm.

Christian Aid Week In Guatemala farmers like Aurelia are battling extreme weather, but with Christian Aid's support they're learning skills to protect their farms and provide for their families. The unstoppable power of hope compels Christian Aid to support people living in hunger and crisis. Let me know by if you would like to do house to house collecting this year (by 30th April please) (catherinegoss@live.co.uk)
 Devotionals and gift envelopes will be available in Church (please return by 25th May) or Dorchester Christian Aid 30-92-69 00753286

Thank you for your ongoing prayer and amazing support.

MUSIC AT ST PETER'S
CHORAL EUCHARIST
 Harris: Hail to the true light
 Gabrielli: Missa brevis in F
 Stopford: God be in my head
SUNDAY 11TH MAY, 10.30AM
 All welcome.

Music at St Peter's in May

May brings with it another month of wonderful music making at St Peter's. Our **Choral Eucharist** at 10.30am on **Sunday 11th May** includes music by Harris, Gabrielli and Stopford and then, on **Saturday 17th May** from 12.30pm-1pm, we have our **Lunchtime Concert** featuring the outstanding young flautist Nadia Divincenzo. Accompanied by Rob Taylor, Nadia will present a programme of music by Bach, Widor and Frank Martin.

Finally, May's **Choral Evensong** will be on Saturday **31st May** at 4.30pm (please note that this is the fifth Saturday rather than the fourth). Join us for some beautiful music reflecting the season of Ascensiontide including Stanford's *Coelos Ascendit* and Finzi's *God is gone up*. If you haven't yet collected our Summer Brochure, copies are available at the back of the church.

MUSIC AT ST PETER'S
CHORAL EVENSONG
 Stanford: Coelos ascendit
 Finzi: God is gone up
Saturday 31st May at 4.30pm
 St. Peter's Church, Dorchester, DT1 1XA
 ALL WELCOME

MUSIC AT ST PETER'S
Lunchtime Concert
 Saturday 17th May 12.30-1.00pm
 A programme of music for flute and piano, including works by Bach, Widor and Martin.
 Flute: Nadia Divincenzo
 Piano: Rob Taylor
 Free admission. All welcome.

Peacemaking in the Gospel and in our time

Tuesday 29th April 7 - 8.30 pm

An evening with Christian CND

in St Mary's Vicarage 17a Edward Road, Dorchester

Following the introductory session led by Rev Jimmy in June and the subsequent discussion with Marigold Bentley on the Palestinian conflict, a representative from Christian CND will lead us remotely in a discussion on our responsibility to be peacemakers in an increasingly risky and unstable world

*Please join us for an evening of sharing and encouragement
 Open to everyone, from all the churches*

CelloVoci
 An hour of classical music for cello ensemble
 Bach, Vivaldi, Purcell, Saint-Saëns, Grieg,
 Holst, Walton, Whitacre, McMillan, Jenkins.
Sunday May 25th 2025
3. pm
St. Mary's Church
Dorchester DT1 2HL
 Free admission, donations for church roof
 Tea and light refreshments

DORSET CHAMBER ORCHESTRA
 CONDUCTOR WALTER BREWSTER
SATURDAY 10th May 2025
 St Mary's Church, Edward Road, Dorchester
7.30pm
BEETHOVEN GALA CONCERT
 Coriolan Overture
 Piano Concerto No. 3
 Soloist Simon Callaghan
 Symphony No. 4
Tickets adult £16
18yrs and under £1
 Tickets may be purchased online at dorsetchamberorchestra.org
 Alternatively please call Linda Ryall on 01305 269469



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HOLY COMMUNION Celtic Tradition.

An informal service open to all.
1st Wednesday each month at 11am.

Next, 7th May

Invitation to tea and conversation, now every week, on
Monday afternoons, 2.00-4.00pm.

Enjoy the books, jigsaws and puzzles and you are invited to bring your
knitting and sewing to share in the company of others.

Val Potter (01305 264416)



(80th Anniversary of Christian Aid)
**Ecumenical Service. St George's Church,
Fordington. Sunday, May 11th. 4.00 pm**
Led by Revd. Cora Yarrien.
Guest Speaker: Dominic Brain. National Head
Christian Aid Programme Funding.
In the presence of the Mayor, Councillor Robin
Potter. Followed by light refreshments.

Sponsored Walk on the Jubilee Trail Thurs May 8th to Sat May 10th

To mark the 80th anniversary of Christian Aid, **Tony McDougal,
of Dorchester Baptist Church**, will walk 80 km east along the trail.
If you would like to sponsor him, please pay into the following ac-
count

<https://fundraise.christianaid.org.uk/challenge-2025/walking-dorsets-jubilee-trail>

or contact **Tony Boyden on 07881 464790**

House to House collections

We would always like to see more house to house collectors. To
make the task less onerous, we suggest that collectors just collect
from 10 houses in their vicinity although some may wish to collect
from more houses. (for full details see the church noticeboard).

For further information please contact **Tony Boyden on 07881
464790**

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 meet at 5pm on Wednesdays in the Chapel.

**On the first Sunday there will be a Said Eucharist at 8am and Taize
Worship at 6pm. Next date 4th May**

The Sanctuary Lamp Candle is given by Rosemary and Trevor Bassett in
memory of their granddaughter Joanna Bolton whose years mind falls on 29th
April.

Olive Branch Coffee Morning. Will be on **Friday 2nd May.** at the
Crossroads Cafe Poundbury at 10.30. If you would like a lift contact
Joyce or Jan.

Sunday Afternoon Concert at St Mary's



*Cello Voci, a new ensemble of Cello
players, is offering an hour of music
at 3pm on Sunday, 25th May at St
Mary's Church, followed by tea and
cake. Entry is free but donations are
invited towards the repair of our roof and
the insulation of our buildings. They will
be playing a range of music from Bach
and Vivaldi to James MacMillan and
Karl Jenkins. Please come. You will
enjoy it.*



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 Soup Lunch - Every Wednesday 12.30 –1.30

Baptism and Confirmation - If you would like to be baptised or confirmed please talk to Revd. Cora as we are looking to form a new confirmation group starting after Easter. For more information please contact Revd. Cora on tel 262421 or revd.cora.yarrien@gmail.com

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

St George's Church are holding a
Victory in Europe 80th Anniversary Tea Party
on Saturday 10th May 2pm to 4pm.

Price per head £3.

Proceeds to be donated to an armed forces charity.

ALL ARE WELCOME

Offers of small cakes, tray bakes, savoury nibbles, welcome.

For further info contact Hilary 01305 350638 or

Val 01305 265177



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.

MAY SERVICES

4th - Matins
11th - Holy Communion
18th Matins
25th - Holy Communion

Church Contacts:- Team Vicar: Revd Cora Yarrien - 262421
Secretary : Janet Ranger-Dennis 07752 634773