

Link for the Thomas Hardy Society events:
<https://www.hardysociety.org/events/>

Dorchester Strollers: Monday 14th July 10.30am War Memorial Garden
Tuesday 15th July 2.15pm Borough Gardens Bandstand

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Pews News
13th July 2025
4th after Trinity
Sea Sunday



Van Gogh—The Good Samaritan

Collect

O God, the protector of all who trust in you,
without whom nothing is strong, nothing is holy:
increase and multiply upon us your mercy;
that with you as our ruler and guide
we may so pass through things temporal
that we lose not our hold on things eternal;
grant this, heavenly Father,
for our Lord Jesus Christ's sake,
who is alive and reigns with you,
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
one God, now and for ever.

Post Communion

Eternal God,
comfort of the afflicted and healer of the broken,
you have fed us at the table of life and hope:
teach us the ways of gentleness and peace,
that all the world may acknowledge
the kingdom of your Son Jesus Christ our Lord.

Readings

Trinity 4: Deuteronomy 30.9-14, Colossians 1.1-14, Luke 10.25-37
Genesis 18.1-10a, Colossians 1.15-28, Luke 10.38-end

I have a controversial opinion about this Gospel text. Here it is: Luke tells the parable of the Good Samaritan wrong. Jesus tells the parable to answer the lawyer's question – “And who is my neighbour?” And the parable does give us an answer to that question; but the real answer gets obscured in the telling.

My problem is with the final exchange [Luke 10:36-37]:

“Which of these three...was a neighbour to the man who fell into the hands of the robbers?”
 “The one who showed him mercy.”

Who is my neighbour? Is my neighbour (as this exchange implies) the person who benefits me – who shows me mercy, or who does good things for me? If that were true, then I could fulfil the commandment (“love your neighbour as yourself”) by returning favours, or giving in the hope of gain. That contradicts the way the Church has always read this parable.

The way Luke tells the parable is confusing because of the question he has Jesus ask in verse 36. If we missed out that question and its answer, the story would be what it was supposed to be: a straightforward reversal of our expectations about neighbourliness. In the parable the people who we expect to see this injured man as their neighbour fail to do so, and the person who ends up treating the injured man as a neighbour is the traditional enemy. The Samaritan fulfils the law; and he shows that the injured man is his neighbour. Rather than seeing the Samaritan as a neighbour, because he does good things for people like us, we are called to imitate the way the Samaritan looks at this man. This is a long way from my neighbour being “the one who shows [me] mercy”, as Luke has it.

The parable invites us to answer to the question (“Who is my neighbour?”) in an open-ended way. Indeed, it's the most open-ended question of all: perhaps I will never know in advance who my neighbour is. The first I will know of it is when I see a person in need and feel called to love in a way that I have never done before. It is this radical openness of heart that Jesus calls us to practise.




Lunchtime Concert


Saturday 19th July 12.30-1.00pm

A thirty-minute programme of songs and arias for soprano.

Soprano: Verity Joy
 Piano: Jonathan Prentice




Free admission. All welcome.





Saturday 6th September

St Peter's Church, Dorchester, DT1 1XA, 7.00pm



THE GENTLEMEN OF ST JOHN'S In Concert

A septet from the internationally acclaimed Gentlemen of St John's College, Cambridge present a programme drawn from their repertoire, which spans some 600 years!

Tickets £18 or £14 (limited view)
 Purchase online from
<http://www.ticketsource.co.uk/st-peters-church-dorchester>



invite you to a

Cream Tea

on Wednesday 23rd July
St George's Church Hall, Dorchester
3pm – 4.30pm



Tickets £5 (pay at the door)

To include homemade scones,
waitress service and music

FRIENDLY ATMOSPHERE – EVERYONE WELCOME
BRING A FRIEND OR MEET SOME NEW ONES

The Children's Society - Charity Registration No. 217141

The Dorchester Committee of the Children's Society are pleased to be hosting their annual cream tea at St George's Church Hall, Fordington on Wednesday 23rd July this year from 3 – 4.30 pm. Come and enjoy tea and home-made scones in a friendly atmosphere where everyone is made welcome. Tickets £5 each available on the door.

FOR YOUR PRAYERS THIS WEEK:

Among those in special need: 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; 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 e-mail johnsamwood@me.com JW

Among those who have recently died: Trevor Bassett, Kathleen Bell, Dennis Morgan, Beryl Frost

Remember those whose Year's Mind falls this week: Joyce Pope, Christopher Trask, Margaret Parrott, Richard Mesney, Frances Brooks, Gordon Cordier

NOTICE from Rosemary.

I am sad to say that TREVOR died on Sunday. Funeral will be announced later.

Dorcas MU next meets at 10am on Wednesday 23 July at Flat 16 The Brewery for prayer, bible study and fellowship. Newcomers welcome. Contact: Janet 01305 260259.

Thank you to all who supported the Dorchester Poverty Action Coffee Morning last week which raised **£895** for local people in need.

Medicine Aid for Palestine, £1,410.00 was sent to MAP which was the total collected from Coffee for Palestine outside St Peter's on Saturday 28th June and the church collections at St Peter's on Sunday 29th June. Very many thanks to all those who contributed to make this event so successful

The ladies of the Catholic Women's League Dorchester section, would like to invite you to a cream tea. The venue is the Parish centre Culliford Road North, Dorchester DT1 1QG. On 23rd July at 2.30pm. Parking is available. Alastair Chisholm is coming to give us a talk. There will be a raffle in aid of the hospice. There will also be a table for donations of household cleaning products and personal hygiene items, which will be taken to the foodbank. We look forward to seeing you.

Dorchester Family Support It is now just a few weeks before we start the distribution of food parcels to families entitled to free school meals in the DT1/DT2 area. We are incredibly grateful for the support we have already received but if you are able to support us financially even at this stage that would be very helpful. Our website – Dorchester Family Support has all the information you need to make a donation. Thank you. Kath Joslin

THE CHURCH OF ST MARY THE VIRGIN,
DORCHESTER
WELCOMES

Laudemus!

MUSICAL DIRECTOR: JEREMY JACKMAN
ORGANIST: SAM HANSON

THE GLORY OF CHORAL EVENSONG

TIMELESS MUSIC | ANCIENT WORDS | PRAYERS FOR TODAY

Wednesday 13th August 2025 – 6.00pm

Music for the Day

Introit: Try me, O God

Preces & Responses

Canticles: Evening Service in B flat

Anthem: Canticle of Brother Sun

Organ Voluntary

Wood

Byrd

Gray

Ives



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**

Music at St Peter's



Lunchtime Concert

Saturday 19th July 12.30-1.00pm

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Piano: Jonathan Prentice



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Please join us for our **Lunchtime Concert** on **Saturday 19th July** from 12.30pm-1pm given by soprano Verity Joy accompanied by Jonathan Prentice. Verity is in her final few months as a postgraduate student at Arts University Bournemouth, where she is also a music scholar and her programme will include repertoire from her recent LTCL singing diploma. Admission is free and all are welcome. **Choral Evensong** takes place on Saturday 26th July at 4.30pm when the music includes 'Ave Maria' by Robert Parsons, David Trendell's 'Preces & Responses', the 'St Paul's Service' by Herbert Howells and Bainton's 'And I saw a new heaven'. Please join us for a glass of wine after the service. Looking ahead, don't

forget that *The Gents of St John's College, Cambridge* will be giving a concert at St Peter's Dorchester on Saturday 6th September at 7pm. This was a sell-out event last time they came, so we strongly advise booking your ticket as early as possible. Centre seats for this concert are selling well. I will be at St Peter's at both services on Sunday with the seating plan and can order tickets for you. Visit <https://www.ticketsource.co.uk/st-peters-church-dorchester> to secure your seat or speak to David Elliott after the service.

Keep up with events via our website: www.musicatstpetersdorchester.org or by following us on social media: Facebook: <https://www.facebook.com/musicatstpetersdorch> - X (Twitter): @musicatstpeter - Instagram @musicatstpetersdorch. If you would like to receive our monthly newsletter, subscribe through the website or drop us a line at: musicatstpeters@mail.com All of our social media and contact details can be found at: linktr.ee/musicatstpeters

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How to apply for a Diocese Card.

- Please download the form online: <https://buff.ly/BgggjOL>
- Return the form to diocese-card@salcath.co.uk or bring a printed copy of your completed form to the Welcome Desk in Salisbury Cathedral.



Church Walk on Saturday July 26th

Eight of us are planning to walk the route of the disused railway line from Maiden Newton to Bridport. The route will be approximately 12 miles with easy gradients, offering an opportunity for a picnic lunch on Powerstock Common and providing plenty of opportunities to chat as we walk.

We will meet at Dorchester West Station to catch the 09.44 train to Maiden Newton and catch the bus back to Dorchester, which arrives at 6 pm.

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Woodlands Crescent, DT1 3RQ
HOLY COMMUNION
Celtic Tradition.
An informal service open to all.
1st Wednesday each month at 11am.
Next, 6th August

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

Our organist today is Simon Clarkson.

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 Mary Foskett in memory of her husband John whose year's mind falls at this time.

Today is SEA SUNDAY, a day when we remember seafarers and our dependence on them. We remember, too, the support given by the Mission to Seafarers in ports around the world. There will be a retiring collection for the work of the Mission and your prayerful support will be welcomed.

The Bible Study Group meets once a fortnight at the Vicarage 17a Edward Road on Monday evenings at 7.30pm. The next gathering is **21st July**.

'In the Mood', a concert of 1940s – '60s music by Casterbridge Male Voice Choir in St Mary's church at 7 o'clock on Wednesday 23rd July. Choir and solo items and an opportunity for the audience to join in singing well-known items like 'it's a long way to Tipperary'. No tickets or entry price but with a retiring collection. Refreshments in the interval. In aid of church and choir funds. Come along and enjoy an informal evening of well known music. See poster page 10!!

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

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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.

Dennis Morgan's funeral is on Tuesday 15th July at 2pm.

A message from Julian Cherryson

My 60th birthday falls on Sunday 20th July and St George's Church hall is booked. Friends, including people who like my piano and organ playing, are invited to a bring and share celebration from 12.30pm to 3pm. If you wish to come, please sign the list in the 4 weeks following Sunday's benefice service or send me an email. Please bring some food that you can eat to share e.g. puddings, salad dishes (potato, rice, pasta, fruit etc.) or pastries (quiche, pies etc.) or savouries or cooked meat. Cake will be provided. No alcohol, presents or party poppers please. Collection for National Autistic Society and Cardiomyopathy UK. I will play my favourite classics and showstoppers on the piano. Many thanks. Julian Cherryson - Organist (including Taizé and St George's weeks 1, 3 and 5).

jcherryson@hotmail.com

The Children's Society invite you to a cream Tea on Wednesday 23rd July from 3pm to 4.30 at St George's Hall. Tickets £5 (pay at the door) See poster on page 10.



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.

July services

20th Matins

27th Holy Communion

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

Secretary : Janet Ranger-Dennis 07752 634773



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