

# Pews News

## 3<sup>rd</sup> May 2026

### 5<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Easter



#### Collect

Almighty God,  
who through your only-begotten Son Jesus Christ  
have overcome death and opened to us the gate of everlasting life:  
grant that, as by your grace going before us  
    you put into our minds good desires,  
so by your continual help  
we may bring them to good effect;  
through Jesus Christ our risen Lord,  
who is alive and reigns with you,  
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,  
one God, now and for ever.

#### Post Communion

Eternal God,  
whose Son Jesus Christ is the way, the truth, and the life:  
grant us to walk in his way,  
to rejoice in his truth,  
and to share his risen life;  
who is alive and reigns, now and for ever.

5<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Easter: Genesis 8. 1-19, Acts 7.55 – end, John 14. 1-14

6<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Easter: Genesis 8.20-9.17, Acts 17,22-31, John 14.15-21

'Believe' says Jesus to his disciples. 'Do not let your hearts be troubled. Believe in God, believe also in me'. Our gospel reading today is this well-loved passage from John, Jesus is preparing his band of followers for the time when he will no longer be with them. This was a scary thought for these disciples; their hearts must have been troubled, they hadn't needed to think about believing while Jesus was present with them. He had amazed them with his teaching about God his heavenly Father. He had amazed them with his compassion for the poor and outcast, his healing of those sick in body, mind and spirit. He had amazed them with his power over the wind and waves, in feeding the crowds who flocked to listen to him. Now they had to learn to live without Christ's earthly presence and are full of questions. Jesus tells them he is going before them to prepare a place for them. Answering Thomas' complaint that they don't know the way to this place, Jesus tells him and us, 'I am the way and the truth and the life.' This is the Saviour and Lord they are called to believe, the way to his and our Father in heaven. These disciples were Jews who knew of the God of Israel, but Jesus wants them to know and believe in God in a loving relationship, calling them to believe he is in the Father as the Father is in him. We know that following this conversation Jesus is crucified, but through his glorious resurrection his questioning disciples are transformed and carry on his work so that down the centuries those who come to believe have lived out their faith in Jesus who is one with the Father and the Holy Spirit. Christ's call continues to us today, 'Believe in God, believe also in me'

### Prayer

O gracious and holy Father, give us wisdom to perceive you, diligence to seek you, patience to wait for you, eyes to behold you, a heart to meditate upon you and a life to proclaim you, through the power of the Spirit of our Lord Jesus Christ. *St Benedict*  
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## FOR YOUR PRAYERS THIS WEEK:

**Among those in special need:** Libby, Jo Weir, Mike & Jenny Ford, Lesley, Gabrielle & Matthew, 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.

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](mailto:johnsamwood@me.com)

**Among those who have recently died:** Brian Knowles, Doris Matthews

**Remember those whose Year's Mind falls this week:** Tom Goss

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**Dorcas MU** next meets for prayer, bible study and fellowship on Wednesday 13 May at 4 Bellever Court, Poundbury at 10am. Newcomers welcome. Contact Janet 01305 260259

**WEDNESDAY EVENING EUCHARIST at ST MARY'S CHURCH** We are going to pilot a quiet weekday evening Holy Communion service on the third Wednesday of each month, the next being **WEDNESDAY 20<sup>th</sup> MAY at 6pm** This is in response to a request on behalf of those unable to attend morning services, but **ALL ARE WELCOME**

Next **Parish Men's Breakfast** of 2026 is on **Saturday 9<sup>th</sup> 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](mailto: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 held on Saturday 9<sup>th</sup> May at 9.00 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 Occasional Singers have a Choral Masterworks concert on Sunday 17<sup>th</sup> May at 7.00pm at St Mary's Church.** St Mary's will resound to the glorious music of Handel, Bach and Mendelssohn in a concert for choral pieces with chamber orchestra. They will be joined by the outstanding young Soprano Sumei Bao-Smith as they run the gamut of emotions from the joyful, energetic vigour of Handel's 'Let God Arise' to the tender romantic passion of Mendelssohn's Psalm 42. The programme includes the famous soprano aria 'Scherza Infida' from Handel's Ariodante. Entrance is FREE. There will be a retiring collection for Weldmar Hospicecare. Everyone is most welcome.

**Confirmation** - Would you like to be confirmed or do you know someone who would like to be confirmed adult or teenager? We have some confirmation candidates and are looking to run an adult confirmation class and also a teenage confirmation class this summer term. Would you like to join us? For more information please contact Revd Cora Yarrien [revd.cora.yarrien@gmail.com](mailto:revd.cora.yarrien@gmail.com) or Revd. Jimmy Holden.

**PLANT SALE** *The Children's Society* is holding a Plant Sale on **Thursday 7 May** from 10am – 2pm at 8 Grosvenor Road (by kind invitation of Jane & Nigel Culliford). Plants for sale would be very welcome beforehand (tel 01305 264360).

**On Thursday 14<sup>th</sup> May there will be a Sung Eucharist for Ascension Day at St Mary's at 7pm**

**On Sunday 24<sup>th</sup> May the Feast of Pentecost** we will have a Team Eucharist at St Peter's at 10.30. The Celebrant and Preacher will be the Very Reverend Nick Papadopoulos, Dean of Salisbury. It will be the only service in the Parish **that Sunday**.

The Parish of Dorchester & West Stafford Annual Vestry Meeting of Parishioners, to elect churchwardens, and Annual Parochial Church Meeting will be held on **Tuesday 19 May at 7.30pm in St. Mary's Church, Edward Road, Dorchester**. The Annual Report & Financial Statements, and the Group & Team Reports for the year 2025 will be emailed to those on church email lists, displayed in each of the churches before the APCM and additional paper or email copies can be obtained by contacting the Parish Office. All welcome. Refreshments. For further details contact Janet Cooper, PCC Secretary, [janeticoooper@hotmail.com](mailto:janeticoooper@hotmail.com) or 01305 260259.

## 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** We are grateful for your donations each week. Please donate items of tinned and packet food, toiletries and sanitary wear. They currently have an excess of dried pasta so this is not needed. Thank you for your generosity.

An invitation is extended to anyone wishing to join the **Bible study group** which meets every Monday at 2.30pm at 30 Grosvenor Road, Dorchester. For further details please phone Rosemary Briggs 01305 757444. (Own transport essential.) We look forward to welcoming you.

### Share Joy, Grow Hope, Fight Hunger

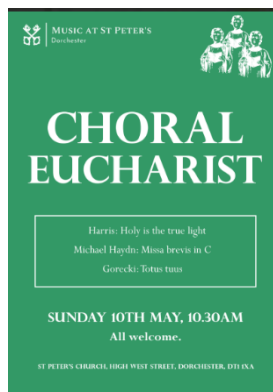


Women are growing nutritious organic food in small urban spaces, even in crowded cities like Nairobi. Think vertical gardening! Women like Fridah and Belinda can feed their family and also sell vegetables. Tools and training have been provided by Christian Aid's local partner Beacon of Hope. Belinda says "Thank you very much for making me an independent woman"

Devotionals and envelopes for cash or cheque donations will be available in Church on **Sunday 10<sup>th</sup> May** and can be returned the following week if preferred. Thank you so much.

## Music at St Peter's in May

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Please join us for our **Choral Eucharist** at 10.30am next Sunday, 10<sup>th</sup> May. The setting will be the charming *Missa brevis in C* by Michael Haydn, Franz Joseph Haydn's younger brother, and the Introit *Holy is the true Light* by William Harris. During communion, the motet will be *Totus tuus*, written by the Polish composer Henryk Górecki, to celebrate Pope John Paul II's third pilgrimage to his homeland in 1987. Our free **Lunchtime Concert** from 12.30-1pm on Saturday 16<sup>th</sup> May, will feature the clarinettist Natalie Burton and the pianist Rob Taylor playing Copland's *Clarinet Sonata* and Finzi's *Five*

*Bagatelles*. Later in the month, we have two services to celebrate the Feast of Pentecost. The music at the **Choral Eucharist** at 10.30am on Sunday 24<sup>th</sup> May will include *O Lord give thy Holy Spirit* by Tallis and Grayston Ives' *Listen Sweet Dove* and the setting will be Mozart's *Missa brevis in F K.192*. Finally, **Choral Evensong** at 4.30pm on Saturday 30<sup>th</sup> May will feature Gibbons' *Come Holy Ghost*, Blair's *Evening Canticles in B minor*, the *Responses* by Martin Neary and Elgar's great anthem *The Spirit of the Lord*, the Prelude to his oratorio *The Apostles*. For more information, please visit [www.musicatstpetersdorchester.org](http://www.musicatstpetersdorchester.org)



### Lunchtime Concert

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Copland: Clarinet Sonata  
Finzi: Five Bagatelles

Clarinet: Natalie Burton  
Piano: Rob Taylor



Free admission. All welcome.

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## **St. Mary's Church**

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### **Sunday Services**

**8.00am** Said Eucharist (1<sup>st</sup> Sunday only)

**9.45am** Sung Eucharist

**6.00pm** Taizé worship (1<sup>st</sup> Sunday only)

Gluten Free Communion wafers are available—please ask the Sidesperson

### **Weekday Services**

**Monday 7.30pm** Bible study at 17a Edward Road (fortnightly)

Next group meeting 11<sup>th</sup> May

**Tuesday 9.00am** Morning Prayer

**Tuesday 9.30am** Said Eucharist

**Wednesday 5.00pm** Contemplative Prayer (20mins of silence)

Except 20<sup>th</sup> May and 24<sup>th</sup> June

**Wednesday 6.00pm** Said Eucharist (3<sup>rd</sup> Wednesdays of the month only)

Next service: 20<sup>th</sup> May

**The Sanctuary Lamp Candle** is given by Janet Cooper in memory of her mother Melita whose years mind is 1<sup>st</sup> May, also in memory of her sister Val whose years mind falls on 9<sup>th</sup> May.

### **Other events**

**SARUM COLLEGE:** The new course brochure is now out. You'll be surprised by its diversity. Courses and seminars online and face to face, residential and day, qualifications and opportunities for personal growth. Have a look yourself at [courses@sarum.ac.uk](mailto:courses@sarum.ac.uk)

**Thursday 14<sup>th</sup> May 7pm** Ascension Day Eucharist

**Thursday 4<sup>th</sup> June 7pm** Eucharist for Corpus Christi with Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament

**Saturday 23 May 4pm** at St Marys Church Reding Mark's Gospel Come and hear Mark's Gospel in a comfortable setting

Taize Worship on Sunday, 7th June on the theme of The Body of Christ

**Christian Aid Week** – Alleviating poverty in the Nairobi slums. This year's annual Christian Aid Week service ecumenical service will take place at **St George's Church, Fordington, on Sunday May 10**, beginning at 4pm. The street collection will be held in South Street, Dorchester, from 10am-4pm on Friday 15 May.

**On Thursday 14<sup>th</sup> May there will be a Sung Eucharist for Ascension Day at St Mary's at 7pm**

## **St George's Church**

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

### **Sunday Services**

**8.30am** Holy Communion on 1st and 3rd Sundays

This is a quiet traditional BCP service in the Edward Chapel.

**10.30am** Holy Communion 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:**

Wednesday 9.30am Morning Prayer at the back of church.

Thursday 11.00am Holy Communion followed by refreshments.

### **Other regular activities:**

**Monday: Bible Study group 7.15pm** weekly in members' homes.

Details from Rev Cora or Rev Gerry.

**Wednesday 12.30-1.30 COMMUNITY LUNCH AND FOOD LARDER.** All are welcome for company in a warm space, a soup lunch, or food in times of hardship. **We welcome donations** of store cupboard items, especially microwave rice, cereals, long life milk, tinned meat/fish, tea or coffee. Please bring items at service times, or pop into the hall on Wednesdays from 12.15 - 1.30. Thank you for your support.

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### **Candles and Aid for Ukraine**

Many thanks to everyone who has been donating candles and wax for Ukraine. We are still collecting but would like to request that any candle donations come straight to Emma and Martin. Please email Emma at [raggedtigerwrites@gmail.com](mailto:raggedtigerwrites@gmail.com) or phone Martin on 07909 117108 to arrange. If you are able to donate any good quality clothes, toys, medical supplies, bedding etc to Ukraine, Harmony Music in Dorchester is a drop off point for aid. The situation is still grim there and all help is appreciated. Many thanks!

**St George's Church Annual General Meeting (AGM) will take place on Sunday 3<sup>rd</sup> May 2026**, immediately after our 10:30am service, in the church hall. All are welcome.

The next meeting of **the St George's church craft group is on Saturday 9th May 10-12** in the church hall. Please bring any crafts you are working on. I will also be sharing a few sewing machine basics with you. Any queries please see Rev Cora Yarrien or Jenny Russell.

### **Sunday 10<sup>th</sup> May, 4pm – Christian Aid Week Ecumenical Service**

We are delighted to welcome Christian Aid's Charlotte Scott as our guest speaker at this year's Ecumenical Service at St George's Church, led by Revd John Yarrien from Dorchester United Church and Revd. Cora Yarrien from St George's Church.

## 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](mailto:revd.cora.yarrien@gmail.com)

Gluten free wafers are available.

### **May**

3rd - 11.15am Morning Prayer

10th - 9am Holy Communion

17th - **6.30pm Evensong**

24th - **No Service** (Pentecost Benefice Service at St Peter's)

31st - **No Service** (5th Sunday so all invited to St George's)

All welcome to attend our services.

Coffee & Chat - **Saturday 30th May** from 10am to noon. All welcome.

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### **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 4th May** 10.30am *Tesco fountains*

**Tuesday 5th May** 2.15pm *Borough Gardens Bandstand*



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