



# Pews News

## 14<sup>th</sup> June 2026

### 2nd after Trinity



Matthew 9.35-10.8(9-23)

### Collect

Lord, you have taught us  
that all our doings without love are nothing worth:  
send your Holy Spirit  
and pour into our hearts that most excellent gift of love,  
the true bond of peace and of all virtues,  
without which whoever lives is counted dead before you.  
Grant this for your only Son 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

Loving Father,  
we thank you for feeding us at the supper of your Son:  
sustain us with your Spirit,  
that we may serve you here on earth  
until our joy is complete in heaven,  
and we share in the eternal banquet  
with Jesus Christ our Lord.

2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday after Trinity: Exodus 19.2-8, Romans 5.1-8, Matthew 9.35-10.8(9-23)  
3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday after Trinity: Jeremiah 20.7-13, Romans 6.1b-11, Matthew 10. 24-39

## Reflection for 2nd after Trinity

### Amazing Grace

Rev. Mike Stear

Unexpected gifts and acts of kindness can sometimes take our breath away, and “Thank you!” seems so inadequate. How much more when we are recipients of God’s generosity and kindness. Linking all three readings for today, Exodus 19:2-8; 5:1-8; Matthew 9:35-10:8, is the generosity of God the giver – and forgiver. God the generous giver at Sinai giving His Covenant promise to His people. God the Son, our Lord Jesus Christ, the generous giver of healing. God the Holy Spirit who makes peace with God real to us, and then pours the love of God into our hearts. We, the undeserving, the “helpless”, even “enemies” of God, as Paul expresses, receiving the unmerited grace of God. Do we find this breath taking and “Thank you” seems so inadequate?

Here is the grace of God. *“Through him (Jesus Christ) we have also obtained access by faith into this grace in which we stand.” Romans 5:2.* Notice our position – *“we stand”*. Yes, there is the place for kneeling, bowing even lying prostrate before our Holy God. Yet, He sets us on our feet to give us the dignity to *“stand”* before Him, forgiven and welcomed as His beloved children. Compare Ezekiel’s experience in *Ezekiel 2:2*.

Here is the grace of God, described in various ways. For example, the acrostic, GRACE - **G**od’s **R**iches **A**t **C**hrist’s **E**xpense. Or, Grace – God presenting himself amongst us. Or, Grace – Christ’s limitless generosity to us the underserving. Such grace takes us from being nobodies to becoming, not simply somebodies but God’s child by adoption and grace. We’re loved. We matter. We are given dignity.

Such grace has practical outworkings. For Paul it came with his surprising statement, *“we rejoice in our sufferings.” Romans 5:2-3.* “Excuse me Paul! Did I hear you correctly?” Paul replies “Yes, you did.” He explains why he makes such a statement. It’s like the spectacle of a beautiful rainbow, which only shows most clearly when set against the darkness of a storm cloud. So, says Paul writing from experience, *“we rejoice in our sufferings, knowing that suffering produces endurance, and endurance produces character, and character produces hope, and hope does not put us to shame, because God’s love has been poured into our hearts through the Holy Spirit who has been given to us.” Romans 5:4-5.* That’s grace. Suffering need not have the final word. There can be “Beauty for brokenness Hope for despair”, as Graham Kendrick puts it in the words of a song.

Like any gift, such grace has to be received and that reception is by faith, acknowledging, receiving Jesus Christ as Saviour and Lord. Something we are reminded of every time we reach out empty hands to receive bread and wine at Communion – an outward symbol of an inner reality. Reflect on, and turn into prayer, John Newton’s famous hymn, Amazing Grace.

## FOR YOUR PRAYERS THIS WEEK

**Among those in special need:** Eric Groom, Libby, 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.

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](mailto:johnsamwood@me.com)

**Among those who have recently died:** Michael Pettet

**Remember those whose Year's Mind falls this week:** Gordon Ayers, Nicola Wakefield, Elizabeth Daniels, Fred Howe, Kathleen Bell, Dennis Morgan

**Dorcas MU** next meets for prayer, bible study and fellowship on Wednesday 24 June at 28 Maiden Castle Road at 10am Newcomers welcome. Contact Janet 01305 260259

**Dorchester Choral Society** present a celebration of American Music Saturday 27<sup>th</sup> June – 10.30 at the United Church accessible rehearsal and 5.30 St Martin's Church Martinstown for a short concert. Voluntary collection to Church and Choir funds and refreshments.

There will be a performance of **Handel's Messiah** at 5.30pm on **Saturday 12th December** in St Peter's when our own choir will be joined by University Music's Chamber Choir and a professional orchestra. Tickets £ on sale soon so please save the date!

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### **Dorchester Foodbank Advertisement for a new member of the Trustee Board**

The Foodbank would like to thank everyone who donates to its cause. The Trustees wish to recruit additional Board Members who have a desire to help the Foodbank and support its work. We are looking to widen the Board's expertise in particularly, but not exclusively, the use of Social Media and the maintenance of its website [dorchesterfoodbank.co.uk](http://dorchesterfoodbank.co.uk). Please consider whether you can support its work in this way. A job description, person specification and listing of Trustee responsibilities are available from Tracy Hughes at [admin@dorchesterfoodbank.co.uk](mailto:admin@dorchesterfoodbank.co.uk)

**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!

Please see Dorchester Churches Together **Week of Prayer 29<sup>th</sup> June - 5<sup>th</sup> July** details on back page

## 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 open and warm invitation is extended to anyone wishing to join the **Bible Study Group** which meets on Monday afternoons at 2.30 p.m at 30 Grosvenor Road, Dorchester. We have started a new 10 week study entitled 'Meeting the Spirit'. Please ring Rosemary Briggs on 01305 757444 or email [seawife74@gmail.com](mailto:seawife74@gmail.com) for further details. Please note that your own transport is essential.

**Following the overwhelming success and feedback, we will be holding refreshments after the Sunday 9am BCP Eucharist, on the following dates:- 28<sup>th</sup> June 19<sup>th</sup> July 26<sup>th</sup> July**

## Music at St Peter's



**Lunchtime Concert**  
Saturday 20th June 12.30-1.00pm

An eclectic programme of songs and arias.

Baritone: Jonathan Prentice  
Piano: Rob Taylor



Free admission. All welcome.

Lots of music to enjoy as we head into the last two weeks of June. Our free **Lunchtime Concert** from 12.30pm-1pm on Saturday 20th will feature the baritone Jonathan Prentice accompanied by Rob Taylor with a programme of popular operatic arias from across the centuries. The music at **Choral Eucharist** at 10.30am on Sunday 21st will include Bruckner's *Locus iste*, Gabrieli's *Missa brevis* and Faure's much loved *Cantique de Jean Racine*. Finally, **Choral Evensong** at 4.30pm on Saturday 27th focuses on St Peter with Durufle's motet *Tu es Petrus* and, in recognition of his life as a

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**CHORAL  
EUCHARIST**

Bruckner: *Locus iste*  
Gabrieli: *Missa brevis*  
Faure: *Cantique de Jean Racine*

SUNDAY 21ST JUNE, 10.30AM  
All welcome.

ST PETER'S CHURCH, HIGH WEST STREET, DORCHESTER, DT1 1EA

seafarer, the anthem will be Sumsion's *They that go down to the sea in ships*. The canticles will be sung to Kelly's vibrant setting in C major. Please join us and stay for a glass of wine after the service. Don't forget to book your tickets via [www.musicatstpetersdorchester.org](http://www.musicatstpetersdorchester.org) for **Stargazing**, our concert by the internationally renowned vocal ensemble **Siglo de Oro** on Friday 4th September at 7pm. Conductor Patrick Allies promises us '*guiding stars, prayers offered heavenward, and lovers pouring their hearts out to the night sky*'.

Our **Church bells** will be silent for a few weeks. Several are having their clappers removed for relaminating and reannealing, as wear from general use has removed layers of steel. A new Crown Staple is also being fitted to number seven. When they are returned, new ropes are also being fitted. The work is being carried out by Taylor's of Loughborough, the last dedicated bell foundry in the country.

**The Rectory Garden Party will be on Saturday 4<sup>th</sup> July at 2.00pm.**

Please bring items to church for raffle prizes, plants, bottles, produce. If you are able to help on the day that would be wonderful. Please tell Val or David. Thankyou.

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

[www.facebook.com/St-Marys-Dorchester-672844449522662](http://www.facebook.com/St-Marys-Dorchester-672844449522662)

### **Sunday Services**

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

**9.45am** Sung Eucharist

Gluten Free Communion wafers are available—please ask the Sidesperson

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

Next service: 7th June. The theme is "The Body of Christ"

### **Sunday 28<sup>th</sup> June Feast of St Peter & Paul -**

**9.45 Eucharist to celebrate Rosemary's 25 years of Priestly Ordination.**

**Cake & wine after the service.**

### **Weekday Services**

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

Next group meeting 15th June

**Tuesday 9.00am** Morning Prayer

**Tuesday 9.30am** Said Eucharist

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

1st July, 8th July, 15th July ( so no group on 17th & 24th June )

In addition there will be a 6pm Eucharist to round up our meditation on 15<sup>th</sup> July

There will be no meditation over the summer but we will resume again on

Wednesday 2nd September

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

Next service: 17<sup>th</sup> June

**Last Thursday of month 10am – 12 noon** Church cleaning

**The Sanctuary Lamp Candle** is given by ( none this week)

**A big thank you to St Mary's congregation** for the wonderful surprise of flowers, chocolates, signed card and gift voucher which we received on Sunday, as a thank you for our time as churchwardens. It has been a joy, a privilege and pleasure, especially as you are all so supportive. Our best regards to Stephen Wibley who takes over as churchwarden, continue your support and fellowship. Thank you all, Janet Cooper & Jill Minchin.

### **Other events**

**21st June** - After the morning service, Kris is offering about half an hour to teach us his new Mass setting.

When you see pictures of countless ships anchored in the Persian Gulf area, waiting to pass through the Strait of Hormuz, do you think of the thousands of crew members, men and women, trapped on those vessels? . They are at risk of missile attacks, facing a seemingly endless period of uncertainty, far from home and families, anxious, exhausted and in urgent need of practical and pastoral support. The chaplains of the **Mission to Seafarers** and their teams are working to co-ordinate supplies of food and water and to provide pastoral and practical care and support but this becomes increasingly difficult as months go by.

**July 12th will be Sea Sunday**, a day when we remember the crews on whom we depend for so much of our food and material goods and the work of the Mission which goes on all through the year, irrespective of war and other hazards. Please remember them in your prayers and support them financially in the retiring collection on that Sunday.

**Pilgrimage Saturday 25<sup>th</sup> July** from Dorchester to Jackman's Cross. Meet at Bandstand Borough Gardens 9.30am. information from [jpsburn@gmail.com](mailto:jpsburn@gmail.com)

**Save the date! 17th October - Come and Sing** "The Armed Man: A Mass for Peace" by Karl Jenkins. 2pm for those wishing to sing (£20 to participate); 4.30pm for those attending the concert (entry by donation).

## **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.

The next meeting of **St George's craft group** is on **Saturday 13th June** 10-12pm in the church hall. Please bring your knitting, sewing projects or any craft projects you are working on. All welcome. For more details contact Rev Cora Yarrien or Jenny Russell

**Adult Confirmation Classes** - We are preparing a class of adults to be confirmed. Would you like to join us? Our confirmation classes will be Tuesday afternoon in St George's Hall on 16th June, 23<sup>rd</sup> June, 30th June and 7th July. Classes are 3.30 until 5.30pm. For more information please contact Revd Cora Yarrien [revd.cora.yarrien@gmail.com](mailto:revd.cora.yarrien@gmail.com) or Revd. Jimmy Holden on [revjimmyholden@gmail.com](mailto:revjimmyholden@gmail.com)

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**Welcoming Connor, our new curate.** All are invited to Connor's Ordination service at 11.00am on **Sunday 28th June** at Salisbury Cathedral, please lift share. There will also be a service here for those who are not able to travel to Salisbury.

**Welcome drinks** - there are also welcome drinks for Connor at 11.45am onwards at St George's on 5th July. Cakes, crisps and nibbles needed for this event if you are able to help.

## 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.

#### **June**

14th - 9am Holy Communion

21st - 6.30pm Evensong

28th - 9am Holy Communion

**Coffee & Chat - Saturday 27th June** 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 15th June***

***10.30am Meet behind Poundbury Garden Centre***

***Tuesday 16th June***

***2.15pm Borough Gardens Bandstand***



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The Benefice Website: [www.dorchesteranglican.org.uk](http://www.dorchesteranglican.org.uk)

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**YOUR KINGDOM COME**

**DORCHESTER CHURCHES TOGETHER  
WEEK OF PRAYER  
29<sup>th</sup> June - 5<sup>th</sup> July 2026**

**Mon 29<sup>th</sup> June: Storehouse Church 7.30 pm**  
SEEKING GOD FIRST - "RETURN TO ME"

**Tues 30<sup>th</sup> June: St Mary's 8.30 am**  
THE HOLY SPIRIT & FIRE - "FILLED AGAIN"

**Wed 1<sup>st</sup> July: St George's 9.30am**  
FAMILY & GENERATIONS - "AS FOR ME AND MY HOUSE"

**Thurs 2<sup>nd</sup> July: St Peter's 12pm**  
SCHOOLS & COMMUNITY - "LIGHT IN THE DARKNESS"

**Fri 3<sup>rd</sup> July: Holy Trinity 12pm**  
HEALING & RESTORATION - "BY HIS STRIPES"

**Sat 4<sup>th</sup> July: Salvation Army Breakfast 9am**  
MISSION & HARVEST - "THE HARVEST IS READY"

**Sun 5<sup>th</sup> July: St George's 6.30 pm Pizza & Praise**  
DECLARATION & BREAKTHROUGH - "KINGDOM COME"