



**The Parish Churches of St Mary the Virgin, Gillingham,  
St Simon & St Jude, Milton on Stour and St Nicholas, Silton**



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**Sunday 10 August The Eighth Sunday after Trinity (Proper 14)**

*CW Lectionary Hebrews 11.1–3, 8–16; Luke 12.32–40*

10:00am Holy Communion	St Mary's Church, Gillingham <i>Hymns: 584, 587, 650, 451, 715</i>
<i>Prayers for healing are usually available after the service in the side chapel in St Mary's</i>	
10:30am Matins	Silton Village Hall
10:30am Holy Communion	St Simon & St Jude, Milton on Stour <i>Hymns: 122, 50, 746, 431</i>

**Collect**

Lord God, your Son left the riches of heaven and became poor for our sake: when we prosper save us from pride, when we are needy save us from despair, that we may trust in you alone; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

**Post Communion**

Strengthen for service, Lord, the hands that have taken holy things; may the ears which have heard your word be deaf to clamour and dispute; may the tongues which have sung your praise be free from deceit; may the eyes which have seen the tokens of your love shine with the light of hope; and may the bodies which have been fed with your body be refreshed with the fullness of your life; glory to you for ever.

**For your thoughts and prayers**

Janet House, Norma Morris, Adam Cooke, Steve & Mary Rae, Roberta Wyatt, Rita Burns, Allen & Pauline Bryant, Carol Hebden, Mary Andrews, Diane Whitford, Ann Lockyer and Jean Harding.

We commend to God's care all those who have died, especially Gary Norcott, and we pray for those who mourn the loss of loved ones.

**READING Hebrews 11.1–3, 8–16**

Faith is the assurance of things hoped for, the conviction of things not seen. Indeed, by faith our ancestors received approval. By faith we understand that the worlds were prepared by the word of God, so that what is seen was made from things that are not visible. By faith Abraham obeyed when he was called to set out for a place that he was to receive as an inheritance; and he set out, not knowing where he was going. By faith he stayed for a time in the land he had been promised, as in a foreign land, living in tents, as did Isaac and Jacob, who were heirs with him of the same promise. For he looked forward to the city that has foundations, whose architect and builder is God. By faith he received power of procreation, even though he was too old – and Sarah herself was barren – because he considered him faithful who had promised. Therefore from one person, and this one as good as dead, descendants were born, 'as many as the stars of heaven and as the innumerable grains of sand by the seashore.' All of these died in faith without having received the promises, but from a distance they saw and greeted them. They confessed that they were strangers and foreigners on the earth, for people who speak in this way make it clear that they are seeking a homeland. If they had been thinking of the land that they had left behind, they would have had opportunity to return. But as it is, they desire a better country, that is, a heavenly one. Therefore God is not ashamed to be called their God; indeed, he has prepared a city for them.

**GOSPEL Luke 12.32–40**

Jesus said to his disciples, 'Do not be afraid, little flock, for it is your Father's good pleasure to give you the kingdom. Sell your possessions, and give alms. Make purses for yourselves that do not wear out, an unfailing treasure in heaven, where no thief comes near and no moth destroys. For where your treasure is, there your heart will be also. Be dressed for action and have your lamps lit; be like those who are waiting for their master to return from the wedding banquet, so that they may open the door for him as soon as he comes and knocks. Blessed are those slaves whom the master finds alert when he comes; truly I tell you, he will fasten his belt and have them sit down to eat, and he will come and serve them. If he comes during the middle of the night, or near dawn, and finds them so, blessed are those slaves. But know this: if the owner of the house had known at what hour the thief was coming, he would not have let his house be broken into. You also must be ready, for the Son of Man is coming at an unexpected hour.'

**Please note:** There will be no Eden Café this week, due to the Gillingham and Shaftesbury Show.

### **Tuesday 12 August**

10:00am – 12noon Gillingham Mindful Café at Gillingham Social Club, Hardings Lane. This week's activity will be Sophie Eden, singer and keyboard.

### **Wednesday 13 August**

10.30am Holy Communion at St Mary's Church, Gillingham

10:30am – 12noon The Gillingham Mens Group (GMG) at Rawson Court.

*Are you a patient of Gillingham Medical Practice and would you be interested in a men's group? The GMG are a group of men who get together for a friendly chat every Wednesday. Tea, coffee, biscuits and good company guaranteed. Wheelchair accessible and all ages welcome (18+). For further information, contact The Wellbeing Team on 01747 834 337.*

### **Thursday 14 August**

7:30pm Meditation in the Vicarage School Room

### **Friday 15 August VJ Day 80**

9.30am – 10am Informal Prayer Group in St Mary's Church

11:45am Commemoration and remembrance at Gillingham War Memorial. A national two-minute silence will be held at 12 noon.

**Also today**, to mark the 80<sup>th</sup> anniversary and end of World War 2 - St Mary's Church bells will be rung for about an hour.

### **Saturday 16 August**

9:00am – 12noon Pray for World Peace at St Mary's Church, Gillingham

*We invite you to come and pray for world peace. This will be a time for silent prayer. You may also, if you wish, write down your prayer. Drop in anytime throughout the morning, everyone welcome.*

10:00am – 12noon Meditation in the Vicarage School Room

### **Sunday 17 August The Ninth Sunday after Trinity (Proper 15)**

*CW Lectionary Hebrews 11.29 – 12.2; Luke 12.49–56; Ps. 80. 9-end*

10:00am Holy Communion

St Mary's Church, Gillingham

10:30am BCP Holy Communion

Silton Village Hall

6:30pm Evensong

St Simon & St Jude, Milton on Stour

**Calling all bakers.** The Gillingham and Shaftesbury show church tent will soon be open. 13<sup>th</sup> and 14<sup>th</sup> August. We as a church always provide cakes for Thursday. Tray bakes, loaf cakes or larger cakes sliced up. Not creamy please as the wasps get over excited. I will collect from St Mary's Church at 5pm Wednesday 13<sup>th</sup> August. Thank you very much. Kate Wickson 833 663



On the **29<sup>th</sup> August at The Exchange, Sturminster Newton from 5pm to 8pm** the trustees of the Friends of Guys Marsh Prison along with the staff and ex-prisoners will be showcasing what goes on at Guys Marsh prison in an event called "A Glimpse Behind Bars". It is an opportunity to see for yourselves the dedication and hard work that goes on to ensure those men coming out integrate and contribute to society, and how they are committing to amend for their choices. Please come along to this event, you will get a warm welcome, a free drink and nibbles, and the opportunity to see for yourself what life is really like inside; "A Glimpse Behind bars".

Ramin and Fariba are applying for Universal Credit. In the meantime, they would appreciate your help once again to keep them going. Thank you.

**St. Simon & St. Jude 100 Club winners in August:** 1<sup>st</sup> Margaret Frampton, 2<sup>nd</sup> Jacqui Ridout, 3<sup>rd</sup> Brenda Kneller