



**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 24 August St Bartholomew

CW Lectionary Acts 5. 12 – 16; Luke 22. 24 - 30

10:00am Holy Communion	St Mary's Church, Gillingham <i>Hymns: 402, 489, 604, 433 & 448, 617</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: 41, 189, 590, 564</i>
12noon Baptism of Theodore Dallaway	St Mary's Church, Gillingham

Collect

Almighty and everlasting God, who gave to your apostle Bartholomew grace truly to believe and to preach your word: grant that your Church may love that word which he believed and may faithfully preach and receive the same; through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord, who is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever.

Post Communion

Lord God, the source of truth and love, keep us faithful to the apostles' teaching and fellowship, united in prayer and the breaking of bread, and one in joy and simplicity of heart, in Jesus Christ our Lord.

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, Jean Harding, Anne Clarke and Michael Giddings.

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

READING Acts 5. 12 - 16

Many signs and wonders were done among the people through the apostles. And they were all together in Solomon's Portico. None of the rest dared to join them, but the people held them in high esteem. Yet more than ever believers were added to the Lord, great numbers of both men and women, so that they even carried out the sick into the streets, and laid them on cots and mats, in order that Peter's shadow might fall on some of them as he came by. A great number of people would also gather from the towns around Jerusalem, bringing the sick and those tormented by unclean spirits, and they were all cured.

GOSPEL Luke 22. 24 - 30

A dispute also arose among the twelve as to which one of them was to be regarded as the greatest. But he said to them, 'The kings of the Gentiles lord it over them; and those in authority over them are called benefactors. But not so with you; rather the greatest among you must become like the youngest, and the leader like one who serves. For who is greater, the one who is at the table or the one who serves? Is it not the one at the table? But I am among you as one who serves. You are those who have stood by me in my trials; and I confer on you, just as my Father has conferred on me, a kingdom, so that you may eat and drink at my table in my kingdom, and you will sit on thrones judging the twelve tribes of Israel.'

Tuesday 26 August

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

Wednesday 27 August

10:30am Holy Communion at St Mary's Church, Gillingham

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

2:00pm – 4:30pm Eden Café and TerraCycle recycling in the Vicarage School Room

Thursday 28 August

10:00am – 12noon Eden Café and TerraCycle recycling in the Vicarage School Room

2:00pm – 3:30pm Dementia Friendly Gillingham 'Music For You' at St Martins House, Queen Street with Clara and Colin, singer and guitarist.

7:30pm Meditation in the Vicarage School Room

Friday 29 August

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

5:00pm – 8:00pm "A Glimpse Behind Bars" at The Exchange, Sturminster Newton. 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.

Saturday 30 August

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

Sunday 31 August The Eleventh Sunday after Trinity (Proper 17)

CW Lectionary Hebrews 13.1–8, 15–16; Luke 14.1, 7–14

10:00am **BENEFICE Holy Communion** St Mary's Church, Gillingham

This is the only service in the benefice this Sunday and everyone from the three parishes is encouraged to attend to demonstrate our unity, fellowship and love for one another in Christ as a single benefice.

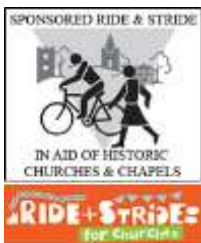
12noon Baptism of Alora Kendall

St Mary's Church, Gillingham

Dates for your diary and Notices: -

Eden Café – On **Wednesday 3 September**, there will be an opportunity to purchase a variety of handmade craft items by J K Hall including cards, notelets and bags. Commissions also taken. A donation from each item sold will go towards St Mary's Church Funds.

Saturday 13 September Events - Ride and Stride 2025 for Dorset Historic Churches Trust (DCHT)



Gillingham - Meet at St Mary's 10am for a walk to Motcombe. Approx 3 and a half miles, mostly across varied farm and woodland, returning by bus from Motcombe church. Freida Atwood has very kindly agreed to lead the walk this year, but please do let me know if you can join her. Kate Wickson 833 663.

Milton – 3:00pm at St Simon & St Jude. A traditional tea with sandwiches and cakes (£5 donation to DCHT). For further information contact Christine 824 655 / christine-alexander@live.co.uk

Silton – Peter Williams is challenging his personal best again on his trusty bike, and at a later date – Mike and Michela Metcalf and Diana Masters are doing a walk.

Sunday 28 September – 10:30am Harvest Festival at St George's, Langham.

St George's will be collecting for the Foodbank and would appreciate any contributions on the day to decorate the church and to help those who are in difficulty.



Gift aid summary letters for FY 2024/25 are now available for all St Mary's planned givers and anyone who has made gift aided donations during financial year 2024 - 2025. Please pick yours up from St Mary's. If you are able to help by delivering others, please do take those too. Many thanks from the Stewardship Recorder, Philippa Sargent.

To St Mary's congregation - Ramin and Fariba much appreciate your generous help once again. Your donations were received with heartfelt gratitude.