



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 2 November All Saints' Sunday

CW Lectionary Eph. 1. 11 – end; Luke 6. 20 – 31

8:00am Holy Communion St Mary's Church, Gillingham

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

Hymns: 506 (omit *vs), 602, 310, 424 and 297 (choir), 296 (omit vs 3, 4, 5)

Prayers for healing are usually available after the service in the side chapel in St Mary's

10:30am BCP Holy Communion St Nicholas Church, Silton

10:30am Morning Worship St Simon & St Jude, Milton on Stour Hymns: 148, 640, 560, 486

Collect

God of holiness, your glory is proclaimed in every age: as we rejoice in the faith of your saints, inspire us to follow their example with boldness and joy; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Post Communion

God, the source of all holiness and giver of all good things: may we who have shared at this table as strangers and pilgrims here on earth be welcomed with all your saints to the heavenly feast on the day of your kingdom; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

For your thoughts and prayers

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, Michael Giddings, Shirley Lynch, Barry Wren, Sandra Harwood, Pauline Rolph and Carol Foster.

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

READING Eph. 1. 11-end

In Christ we have also obtained an inheritance, having been destined according to the purpose of him who accomplishes all things according to his counsel and will, so that we, who were the first to set our hope on Christ, might live for the praise of his glory. In him you also, when you had heard the word of truth, the gospel of your salvation, and had believed in him, were marked with the seal of the promised Holy Spirit; this is the pledge of our inheritance towards redemption as God's own people, to the praise of his glory. I have heard of your faith in the Lord Jesus and your love towards all the saints, and for this reason I do not cease to give thanks for you as I remember you in my prayers. I pray that the God of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of glory, may give you a spirit of wisdom and revelation as you come to know him, so that, with the eyes of your heart enlightened, you may know what is the hope to which he has called you, what are the riches of his glorious inheritance among the saints, and what is the immeasurable greatness of his power for us who believe, according to the working of his great power. God put this power to work in Christ when he raised him from the dead and seated him at his right hand in the heavenly places, far above all rule and authority and power and dominion, and above every name that is named, not only in this age but also in the age to come. And he has put all things under his feet and has made him the head over all things for the church, which is his body, the fullness of him who fills all in all.

GOSPEL Luke 6. 20-31

Jesus looked up at his disciples and said: 'Blessed are you who are poor, for yours is the kingdom of God. Blessed are you who are hungry now, for you will be filled. Blessed are you who weep now, for you will laugh. Blessed are you when people hate you, and when they exclude you, revile you, and defame you on account of the Son of Man. Rejoice in that day and leap for joy, for surely your reward is great in heaven; for that is what their ancestors did to the prophets. But woe to you who are rich, for you have received your consolation. Woe to you who are full now, for you will be hungry. Woe to you who are laughing now, for you will mourn and weep. Woe to you when all speak well of you, for that is what their ancestors did to the false prophets. But I say to you that listen, Love your enemies, do good to those who hate you, bless those who curse you, pray for those who abuse you. If anyone strikes you on the cheek, offer the other also; and from anyone who takes away your coat do not withhold even your shirt. Give to everyone who begs from you; and if anyone takes away your goods, do not ask for them again. Do to others as you would have them do to you.'

Tuesday 4 November

10:00am – 12noon Gillingham Mindful Café at Gillingham Social Club, Hardings Lane. This week's activity will be Lee Knott, singer and trumpet player.

Wednesday 5 November

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

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

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

At Eden Café 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. Please note that there will be no Board Games Afternoon at Eden during November. The next one will be on Wednesday 3 December.

2:00pm – 3:30pm Dementia Friendly Gillingham 'Singing Together' at Rawson Court, admission £2/session

Thursday 6 November

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

2:30pm – 4:00pm Dementia Friendly Gillingham 'Sing-a-Song' of Praise at The Malthouse Care Home

Friday 7 November

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

10:30am – 12:30pm Festive Wreath Workshop in the Vicarage School Room

Come and enjoy making a festive wreath of felt flowers, leaves and berries stitched and embellished with Christmas sparkle! Please phone Caroline on 07788 688795 to book one of the 4 remaining places (£12.50/person, all materials provided + tea, coffee and biscuits). Fundraising for St Mary's Church and local charities.

Saturday 8 November

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

12:30pm – 3:30pm Repair Café in the Vicarage School Room

Sunday 9 November The Third Sunday before Advent (REMEMBRANCE SUNDAY)

CW Lectionary 2 Thess. 2. 1 – 5, 13 – end; Luke 20. 27 - 38

10:30am Matins with minute silence at 11am

St Nicholas Church, Silton

10:45am Act of Remembrance

Gillingham War Memorial followed by

11:15am Remembrance Service

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11:15am Holy Communion

St Simon & St Jude, Milton on Stour

3:30pm Messy Church

Vicarage School Room

Remembrance Sunday (9 November) – Holy Communion at St Simon & St Jude, Milton on Stour

Please note that there will be no 8:00am Holy Communion Service at St Mary's on Remembrance Sunday. For anyone in the benefice who wishes to receive communion, there will be Holy Communion at Simon & St Jude, Milton on Stour. Please see above for service times.

House of Opportunity appeal for Christmas shoe boxes for Eastern Europe

We want to support this appeal again this year and hope that you'll feel inspired to fill a box or two with Christmas presents. Leaflets are now available from the Parish Office and St Mary's Church so please read these to give you guidance on the procedure. Please bring completed boxes please to the Parish Office **by Friday 21 November**.

Thank you. Wendy Horne and Margaret Porter

Finance Bite Size 3 – Gillingham & Shaftesbury Show

You will be pleased to know that the sum raised at the Church Tent has resulted in £550 being donated to the Dorset Historic Churches Trust, £550 to the Gillingham & Shaftesbury Agricultural Societies Student Fund and £200 to the Rural Chaplains Fund. Many thanks to all who supported this in many ways. *Mike Sargent, Hon Treasurer*

St. Simon and St. Jude Children's Society Boxes

Thank you very much to all the boxholders in and around Milton who collected a total of £167.88 this year. Please look for the acknowledgement on the Church noticeboard. Thank you. *Wendy Braithwaite*