



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



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Sunday 12 October The Seventeenth Sunday after Trinity (Proper 23)

CW Lectionary 2 Tim. 2. 8 – 15; Luke 17. 11 - 19

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

Hymns: 761, 698, 358, 116 & 772 (choir), 490

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

10:30am Harvest Thanksgiving St Nicholas Church, Siltion

10:30am Holy Communion St Simon & St Jude, Milton on Stour *Hymns: 394, 132, 496, 178*

12noon Baptism of Teddy Pearce St Mary's Church, Gillingham

Collect

Gracious God, you call us to fullness of life: deliver us from unbelief and banish our anxieties with the liberating love of Jesus Christ our Lord.

Post Communion

Lord, we pray that your grace may always precede and follow us, and make us continually to be given to all good works; 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 and Shirley Lynch.

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

Members of the congregation will be very sorry to hear of the deaths of The Very Revd David Frayne and his wife Elizabeth. He died on 15 September and she on 29 September. Anyone wishing to express condolences may write to their daughter: Clare McGuigan, 67 Highdale Avenue, Clevedon, BS21 7LU. David retired to Gillingham after a very successful time as Dean of Blackburn Cathedral. Elizabeth ran the Mothers' Union here. He, with others, helped maintain the life of St Mary's during the previous interregnum and both were very active in the life of our church.

READING 2 Tim. 2. 8-15

Remember Jesus Christ, raised from the dead, a descendant of David – that is my gospel, for which I suffer hardship, even to the point of being chained like a criminal. But the word of God is not chained. Therefore I endure everything for the sake of the elect, so that they may also obtain the salvation that is in Christ Jesus, with eternal glory. The saying is sure: If we have died with him, we will also live with him; if we endure, we will also reign with him; if we deny him, he will also deny us; if we are faithless, he remains faithful – for he cannot deny himself. Remind them of this, and warn them before God that they are to avoid wrangling over words, which does no good but only ruins those who are listening. Do your best to present yourself to God as one approved by him, a worker who has no need to be ashamed, rightly explaining the word of truth.

GOSPEL Luke 17. 11-19

On the way to Jerusalem Jesus was going through the region between Samaria and Galilee. As he entered a village, ten lepers approached him. Keeping their distance, they called out, saying, 'Jesus, Master, have mercy on us!' When he saw them, he said to them, 'Go and show yourselves to the priests.' And as they went, they were made clean. Then one of them, when he saw that he was healed, turned back, praising God with a loud voice. He prostrated himself at Jesus' feet and thanked him. And he was a Samaritan. Then Jesus asked, 'Were not ten made clean? But the other nine, where are they? Was none of them found to return and give praise to God except this foreigner?' Then he said to Samaritan, 'Get up and go on your way; your faith has made you well.'

Monday 13 October *The Parish Office will be closed this week and will re-open on Tuesday 21 October.*

2:00pm – 3:00pm Dementia Friendly Gillingham 'Swimming for Memories' at RiversMeet Leisure Centre

Wednesday 15 October

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

2:00pm – 3:30pm Dementia Friendly Gillingham 'Singing Together' at Rawson Court. Admission £2, which includes refreshment.

Thursday 16 October

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

7:00pm Gillingham Community Cinema in the Vicarage School Room

Come and see 'Black Bag'. In this 2025 spy thriller, British intelligence officer George Woodhouse is assigned to investigate a list of suspected traitors, one of which is his wife, Kathryn. Tickets £6. Reserve from 07817 379006. Payment on the evening.



Friday 17 October

9.30am – 10am Informal Prayer Group in the Vicarage School Room *(for this week only)*

10:00am – 11:30am SMTV School visits at St Mary's Church, Gillingham

Saturday 18 October

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

Sunday 19 October The Eighteenth Sunday after Trinity (Proper 24)

CW Lectionary 2 Tim. 3.14 – 4.5; Luke 18. 1 - 8

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

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

6:30pm Evensong St Simon & St Jude, Milton on Stour

Urgent request

Our Iranian friends are in danger of being evicted. If you know of anywhere that the three of them could stay temporarily while they look for accommodation, please contact Margaret (01747 822193). Similarly please let her know if you are able to offer an occasional lift for them to look at possible flats. Thank you.

St Mary's Harvest Lunch

The Harvest Lunch was very well supported. We raised £286.60 which will go towards the church roof fund. Thanks to all the crumble makers, the entertainers and helpers. It's been a long time since we have had a social event as a church family. *Steve Butler*

Many thanks to Steve Butler & team for the delicious food & beautifully presented tables at our Harvest Lunch last week and to those who gave generous gifts of apple crumbles. And our thanks to Anne Heywood for encouraging & curating a variety of entertainment that added to this enjoyable occasion. *Tom Wickson*

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

Please give your boxes to Wendy Braithwaite or a Sidesman in Church during October. Thank you.

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 also watch out for Wendy and the trolley in the church porch and at Eden Café in the VSR. In this way you can donate individual items if you are unable to fill a box. Completed boxes need to be brought to the Parish Office by 2 November. Thank you. *Wendy Horne and Margaret Porter*

Also, if anyone has any empty shoe boxes, preferably standard size, please take them to the Parish Office.

St. Simon & St. Jude 100 Club October Winners: 1st Gerry Purdue, 2nd Steve Jackson, 3rd Frieda Attwood