



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 9 November The Third Sunday before Advent (REMEMBRANCE SUNDAY)

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

St Mary's Church, Gillingham

Hymns: 746, 635, 594, 579, *The National Anthem*



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

10:45am Act of Remembrance

Milton War Memorial followed by

11:15am Holy Communion

St Simon & St Jude, Milton on Stour

Hymns: 426 (*Psalm 23*), 99, 295, *The National Anthem*

3:30pm Messy Church

Vicarage School Room

Collect

God, our refuge and strength, bring near the day when wars shall cease and poverty and pain shall end, that earth may know the peace of heaven through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Post Communion

God of peace, whose Son Jesus Christ proclaimed the kingdom and restored the broken to wholeness of life: look with compassion on the anguish of the world, and by your healing power make whole both people and nations; through our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ.

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 Harwoodh and Carol Foster.

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

READING Revelation 12:7-11 (For St Mary's and St Simon & St Jude)

And war broke out in heaven; Michael and his angels fought against the dragon. The dragon and his angels fought back, but they were defeated, and there was no longer any place for them in heaven. The great dragon was thrown down, that ancient serpent, who is called the Devil and Satan, the deceiver of the whole world—he was thrown down to the earth, and his angels were thrown down with him. Then I heard a loud voice in heaven, proclaiming, 'Now have come the salvation and the power and the kingdom of our God and the authority of his Messiah, for the accuser of our comrades has been thrown down, who accuses them day and night before our God. But they have conquered him by the blood of the Lamb and by the word of their testimony, for they did not cling to life even in the face of death.'

GOSPEL Matthew 5:1-12 (For St Simon & St Jude)

When Jesus saw the crowds, he went up the mountain; and after he sat down, his disciples came to him. Then he began to speak, and taught them, saying: 'Blessed are the poor in spirit, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven. 'Blessed are those who mourn, for they will be comforted. 'Blessed are the meek, for they will inherit the earth. 'Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for righteousness, for they will be filled. 'Blessed are the merciful, for they will receive mercy. 'Blessed are the pure in heart, for they will see God. 'Blessed are the peacemakers, for they will be called children of God. 'Blessed are those who are persecuted for righteousness' sake, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven. 'Blessed are you when people revile you and persecute you and utter all kinds of evil against you falsely on my account. Rejoice and be glad, for your reward is great in heaven, for in the same way they persecuted the prophets who were before you.'

Tuesday 11 November Armistice Day

11:00am Act of Remembrance at Gillingham Town War Memorial, High Street Car Park



Wednesday 12 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

Also at Eden, from 2:00pm – 4:00pm, 'Experiment with Stitch'. Come and enjoy experimenting with different stitches. November's stitch is FEATHER stitch. Embroidery threads will be available, but please bring your own fabric. Contact Caroline on 07788 688795 for more details. No booking required.

Thursday 13 November (Parish Office Closed)

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 'Mission: Impossible – The Final Reckoning'. Tickets £6. Reserve from 07817 379006. Payment on the evening.



Friday 14 November

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

2:00pm – 3:30pm Dementia Friendly Gillingham 'Name that Tune' at St Martin's House, Queen Street

Saturday 15 November

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

10:00am – 12noon Christmas Coffee Morning in aid of Silton PCC Charity Giving at Silton Village Hall

Coffee, Mince Pies, Baking, Books, Bric a Brac, Preserves and Christmas Items.



Sunday 16 November The Second Sunday before Advent

CW Lectionary 2 Thess. 3. 6 – 13; Luke 21. 5 – 19

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

House of Opportunity appeal for Christmas shoe boxes for Eastern Europe

Thank you for your donations via the trolley of individual items. This collection has now ended and boxes completed on your behalf. **However, completed boxes** can be taken to the Parish Office **until 21 November**.

Margaret and Wendy

Eden Café Correction - Board Games Afternoon

The next Board Games Afternoon at Eden Café will be on **Wednesday 10 December**.

Gillingham Community Christmas Day Lunch 12:30 for 1:00pm, North Dorset Rugby Club, Gillingham.

For anyone on their own, or in need, come and join others from the community **on Christmas Day** for lunch. Booking Forms are available from The Town Hall, Gillingham Library, Coffee & Canines, The Foodbank, Eden Café and Gillingham Churches - or you can download a form from https://threeriversgillingham.org/?page_id=321. Please return the completed form to the Town Hall or the box in St Mary's Church porch by Monday 1 December. Places are limited so please return your form as soon as you can, the first 50 returned forms secure a place. Transport can be provided. For further information tel.07731 468428. We look forward to seeing you!

Finance Bite Size 4 – St Mary's Church, Gillingham

The works to make the nave roof watertight has, as you know, been completed and hopefully that is the end of our troubles for a good few years. The overall cost, paid for through monies in the roof appeal was £27,223. We are immensely grateful to all those who generously contributed and there remains sufficient funds to go towards both redecoration and the chancel roof.

A Big Harvest Thank You from Gillingham Foodbank

A heartfelt *thank you* for your wonderful Harvest donations to Gillingham Foodbank. Your generosity and compassion have made a real difference to local people in need, and we're so grateful for your continued support and partnership.

St. Simon & St. Jude 100 Club November Winners: 1st Anne Heywood, 2nd Greer Tilbrook, 3rd Fiona Mason