



## The Winterbournes and Compton Valence Churches

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You can access the Benefice website - and get service times, latest news, what's on, and sermons to listen to - by scanning the QR code with your smartphone

## Church Services in Dorchester February

	<b>1<sup>st</sup> Feb</b>	<b>8<sup>th</sup> Feb</b>	<b>15<sup>th</sup> Feb</b>	<b>22<sup>nd</sup> Feb</b>
<b>St Peter Dorchester</b>	BCP Eucharist 9am Common Worship 10.30am	BCP Eucharist 9am Common Worship 10.30am	BCP Eucharist 9am Common Worship 10.30am	BCP Eucharist 9am Common Worship 10.30am
<b>St Mary Dorchester</b>	Sung Eucharist 9.45 am	Sung Eucharist 9.45 am	Sung Eucharist 9.45 am	Sung Eucharist 9.45 am
<b>St George Dorchester</b>	BCP Holy Communion 8.30 am Holy Communion 10.30am	Holy Communion 10.30 am	BCP Holy Communion 8.30 am Holy Communion 10.30am	Holy Communion 10.30am
<b>St Andrew West Stafford</b>	Matins at 11.15	Holy Communion 9.00am	Matins at 11.15	Holy Communion 9.00am

## Church Services in Winterbourne Valley February

Sundays	1 <sup>st</sup> February Candlemass	8 <sup>th</sup> February	15 <sup>th</sup> February	22 <sup>nd</sup> February  Lent 1
<b>St Martin Martinstown</b>	11am Martinstown Holy Communion	8.am Holy Communion BCP		11 am Holy Communion
<b>St Michael Steepleton</b>			11am Holy Communion	
<b>St Mary Abbas</b>	9.30am Worship Together		9.30am Holy Communion	
<b>St Thomas Compton Valence</b>		9.30am Holy Communion		

**Ash Wednesday 18<sup>th</sup> February** 9.30am St Martin, Martinstown – Holy Communion with Ashing

### **SAVE THE DATE: Services Church Events in Lent**

**Mothers Day- 15th March- All mums will receive a posy**

9.30am St Mary, Winterbourne Abbas

11am St Martin, Martinstown

**Saturday 4th April- Messy Church Easter Activities**

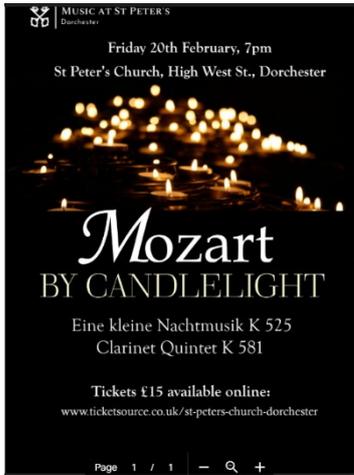
10am-12pm St Mary, Winterbourne Abbas

**Friday Lent Lunches 12.30pm @ Martinstown Village Hall**

February 20th , February 27th, March 20th, March 27th

# Dorchester Events

## Music at St Peter's



Two fantastic concerts to enjoy over the next few weeks. For our **Lunchtime Concert**, from 12.30pm—1pm on Saturday 14th February, we welcome the distinguished **Organist, Broadcaster and Composer Simon Lole**. Simon, who was for some time Director of Music at Salisbury cathedral, presents 30 mins of varied organ music with some wonderful anecdotes along the way! Admission is free, so please come along and bring family and friends. On Friday 20th February please join us for **Mozart by Candlelight** from 7pm-8.10pm. Enjoy Mozart's Eine Kleine Nachtmusik and Clarinet Quintet performed by Natalie Burton (clarinet) and a distinguished String Quartet led by Christina Scott, Head of Strings at Bryanston School. Tickets are available at [www.musicatstpetersdorchester.org](http://www.musicatstpetersdorchester.org) or from David Elliott after any service. Our **Choral Eucharist** at 10.30am on Sunday 22nd February includes some wonderfully reflective music to mark the beginning of Lent as does our **Choral Evensong** on Saturday 28th February at 4.30pm.



invite you to a

## Winter Tea

with Dorset Apple Cake and Crumpets

St George's Church Hall, Dorchester  
Monday 9th February  
2.30-4pm

**Tickets £4** (pay at the door)  
To include Dorset Apple Cake and Crumpets,  
waitress service and music

FRIENDLY ATMOSPHERE - EVERYONE WELCOME  
BRING A FRIEND OR MEET SOME NEW ONES

The Children's Society - Dorset Region 11.2018

### Taizé Worship for Candlemas

**Sunday February 1st at 6 pm**

**St Mary's Church**, Edward Road,  
DT1 2HJ

a service of song, silence, prayer and  
contemplation on the theme of

### Our Lives made Holy for God

Taize Worship on Sunday, **March 1st**,  
on the theme of Prayer, will be  
preceded at 4.30 pm by some shared  
learning of new chants, followed by  
tea

**GOOD BYE LUNCH FOR REVD. HEIDI MERRETT - 8th February - We will be having a benefice lunch in St George's Hall to say goodbye to Revd. Heidi from 12.00 onwards. All are invited so that we have the opportunity to say goodbye to Heidi and celebrate her ministry among us. There will be sign up sheets at the back of your churches to get an indication of number of people coming. If you are able please bring something to share like a carton of juice, bottle of cordial or even a bottle of wine. Alternatively please bring something sweet like cake or biscuits for pudding. Vegan cakes very gratefully received so that Heidi has something too.**

# Winterbourne Valley Events

Winterbourne  
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# CAN YOU HELP!



WE NEED  
YOU

- Church Wardens \*
- Deputy Church Wardens \*
- Church Secretary \*
- Welcome Team members \*
- Organiser for Cleaning Team rota
- Church Cleaning Team Members
- Church Coffee Team Members
- Social Media Team Members \*

\*role descriptions available  
please contact Rev Teresa

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**EASTER**

*Activities*

**Saturday 4th April 10am**

**@ St Mary's Church**

**Winterbourne Abbas**

*for some egg-citing fun!*

*Crafts & games,*





# *Lent Lunch 2026*

**Fridays in Lent  
12.30pm  
@ Martinstown  
Village Hall**

**February 20th  
February 27th  
March 20th  
March 27th**



**All proceeds go to Weymouth Foodbank**

**From Dorchester for your prayers:**

Esther Bird, Stella Joslin, Jo Weir, Fran Griffiths, Mike & Jenny Ford, Lesley, Gabrielle and Matthew, Fr David Harris, Lesley Harris, Edwin; Rupert; Carol, Paul & Linda Buckingham; Jean Howarth; Helen Lange; Christopher; Katharine; Jonathan Davis; Morag & Robert Curtis; Tessa Bullick; Margaret Morrissey; Jill Smith; Ruth Davis; Pam Revell.

Many thanks to everyone who's helped me to update the list and asked me to retain the names of these people, who continue to need our prayerful support. As always, please contact me at any time to update the list – please phone 01305 268749 or 07800 962672, leaving a message if necessary; or email [johnsamwood@me.com](mailto:johnsamwood@me.com)

***Among those who have recently died:*** Very Revd Alan Woods, Judith Foster, Judith Jones, Kathleen 'Kate' Penfold, Robert 'Bob' Cook

***Remember those whose Year's Mind falls this week*** Victor Wakely, Robert Wills.

**From the Winterbournes for your prayers:**

**For those in need:** Judith and Mark, Debs, Andreas, Natasha, Di Honeybun

**For those who have recently died:** Maggie Hayden, David Foster

**For those whose year's mind falls this month:** Rosemary Parker, Terence Hearing, Ann Cox, Joyce Jermy