

## The Winterbournes and Compton Valence Churches

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## Church Services in Dorchester March

	<b>1<sup>st</sup> March</b>	<b>8<sup>th</sup> March</b>	<b>15<sup>th</sup> March</b>	<b>22<sup>nd</sup> March</b>	<b>29<sup>th</sup> March</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	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	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	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	No Service Service at St George

## Church Services in Winterbourne Valley March

Sundays	1 <sup>st</sup> March	8 <sup>th</sup> March	15 <sup>th</sup> March Mothering Sunday	22 <sup>nd</sup> March Lent 1	29 <sup>th</sup> March
<b>St Martin Martinstown</b>	11am Martinstown Holy Communion	8.am Holy Communion BCP		11 am Holy Communion	11 am Holy Communion
<b>St Michael Steepleton</b>			11am Holy Communion with posies for Mums		
<b>St Mary Abbas</b>	9.30am Holy Communion		9.30am All Age 'Breakfast Church'		
<b>St Thomas Compton Valence</b>		9.30am Holy Communion			

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

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

9.30am St Mary, Winterbourne Abbas – All Age 'Breakfast Church'

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**

March 20th, March 27th

# Dorchester Events

*To my wonderful Dorchester and Winterbournes Family,*

I have finally found my laptop and am sitting in my new garden office in Devizes surrounded by boxes, but before I start finding homes for my books, I just wanted to convey my thanks for the extraordinarily generous gifts and wonderful farewell lunch you gave me. Thank you to everyone who made my last Sunday with you so memorable.

Serving as your curate has been a privilege and a joy and I would like to take this opportunity to thank you all for your kindness and patience as I navigated my first years of ministry. You have all been my teachers and my inspiration and for that I am eternally grateful.

I am truly humbled by your messages of love and support as I begin my new role as Rector of St John with St Mary. I will miss you and will continue to hold you all in prayer. I really hope to see some of your lovely faces at my institution and induction on 2<sup>nd</sup> March. So, not goodbye, I hope, but au revoir my friends.

With love and every blessing,

*Heidi*

## Music at St Peter's

March brings with it a feast of music at St Peter's. Please join us for our **Choral Eucharist** on Sunday 8<sup>th</sup> March at 10.30am with some wonderful music by Byrd, Kodaly and Purcell. Our **Lunchtime Concert** from 12.30pm-1.15pm on Saturday 14<sup>th</sup> March features a performance of **David Bednall's *Stabat mater*** performed by a consort of voices with the violinist Bryony Smith and the composer himself at the organ. As many of you will be aware, [David Bednall](#) is an internationally renowned organist, conductor and composer and a good friend of *Music at St Peter's*. Admission is free so please do come and hear his fabulous work. Our **Choral Eucharist for Passion Sunday** at 10.30am on Sunday 22<sup>nd</sup> March features music by Stopford, Caldara and Bruckner and **Choral Evensong** on Sunday 28<sup>th</sup> March at 4.30pm includes music by Lotti, Byrd and Elgar. Please visit [www.musicatstpetersdorchester.org](http://www.musicatstpetersdorchester.org) for full details of all our Lent and Easter services and events



**Lunchtime Concert**  
**'Stabat Mater'**  
By Dr David Bednall  
Vocal consort  
Organ: David Bednall  
Violin: Bryony Smith  
  
Saturday 14th March, 12.30-1.15pm  
Free admission. All welcome.

**Join us for an evening of quizzing on Saturday 7 March** at St Mary's church hall, Edward Road. Teams of up to six people, £10 per head to include a supper. Bring your own drinks and snacks. All proceeds towards the Window fund. Teams must be registered by Sunday 1 March, contact Moira Farley on [moira.farley@me.com](mailto:moira.farley@me.com)

**More teams needed! Please enter teams for a fun quizzing evening.**

## St George's Day Fair,

Saturday 25 April, 1 – 4pm If anybody has any leftover Christmas chocolates, biscuits or other goodies or maybe unwanted presents, please consider donating them as prizes for the raffle and tombola at the fair and future church events. Offers of help gratefully received as well. Thank you

# Winterbourne Valley Events



*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**





**EASTER**

Activities

**Saturday 4th April 10am**

**@ St Mary's Church**

**Winterbourne Abbas**

for some egg-citing fun!

Crafts & games,



**From Dorchester for your prayers:**

Libby, 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.

***Among those who have recently died:*** Anne Jonathan, Nigel Clark, Sam Bridle, Bernard Cox, Jean Matthews, Very Revd Alan Woods, Judith Foster, Judith Jones, Kathleen 'Kate' Penfold, Robert 'Bob' Cook

***Remember those whose Year's Mind falls this week*** Paul Pritchard

**From the Winterbournes for your prayers:**

**For those in need:** John Read, Chris, Sarah and Hannah, Di Honeybun, Richard Cuzens, Chantelle, Ali and baby Zoe Maple, Debs, Judith

**For those who have recently died:** Maggie Hayden, Fr Alan Woods

**For those whose year's mind falls this month** Bill Meaden, Graham Cooke, Roger Vallin, Richard House, Christine Harvey, Geoffrey Haine, Derek Baker, Sally Godding