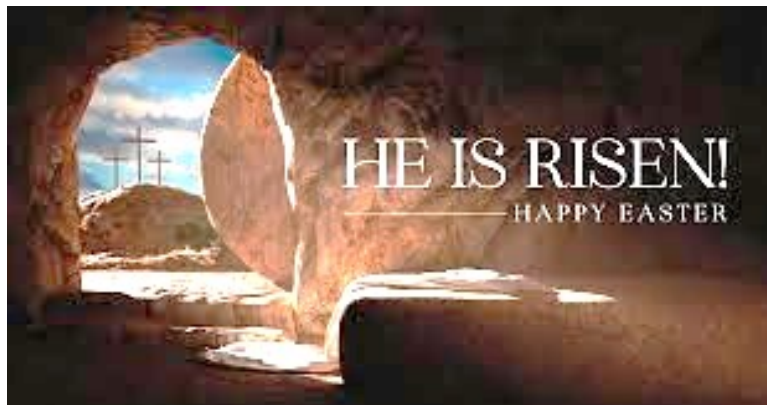


# Pews News

## 5<sup>th</sup> April 2026

### Easter Day



#### Collect

Lord of all life and power,  
who through the mighty resurrection of your Son  
overcame the old order of sin and death  
to make all things new in him:  
grant that we, being dead to sin  
and alive to you in Jesus Christ,  
may reign with him in glory;  
to whom with you and the Holy Spirit  
be praise and honour, glory and might,  
now and in all eternity.

#### Post Communion

God of Life,  
who for our redemption gave your only-begotten Son  
to the death of the cross,  
and by his glorious resurrection  
have delivered us from the power of our enemy:  
grant us so to die daily to sin,  
that we may evermore live with him in the joy of his risen life;  
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Easter Day: Acts 10.34-43, Colossians 3.1-4, John 20.1-18

2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday of Easter: Acts 2. 14a, 22-32, 1 Peter 1.3-9, John 20.19-end

## Reflection for Easter Day

*Revd Keith Magee*

On that first Easter morning, Mary Magdalene must be in a very dark and lonely place as she makes her way to the tomb where they laid the body of Jesus after his death. We know she had been with Jesus all through the terrible cruelty of Good Friday. Now her heart is broken and she's exhausted, but at least she can clean and anoint his body with gentle respect. We go with her to the tomb, where she is again overwhelmed with grief as she realises that the body has been moved. We watch as she runs to tell Peter and John. They run to the tomb and see for themselves that Mary was right. Although the grave clothes are there, his body isn't, and they leave with renewed grief.

On her own again, Mary looks into the tomb and sees two angels dressed in white. Her distress is palpable as she addresses them: "They have taken away my Lord, and I do not know where they have laid him." Turning away from the tomb, she sees a man she thinks is a gardener and pleads with him: "Sir, if you have carried him away, tell me where you have laid him, and I will take him away." Jesus has only to speak one word, her name, "Mary!"

Instantly recognisable and so dearly loved, she knows his voice and cries "Rabbouni!", which means "Teacher!" Jesus then tells Mary to go to his "brothers", to tell them that he is alive and is "ascending to my Father and your Father, to my God and your God". It is a transformed Mary who goes back to the disciples with the news. "I have seen the Lord," she tells them. Mary's Good Friday nightmare has given way to the joy and glory of Easter Day.

We might have read the story of the first Good Friday and Easter Day many times, or we might have heard it read on only a few occasions. However familiar it is, we probably still find it almost impossible to imagine Mary Magdalene's experience. Her grief and despair are so deep. She fears what has happened and what might happen next, to her and the other disciples and followers of Jesus. It is unimaginable, although most of us have probably had experiences and feelings that we recognise in this story – grief, loss, fear, hopelessness and worse.

What we see vividly in this story is that the resurrection of Jesus happens in the dark tomb, the place of the dead. And it is from the darkness of night that a new and glorious day dawns. Mary's witness to us is that, no matter how dark the night gets and how pointless our life might seem, there is hope, even if we can't imagine how things can change. Mary says that even if we can only grasp at one tiny strand of hope, it will make a difference, give us a little more strength and lift our eyes upwards, so we can begin to see that somehow all this mess and confusion we see around us will be redeemed.

Christ is risen indeed, Alleluia!

## FOR YOUR PRAYERS THIS WEEK:

**Among those in special need:** Libby, Jo Weir, Mike & Jenny Ford, Lesley, Gabrielle & 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:** Faith Lamb

**Remember those whose Year's Mind falls this week:** Norman Towler

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**Dorcas MU** next meets for prayer, bible study and fellowship on Wednesday 15 April at 10am at 2 Colliton Walk. Newcomers welcome. Contact: Janet 01305 260259.

### WEDNESDAY EVENING EUCHARIST at ST MARY'S CHURCH

We are going to pilot a quiet weekday evening Holy Communion service on the third Wednesday of each month,  
the next being

**WEDNESDAY 15<sup>th</sup> APRIL at 6pm**

This is in response to a request on behalf of those unable to attend morning services, but **ALL ARE WELCOME**

**The next Ladies Breakfast** will be held on Saturday 11th April at 9.00 at Taste Cafe which is next to the Museum and St Peter's church on High West Street, Dorchester, DT1 1XA. All are most welcome to join us. If you have any queries please phone Ginny Farmiloe on 01305 262811.

Our next **Parish Men's Breakfast** of 2026 is on Saturday 14<sup>th</sup> April at the Engine Room at Poundbury Garden Centre. 9am as normal. There is ample on-street parking and if you would like a lift, I can arrange this. If you plan to come, please advise by telephone on 07776 256537 or by email at [davidelliott220@btinternet.com](mailto:davidelliott220@btinternet.com). The Engine Room ask that we pre-order and I will forward the menu to you. Many thanks.  
David Elliott

### Holy Saturday

You are invited to join Rev'd Jimmy for a gathering in the Vicarage garden (17a Edward Road) from 8.30pm on Saturday 4th April. We will read some of the traditional Vigil readings to prepare ourselves for Easter, with a (pre-Easter) fire and hot drinks. The gathering will last about an hour - please dress up warm!

## St Peter's Church

The church is open **daily from 10am - 6pm during the summer.**

**Sundays** BCP Eucharist at 9am & Common Worship Eucharist 10.30am.

**Mid-week - Morning Prayer** at **9.15am** on Monday & Thursday

**Midweek Eucharist** Our Midweek Eucharist is at **10.00 am on Thursday.** This is always followed by refreshments. Please do consider joining us.

**Pastoral Visiting** - If you would like to receive the Eucharist at home please contact me by phone or email. **Keith**

**Storehouse Church Food Larder** We are grateful for your donations each week. Please donate items of tinned and packet food, toiletries and sanitary wear. They currently have an excess of dried pasta so this is not needed. Thank you for your generosity.

**There won't be midweek Eucharist on Thursday 9<sup>th</sup> April.**

**St Peter's Annual Meeting is on Sunday 26<sup>th</sup> April** after the morning Eucharist.

An invitation is extended to anyone wishing to join the **Bible study group** which meets every Monday at 2.30pm at 30 Grosvenor Road, Dorchester. For further details please phone Rosemary Briggs 01305 757444. (Own transport essential.) We look forward to welcoming you.

## Music at St Peter's



MUSIC AT ST PETER'S  
Dorchester

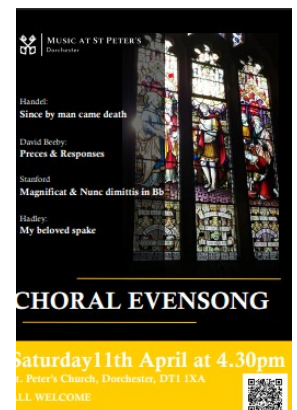
**CHORAL EUCHARIST**  
Easter Sunday 5th April, 10.30am

Harris: This Joyful Eastertide  
Mozart: Missa brevis in D K.194  
Stanford: Ye choirs of New Jerusalem  
Handel: Hallelujah Chorus

St Peter's Church, High West Street  
Dorchester

Please join us for our **Choral Eucharist at 10.30am on Easter Day** and enjoy glorious music including, Mozart's *Missa brevis in D*, Stanford's *Ye choirs of New Jerusalem*, Harris's *This joyful Eastertide* and, as has become the tradition, Handel's *Hallelujah Chorus* to round off the service.

We close the Octave with a **Festal Choral Evensong** at 4.30pm on **Saturday 11<sup>th</sup> April** which will include music by Stanford, Handel, Beeby and Hadley. Please join us and stay for a glass of wine after the service.



MUSIC AT ST PETER'S  
Dorchester

Handel:  
Since by man came death

David Beeby:  
Preces & Responses

Stanford:  
Magnificat & Nunc dimittis in BB

Hadley:  
My beloved spake

**CHORAL EVENSONG**

Saturday 11th April at 4.30pm  
St Peter's Church, Dorchester, DT1 1XA  
WELCOME



MUSIC AT ST PETER'S  
Dorchester

**Lunchtime Concert**  
Saturday 18th April 12.30-1.00pm

A thirty-minute programme of  
music for violin & organ.

Violin: Christina Scott  
Organ: Graham Scott

Free admission. All welcome.

Our **Lunchtime Concert** from 12.30pm-1pm on Saturday 11<sup>th</sup> April features the violinist Christina Scott accompanied by Graham Scott at the organ. Admission is free so please so please join us for what will be a delightfully inventive half an hour of music.

## **St. Mary's Church**

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**On Sundays each week Sung Eucharist** at 9.45am

**On the first Sunday of the month in April there is no Said Eucharist at 8am. It will start back again in May. Taize Worship is at 6pm as usual. The next Taize is Easter Sunday**

Gluten Free Communion is available—please ask the Sidesperson

**Morning Prayer on Tuesdays** at 9am followed by **Said Eucharist** at 9.30am.

**The Contemplative Prayer Group on Wednesdays at 5pm in the Blessed Sacrament Chapel at St Mary's.** Come and join us for 20 minutes of silence. The group will meet at 5pm every

Wednesday up to and including July 15th EXCEPT the following Wednesdays when there will be no group : 20th May and 24th June. Everyone from across the Benefice and beyond is welcome.

**The Sanctuary Lamp Candle** is given by Cynthia Fry in thanksgiving for her granddaughter Eilonwy whose birthday is on the 1<sup>st</sup> April.

### **Wednesday Evening Communion**

There will be an evening Communion Service on the 3<sup>rd</sup> Wednesday of the month at 6pm in the Side Chapel. The next Service will be on **15<sup>th</sup> April. Please enter by the priest's door opposite the Rectory in Edward Road.**

**St Mary's AGM** is on **Sunday 19 April** after the 9.45am Sung Eucharist. Nominations are requested for churchwardens, Deanery Synod, PCC, church committee and sidespeople - please consider if you may wish to serve in any of these roles and see Moira for nomination papers. New members to the church committee are most welcome. After the AGM there will be a **Bring & Share Lunch** in the Hall, in the form of a cold buffet. There is a sign up sheet at the back of church if you would like to come to the lunch and to say whether you would like to bring something savoury or pudding. All welcome.

**Olive Branch Coffee Morning** - we will meet again on May 1st at the Crossroads Cafe Poundbury at 10.30.

#### Taizé Worship for Easter

Sunday April 5th at 6 pm St Mary's Church, Edward Road, DT1 2HJ

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

Christ is Risen!

The next service will be on Sunday May 3rd: Christ Risen, Ascended, Glorified

### **Holy Saturday**

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SARUM COLLEGE: The new course brochure is now out. You'll be surprised by its diversity. Courses and seminars online and face to face, residential and day, qualifications and opportunities for personal growth. Have a look yourself at [courses@sarum.ac.uk](mailto:courses@sarum.ac.uk)

## **St George's Church**

The church is open every day from 9.00am to 4.00pm for private prayer.

### **Sunday Services**

**8.30am** Holy Communion on 1st and 3rd Sundays

This is a quiet traditional BCP service in the Edward Chapel.

**10.30am** Holy Communion followed by refreshments in the church hall.

Dragons, our children's group, meets in the church hall during the 10.30 service in term time. All school age children are welcome.

**6.30pm** Pizza and Praise, first Sunday of the month. A new monthly service for youth and families.

### **Weekday services:**

Wednesday 9.30am Morning Prayer at the back of church.

Thursday 11.00am Holy Communion followed by refreshments.

### **Other regular activities:**

**Monday: Bible Study group 7.15pm** weekly in members' homes.

Details from Rev Cora or Rev Gerry.

**Wednesday 12.30-1.30 COMMUNITY LUNCH AND FOOD LARDER. All are welcome** for company in a warm space, a soup lunch, or food in times of hardship. **We welcome donations** of store cupboard items, especially microwave rice, cereals, long life milk, tinned meat/fish, tea or coffee. Please bring items at service times, or pop into the hall on Wednesdays from 12.15 - 1.30. Thank you for your support.

The next meeting of the **St George's craft group** is on **Saturday 11th April** 10-12.

We will be preparing for the St George's fair craft stall. Any donations of handmade crafts for the craft stall would be gratefully received during our meeting. Many thanks Jenny Russell

**Good Friday - 1pm in St George's Church-** Please join us for a service of music and reflection as we mark Good Friday together. There is also a walk between St George's and St Andrew's Church after the service bring walking boots, wellies and waterproofs just in case.

**Easter Sunday - 8.30am BCP Holy Communion and 10.30am - Family Holy Communion** with Easter Egg hunt for children after the service. All are welcome please join us to celebrate the joy of Easter.

**Service of Thanksgiving for the life of Brian Knowles is Monday 13th April at 1pm** at St George's Church.

It is with heavy hearts that we share the passing of our much loved grandad - Dr James Brian Knowles (Grandad). A man of great wisdom, he was always there with gentle guidance, steady support, and kind words when they were needed most. He gave so much of himself through his work with St Georges church and during his career at Winfrith Atomic Energy, touching many lives along the way. He meant the world to his family and will be deeply missed, always loved, and forever in our hearts. **May Brian Rest in peace and Rise in Glory.**

### **St George's Day Fair**

Your help is needed for St George's Day Fair Saturday 25th April, 1-4pm. Can you help in any of the following ways: Offering prizes for the Raffle or Tombola, Baking a Cake for the cake stall or for the teas and the cake in the hall, Growing plants, and/ or helping on the plant stall? We are also collecting books, bric-a-brac, and jewellery (costume jewellery is welcome but if you are donating anything of value could you include a note with the item please.) Any of the above items can be brought to church after Easter. We will also need help on the day, setting up before hand, during and clearing up afterwards. Whether you can manage an hour or would be happy to help run a stall, please use the sign up sheet at the back of the church or email Maddy

at [admin.stgeorges@gmail.com](mailto:admin.stgeorges@gmail.com)

## St Andrew's Church

### **MORNING PRAYER**

Every Tuesday at 9.45am - all welcome.

### **PRIVATE PRAYER & REFLECTION**

The church is open every day from 10am to 4pm.

### **HOME COMMUNION**

If you are unable to go to church and would like to receive Holy Communion at home then please contact Revd Cora Yarrien on 262421 or

email [revd.cora.yarrien@gmail.com](mailto:revd.cora.yarrien@gmail.com)

Gluten free wafers are available.

### **April**

Friday 3rd - **Good Friday Walk**

We leave St George's Church after a short service at 1pm. We follow the usual route along the riverbank to Lower Bockhampton, arriving at St Andrew's at about 3pm for Hot Cross Buns etc

5th - **Easter Sunday** - a joyful service for all the family at **11.15am**. Coffee at 10.45am

12th - 9am Holy Communion

19th - **6.30pm Evensong**

26th - 9am Holy Communion

All welcome to attend our services.

**St George's Fair** - donations of bottles of wine will be gratefully received for our 'Water or Wine' stall.

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### **St Simon and St Jude,**

### **Winterborne Monkton**

**Holy Communion** is celebrated

at **11.15am** on the first Sunday of each month. The church is open every weekend 10am-4pm

or by arrangement with Judy Norman 01305 262719

### ***Dorchester Strollers:***

**Monday 6<sup>th</sup> April**

**10.30am Tesco by the fountains Easter Monday**

**Tuesday 7<sup>th</sup> April**

**2.15pm Borough Gardens by the Bandstand**



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