

Pews News

19th April 2026

3rd Sunday of Easter



James Tissot, detail from "Pilgrims on the Road to Emmaus"

Collect

Almighty Father,
who in your great mercy gladdened the disciples
with the sight of the risen Lord:
give us such knowledge of his presence with us,
that we may be strengthened and sustained by his risen life
and serve you continually in righteousness and truth;
through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord,
who is alive and reigns with you,
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
one God, now and for ever.

Post Communion

Living God,
your Son made himself known to his disciples
in the breaking of bread:
open the eyes of our faith,
that we may see him in all his redeeming work;
who is alive and reigns, now and for ever.

3rd Sunday of Easter: Zephaniah 3, 14-end, Acts 2, 14a and 36-41, Luke 24,13-35

4th Sunday of Easter: Genesis 7, Acts 2. 42-end, John 10, 1-10

Reflection

Introducing Ordinand Connor Hansford....

Jesus said that a prophet is not without honour except in his hometown. Nonetheless I am delighted and honoured to be returning to my hometown of Dorchester as curate and deacon. I felt called to be a priest long before I was a Christian or knew what a priest was. I didn't grow up going to church and the only GCSE I failed was RE. When I finished school, I went to Plymouth to study English Literature and Publishing, hoping it would help me do what I wanted to do, which was write. During Covid I worked at a Coop in Weymouth and did an MA in Comedy Writing, before becoming the youth worker at Holy Trinity, the church by the bridge. Whilst I was there, I was recommended to train for ordination at Ripon College Cuddesdon, where for three years I have lived with my civil partner, Blue, and our cat, Percy. Thankfully nowadays I love theology and reading, especially Agatha Christie (pictured), *Star Wars*, and *Doctor Who*. I am a novice in the Third Order of St Francis and a member of the Prayer Book Society, which promotes the use of the 1662 *Book of Common Prayer*. I am autistic and I have ADHD and am passionate about making sure that when the Church says, 'all are welcome', it really means it. Please pray for me as I prepare to be ordained at Salisbury Cathedral on June 28th and also my training Incumbent Revd. Cora Yarrien. Please also pray for the churches where I will primarily serve St George's and St Andrew's churches. As my curacy progresses I will look forward to taking part in the wider life and ministry of the benefice. I look forward to meeting as many of you as possible after my ordination.



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

Among those who have recently died: Brian Knowles, Doris Matthews

Remember those whose Year's Mind falls this week: Michael Worsford, Eileen Palmer, Hazel McMurtrie, Joan Benham, Angela Rogers.

Dorcas MU next meets for prayer, bible study and fellowship on Wednesday 29 April at 10am at 28 Maiden Castle Road. 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 20th MAY at 6pm**

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

The Occasional Singers have a Choral Masterworks concert on Sunday 17th May at 7.00pm at St Mary's Church. St Mary's will resound to the glorious music of Handel, Bach and Mendelssohn in a concert for choral pieces with chamber orchestra. They will be joined by the outstanding young Soprano Sumei Bao-Smith as they run the gamut of emotions from the joyful, energetic vigour of Handel's 'Let God Arise' to the tender romantic passion of Mendelssohn's Psalm 42. The programme includes the famous soprano aria 'Scherza Infida' from Handel's Ariodante. Entrance is FREE. There will be a retiring collection for Weldmar Hospicecare. Everyone is most welcome.

Peacemaking in the Gospel and in our Time

*Mr Ian Schofield, a serving officer in our local Police Service, will lead a discussion on how they maintain the peace in our locality and how we might help with this. Please consider joining us. **Saturday April 25th at 12pm.** It will finish shortly after 1 pm. St Mary's Rectory, Edward Road, Dorchester*

Confirmation - Would you like to be confirmed or do you know someone who would like to be confirmed adult or teenager? We have some confirmation candidates and are looking to run an adult confirmation class and also a teenage confirmation class this summer term. Would you like to join us? For more information please contact Revd Cora Yarrien revd.cora.yarrien@gmail.com or Revd. Jimmy Holden.

Plant Sale

8 Grosvenor Road DT1 2SS
Thursday 7th May
10am – 2pm

Plants for sale will be very welcome beforehand
by Jane Culliford (8 Grosvenor Road 01305 264360)
Annette Aldridge (16 Manor Road)

Plants also welcome on the day

PLANT SALE **The Children's Society** is holding a Plant Sale on **Thursday 7th May** from 10am – 2pm at 8 Grosvenor Road (by kind invitation of Jane & Nigel Culliford).

Plants for sale would be very welcome beforehand (tel 01305 264360).



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**

We welcome Revd Chrichton Limbert to St Peter's this morning as our celebrant and preacher. Chrichton and his wife Judith moved to Dorchester last autumn and we welcome him as part of our team.

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.

St Peter's Annual Meeting is on Sunday 26th April after the morning Eucharist. Nomination forms for those who wish to stand for Churchwarden, Church Committee and Deanery Synod are available today.

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

Lunchtime Concert
Saturday 18th April 12.30-1.00pm

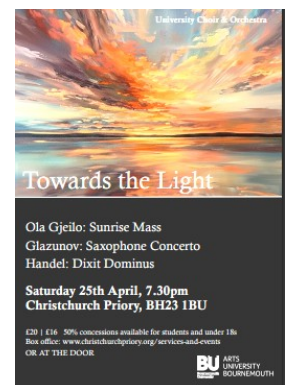
A thirty-minute programme of music for violin & organ.

Violin: Christina Scott
Organ: Graham Scott

Free admission. All welcome.

After all the choral services during Lent and Easter, we now have a light lull until our Choral Eucharist on Sunday 10th May at 10.30am which will include Michael Haydn's charming *Missa brevis in C* along with music by Harris and Gorecki's setting of *Totus tuus*. In the meantime, should you fancy a trip east to Christchurch, our choral scholars will be performing as part of a University Music Choral and Orchestral Concert in Christchurch Priory on Saturday 25th April at 7.30pm. The programme will include Ola

Gjeilo's *Sunrise Mass* and Handel's *Dixit Dominus* as well as Glazunov's *Saxophone Concerto* in which the soloist will be Maddie McCoubrie, who many of you will remember from her wonderful lunchtime concerts in St Peter's. More information and tickets are available from [Christchurch Priory's website](#)



University Choral & Orchestral

Towards the Light

Ola Gjeilo: Sunrise Mass
Glazunov: Saxophone Concerto
Handel: Dixit Dominus

Saturday 25th April, 7.30pm
Christchurch Priory, BH23 1BU

£20 | £16 50% concessions available for students and under 18s
Box office: www.christchurchpriory.org/services-and-events
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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.

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 memory of her mother Iris whose years mind falls on 20th April.

Our organist today is Simon Clarkson

Wednesday Evening Communion

There will be an evening Communion Service on the 3rd Wednesday of the month at 6pm in the Side Chapel. The next Service will be on **20th May**. **Please enter by the priest's door opposite the Rectory in Edward Road.**

St Mary's AGM is today, **Sunday 19 April** after the 9.45am Sung Eucharist. 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.

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

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

Peace-making in the Gospel and in our Time

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Taizé Worship for Eastertide

Sunday, May 3rd at 6 pm

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

a service of song, silence, prayer and contemplation on the theme of
The Way, the Truth and the Life

Taize Worship on Sunday, 7th June on the theme of The Body of Christ

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.

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Candles and Aid for Ukraine

Many thanks to everyone who has been donating candles and wax for Ukraine. We are still collecting but would like to request that any candle donations come straight to Emma and Martin. Please email Emma at raggedtigerwrites@gmail.com or phone Martin on 07909 117108 to arrange.

If you are able to donate any good quality clothes, toys, medical supplies, bedding etc to Ukraine, Harmony Music in Dorchester is a drop off point for aid. The situation is still grim there and all help is appreciated. Many thanks!

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 (please list all ingredients) 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.) 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

St George's Church Annual General Meeting (AGM) will take place on Sunday 3rd May 2026, immediately after our 10:30am service, in the church hall. All are welcome.

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

Gluten free wafers are available.

April

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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Secretary - Janet Ranger-Dennis 07752 634773 janet.ranger@yahoo.co.uk



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 20th April

10.30am Poundbury Garden Centre

Tuesday 21st April

2.15pm Borough Gardens by the Bandstand



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