



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 31 May TRINITY SUNDAY

CW Lectionary 2 Cor. 13. 11 – end; Matt 28. 16 - end

10:00am **Benefice Holy Communion** St Mary's Church, Gillingham

Hymns: 276, 702, 268, O Most Merciful (choir), 810

Prayers for healing are usually available after the 10am service in the side chapel at St Mary's



A Message from Revd Becca

This Sunday we celebrate Trinity Sunday, that cornerstone of Christian teaching and also personal relational experience of God in three persons. Worshipping God who is Father, Son and Holy Spirit, each distinct within the one Godhead. And we will gather together as one benefice of Gillingham, Milton on Stour and Silton at St Mary's; three distinct parishes worshipping and serving together under one united Benefice. This service acts as our launch pad before we start next week with our new service times, a small change that will make a big difference in how we worship and gather together, bringing greater synergy and unity in how we operate as a benefice. I pray that it may be 'onwards and upwards' as begin this new chapter.

Collect

Holy God, faithful and unchanging: enlarge our minds with the knowledge of your truth, and draw us more deeply into the mystery of your love, that we may truly worship you, Father, Son and Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever.

Post Communion

Almighty and eternal God, you have revealed yourself as Father, Son and Holy Spirit, and live and reign in the perfect unity of love: hold us firm in this faith, that we may know you in all your ways and evermore rejoice in your eternal glory, who are three Persons yet one God, now and for ever.

For your thoughts and prayers

Norma Morris, Adam Cooke, Steve & Mary Rae, Roberta Wyatt, Rita Burns, Allen & Pauline Bryant, Carol Hebden, Diane Whitford, Anne Clarke, Shirley Lynch, Sandra Haward, David Clegg & family, Revd Nigel Done and Gillian Harding.

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

READING 2 Corinthians 13. 11 – end

Brothers and sisters, put things in order, listen to my appeal, agree with one another, live in peace; and the God of love and peace will be with you. Greet one another with a holy kiss. All the saints greet you. The grace of the Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with all of you.

GOSPEL Matthew 28. 16 – end

The eleven disciples went to Galilee, to the mountain to which Jesus had directed them. When they saw him, they worshipped him; but some doubted. And Jesus came and said to them, 'All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me. Go therefore and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, and teaching them to obey everything that I have commanded you. And remember, I am with you always, to the end of the age.'

Tuesday 2 June

9:30am – 9:45am CW Morning Prayer at St Mary's Church, Gillingham

10:00am – 12noon Gillingham Mindful Café at Gillingham Social Club, with Martin Smith (comedian, accordionist & singer).

From 2:30pm Milton Primary Carer's Coffee and Chat at St Simon & St Jude, Milton on Stour
For parents/carers of Milton School, on the first Tuesday of the month, come for a coffee and a chance to chat with other carers as well as members of the church and school. Younger siblings are welcome to join us; toys and refreshments provided.

Wednesday 3 June

9:30am – 9:45am CW Morning Prayer at St Mary's Church, Gillingham

10.30am Said Eucharist at St Mary's Church, Gillingham

10:30am – 12noon The Gillingham Men's Group at Rawson Court

2:00pm – 3:30pm Dementia Friendly Gillingham 'Singing Together' at Rawson Court

2:00pm – 4:30pm Eden Café and TerraCycle recycling in the Vicarage School Room

Thursday 4 June

9:30am – 9:45am CW Morning Prayer at St Mary's Church, Gillingham

10:00am – 12noon Eden Café and TerraCycle recycling in the Vicarage School Room

7:00pm Corpus Christi at St Mary's Church, Gillingham

Hymns: 455, 434, 422, Ave verum corpus (Mozart), 456

A service of thanksgiving for the institution of Holy Communion, where we focus on and celebrate Christ's presence in the bread and wine. The choir will be singing some special music. Please come along! Please note, a small amount of incense will be used

Friday 5 June

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

2:00pm – 4:00pm Afternoon Tea for Christian Aid in the Vicarage School Room

Suggested donation £5 on the door. Everyone welcome!



Saturday 6 June

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

Sunday 7 June The First Sunday after Trinity (Proper 5)

CW Lectionary Rom. 4. 13 – end; Matt. 9. 9 – 13, 18 – 26

8:00am Said Trad Holy Communion St Mary's Church, Gillingham

9:30am Parish Eucharist St Mary's Church, Gillingham

11:00am BCP Holy Communion St Nicholas Church, Silton

11:00am Morning Worship St Simon & St Jude, Milton on Stour

Finance Bite Size 23 – St Mary's General Fund

Fund raising for the General Fund needs to move up a gear if we are to balance our 2026 accounts. Current trends suggest a shortfall of some £1,800 against budget for this particular line item.

Calligraphy?

We would like to add Revd Becca's name to the framed list of Rectors of St Mary's which hangs by the priest's seat in church. Sadly the original calligraphy artist is no longer with us, so we would be interested to find out if anyone knows a person who might be able to carry out this kind of work and who might gift us some of their time and talents. Please speak to Tom or Helen if you have any ideas.

Flower and Music Festival 2002

The family of Maureen Atkinson have very kindly given us an album of photos of the St Mary's Church Flower and Music Festival in June 2002. The book is currently kept in the Parish Office, so do pop in to have a look at it if you remember those days.