

Pews News

31st May 2026

Trinity Sunday



Collect

Almighty and everlasting God,
you have given us your servants grace,
by the confession of a true faith,
to acknowledge the glory of the eternal Trinity
and in the power of the divine majesty to worship the Unity:
keep us steadfast in this faith,
that we may evermore be defended from all adversities;
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

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.

Trinity Sunday: Isaiah 40. 12-17, 27-end, 2 Corinthians 13.11-end, Matthew 28.16-end

1st Sunday after Trinity: Hosea 5. 15-6.6, Romans 4. 13-end, Matthew 9.9-13, 18-26

I confess to being susceptible to theological indigestion when it comes to thinking, writing, preaching or debating the Holy Trinity. I once chose the hymn “Three in One and One in Three” by the early nineteenth-century writer Gilbert Rorison, for a Trinity Sunday morning service; our Sunday worship was usually attended by a rather crusty retired archdeacon. He complained to me that he didn’t like “that hymn”. “Why’s that George?” I asked, somewhat wearily, as he often voiced a complaint of some sort. “It’s too mathematical.” Whether there was a particular edge to that, as he knew that I had a maths degree, I shall never know, but he had a point in complaining that we too often seek to itemise our understanding of God.

In the Church’s early centuries, there was a strong movement to define what Christians should believe; it was a process that came to a climax in the Council of Nicaea in AD325, partly convened as the result of pressure from the Emperor Constantine, but also because of the practical need to find a common understanding of God. It was believed necessary to define the boundaries of authentic Christian belief, and to identify those beliefs – “heresies” - that were unacceptable. Our Sunday worship still includes the Nicene Creed, agreed at the 325 Council, as the baseline for our faith – and the debate about the relationship of God the Holy Spirit to God the Father and God the Son still divides the Eastern (Orthodox) and Western (Catholic) churches. But the Gospels themselves had raised questions through the differences in approach of their authors. At the end of Matthew, in the verses we shall hear in our worship this Sunday, Jesus speaks of his authority and commissions his disciples to “make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.” To me, that somewhat formulaic statement contrasts with Jesus’ debate with Nicodemus (in John 3) in which he says, “The wind blows where it chooses, and you hear the sound of it, but you do not know where it comes from or where it goes. So it is with everyone who is born of the Spirit.”

I find it quite a relief that Alister McGrath, recently retired Professor of Science and Religion at Oxford, has written “In the end, the Trinity is not really something we can hope to understand. It’s an attempt to do justice to God – not a distant, absent God, but a God whose love and presence we can know here and now, in our ordinary lives.”

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: Edward Hepper, Anthony Day

Remember those whose Year's Mind falls this week: Ann Heath, Mary Normandale, Jean Salisbury

Dorcas MU next meets for prayer, bible study and fellowship on **Wednesday 10 June** at 155 Damers Road at 10am. Newcomers welcome. Contact Janet 01305 260259

Adult Confirmation Classes - We are preparing a class of adults to be confirmed. Would you like to join us? Our confirmation classes will be Tuesday afternoon in St George's Hall on 2nd June, 16th June, 30th June and 7th July. For more information please contact Revd Cora Yarrien revd.cora.yarrien@gmail.com or Revd. Jimmy Holden on revjimmyholden@gmail.com

The next **Ladies Breakfast will be held on Saturday 13th June 2026** 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 13th June** 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. The Engine Room ask that we pre-order and I will forward the menu to you. Many thanks. David Elliott

An open and warm invitation is extended to anyone wishing to join the **Bible Study Group** which meets on Monday afternoons at 2.30 p.m at 30 Grosvenor Road, Dorchester. On **Monday, June 1st**, we will be starting a new 10 week study entitled 'Meeting the Spirit'. Please ring Rosemary Briggs on 01305 757444 or email seawife74@gmail.com for further details. Please note that your own transport is essential.

Community Farm day

Come and join the Churches' Ecology Group at the community farm in Poundbury, 7th June, 2.00-4.00. Help with tasks suited to all physical abilities. Please bring gloves, suitable footwear and trowels if you have them. Refreshments provided but please bring water. The farm is on Middle Farm Way DT1 3AR, parking is in Parkway Farm Business Park. Tel 07979 939668 for more info

Dorchester Choral Society present a celebration of American Music Saturday 27th June – 10.30 at the United Church accessible rehearsal and 5.30 St Martin's Church Martinstown for a short concert. Voluntary collection to Church and Choir funds and refreshments.

Light up Dorset Prayer Meeting for our town Sunday June 14th 6.30pm at Dorford Baptist Church. All Welcome

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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.

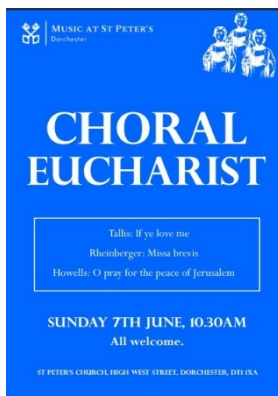
Christian Aid Week: Thank you for your generous support. Donations totalled **£651.10** plus gift aid. Many thanks indeed.

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The funeral of Anthony Day is on Tuesday 2nd June at 12.00 noon.

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June Music at St Peter's



Our **Choral Eucharist** at 10.30am on Sunday 7th June includes Rheinberger's *Missa brevis* along with music by Tallis and Howells. Then on Saturday 20th June from 12.30pm-1.30pm our **Lunchtime Concert** features the baritone Jonathan Prentice accompanied by Rob Taylor. Please come and enjoy favourite operatic arias from the past four hundred years. Admission free. The **Choral Eucharist** at 10.30am on Sunday 21st June includes Gabrieli's *Missa brevis*, Bruckner's *Locus iste* and Faure's much-loved anthem *Cantique de Jean Racine*. Finally, at 4.30pm

on Saturday 27th June our **Choral Evensong for Petertide** will include Durufle's *Tu es Petrus*, Kelly's boisterous *Canticles in C major* and, to reflect Peter's life as a fisherman, Sumsion's great anthem *They that go down to the sea in ships*. Please join us for the service and stay for a glass of wine afterwards. As always, visit www.musicatstpetersdorchester.org for more details.

Our **Church bells** will be silent for a few weeks. Several are having their clappers removed for relaminating and reannealing, as wear from general use has removed layers of steel. A new Crown Staple is also being fitted to number seven. When they are returned, new ropes are also being fitted. The work is being carried out by Taylor's of Loughborough, the last dedicated bell foundry in the country.

The Rectory Garden Party will be on Saturday 4th July at 2.00pm. Please pray for a sunny afternoon.

MUSIC AT ST PETER'S
Dorchester

Lunchtime Concert
Saturday 20th June 12.30-1.00pm

An eclectic programme of songs and arias.

Baritone: Jonathan Prentice
Piano: Rob Taylor

Free admission. All welcome.

St. Mary's Church

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Sunday Services

8.00am Said Eucharist (1st Sunday only)

9.45am Sung Eucharist

Gluten Free Communion wafers are available—please ask the Sidesperson

6.00pm Taizé worship (1st Sunday only)

Next service: 7th June. The theme is "The Body of Christ"

Weekday Services

Monday 7.30pm Bible study at 17a Edward Road (fortnightly)

Next group meeting 1st June

Tuesday 9.00am Morning Prayer

Tuesday 9.30am Said Eucharist

Wednesday 5.00pm Contemplative Prayer (20mins of silence)

3rd June, 10th June, 1st July, 8th July, 15th July

(so no group on 17th and 24th June)

There will be a 6pm short said Eucharist on 17th June even though the group is not on beforehand that week . In addition there will be a 6pm Eucharist to round up our meditation on 17th July .)

There will be no meditation over the summer but we will resume again on Wednesday 2nd September

Wednesday 6.00pm Said Eucharist (3rd Wednesdays of the month only)

Next service: 17th June

Last Thursday of month 10am – 12 noon Church cleaning

The Sanctuary Lamp Candle is given by none this week

Other events

Thursday 4th June 7pm Eucharist for Corpus Christi with Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament
21st June - After the morning service, Kris is offering about half an hour to teach us his new Mass setting.

Olive Branch Coffee Morning on Friday 5th June at Crossroads Cafe , Crown square Poundbury at 10.30 am

Wildflower survey of St Mary's grounds Friday June 12th 2 – 4 pm As an Eco Church, we have been managing our grounds to encourage a diversity of plant life. We will now assess this formally as part of The Churches Count for Nature, sampling quadrants to the east, west and south of the building. If anybody who is comfortable kneeling on grass could help us complete this we would be very grateful. John Burn for St Mary's Ecology Group

Pilgrimage Saturday 25th July from Dorchester to Jackman's Cross. Meet at Bandstand Borough Gardens 9.30am. information from jpsburn@gmail.com

Save the date! 17th October - Come and Sing "The Armed Man: A Mass for Peace" by Karl Jenkins. 2pm for those wishing to sing (£20 to participate); 4.30pm for those attending the concert (entry by donation).

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!

Thank you for all who helped with the churchyard tidy up last Saturday the Churchyard is looking so much better. Our aim is to run them every few months just to keep on top of things.

Welcome Drinks - After the service on 5th July on his first Sunday in the parish there will be welcome drinks for our new curate Connor. All are invited to come and welcome Connor to the parish, celebrate his ordination and the beginning off his ministry as curate.

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.

May

31st - **No Service** (5th Sunday so all invited to St George's)

June

5th - 11.15am Morning Prayer

14th - 9am Holy Communion

21st - 6.30pm Evensong

28th - 9am Holy Communion

Coffee & Chat - Saturday 27th June from 10am to noon. All welcome.

All welcome to attend our services.

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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 1st June

10.30am Tesco by the Fountains

Tuesday 2nd June

2.15pm Borough Gardens Bandstand



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