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Pimperne, Stourpaine, Durweston with
Bryanston, Tarrant Hinton, Tarrant Gunville
and Tarrant Monkton



Pews News for 31st May 2026

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We are now in a period of Interregnum if you have any questions then please
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Services for the week

Day	Time	Service	Location
31st			
<i>Trinity Sunday</i>	10:00	Benefice Service	St Mary, Tarrant Gunville
Monday	09:00	Morning Prayer	Zoom
Wednesday	10:00	Holy Communion	Holy Trinity, Stourpaine
Thursday	20:00	Compline	Zoom
Friday	09:00	Morning Prayer	Zoom
7th	09:15	Morning Service	St Peter, Pimperne
<i>Trinity 1</i>	09:15	Breakfast Together	All Saints, Tarrant Monkton
	11:00	Holy Communion	St Nicholas, Durweston

Collect for 31st May 2026

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.
 Amen.

Readings for 31st May 2026

First Reading

2 Corinthians 13.11-end

Final Greetings and Benediction

11 Finally, brothers and sisters, farewell. 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. ¹²Greet one another with a holy kiss. All the saints greet you.

13 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 Commissioning of the Disciples

16 Now the eleven disciples went to Galilee, to the mountain to which Jesus had directed them. ¹⁷When they saw him, they worshipped him; but some doubted. ¹⁸And Jesus came and said to them, 'All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me. ¹⁹Go therefore and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, ²⁰and teaching them to obey everything that I have commanded you. And remember, I am with you always, to the end of the age.'

49 confirmed in faith at Salisbury Cathedral on 16th May



Ranging in age from nine to 75, the candidates were confirmed by the Rt Revd Karen Gorham, Acting Bishop of Salisbury, assisted by the retired Bishop of Exeter, the Rt Revd Robert Atwell. Confirmation is an important marker on someone's journey to faith, as they commit their lives to following Jesus: the 49 new communicants - the

highest for a confirmation service at the Cathedral since 2024 – took this step at the service surrounded by family, friends and supporters.

Six people, including young people, were baptised before confirmation. Many children are baptised (often called christened) as infants, when parents thank God for the gift of life and make a commitment to start the child on a journey of faith. Those who are not baptised as infants are baptised before making their own commitment to God through confirmation.

The confirmation service was also attended by a delegation from the Roman Catholic Diocese of Évreux in Upper Normandy, including Monseigneur Olivier de Cagny, Bishop of Évreux. The Diocese of Salisbury has been twinned with the Diocese of Évreux since the late 1980s, creating many opportunities for parishes and individuals to link up and enjoy exchange visits. A party of ten was in Salisbury for the weekend, sharing meals, rich conversation, discussions and listening marked by times of communal prayer, as well as attending the confirmation service and climbing Salisbury Cathedral's tower.

The Rt Revd Karen Gorham said: "It was wonderful to celebrate faith in the lives of so many people being confirmed. Candidates came from parishes across the diocese including Bradford on Avon, Weymouth and Pewsey, together with young people and staff from two schools, Dauntsey's in Devizes and Warminster School.

"As we moved through the Cathedral, the service was a tangible reminder of our journey with God, beginning with God's unconditional welcome, then baptism and confirmation, and ending with taking the light of Christ with us into the world. Confirmation has become a meaningful experience for many over the years, as a way of the whole Church affirming what God has done in a person's life, and praying that the Holy Spirit will be with them from that moment on."

The high number of communicants on 16 May follows strong diocesan figures for 2025, which showed the highest number of confirmations since before the COVID-19 pandemic, with a 26% increase on 2024. A total of 497 candidates from Sherborne to Devizes and Purbeck to Stonehenge were confirmed in 2025, with the most significant growth in the 16-19 age group, which showed an increase of 71.4% compared to 2024.

Article taken from Grapevine Weekly 21 May 2026



Benefice
Service at
Tarrant
Gunnville at
10am on
Sunday 31st
May 2026.

Apologies for padding out the news in this weeks Pews News. Short readings this week and no village news, obviously the heat is getting to us all, means that we have too much space,

Advanced notice of the Holy Trinity Church Summer Scheme.

Please contact Judy if you know of any families in the Stourpaine Area who might like to be invited to the scheme this year.

We are also looking for volunteers to help us at the event.

St Nick's Cafe, Durweston

Every Thursday from 8.30am (9.00am in school holidays) to 12.00 mid-day. We offer a great menu, including bacon & eggs, boiled eggs, pancakes, toast & marmalade, and much more, sip a mug of freshly ground coffee or tea, enjoy the best homemade cakes, including gluten free, and sit in the splendour of the delightful building of St Nicholas' Church, enjoying the warmth of making new friends and meeting old friends. All run by our enthusiastic volunteers with proceeds to church upkeep and named charities. Everyone is welcome - expect to be pampered and bring the dog if you have one!

Newsletter Items.

If there are any events taking place in your parishes that you would like to put into Pews News then please let me have the details by noon on Tuesday. I will try to include them all especially the week before they are taking place. **Judy Jakes at jjakes@me.com**

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