



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 14 June The Second Sunday after Trinity (Proper 6)**

*CW Lectionary Rom. 5. 1 – 8; Matt. 9. 35 – 10. 8*

9:30am Parish Eucharist

St Mary's Church, Gillingham *Hymns: 499, 823, 795, 787 (choir), 491*

*Prayers for healing are usually available after the 9:30am service in the side chapel at St Mary's*

11:00am BCP Mattins

St Nicholas Church, Silton

11:00am Holy Communion

St Simon & St Jude, Milton on Stour *Hymns: 224, 249, 246, 202*

### **Thought for the Day** by Revd Anne

The first school assembly I took as a vicar was on St Barnabas Day, June 11<sup>th</sup>. The apostles gave him the name Barnabas, which means "the encourager". Barnabas had a heartfelt belief in the power of the gospel message to change people's hearts and lives. It certainly changed his. He persuaded the apostles that Paul had been spiritually transformed into a follower of Christ, not a persecutor of Christians, and encouraged them to accept Paul as an apostle. Thanks to Barnabas's encouragement they did. The children reflected that we should all be encouragers, either by words or actions - and they produced this prayer.

Dear God, Jesus was really good at encouraging people. Help us to be like Jesus and like Barnabas, and be good at encouraging others, especially people who think they are no good at anything. Amen. Perhaps this could be our prayer this week.

### *Collect*

Lord, you have taught us that all our doings without love are nothing worth: send your Holy Spirit and pour into our hearts that most excellent gift of love, the true bond of peace and of all virtues, without which whoever lives is counted dead before you. Grant this for your only Son Jesus Christ's sake, who is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever.

### *Post Communion*

Loving Father, we thank you for feeding us at the supper of your Son: sustain us with your Spirit, that we may serve you here on earth until our joy is complete in heaven, and we share in the eternal banquet with Jesus Christ our Lord.

### *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, especially Michael Botterill and Joy Poolham, and we pray for those who mourn the loss of loved ones.

### **READING Romans 5. 1 – 8**

Since we are justified by faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ, through whom we have obtained access to this grace in which we stand; and we boast in our hope of sharing the glory of God. And not only that, but we also boast in our sufferings, knowing that suffering produces endurance, and endurance produces character, and character produces hope, and hope does not disappoint us, because God's love has been poured into our hearts through the Holy Spirit that has been given to us. For while we were still weak, at the right time Christ died for the ungodly. Indeed, rarely will anyone die for a righteous person – though perhaps for a good person someone might actually dare to die. But God proves his love for us in that while we still were sinners Christ died for us.

### **GOSPEL Matthew 9. 35 – 10. 8**

Then Jesus went about all the cities and villages, teaching in their synagogues, and proclaiming the good news of the kingdom, and curing every disease and every sickness. When he saw the crowds, he had compassion for them, because they were harassed and helpless, like sheep without a shepherd. Then he said to his disciples, 'The harvest is plentiful, but the labourers are few; therefore ask the Lord of the harvest to send out labourers into his harvest.' Then Jesus summoned his twelve disciples and gave them authority over unclean spirits, to cast them out, and to cure every disease and every sickness. These are the names of the twelve apostles: first, Simon, also known as Peter, and his brother Andrew; James son of Zebedee, and his brother John; Philip and Bartholomew; Thomas and Matthew the tax-collector; James son of Alphaeus, and Thaddaeus; Simon the Cananaean, and Judas Iscariot, the one who betrayed him. These twelve Jesus sent out with the following instructions: 'Go nowhere

among the Gentiles, and enter no town of the Samaritans, but go rather to the lost sheep of the house of Israel. As you go, proclaim the good news, "The kingdom of heaven has come near." Cure the sick, raise the dead, cleanse the lepers, cast out demons. You received without payment; give without payment.

### **Tuesday 16 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 Gillingham Primary School Choir.  
10:10am – 11:10am Gillingham School Year 7 Visit at St Mary's Church, Gillingham

### **Wednesday 17 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  
2:20pm – 3:20pm Gillingham School Year 7 Visit at St Mary's Church, Gillingham

### **Thursday 18 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 Gillingham Community Cinema in the Vicarage School Room

*Come and see H is for Hawk. Tickets £6. Reserve from 07817 379006. Payment by cash or card on the evening. For more details and to find out about upcoming films please visit GCC's Facebook page.*



### **Friday 19 June**

9.30am – 10am Informal Prayer Group at St Mary's Church, Gillingham  
2:20pm – 3:20pm Gillingham School Year 7 Visit at St Mary's Church, Gillingham

### **Saturday 20 June**

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

### **Sunday 21 June The Third Sunday after Trinity (Proper 7)**

*CW Lectionary Rom. 6. 1b – 11; Matt. 10. 24 – 39; Ps. 46*

9:30am Holy Communion	St Mary's Church, Gillingham
11:00am BCP Holy Communion	St Nicholas Church, Silton
6:30pm Evensong	St Simon & St Jude, Milton on Stour

**Friday 26 June (3:15pm to 6:00pm) - Friends of St Mary's School Summer Fair** - at SMTV CE Primary School (Pheasant Way, Gillingham) Fun for all the family so come along and join the fun! Including bouncy castle, circus skills workshop, fire show, tombolas, stalls, BBQ, raffle and ice-cream.

It would be lovely to see as many familiar faces from church there as possible. As many people know, Rose attends the nursery at St Mary's, so it's a place that means a great deal to our family, and we're hoping for a really good community turnout. We are also currently collecting raffle prizes and donations for the event. If anyone within the church community has a prize, voucher, gift, experience or similar item they would be willing to donate, we would be incredibly grateful. All funds raised will go directly towards supporting the children and wider school community through Friends of St Mary's School (Registered Charity No. 1217006). *James Cade 07702 962757*

### **Finance Bite Size 24 – St Mary's Church**

Within our **General Fund** we run a **Reserve** equivalent to 6 weeks expenditure. This is for 2 reasons, firstly to cover any unexpected costs but also to cover irregularities of cash flow. During May large quarterly payments and delayed receipts, although expected, necessitated that we dipped into that reserve. This shows that our finances remain tight.

**St. Simon and St. Jude 100 Club June Winners:** 1st Frieda Attwood, 2nd Janet Clements, 3rd Jane Montanaro

**Information for subscribers to the BRF Bible Reading notes** - and anyone who would like some encouragement and support in reading the Bible: there is a series of notes entitled 'Our Daily Bread', which can be delivered free to your door if you visit [odbm.org.uk/subscribe](http://odbm.org.uk/subscribe). There are four booklets per year, either standard or large print size. It is a free publication from Our Daily Bread Ministries but they encourage subscribers to make a donation. If you don't already know it, it's worth a try!