

# Pews News

## 21<sup>th</sup> June 2026

### 3<sup>rd</sup> after Trinity



#### Collect

Almighty God,  
you have broken the tyranny of sin  
and have sent the Spirit of your Son into our hearts  
whereby we call you Father:  
give us grace to dedicate our freedom to your service,  
that we and all creation may be brought  
to the glorious liberty of the children of God;  
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

O God, whose beauty is beyond our imagining  
and whose power we cannot comprehend:  
show us your glory as far as we can grasp it,  
and shield us from knowing more than we can bear  
until we may look upon you without fear;  
through Jesus Christ our Saviour.

3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday after Trinity: Jeremiah 20.7-13, Romans 6.1b-11, Matthew 10. 24-39

4<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Trinity: Jeremiah 28. 5-9, Romans 6,12-end. Matthew 10, 40-end

## Reflection for 3rd after Trinity

Revd Jimmy Holden

Of all God's gifts in creation, family love can be the clearest sign for us of the love of God. It is not for nothing that we call God “our Father”. We are creatures: we have a beginning, we grow, we learn – that's the sort of beings we are. So for us to discover acceptance and nurture and affection in the home, before we have known anything else, can be a great preparation for understanding the love that God has for us, and for learning to love God in return.

I say, it “can be”. Unfortunately all sorts of things can get in the way of that lesson sinking in. God wants our families to be schools where we learn to love him more; but for a variety of reasons we might find that we don't want to graduate from that school. Sometimes, alongside giving us acceptance and nurture, our families teach us to fear those who aren't “one of us”; sometimes they teach us a kind of dependence that isolates us. In these cases, we may never want to take the next step to seek God, and to love him more.

Today's readings challenge us to trust God, and let go of the things which, however good they are, ultimately prevent us coming closer to him. When Jesus says that we must lose our life for his sake [Matthew 10:39] I think that this necessarily includes our loves: the bonds which have shaped who we are, by their presence or by their absence.

I wonder if any of you have had to negotiate the incomprehension or anger of loved ones as you've learned to be a disciple of Jesus Christ?

The potential for conflict here is, I think, genuinely a misunderstanding. Jesus is not telling us to stop loving our families; although that may be how it feels to others. In Jesus we are part of a universal family, one in which God takes human love that is partial, incomplete, and transforms it. This is the only way we can truly love our families. For, “we cannot love another creature fully till we love God” (CS Lewis, *The Great Divorce*).

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## FOR YOUR PRAYERS THIS WEEK

**Among those in special need:** Joan Moreton, Eric Groom, Libby, 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.

To add or remove names from this list, please contact Canon John Wood at any time – phone 01305 268749 or 07800 962672, leaving a message if necessary; or mail [johnsamwood@me.com](mailto:johnsamwood@me.com)

**Among those who have recently died:** Michael Pettet

**Remember those whose Year's Mind falls this week:** Peter Buckingham, Margaret Walters, Dennis Morgan.

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**Dorcas MU** next meets for prayer, bible study and fellowship on Wednesday 24 June at 28 Maiden Castle Road at 10am Newcomers welcome.  
Contact Janet 01305 260259

**Dorchester Choral Society** present a celebration of American Music Saturday 27<sup>th</sup> 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.

**CONFIRMATION SERVICE 19th July - St George's - Bishop Karen has very kindly offered us a confirmation service this summer at 3PM Sunday 19th July and we are delighted that we can offer this date to our candidates who have started their confirmation classes. Please come and support this service and our candidates from all over the parish**

**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](mailto: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!

Please see Dorchester Churches Together **Week of Prayer 29<sup>th</sup> June - 5<sup>th</sup> July** details on back page

**Sunday 5<sup>th</sup> July Taize Service** at 6pm St Mary's Church, Dorchester DT1 2HJ  
A multisensory act of worship on the theme of Hope with beautiful chants, silence and iconography framing the reading of an epistle

*It is that time of year again when the **Dorchester Branch of the Children's Society** host their annual cream tea. This year it will take place on **Thursday 16th July** from 2.30 - 4.00 pm in St George's Church Hall, Fordington. Freshly baked scones, cream and jam, accompanied by a cup of tea, will be served by waitresses. The atmosphere is friendly and everyone is welcome. Tickets cost £5 each and are available on the door. We hope to see you there.*

## 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.

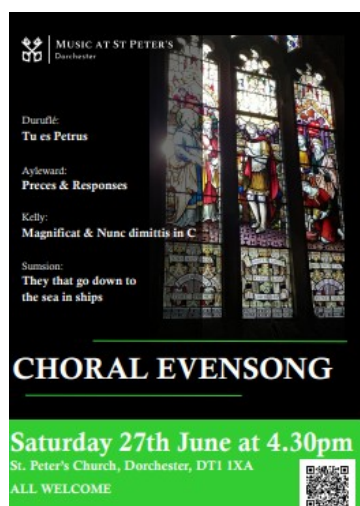
**Pastoral Visiting** - If you would like to receive the Eucharist at home please contact **me by phone or email. Keith**

**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.

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. We have started a new 10 week study entitled 'Meeting the Spirit'. Please ring Rosemary Briggs on 01305 757444 or email [seawife74@gmail.com](mailto:seawife74@gmail.com) for further details. Please note that your own transport is essential.

**Following the overwhelming success and feedback, we will be holding refreshments after the Sunday 9am BCP Eucharist, on the following dates:- 28<sup>th</sup> June 19<sup>th</sup> July 26<sup>th</sup> July**

## Music at St Peter's



Please join us at our **Choral Evensong for Petertide** on Saturday 27<sup>th</sup> June at 4.30pm. The introit will be Durufle's *Tu es Petrus* and the anthem Sumson's *They that go down to the sea in ships*, reflecting Peter's life as a fisherman. The canticles will be sung to the vibrant setting in C major by Bryan Kelly. All are encouraged to stay and enjoy a glass of wine after the service. Tickets are now on sale for the recital on Friday 4<sup>th</sup> September at 7pm by the internationally renowned vocal ensemble **Siglo de oro**. Their programme **Stargazing** will, in the words of their director Patrick Allies, offer 'guiding stars, prayers offered heavenward and lovers pouring their hearts out to the night sky'. Visit [www.musicatpetersdorchester.org](http://www.musicatpetersdorchester.org) to book your seats. Finally don't forget to save the date for our performance of **Handel's Messiah** on Saturday 12<sup>th</sup> December at 5.30pm. Tickets £15 will be on sale from 1<sup>st</sup> September.

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 4<sup>th</sup> July at 2.00pm.**

Please bring items to church for raffle prizes, plants, bottles, produce. If you are able to help on the day that would be wonderful. Please tell Val or David. Thankyou.

## **St. Mary's Church**

[www.facebook.com/St-Marys-Dorchester-672844449522662](http://www.facebook.com/St-Marys-Dorchester-672844449522662)

### **Sunday Services**

**8.00am** Said Eucharist (1<sup>st</sup> Sunday only)

**9.45am** Sung Eucharist (our organist today is Simon Clarkson)

Gluten Free Communion wafers are available—please ask the Sidesperson

**6.00pm** Taizé worship (1<sup>st</sup> Sunday only)

**Sunday 28<sup>th</sup> June Feast of St Peter & Paul** -

**9.45 Eucharist to celebrate Rosemary's 25 years of Priestly Ordination.**

**Cake & wine after the service.**

### **Weekday Services**

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

Next group meeting 29th June

**Tuesday 9.00am** Morning Prayer

**Tuesday 9.30am** Said Eucharist

**Wednesday 5.00pm Contemplative Prayer (20mins of silence)**

1st July, 8th July, 15th July (so no group on 17th & 24th June)

In addition there will be a 6pm Eucharist to round up our meditation on 15<sup>th</sup> July

There will be no meditation over the summer but we will resume again on

Wednesday 2nd September

**Wednesday 6.00pm** Said Eucharist (3<sup>rd</sup> Wednesdays of the month only)

Next service: 15<sup>th</sup> July

**Last Thursday of month 10am – 12 noon** Church cleaning

**The Sanctuary Lamp Candle** is given by Rosemary Bassett in memory of her mother Winifred Turner whose years mind falls on 20<sup>th</sup> June.

### **Other events**

**21st June** - After the morning service, Kris is offering about half an hour to teach us his new Mass setting.

**27<sup>th</sup> June** - **Garden Party at The Vicarage, 12.30 – 3pm, 17a Edward Road.** Picnic lunch in the Vicarage garden. Please bring your own lunch and chair.

When you see pictures of countless ships anchored in the Persian Gulf area, waiting to pass through the Strait of Hormuz, do you think of the thousands of crew members, men and women, trapped on those vessels? . They are at risk of missile attacks, facing a seemingly endless period of uncertainty, far from home and families, anxious, exhausted and in urgent need of practical and pastoral support. The chaplains of the **Mission to Seafarers** and their teams are working to co-ordinate supplies of food and water and to provide pastoral and practical care and support. **July 12th will be Sea Sunday**, a day when we remember the crews on whom we depend for so much of our food and material goods and the work of the Mission which goes on all through the year, irrespective of war and other hazards. Please remember them in your prayers and support them financially in the retiring collection on that Sunday.

**3<sup>rd</sup> July** - **Olive Branch Coffee Morning** at Crossroads Cafe, Crown Street Poundbury at 10.30 am. All welcome.

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**Pilgrimage Saturday 25<sup>th</sup> July** from Dorchester to Jackman's Cross. Meet at Bandstand Borough Gardens 9.30am. information from [jpsburn@gmail.com](mailto:jpsburn@gmail.com)

## **St George's Church**

### **Sunday Services**

**8.30am Holy Communion** on 1st and 3rd Sunday, in the Edward Chapel.

**10.30am Holy Communion** with Dragons Sunday School, followed by refreshment in the church hall.

### **Weekday Services**

**Wednesday 9.30am Morning Prayer** at the back of the church.

**Thursday 11.00am Holy Communion**, followed by refreshments.

### **Weekly Activities**

**Monday 7.15pm Bible Study Group** in members' homes. Details from Rev Cora or Rev Gerry.

**Wednesday 12.30pm 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 12.15pm. Thank you for your support.

### **Dates for your Diary**

**June-July 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 Church on **23<sup>rd</sup> June, 30<sup>th</sup> June and 7<sup>th</sup> July**. Classes are 1.15 until 2.45pm. **Our CONFIRMATION SERVICE is 3PM Sunday 19<sup>th</sup> please come and support this service.** For more info contact Revd Cora [revd.cora.yarrien@gmail.com](mailto:revd.cora.yarrien@gmail.com) or Revd. Jimmy on [revjimmyholden@gmail.com](mailto:revjimmyholden@gmail.com)

**Saturday 27<sup>th</sup> June 10.30am Forest Praise** in St George's Church Hall. Family-friendly fun, relaxed play and praise, with a good hearty breakfast.

**Sunday 28<sup>th</sup> June 11am Connor's Ordination** at Salisbury Cathedral. You are all invited to our new Curate's ordination service. Please share lifts where possible. There will also be a service here for those who are not able to travel to Salisbury.

**Sunday 5<sup>th</sup> July Connor's Welcome Drinks.** Join us after the service at 11.45am onwards to meet our new Curate. Cakes, crisps and nibbles needed for this event if you are able to help.

**Sunday 5<sup>th</sup> July 6.30pm Pizza and Praise.** On the first Sunday of the month, everyone is welcome for a worship service in the Church Hall. This service will be special as we will be joined with Churches Together and other members of the churches.

**Saturday 11<sup>th</sup> July 10am-12pm St George's Craft Group** in the church hall. Please bring your knitting, sewing projects or any craft projects you are working on. All are welcome. For more details contact Rev Cora Yarrien or Jenny Russell.

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**Thursday 23<sup>rd</sup> July 7pm Climate Emergency Talk and Film Screening:** Churches Together Ecology Group.

**Saturday 19<sup>th</sup> September Harvest Ceilidh**

**Saturday 26<sup>th</sup> September Heritage Talk by Mark Chutter**

**Events Survey** - We need your feedback. Please do pick up an events survey from the back of church and let us know the events you would like to see happening in St George's.

## 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](mailto:revd.cora.yarrien@gmail.com)

Gluten free wafers are available.

**June 28th - No Service** but all are invited to St George's for 10.30am Holy Communion.

### **July**

5th - **service at 10.30am - afterwards** all are invited to St George's at 11.45am for "welcome refreshments" for new curate Connor

12th - 9am Holy Communion

19th - 6.30pm Evensong

26th - 9am Holy Communion

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

All welcome to attend our services.

**Welcoming Connor our new curate.** All are invited to Connor's Ordination service at 11.00am on **Sunday 28th June** at Salisbury Cathedral. Welcome drinks - there are also welcome drinks for Connor at 11.45am onwards at St George's on 5th July.

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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 22<sup>nd</sup> June***

***10.30am Sandringham Bowling Club***

***Tuesday 23<sup>rd</sup> June***

***2.15pm Borough Gardens Bandstand***



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**YOUR KINGDOM COME**

**DORCHESTER CHURCHES TOGETHER**  
**WEEK OF PRAYER**  
29<sup>th</sup> June - 5<sup>th</sup> July 2026

**Mon 29<sup>th</sup> June: Storehouse Church 7.30 pm**  
SEEKING GOD FIRST - "RETURN TO ME"

**Tues 30<sup>th</sup> June: St Mary's 8.30 am**  
THE HOLY SPIRIT & FIRE - "FILLED AGAIN"

**Wed 1<sup>st</sup> July: St George's 9.30am**  
FAMILY & GENERATIONS - "AS FOR ME AND MY HOUSE"

**Thurs 2<sup>nd</sup> July: St Peter's 12pm**  
SCHOOLS & COMMUNITY - "LIGHT IN THE DARKNESS"

**Fri 3<sup>rd</sup> July: Holy Trinity 12pm**  
HEALING & RESTORATION - "BY HIS STRIPES"

**Sat 4<sup>th</sup> July: Salvation Army Breakfast 9am**  
MISSION & HARVEST - "THE HARVEST IS READY"

**Sun 5<sup>th</sup> July: St George's 6.30 pm Pizza & Praise**  
DECLARATION & BREAKTHROUGH - "KINGDOM COME"