



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 28 June The Fourth Sunday after Trinity (Proper 8)**

*CW Lectionary Rom. 6. 12 – end; Matt. 10. 40 – end*

9:30am Parish Eucharist St Mary's Church, Gillingham *Hymns: 365, 714, 604, 448 (choir), 546*

*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: 36, 342, 219, 192*

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

A few weeks ago, we heard the story of Jesus' encounters with three people – Matthew the tax-collector; the synagogue official who begged Jesus to raise his dead daughter; and the woman who hoped to be healed by touching Jesus' cloak. All were blessed in their different ways. No doubt many others, not described in the Gospels, were blessed by meeting Jesus through those he sent out as his messengers. And this week we hear of the reward of welcoming someone who comes in the name of Jesus; but surely to welcome the messenger implies to receive the message, which is its own "reward". And of course it's really Jesus himself who awaits the welcome: "*Behold, I stand at the door and knock. If anyone hears My voice and opens the door, I will come in to him and dine with him, and he with Me.*" **Revelation 3:20**

### **Collect**

O God, the protector of all who trust in you, without whom nothing is strong, nothing is holy: increase and multiply upon us your mercy; that with you as our ruler and guide we may so pass through things temporal that we lose not our hold on things eternal; grant this, heavenly Father, for our Lord 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**

Eternal God, comfort of the afflicted and healer of the broken, you have fed us at the table of life and hope: teach us the ways of gentleness and peace, that all the world may acknowledge the kingdom of your Son 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, Gillian Harding and Janet Botterill.

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

### **READING Romans 6. 12 – end**

Do not let sin exercise dominion in your mortal bodies, to make you obey their passions. No longer present your members to sin as instruments of wickedness, but present yourselves to God as those who have been brought from death to life, and present your members to God as instruments of righteousness. For sin will have no dominion over you, since you are not under law but under grace. What then? Should we sin because we are not under law but under grace? By no means! Do you not know that if you present yourselves to anyone as obedient slaves, you are slaves of the one whom you obey, either of sin, which leads to death, or of obedience, which leads to righteousness? But thanks be to God that you, having once been slaves of sin, have become obedient from the heart to the form of teaching to which you were entrusted, and that you, having been set free from sin, have become slaves of righteousness. I am speaking in human terms because of your natural limitations. For just as you once presented your members as slaves to impurity and to greater and greater iniquity, so now present your members as slaves to righteousness for sanctification. When you were slaves of sin, you were free in regard to righteousness. So what advantage did you then get from the things of which you now are ashamed? The end of those things is death. But now that you have been freed from sin and enslaved to God, the advantage you get is sanctification. The end is eternal life. For the wages of sin is death, but the free gift of God is eternal life in Christ Jesus our Lord.

## GOSPEL Matthew 10. 40 – end

*Jesus said to the twelve: 'Whoever welcomes you welcomes me, and whoever welcomes me welcomes the one who sent me. Whoever welcomes a prophet in the name of a prophet will receive a prophet's reward; and whoever welcomes a righteous person in the name of a righteous person will receive the reward of the righteous; and whoever gives even a cup of cold water to one of these little ones in the name of a disciple – truly I tell you, none of these will lose their reward.'*

### Tuesday 30 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 the Shaston Shantyers.

7:30pm St Mary's PCC Meeting at St Mary's Church, Gillingham

### Wednesday 1 July

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

*Also, at Eden, Jo's Crafts – A great place to buy handmade cards and gifts. New in - handmade glasses cases.*



### Thursday 2 July

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

2:30pm – 4:00pm Dementia Friendly Gillingham 'Sing-a-Song of Praise' at The Malthouse Care Home



### Friday 3 July

9.30am – 10:00am Informal Prayer Group at St Mary's Church, Gillingham

### Saturday 4 July

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

### Sunday 5 July The Fifth Sunday after Trinity (Proper 9)

*CW Lectionary Rom. 7. 15 – 25a; Matt. 11. 16 – 19, 25 – end*

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

**Digital Camera** – Does anyone have a spare working digital camera that they no longer use they wouldn't mind donating to the church? This will ensure we can take photos of church activities where there are children present. Many thanks.

**Request for Small Empty Water Bottles** – Needed for a Messy Church craft activity. If anyone has any, please give them to Kate Wickson before 12 July.

### Finance Bite Size 26 – St Mary's

Throughout our 2+ year interregnum and even now the Diocesan Share REQUEST is based on more than one priest. In year 1 we paid £50,670 (56% of the Request). In year 2, under the new scheme, the Rural Dean secured a reduction that enabled us to pay that discounted share in full (£66,798). For this current year the Request was for £71,645 but we have budgeted to pay only the share equivalent of a single priest (£54,660). Do note that clergy do NOT receive anywhere near this sort of recompense! More about this next week!

### A HYMNS and PIMM'S EVENING

with our organ played by  
SIMON BENDING

**St Simon & St Jude, Milton on Stour, Friday 10 July,  
7:00pm for 7:30pm start**

Come and join us for an evening of hymn singing when Simon, one of our regular organists, will play a mixture of his and our favourite hymns. Free entry but please donate if you can to help run our church.

Pimm's and other refreshments & Raffle

*Parking in School alongside – just follow the road sign.*