



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 12 July The Sixth Sunday after Trinity (Proper 10)

CW Lectionary Rom. 8. 1 – 11; Matt. 13. 1 – 9, 18 – 23

9:30am Parish Eucharist

St Mary's Church, Gillingham

Hymns: 485, 387, 383, 628 (choir), 476

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: 433, 131, 156, 27

3:00pm Messy Church

Vicarage School Room

Thought for the Day by Revd Becca

On Saturday 11th PCC members from across the benefice will be joining together for an 'away day' to reflect on our shared vision for mission in our churches and communities. We will be thinking about being 'rooted and connected' to where we are planted, what that means for us as the church and how we are making Jesus known. And we will also be thinking about 'springing forth' using the passage from Isaiah of God doing a new thing. What new shoots of growth would we like to see? I commend these two ideas to your prayers and own reflections to see how God is moving in Gillingham, Milton and Silton.

Collect

Merciful God, you have prepared for those who love you such good things as pass our understanding: pour into our hearts such love toward you that we, loving you in all things and above all things, may obtain your promises, which exceed all that we can desire; 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

God of our pilgrimage, you have led us to the living water: refresh and sustain us as we go forward on our journey, in the name of 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, and we pray for those who mourn the loss of loved ones.

READING Romans 8. 1 – 11

A reading from the letter of Paul to the Romans. There is now no condemnation for those who are in Christ Jesus. For the law of the Spirit of life in Christ Jesus has set you free from the law of sin and of death. For God has done what the law, weakened by the flesh, could not do: by sending his own Son in the likeness of sinful flesh, and to deal with sin, he condemned sin in the flesh, so that the just requirement of the law might be fulfilled in us, who walk not according to the flesh but according to the Spirit. For those who live according to the flesh set their minds on the things of the flesh, but those who live according to the Spirit set their minds on the things of the Spirit. To set the mind on the flesh is death, but to set the mind on the Spirit is life and peace. For this reason the mind that is set on the flesh is hostile to God; it does not submit to God's law – indeed it cannot, and those who are in the flesh cannot please God. But you are not in the flesh; you are in the Spirit, since the Spirit of God dwells in you. Anyone who does not have the Spirit of Christ does not belong to him. But if Christ is in you, though the body is dead because of sin, the Spirit is life because of righteousness. If the Spirit of him who raised Jesus from the dead dwells in you, he who raised Christ from the dead will give life to your mortal bodies also through his Spirit that dwells in you.

GOSPEL Matthew 13. 1 – 9, 18 – 23

Jesus went out of the house and sat beside the lake. Such great crowds gathered around him that he got into a boat and sat there, while the whole crowd stood on the beach. And he told them many things in parables, saying: 'Listen! A sower went out to sow. And as he sowed, some seeds fell on the path, and the birds came

and ate them up. Other seeds fell on rocky ground, where they did not have much soil, and they sprang up quickly, since they had no depth of soil. But when the sun rose, they were scorched; and since they had no root, they withered away. Other seeds fell among thorns, and the thorns grew up and choked them. Other seeds fell on good soil and brought forth grain, some a hundredfold, some sixty, some thirty. Let anyone with ears listen! Hear then the parable of the sower. When anyone hears the word of the kingdom and does not understand it, the evil one comes and snatches away what is sown in the heart; this is what was sown on the path. As for what was sown on rocky ground, this is the one who hears the word and immediately receives it with joy; yet such a person has no root, but endures only for a while, and when trouble or persecution arises on account of the word, that person immediately falls away. As for what was sown among thorns, this is the one who hears the word, but the cares of the world and the lure of wealth choke the word, and it yields nothing. But as for what was sown on good soil, this is the one who hears the word and understands it, who indeed bears fruit and yields, in one case a hundredfold, in another sixty, and in another thirty.'

Tuesday 14 July

9:30am – 9:45am CW Morning Prayer at St Mary's Church, Gillingham

10:00am – 12noon Gillingham Mindful Café at Gillingham Social Club. Activity: Instant Panto with Sarah & Liz

5:00pm St Nicholas PCC Meeting at Silton Village Hall

Wednesday 15 July (*Parish Office closed today*)

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



Thursday 16 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

7:00pm Gillingham Community Cinema in the Vicarage School Room

Come and see 'The Roses'. Tickets £6. Reserve from 07817 379006.

Payment by cash or card on the evening.



Friday 17 July

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

Saturday 18 July

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

Sunday 19 July The Seventh Sunday after Trinity (Proper 11)

CW Lectionary Ps. 139. 1 – 11; Rom. 8. 12 – 25; Matt. 13. 24 – 30, 36 – 43

9:30am Parish Eucharist St Mary's Church, Gillingham

11:00am BCP Holy Communion St Nicholas Church, Silton

6:30pm Evensong St Simon & St Jude, Milton on Stour

St Mary's Church - Volunteers Needed:

x Church Open/Close: Mainly closing on Tuesdays and Fridays, opening/closing on Saturdays & occasional cover for those on holiday.

x Welcomers and Servers – To join the team on Sundays (starts at 9:00am).

If you are interested in any of the above, please speak to Helen or Revd Becca.

St. Simon & St. Jude 100 Club July Winners: 1st Michael Naylor, 2nd Sheila Fricker, 3rd Peter Smithson

The Headteacher of St Mary the Virgin Primary, Jen Williamson, is leaving this summer after many years at the school. She has always fostered a warm relationship with St Mary's church and we feel it would be nice to give her a small present from the church. If you would like to make a donation please leave it with Miriam in the parish office next week, deadline 17th July. Many thanks.