



Pews News

12th July 2026

6th after Trinity

Sea Sunday



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.

6th Sunday after Trinity: Isaiah 55. 10-13, Romans 8.1-11, Matthew 13. 1-9, 18-23

7th Sunday after Trinity: Wisdom 12.13, 16-19, Romans 8.12-25, Matthew 13.24-30 & 36-43

Reflection for the 6th Sunday after Trinity

Revd Jane Culliford

As Jesus sat beside the Sea of Galilee crowds began to gather, so he used a boat as a makeshift pulpit to teach those on the shore. They had been attracted by his amazing acts, his healing and by his amazing words although they had not responded to his message or taken it to heart. So, Jesus began to teach them using parables including the parable of the Sower, the focus of our Gospel reading from Matthew today. Jesus' parables are not just stories; they use something familiar to teach the good news of the Kingdom of God he has come to bring. But parables can seem puzzling and are a challenge to Jesus' hearers. Unusually we are given an interpretation of this parable of the sower, though perhaps at first this explanation was only for Jesus' band of disciples, yet this parable still challenges us today. The Sower sows his seed liberally, even wastefully. Even those who knew little about farming might have been astonished that seed had been sown where birds could eat it or where it was rocky or prone to thorns and weeds. But the good news is that some seed produces a great crop. Jesus tells us that he, the Son of Man is the sower who is not profligate but shows God's abundant generosity. As Jesus' teaching was not well received in places around the Sea of Galilee, he could have become down hearted, but he knows the purposes of God are sure and will be fulfilled. God is faithful, there will be a harvest and this has been shown in fruitful Christian lives in the Church down the centuries. There may be difficulties but we must use our God given gift of understanding and open our hearts to the challenges Jesus message has for us as we pray 'Thy Kingdom come' that we may be a fruitful Church today.

Prayer

Lord Jesus, help us to hear what you are saying,
To understand what you are teaching,
to know God's power in our lives
and in the words that we speak of you.

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

Among those who have recently died: Clive Rennison, Madeleine Izzard.

Remember those whose Year's Mind falls this week: Trevor Bassett, Anthony Jolliffe, Joyce Pope, Margaret Parrott, Richard Mesney

Dorcas MU next meets for prayer, bible study and fellowship on Wednesday 22 July at Flat 24, Bowes Lyon Court, Poundbury at 10am Newcomers welcome. Contact Janet 01305 260259

Dorchester & West Stafford PCC meets on **Tuesday 14 July** in St Peter's Hall at 7.30pm.
PCC Secretary Janet (janeticooper@hotmail.com)

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 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!

The next Ladies Breakfast will be held on Saturday 11th July 2026 at 9.00 at Taste Cafe which is next to the Museum and St Peter's church on High West Street, Dorchester, DT1 1XA. All are most welcome to join us. If you have any queries please phone Ginny Farmiloe on 01305 262811.

Our next **Parish Men's Breakfast** of 2026 is on Saturday 11th July at the Engine Room at Poundbury Garden Centre. 9am as normal. There is ample on-street parking and if you would like a lift, I can arrange this. If you plan to come, please advise by telephone on 07776 256537 or by email at davidelliott220@btinternet.com. The Engine Room ask that we pre-order and I will forward the menu to you. Many thanks. David Elliott

*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.*

Thursday 23rd July 7pm Climate Emergency : Community Screening of the People's Emergency Briefing. Join us for a screening of the People's Emergency Briefing about what we can do locally about the Climate Emergency. Find out about our Dorchester Churches Together Ecology Group projects and other community projects. Free tickets available online, or by emailing St George's admin or via sign up sheet at the back of church.

Dorchester Piano Quartet on Thursday 16th July 11.30am at the Corn Exchange. Music includes Mozart Piano Quartet in G Minor and Suk Piano Quartet. Entry is free donations welcome.

Taize Service Sunday 1st August at 6pm St Mary's Church, Dorchester DT1 2HJ A multisensory act of worship on the theme of Mary with beautiful chants, silence and iconography framing the Magnificat

Saturday September 12th 11-1.00pm St Mary's Hall. **Book talk by Georgia Piggott, Historical Mystery and Food History.** Tickets £10 from Jill Minchin/Ellie Stephens at St Mary's or from Teasel and Skylark, Trinity Street bookshop. In aid of St Mary's.

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.

Following the overwhelming success and feedback, we will be holding refreshments after the Sunday 9am BCP Eucharist, on the following dates:- 19th July 26th July

Music at St Peter's



Lunchtime Concert

Saturday 18th July 12.30-1.00pm

Poulenc: Sonata for Flute & Piano
Karg-Elert: Sinfonische Kanzone
Robert Dick: Fish are Jumping

Flute: Laura Jones
Piano: Rob Taylor

Free admission. All welcome.



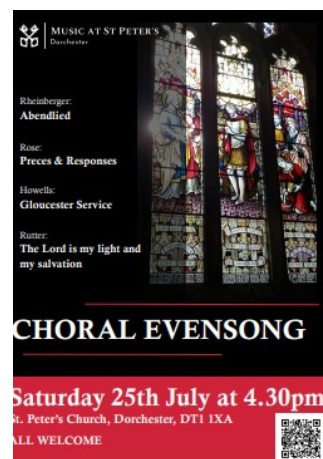
Some lovely music to enjoy before we take our summer break.

- Saturday 18th July from 12.30pm-1pm: **Lunchtime Concert** given by Laura Jones, flute and Rob Taylor, piano. Laura, who is currently a scholar at the Royal College of Music will play music by Poulenc, Karg-Elert and Robert Dick. Admission free.

- Sunday 19th July at 10.30am **Choral Eucharist** with music by Mozart and Dubra

- Saturday 25th July at 4.30pm **Choral Evensong** with music by Rheinberger, Howells and Rutter. Please stay and enjoy a glass of wine after the service.

- Wednesday 5th August from 12.30pm-1pm: **Lunchtime Concert** given by Sarah Palfreman-Kay, soprano and Ian Davis, piano. Music by Purcell, Britten, Handel and Dring. Admission free.



On Friday 4th September at 7.30pm, the outstanding London Chamber Choir [Siglo de Oro](https://www.siglo-de-oro.co.uk/) present '**Stargazing**', an ethereal programme of choral works from across the ages including music by Taverner, Monteverdi, James Macmillan and Shruthi Rajasekar. With a recent Wigmore Hall residency, tours of the US and Canada and appearances at music festivals throughout the UK and Europe, Siglo de Oro are rising stars in the choral world - don't miss this opportunity to catch them at a local venue! Tickets are £20 and available online at <https://www.ticketsource.com/st-peters-church-dorchester>

The **funeral of Madeleine Izzard** will be held at St. Peter's Church on Wednesday 15th July 2026 at 12 Noon. All welcome.

St. Mary's Church

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Sunday Services

8.00am Said Eucharist (1st Sunday only)

9.45am Sung Eucharist

Gluten Free Communion wafers are available—please ask the Sidesperson

6.00pm Taizé worship (1st Sunday only) **Sunday 1 st August at A multisensory act of worship on the theme of Mary with beautiful chants, silence and iconography framing the Magnificat**

Weekday Services

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

Next group meeting 13th July

Tuesday 9.00am Morning Prayer

Tuesday 9.30am Said Eucharist

Wednesday 5.00pm Contemplative Prayer (20mins of silence)

We will meet for the final time before the summer break on 15th July - this will be followed by a short said Eucharist at 6pm. We resume after this on September 2nd

Wednesday 6.00pm Said Eucharist (3rd Wednesdays of the month only)

Next service: 15th July

Last Thursday of month 10am – 12 noon Church cleaning

The Sanctuary Lamp Candle is given by Mary Foskett in memory of her husband John whose years mind falls at this time.

This Sunday – 12th July - is Sea Sunday, the day on which we remember the men and women who spend long periods at sea, crewing the ships that bring us so many of the things we need or would like. It's often lonely work, separated from family for months on end; it can be physically hard and dangerous and subject to attack by modern day pirates and now by drones.

We remember, too, the Mission to Seafarers, whose chaplains and lay staff do their best to offer practical, social and spiritual help to all seafarers irrespective of nationality, culture or faith.

Please remember seafarers and the Mission in your prayers. If you have a **collecting box** please bring it to church on 12th July, when there will also be a **retiring collection**, so that we can make our annual corporate donation to the Mission.

Other events

Pilgrimage Saturday 25th July from Dorchester to Jackman's Cross. Meet at Bandstand Borough Gardens 9.30am. information from jpsburn@gmail.com

Dorchester Family Support The food has been ordered, the volunteers are in place so we are all set for this year's Summer food parcel distribution. Working from Hardy's we anticipate over 200 families will once again be sustained by this provision. Thank you to all who support us financially and prayerfully – we couldn't do it without you!

The Plight of Refugees Saturday 15th August at 12 pm St Mary's Rectory, Edward Road, John Burn will lead a discussion about our response to refugees based on the book of Ruth and a USPG film. All are welcome to join us. It will finish at 1 pm.

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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 and fellowship group.

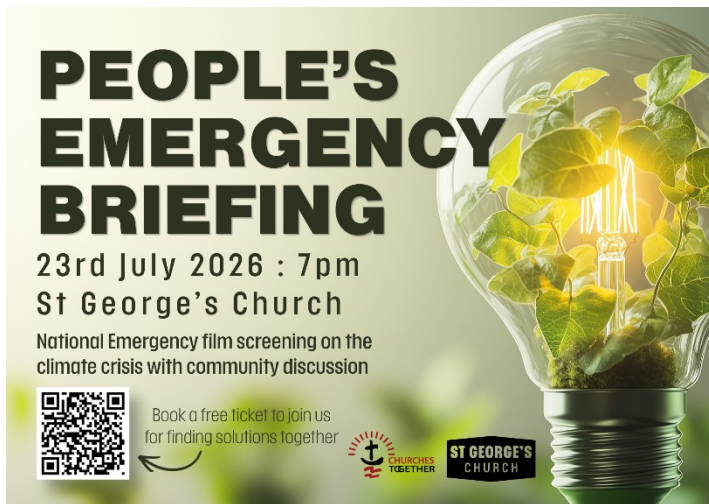
Weekly Activities

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. Thank you for your support.

Dates for your Diary

- **Sunday 19th July 3pm Confirmation Service**. Bishop Karen will be coming to confirm our confirmation candidates in a special service at St George's Church. Please come and support our candidates from all over the parish.
- **Thursday 23rd July 7pm Climate Emergency : Community Screening of the People's Emergency Briefing**.



**PEOPLE'S
EMERGENCY
BRIEFING**

23rd July 2026 : 7pm
St George's Church

National Emergency film screening on the
climate crisis with community discussion

Book a free ticket to join us
for finding solutions together

CHURCHES
TOGETHER

ST GEORGE'S
CHURCH

The poster features a large lightbulb with green leaves growing inside it, symbolizing a bright idea or environmental growth. The background is a soft-focus green.

Join us for a screening of the People's Emergency Briefing about what we can do locally about the Climate Emergency. Find out about our Dorchester Churches Together Ecology Group projects and other community projects. Free tickets available online, or by emailing St George's admin or via sign up sheet at the back of church.

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

Gluten free wafers are available.

July

19th - 6.30pm Evensong

26th - 9am Holy Communion

Vicar - Revd Cora Yarrien 01305 262421 revd.cora.yarrien@gmail.com

Secretary - Janet Ranger-Dennis 07752

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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 13th July

10.30am War memorial garden, bottom of South Street

Tuesday 14th July

2.15pm Borough Gardens Bandstand



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