



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 30 August The Thirteenth Sunday after Trinity (Proper 17)

CW Lectionary Rom. 12. 9 – end; Matt. 16. 21 – end

11:00am **Benefice Holy Communion** St Simon & St Jude, Milton on Stour

Please meet from 10:30am for coffee and croissants so we can spend some time in fellowship together.

12:30pm Baptism of Georgina Milne, Noah Bailey and Rosie Bailey at St Simon & St Jude, Milton on Stour

Collect

Almighty God, who called your Church to bear witness that you were in Christ reconciling the world to yourself: help us to proclaim the good news of your love, that all who hear it may be drawn to you; through him who was lifted up on the cross, and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever.

Post Communion

God our creator, you feed your children with the true manna, the living bread from heaven: let this holy food sustain us through our earthly pilgrimage until we come to that place where hunger and thirst are no more; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Thought for the Day by Revd Nigel

It's been a long hot summer. After the first few weeks of enjoying the sunshine, the high temperature has a similar effect as a long cold winter; many of us retreat from the usual level of interaction that comfortably happens around the shoulders of the seasons. Today we will hear St Paul's great list of exaltations about how to be in community. As you read from Romans 12, listen out for what the Spirit might be challenging you to attend to in this next season. I'm glad to be reminded to 'rejoice in hope, be patient in suffering, persevere in prayer'. (Romans 12.12).

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, Gillian Harding, Susan Bending and Wendy Horne.

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

READING Romans 12. 9 – end

Let love be genuine; hate what is evil, hold fast to what is good; love one another with mutual affection; outdo one another in showing honour. Do not lag in zeal, be ardent in spirit, serve the Lord. Rejoice in hope, be patient in suffering, persevere in prayer. Contribute to the needs of the saints; extend hospitality to strangers. Bless those who persecute you; bless and do not curse them. Rejoice with those who rejoice, weep with those who weep. Live in harmony with one another; do not be haughty, but associate with the lowly; do not claim to be wiser than you are. Do not repay anyone evil for evil, but take thought for what is noble in the sight of all. If it is possible, so far as it depends on you, live peaceably with all. Beloved, never avenge yourselves, but leave room for the wrath of God; for it is written, 'Vengeance is mine, I will repay, says the Lord.' No, 'if your enemies are hungry, feed them; if they are thirsty, give them something to drink; for by doing this you will heap burning coals on their heads.' Do not be overcome by evil, but overcome evil with good.

GOSPEL Matthew 16. 21 – end

From that time on, Jesus began to show his disciples that he must go to Jerusalem and undergo great suffering at the hands of the elders and chief priests and scribes, and be killed, and on the third day be raised. And Peter took him aside and began to rebuke him, saying, 'God forbid it, Lord! This must never happen to you.' But he turned and said to Peter, 'Get behind me, Satan! You are a stumbling-block to me; for you are setting your mind not on divine things but on human things.' Then Jesus told his disciples, 'If any want to become my followers, let them deny themselves and take up their cross and follow me. For those who want to save their life will lose it, and those who lose their life for my sake will find it. For what will it profit them if they gain the whole world but forfeit their life? Or what will they give in return for their life? For the Son of Man is to come with his angels in the glory of his Father, and then he will repay everyone for what has been done. Truly I tell you, there are some standing here who will not taste death before they see the Son of Man coming in his kingdom.'

Tuesday 1 September

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

Wednesday 2 September

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 St Simon & St Jude PCC Meeting

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 opportunity to purchase cards for all occasions or to commission a card.



Thursday 3 September

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 4 September

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

Saturday 5 September

9:30am – 11:00am Meditation at St Mary's Church, Gillingham **(Please note change of venue)**

11:00am – 2:00pm St Mary's Church Fun Day (in partnership with Little Cherubs Toddler Group)

*In and around St Mary's Church and in the Vicarage School Room (VSR). Activities in and around the church around include Teddy Bear drop from the tower, crafts and games. And in the VSR there'll be tea, coffee, cake, teddy tombola & other stalls. All money raised goes towards Little Cherubs and St Mary's Church. **If you are donating cakes and tombola items these can be dropped into the Parish Office during the week.** Everyone welcome so come along and join in the fun!*



2:00pm Wedding of Edward Robbins and Emily Harbottle at St Simon & St Jude, Milton on Stour

Sunday 6 September The Fourteenth Sunday after Trinity (Proper 18)

For St Simon & St Jude – CW Lectionary Rom. 13. 8 – end; Matt. 18. 15 – 20

8:00am Said Trad Holy Communion St Mary's Church, Gillingham

9:30am **Patronal Festival Celebration*** St Mary's Church, Gillingham

For St Mary's – CW Lectionary Gal. 4. 4 – 7; Luke 1. 46 – 55

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

11:00am Morning Worship St Simon & St Jude, Milton on Stour

*Please note a small amount of incense will be used at this service.

Saturday 12 September – Ride and Stride 2026 Events (raising money for Dorset Historic Churches Trust)

Gillingham – Meet at 9:30am at St Mary's Church. We will again be walking as a team to raise money. We've planned a 5km circular walk around Gillingham starting and finishing at St Mary's. All are welcome to join. Bring a packed lunch to share at the end if you like. For more information, contact Kate Wickson 833663

Milton – Refreshments at St Simon & St Jude, Milton on Stour. From 3:00pm.

Silton – Diana Masters and Mike & Michaela Metcalfe will be doing a walk (prior to 12 September). And on the day Peter Williams will be aiming to get close to his personal best: visiting 45 x Dorset churches on his bicycle! To sponsor Silton's Ride and Stride, please contact Diana (mastersbagmore@btinternet.com) or Peter (peterwilliams53@gmail.com)

Tuesday 15 September, 7:00pm at St Mary's Church – Licensing Service of The Revd Philippa Sargent

Everyone in the benefice is warmly invited to the Licensing and Installation by the Archdeacon of Sherborne of **our new Team Vicar**, The Revd Philippa Sargent. We hope to see you there!

On Friday 25 September, 7:30pm, at St Simon & St Jude, Milton on Stour Sam Woodcock Presents an Illustrated and Imagined Conversation with John Constable

We are delighted that Sam will be conversing with John Constable to find out what brought him to Dorset in 1823, and to Milton in particular. Admission is free but please donate, if you can, to help with urgent repairs to our church. Refreshments, including wine, and a raffle. *Parking alongside at Milton School (SP8 5QD), just follow the road sign.* All Welcome – please do come along!