



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 9 August The Transfiguration

CW Lectionary 2 Peter 1. 16 – 19; Luke 9. 28 – 36

9:30am Parish Eucharist

St Mary's Church, Gillingham Hymns: 603, 281, 621, 445 (choir), 719

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: 394, 172, 214, 199

Thought for the Day by Revd David

The Transfiguration of Jesus was an amazing experience for Peter, James and John up on that mountain top. I love Peter's first instinct when he woke out of that deep sleep during the event. He offered to make three shelters, one for Jesus, one for Moses, one for Elijah. Was that the natural impulse to provide hospitality, or was he seeking to prolong the experience, to capture it somehow? After all he must have been aware of being late to this stupendous event because of his sleepiness. You can imagine him wanting to rush around collecting rocks and branches and foliage to fashion something, anything. This does remind me of my childhood in the wilder parts of Dorset making camps with my mates amid the beauty of nature. Many families today enjoy going on camping holidays, and indeed the people of the Bible had an annual festival called Succoth, when they went outside to spend a night under the stars reminding them that in their vulnerability they were closer to God as they imagined they had been earlier in their history, wandering from place to place. But can you hold on to a special time? Can you trap it or hold it? This is a question very close to me as I seek to slim down my many possessions. I recall some good advice from the principal of my theological college: "Kiss the joy as it flies." (A quotation from William Blake's poem "Eternity")

He who binds to himself a joy
Does the winged life destroy
He who kisses the joy as it flies
Lives in eternity's sunrise.

William Blake (1757-1827)

Collect

Father in heaven, whose Son Jesus Christ was wonderfully transfigured before chosen witnesses upon the holy mountain, and spoke of the exodus he would accomplish at Jerusalem: give us strength so to hear his voice and bear our cross that in the world to come we may see him as he is; who is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever.

Post Communion

Holy God, we see your glory in the face of Jesus Christ: may we who are partakers at his table reflect his life in word and deed, that all the world may know his power to change and save. This we ask through 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, Revd Nigel Done, Gillian Harding, Susan Bending and Wendy Horne.

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

READING 2 Peter 1. 16 – 19

For we did not follow cleverly devised myths when we made known to you the power and coming of our Lord Jesus Christ, but we had been eyewitnesses of his majesty. For he received honour and glory from God the Father when that voice was conveyed to him by the Majestic Glory, saying, 'This is my Son, my Beloved, with whom I am well pleased.' We ourselves heard this voice come from heaven, while we were with him on the holy mountain. So we have the prophetic message more fully confirmed. You will do well to be attentive to this as to a lamp shining in a dark place, until the day dawns and the morning star rises in your hearts.

GOSPEL Luke 9. 28 – 36

Now about eight days after these sayings Jesus took with him Peter and John and James, and went up on the mountain to pray. And while he was praying, the appearance of his face changed, and his clothes became dazzling white. Suddenly they saw two men, Moses and Elijah, talking to him. They appeared in glory and were speaking of his departure, which he was about to accomplish at Jerusalem. Now Peter and his companions were weighed down with sleep; but since they had stayed awake, they saw his glory and the two men who stood with him. Just as they were leaving him, Peter said to Jesus, 'Master, it is good for us to be here; let us make three dwellings, one for you, one for Moses, and one for Elijah'—not knowing what he said. While he was saying this, a cloud came and overshadowed them; and they were terrified as they entered the cloud. Then from the cloud came a voice that said, 'This is my Son, my Chosen; listen to him!' When the voice had spoken, Jesus was found alone. And they kept silent and in those days told no one any of the things they had seen.

Tuesday 11 August

9:30am – 9:45am CW Morning Prayer at St Mary's Church, Gillingham
10:00am – 12noon Gillingham Mindful Café at Gillingham Social Club. Activity – Indoor/Outdoor Games
11:30am Funeral of Stephen Fricker at St Simon & St Jude, Milton on Stour

Wednesday 12 August

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 – 4:30pm Eden Café and TerraCycle recycling in the Vicarage School Room

Thursday 13 August

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

Friday 14 August

9.30am – 10:00am Informal Prayer Group at St Mary's Church, Gillingham
2:30pm – 4:00pm Dementia Friendly Gillingham 'Name This Tune' at St Martin's House, Queen Street



Saturday 15 August

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

Sunday 16 August The Eleventh Sunday after Trinity (Proper 15)

CW Lectionary Ps. 133; Rom. 11, 1 – 2a, 29 – 32; Matt. 15. 21 – 28
9:30am Parish Eucharist St Mary's Church, Gillingham
11:00am Baptism of Alfred Dewing St George's, Langham
11:00am BCP Holy Communion St Nicholas Church, Silton
6:30pm Evensong St Simon & St Jude, Milton on Stour

Cakes for the Gillingham & Shaftesbury Show

Request for all those who are baking for this year's Gillingham and Shaftesbury Show Church Tent (19 & 20 August). We prefer tray bakes, loaf cakes or small cupcakes for children. Nothing creamy, please. For information, contact Kate Wickson 01747 833663.

Friday 21 August, 7:30pm at St Simon & St Jude – A Talk by Reg Pengelly about Thomas Hardy's Work

We are delighted that Reg will be giving a talk on "Thomas Hardy – his novels, short stories, and his life in Dorset". Entry is free but please donate, if you can, to help with urgent repairs to our church. Reg will have available copies of his book about Hardy's novels. They will be discounted at £10 (£15 on Amazon) so please bring some cash with you. Refreshments & Raffle *Parking in School alongside – just follow the road sign.*

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!

St. Simon & St. Jude 100 Club August Winners: 1st Jeannie Stevens, 2nd Sharon Bealing, 3rd Sam Woodcock