



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 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

*Hymns: 318 (omit *verses), 315, 712, 313 (choir), 394*

Prayers for healing are usually available after the 9:30am service in the side chapel at St Mary's

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

11:00am Morning Worship St Simon & St Jude, Milton on Stour *Hymns: 16, 575, 404, 501*

[^]Please note a small amount of incense will be used at this service.

Thought for the Day by Revd Becca

This Sunday St Mary's celebrate their patronal festival, giving thanks for the Blessed Virgin Mary. We will again hear the words of the Magnificat, words so familiar but still so stirring and moving. In our world today hearing that the powerful will be brought down and the poor and lowly raised is much needed. We are also reminded that Mary was a poor girl herself, a minority living under oppression, proclaiming these words on a domestic threshold with her cousin Elizabeth. God works through all of us, no matter who we are, and through prayer, service and action, and in community, we are strengthened by the spirit in our unified Christian calling.

Collect for St Mary's

Almighty God, who looked upon the lowliness of the Blessed Virgin Mary and chose her to be the mother of your only Son: grant that we who are redeemed by his blood may share with her in the glory of your eternal kingdom; 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 for St Mary's

God most high, whose handmaid bore the Word made flesh: we thank you that in this sacrament of our redemption you visit us with your Holy Spirit and overshadow us by your power; strengthen us to walk with Mary the joyful path of obedience and so to bring forth the fruits of holiness; 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 and Gillian Harding.

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

READING Galatians 4. 4 – 7

When the fullness of time had come, God sent his Son, born of a woman, born under the law, in order to redeem those who were under the law, so that we might receive adoption as children. And because you are children, God has sent the Spirit of his Son into our hearts, crying, 'Abba! Father!' So you are no longer a slave but a child, and if a child then also an heir, through God.

GOSPEL Luke 1. 46 – 55

And Mary said, 'My soul magnifies the Lord, and my spirit rejoices in God my Saviour, for he has looked with favour on the lowliness of his servant. Surely, from now on all generations will call me blessed; for the Mighty One has done great things for me, and holy is his name. His mercy is for those who fear him from generation to generation. He has shown strength with his arm; he has scattered the proud in the thoughts of their hearts. He has brought down the powerful from their thrones, and lifted up the lowly; he has filled the hungry with good things, and sent the rich away empty. He has helped his servant Israel, in remembrance of his mercy, according to the promise he made to our ancestors, to Abraham and to his descendants for ever.'

Monday 7 September

12noon Funeral of Paul Standerwick at St Mary's Church, Gillingham

Tuesday 8 September

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

10:00am – 12noon Gillingham Mindful Café at Gillingham Social Club, activity – Memorabilia & Rhyme

Wednesday 9 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 – 4:30pm Eden Café and TerraCycle recycling in the Vicarage School Room

Thursday 10 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

Friday 11 September

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



Saturday 12 September **Ride and Stride 2026**

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

12:30pm – 3:30pm Repair Café in the Vicarage School Room

Ride and Stride Events Today (raising money for Dorset Historic Churches Trust)

Gillingham – Meet at 9:30am at St Mary's Church. We will be again 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. From 3:00pm, please do come along.

Silton – (Prior to today) Diana Masters and Mike & Michaela Metcalfe will be doing a walk. And on this Ride and Stride Saturday Peter Williams will be aiming to get close to his personal best: visiting 45 x Dorset churches on his bicycle!

Sunday 13 September The Fifteenth Sunday after Trinity (Proper 19)

CW Lectionary Rom. 14. 1 – 12; Matt. 18. 21 – 35

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

11:00am BCP Mattins St Nicholas Church, Silton

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

8:00pm Compline St Mary's Church, Gillingham

The 2026 Franciscan Peace Pilgrimage passes through Gillingham. We are hosting a few pilgrims and will be sharing compline (night prayer) in St Mary's. Everyone is invited to join us. For more information see: www.spiritoffrancis.com/2026-franciscan-peace-pilgrimage/

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!

Sunday 20 September, 3:00pm – Messy Church Goes Wild! (Vicarage School Room)

Session with a focus on creation and the outdoors. Including interactive bible stories, exciting games & activities, creative crafts, refreshments & more. Come along and join the fun! All children welcome (Please bring an adult).

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!