

Pews News

20th September 2026

16th after Trinity



Parable of the workers in the vineyard

Collect

Lord, we beseech you mercifully to hear the prayers
of your people who call upon you;
and grant that they may both perceive and know
what things they ought to do,
and also may have grace and power faithfully to fulfil them;
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

Almighty God,
you have taught us through your Son
that love is the fulfilling of the law:
grant that we may love you with our whole heart
and our neighbours as ourselves;
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

16th Sunday after Trinity: Jonah 3.10-end of 4, Philippians 1. 21-end, Matthew 20. 1-16

17th Sunday after Trinity: Ezekiel 18.1-4 & 25-end, Philippians 2. 1-13, Matthew 21. 23-32

Reflection for the 16th Sunday after Trinity Reverend Connor Hansford

What is your earliest memory? Mine is as a three-year-old boy, nearly four, sitting on the living room floor, watching smoke streaming from the North Tower of the World Trade Centre. I remember my mum's horror and disbelief. I remember laughing to try and cheer her up and her saying, 'don't laugh, this is serious'. What I didn't know then or until embarrassingly recently was that the first 'official' casualty of the 9/11 terror attacks was Father Mychal Judge, a Roman Catholic Franciscan priest and chaplain to the New York Fire Department, who was praying and giving Absolution in the ground-floor lobby of the North Tower when debris from the South Tower ripped through the room, killing him instantly. Father Mychal, or 'Father Mike', as he was known, would whilst he was praying 'become so lost in God, as if lost in a trance, that he'd be shocked to find several hours had passed'. Father Mike was gay and a long-term member of Dignity, a Catholic LGBT activist organisation which continues to advocate for change in the Catholic Church's teaching on homosexuality. When in 1986 a Vatican document declared homosexuality to be a 'strong tendency ordered toward an intrinsic moral evil', Father Mike welcomed Dignity's ministry among people with AIDs to the Church of St Francis of Assisi in Manhattan, saying 'is there so much love in the world that we can afford to discriminate against any kind of love?' A part of this ministry involved preparing AIDs patients for death, one of whom asked him, 'do you think God hates me?' Father Mike picked him up, kissed him, and silently rocked him in his arms.

Father Mike was a recovering alcoholic who drew on his experiences to help others facing addiction and even once gave his coat to a homeless woman, saying, 'she needed it more than me.' He was considered a saint by those who knew him, though the Church has repeatedly resisted calls for his canonisation because of his homosexuality and his opposition to Church doctrine. Father Mike's funeral took place at St Francis of Assisi Church and among the thousands of mourners, which included former US President Bill Clinton, was a homeless man with AIDs who bought a tuxedo at a thrift store 'because he wanted to dress properly for the priest who had treated him as a friend'. On Father Mike's memorial is a prayer he wrote which I offer you this week:

Lord, Take me where you want me to go, Let me meet who you want me to meet,

Tell me what you want me to say and Keep me out of your way. Amen.

Fr Mychal Judge, May 11 1933 – September 11, 2001.

FOR YOUR PRAYERS THIS WEEK

Among those in special need: Richard & Christine, Geoff Turnock, Tony Cullington, Joan Moreton, Libby, Lesley, 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: Charles Foster

Remember those whose Year's Mind falls this week: Les Wallbridge.

Dorcas MU next meets for prayer, bible study and fellowship on Wednesday 23 September at 155 Damers Road at 10am Newcomers welcome. Contact Janet 01305 260259

I'm going to be raising money through September for the Teenage Cancer Trust by joining their sponsored Read a Thon, aiming to re-read as many of the books that impacted me as a teenager as possible! If you can spare a couple of pounds to help teenagers and their families who are facing dark and scary times, please use the link below, thanks,

Emma <https://www.facebook.com/share/p/1HkogYew1i/>



.2026 pilgrimage to the River Jordan on Saturday 26th September. Sponsor forms and details from Phil Stacey on 0794 2821848 or pjstacey@live.co.uk or Tony Boyden 01305 268726 or the United Church shop.

Saturday October 17th at St Mary's Church Come & Sing: The Armed Man, a 20th century work by Karl Jenkins. Singers are requested to register in advance at <https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/come-and-sing-the-armed-man-a-mass-for-peace-tickets-1996099649786?aff=oddttdtcreator>, and attend in good time for a rehearsal starting at 2 pm. It is possible to register on the day, and vocal scores will be provided. We will be accompanied by a 30 piece orchestra and soloists working towards an informal performance at 4.30 pm which is open to all who wish to listen. Registration fees and donations are towards the church's repair. Further information from jpsburn@gmail.com

The coffee, cake and stalls event has become a popular fundraiser for the **Dorchester Committee of the Children's Society**. **It is taking place on Saturday, 17th October** from 10 am till noon in the United Church Hall, which is at the lower end of South Street. Entry is free, with coffee and homemade cake for £3.00. There will be a variety of stalls and a tombola. We hope to see you there.

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.

Harvest Service Sunday 27th September. This is an invitation to please give Harvest goods to the Food Bank. Thank you

Monday afternoon Bible Study group starts again on Monday, 14 September at 2.30pm at 30 Grosvenor Road; continuing 'Meeting the Spirit'. Please phone Rosemary Briggs on 01305 757444 for more information. All are welcome.

Music at St Peter's

In addition to our usual round of Choral Services, details of which can be found at www.musicatstpetersdorchester.org or in the red leaflets available at the back of the church, we have some wonderful special musical events on the horizon. If you have any difficulties booking online, please speak to David Elliott who will be happy to help.

- **Flights of Angels: A Musical Meditation for All Souls.** Saturday 31st October at 5pm. Tavener *Song for Athene*, Vaughan Williams *The Lark Ascending* (soloist Christina Scott), Lauridsen *Lux Aeterna*. Admission free.
- **Bach by Candlelight:** Friday 13th November at 7pm. Join us as Royal College of Music scholar gives a performance of Bach's monumental *Goldberg Variations* on a reproduction Flemish harpsichord by Robert Jennings. Tickets £15 available from www.musicatstpetersdorchester.org.
- **Handel's Messiah:** Saturday 12th December at 5.30pm. A performance given by St Peter's choir with University Music Chamber Choir and a professional orchestra. Tickets £15 available from www.musicatstpetersdorchester.org

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)

Weekday Services

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

Next group meeting 28th September

Tuesday 9.00am Morning Prayer

Tuesday 9.30am Said Eucharist

Wednesday 5.00pm Contemplative Prayer (20mins of silence)

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

Last Thursday of month 10am – 12 noon Church cleaning

The Sanctuary Lamp Candle none this week

If you have missed or would like to revisit any of Rev. Jimmy's sermons, you can find audio recordings (and transcripts) on the Benefice website under [Resources/Sermons & Hymns](#)

The book talk at St Mary's on Saturday by Georgia Piggott raised £230 for St Mary's Windows and Masonry fund, together with a donation to Project Linus. Many thanks to everyone who supported the talk, and particular thanks to Ellie, Trudy, Jan, Nigel and Steve for helping to set it all up. Jill Minchin

Other events

St Mary's will be celebrating with a Harvest Festival Eucharist on Sunday 27

September at 9.45am, donations of tinned and dry goods would be appreciated for the Food Bank. There will be a two-course Harvest Lunch at 12.15pm in the Hall, tickets cost £8, available from Trudy, June, Janet & Philippa. Offers of puddings would be very welcome, please sign up on the list at the back of church if you feel able to bring a pudding. The flower arrangers will be decorating the church on the Saturday and would welcome any apples or other veg to decorate the windowsills. Thank you.

Please Save the Date **Saturday 3rd October 10am - 4pm at St Francis Church, Littlemore St Mary's Vision Day**. Please join us to set aside this time to think about the calling of our church community. Please sign up for a lift at the back of church.

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House of Opportunity – shoebox gift appeal. 2026

St Mary's is once again registered to participate in the above Christmas shoebox gift appeal. The collection day to aim for is November 15th. Please let me know if you would like to join in, I have information on giftbox content which might be useful. Di House cdhouse112@gmail.com

St George's Church

Sunday Services

8.30am Holy Communion on 1st and 3rd Sunday, in the Edward Chapel.

10.30am Holy Communion followed by refreshment in the church hall.

Weekday Services

Monday 9.30am Online Morning Prayer via Zoom. You can join from the comfort of your own homes with a mug of tea in hand. Contact Rev Cora for Zoom details.

Wednesday 9.30am Morning Prayer at the back of the church.

Thursday 11.00am Holy Communion, followed by refreshments and fellowship group.

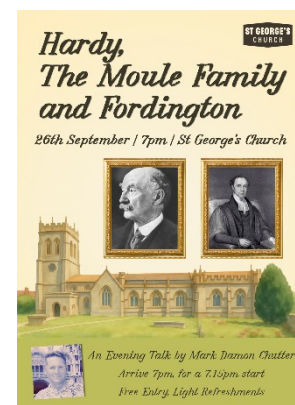
Weekly Activities

Monday 7.15pm Bible Study Group in members' homes. Details from Rev Cora or Rev Gerry.

Wednesday 12.30pm Community Larder and Lunch. All are welcome for company in a warm space, a soup lunch, and food in times of hardship. We welcome donations of store cupboard items. Thank you for your support.

Dates for your Diary

- **Saturday 19th September 10am Craft Group** in the Church Hall.
- **Saturday 19th September 6.30pm Harvest Barn Dance** in the church hall. All are welcome to a community barn dance to celebrate Harvest together. Invite your friends and bring your dancing shoes or just come to listen to some good music! Donations on the door, soft drinks provided, but you are welcome to bring a bottle.
- **Sunday 20th September Harvest Sunday Lunch.** After the Harvest Sunday 10.30am Service, there will be an opportunity to celebrate Harvest together with a lunch at The Walnut Grove. All are welcome, but please sign up in advance. Please Note it is the Iron Man Event day.
- **Tuesday 22nd September 7pm St George's Ecology Group** at the back of the church. Come and join us for our new St George's Ecology Group to consider how we make our church more sustainable from an energy point of view, and to bring more diversity to our churchyard.
- **Saturday 26th September – Come and join us at 10.00am for Forest Praise at St George's Church Hall**
- **Saturday 26th September 7pm Talk: Hardy, The Moule Family and Fordington** with **Mark Chutter**. Come and discover more about the literary and religious relationship these two families had with the Fordington area and St George's Church.
- **Saturday 3rd October – 9.30am - Church Gardening Morning**
- **Sunday 4th October 6.30pm Pizza and Praise**



Revd Gerry can be contacted on 01305 608410 or email revgerryburgess@gmail.com.

St Andrews Church

MORNING PRAYER

Every Tuesday at 9.30am - 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.

September Services

Refreshments afterwards

27th - 6.30pm Evensong

SIAN AND JACQUIE
ARE TREKKING
THE GREAT WALL OF CHINA
FOR
JULIA'S HOUSE

I'm supporting
Julia's House
United Kingdom's largest
cancer charity

Candlelight Concert with Nina Garcia
When: Saturday 10th October 6pm-8pm
Where: St Andrews Church, West Stafford
Ticket Price: £15 pp includes glass of wine/soft drink
Contact: sian_edwards@btconnect.com/07703774375 or
jacqui.walton@outlook.com/07968633834

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St Simon & 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

Sunday 4 October at 11.15am Holy Communion Harvest Festival
Churchwardens Charles and Judy Norman tel 07880 700926

Dorchester Strollers:

Monday 21st September 10.30am Poundbury Garden Centre

Tuesday 22nd September 2.15pm Borough Gardens Bandstand



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The Parish Office will be open the mornings of Tuesday 22 September, Wednesday 23rd September and Friday 25th September next week (closed Thursday)