

Pews News

13th September 2026

15th after Trinity



Parable of the Unforgiving Servant

Collect

God, who in generous mercy sent the Holy Spirit
upon your Church in the burning fire of your love:
grant that your people may be fervent
in the fellowship of the gospel
that, always abiding in you,
they may be found steadfast in faith and active in service;
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

Keep, O Lord, your Church, with your perpetual mercy;
and, because without you our human frailty cannot but fall,
keep us ever by your help from all things hurtful,
and lead us to all things profitable to our salvation;
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

15th Sunday after Trinity: Genesis 50: 15-21, Romans 14. 1-12, Matthew 18. 21-35

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

It's often hard to forgive those who harm us. Joseph makes it look easy. He's already forgiven his brothers when he first disclosed to them that he was vizier to Pharaoh. Now, when their father Jacob has died, they are afraid Joseph will have his revenge. They tell him a story that before he died Jacob left a message for Joseph to spare them for their crime against him. No wonder Joseph bursts into tears. He assures his brothers 'Do not be afraid! Am I in the place of God?

That rhetorical question lies at the heart of forgiveness. When we refuse to forgive and want to get our own back, we put ourselves in the place of God. Of course there are issues of penitence and justice, if someone refuses to say sorry or if a crime has been committed and should be punished.

Paul brilliantly applies the principle to life in the Church. One group condemns another group for believing or behaving differently. Paul is thinking of Jewish and Gentile Christians in 1st c. AD Rome. The Jewish believers may wish to keep Hebrew food laws and the Sabbath. Gentile believers may see these as non-essentials. Either way we should not judge our fellow Christians if they believe and act with a good conscience in the presence of their Lord and ours.

Jesus' parable on forgiveness reminds us of the beatitude "Blessed are the merciful for they shall obtain mercy" and of the golden rule "Do unto others as you would have them do to you." We are all sinners who have been freed from a huge debt by the death of Jesus on the cross. So who are we to judge others or to enforce the small debts that others owe to us? [295 words]

Prayer

Our Father in the heavens, who in Christ has forgiven us all our debts to you, help us to forgive one another our lesser debts. in Jesus' name. Amen

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: Mike & Jenny Ford

Remember those whose Year's Mind falls this week: Ken Lambert

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

The September **Parish Men's Breakfast** will be on **the third Saturday of the month**, that is the **19th**. Ride and Stride is taking place on the preceding Saturday and I am planning to fundraise by visiting the Dorchester churches in my manual wheelchair, with help from Faith, Libby, Shirley and Jonathan.

Dorchester & West Stafford PCC meets on Tuesday 15 September at 7pm for Holy Communion, followed by meeting, at St Peter's Church.

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=oddtcreator>, 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

CAP Money Course Free, effective money coaching in Dorchester **Saturday 19th September** 9.30am to 12.30pm at the Dorford Centre, DT1 1RR

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.

Following the overwhelming success and feedback, we will be holding refreshments after the Sunday 9am BCP Eucharist, on the following date:-, , **13th September**

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



Lunchtime Concert

Saturday 19th September 12.30-1.00pm

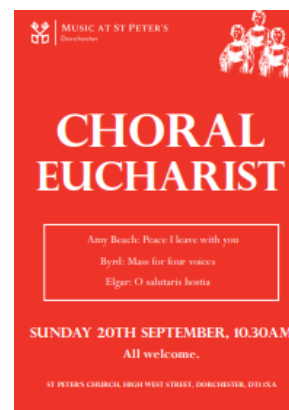
An eclectic programme of songs and arias.

Soprano: Iris Lam
Piano: Rob Taylor



Free admission. All welcome.

Our new season of free **Lunchtime Concerts** begins on Saturday 19th September with a recital by the Glasgow based soprano, Iris Lam accompanied by Rob Taylor. Join us from 12.30pm-1pm and enjoy songs from Robert and Clara Schumann and Franz Schubert, including *The Shepherd on the Rock* with Natalie Burton playing the *obligato* clarinet part. Many of you will remember Iris's wonderful recital two years ago and we greatly look forward to welcoming her back. Our next **Choral Eucharist** at 10.30pm is on Sunday 20th September, when the setting will be Byrd's *Mass for Four Voices*, the introit Amy's Beech's exquisite *Peace, I leave with you* and the motet Sir Edward Elgar's *O salutaris hostia*.



Looking further ahead, tickets are now available for **Bach by Candlelight** at 7pm on Friday 13th November, when Royal College of Music scholar Markus Sadler will play Bach's monumental *Goldberg Variations* on a fabulous reproduction Flemish harpsichord by Robert Jennings

Handel's Messiah will be performed on Saturday 12th December at 5.30pm by St Peter's choir and the University Music Chamber Choir accompanied by a professional orchestra.

Tickets for both concerts are now available in the *Concert Tickets* page on our website www.musicatstpetersdorchester.org If you have any problems booking online please speak to David Elliott after any service.

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](#)

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 Frances Church, Littlemore St Mary's Vision Day**. Please join us to set aside this time to think about the calling of our church community. We'll organise lifts closer to the time.

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=oddtcreator>, 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

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

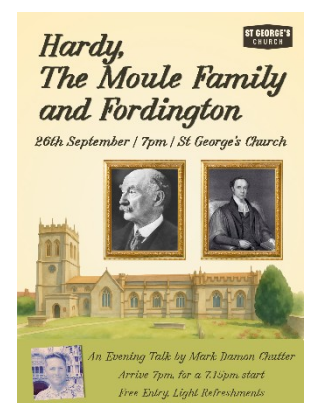
Monday 7.15pm Bible Study Group in members' homes. Details from Rev Cora or Rev Gerry.

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.

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

Dates for your Diary

- **Sunday 13th September Dorchester Heritage Open Day** at St George's Church. In the afternoon there will be history tours around the church and refreshments.
- **Friday 18th September 6pm Bingo to Support Christian Aid** in St George's Church Hall.
- **Saturday 19th September 10am Church Flowers.** Please join us for the morning to help decorate the church for Harvest, also if you have any spare flowers or foliage you can bring from your garden they would be gratefully received before 10am. Coffee and biscuits will be provided.
- **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 with the list at the back of the Church. There is a menu to look at, and there will also be a Specials board and a roast from £17-20. Please Note it is the Iron Man Event day, in case you need to factor that into your plans.
- **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 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 Church Gardening Morning**
- **Sunday 4th October 6.30pm Pizza and Praise**



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

20th - 6.30pm Holy Communion

27th - 6.30pm Evensong

SIAN AND JACQUIE I'm supporting Julia's House
ARE TREKKING
THE GREAT WALL OF CHINA
FOR
JULIA'S HOUSE

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 jacquie.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

Saturday 12 September Ride and Stride

Sunday 4 October at 11.15am Holy Communion Harvest Festival

Churchwardens Charles and Judy Norman tel 07880 700926

Dorchester Strollers:

Monday 14th September

10.30am War memorial garden, bottom of South Street

Tuesday 15th September

2.15pm Borough Gardens Bandstand



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open 9-1, Tues, Thur, Fri. Looked after by June Jenkins & Gill Hartnett

Please note from 14th -20th September the office will be open only on Monday morning and Tuesday morning but closed for the rest of the week. Could you please send any items for Pews News for Sunday 20th September on Monday 14th September

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