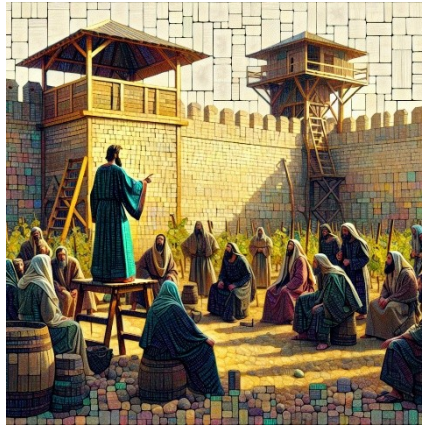


Pews News

4th October 2026

18th after Trinity



Matthew 21.33-end

Collect

Almighty God,
you have made us for yourself,
and our hearts are restless till they find their rest in you:
pour your love into our hearts and draw us to yourself,
and so bring us at last to your heavenly city
where we shall see you face to face;
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

Lord, we pray that your grace
may always precede and follow us,
and make us continually to be given to all good works;
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

18th Sunday after Trinity Exodus 20.1-4,7-9,12-20 Philippians 3.4b-14, Matthew 21.33-end.
19th Sunday after Trinity Isaiah 25.1-9, Philippians 4.1-9, Matthew 22. 1-14

Reflection for the 18th Sunday after Trinity

Written by A.I.

Because the person who was due to do the Reflection this week couldn't do it we have given Google the Gospel Bible Reading and asked for a reflection. What do you think?

The Gospel reading today is: Matthew 21.33-46 where Jesus tells the parable of the Wicked Tenants. A landowner plants a vineyard, leases it to tenant farmers, and moves away. When harvest time arrives, he sends servants to collect his share of the fruit. The tenants beat, kill and stone them. Finally the landowner sends his own son thinking they will respect him. Instead, they murder the son they murder the son to seize his inheritance.

Jesus then asks his listeners what the landowner will do. They reply that he will bring those wretches to a wretched end and lease the vineyard to others. Jesus concludes by quoting Psalm 118.22 about the stone the builders rejected becoming the cornerstone, warning that the Kingdom of God will be taken from them and given to a people who produce its fruit.

The stone that the builders cast aside as useless becomes the very foundation of the entire structure. Jesus warns that alignment with Him is a matter of spiritual life or death. To oppose Him is to stumble over a rock that will break us, or be crushed by its weight.

This passage is a powerful reminder that privilege requires production. God expects His people to produce fruits of righteousness, love, and justice. If those who are initially chosen refuse to yield fruit, God will hand the stewardship over to those who will.

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: William Thorniley, Jill Davis, Jean Baker,, Maureen Spracklen, Alison Wood

Dorcas MU next meets for prayer, bible study and fellowship on Wednesday 7 October at 28 Maiden Castle Road at 10am. Newcomers welcome. Contact Janet 01305 260259

The next **Ladies Breakfast** will be held on Saturday 10th October at 9.00 at Taste Cafe which is next to the Museum and St Peter's church on High West Street, Dorchester, DT1 1XA. All are most welcome to join us. If you have any queries please phone Ginny Farmiloe on 01305 262811.

Friday 16th October at 7.30pm. Rev Sarah Jones is coming to Holy Trinity, Weymouth as part of her Everyday Normal Tour. Sarah explores reality of being the first transgender priest in the Church of England.

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

*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.*

Parishioner's should have started receiving some free **Always Discreet Pads and Pants vouchers**, through the post this week. Can we please consider using the FREE vouchers, to obtain sanitary items for the food banks via the Church. I know it was much appreciated earlier this year.

Fr Babu warmly invites you to **Holy Trinity's Golden Jubilee** celebrations on Monday 12th October 2026. There will be a Mass of Thanksgiving, celebrated by Bishop Nicholas Hudson, at 6p.m. in the church. This will be followed by a social gathering at 7p.m. in the Parish Centre in Culliford Road.

URGENT The Dorchester Disabled Club are in **urgent** need of **drivers** for their mini buses on a voluntary basis. The Club itself meets fortnightly on a Thursday, during the winter months in the afternoon and in the summer months in the evenings, also we have some afternoon outings. We also use our buses for the Blind Club, and shopping trips for people in Puddletown etc. For more information please contact Teresa Rogers (Sec.) on 07826 287658 or Cynthia Fry (Chair) on 01305 573076 or 07368426844. Thank you in advance.

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 Thank you to everyone who contributed to our harvest collection for the Food Larder. We contributed an amazing 52kg of food and toiletries. Please continue giving to this wonderful community support venture in the same generous way..

Coffee will be served after the 9am Sunday morning service for the following day's:-

1st November, 22nd November, 20th December, 27th December

Thursday Morning Clean Group As we move more indoors with Autumn upon us, we need to ensure that the Church is kept clean and welcoming for parishioner's and visitors. Hence, Nikki is starting a cleaning group to meet at the Church on a Thursday morning, following the 10am service. We are looking at the first Thursday of the month at 11am. With the first group being on **5th November**. Cleaning equipment will be provided, and we will be spending a maximum of 1 hour. Refreshments will be provided for all those who assist. So, if you can help please turn up at 11am, or speak to Nikki on a Sunday morning. The more people who can help the better. Thank you in advance for your service.

Children's Society Christmas Cards will be on display and available to order at the back of church.

David Elliott will be celebrating his **70th birthday** with glasses of bubbles after Choral Eucharist.

Kate and David together raised around £2,500 including Gift Aid for this year's Ride and Stride. 50% of the funds raised will be paid to St. Peter's. A marvellous result and 'thank you' to everyone who sponsored them.

Music at St Peter's

Forthcoming Choral Services

- **Choral Evensong:** Saturday 10th October at 4.30pm: Stanford *Beati quorum via*, Burton Responses, Brewer in D and Elgar *Great is the Lord*. Please join us for a glass of wine after the service.
- **Choral Eucharist:** Sunday 18th October at 10.30am: Parry *My soul, there is a country*, Palestrina *Missa brevis*, Gjeilo *Ubi caritas*.

Concerts and Special Events

- **Lunchtime Concert:** Saturday 17th October from 12.30pm-1pm. An organ recital by David Davies, Chapel Organist, Exeter University and former Assistant Organist of Exeter cathedral. Admission free
- **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 is given by Jan Milree in thanksgiving for her granddaughter Amelia whose birthday is 2nd October.

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

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Many thanks to everyone who sponsored us for Ride & Stride on September 12th. We made £300 in total. The walk from St Mary's – Dorford – Holy Trinity – St Peter's – St Michaels – St Andrews – St Georges – United Reform was approx. 7.5 miles. Thank you for all hospitality on the way. Di & Colin House & Milo & friends.

Thank you to all for contributing in many different ways to St Mary's Harvest Festival last Sunday. For decorating the church so beautifully, for donations of tinned and dry goods for the Food Bank, for coming to

the Harvest Lunch, for providing food and to the eco-group for the water display and quiz. The lunch was an enjoyable social occasion and as a bonus raised £258 for church funds.

Refreshing ECO TIPS! To help cut down food waste, try making a daily menu for the week in writing so that your exact needs for each meal is known, enabling you to focus your main shopping on specific meals, and buy only what you really need. Many perishable items like fruit and veg can be stored safely for a few days and perishables frozen should sudden changes in plans occur, eg you go out for a meal unexpectedly. This habit cuts down the risk of finding accidentally unused items going off or out of date!

The wooden bench in the new interment area, given in memory of Mary Yeatman in 1996, has just had its annual (sometimes 6 monthly) coat of varnish to protect it from the elements. Thanks to Alan it was turned over and the underside has been treated too. This revealed some inevitable decay to the ends of the legs – 3 or possible 4 new feet are needed, blocks of wood approx. 3"x3"x3". Is anyone with the time, tools and expertise willing to have a go at prolonging the life of the bench with a bit of carpentry before the winter storms begin please? Robert Potter

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.

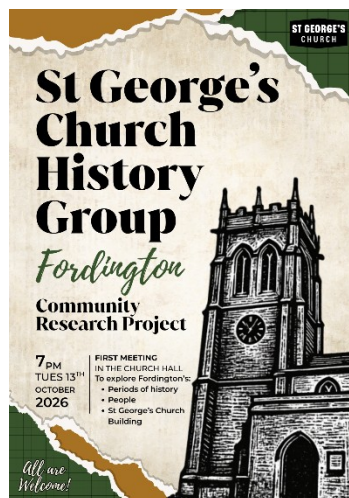
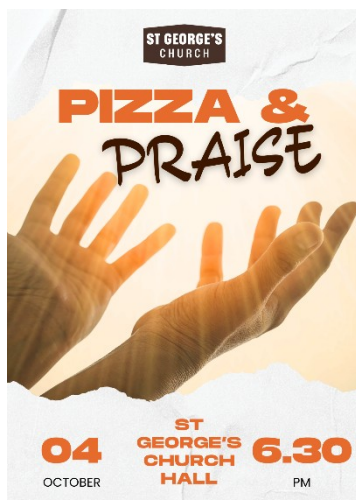
Weekly Activities

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 3rd October Church Gardening Morning.** Bring you gardening gloves and come and help keep our churchyard looking beautiful!
- **Sunday 4th October 6.30pm Pizza and Praise** in the Church Hall. All are welcome as we worship the Lord with modern Christian worship in an informal setting.
- **Saturday 10th October 10am Walk and Wonder.** A reflective autumn walk with time to look, listen and wonder at God's created world. 60 mins gentle walk from the church - all are welcome. Details from Revd Gerry (01305 608410).
- **Tuesday 13th October 7pm History Group** in the church hall. This new group is open to everyone and will be a chance to organise small research groups to discover more of St George's church and Fordington's past.
- **Saturday 31st October 10.30am Forest Praise** in the church hall. Family-friendly fun, relaxed play and praise, with a good hearty breakfast (bacon sandwiches, veggie sausages, toast and drinks). Children, parents and carers are all welcome.
- **Sunday 8th November Remembrance Sunday.** Earlier Sunday morning Service at 9.15am, followed by Town Remembrance ceremony at the Cenotaph. A service to Remember the German Prisoners of War will take place in the Churchyard behind St George's church at 12.30pm.
- **Sunday 15th November 4pm Memorial Service.** A special service to remember lost loved ones.
- **Friday 20th November 6pm Bingo Evening** in the church hall. Eyes down at 6.30pm, all are welcome to join in, with festive prizes to be won!



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

St. ANDREW's 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 would like to receive Holy Communion at home then please contact the vicar - details below. Gluten free wafers are available.

October Services

Refreshments afterwards

- 4th - 10.30am Morning Prayer
- 11th - 4pm **Harvest Thanksgiving Service**
- 18th - 10.30am Matins
- 25th - 4pm Evensong

Thank You to all those who came along to the **Churchyard Working Party** to help with the Autumn gardening work.

Candlelight Concert with Nina Garcia (violinist & singer) in St Andrew's Church

This is a fundraising event for Julia's House with some of the proceeds being donated to our church

DATE: Saturday 10th October TIME: 6pm to 8pm PRICE: £15pp to include a glass of wine/soft drink TICKETS: contact sian_edwards@btconnect.com/07703774375 or Jacquie.walton@outlook.com/07968633834

REMEMBRANCE SERVICE Sunday 8th November - gathering at 10.30am outside the village hall (indoors if wet), for a prompt start at 10.45am Complimentary refreshments afterwards in the hall.

Coffee & Chat - Saturday 17th October from 10am to noon. All welcome.

Riders & Striders - 23 folk visited our church. A Thank You to our Stewards who offered a warm welcome & refreshments. The amount raised has yet to be confirmed.

Church Contacts

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Secretary - Janet Ranger-Dennis 07752 634773 janet.ranger@yahoo.co.uk



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 5th October 10.30am Tesco by the Fountains

Tuesday 6th October 2.15pm Borough Gardens Bandstand



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