DORCHESTER AND THE WINTERBOURNES TEAM MINISTRY

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2nd before Advent



The parable of the talents

Collect

Heavenly Father,
whose blessed Son was revealed
to destroy the works of the devil
and to make us the children of God and heirs of eternal life:
grant that we, having this hope,
may purify ourselves even as he is pure;
that when he shall appear in power and great glory
we may be made like him in his eternal and glorious kingdom;
where he is alive and reigns with you,
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
one God, now and for ever.

Post Communion

Gracious Lord,
in this holy sacrament
you give substance to our hope:
bring us at the last
to that fullness of life for which we long;
through Jesus Christ our Saviour.

2nd before Advent: Zephaniah 1.7,12-end, 1 Thessalonians 5. 1-11, Matthew 25. 14-30
Christ the King Sunday Next Before Advent: Ezekiel 34.11-16, 20-24, Ephesians 1. 15-end, Matthew 25. 31-end

Reflection for 2nd before Advent – Revd Jane Culliford

The parable of the Talents, our gospel reading today, is told by Jesus, one of many explaining the nature of the Kingdom of Heaven, God's Kingdom. This parable is found near the end of Matthew's gospel when Jesus is all too aware his time left on earth is short. Jesus is preparing his disciples to continue his work, his mission to proclaim the good news. He wants them to understand that while no longer be physically present with them, he will return in majesty and glory but also in judgement. The parable tells of three slaves entrusted with different amounts of money by their master and how they use his money or the talents they have been given. Two slaves manage to make good use of their money/talents and the message is clear that we must make good use of the talents we have been given. It is easy to envy others wishing we had talents like theirs, but it's better to concentrate on the things we can do and work to improve. What interests me in this parable is the third slave. He is given less than his fellow slaves, so in resentment and fear does nothing at all with the one talent, burying it in a hole in the ground. Fear, particularly fear of failure, can prevent us from trying and stops us from seeing the gifts and talents God has graciously given us. When the master returns and the two slaves are praised for their efforts, the worst fears of the third slave are realised and he is banished. As Jesus entrusted his disciples and us today to continue his mission, giving us the talents and resources we need, we are to put our trust in him and not fear.

Prayer

Lord of life, why do I anticipate the worst when time and time again the worst never happens? Even when it does, life goes on and every day comes to an end. Lord, help me to overcome my fears in this brief moment of reflection. Calm my mind, help me to relax, let your comforting Spirit enter into me and fill me with peace. Amen *Frank Topping*

FOR YOUR PRAYERS THIS WEEK

Among those in special need: Wendy Allwood, Richard & Christine, Geoff Turnock, Tony Cullington, Joan Moreton, Libby, 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: Lesley Williams

Remember those whose Year's Mind falls this week: Bill North***,*** Fran Kerslake

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Benefice Eucharist Service at St Martin's Church, Martinstown on 22nd November at 10.30am. Preacher Brother Hugh SSF from Hilfield Priory. Refreshments will be served in the village hall. We would be grateful for donations of cake which could be left in the village hall before the service. Thank you.

Dorchester & West Stafford PCC meets on Tuesday 17 November at 7.30pm in St Peter's Hall. Secretary janeticooper@hotmail.com

Dorcas MU next meets for prayer, bible study and fellowship on Wednesday 18 November at Flat 16, The Brewery at 10am Newcomers welcome. Contact Janet 01305 260259

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.

United Church Christmas Sale is on Saturday 14th November from 10-12 with Christmas crafts, candle, calendars and gifts, books etc and coffee tea, mince pies and bacon butties. Proceeds to The Leprosy Mission.

The next Ladies Breakfast will be held on **Saturday 14th November 2026** at 9.00am 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.

Our penultimate **Parish Men's Breakfast** of 2026 is on **Saturday 14th November** at the Engine Room at Poundbury Garden Centre. 9am as normal. There is ample on-street parking and if you would like a lift, I can arrange this. If you plan to come, please advise by telephone on 07776 256537 or by email at davidelliott220@btinternet.com. The Engine Room ask that we pre-order and I will forward the menu to you. David Elliott

The Churches Together Ecology group would like to bring to your attention the Dorset COP, which this year is on our doorstep, at **Kingston Maurward on 14th November**. It is an annual networking event which is now in its 4th year and is designed for local people and organisations to have their say and inspire action on environmental and climate issues. The theme of this year's event is "How to make an impact for climate and nature" and an event based around the theme of giving people the tools, knowledge and support they need to be more effective in restoring nature and reducing their carbon emissions. Tickets currently available for £10 from https://events.humanitix.com/dorsetcop-2026

Candles for Ukraine- Candles are being collected from us w/b 16th November and we would be very grateful for your donations of wax and candles! (NOT SCENTED) They can be left at our house - please contact Emma on raggedtigerwrites@gmail.com or Martin on 07909 117108 for details

St Peter's Church

The church is open **daily from 10am - 4pm during the winter.**
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. There is currently have an excess of dried pasta so this is not needed. Thank you for your generosity.
Coffee will be served after the 9am Sunday morning service for the following day's:-, 6th December, 20th December, 27th December

On Sunday 15th November we are having our Memorial Service at 3pm for those who have died.

Thursday Morning Clean Group The next cleaning group will be on Thursday 3rd December, to ensure that the Church is looking at its best for the advent period, with the many events organised. We start at 11am after the 10am service and refreshments will be provided afterwards. Please speak to Nikki if you can attend, hopefully more of us playing our part in looking after St Peter's.

Many thanks indeed for your support at the recent **Christian Aid Market. £ 643.73** was the total raised.

Music at St Peter's

Choral Services this coming week

- **Choral Eucharist.** Sunday 15th November at 10.30am. Victoria *O quam gloriosum*; Mozart *Missa brevis in Bb*; MacMillan *Ave maris stella*
- **Choral Evensong.** Saturday 21st November at 4.30pm. Gibbons *Almighty and Everlasting God*, Weelkes *Service for trebles*, Howells *Like as the hart*. Please stay for a glass of wine after the service.

Advent and Christmas Music

- **Candlelit Advent Carol Service:** Saturday 28th November at 4.30pm. Join us for this incredibly atmospheric sequence of readings, antiphons, glorious choral settings and rousing hymns, which moves us from darkness to light. The service will be sung by the University Music Chamber Choir Bournemouth, and will include music by Melissa Dunphy, Charles Wood, Jim Clements, Philip Stopford, Ian Farrington, Joanna Forbes L'Estrange

- **Choral Eucharist for Advent Sunday:** Sunday 29th November at 10.30am Anna Lapwood *Drop down ye heavens;* Haydn *Missa brevis rorate coeli desuper;* Stopford *There is no rose.*

- **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

- **Festival of Nine Lessons and Carols:** Saturday 19th December at 4.30pm. Join us for some wonderful choral settings from the choir and all your favourite carols.

- **Choral Midnight Mass**: Thursday 24th December at 11.30pm. Sally Beamish *In the stillness,* Haydn *Missa Sancta Nicolai,* Adam *O holy night*

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)
The next Bible Study will be 16 November (not 9th)
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) The next will be 18 Nov.
Last Thursday of month 10am – 12 noon Church cleaning – Next date 26 November
The Sanctuary Lamp Candle is given by 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

Simon Clarkson Memorial Service will be on **Friday 20th November** at 10.30am in St Mary's Church, Beaminster. All who wish to attend are invited to the service and the subsequent tea-reception at the Ollerod Hotel.

Other events

Be aware that on 22nd November there won't be a Service at St Mary's - we will be meeting at Martinstown. If you need a lift please ask.

The Occasional Singers - 'Comfort and Joy!' Advent Concert
St Mary's Church, Edward Road, Dorchester DT1 2HL **On Sunday 22 November at 3.00** in the afternoon, St Mary's Church in Dorchester will be filled with the glorious sounds of choral music, as the Occasional Singers perform a programme of Advent songs and carols chosen to bring 'Comfort and Joy'. Taking us from 1596 through to the present day. Admission is free with a collection in aid of Dorchester Poverty Action. Everyone is most welcome.

Our Musical Director, Kris Emmett, will be performing an **afternoon concert** at St Mary's on **29th November**, at 3pm. There will be refreshments, and a retiring collection towards Kris' personal funds.

Toy Service Sunday 6 December – At the 9.45am Sung Eucharist you are invited to bring donations of toys, toiletries and gift cards as Christmas presents to donate to the You Trust Paragon team who work with women, children and teenagers affected by domestic abuse. Gifts, such as hats, gloves, scarves, thick tights for mothers also welcome, so that children can have a gift to give to their mother. Gift bags and wrapping paper are welcome but please do not wrap your gifts. Thank you.

Dorchester Family Support Our plans for this Christmas are now well in hand. We shall be distributing our hampers – 250 of them to our families on Saturday 12th December from Dorford Baptist Church. We are so grateful for the support we receive from our community many of whom prefer to remain anonymous.You can always donate financially via our website but just as importantly are your prayers not only for the families but also the volunteers who willingly give of their time. Thank you. Kath Joslin

Peacemaking in our Time and in the Gospel How we can fulfil our Gospel vocation as Peacemakers Saturday 21 st November at 12 pm St Mary's Rectory, Edward Road, Dorchester DT1 2HJ Rev Jimmy Holden will lead a theological reflection on our vocation as Peacemakers, building on the discussions and presentations made to us over the past two years. All are welcome. We will finish by 1 pm.

St George's Church

Sunday Services

8.30am Early Holy Communion on 1st and 3rd Sunday, in the Edward Chapel.
10.30am Holy Communion and **Dragons Sunday School**

Weekday Services

Monday 9.30am Online Morning Prayer via Zoom. 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.

Dates for your Diary:

- **Saturday 14th November 10am Walk and Wonder**. Join us for our next reflective walk, with a 1-hour walk, starting from the church and followed by refreshments.
- **Sunday 15th November 4pm Memorial Service.** A special service to remember lost loved ones. All are welcome. There is a sheet at the back of church to add names of those to be remembered.
- **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!
- **Sunday 22nd November No service or Dragons at St George's. All welcome at the Benefice service at Martinstown at 10.30am.**
- **Friday 4th December 6pm Carols on the Green.** Join us outside on the Green for some festive carol singing! Bring a torch, friends and festive cheer to celebrate the first of the Christmas church events. Food and drinks available afterwards in the Church, plus all of the **Christmas Tree Festival**!
- **Saturday 12th December 4pm Christingle Service** (Christingle making from 3pm)

Notes

Christmas Tree Festival: 4th-7th December. If you would like to decorate a Christmas tree please fill out a registration form at the back of the church or by scanning the QR code. The deadline for tree submissions is **15th November. Please sign up to offer help over the weekend by making cakes**.

Dorset Arts Week: St George's Church is looking for local artists to form a collective to be showcased in the Church over Dorset Art Week 2027. If you, or anyone you know is interested, please email admin.stgeorges@gmail.com for more information. The deadline for artist sign-up with our collective will be ***16th November***.

Confirmations 2027: The Bishop of Sherborne and Acting Bishop of Salisbury, Karen Gorham, will be returning to St George's to confer the Sacrament of Confirmation and to celebrate candidates' First Holy Communion on 17th April 2027. For more information or to register your interest, please email the curate, Revd Connor, at FrConnor@mail.com.

Donations Request **Can you help with any of the following?** Please leave donations on the tower steps, sign the list in church or talk to the event organisers.

- Bingo prizes - can be small or large, and Christmas or non-Christmas themed.
- Cakes for the Christmas Tree Festival Cafe - if homemade please include an ingredient list.
- Items for Christmas Hampers (see list at back of church)

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

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.

November Services

Refreshments afterwards

15th - 10.30am Matins
22nd - **No service** as Benefice Service at Martinstown at 10.30am. All welcome.
29th - **5th Sunday so a joint service at St George's at 10.30. All welcome.**

Coffee & Chat - Saturday 14th November from 10am to noon. All welcome.

A Ghost Story for Christmas: Curate Connor is delighted to announce the first annual parish creative writing competition 'A Ghost Story for Christmas' to raise money for St Andrew's, West Stafford. We are inviting submissions of short stories, poems, and illustrations on the theme of 'O Holy Night'. The top five entrants in each category will be invited to perform by candlelight at St Andrew's on December 20 at 4pm, to be followed by refreshments and Compline (Night Prayer). Entries close on December 6 at 12pm. You must be 16 or over to enter. For full Ts&Cs or to submit, go to https://forms.gle/7935oAeiQVNU72Bz7 Good luck!

Church Contacts

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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

Churchwardens Charles and Judy Norman tel 07880 700926

Dorchester Strollers:

Monday 16th November 10.30am Meet behind Poundbury Garden Centre
Tuesday 17th November 2.15pm Borough Gardens Bandstand

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