

CHURCH CALENDAR AND SERVICES

JULY

5 th	Trinity V	Holy Communion 11.00 a.m.
12 th	Trinity VI	Matins 11.00 a.m.
19 th	Trinity VII	Holy Communion 11.00 a.m.
26 th	Trinity VIII	Matins 11.00 a.m.

AUGUST

2 nd	Trinity IX	Holy Communion 11.00 a.m.
9 th	Trinity X	Matins 11.00 a.m.
16 th	Trinity XI	Holy Communion 11.00 a.m.
23 rd	Trinity XII	Matins 11.00 a.m.
30 th	Trinity XIII	Benefice Holy Communion 11.00 a.m. St Simon & St Jude, Milton on Stour

SEPTEMBER

6 th	Trinity XIV	Holy Communion 11.00 a.m.
13 th	Trinity XV	Matins 11.00 a.m.

All services are from the Book of Common Prayer and are at 11 a.m. every Sunday, unless otherwise stated.

All services will be publicised on the website and may be subject to alteration.

**Next PCC Meeting: Tuesday 14th July at 5 p.m.
in the Village Hall**

As I write this on the brink of July, we are in swift awareness week, and as a family we have been enjoying watching these ariel artists on our regular trips to Sherborne Abbey. We have also been enjoying our home-grown sparrows at the Vicarage in Gillingham, some even now being named by our children! The birds are my constant companions from my desk and when I walk the dog, and my birding husband has been enjoying snapping away at nature reserves, spotting everything from majestic Great Crested Grebes to a baby woodpecker hidden in some ivy. I'm sure there are many more who enjoy our feathered friends through the warm summer months, some species are local residents year-round, some fly in from other countries. In Christianity birds remind us of God's care, protection, and provision. There are many passages of scriptures that feature birds; the quail is sent to the Israelites after they moan about eating manna day after day, showing that God will provide what is needed. The phrase "mount up on wings like eagles" comes from Isaiah 40:31, symbolizing renewed strength and divine empowerment for those who trust in the Lord. Matthew 10:29 says, "Are not two sparrows sold for a penny? Yet not one of them will fall to the ground outside your Father's care". This emphasizes that God is aware of even the smallest details of our world and our lives, illustrating His care and value for all creation, including the lowly sparrows. Jesus talks of wanting to gather his people under his wings like a mother hen. And of course, the Holy Spirit is often depicted as a dove, descending from heaven, moving from place to place, always there when we need that strength. As we watch the birds from our windows and out in the wild places, they tell us the story of our creator who fashioned such wondrous, majestic and also such humble creatures. And they remind us to rely not on our strength alone, but to rely on God's protection and provision in all things, and to know that we are safe like a baby bird with a parent.

Rev'd Becca McDonnell.



SUMMER COFFEE MORNING

COFFEE, CAKE, BISCUITS

SALES OF BAKED GOODS, PRESERVES, EGGS, BOOKS, BRIC A BRAC
AND RAFFLE

SATURDAY 25TH JULY – 10 A.M. UNTIL NOON

SILTON VILLAGE HALL

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SILTON VILLAGE HALL

Creative Stitch: Every 3rd Monday in the month 10 a.m.- 4.p.m. All details on Village Hall website

Castle Hill Quilters: Every Thursday 1.30 p.m.- 4.30.p.m.

Friday Markets: 10 a.m.-12.30 in the Village Hall. Fresh Fruit and Vegetables, Home Baked Cakes, Pies, Bread, Jams, Chutneys and Pickles as well as other goodies and of course Teas and Coffees.

The Village Hall Calendar: This can be viewed online - you can also now make an enquiry though the website www.siltonvillage.co.uk.

For Village Hall enquiries contact Sue@siltonmanor.co.uk or Tel: 07970 865790

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AGM - 20th July at 6.00 p.m. in the Village Hall (followed by a glass of wine and nibbles)

RIDE AND STRIDE - 2025

We have just been informed that St Nicholas, Silton was the top Blackmore Vale Deanery R&S fundraiser in 2025 and 6th out of all 168 contributing parishes in Dorset, raising funds for Dorset Historic Churches Trust. So, a big thank you to all those who supported Peter W. (riding) and Diana, Mike and Michela (striding). And it will not be long before they will be riding and striding again and will be asking for sponsorship once more, to hopefully match the success of 2025!

CHURCH AND PARISH OF ST. NICHOLAS, SILTON, SP8 5PR

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JULY - AUGUST 2026



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