

TEAM & COMMUNITY NEWS

Main clergy contacts are listed on page 2; other contact information, including for churchwardens and other officers, is available in the Benefice Magazine and on the Team website www.dorchesteranglican.info where you will find links to church Facebook pages and the **online version of the Benefice Magazine**. September magazine is now available in churches.

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St Peter's Church will continue to be open for personal prayer from **10.00am - 4.00pm** each day this week. **The 9am service will be Holy Communion (BCP) and at 10.30am Holy Communion (Order 1)**. Both services will be abbreviated and arranged in accordance with COVID-19 requirements. The preacher on September 13th is Canon Richard Franklin.

The Benefice Prayer group will meet in the Hardy Chapel at St. Peter's Church on **Fridays at 10.30am** for half an hour, with appropriate spacing and hand sanitising. If you have specific prayer needs please call Penny Blaby, 01305 753566 as there is no book in church at the moment.

Opportunities to help. If you would like to read a lesson or help as sidesperson please contact Val or Judy. A few more volunteers would be welcome. The usual frequency is once a month or less. See us in church or tel. 264416 or 268721. Thank you.

St Mary's Church There will be a **Eucharist at 8am and also at 9.45am**. Please could you book **EACH** week with Trudy trtabone@gmail.com if you wish to attend either of the services, as there is a limit as to how many people we can safely accommodate. The church will also have **a Eucharist on Wednesday mornings at 9.30am** but this does not need to be booked, just come along. All other private prayer has been cancelled and the church will be locked except for the service times.

St George's Church Our private worship for St Georges: **Wednesdays 1-4pm & Sundays 8.30-11.30am for Prayer; Communion Service at 10am**. We no longer require people to pre-book for this service. Names and contact details will be taken at the door. **'St. George's AGM is to be held after the 10am service on Sunday 13th September'**

St Andrew's Church Our Harvest Festival Family Service will be held at 11.15am on **Sunday 27th September**. We would welcome any non-perishable gifts to be given to the food bank. The other Sunday services will continue at 11.15am. Thank you to those who helped at the Churchyard tidy up last Saturday.

St Simon and St Jude, Winterbourne Monkton

There will be a Holy Communion service on the first Sunday of the month at 11.15am

A Virtual service from the Winterbournes at 10am using ZOOM
email jean.saddington@hotmail.co.uk if you want to join.



Pews News

13th September 2020

14th Sunday after Trinity



Collect

Almighty God,

whose only Son has opened for us
a new and living way into your presence:
give us pure hearts and steadfast wills
to worship you in spirit and in truth;
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.

Readings

14th after Trinity – Genesis 50.15-21; Psalm 103.1-13;
Romans 14.1-12; Matthew 18.21-35

15th after Trinity – Jonah 3.10-end of 4; Psalm 145.1-8;
Philippians 1. 21-end; Matthew 20.1-16

A Reflection and Prayer for 14th Sunday after Trinity

Canon John Wood

It's always been my daily routine to listen to the 7am Radio 4 news and in the days when I had a weekly 8am Sunday service my GP, a member of the congregation, once said "Thanks, John, I never need to listen to the news before golf on Sunday mornings, as I hear it in the prayers!" You can overdo it, of course, but engagement in our worship with the needs of the world is a reflection of God's concern and involvement – the climax of which we Christians believe we see in the person and work of Jesus Christ, who sets an example of understanding and compassion for the human condition, and responds with acts of healing for body, mind and spirit.

I sometimes think that the needs of the world are so immense, and increasingly so, that it's hard to see how we can possibly make a difference. How many false directions has the Church taken? How misguided have Christians been in the past? How much of our history undermines our claim that our primary purpose is to be a blessing to the world and to all its creatures, when we have been and continue to be caught up in exploitation of nature and of our neighbours? But we are called always to search for a better way, true to the teaching of the gospels and the priorities of God, who is Love.

Today's Gospel of forgiveness reminds us that we are often like the slave in desperate need who is released of his debt but then is ruthless with his fellow-slave; it reminds us too of the God who continually forgives, restores and sends us into the world to work for his kingdom. Our prayers should remind us both of the immensity of the task and our calling to undertake it.

A Prayer for Blessing on My Journey through this Day

Bless to me, O Lord,
the earth beneath my feet;
bless to me, O Lord,
the path I tread:
my walk this day with the Father,
my walk this day with Christ,
my walk this day with the Spirit. Amen

FOR YOUR PRAYERS THIS WEEK:

The list of those in special need is compiled by Canon John Wood (01305 268749).

Among those in special need: John Marr, Sian Toffoletti, Ron Cornick, Gordon Shaw, Alison & Caroline, Sally Cooke, Abigail Craddock, Jean Baker, Sara Beauchamp, Johanna Benjafield, Anne Brown, Janet Comley, Christine Peake, Pam Wheatley, Jon Jackson, Emma Foxwell, David Dunford, Linda Blundell, Isobel Humphries, Brenda Knight, Tom Goss, Marion Tait, Hugo Lord, Brianna & Braxton, *Remember also all who are cared for at Dorset County Hospital, our community hospitals and hospice and all who are caring for them and working to address their needs. Especially pray for all whose lives will be threatened or irrevocably changed by the coronavirus.*

Among those who have recently died: Stella Strawbridge

Those whose Year's Mind falls this week: Audrey Litson, Margaret Elliott, Richie Hallett, Sally Harris, Dennis Carter..

The latest Government ruling on the Covid pandemic, restricting gatherings of more than six, will NOT apply to our current Sunday service arrangements, which will proceed as planned.

All will be welcome to **The Annual Parish Meeting** for the Parish of Dorchester & West Stafford, which had to be postponed in April, is planned to be held on **Wednesday 23 September at 7pm** in St Peter's Church. It will be followed by a PCC meeting for PCC members only at 8pm. The meetings will be socially distanced, due to the virus, with hopefully Zoom available for those who can access it and yet unable to join a face to face meeting.

The Annual Report & Financial Statements and The Group & Team Reports for 2019 are on the Parish Website, and copies will be available at the meeting. Please contact Beryl Shuttleworth- bshuttleworth04@aol.com for an email version and the Parish Office – dorchesterpcc@gmail.com for a hard copy.

If you require any further details please contact Janet Cooper – janeticooper@hotmail.com

Dorchester Food Bank and Dorchester Community Church food share continues to welcome donations of food and other household items. Please take them to the **Dorford Centre** on Mondays 12-2pm; Wednesday & Friday 10.30-12.30pm. Dorchester Community Kitchen would be happy to receive donations of food. Please take to the Storehouse Church in Cambridge Rd.

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