

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**. October magazine is now available in churches. Parish Office: dorchesterpcc@gmail.com

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). The Benefice Prayer group** will meet in the Hardye Chapel at St. Peter's Church on **Fridays at 10.30am**.

Your generosity to St. Peter's through donations made on **Gift Day** and the tax enhancement received from Government through the Gift Aid Scheme are an important part of our annual income. Lockdown has had a big impact on collections, event income and donations from visitors. Expenditure has been carefully controlled and where possible, contracts renegotiated. We expect to record a deficit on our running costs in 2020. **Gift Day this year will be Sunday 18th October**. Please give what you can in the knowledge that it will be used carefully. Please place it in an envelope marked "Gift Day" and give to the Churchwardens. If you cannot come to St. Peter's, please post it to our Treasurer, David Elliott, 4 Fairfield, 5 Dray Horse Yard, Dorchester DT1 1GT. Cheques should be made payable to St. Peter's Church. If you are a taxpayer and would like us to claim Gift Aid on your donation, please use one of the Yellow envelopes you will find in church or write this on a note with your cheque. 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. There is a Eucharist each week at 9.30am on Wednesdays, no need to be booked, and the **Contemplative prayer group** meet at **5pm on Wednesdays**. The church will be locked except for service times.

St Mary's Gift Day will be on Sunday 8th November, letters will be going out soon with details

St George's Church Our private worship for St Georges: **Wednesdays 8.30am-4pm. BCP 8am on 1st & 3rd Sunday of month**. To comply with social distancing rules we will limit the number to 12 persons and will use the chancel area for the service. **Our mid morning CW communion service has now reverted to a 09:45 start.**

It has come to my attention that a rumour is circulating the parish that St. Georges Church is serving coffee after the Sunday services contrary to current guidelines. Please note that NO coffee has been served at St. Georges since before the lockdown in March.

Thank you, Tony Archer for St. Georges Church.

St Andrew's Church Sunday services will continue at 11.15am. On Remembrance Sunday (8th November) **our Service will begin at the earlier time of 10.45 am** for the Wreath Laying, followed by our Morning Service. We would like to thank those who helped with the churchyard tidy-up last Saturday.

St Simon and St Jude, Winterbourne Monkton

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

18th October 2020

19th Sunday after Trinity

St Luke the Evangelist

Collect for 19th Sunday after Trinity

O God, forasmuch as without you we are not able to please you; mercifully grant that your Holy Spirit may in all things direct and rule our hearts; 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.

Collect for St Luke

Almighty God, you called Luke the physician, whose praise is in the gospel, to be an evangelist and physician of the soul: by the grace of the Spirit and through the wholesome medicine of the gospel, give your Church the same love and power to heal; 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

19th after Trinity – Isaiah 45.1-7; Psalm 96.1-9; 1 Thessalonians 1.1-10; Matthew 22.15-22

Readings for St Luke-Isaiah 35.3-6; Psalm 147:1-7; 2 Timothy 4:5-17; Luke 10.1-9.

Last after Trinity- Leviticus 19.1-2, 15-18; Psalm 1; 1 Thessalonians 2.1-8; Matthew 22.34-end.

Reflection for Luke the Evangelist

Revd Rosemary Bassett

Today we are celebrating the feast of St Luke and giving thanks for the healing ministry, not only within the church, but also through the medical profession. The gospels are full of accounts of Jesus' healing ministry, which formed a major part of his public life. We usually think that healing is about physical illness but more broadly it is concerned with all brokenness, we can see the need for it in almost all aspects of human life- broken relationships, addictions, bereavement, loss and woundedness of all description. We can be paralysed by fear, immobilised by grief or depression and there maybe deep-seated memories from the past which affect us through our subconscious mind, the need for the healing of the memories. It is impossible to read the papers or watch the news and not see the need for healing in our broken world. About 40 years ago Henri Nouwen published a book called "The Wounded Healer" and in it he says that healing happens through sharing in the human experience, one wounded person to another. We are all wounded people, whether physically, emotionally, mentally, or spiritually. Jesus is God's wounded healer: through his wounds we are healed. As his followers we can also allow our wounds to bring healing to others. We must pray for and sustain one another, and indeed carry the good news of Christs love beyond our church family into the community. Let us take one another's hands and affirm that we may be at times deeply lonely or profoundly injured, but we are never alone, and therefore never without the hope of healing. That is the greatest gift we can give to one another, the gift of presence, in our shared brokenness and woundedness, and such presence is healing. The touch that heals is God's alone. He uses our hands merely as instruments of his healing power and it is to his glory and not our own.

Prayer.

O Risen Lord. Let the healing grace of your love so transform us that we may play our part in the transfiguration of the world from a place of suffering, death and corruption, to a realm of infinite light, joy, love and peace. Make us obedient to your Spirit that our lives may become a living prayer and a witness to your unflinching presence. We ask this to the glory of your Name. **Amen**



THE CHILDREN'S SOCIETY CHRISTMAS CARDS

We are taking the opportunity to raise funds by selling the Society Christmas Cards and Advent Candles, Cards and Calendars. Display boards will be in the three town Churches during October with order forms. There are also samples packs which I am very happy to deliver to anyone who is interested in possibly purchasing some. No money is required until the goods are delivered and no delivery charges. You can view the entire range online: <https://www.charitycardshop.com/thechildrenssociety>.

You may of course order online but that will incur postage charges. I am able to order anything on the website. Rita Kennett,

telephone: 265432, email: avk@henryling.co.uk. *Thank you.*

PLEASE SUPPORT THE SOCIETY IN THIS WAY

FOR YOUR PRAYERS THIS WEEK:

Among those in special need: Julian Cheryton, Hilary Morley, Liz Pulfer John Marr, Alison & Caroline, Abigail Craddock, Jean Baker, Johanna Benjafield, Christine Peake, Pam Wheatley, Emma Foxwell, David Dunford, Linda Blundell, Brenda Knight, Tom Goss, Marion Tait, Hugo Lord, Brianna & Braxton.

(To add or remove names in this list, please contact Canon John Wood 01305 268749)

Remember also all who are cared for by Dorset County Hospital, in our community hospitals and hospice and all who are caring for them and working to address their needs; especially pray for all who are suffering from or are affected by COVID-19, and those working to develop identification, treatment and cure.

Among those who have recently died: Martyn Fowgies, Betty Bascombe, Gerald Leighton, .

Remember those whose Year's Mind falls this week: Eric Rose, Peggy Jordan, Colin Bragg, Mary Mardon, Di Smith, Michael Legg.

Dorset Poverty Action

There are many local people who live on a low income but manage their finances very efficiently so do not normally need help but this year, even the most careful, have been very badly hit. DPA has helped 46 families so far since April, totalling £7,701 for things like basic white goods for people being rehoused from abusive situations, school uniform for children returning to school after months at home, washing machines that are beyond repair, beds for growing youngsters.

With no fund-raising events, Dorchester Poverty Action is depending on the generosity of local people who perhaps realise that they have not spent as much this year as they usually do. Please consider if you are one of these good people and make a donation by visiting our website

www.dorchesterpovertyaction.org.uk

You can give online or by BACS or send a cheque to

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