



Pews News

St Peter's, St Andrew's, St Mary's,
St George's, St Simon & St Jude

22nd March 2020

Mothing Sunday

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Collect

God of compassion,
whose Son Jesus Christ, the child of Mary,
shared the life of a home in Nazareth,
and on the cross drew the whole human family to himself:
strengthen us in our daily living
that in joy and in sorrow
we may know the power of your presence
to bind together and 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 Exodus 2 v1-10 Colossians 3 v12-17
Luke 2 v33-35 or John 19 v25-27

Post Communion

Loving God,
as a mother feeds her children at the breast
you feed us in this sacrament with the food and drink of
eternal life:
help us who have tasted your goodness
to grow in grace within the household of faith;
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Responsorial Psalm: 34 v11-20

Response: O taste and see, O taste and see that the Lord is gracious

- 11 Come, my children, and listen to me;
I will teach you the fear of the Lord.
- 12 Who is there who delights in life
and longs for days to enjoy good things? (R)
- 13 Keep your tongue from evil
and your lips from lying words.
- 14 Turn from evil and do good;
seek peace and pursue it. (R)
- 15 The eyes of the Lord are upon the righteous
and his ears are open to their cry.
- 16 The face of the Lord is against those who do evil,
to root out the remembrance of them from the earth. (R)
- 17 The righteous cry and the Lord hears them
and delivers them out of all their troubles.
- 18 The Lord is near to the brokenhearted
and will save those who are crushed in spirit. (R)
- 19 Many are the troubles of the righteous;
from them all will the Lord deliver them.
- 20 He keeps all their bones,
so that not one of them is broken. (R)

Next week's readings: Ezekiel 37 v1-14 Romans 8 v6-11
John 11 v1-45

In response to the threat of the COVID-19 coronavirus and in accordance with the whole Church of England and other churches, all public services in the Dorchester and Winterbournes Team Ministry have been cancelled until further notice.

We will continue to produce Pews News each week, available from the churches and online at

www.dorchesteranglican.info

FOR YOUR PRAYERS THIS WEEK:

Brianna & Braxton, Marion Tate, Linda Blundell, Hugo Lord, Elizabeth Butler, Tom Goss, Isobel Humphries, Brenda Knight.

Remember 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: Betty Owen, Susan Mitchell, Graham Downs, Alan Esdaile, Jen Richards

Those whose Year's Mind fall this week: Dennis Maggs, Joan Haine, Hilda Hawker, Beate Coward, David Parsons, Dougie Legg.

This list is compiled by Canon John Wood - phone 01305 268749 or e-mail johnsamwood@me.com to add or remove names. You can also use the Prayer Request Book in your church to ensure individuals are remembered in our regular prayers

St Peter's Church

While our regular services are suspended, St Peter's remains open every day as a place of quiet for visiting and for personal prayer.

You can contact the clergy via Canon John Wood on 01305 268749 and johnsamwood@me.com Further contact numbers are in the Church porch.

St Peter's Annual Meeting: Thank you to all who attended the meeting last Sunday. Val Potter and Judy Cowling were nominated as our Churchwardens, to be elected at the Annual Parish Meeting. The retirement of John Smith and Paul Vittle from the Church Committee was noted and the appointment of Rosemary Briggs and Christine Buffrey approved. The resignation of Gary Penfold and addition of Judy MacDonald to the list of Sidespersons was approved as was the election of David Elliott, Jonathan Farmiloe, Brian Hellin and Jane Pryce to serve on the PCC. In addition, Val Potter and Jonathan Farmiloe were elected to serve on the Appointment Committee for the new Team Rector.

Thanks and appreciation were expressed for all those who help and support the ongoing life and worship at St Peter's.

Tantalising Talks and Tasty Teas – Canon John Wood's talk on South Sudan planned for 29th March has been postponed

Lent Lunch on Thursday 2nd April – This has been cancelled

Any Items for Pews News? Please contact David Elliott on 01305 259236 or at davidelliott220@btinternet.com

St Mary's Church *The Sanctuary Lamp is given by Rosemary Bassett in memory of her father John Lee whose years mind falls on 26th March.*

All public worship services in St Mary's are suspended for the foreseeable future due to the Coronavirus. However, the church will be open daily for prayer from 10am – 4pm. Do come and pray and light a candle for those in need. Prayer material will be available soon for you to use and take away for use at home. At 12 noon you are encouraged to stop and join with others in saying the Lord's prayer. Bishop Nicholas also encourages everyone to join in the National Day of Prayer on Sunday.

He says "It is Mothering Sunday so a good day to give thanks for the source of our life and care of one another. Wherever you are this Sunday please do join in this day of prayer and action and remember specially those who are sick or anxious and all involved in our Health Service. As one action we are calling on everyone to place a lighted candle in their window at 7.00 p.m., if it is safe to do so, as a sign of solidarity and hope in the light of Christ that can never be extinguished."

Further announcements will be put on the Noticeboards and in the Pews News.

Do contact the clergy if you have any special needs. And take care of yourselves.

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FOLLOW ST MARY'S ON FACEBOOK BY CLICKING ON THIS LINK
<https://www.facebook.com/St-Marys-Dorchester-672844449522662>

Or: Alternatively you can click on the link on St Mary's page on benefice website

St George's Church

Pastoral support: If you are in need of any pastoral support or unable to attend church and would like home communion, please do make contact with Rev Reji or one of the church wardens who will be very happy to help.

The church will remain open during the Coronavirus pandemic. It will be open 8.30-4.30 at present. Whilst there are no services, please do use the space for quiet prayer and contemplation. Please observe the government's hand washing and social distancing advice at all times.

St Georges Coronavirus support plans:

We are developing a system for providing online/ phone/'Virtual' contact information and support. Please bear with us for a week or so whilst we implement our plan. We aim to write to everyone on our electoral role and others who we know attend our church to offer various support options and provided help. If you aren't on the electoral role and want to be included, please phone one of the church wardens with your details.

St Georges church committee AGM on the 29th March will be postponed. More details in due course.

St Georges day fair is cancelled for this year due to Coronavirus.

Please continue to support the local food bank. Please take items directly to the Dorford centre instead of leaving in church.

Please do go to the parish website and our Facebook page for information and updates.

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St George's Facebook page: @StGeorgeDorchester

St Andrew's Church, West Stafford

All services now suspended

Follow us on our Facebook page, St Andrews, West Stafford

Our Churchyard tidy-up, scheduled for 4th April, has been brought forward to **21st March** (the day before Mothering Sunday),

TEAM NOTICE BOARD

The Parish Magazine will still continue to be produced. It will be in your churches, in the Library, Doctors Surgeries , Tourist Board, Gould's, Café 11, Tesco and Poundbury Post Office. If you have any messages/ notices to share please send them to the Editor.

You can read the Parish Magazine online if you follow this link:

<http://www.dorchesteranglican.info/dorchester-benefice-magazine>

Dorchester & West Stafford Annual Accounts & Financial Statement, plus the Group and Team Reports are now on the Benefice Website for everyone to read. There are also a few copies in all the churches.

**Bible Study—Monday 7.30 –9pm. 30 Grosvenor Road, Dorchester
Contact Celia Robertson tel 257612 **Cancelled****

Men's Breakfast – further details please contact David Elliott on 01305 259236, 07776 256537 by email at davidelliott220@btinternet.com. All are welcome.

Ladies Breakfast Any queries please ring Maureen Shaw on 01305 261771.

Prayer In The Community *These prayer groups around Dorchester – intended for local residents – are open to Christians from all churches. The next meetings are as follows:Cancelled until further notice.*

**DORCHESTER MONDAY CLUB, 20 APRIL 2020,
CANCELLATION** Due to the effects of the COVID 19 virus, and mindful of the Government's advice about the current situation, we have decided, with regret, to cancel the talk by Robin Cook about his life at Harrods, due on 20 April 2020. It is possible that later talks may also be cancelled. If you have any queries, please contact either Jill (263757) or Rosemary (262615). 7

Dorchester Deanery Synod facebook link: <https://www.facebook.com/Dorchester-Deanery-Synod-109579403746451/>

A message from Mark Green. The postponement of the service of thanksgiving for Angie Green to celebrate her life, scheduled for **Monday 23rd March**, is now postponed indefinitely. For further information please refer to Matthew Lucas **www.dorchesterfunerals.com** at Angie's tribute page. Mark and the family thank everyone for their support and kind thoughts.

Is anyone able to join the chaplaincy volunteer team at Dorset County Hospital, once the coronavirus situation has cleared? Approximately 1.5 hours on a Friday or Saturday, and a corresponding Sunday, once every six weeks or so. We have a good team from the local churches and are looking to replace one person. For details please contact Revd. Richard Betts at richard.betts@dchft.nhs.uk or richardbetts50@outlook.com We're publicising this now as it usually takes a while to obtain clearances for a new volunteer, which the virus period will provide. Hope to hear from you! Thank you.

All Lent lunches cancelled.

The Lent course at the Quiet Space is cancelled, people are welcome to work through the book on their own.

Weldmar Book Club meet in the Weldmar Hospicecare Bookshop , South St, Dorchester. 5.30-7pm on Wednesdays 8th April, 13th May All welcome Please check for current information.

The concerts by the chamber choir 'Cantamus' which were to be held at Cerne Abbas (21 Mar), Bothenhampton (28 Mar) and Milton Abbey (2 Apr) have been cancelled.

Dorchester Strollers: Cancelled

If you need to communicate a change of information: that would need to be updated in Pews News, Parish Magazine or Benefice Website, please can you email using the following address;

news@dorchesteranglican.info

Team Office This week: 9-1

Open: Monday, Tuesday, Thursday, Friday

Closed: Wednesday

These hours may change, please email, checked regularly. Thank you. It is intended Pews News will be online each week.

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