

# 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](http://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](mailto: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. Although our doors are once again open, the recovery is slow. Expenditure has been carefully controlled and where possible, contracts renegotiated. But we still 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](mailto:trtabone@gmail.com) if you wish to attend either of the services. There is a Eucharist each week at 9.30am on Wednesdays which does not need to be booked, and the **Contemplative prayer group** is meeting again at **5pm also on Wednesdays**. The church will be locked except for service times. **We now have a QR code for you to check-in with the NHS Covid-19 app. It is on display as you enter the church.**

**St George's Church** Our private worship for St Georges: **Wednesdays 8.30am-4pm. BCP 8am on 1<sup>st</sup> & 3<sup>rd</sup> 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 will revert to a 09:45 start as from 4<sup>th</sup> October. Harvest Festival, 18<sup>th</sup> October, tins & packet foods only, no fresh produce please. Many thanks.**

**St Andrew's Church** Sunday services will continue at 11.15am. The next Churchyard tidy-up will take place on Saturday **10th October** from 10am to 12 noon. Any help is welcome but please bring your own gloves and tools etc.

**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](mailto:jean.saddington@hotmail.co.uk) if you want to join.



# Pews News

4<sup>th</sup> October 2020  
17<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Trinity



Matthew 21  
33-end.

## Collect

Almighty God,  
you have made us for yourself,  
and our hearts are restless till they find their rest in you:  
pour your love into our hearts and draw us to yourself,  
and so bring us at last to your heavenly city  
where we shall see you face to face;  
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. Amen.

## Readings

**17<sup>th</sup> after Trinity** – Isaiah 5.1-7; Psalm 80.9-17; Philippians 3.4b-14;  
Matthew 21.33-end.

**18<sup>th</sup> after Trinity** – Isaiah 25.1-9; Psalm 23; Philippians 4.1-9;  
Matthew 22.1-14.

## **A Reflection and Prayer for 17<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Trinity**

Rev'd Mike Stear

Do you find the same thing with your memory that I all too frequently experience with mine? It's like a faulty colander; it retains the things best forgotten but lets go the things essential to remember! We can be held back or troubled by things best forgotten. It's not the remembering, but the power of a particular memory that's the problem. Hurt, resentment, pain, disappointment, failure, embarrassment have the power to prevent us going where the Lord Jesus Christ would lead us.

I'm impressed by both Paul and Peter. The power of their pasts did not hold them back. Both men could have been spiritually and socially paralysed by guilt. Paul, also by misplaced confidence in his pedigree and his misdirected zeal in persecuting the church. However, both knew freedom, from the power of particular memories.

In today's epistle, Philippians 2:4-14, Paul uses graphic expressions from the race track, "... **forgetting** what lies behind and **straining forward** to what lies ahead, I **press on** toward the goal for the prize of the upward call of God in Christ Jesus." v13-14. Here is the focused athlete, not looking back, with the eyes on the finishing line and the prize. The prize is not the laurel wreath that crowned the winning athlete but the gift of "*the crown of righteousness.*" (2 Timothy 4:8).

The heart of Paul's freedom to focus stemmed from, "*not having a righteousness that is my own that comes from the law, but that which is through faith in Christ.*" Philippians 3:9.

### **May we pray,**

*"Lord for ourselves; in living power remake us -  
self on the cross and Christ upon the throne,  
past put behind us, for the future take us:  
Lord of our lives, to live for Christ alone."*

*Timothy Dudley-Smith*

## FOR YOUR PRAYERS THIS WEEK:

Among those in special need: 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:** Hilda Chaffey, Lewis Herbert, Sian Toffoletti, Rev'd Canon Hugh Mumford.

**Remember those whose Year's Mind falls this week:** David Palmer, Sheila Thorp, Buster Doubleday, Christine Greensmith, Pat Deane, Brian Dunsford.

Are you one of the financially lucky ones during the Coronavirus epidemic that has actually more money in your bank account than normal? In DT1 and DT2 many people are not so fortunate for a variety of different reasons, some work related, others due to difficult family situations.

**Dorset Poverty Action** has been there all through Coronavirus supporting local people in DT1 and DT2 making grants of up to £200 to local people who have hit a financial crisis, at the request of a professional worker or agency who knows their circumstances

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](http://www.dorchesterpovertyaction.org.uk)

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

**Dorchester Poverty Action, c/o United Church Dorchester, 49-51 Charles Street, Dorchester DT1 1EE.**

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