

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.

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. From this **Sunday, September 6th**, 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. We are not asking for advance booking this week – we shall see how our arrangements work. The president and preacher at both services is Canon John Wood. The preacher on September 13th is Canon Richard Franklin. **The Benefice Prayer group** will meet in the Hardye 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. **Today is our Patronal Festival**

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

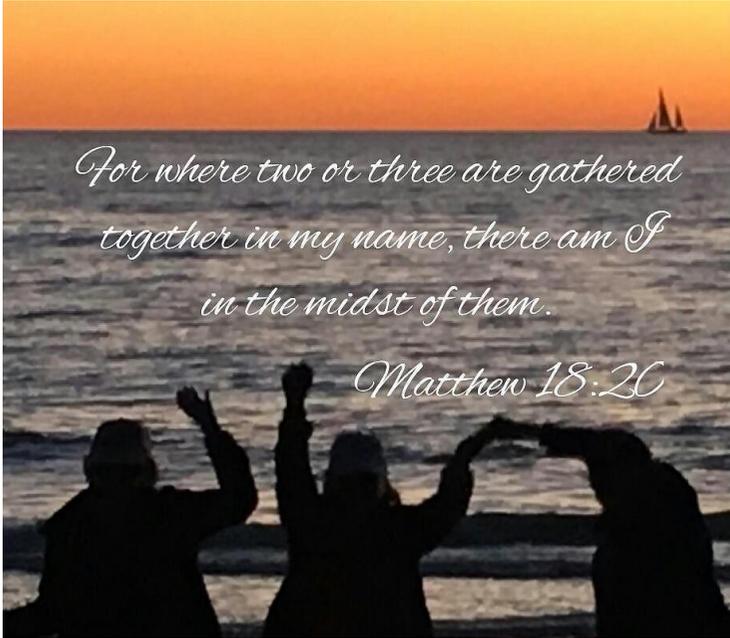
There will be a Holy Communion service this Sunday at 11.15am

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



Pews News

6th September 2020
13th Sunday after Trinity



*For where two or three are gathered
together in my name, there am I
in the midst of them.*

Matthew 18:20

Collect

Almighty God,
who called your Church to bear witness
that you were in Christ reconciling the world to yourself:
help us to proclaim the good news of your love,
that all who hear it may be drawn to you;
through him who was lifted up on the cross,
and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
one God, now and for ever.

Readings

13th after Trinity – Ezekiel 33.7-11; Psalm 119.33-40;
Romans 13.8-end; Matthew 18.15-20
(Readings for St Mary's Patronal Festival: Isaiah 61. 10-end;
Luke 1. 46-55)

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

A Reflection and Prayer for 13th Sunday after Trinity

Matthew 18 vv15-20

Rev'd Reji Raj-Singh

The past weeks have been full of drama. We started with Jesus' question "But who do you say that I am?" and Peter's reply "You are the Messiah, the Son of the living God", closely followed by Peter's overstepping the mark and rebuking Jesus for talking about his crucifixion and resurrection - "God forbid it, Lord! This must never happen to you". Jesus stands by what he is saying - "If any want to become my followers, let them deny themselves and take up their cross and follow me."

This week Our Lord adopts a more domestic tone as he deals with conflict between members of the church. His approach is to start person to person, "when the two of you are alone." If that doesn't work he recommends taking a couple of others with you. Only if that fails should the issue be taken to the church as a whole. Should that approach finally fail then - and only then - the person should be treated as a Gentile and a tax collector. We know from our readings in Scripture what it means to be a tax collector!

Jesus sees the church functioning in small groups of believers, asking God for things they have agreed upon, and he repeats the promise he has made to Peter - "Whatever you bind on earth will be bound in heaven, and whatever you loose on earth will be loosed in heaven." He finishes with the promise that so many of us have found so reassuring - "Where two or three are gathered in my name, I am there among them." We don't need to feel alone as Christians. There are other believers around us and Our Lord is waiting to join us. We are devotees of the Lord Jesus Christ, and we have the guidance of the Holy Spirit with its all-encompassing power to show us that God is ready to empower us to tackle whatever problems befall us. Is it not so in this time of pernicious pestilence? We are coping and helping each other to move forward. Thanks be to God.

Almighty God,
you search and know us:
may we rely on you in strength
and rest on you in weakness,
now and in all our days;
through Jesus Christ Our Lord.
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, Jo Haine, 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: Sarah Joslin, David Wilson, Kevin Igglesden, George Stevens, Audrey Harrington, Elsie Winter, Marius Lespezeanu, Frank Marshallsay, Yvonne Doble,

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 – janeticcooper@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.

Team Clergy Contacts:

St George, Fordington: Revd Reji Raj-Singh 07983 430050 and reji4@btinternet.com

St Mary, Edward Road & Winterbourne Monkton: Revd Rosemary Bassett 01305 262615 and rosemary.bassett42@gmail.com

St Peter, High West Street: & St Andrew West Stafford Canon John Wood 01305268749 and johnsamwood@me.com

For the Winterbourne Churches: Revd Jean Saddington 01305 889992 and jean.saddington@hotmail.co.uk