

*The
Quiet
Space*



Lunchtime Holy Communion - 3rd Wednesday of each month at 12.30pm. Everyone is warmly invited to this reflective and informal service in the style of the Iona Community. Next date **18 March**
Further information www.thequietspacedorchester.com.

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

There have been reports of someone purportedly collecting door to door for the church. Please dismiss any such requests. The C of E does not do house collections. Be aware of scams

Dorchester Goldmine, Thursday 12th March. If you would like to support local charities while having a good meal in good company, come along to Dorchester Goldmine. People from all churches (and none) are welcome. Details are under St. George's because that's where it started, but we have spread our wings! To book or for more details, e-mail Steve Kinnersly at stevekinnersly@aol.com (please put Goldmine in the title) or phone Steve on 260592.

A plea from Fordington Fishes a mother and toddler group which is held at St. Georges Hall. Is there anyone who would be willing to help at the group on Friday after noons from 1. to 2.30 pm term time only. We desperately need a willing helper to prepare and serve a small snack of fruit and play with the children. We would also like to have someone to help with the simple handicraft activities who would be willing to take over from Lisa occasionally when she is unable to do it. Lastly I would be very grateful if someone (if needed) could supervise the group. If anyone can help please phone me, Geraldine on 263980.

Weldmar Book Club meet in the Weldmar Hospicecare Bookshop , South St, Dorchester. 5.30-7pm on Wednesdays 11 March, 8th April, 13th May All welcome

Thank you to all who supported **The Children's Society Gardeners Question Time** evening. It was a most successful event and we raised **£533** for our Society. We are now full of ideas for our gardens now that Spring is not far away.

Dorchester Strollers: Monday 2 March 10.30am Tesco
Tuesday 3 March 2.15pm North Square

If you need to communicate a change of information: for example the change of a service time 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

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Team Website: www.dorchesteranglican.info



Pews News

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

1st March 2020

1st Sunday of Lent

dorchesterpcc@gmail.com

Collect

Lord our God,
In every age you call a people
to hear your word
and to do your will.
Renew us in these Lenten days:
washed clean of sin,
sealed with the Spirit,
and sustained by your living bread,
may we remain true to our calling
and, with the elect, serve you alone.
Grant this through Christ, our liberator from sin,
who lives and reigns with you in the unit the Holy Spirit,
holy and mighty God for ever and ever. **Amen**

Readings Genesis 2 v15-17, 3 v1-7 Romans 5 v12-19
Matthew 4 v1-11

Post Communion

Lord God,
you have renewed us with the living bread from heaven;
by it you nourish our faith,
increase our hope,
and strengthen our love:
teach us always to hunger for him who is the true and living bread,
and enable us to live by every word
that proceeds from out of your mouth;
through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen**

Prayer during the week in Dorchester

Monday— 9.15am St Peter's St Mary's 5.30pm

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Thursday—St Peter's 9.15am ,St Mary's 5.30pm

Friday—St Mary's 9.00am

Responsorial Psalm: 32

Response: Forgive me, O Lord, the guilt of my sin

- 1 Happy the one whose transgression is forgiven,
and whose sin is covered.
- 2 Happy the one to whom the Lord imputes no guilt,
and in whose spirit there is no guile. (R)
- 3 For I held my tongue;
my bones wasted away
through my groaning all the day long.
- 4 Your hand was heavy upon me day and night;
my moisture was dried up like the drought in summer. (R)
- 5 Then I acknowledged my sin to you
and my iniquity I did not hide.
- 6 I said, 'I will confess my transgressions to the Lord,'
and you forgave the guilt of my sin. (R)
- 7 Therefore let all the faithful make their prayers to you
in time of trouble;
in the great water flood, it shall not reach them.
- 8 You are a place for me to hide in;
you preserve me from trouble;
you surround me with songs of deliverance. (R)
- 9 'I will instruct you and teach you
in the way that you should go;
I will guide you with my eye.
- 10 'Be not like horse and mule which have no understanding;
whose mouths must be held with bit and bridle,
or else they will not stay near you.' (R)
- 11 Great tribulations remain for the wicked,
but mercy embraces those who trust in the Lord.
- 12 Be glad, you righteous, and rejoice in the Lord;
shout for joy, all who are true of heart. (R)

Next week's readings: Genesis 12 v1-4a Romans 4 v1-5, 13-17
John 3 v1-17

Prayers for South Sudan

Please continue to pray for South Sudan as many of its bishops hope for visas to enable them to attend the Lambeth Conference at Canterbury and events in Salisbury Diocese in July and August 2020.

TEAM NOTICE BOARD

On the third Sunday of each month a Taize service will be held at Winterborne Steepleton church. All most welcome.

Bible Study—Monday 7.30 –9pm. 30 Grosvenor Road, Dorchester

Contact Celia Robertson tel 257612

Men's Breakfast – Saturday 14th March 2020. Café on the Green, 7 Dinham Walk, Poundbury DT1 3WU is the venue for March's Men's Breakfast. They open especially for us at 9am and there is ample free parking in front of the cafe. For further details please contact David Elliott on 01305 259236, 07776 256537 by email at davidelliott220@btinternet.com. All are welcome.

Ladies Breakfast any queries 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:***Poundbury Mon 2 March**—at Flat 3, 5 Widcombe Street (speak to Mike and Angie Stear on 520811).**Castle Park Wed 4th March** —at 26 Hillfort Close (contact Audrey Scammell on 261855 for details).**Brewery Square Fri 27th March** – at 5 Copper Crescent (details from Dick and Jane Howard on 261410).*If you live in one of these localities, then do go along and receive a warm welcome.*

THE MONDAY CLUB 16 MARCH 2020; 2.30pm ST MARY'S HALL, ALEXANDRA ROAD, DORCHESTER. This month we shall welcome back Dr Francis Burroughes, who has given us several talks over the last few years. This time his talk is entitled 'Can you play Jerusalem for us?'. Francis has spoken to many hundreds of the Ladies of the W.I. across the West Country. Most of the meetings have been memorable for the welcome and hospitality he has received. However . . . sometimes the unexpected happens. Here are some of the funniest moments from the life of a speaker 'on the W.I. circuit'. He promises strict anonymity! Come and join us for an enjoyable and amusing afternoon; the fee is £2.50, which will include a raffle and refreshments. For further information, contact Jill (263757) or Rosemary (262615).

MONDAY CLUB SPEAKER We are very sad to say that our speaker for May, Jocelyn Jenkins, has died unexpectedly, and her talk on B & B will not take place. However, we are grateful to Rob Curtis, who has kindly agreed to step in and will tell us about Sherborne and its history.

Benefice Website – Get Involved The benefice website, <http://dorchesteranglican.info>, contains all sorts of useful information about what's going on in our churches. Most of the work to put it together and keep it up to date was done by Steve Ryder. Following Steve's sad death, it will be up to the rest of us to carry on his good work. If you would like to help (it's very easy, and you can do as much or as little as you like), please email me at lucy@lucy-connelly.co.uk, and I will arrange a short training session sometime in the next few weeks. Thank you! Lucy Connelly

Christian Aid Lent Lunches. United Church, Dorchester

Wednesdays 12.00-1.30 pm.

4, 11, 18, 25 March;

1, 8 April.

Ploughman's Platter, Choice of Sweet, Tea or Coffee. Only £5!

St Mary's Church *The Sanctuary Lamp is given by Cyril Trevis in memory of his wife Joan whose birthday was on the 2nd March*

Anthem: Drop, drop slow tears - Gibbons

Prayer Ministry will be available in the Blessed Sacrament Chapel after the 9.45am service for yourself or others, or prayer requests can be put in the book outside the Blessed Sacrament Chapel.

MEDITATION GROUP on **Wednesday's** at 5pm. New members are welcome to join us for 20 minutes of silence.

A craft group meet 2-4pm in the choir vestry Monday afternoons. Contact Cynthia Fry on 573076

Stations of the Cross—Wednesday 4th March at 6pm followed by Compline

The Easter Garden—As in previous years, potted plants will be available after today's service to nurture during Lent. Flowers, nurtured plants and herbs to decorate the **Easter Garden** for Easter day, **Sunday 12th April**, will be appreciated the week before. Thank you Di

Why is our church where it is? The revised history of St Mary's from 1820 –2020 is now on sale at the back of the church for **£7.50**, in aid of St Mary's general funds.

St Mary's Annual Reports are available at the back of the church, as are nomination forms for churchwardens, members of the deanery synod, the PCC and our own church committee. If you want to serve on any of these bodies please get someone to nominate you. Please leave completed forms in the large envelope on the table. If you want to be a sidesman please tell a churchwarden so that you can be appointed at the annual meeting. **The AGM will be at 7 o'clock on Thursday 12th March**, in church and this year it will be preceded by wine and nibbles from 6.30 p.m. to make it a bit more of a social occasion.

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

This Evening: 6.00pm Taize at St Mary's
Tuesday 2 March

9.30am Holy Eucharist at St Mary's

Wednesday 3 March

5pm Contemplative Prayer Group at St Mary's

Thursday 4 March

10am Said Eucharist at St Peter's

10am Holy Communion at St George's

Sunday 8 March

St George's	8.00am	BCP Holy Communion (Edward Chapel)
	9.45am	All Age Communion

St Mary's	8.00am	Said Eucharist
	9.45am	Sung Eucharist

St Peter's	9.00am	BCP Holy Communion
	10.30am	Sung Eucharist

St Andrew's	11.15am	Sung Holy Communion
St Simon & St Jude		No service

Please contact Canon John Wood (01305 268749 or email: johnsamwood@me.com) with the names of those you wish to be included below. *This week, names that have been included for one month or more, and about whom John has no further information, have been omitted. Please get in touch to have them returned to the list if you wish. Our aim is to ensure this important ministry of Intercession remains up-to-date. You can also use the Prayer Request Book in your church to ensure individuals are remembered in our regular prayers.*

For your prayers this week:

Brianna & Braxton, Marion Tait, Linda Blundell, Hugo Lord, Elizabeth Butler, Norman Scott; *for their carers at home, in hospital and in residential care.*

Those who have died recently: Angie Green, Stephen Poulter, Arthur Boucher, Phyllis Lambert.

Those whose years mind falls this week: Crispian Jezard, Sally Wood, Graham Cooke, Les Membury, Jane Seller, Barbara Hobart, Sylvia Kingdon, Edmund Clancy, Hazel Jarvis, Rose Puncher, George Wickham, Meave Banham, Peter Newman, Gordon Maxim.

St Peter's Church Service this morning at 9am: Canon Michael Insley and at 10.30am: Canon John Wood and Canon Michael Insley

Agnus Dei: Snowley; Missa Brevis **Anthem:** O Saviour of the world—Goss

St Peter's Church Lent Lunch in the Church hall -

Tuesday 3rd March 12 noon to 1 30pm A simple lunch of bread and home made soup. all welcome. This is in aid of the Stroke Unit at DCH.

Also: **Thursday 2nd April** 12 noon to 1.30 pm. This is in aid of Dorchester Poverty Action

The next meeting of the Theology Group is on 18th March in St Peter's Church Hall at 7.30 pm. Michael Insley will lead a discussion on the Church of England report 'God's Unfailing Word' : Perspectives on Christian-Jewish Relations. Everyone is welcome. For more information please contact Eileen McLean eileen.mclean6@btinternet.com

Electoral Roll Revision - The Electoral Roll is being revised before the Annual Parish Meeting on 1 April. If you are not currently recorded as a member of the church on the Roll and wish to be included please return a completed Electoral Roll Application by 7 March 2020. Forms are available at the back of church or from the Electoral Roll Officer. Completed forms can be returned to the church or the Electoral Roll Officer, Jim McLean.

Annual Report and Notice of Meeting – Copies of the Annual Report for 2019, which also includes the agenda for the Annual Meeting on Sunday 15th March, can be collected from the back of the church. Alternatively, if you would like to receive a copy via email saving paper and ink, email davidelliott220@btinternet.com with "Annual Report" in the subject space and a copy will be sent to you.

Can you help? – The agenda for the Annual Meeting includes appointments to the Church Committee and Sidespersons Rota. There are also opportunities to join the Verging Team and other groups. If you have some time to give, please speak to our Churchwardens, Val and Judy or email Val at valrobin22@gmail.com.

Appointment of a Team Rector – The final draft of the Parish Profile has been completed and will be available to view in the church. We are on target to advertise the post of Team Rector in Church Times in the second week of March.

Confirmation – If you would be interested in attending Confirmation classes, or know of someone who would be interested to learn more, please speak to Val.

Social events – Last weekend was very busy with 'Im and 'Im performing in the church on Friday evening and the second of our Tantalising Talks and Tasty Teas on Sunday afternoon in the hall. Thank you to Alan, Steve, James and Anthony for entertaining us and to Rosalind and her team of helpers for feeding us.

And finally, Church Cleaning – A small group of us come together on the first Thursday of the month after Said Eucharist to dust, polish and Hoover. Additional help is always welcome. Materials are supplied, although if your favourite duster would like an outing, you can bring it with you. Thank you.

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

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.

We have the next meeting of our monthly coffee morning **COFFEE & COMPANY** on **SATURDAY 7th March**, 10 am - 12pm- in the Committee Room via the hall entrance. Disabled facilities available. Join us for good company, teas and coffees and biscuits and we will be crafting the game we are making for the St George's Fair! All are welcome.

St George's will again be having the **Easter Day Book of Remembrance**. This is a list of names requested by members of the congregation to remember those who have died in past years. Easter is a special time for remembrance and this is when the list of names is displayed in a book in alphabetical order. The book is on a draped table at the back of the church together with a display of lilies. Please write the name(s) on the sheet of at the back of the church together with the name of the person requesting it. There is a suggested charge of £1 per name to go towards the purchase of the lilies. The contributions should be given to Geraldine Moxham (if not available Dorothy Maggs).

Dorchester Goldmine will meet on **Thursday 12th March** at 7 for 7.30pm at the Walnut Grove, Durngate Street. The meeting is in aid of Dorchester Opportunity Group, a local charity, based at Prince of Wales Pre-school, that provides a safe, stimulating and caring environment for preschool children with a wide variety of additional needs and support for their parents, carers and siblings. For an excellent 3 course meal (for only £16), a short talk about Dorchester Opportunity Group and a chance to support financially this important work, either sign the list at the back of church, or e-mail Steve Kinnerly at stevekinnerly@aol.com (please put Goldmine in the title) or phone Steve on 260592.

St George's Lent Lunch. This will take place on **Monday 16th March** in Church Hall from 12noon – 1.30pm. A simple lunch of soup and cheese with donations going to Dorchester Poverty Action. Everyone very welcome. Any queries to Dorothy Maggs (262436).

St George's Day Fair - This year the Fair will be held on **Saturday 25th April** from 1-4 pm, Donations of raffle / tombola prizes, Jams, Pickles, Books, Bric-a brac etc gratefully received. We would also be grateful of offers to help on the day. If you need any more details, please talk to a member of the events committee. (Yvonne, Hilary, Val, Carine or myself) Thanking you in anticipation! Maggie Carter

St George's Facebook page: @StGeorgeDorchester

A notice from the church wardens

St Georges' Church Committee AGM will be held on Sunday 29th March 2020 in the church hall after the 9.45am service.

St Andrew's Church, West Stafford

8th March	11.15 am	Sung Parish Communion
Sun 15th March	11.15 am	Matins with Hymn singing
Sun 22nd March	11.15 am	Sung Parish Communion
Sun 29th March		No Service at St Andrew's

Other Events (Please see Goldmine notice on St George's box)

Fri 6th March	12.00-1.30 pm	Lent Lunch in the Village Hall
Sun 8th March	10.00 am	St Andrew's AGM in the Church before the 11.15 am Service
Sat 28th March	10.00 am–12.00	Coffee and Chat in Church. All welcome

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