

*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](http://www.thequietspacedorchester.com).

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**Christian Aid Lent Lunches. United Church, Dorchester**  
**Wednesdays 12.00-1.30 pm. 18, 25 March; 1, 8 April.**  
**Ploughman's Platter, Choice of Sweet, Tea or Coffee. Only £5!**

**Weldmar Book Club meet in the Weldmar Hospicecare Bookshop , South St, Dorchester. 5.30-7pm on Wednesdays 8th April, 13th May All welcome**  
**Riding Lights Theatre Company** are coming to **Dorchester Baptist Church** on **Friday 20 March at 7.30pm** to perform their acclaimed passion play " The Narrow Road" by Paul Burch. Tickets are £8 for adults and £4 for Under 16s and are available from DBC. This is not suitable for young children

**Dorchester Poverty Action**—Fundraising Concert by Dorchester Area Schools Partnership - **Saturday 21st March 3-5pm** in the United Church, Dorchester. Admission free, retiring collection. Refreshments in interval. Everyone Welcome

**Stabat Mater by Dvorak** honours the grief of the Blessed Virgin Mary. It will be sung (appropriately) at **St Mary's Church in Lent - on Saturday 21st March** at 7.30pm by Dorchester Choral Society with orchestra and soloists. Tickets are £12 from Harmony Music, or from the website [www.dorchesterchoralsociety.org](http://www.dorchesterchoralsociety.org), or on the door."

**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:** Monday 16 March 10.30am Tea on the Green  
Tuesday 17 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;*

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**Open: Monday, Tuesday, Thursday, Friday**

**Closed: Wednesday**

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# Pews News

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

**15th March 2020**

*3rd Sunday of Lent*

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## **Collect**

Almighty God,  
whose most dear Son went not up to joy but first he suffered pain,  
and entered not into glory before he was crucified:  
mercifully grant that we, walking in the way of the cross,  
may find it none other than the way of life and peace;  
through Jesus Christ thy 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 17 v1-7 Romans 5 v1-11 John 4 v5-42

## **Post Communion**

Merciful Lord,  
grant thy people grace to withstand the temptations  
of the world, the flesh and the devil,  
and with pure hearts and minds to follow thee, the only God;  
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

## **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: 95

**Response: O come and let us worship and bow down and kneel before our Maker**

- 1 O come, let us sing to the Lord;  
let us heartily rejoice in the rock of our salvation.
- 2 Let us come into his presence with thanksgiving  
and be glad in him with psalms. (R)
- 3 For the Lord is a great God  
and a great king above all gods.
- 4 In his hand are the depths of the earth  
and the heights of the mountains are his also.
- 5 The sea is his, for he made it,  
and his hands have moulded the dry land. (R)
- 6 Come, let us worship and bow down  
and kneel before the Lord our Maker.
- 7 For he is our God;  
we are the people of his pasture and the sheep of his  
hand. (R)

**Next week's readings:** Exodus 2 v1-10 Colossians 3 v12-17  
Luke 2 v33-35 or John 19 v25-27

### 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.

## St Andrew's Church, West Stafford

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** Sat 28th March 10.00 am–12.00 Coffee and Chat in Church. All welcome

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

We would like to thank everyone who came to our Lent Lunch and, very generously, we received £140 for Christian Aid. Our Churchyard tidy-up, scheduled for 4th April, has been brought forward to **21st March** (the day before Mothering Sunday), so that those who wish to help with making posies may do so. Any children would be particularly welcome to help with the posies.

## TEAM NOTICE BOARD

**Wednesday 1st April, 7.30pm at St Peter's Church hall is the annual Parish meeting to which all are invited. Copies of the Annual Report and Statement of Accounts and also the Group Reports are available in all the churches. Further copies can be obtained from the Parish Office. This is an important meeting, please try to attend.**

**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** – further details please contact David Elliott on 01305 259236, 07776 256537 by email at [davidelliott220@btinternet.com](mailto:davidelliott220@btinternet.com). All are welcome.

**The next Ladies Breakfast** will be at Carluccios in Dorchester

On **Saturday 21<sup>st</sup> March** at 9.30am. Look forward to seeing you there to catch up with all the news and to enjoy fellowship. 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:***Poundbury** –at Flat 3, 5 Widcombe Street (speak to Mike and Angie Stear on 520811).**Castle Park** –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. 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.

## 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.

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).

**St George's Lent Lunch.** This will take place on **Monday 16<sup>th</sup> 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).

**Mothersing Sunday 22<sup>nd</sup> March:** We will be making posies again on the **21<sup>st</sup> March** for Mothersing Sunday. Donations of flowers or money to purchase flowers would be welcomed.

**Easter Garden:** We will be having an Easter Garden to display in Church. Contributions of materials ie stones, moss, small plants welcomed, plus anyone who is keen to help create it, let the wardens know.

**Easter Bonnet competition!** On **Easter Day (12<sup>th</sup> April)** after the 9.45am service we will be having an Easter Bonnet parade in church and prizes for the winning bonnets. Be as creative as you want to! Come dressed in your Sunday bonnet best!

**Petals for Peace:** Help us to celebrate the 75<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of VE day on the **8<sup>th</sup> May** by making paper flowers towards our petals for peace display. For more information, please see the poster in church or speak to Yvonne.

**St George's Day Fair** - This year the Fair will be held on **Saturday 25<sup>th</sup> 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

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

## **This Evening: No service this evening**

### **Tuesday 17 March**

9.30am Holy Eucharist at St Mary's

### **Wednesday 18 March**

5pm Contemplative Prayer Group at St Mary's

### **Thursday 19 March**

10am Said Eucharist at St Peter's

10am Holy Communion at St George's

### **Sunday 22 March—Mothersing Sunday**

<b>St George's</b>	8.00am	BCP Holy Communion
	9.45am	Holy Communion

<b>St Mary's</b>	8.00am	Said Eucharist
	9.45am	All Age Sung Eucharist

<b>St Peter's</b>	9.00am	BCP Holy Communion
	10.30am	Sung Eucharist
	<b>6.00pm</b>	<b>Choral Evensong</b>

<b>St Andrew's</b>	11.15am	Sung Holy Communion
<b>St Simon &amp; St Jude</b>		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, Tom Goss, Isobel Humphries, Brenda Knight and those who are cared for at Dorset County Hospital, community hospitals and hospice.

**Those who have died recently:** Pam Lee, Barbara White, Georgie Harries Betty Owen, Susan Mitchell, Graham Downs, Alan Esdaile

**Those whose years mind falls this week:** Bill Noy, Peter Hutchings, Eric Crabb, Allan Stevens, Gover Lynham, Stan Ings.

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

**Agnus Dei:** Fawcett: Mass of Reflection **Anthem:** Wash me thoroughly—Halls

**A message from Ann Scott** - Thank you, on Norman's behalf for all your cards, messages and prayers for his recovery. He is making good progress and hopes to be back at St Peter's soon. Ann

**Mothering Sunday** Can you spare an hour? We shall be making the bunches of flowers for Mothering Sunday on Saturday 21<sup>st</sup> March at 10 am in the Church hall. Please come and help if you can. Just bring a pair of scissors and enjoy a chat and a cup of coffee. Any queries Contact Rosalind on 01305 259659

**St Peter's Church Lent Lunch in the Church hall -**  
**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](mailto:eileen.mclean6@btinternet.com)

**Annual Meeting** – This is taking place today at 12 Noon here in the Church. Copies of our Annual Report which includes the Agenda are available by the South Door. 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.

**Quiet Space** – This afternoon's monthly tea has been cancelled.

**Choral Evensong** -This month's Choral Evensong will be next Sunday at 6pm. Introit: Call to remembrance, O Lord – Farrant; Canticles: Murrill in E; Anthem: Thou knowest, Lord - Purcell.

**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.

**Post 9am Coffee** – There was a good response to the first trial of coffee and biscuits after last Sunday's 9am service. We will be repeating it on 5th April; the first Sunday of the month.

**Church Cleaning** – Thank you to those who helped dust and polish. The next session will be on Thursday 2<sup>nd</sup> April.

**Any items for Pews News?** Please contact David Elliott on 01305 259236 or at [davidelliott220@btinternet.com](mailto:davidelliott220@btinternet.com).

**St Mary's Church** *The Sanctuary Lamp is given by Diana Barber in memory of her mother whose years mind falls on 21st March. Also by Evelyn Toogood in memory of her husband Maurice whose years mind falls on 21st March.*

**Anthem:** Tantum Ergo—Deodat de Sevderac

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 18 March at 6pm followed by Compline.**

**Easter Lilies 2020** - If you would like to donate an Easter Lilies in memory of family or friend please sign the list at the back of the church or contact Margaret Morrissey 250366. [morrisseyobe@googlemail.com](mailto:morrisseyobe@googlemail.com) A Memorial list of names will be displayed with the lilies on Easter Sunday in St Mary's Church

The **Healing prayer group** will meet at 12, Lime Close on Thursday 19<sup>th</sup> March at 8pm

Sunday 22<sup>nd</sup> March is our **Mothering Sunday All Age Eucharist** at 9.45am when flowers will be distributed. Everyone is welcome.

Our simple **Lent Lunch** will be held in the church on Friday 27<sup>th</sup> March from 12 Noon in aid of Christian Aid.

Sunday 29<sup>th</sup> March **British Summer time begins**. We have our **Healing Eucharist at 9.45am** when our preacher will be the Revd Janice Moore. There will be the opportunity for prayer and anointing for healing.

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<https://www.facebook.com/St-Marys-Dorchester-672844449522662>

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