

Benefice Lent Programme 2017

ASH WEDNESDAY 1st March 2017

10am Holy Communion with Ashing,
St George's Church
5.30pm Sung Eucharist with Ashing,
St Peter's Church
7pm Solemn Eucharist with Ashing,
St Mary's Church
7pm Imposition of Ashes, Martinstown
Church

LENT LUNCHES

Fridays at 12.30pm throughout Lent starting
on the 10th March, Martinstown Village
Hall in support of Dorchester Poverty
Action
Tuesday 7th March in St George's
12 Noon to 1.30pm
Friday 10th March in St Mary's
12 Noon to 1.30pm
Friday 17th March in West Stafford Village
Hall 12 Noon – 1.30pm supporting
Christian Aid
Thursday 30th March in St Peter's Church
Hall 12 Noon – 1.30pm

LENT COURSES and EVENTS

'Renewing Hope: Praying Together'

'Praying Together' is a simple framework for
shared daily prayer that can be used
alongside other Lenten activities. It provides,
for each day of Lent, a very short reading,
reflection, prayer and suggested action.

'Praying Together' can be used by
individuals, groups, together in church, in
schools or by the sick or housebound.

The material is available in three formats:
as a booklet, via an app for phone or tablet,
or on the Diocesan website from where it
can also be downloaded and printed. The
booklets will be in each church in the weeks
before Lent begins.

Into the Desert: a Lenten exploration

St Peter's Vicarage, 38 Herringston Road
at 7.30pm
Tuesday 7th March: Privation
Tuesday 21st March: Connection
Tuesday 28th March: Fruitfulness

The Ecumenical York Course – 'Receiving Christ in Five Different Ways'

by Canon John Young
The Rectory, Martinstown. Thursdays
throughout Lent, from *Thursday 9th March* to
Thursday 6th April. 10.30am – 12 noon

The Quiet Space, Poundbury, Dorchester

(Churches Together in Dorchester and Area)
*Fridays 10th, 17th, 24th and 31st March and
the 7th April. 12.30pm – 1.30pm* (Bring a
packed lunch)

'To all who received him, he gave power to
become children of God' raises big questions:
aren't we all children of God anyway? Just
how can we receive Christ? And what does it
mean to have 'a relationship with God?' John
Young teases out from the New Testament
different ways in which we receive Christ and,
with four other contributors, demonstrates
that St John's theology in his magisterial
Gospel has very practical implications for our
day-to-day lives.

Session 1: Receiving Christ: as children of God
Session 2: Receiving Christ: in the stranger
and the needy

Session 3: Receiving Christ: in Holy
Communion

Session 4: Receiving Christ: through prayer
and fellowship

Session 5: 'Christ in you, the hope of glory'
(Col 1.27)

Creative and Reflective Prayer

St Andrew's, West Stafford. 3pm in Church
Wednesday 29th March and

Wednesday 5th April

Followed at 4.30pm by Evening Prayer

God in Art - A Time of Reflection and Meditation.

St Mary's, Edward Road. 3.30pm in Church
followed by tea!

Wednesday 8th March

Icon of the Holy Trinity by Rublev

Wednesday 15th March

"Christ in the house of Martha & Mary" by
Vermeer

Wednesday 22nd March

"The Return of the Prodigal Son" by
Rembrandt

Wednesday 29th March

"The Washing of Feet" by Sieger Koder

Wednesday 5th April

"The Last Supper" by Sieger Koder.

Contemplative Prayer: an invitation to
'come and be' with others in the stillness,
silence and simplicity of contemplative
prayer. St Mary's, Edward Road 5pm on
Wednesdays for 20 minutes of silence

Our busy life with its constant activities
and demands often leaves us longing for a
breathing space, for a little time to ourselves,
where we can touch and be aware of a
deeper self which brings some balance and
harmony to our lives and a greater
awareness of the Spirit who lives in our
hearts through love.

Stations of the Cross

St Mary's Church, at 6pm.

*Tuesdays 7th, 14th, 21st, 28th March and
4th April*

Mothering Sunday, 26th March 2017

See local notices or the Team website

We have tried to cover as many activities as
possible, but please continue to check our website
www.dorchesteranglican.info, or 01305 250719

Dorchester Noticeboard

*Mondays (except the 3rd Monday in the
month)*

Craft Group 2-4pm in the undercroft of
St Mary's church hall. Just bring along
anything you are doing, knitting, sewing,
painting, drawing, etc. and come and
have a cuppa and natter. Contact Cynthia
Fry on 01305 260062 for further details.

Saturday 4th March

**Dorset Chamber Orchestra Music for
Youth** at St Mary's Church, 4pm with
young Tom Stevens playing his Baroque
Trumpet and Martin Clunes as Narrator in
Prokofiev's Peter and the Wolf.
Tickets from Harmony Music Tel 260360.

Mothers' Union (2017) *Visitors and
newcomers welcome at all of our
meetings.*

Wednesday 8 March

Dorcas MU Bible Study group meet at
10am at 28 Victoria Road. Moving to the
Margins: Created to flourish. Psalm 136.
Details 260259

Thursday 9th March

The Thursday Group. Presentation by
Wendy Hilton, who will show pictures of
her holiday in India, covering visits
relating to religion, palaces, mausoleums
and street life. St. George's Church Hall
2.15pm the charge is £1.00. All are
welcome. Vernon Moffet 259755.

Wednesday 22 March

Dorcas MU Bible Study group meet at
10am at 10 Weatherbury Way. Moving to
the Margins: Purposed for more.
1 Samuel 16: 1-13. Details 260259.

Wednesday 15th March

The Quiet Space. Communion at
12.30pm.

Saturday 25th March

St Matthew Passion. St Mary's Church
6.30pm. Dorchester Choral Society.
Tickets on sale 25th February from
Harmony Music, Trinity Street, choir
members or dcsboxoffice@gmail.com

Wednesday 5 April

Dorcas MU Bible Study group meet at
10am at 2 Colliton Walk. Moving to the
Margins: Replanted to blossom. Isaiah 61:
1-3. Details 260259.

Saturday 22nd April

St George's Day Fair. Fordington Green
starting at 1 pm.