



DORCHESTER  
AND THE  
WINTERBOURNES  
TEAM MINISTRY

# Pews News

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

## 2nd December 2018



### *Collect*

Almighty God,  
give us grace to cast away the works  
of darkness  
and to put on the armour of light,  
now in the time of this mortal life,  
in which your Son Jesus Christ came  
to us in great humility;  
that on the last day,  
when he shall come again in his  
glorious majesty  
to judge the living and the dead,  
we may rise to the life immortal;  
through him who is alive and reigns  
with you,  
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,  
one God, now and for ever.

### *Post Communion*

O Lord our God,  
make us watchful and keep us faithful  
as we await the coming of your  
Son our Lord;  
that, when he shall appear,  
he may not find us sleeping in sin  
but active in his service  
and joyful in his praise;  
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

*Readings* Advent Sunday: Jeremiah 33.14-16 1 Thessalonians 3.9-13  
Luke 21.25-36

### *Advent Wreath Prayers Week 1*

God of Abraham and Sarah,  
and all the patriarchs of old,  
you are our Father too.  
Your love is revealed to us in Jesus Christ,  
Son of God and Son of David.  
Help us in preparing to celebrate his birth  
to make our hearts ready for your Holy Spirit  
to make his home among us.  
We ask this through Jesus Christ,

### **Prayer during the week in Dorchester & West Stafford**

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

**Tuesday**—St Mary's 9.00am

**Wednesday**—St George's 9.15am, St Andrew's 4.30pm

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

**Friday** —St Mary's 9.00am

## **Responsorial Psalm: 25 v1-9**

### **Response: To you, O Lord, I lift up my soul**

- 1 To you, O Lord, I lift up my soul;  
    O my God, in you I trust;  
let me not be put to shame;  
    let not my enemies triumph over me.
- 2 Let none who look to you be put to shame,  
but let the treacherous be shamed and frustrated.(R)
- 3 Make me to know your ways, O Lord,  
and teach me your paths.
- 4 Lead me in your truth and teach me,  
for you are the God of my salvation;  
    for you have I hoped all the day long. (R)
- 5 Remember, Lord, your compassion and love,  
for they are from everlasting.
- 6 Remember not the sins of my youth  
    or my transgressions,  
but think on me in your goodness, O Lord,  
    according to your steadfast love. (R)
- 7 Gracious and upright is the Lord;  
therefore shall he teach sinners in the way.
- 8 He will guide the humble in doing right  
and teach his way to the lowly. (R)
- 9 All the paths of the Lord are mercy and truth  
to those who keep his covenant and his testimonies. (R)

#### **Salisbury-Sudans Partnership News and Points for Prayer**

Archbishop Justin Badi of South Sudan recently spoke of the continuing volatility there and of the churches' continuing efforts to teach that the Christian faith and way of life transcend tribal boundaries. One of the major aid organisations in South Sudan is Médecins Sans Frontières and in a recent newsletter the medical director Dr Mark Sherlock wrote about his work in Aweil hospital in the north of the country: "At times it's been horrifically tiring and difficult, ... but the medicine here is fascinating; you find ailments and diseases that you just don't see anywhere else in the world. More than that, it's so rewarding to provide healthcare to people who really need and appreciate it. This is one of MSF's largest projects. If we weren't here, you'd have a population of 1.4 million people without any healthcare at all." Our own diocesan Medical Link provides basic medicine and medical supplies and supports the work of giving simple healthcare education among the poorest communities. Please pray for all who are working to bring hope and health to South Sudan. (For further information about the Salisbury-Sudans Link contact Canon John Wood [john.s.wood@btinternet.com](mailto:john.s.wood@btinternet.com) or 01305 268749)

**This Evening: 4.30pm Christingle at St Georges**

**6.00pm Taize at St Marys**

**6.00pm Darkness to Light at St Peters**

**Tuesday 4 December**

9.30am Holy Eucharist at St Mary's

**Wednesday 5 December**

**11.30am Funeral for Bob Wishart at Weymouth Crematorium**

Contemplative Prayer Group at St Mary's 5pm

**Thursday 6 December**

10.00am Said Eucharist at St Peter's

10.00am Holy Communion at St George's

**Sunday 9 December -**

**St George's**

8.00am

BCP Holy Communion

10.15am

Nativity Service

**St Mary's**

8.00am

Said Eucharist

9.45am

Sung Eucharist

4.00pm

Christingle Service

**St Peter's**

9.00am

Holy Communion (BCP)

10.30am

Sung Eucharist

**St Andrew's**

10.00am

Morning Prayer

2.00pm

St John Ambulance County Carol Service

**St Simon & St Jude**

11.15am

no service

*Please let Claire McClelland (tel: 570733, email: [clairemcclelland@icloud.com](mailto:clairemcclelland@icloud.com)) know of names you wish to be included below. Names will be listed for one calendar month and can be re-submitted by ringing Claire. Our aim is to ensure this important ministry of Intercession remains up-to-date Please remember to use the Prayer Request Book in your church.*

**For your prayers this week:** Brianna & Braxton, Tilly, Stephen Hutchings, Freya, Emma Foxwell, Benny Hazlehurst, Hugo Lord, Guy Bagnall, Gordon Maxim, Marion Tait, Vonty Phillips *and all those who are cared for at home and their carers*

**Those who have died recently:** Bob Wishart, Gladys Parsey  
Thelma Snell, Charlotte Knight

**Those whose years mind falls this week:** Margaret Smith, Phyllis Giblett, Len Levy, Derek Curran, John Jones, Phyl Duncan.

## **St Peter's Church**

**Service this morning at 9am:** Canon Richard Franklin **and at 10.30am:** Canon Richard Franklin and Rev Claire McClelland

**Agnus Dei:** Mass of St Thomas – *Thorne*

**Anthem:** Advent Message – *How*

**Darkness to Light: an Advent Carol Service** – tonight at 6pm. This candlelit service of beautiful music is one of the highlights of the year. Don't miss it!

**Christmas Market** – Thank you so much to everyone who helped to make yesterday's market such a success – all those who baked, helped on stalls, donated raffle prizes and especially to Rosalind Thorpe and her team for coordinating the whole event.

**Church cleaning** - from 9.30am on 8<sup>th</sup> December, moved from 1<sup>st</sup> Dec due to the Christmas Market. Please come and help if you can, refreshments provided.

**Christmas Cracker** - from 5pm to 8pm this Thursday, 6 December. This is the late night shopping event in Dorchester and we would like to offer a warm welcome to visitors. Please let Claire know if you can spare some time to be in church to serve mulled wine.

**Christingle** - we are holding our Christingle service on Saturday 22 Dec at 11am and will be making Christingles on the morning of Thursday 20<sup>th</sup> Dec – please let Claire on [clairemcclelland@icloud.com](mailto:clairemcclelland@icloud.com) or 570733 know if you can help. Many thanks. **Children's Society Christmas cards** – many thanks to everyone who ordered – we raised £173 in sales of cards.

**Advent Books:** I have been given quite a few Advent books which a friend reviewed for the Church Times and then wanted to pass on to a parish. Please feel free to borrow them from the box at the back of church - just sign on the list which one you have borrowed and return it when you can so that someone else can read it.

**Any items for Pews News?** Please ring Claire McClelland on 01305 570733 or email on [clairemcclelland@icloud.com](mailto:clairemcclelland@icloud.com)

**Churchwarden:** Val Potter on 264416

Find St Peter's on Facebook at [www.facebook.com](http://www.facebook.com)

## St George's Church

### St George's Church, Christmas Tree Festival

Sunday 2 December 12 – 4pm and Monday 3 December 12 – 4pm.

Come and enjoy the Christmas trees decorated by local groups and families. This year's theme is "The Magic of the Musicals". The Christmas Café will also be open all weekend, where delicious cakes and drinks will be available to buy.

**CHRISTINGLE SERVICE AT ST. GEORGE'S. Sunday 2<sup>nd</sup> December** at 4.30pm. Everyone welcome to this annual service for children and again this year we will have Manor Park School Choir.

**The Dragons Nativity Play** will take place on **Sunday 9<sup>th</sup> December** at 10.15am. Please come and support the Dragons, we would love to see you.

**Free will offering boxes for 2019 are at the back of the church. Please write your name alongside the numbered list. Thank you.**

**St George's Facebook page:**     @StGeorgeDorchester

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## St Andrew's Church, West Stafford

During the year store cupboard groceries are collected for families and those in need, mainly from Crossways. Please continue with these donations but please also consider contributing towards vouchers to be used at their local Co-op so the families may choose their own treats for Christmas. There will be a special envelope in church for cash donations at services from this Sunday

Churchyard tidying and church cleaning **Saturday 8<sup>th</sup> December** from 10-12noon

St John Ambulance County Carol Service 2pm Sunday **9<sup>th</sup> December**

Candlelit Service of Readings and Carols Sunday **16<sup>th</sup> December**

**St Mary's Church** *The Sanctuary Lamp candle is given by  
(none this week)*

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.

**Anthem: Hark what a sound—Andrew Fletcher**

**Wednesday 5 December 11.30am Funeral for Bob Wishart at Weymouth Crematorium**

**Thursday evenings, 6.00-7.00**, St Mary's Office Hour in Church Vestry, off Alexandra Road, to organise weddings or baptisms. Just drop in.

**CHRISTINGLE PREPARATION AT ST MARY'S** - Susan Press and Jill Minchin will be hosting a working party on **Saturday 8 December**, in the choir vestry, to assemble the oranges etc for the next day's Christingle service. Extra helpers are always welcome for a friendly and enjoyable session (with refreshments!) and if you would like to join us please let either Susan or Jill know - all ages catered for, and all the raw materials will be supplied.

**Toilet Twinning Fundraising:** The "Guess the weight of the Toilet Cake" competition was won by June Waight. A total of £30 was raised, which is a great start towards our target of £180 to twin the final 3 toilets at St Marys. Look out for more fundraising activities for this project after Christmas! Thank you to everyone who took part.

**Tag your Christmas message to all the congregation on the tree.** Tags will be available from Sunday 2 Dec. A donation for your tag will be made to Poverty Action. Further details from Cynthia 573076.

**Homeless** - As the nights get colder and darker, those living rough are in need of scarfs, hats and gloves. If anyone has any of these items surplus to requirements could they please give them to Janet Hewitt who will ensure they get distributed.

**A craft group** meet 2-4pm in the choir vestry Monday afternoons.  
Contact Cynthia Fry on 01305 573076

**Facebook users please follow St Mary's Dorchester**

<https://www.facebook.com/search/top/?q=St%20Mary's%20Dorchester>

Alternatively you can click on the link on St Mary's page on benefice website.

## TEAM NOTICE BOARD

**Men's Breakfast** Our next Men's Breakfast will be on **Saturday 8<sup>th</sup> December** at 9am at Taste Brasserie, Trinity Street, Dorchester DT1 1UB. All welcome to join us for excellent food and great conversation in this Taste of the West Gold award winning hidden gem. For further details please contact David Elliott on 01305 259236, 07776 256537 or by email at [davidelliott220@btinternet.com](mailto:davidelliott220@btinternet.com).

There will not be a **Ladies Breakfast** at Carluccios in December as we will be having our usual Champagne Breakfast at the Wise Man in West Stafford at a cost of £19. It will be held on **Saturday 8<sup>th</sup> December** at 9.30am – 11am.

**Bible Study** - Monday 7.30 pm to 9 pm. Venue 30 Grosvenor Rd, Dorchester. Contact, Celia Robertson tel. 257 612. New members welcome.

**Brewery Square Prayer & Chat** – All Brewery Square residents will be very welcome to meet for prayer and a chat at 22 Hop House. Open to all denominations. Please contact Dick Howard on 01305 261410 if you wish to know more.

### **THE MONDAY CLUB CHRISTMAS LUNCH MONDAY 10 DECEMBER**

The bookings have now been made for the Monday Club's Christmas lunch at the New Inn, West Knighton, menu choices made and paid for. Transport arrangements are now finalised, and drivers and passengers are being informed before the day. *If you wish to join us and haven't yet made your booking, please speak to Rosemary (262615) or Jill (263757) to see if it will be possible to add you to the list.*

**Meaning in MESSIAH** - A time of pre-Christmas Reflection for all the churches of the Dorchester & Winterbournes team Led by Revd. Eileen McLean We will listen to the music of Part I of Messiah (the Christmas part) and reflect on the words.. This will lead into a time of quietness and prayer, ending with tea or coffee.

Tuesdays 2.00pm St Peter's Vicarage 38 Herrington Road

27 November The Darkness, 4 December The Promise

11 December The Coming

If you are interested please email Eileen [eileen.mclean6@btinternet.com](mailto:eileen.mclean6@btinternet.com), or Claire [clairemcclelland@icloud.com](mailto:clairemcclelland@icloud.com) to add your name to the list.

**We are pleased to tell you that the Occasional Singers** raised over **£700** for Alzheimers Society at their concert last Sunday. We thank you very warmly for your support.

**"Write for Rights" Event: Are you writing your Christmas cards and Christmas letters?** Would you like to send a message of hope to someone who is in prison for what they believe and hope for? It only takes a few minutes to write a letter or post-card but for someone enduring prison and torture just for protesting peacefully; or someone fighting forced eviction, or for refugees left in limbo it can provide the strength to carry on. A message of solidarity tells them they're not alone. So come along, drink tea and eat cake and make a difference to someone this Christmas.

**When:** Sunday 16<sup>th</sup> December 2pm-4pm

**Where:** 1 Mithras Close, Castle Park, Dorchester DT1 2RF

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