

Responsorial Psalm : Psalm 80 1-8

Response: Show the light of your countenance, O Lord God of hosts, and we shall be saved

1 Hear, O Shepherd of Israel,
you that led Joseph like a flock;

2 Shine forth, you that are enthroned upon the cherubim,
before Ephraim, Benjamin and Manasseh. ®

3 Stir up your mighty strength
and come to our salvation.

4 *Turn us again, O God;*
show the light of your countenance, and we shall be saved. ®

5 O Lord God of hosts,
how long will you be angry at your people's prayer?

6 You feed them with the bread of tears;
you give them abundance of tears to drink. ®

7 You have made us the derision of our neighbours,
and our enemies laugh us to scorn.

8 *Turn us again, O God of hosts;*
show the light of your countenance, and we shall be saved. ®

Advent Prayer Week 1

People of God awake!

The day is coming soon

When you shall see God face to face.

Remember the ways and the works of God.

God calls you out of darkness to walk in the light of his coming.

You are God's children.

**Lord, make us one as we walk with Christ
today and for ever.**

Amen.

Sudan Prayers

At the inauguration of new Province of Sudan and of Archbishop Ezekiel Kondo there was encouraging reaction from government officials in Khartoum, who very publicly expressed willingness to work with the Anglican church. We pray this willingness will be expressed for the peoples of Sudan.

**This evening - 4.30pm Christingle at St George's,
6pm Taize at St Mary's,
6pm Darkness to Light, Advent service at St Peter's**

Tuesday 5 December

9.30am Holy Eucharist at St Mary's
12 noon Prayer & Healing Service at St George's

Wednesday 6 December

5.00pm Contemplative Prayer Group at St Mary's (Not this week)

Thursday 7 December

10.00am Said Eucharist at St Peter's
10.00am Holy Communion at St George's

12.30pm Funeral for Richard Allen at St Mary's

Saturday 9 December 11.00am Crib service at St Simon & St Jude

Sunday 10 December

St George's	8.00am	BCP Holy Communion
	10.15am	Holy Communion
	4.30pm	Evensong

St Mary's	8.00am	Holy Eucharist (said)
	9.45am	Holy Eucharist (sung)
	4.00pm	Christingle

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

St Andrew's	10.00am	Morning Prayer
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St Simon & St Jude	3.00pm	Carol Service
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Please let Claire McClelland (tel: 570733, email: clairemccllland@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, Michael Pain, Betty Appleyard, Hannah, Tilly, Christine Peake, Edmund Clancy, Ed Pope, Rae Kozary, Joan Hodgkins, Dee Few, Stephen Hutchings, Jan Taylor, Tony Wheeler *and all those who are cared for in Dorset County Hospital, Community Hospitals and Hospice.*

Those who have died recently: Trevor Brown, Peter Woodward, Richard Allen, Beryl Meyers, Nancy Childs, John Howarth

Those whose years mind falls this week: Beryl Smith, Peggy Rousell, Clive Witt, Phyllis Giblett, Len Levy

St Peter's Church

Service this morning at 9am and at 10.30am: Rev Claire McClelland.

Anthem at 10.30am: Adam lay y' bounden - *Warlock*

Christmas Market: Many thanks to all who worked so hard to make yesterday's Market such a success.

Darkness to Light – a candlelit service for Advent at 6pm tonight – all welcome.

Christmas Cracker Night - 7th December 5.30pm-7pm. St Peter's will be open for prayer, mulled wine and mince pies and the choir will sing carols. Do come along if you can to help welcome visitors.

Church cleaning: Due to the Christmas Market church cleaning will be on Saturday 9th December at 9.30am.

Jim Philips Memorial Bench: Jim's friends have put a bench in his memory just down from St Peter's on Cornhill and we will be gathering to bless it on Saturday 9th December at 10.30am – all welcome.

Thomas Hardy School Carol Service - Thursday 14th December at 7.30pm, all welcome.

Any items for Pews News? Please ring Claire McClelland on 01305 570733 or email on clairemcclelland@icloud.com

Churchwardens: Val Potter on 264416 and Helen Lange on 561410
Find St Peter's on Facebook at www.facebook.com

St Andrew's Church, West Stafford

During **Advent** there will be a collection to buy Co-op vouchers for those who are supported with donated food in Crossways to enable them to choose treats for Christmas.

Please continue to put donations of store cupboard groceries; pasta, rice, tinned meat and vegetables in the box at the back of the church

Next **Sunday 10th December St John Ambulance Carol Service** will be held in the church at **2.30pm** when members will gather from across the county and during the service new members will be enrolled

St George's Church Sign up, sign up! If you would like to read at the **carol service 4:30 Dec 17th** please choose a reading and sign the sheet at the back of church.

Pink Freewill giving envelope packs for 2018 are now available at the back of church for those of you who partake in the scheme

If you would like to help at the **Midnight Communion 11pm Dec 24th** or **Christmas Day 10:15** by reading, intercessions or serving, please sign up on the list on the Rota board at the back of Church.

Sponsor one of our new hymn book and choose your favourite hymn ready for our **Songs of praise January 21st 10:15**

Come along and bring a friend too There are lots of activities happening over Christmas, why not ask a friend or neighbour to come along with you. Please also take some flyers and cards so people know what's happening.

Midday Prayer with prayers for healing **Tuesday December 5th 12 noon** with a light lunch after if you are able to stay.

Explore or Refresh. If you would like to join the Alpha course, or know someone who would, please ring the Parish office, or pick up a form from the back.

A service of thanksgiving for the life of Richard Ellerby will be held here at St George's on **Thursday 14 December** at 11.30am to which you are very welcome. Please be praying for Rosemary and the family.

Carols on the Green, 6pm Friday 1st December. The first of the season and (we think) the best! Come along, sing carols and celebrate God becoming man in Bethlehem. Even better, invite family, friends and neighbours to sing and hear about the day that changed the world. And after you've sung the best of the best, see the Christmas Tree Festival in the church. (It won't rain, will it? But if it does, Carols on the Green happens in the church.)

St George's Christmas Tree Festival will take place in church on 1st – 4th December.

Admission is free but donations for programmes welcome. There will be Coffee and cake available to buy from the Christmas Café throughout the weekend. Come and enjoy the beautiful trees and the wonderful atmosphere. The festival is open Friday 1st 7 – 9pm, Saturday 2nd 11am – 7pm, Sunday 3rd 12 – 4pm and Monday 4th 12 – 4pm.

CHRISTINGLE SERVICE. St George's on Sunday 3rd December at 4.30pm. Everyone welcome.

We will be holding our usual **Christmas Day Lunch** in St George's Church Hall at 1 p.m. The cost will be £8 per person. All are welcome but please contact Val Scriven (265177) to book your place.

CALLING ALL COOKS Can you help us provide edible support when people need it the most? Our new Food for Friends initiative has already supported people through the happiest and saddest of times with homemade meals and cakes. We now have a new opportunity to cook coming up, so it feels like a good time to invite more people to join our friendly team of chefs and bakers. No kitchen qualifications needed just a willingness to put your heart in to creating some wholesome food every now and then. Please contact

anita_eley@yahoo.co.uk / 07967 984391 if you are interested in cooking, or if you know of someone who could do with this kind of support. Thank you! Anita **Thursday Group** meets on the 2nd Thursday of most months in St. George's Church Hall. Please see details on **team notice board.** **St George's Facebook page:** @StGeorgeDorchester

St Mary's Church *The Sanctuary Lamp Candle* is given by Gill & Adrian Downton in thanksgiving.

Anthem: People look east - French trad.Arr.Archer

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. **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. **Facebook users please follow St Mary's Dorchester** and help us all to keep in touch: <https://www.facebook.com/St-Marys-Dorchester-672844449522662> Alternatively you can click on the link on St Mary's page on benefice website.

A craft group meet 2-4pm in the choir vestry Monday afternoons.

Contemplative prayer group Wednesday at 5pm in the Blessed Sacrament Chapel Come and join us for 20 minutes of silence, all are welcome. The Contemplative prayer group which meets in the Quiet Space will now meet every Thursday at 6pm

Contemplative Prayer Group - There will be no Meditation group meeting this week as there is a Footprints service in the evening

After the service on 3 December the new worshipping community photograph will be taken by Richard Budd

ST MARY'S CHRISTINGLE PREPARATIONS A working party will be getting together to prepare the Christingle oranges etc on **Saturday 9 December** at 10.30am in the Choir Vestry, and extra hands are always very welcome. If you would like to help us and enjoy some good company (and refreshments) please let Ellie, Trudy or Cynthia know. We look forward to seeing you. Thank you. Susan and Jill.

Delivery of our Christmas leaflets will take place on **Sunday 3rd December** at 2pm. As always this will be followed by refreshments at the Rectory. I am always very grateful for your help so if you are unavailable on that day, please take a bundle to deliver at your convenience. Thank you in anticipation of many hands. Kath Joslin Tel: 268803

Tea by the Tree will this year be held on Saturday 9th December at 4pm. This is a lovely occasion, a time for laughter and friendship amidst the hustle and bustle that Christmas always brings. There will be some music and entertainment. There are no tickets, all we ask if possible is that you bring a plate of sweet/savoury food to share. There will be a list at the back of the church. If you are unable to do this, don't worry! Everyone is welcome. Any queries please see the usual suspects; Ellie, Trudy, Jan. Philippa, Joyce Rosemary or Kath

Tag your Christmas message to all the congregation on the tree. Tags will be available from 10th December. A donation for your tag will be made to Poverty Action. Further details from Cynthia 260062

TEAM NOTICE BOARD

Men's Breakfast – 2nd Saturday of the month rotating around different venues in Dorchester. Next Meeting **9 December 2017 at Taste Restaurant, Trinity Street, Dorchester.** All welcome to join us at the Restaurant for fine food and conversation. Please contact Kenneth Addison for further details on 250808.

Ladies Breakfast The Christmas Champagne Breakfast will be at the Wise Man Pub In West Stafford on **9th December** at 9.30am. Cost £19 a deposit of £10 is required. Tel : Maureen Shaw on 01305 261771

Home Bible Study Group: our last meeting before Christmas takes place tomorrow, **Monday December 4th** at 7.30 pm. We have made good progress in our study of St John's Gospel, and will resume our weekly meetings after Christmas on Monday January 8th from 7.30-9pm. This will give us 5 meetings to complete our study of St John's Gospel (hopefully) before Lent, when we suspend meetings until after Easter to free up members of the group to attend one of the Lent courses in the Benefice. Venue: 30 Grosvenor Rd, Dorchester. Contact, Celia Robertson 257 612.

Healing Services. . The Meditative Communion with Prayers for Wholeness and Healing at St Mary's will now be on the 2nd Sunday of alternate months. **St George's will be having Midday prayer with Prayers for Healing on Tuesdays on alternate months followed by a light lunch of soup and rolls.** Please see the full lists of dates on the poster in the Churches.

Dorchester & West Stafford PCC meet on **Wednesday 6 December** at 7.30pm in St Peter's Hall

THE MONDAY CLUB DORCHESTER The members of the Monday Club will be enjoying their annual Christmas lunch at the New Inn, West Knighton on Monday 11 December. Our booking list is now full; if you wish to put your name on our waiting list in case of a cancellation please speak to Rosemary (262615) or Jill (263757) but be aware that not only will payment of £20 be needed immediately but also that you would have to accept the menu choices of the person you are replacing.

We meet again in the New Year on Monday 15 January 2018 in St Mary's Hall, Alexandra Road, when Alan Knott will be entertaining us.

THE THURSDAY GROUP ST GEORGE'S CHURCH HALL FORDINGTON

The Thursday Group will be holding its Christmas meeting on Thursday, 14th December (2.15 pm – 4.00 pm) at St. George's Hall, Fordington. There will be carols and songs, a brain teasing quiz and a raffle. The afternoon will also provide the perfect opportunity to meet with friends over a cup of tea and a mince pie. (Entrance fee £1). For more information contact Vernon Moffet 259755

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Anne & Norman Scott (St Peter's) would once again appreciate any unwanted used stamps. To be used to raise money for 'clie' the children's Leukaemia charity



*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 **20th December** Further information on The Quiet Space www.thequietspacedorchester.

On Advent Sunday, December 3rd at 3pm, the Occasional Singers (director Dr Richard Hall) are giving a **concert of music for Advent** in St Mary's church. Entry is free, and there will be a retiring collection for Parkinson's UK

Remnants - Does God work best with small numbers? What does he do with the left-overs? Three evenings looking at what Remnant might have meant in the Old Testament and in the Church today. **Thursdays 14 December, 21 December and 11 January 7.00pm at the Rectory.** Wherever you worship, you will be very welcome, but please let David Bowen (01305 263584) know if you intend to join in (just in case we are overwhelmed) Put the dates in your diary now!

ALPHA COURSE Dorchester and the Winterbourne Team Ministry are running an Alpha course at St George's on Wednesday evenings at 7.30pm starting on 17th January. We believe that everyone should have the chance to explore the Christian faith, ask questions and share their point of view. Alpha is a series of sessions exploring the Christian faith. Each talk looks at a different question around faith and is designed to create conversation. Alpha is run all around the globe, and everyone's welcome. It runs in cafés, churches, universities, homes—you name it. No two Alphas look the same, but generally they have three key things in common: food, a talk and good conversation. If you are interested in exploring faith and would like to join us please phone the Parish office 01305 250719.

Dorchester Strollers: Monday 4 December - 10.30am Tesco
Tuesday 5 December—2.15pm North Square

Next week's readings Isaiah 40 1-11 Mark 1 1-8
2 Peter 3. 8-15a

For your information, 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

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More news on the Team Website www.dorchesteranglican.info