



**Responsorial Psalm: Psalm 72 v 10-15**

**Response: May all nations be blest in him.**

10 The kings of Tarshish and of the isles shall pay tribute;  
the kings of Sheba and Seba shall bring gifts.

11 All kings shall fall down before him;  
all nations shall do him service. (R)

12 For he shall deliver the poor that cry out,  
the needy and those who have no helper.

13 He shall have pity on the weak and poor;  
he shall preserve the lives of the needy. (R)

14 He shall redeem their lives from oppression and violence,  
and dear shall their blood be in his sight.

15 Long may he live;  
unto him may be given gold from Sheba;  
may prayer be made for him continually  
and may they bless him all the day long. (R)

### **Sudan Prayers**

Following the attempted military coup in Juba on 16 December the Bishop of Salisbury has called for a special day of prayer for South Sudan on 11th January. Prayer will focus on:

Political stability and a true, just and lasting settlement between representatives of the dominant Dinka and Nuer tribes.

That the instability still evident in Juba, the capital, may not spread to other towns

That shops may be able to re-open

Those who have been injured and the families of those who have been caught in the cross fire or become victims of revenge killings

## **This evening - 6pm Taize at St Mary's**

### **Tuesday 9 January**

9.30am Holy Eucharist at St Mary's

### **Wednesday 10 January**

5.00pm Contemplative Prayer Group at St Mary's

### **Thursday 11 January**

10.00am Said Eucharist at St Peter's

10.00am Holy Communion at St George's

### **Sunday 14 January -**

<b>St George's</b>	8.00am	BCP Holy Communion
	10.15am	Holy Communion
	<b>4.30pm</b>	<b>Evensong</b>
<b>St Mary's</b>	8.00am	Holy Eucharist (said)
	9.45am	Sung Eucharist
<b>St Peter's</b>	9.00am	BCP Holy Communion
	10.30am	Sung Eucharist
<b>St Andrew's</b>	10.00am	Morning Prayer
<b>St Simon &amp; St Jude</b>	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, Michael Pain, Betty Appleyard, Hannah, Tilly, Edmund Clancy, Ed Pope, Joan Hodgkins, Dee Few, Stephen Hutchings, Jan Taylor, Tony Wheeler, Ron Trowbridge, Freya, Edna Evans, Judith Foxwell, Anne Scott, Clare Watson, James Briggs, *and all those who are cared for in Dorset County Hospital, Community Hospitals and Hospice.*

**Those who have died recently:** Noel Lees, Jennifer Clarke-Williams, Helen Welsby, Adrian Downton, Mary Smith, Henry Barrett, Kathleen Smith.

### **Those whose years mind falls this week:**

John Cordy, Bob Everden, Joyce Ray, May Roe, Michael Edwards, Doris Morris, Sue Chamberlain.

## **St Peter's Church**

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

**Anthem at 10.30am:** We three kings - *Hopkins, arr. Willcocks*

**Alpha Course:** The Dorchester and the Winterbournes Team (of which are a part) is holding an Alpha course starting on 17<sup>th</sup> January. This is an exploration of faith which is particularly suitable for new or enquiring Christians but can be a benefit to anyone. Perhaps you know someone who might like to come, and you could come with them? Sessions are on Wednesday evenings at 7.30pm at St George's Church – last session 14<sup>th</sup> March. Please let Claire know if you are thinking of attending.

**Puddings:** there is always hospitality provided at an Alpha Course and we are doing this is a Team. St Peter's needs to provide puddings for the first session (17<sup>th</sup> Jan) and also for the session on 21<sup>st</sup> February. Can anyone make something for those days? Please contact Claire for more information and to volunteer.

**Theology Group:** Thursday 18<sup>th</sup> January at 7.30pm at the Vicarage. Canon Michael Inslay will lead this session on the books of the New Testament. All welcome.

**Church Committee - please note change of date:** the meeting on 17<sup>th</sup> January has now been moved to 22<sup>nd</sup> January at 7,30pm at the Vicarage.

**Choral Evensong:** starting on Sunday 21<sup>st</sup> January at 6pm – and on every 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday of the month thereafter. Come and enjoy this act of worship which is steeped in history and beautiful music and do tell anyone who might be interested.

**Pudding bowls:** if you are eating Christmas puddings over the festive period can you save the plastic bowls please and let Pat Davies or Claire have them. We are planning already for next year's Christmas Market.

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

**Churchwardens:** Val Potter on 264416 and Helen Lange on 561410  
Find St Peter's on Facebook at [www.facebook.com](http://www.facebook.com)

## **St Andrew's Church, West Stafford**

**Prayer for Alpha** There will be prayer each Wednesday at 4.30pm during Evening Prayer for the forthcoming Alpha course being held at St George's on behalf of the whole team. Information about Alpha is on the table at the back of the church.

The sum of £68.81 has been donated to the Children's Society from the collection at the Crib and Christingle service and £200 has been donated to the Dorchester Poverty Action Group from other Christmas Services.

The next Coffee and Chat will be on **Saturday 27<sup>th</sup> January from 10-12noon** in the church. Everyone welcome

Please continue to put donations of store cupboard groceries; pasta, rice, tinned meat and vegetables in the box at the back of the church for the food-bank or distribution to those in need in Crossways.

## St George's Church

### **New Hymn Book Launch - 10:15 Songs of Praise 21st January 2018**

1. If you would like to sponsor a hymn book please sign the sheet at the back of Church. 2. There is still time for you to choose your favourite hymn, please fill in the slip of paper and put it in the box

**Pink Envelopes** for 2018's free will Giving - are available at the back of Church.

**Calling all Cooks** - Our new Food for Friends initiative is looking for people who willing to cook or bake to help support people through the happiest and saddest times. **If you can help now**, or in the future, please contact [anita\\_eley@yahoo.co.uk](mailto:anita_eley@yahoo.co.uk) - (check your computer puts the underscore in) or phone 07967984391

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.

**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  
*Kath Joslin in memory of her father William Cashman*

**Anthem: Tres Magi de Gentibus - CS Lang**

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

**Healing Service** – There will be a Meditative Communion with prayers for wholeness & healing & anointing on **Sunday 14<sup>th</sup> January** at 6pm. Our preacher will be the Revd Dr Jane Culliford. All are welcome

**The Contemplative prayer group** will **NOT** be meeting on Wednesday 10th January, but will resume on the 17th.

Thank you to all those who wrote a tag of Christmas Greetings to others and hung it on the tree. **£80.65p** was raised for Poverty Action. Thank you again. Cynthia

## TEAM NOTICE BOARD

**Men's Breakfast** – 2<sup>nd</sup> Saturday of the month rotating around different venues in Dorchester. Next Meeting **13<sup>th</sup> January – 9.00am at The Engine Room, Poundbury Garden Centre.** All welcome to join us at the Restaurant for fine food and conversation. Adjacent free car parking alongside venue. Please contact Kenneth Addison for further details on 250808.

**Ladies Breakfast** . The next Ladies Breakfast will be on **Saturday 20<sup>th</sup> January** at Carluccios in Dorchester at 9.30am. All most welcome.

Look forward to seeing you there, Wishing you all a very

Happy, Healthy and Blessed 2018 Tel : Maureen Shaw on 01305 261771

**Home Bible Study Group:** we will resume our weekly meetings after Christmas on Monday January 8<sup>th</sup> 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 2<sup>nd</sup> 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.

**The Monday Club** will start its 2018 season with a convivial session in St Mary's Hall, Alexandra Road, at 2.30pm on **Monday 15 January**; we shall be amused by Alan Knott with songs, entertainment and refreshments. Please come and join us, for the reasonable cost of £2.50 which includes refreshments and a raffle. For more details please contact Rosemary (262615) or Jill (263757).

### **THE THURSDAY GROUP ST GEORGE'S CHURCH HALL FORDINGTON**

"The Thursday Group will meet on **11<sup>th</sup> January** for a Post Christmas Lunch at the Walnut Grove in Durngate Street. If you would like to join us please contact Vernon Moffet (01305 259755)"

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

**On Sunday, 7th January there will be a special Plough Sunday service for all ages at 11.15am in Winterborne Monkton church. This is the first of four special services during 2018 which celebrate farming and agriculture. All welcome.**



*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 **17th January** Further information on

**Brewery Square Prayer & Chat.** If you are a Brewery Square resident, you will be very welcome to meet for prayer and chat. Open to all denominations. Please contact Dick Howard on 01305 261410 if you wish to know more."

**Explore Alpha** to be held at St George's Church

**Wednesday evenings 7:30pm starting 17<sup>th</sup> January.**



Archbishop Justin, has identified evangelism and witness as one of the three priorities of the Church. Across the Benefice we reveal God's love in all sorts of different ways. In January as the Alpha course begins, we are offering another way for people to explore the Christian faith. Please:

pray for those leading and attending.

consider signing up yourself to see what it's all about.

Invite somebody to come along.



If you are interested in exploring faith and would like to join us please phone the Parish office 01305 250719.

**Remnants:** The third part of this brief look at how God works with the left-overs, focussing on Remnants in Today's Church, will be on **Thursday 11 January**, at 7pm at the Rectory. All very welcome (even if you couldn't be at the previous sessions), but please let David Bowen (01305 263584) know if you intend to join in. In an age of declining church attendance, what is the role of those who turn up? Are we a new remnant? Is the idea of Parish relevant anymore? Are worshipping Christians just a group of like-minded people outside the general run of society? Do they have any responsibility for the majority who do not attend church? Is there hope? Lets explore these and other questions together.

**Dorchester Strollers:**      *Monday 8 January - 10.30am    Coffee #1*  
   *Tuesday 9 January - 2.15pm      North Square*

**Next week's readings**      1 Samuel 3 1-10      John 1 43-end  
   Revelation 5 1-10

*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](mailto:news@dorchesteranglican.info)*

**This week:**

**Team Office Closed: Wednesday**

**Open: Mon, Tues, Thurs, Fri 9-1**

**Team Office and Team Website**

**[dorchesterpcc@dsl.pipex.com](mailto:dorchesterpcc@dsl.pipex.com)**. Messages 01305 250719.