

Responsorial Psalm: Psalm 139 v1-9

Response: How wonderful are your works, O Lord.

- 1 O Lord, you have searched me out and known me;
you know my sitting down and my rising up;
you discern my thoughts from afar.
- 2 You mark out my journeys and my resting place
and are acquainted with all my ways. (R)

- 3 For there is not a word on my tongue,
but you, O Lord, know it altogether.
- 4 You encompass me behind and before
and lay your hand upon me.
- 5 Such knowledge is too wonderful for me,
so high that I cannot attain it.(R)

- 6 Where can I go then from your spirit?
Or where can I flee from your presence?
- 7 If I climb up to heaven, you are there;
if I make the grave my bed, you are there also.(R)

- 8 If I take the wings of the morning
and dwell in the uttermost parts of the sea,
- 9 Even there your hand shall lead me,
your right hand hold me fast.(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 - 4.30pm Evensong at St George's
6pm Healing Service at St Mary's**

Tuesday 16 January

9.30am Holy Eucharist at St Mary's

Wednesday 17 January

5.00pm Contemplative Prayer Group at St Mary's

Thursday 18 January

10.00am Said Eucharist at St Peter's

10.00am Holy Communion at St George's

Sunday 21 January -

St George's	8.00am	BCP Holy Communion
	10.15am	Morning Praise

St Mary's	8.00am	Holy Eucharist (said)
	9.45am	Sung Eucharist

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

St Andrew's	10.00am	Parish Communion
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St Simon & St Jude	11.15am	Matins
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Please let Claire McClelland (tel: 570733, email: 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, Robert Phillips, Mike Frampton, Eric Sherwood, Ros Swaffield, Wally Coffin,

Those whose years mind falls this week: John Nicholls, William Symons, Robert Trevett, Eileen Dickson, Esme Pearson, Mina Lewis, Joan Sullivan, Trevor Ings, Megan Pymn, Olive Gill, Roy Tuck, Chris Ison, Geoffrey Bullivant, Beatrice Williams.

St Peter's Church

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

Anthem at 10.30am: Jesu, the very thought of thee – *Bairstow*

Alpha Course: The Dorchester and the Winterbournes Team (of which are a part) is holding an Alpha course starting on 17th 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 14th March. Please let Claire know if you are thinking of attending.

Theology Group: Thursday 18th 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 17th January has now been moved to **22nd January** at 7,30pm at the Vicarage.

Choral Evensong: starting next Sunday, 21st January at 6pm – and on every 3rd 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.

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

Victorian Fayre Saturday 24th February. In aid of William Barnes Society & St Peter's Church, Dorchester. Corn Exchange, Dorchester. 11am-3:30pm Adults £1. Children free. A family Fayre with Traditional Crafts & Skills, Music, Poetry and Song. Please support us we need: cakes rolls, cheese, milk & juice plus items for the tombola. And we need you too-please make a note in your diary. Contact Marion Tait 07899875863. David Guy 07977568757

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 next Coffee and Chat will be on **Saturday 27th 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 for 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.

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.

Fordington Fishes is a group for pre-school children and their parents/carers, which meets at St. George's church hall on Fridays at 1.30-3.00pm during school term time. This group serves the **whole benefice** as an outreach to young families, offering a safe and welcoming place where parents/carers can meet, relax and make friends while their children play, experience craft activities and socialise. We are once again in **need of more people** who could spare an afternoon, perhaps once a month, to help out, in order that the group can continue. If you would be willing to prepare the snacks and drinks, help to set out the toys, chat to the adults and offer a listening ear when needed, read to the children, help out with craft activities, **please consider volunteering to help us**. You don't have to do all these jobs – just those you feel comfortable with! **Fordington Fishes** is a very happy group and the helpers all enjoy spending time with the children and their parents/carers. Please prayerfully consider whether you could contribute to this important ministry – **we need you!** For more information, please contact **Judith Kinnersly 01305 260592**

Fordington Fishes has been selected to receive a share of **£1000** with thanks to Waitrose community matters. So whenever you shop in Waitrose, Tudor Arcade make sure you put a Green token in our box to support our parent and toddler group and help it grow and develop.

We have some exciting crafts and visitors coming this term including a Baby Signing demo on **26th January** and an lady coming to advise on eye health on Friday 8th March. No booking needed just come along Fridays 1.30-3pm.

Fordington Fishes are always looking for more kind helpers to support the weekly group. So if you have any time to help out maybe one Friday afternoon month or what you can manage contact Judith on 260592.

St George's Burns Night Celebrations will take place on **Saturday 27th January** in our church hall. A supper of Haggis and Sausages with Neeps and Tatties followed by Scottish Dancing and puddings.

To book add your name to the list at the back of church or call Hillary on 01305 250638. £8 per adult, £4 per child paid in advance to any members of the events team.

Saturday 3rd February, 10 am-12 **COFFEE & COMPANY** will be in the lovely warm **COMMITTEE ROOM** at St George's Church. Please join us for coffees, teas, craft and chat! Car park at the back of the church. Disabled Toilet, and access from the car park. All welcome- we look forward to seeing you!

Magazine subscriptions are now due for 2018. £6 for the year, cash or cheque payable to St. Georges Church. See Tony for details.

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 Ellie Stephens in memory of her nephew Karl Branston whose years mind falls at this time.

Anthem: How brightly beams - Sweelinck

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 healing service tonight **at St Mary's at 6pm.** A Meditative communion with the opportunity for prayer ministry and for anointing either for yourself or for anyone else.

Our preacher will be Revd Dr Jane Culliford. All are welcome.

The Contemplative prayer group resumes on the 17th January.

TEAM NOTICE BOARD

Men's Breakfast – 2nd Saturday of the month rotating around different venues in Dorchester. Please contact Kenneth Addison for further details on 250808.

Ladies Breakfast . The next Ladies Breakfast will be on **Saturday 20th 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

We have resumed our weekly Monday evening meetings which start at 7.30 pm and finish at 9 pm sharp. We shall finish this term on the Monday before Lent to free up the members to go to a Benefice Lent group, and we shall start again after Easter. Hopefully before we close for Lent, we shall have finished our study of St John's Gospel. Venue 30 Grosvenor Rd, Dorchester. Contact, Celia Robertson tel. 257 612. New members always welcome.

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.

Wednesday 24 January—Dorcas MU Bible Study group meet at 10am at 4 Kingsbere Crescent. Details 260259

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

In February the Thursday Group will be changing the day and time of their meeting. The usual Thursday meeting will be changed to Shrove Tuesday for the annual Pancake Party. All are welcome to join us in **St Georges Church Hall** on **Tuesday February 13th from 3pm to 4.30pm**

'Hospice Ethiopia' - Jamie & Sue Mumford will be giving an illustrated talk on the only hospice in Ethiopia with which they are associated, on **Sunday 4 February 3-5pm in St George's Church Hall**. Tea and cakes. Free entry, donations please. All welcome.

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

All copy for February edition of Parish Magazine please send to the Editor by 15th to ensure entry. Much the copy for 2017, it helps make an interesting magazine and here's to first magazine of 2018
morrisseyobe@googlemail.com

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Week of Prayer for Christian Unity 2018 - At the Quiet Space, Poundbury at 12 mid-day. Thurs, Fri January 18 & 19
Mon-Thurs January 22-25

The theme is **That all may be free** (put together by Caribbean churches) United Service at St Mary's, Edward Rd Sunday 21 January at 4.30pm




*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 The Quiet Space www.thequietspacedorchester.

The next Quiet Day at the Quiet Space in Poundbury will be on **Saturday 20th January** 2018. The title for the day is 'The Birds our Teachers', based on the book of the same title by John Stott. The day starts with tea and coffee at 10.30am and finishes at 3pm with refreshments and cake. If you would like to come or would like further information, please contact Caroline at carolineellerby@phonecoop.coop or telephone 01305 459622.

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."

Do you live in Castle Park? Audrey Scammett is opening her home in Thornhill Close for those who want to pray for their local community. Contact Audrey 261855

Explore Alpha to be held at St George's Church 
Wednesday evenings 7:30pm starting 17th 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.

Dorchester Strollers: Monday 15 January - 10.45am Trumpet Major
Tuesday 16 January - 2.15pm North Square

Next week's readings Genesis 14. 17-20 John 2. 1-11
Revelation 19. 6-10

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

This week:

Team Office Closed: Tuesday, Wednesday

Open: Mon, Thurs, Fri 9-1

Team Office and Team Website

dorchesterpcc@dsl.pipex.com. Messages 01305 250719.