



Pews News

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

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31st December 2017

1st Sunday of Christmas

Collect

Almighty God,
who wonderfully created us in your own image
and yet more wonderfully restored us
through your Son Jesus Christ:
grant that, as he came to share in our humanity,
so we may share the life of his divinity;
who is alive and reigns with you,
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
one God, now and for ever.

Readings Isaiah 61. 10-62.3 Luke 2 . 15-21
Galatians 4 . 4-7

Post Communion

Heavenly Father,
whose blessed Son shared at Nazareth
the life of an earthly home:
help your Church to live as one family,
united in love and obedience,
and bring us all at last to our home in heaven;
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Prayer during the week in Dorchester & West Stafford

Monday—

Tuesday—St Mary's 9.00am

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

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

Responsorial Psalm: Psalm 148 v 7-14

Response: Praise the Lord from the heavens and praise him in the heights.

- 7 Praise the Lord from the earth,
you sea monsters and all deeps;
- 8 Fire and hail, snow and mist,
tempestuous wind, fulfilling his word; (R)
- 9 Mountains and all hills,
fruit trees and all cedars;
- 10 Wild beasts and all cattle,
creeping things and birds on the wing; (R)
- 11 Kings of the earth and all peoples,
princes and all rulers of the world;
- 12 Young men and women,
old and young together;
let them praise the name of the Lord. (R)
- 13 For his name only is exalted,
his splendour above earth and heaven.
- 14 He has raised up the horn of his people
and praise for all his faithful servants,
the children of Israel, a people who are near him.
Alleluia.

Sudan Prayers

We pray for the peoples of South Sudan and Sudan at this Christmastime and pray for hope of peace for these troubled countries

This evening -

Tuesday 2 January

9.30am Holy Eucharist at St Mary's

Wednesday 3 January

5.00pm Contemplative Prayer Group at St Mary's

Thursday 4 January

10.00am Said Eucharist at St Peter's

10.00am Holy Communion at St George's

Sunday 7 January - Epiphany

St George's

8.00am

BCP Holy Communion

10.15am

Holy Communion

St Mary's

8.00am

Holy Eucharist (said)

9.45am

Sung Eucharist for Epiphany

6.00pm

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St Peter's

9.00am

BCP Holy Communion

10.30am

Sung Eucharist on the Feast of the Epiphany

St Andrew's

10.00am

Parish Communion

St Simon & St Jude

11.15am

Plough Sunday service

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 Residential care homes and Nursing homes.

Those who have died recently: Phyl Duncan, Janette Preece, Adrian Downton

Those whose years mind falls this week: William Chutter, Barbara Field, Diana Stevens, Lewis Fost, Enid Clay, Freda Rousell

St Peter's Church

Service this morning at 9am and at 10.30am: Canon Michael Insley
Anthem at 10.30am: The Shepherds' Farewell - *Berlioz*

No Morning Prayer tomorrow - back as usual on Thursday 4th January.

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

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

Thank you to all those who helped in anyway with Christmas services ,making the church welcoming.

A very Happy New Year with best wishes for 2018

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 foodbank 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 - (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
(none this week)*

Anthem:

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

St Mary's church committee will meet at 7.30p.m on Thursday 4th January.

On the 3rd January at 7pm there will be a planning meeting for the **Community Lunch 2018 at the Rectory.**

3rd January - Marriage preparation meeting at the Rectory at 8pm with Kate



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 . Tel : Maureen Shaw on 01305 261771

Home Bible Study Group: we 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.

THE MONDAY CLUB DORCHESTER 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 meet on **11th 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 'clic' 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 on Friday 5th January at 10am. 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 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.

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 1 January - 10.30am Tesco
Tuesday 2 January - 2.15pm North Square

Next week's readings Isaiah 60 1-6 Matthew 2 1-12
Ephesians 3 1-12

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: Mon, Tues, Wed

Open: Thursday and Friday 9-1

Team Office and Team Website

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