



St Simon and St Jude, Winterbourne Monkton

The church is open 10-4pm Saturday & Sunday only.

Holy Communion is celebrated at 11.15am on the first Sunday each month

Dorchester Strollers: **Monday 11 Oct 10.30am** **War memorial South St**
Tuesday 12 Oct 2.15pm **Borough Gardens**

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Pews News

10th October 2021
19th after Trinity



James Tissot (1836-1902). *The First Shall Be Last* – Brooklyn Museum

Collect

God, who in generous mercy sent the Holy Spirit
upon your Church in the burning fire of your love:
grant that your people may be fervent
in the fellowship of the gospel
that, always abiding in you,
they may be found steadfast in faith and active in service;
through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord,
who is alive and reigns with you,
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
one God, now and for ever.

Readings

Trinity 19: **Hebrews 4. 12-16** **Mark 10. 17-31**
Trinity 20: **Hebrews 5. 1-10** **Mark 10. 35-45**

Reflection for the 19th Sunday after Trinity

Revd Keith Magee

When I was a teacher I really enjoyed GCSE and A Level classes. One of the things that challenged the pupils when they were preparing for exams was realising the answer to a question was not so much about what they thought about an issue but what the examiner wanted to read. There would be a mark scheme for each answer and the more boxes that were ticked on that scheme, the more marks the pupil would gain. It usually took a few revision classes before the pupils got into this way of thinking, but once they grasped this new approach, they were able to gain the grades they deserved.

In today's Gospel reading a man comes to Jesus and asks, "Good teacher, what must I do to inherit eternal life?" Jesus starts by talking about the commandments and the man says that he kept all these since his youth. But Jesus spots the problem. Eternal life is about more than just keeping the commandments. It is about attitudes and priorities. The man is disappointed when Jesus points out that it is his wealth that is preventing him from living in a way consistent with eternal life.

The man who came to speak to Jesus was the polar opposite of the pupils I used to teach. He recognised that there was something missing in his life and thought that by ticking another box, he would fix it. The problem was that the suggestion that Jesus gave him was the box he did not want to tick. Eternal life is more than just a box ticking exercise. It is about embracing a complete change of attitude and orientation. The problem for the man was that being wealthy and comfortable was a major part of his self-identity. It wasn't that wealth itself was preventing him from finding eternal life, but it was preventing him from putting eternal life at the very centre of his being. Eternal life is not something that can come second place to anything else.

It's reminiscent of the story of the monkey who puts her hand in a jar to extract some juicy morsel of food, but can't get her hand out of the jar while her fist is closed.

Many of us have things that we cling to. We need God's miraculous work to bring about change so that we too can enter eternal life. Like the man who approached Jesus, we may find the thought of letting go shocking. But letting go of what we cling to may ultimately help us to embrace more fully all that God has for us, now and for all eternity.



St Andrew's Church

The church is open every day from 10am - 4pm for Private Prayer & Reflection.

On **Saturday 16 October** there will be "Coffee & Chat" from 10am to noon. Socially Distanced indoors if the weather is wet or too chilly for outdoors. All welcome.

Services for the month.

All begin at 11.15am with coffee served beforehand. Services are said, with a hymn sung outside afterwards - weather permitting.

17 October - Matins

24 October - Holy Communion

31 October - 5th Sunday; no service at St Andrew's - all are welcome to join a Holy Communion Service at St George's Church at 9.45am.

We are invited to an 'All Souls Service' at St George's Church at 3pm, followed by Afternoon Tea.



St George's Church

Wednesday - 9.30am Morning Prayer and open for Private Prayer 8.30 - 4.00. -

Wednesday Coffee Morning – 10.00am

Thursday 11am Midweek Holy Communion

Sunday Communion service 9.45am every week

BCP Holy Communion 8am 1st and 3rd Sunday of the Month

Sunday 17 October - Gift day is an annual event where we focus on how our donations can make a real and significant impact on our mission and ministry, as well as maintaining our spiritual heritage. By participating in Gift Day, you will be taking care of the grade 1 listed church, helping to pay our vicar's wages, and spreading the good news in the wider community. . If you have not received a letter, please do pick one up from the back of church or contact Dorothy Maggs or Mike Neely.

Dates for your diary

16/10 - Christian Aid Market, St George's stall is themed 'Homemade'

31/10 - All Souls Service at 3pm, followed by afternoon tea

**Forest Praise Harvest Spectacular is this Saturday
10.00 - 12.00 at United Church Dorchester. Hope you
can join us for family friendly Harvest fun.**

Many thanks to Helen Pickard for leading the decorating of the church for Harvest, and to all those who assisted and donated flowers. There were also many generous gifts of food from the congregation which have been gratefully received by Manor Park.

Harvest Supper proved to be a great success, everyone had a wonderful evening and raised over £260 in the process. Thanks to Val and the events committee for their time and hard work.

If you wish to take part in this year's **Christmas Tree Festival**, please contact Maggie Carter or Caroline Taylor for an entry form.

FOR YOUR PRAYERS THIS WEEK:

Among those in special need: Christine, Revd Anita Thorne, Brother John Kizito, Janet Comley, Elizabeth Hill, Brian Woodsford, Margaret Morrissey, Peter Jezzard, Sophie Bankes, Christopher, Vic Wakely, Pam Revell, Jean Baker, Christine Peake, Emma Foxwell, Linda Blundell, Brenda Knight, Brianna & Braxton

(To add or remove names in this list, please contact: Canon John Wood 01305 268749)

Remember all who are cared for by Dorset County Hospital, in our community hospitals and hospice and all who are working to address their needs; as COVID-19 rules are relaxed, pray especially for all who feel vulnerable and for those who will be at greater risk, including many still unvaccinated.

Among those who have recently died: Peter Watson.

Remember those whose Year's Mind falls this week: Margaret & Bill Kirk, Christina Greensmith, Jo Elleston, Eddie Howard, Liz Pulfer.

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Annual open meeting

"Employment now – problems & some solutions"

**Speaker Sarah Campbell - Citizens Advice new employment unit
Monday 11th October 7pm Dorford Centre Coffee lounge**

Please come and learn more about the issues of local employment and what help is available **Everyone welcome**



Annual Market STALLS GALORE COFFEE/ TEA - LUNCHES
Saturday, 16 October 2021 UNITED CHURCH South Street,
Dorchester. 10.00- 1.30



Christmas cards can be viewed and ordered in the three town Churches until 31 October and via Rita Kennett on 265432.
Over half the money raised is profit and a very valuable source of income for the Society. Please support us if you can. Thank you.

Dorcas MU Bible Study group meet at 10am in our homes to share in a time of fellowship, prayer and bible study. Details 260259.

Wednesday 13 October at 4 Bellever Court, Poundbury

Mental illness. Session 2 – Stigma & Discrimination. Luke 19:1-10.



St Peter's Church

The church will be open **daily from 10.00 - 6.00.**

On Sundays BCP Eucharist at 9am & Common Worship Eucharist 10.30am.

Mid-week Thursday Eucharist at 10am.

Friday - The Benefice Prayer Group 10.30am in the Hardye Chapel. All welcome. Please contact Penny Blaby on 753566

Refreshments in Church We hope to offer refreshments again after the 10.30 Sunday service and to do that we need volunteers to help with making the coffee before the service and serving it afterwards. If we can get 8 volunteers, each would only need to be on the rota one week a month. Please see Val or Helen if you would like to help in this way - we have always been welcoming and hospitable, it would be good to keep up this tradition.

Theology Group Tuesday 12th October at 7.30 pm in St. Peter's Church Room

Antisemitism is on the rise in Europe and in the UK. Jewish people are now feeling more fearful in our country where previously they had felt relatively safe. What attitudes do Anglicans have towards the Jewish people? Where do we find ourselves on the spectrum of antisemitism? We meet to consider negative and positive aspects of Christian-Jewish relations as outlined in the 2019 Anglican Report 'God's Unfailing Word'. The discussion will be led by Canon Michael Insley. For a summary of the report and responses to it please email Eileen McLean or Beryl Shuttleworth..

The Christian Aid Market is on Saturday 16th October at the United Church hall from 10am. We at St Peter's are responsible for the Cake Stall, so please support this if possible and bring cakes, jam tarts, scones etc along in the morning. Thank you!

Gift Day - Thank you to all who made gifts in church on Sunday and through online banking. We are well on our way towards matching the wonderful sum given last year. You can continue to make gifts for the next two weeks in person or online. Our bank details are as follows; Lloyds Dorchester Sort Code 30-92-69 Account Holy Trinity St Peters and All Saints Account Number 00110520.

Ride & Stride – Your support for Kate and Clive totalled £630, which will be shared between Dorset Historic Churches Trust and St. Peter's. Thank you!

Children's Society Christmas Cards – A board displaying this year's cards will be on view from this Sunday.

Christian Aid Cookbook – Cooking for Life – We have a small number of copies of this locally produced book for a recommended donation of £10. A wonderful Christmas present!



St Mary's Church

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On Sundays Holy Eucharist at 9.45am every week.
Morning Prayer on Tuesdays at 9am followed by the Eucharist at 9.30am. The contemplative prayer group takes place in the Blessed Sacrament Chapel at 5pm. on **Wednesday's**.

The Sanctuary Lamp Candle – not gifted this week.

THE MONDAY CLUB 18 OCTOBER 2.30PM ST MARY'S HALL

This month we welcome Brian Margetson, who will be talking to us about **Ghosts, Royals and Ferrymen**, for which the cost will be £2 to include refreshments. This will be an intriguing catalogue of anecdotal stories of Britain's small working ferries, and the talk includes an immensely varied collection of strange craft, interesting individuals and unusual locations. And of course, there are the weird and wacky stories that go with each of these ferries. Stand by to be entertained with a light hearted presentation which focuses on river, estuary and inshore ferries, from rowing boats up to the Isle of Wight ferry. Jill Minchin 01305 263757

The Christian Aid Market, usually held in May, will now be held on **16 October** at the United Church. St Mary's will be responsible for the tombola and the morning refreshments.. Sue Dunckley and June Waight would be grateful for contributions for the tombola and Mary Foskett would be happy to receive donations of biscuits to serve with the coffee. Many thanks.

The **Dorset Meditators Day** this year will be on **Saturday 16th October from 10am – 4pm** at Brownsword Hall Poundbury. Our speaker will be Revd Don MacGregor, a retired Anglican priest, and the theme is "The Wisdom Tradition within Christianity"; he will be drawing on the works of Richard Rohr, Cynthia Bourgeault and his own books. Poster with more information is at the back of church or contact Rosemary Bassett 262615 for more information.'

Luncheon Group will meet at the Hendover Café, Weymouth Ave at 12 o'clock on **Thursday October 21st**. It was well supported last month, so do come along. Please let Joyce know if you are coming: 262041. By 14th Oct please.