

TEAM & COMMUNITY NEWS

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St Peter's Church will be open daily from 10.00 - 6.00.

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

Mondays and Thursdays Morning Prayer at 9.15am in the Hardy Chapel.

Mid-week Thursday Eucharist at 10am. Friday - The Benefice Prayer Group 10.30am in the Hardy Chapel. All welcome. Please contact Penny Blaby on 753566

Heritage Day TODAY on Sunday 11th September will celebrate all the wonderful things that our town has to offer. St Peter's will be offering a welcome, refreshments, some organ music and hopefully the bells may be rung.

St Mary's Church www.facebook.com/St-Marys-Dorchester-672844449522662

On Sundays Holy Eucharist at 9.45am every week.

There will be Morning Prayer on Tuesday at 9am followed by the Eucharist at 9.30am. The contemplative prayer group meet on Wednesday's in the Blessed Sacrament Chapel at 5pm.

The LUNCHEON CLUB; We are very pleased to be able to restart the luncheon Club on Thursday 16th September, meeting this time at the Hendover Café in Weymouth Avenue. The lunches are open to everyone at St Mary's so do come and join us. Please contact Joyce Potter (262041 or robjoy1@talktalk.net) by Wednesday 8th Sept. if you plan to be there.

St George's Church

The church is now open daily for private prayer. 8.30-4.00

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

Wednesday Coffee Morning – 10.00am

11.00am Wednesday Midweek Holy Communion

Sunday Communion service 9.45am every week

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

St Andrew's Church

This Sunday, **12th September** will be Holy Communion. Next week, (19th), will be Matins. Both will begin at 11.15 am with coffee served beforehand. Also, a reminder to anyone travelling to the Service on the 19th that due to the Ironman event a number of local roads may be closed and it could be necessary to find an alternative route. The church is open daily from 10 am to 4 pm for private prayer and reflection.

St Simon and St Jude, Winterborne Monkton

The church is open 10-4pm on Saturdays & Sundays.

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



Pews News

12th September 2021

15th after Trinity



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 15: James 3.1-12. Mark 8. 27-end

Trinity 16: James 3.13-4,3,7-8a. Mark 9.30-37

A Reflection and Prayer for the 15th Sunday after Trinity

Canon John Wood

I recently spent a day at the British Museum, visiting first the exhibition “Thomas Becket: Murder and the Making of a Saint” and then “Nero: the Man behind the Myth”. The Becket exhibition was coming to the end of its run; Museum staff expressed astonishment at the level of interest there had been and for this last week they were keeping the Museum open until 10pm to accommodate more visitors. Becket’s murder by knights close to Henry II sent shockwaves through 12th century European culture and there was huge demand for his relics from Scandinavia to Spain and Italy. Pilgrimage to his shrine at Canterbury by countless Christians from all over Europe was at the heart of people’s devotional lives from almost immediately after his death in 1170 until the shrine’s destruction and the forcible curbing of pilgrimage by Henry VIII in 1538 at that new time of convulsion, the Reformation. Thomas remains fascinating not just in considering the relationship between ecclesiastical and secular authority, but in the story of the relationship between England and the remainder of Europe, in our own time a hot topic. Nero too, more than a thousand years before Thomas, remains a fascinating character, whose reputation this exhibition (continuing until October) seeks to rebalance. It’s instructive to see how, at around the time Mark’s Gospel was written, the historical record deviates from the facts, though there’s no doubt Nero found in Christians (among other religious groups) a scapegoat for blame in the great fire that devastated Rome in AD64. But he was seen by the greater population as a beneficent ruler, concerned for the rights and welfare of slaves and popular for his willingness to participate in community sports and drama, to mingle with the crowd. His enforced suicide, at the age of 30, in the power struggles of AD68 was followed by a long period of civil war and instability – including the destruction of the Temple and sack of Jerusalem. The words of today’s Gospel passage will have encouraged many at a time of devastating persecution and insecurity, as they reflected as his followers on the death of Jesus.

Eternal God,

in whose perfect realm no sword is drawn but the sword of righteousness,

and no strength known but the strength of love;

so guide and inspire the work of those who seek your kingdom

that all your people may find their security in that love which casts out fear

and in the fellowship revealed to us in Jesus Christ our Saviour.

From the Collects of Common Worship: Daily Prayer

FOR YOUR PRAYERS THIS WEEK:

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

Remember those whose Year's Mind falls this week: Audrey Litson, Frank Marshallsay, Richie Hallett, Sally Harris, Lewis Herbert, Hilda Chaffey, Martyn Fowgies.

The Iron Man event on Sunday 19th Sept may effect road closures, please check your journey to church.



The cream tea event that was held on Sunday 5th Sept was a great success and **£817** was raised for Dorchester Poverty Action. Thanks to those who organised this event and all those who enjoyed their cream tea!

Samaritans Purse - National collection week is on week beginning November 15th. If anyone would like a box for Operation Christmas Child, please let me know. There are gift suggestions online on the Samaritans Purse website. Guidance is available also on how to donate your £5 online, to tell you which country your shoebox has been delivered to. Feedback about that is usually given in late January. I will collect shoeboxes back in on week beginning November 8th. Many thanks Di House

WELDMAR HOSPIECEARE Nicky Harman, prize-winning literary translator, will be returning to the Weldmar Bookshop in Trinity Street on **Wednesday, 29 September** at 6:30 pm to discuss her recent work in translating Chinese children's books into English. This is a FREE event. No need to book, just turn up for an interesting and informative evening. #WorldKidLitMonth
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