

# TEAM & COMMUNITY NEWS

Main clergy contacts are listed below; other contact information, including for churchwardens and other officers, is available in the Benefice Magazine and on the Team website [www.dorchesteranglican.info](http://www.dorchesteranglican.info) where you will find links to church Facebook pages and the **online version of the Benefice Magazine**. Feb magazine is now available in churches. or on <https://www.dorchesteranglican.info/dorchester-benefice-magazine>  
Parish Office: 01305 250719 [dorchesterpcc@gmail.com](mailto:dorchesterpcc@gmail.com)  
**Currently open 9-1, Tues, Thurs, Fri**

**St Peter's Church** will be open **daily from 10.00 - 4.00.**  
**On Sundays Morning Prayer at 9am and 10.30am until further notice.**

## **St Mary's Church**

**St Mary's will continue to be closed until further notice. We will review the situation at the end of February.**

***Wonderful news! Father Andrew Mackenzie is now out of hospital and back home. He is most grateful for all the cards and prayer support.***

## **St George's Church**

Our private worship for St Georges: **Wednesdays 8.30am-4pm.**

**BCP 8am on 1<sup>st</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday of the month.**

**Communion service: 9.45am every Sunday**

St Georges will be sending **food bank donations** to the local centre on the **3rd Sunday** of each month. A permanent collection box is placed at the back of the church.

**More Tea?** - Following the success of our welcome event for the Revd. Cora Yarrien, you are invited to tea at 4pm on **Sunday 21st February** via Zoom. If you are missing the usual coffee and chat after a service, or just want to see some friendly faces, please contact Revd. Cora Yarrien on email [revd.cora.yarrien@gmail.com](mailto:revd.cora.yarrien@gmail.com) or on 01305 262421.

## **St Andrew's Church**

The Church continues to be closed for services on Sundays, but is open for private prayer on Wednesdays from 10.00 am until 4.00 pm .

## **St Simon and St Jude, Winterbourne Monkton**

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

**A Virtual service from the Winterbournes at 10am using ZOOM**

email [jean.saddington@hotmail.co.uk](mailto:jean.saddington@hotmail.co.uk) if you want to join.

## **Team Clergy Contacts:**

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# Pews News

## 14<sup>th</sup> February 2021

### Next before Lent

## Collect

*Almighty Father,*  
whose Son was revealed in  
majesty  
before he suffered death  
upon the cross:  
give us grace to perceive his  
glory,  
that we may be strengthened  
to suffer with him  
and be changed into his  
likeness, from glory to glory;  
who is alive and reigns with  
you,  
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,  
one God, now and for ever.



*Transfiguration of Jesus by Peter Paul Rubens,  
1605 Musée des Beaux-Arts de Nancy*

## Readings

**Sunday next before Lent:** 2 Kings 2.1-12; 2 Corinthians 4.3-6; Mark 9.2-8.

**First of Lent:** Genesis 9.8-17; 1 Peter 3.18-end; Mark 1.9-15

## **Reflection for Next before Lent - St Valentine**

*Alan Woods*

'It is good for us to be here' we read in the Gospel passage set for today but sadly many of us are not able to be together to worship at this time. The pandemic has changed how we worship and it is so often now by tuning into the television, if there is a service available, or watching a service being streamed either from our Cathedral or a church somewhere with which we feel we have a connection. Yet, in our heart of hearts, we would prefer to be together not just to worship God but to enjoy the fellowship we have with each other. I guess this leaves us to ask when will we come down the mountain as did Peter, James and John. Have we learnt anything from the time when we have not been together? Have we discovered more about ourselves and our life of prayer?

We do not need to be together to worship Almighty God but it means so much more when we are. People question the decisions made both within the church and government and it is right to do so and frequently we question whether they are right or not. But surely at this time the thought which must be in our minds, especially on this day – the feast of St Valentine – is that what we do must be with love in our hearts for all. It is surely important to show our care and love for others by not putting them in danger and exposing them, especially the vulnerable, to any danger. I look forward, as we all do, to the day when we can go back to doing things normally, a time when this country and the world will be changed. Will the vaccination programme solve the problem? Only partially surely. We all need to change, be transfigured, to put the needs of others before that of ourselves, to understand that to do this we must accept situations we do not like for the good of us all. We must be prepared, as was Captain Tom, to give an example to others in times of need. The love which God brings is there for us all to share and we must play our part in sharing it in our church, our street our community.

### **And now a prayer:-**

Dear God, please give us grace to demonstrate selfless love towards other people. Do not let us seek selfish gains, but help us to care with open hearts. Let us be your true ambassadors on earth, and so qualify for your heavenly rewards. In the name of Jesus Christ we pray. Amen.

## FOR YOUR PRAYERS THIS WEEK:

Among those in special need: Phyllis & Lynn Titterington, Arthur Rowland, Eric and Shirley, Tessa Bullick, Rev'd Eileen McLean, Sarah Jane & Pollyanne, Phoebe, Rev'd Andrew Mackenzie, Abigail Craddock, Jean Baker, Johanna Benjafield, Christine Peake, Emma Foxwell, David Dunford, Linda Blundell, Brenda Knight, Marion Tait, Hugo Lord, Brianna & Braxton. (*To add or remove names in this list, please contact: Canon John Wood 01305 268749*)

*Remember also all who are cared for by Dorset County Hospital, in our community hospitals and hospice and all who are caring for them and working to address their needs; especially pray for all who are suffering from or are affected by COVID-19, and those working to develop identification, treatment and cure.*

### **Among those who have recently died:**

Janet Taylor, Stuart Dicker, Penelope Trent, Eileen Marsh, Karen Pickering, Peter Brill, Ken Rose, Enid Carter

### **Remember those whose Year's Mind falls this week:**

Shelagh Aston, Bea Hall, Roger Ranson, William Christopher, Elaine Adams, Phyllis Lambert.

A funeral service for **Dr Tony Palmer** will be held at Poundbury Cemetery on **Thursday, 18th February at 2pm**. He was involved with the management and care of residents at Henchard Court and was a keen member of Dorset Natural History and Archaeological Society. For the main part of his career as a radiochemist, he worked for the Medical Research Council at Hammersmith Hospital. In due course it is hoped that a service of thanksgiving for his life can be held at St Peter's, where Tony worshipped in retirement and for a time was Church Committee Secretary. He is greatly missed by friends and neighbours.

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The walk that Keith and Ruth had planned for yesterday was cancelled because Keith is currently self-isolating. They are planning to do a walk by themselves next Saturday. The next planned walk will be on Saturday 20th March.

### **Ash Wednesday** with ashing –

St George's at 10.30am Conducted by Rev'd Cora Yarrien

Salisbury Cathedral at 5.30pm (on line) link at: [salisburycathedral.org.uk/live](https://www.salisburycathedral.org.uk/live)

A date for your diaries:- **The Dorchester World Day of Prayer Committee** have to announce with regret, that the live service planned for Friday 5th March at 10.30am, will not go ahead due to the Covid pandemic. Instead we will collectively, in our own homes, view a pre-recorded video by the women of Vanuatu, which will be made available on Youtube. Anyone who requires a service booklet to follow the service on Youtube or to read in private or any further information please contact either Ellie Stephens on 01305 263391 or Caroline McMeiken on 07555 967387. Further details to follow.