

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.
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.

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

Sunday Eucharist at 9.45am every week. Please continue to book your place by emailing Trudy on ttabone@gmail.com. There will be Morning Prayer on Tuesday at 9am followed by the Eucharist at 9.30am. On Wednesdays there will be the contemplative prayer group meeting at 5pm in the Blessed Sacrament Chapel.
Today we welcome Jimmy and his wife Lydia to his first Eucharist and look forward to his ministry among us. Weather permitting, coffee, wine and cake will be served outside after the service.

Brenda and Geoff are sorry to announce that their granddaughter Abigail's brave life has come to its end. She died peacefully at home on 15th July. We are grateful for the prayerful support of many people since Abie's life-limiting diagnosis in 2016.

St George's Church

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

New - Wednesday Coffee Morning –10.00am 11.00 Midweek Holy Communion

On Sunday's Communion service 9.45am

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

Feedback - With the 19th July approaching we are aware that there will be mixed feelings around the changes in the government restrictions. We want to be respectful of individuals who may continue to wear masks in church and also those who will choose not to. Similarly there may also be difference in practise and attitudes to social distancing. To help inform our next steps after 19th July there will be a short questionnaire in church to ask your views, if you could please fill in and return to the back of church that would be most helpful. Thank you

St Andrew's Church

This Sunday (**18th July**) there will be Holy Communion at 11.15 am. Weather permitting, coffee will be available outside prior to the service. The following week (**Sunday 25th July**) there will also be Holy Communion.

The church continues to be open on Wednesdays from 10 am – 4 pm for Private Prayer

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

18th July 2021

7th after Trinity



Lucas van Leyden – Healing of Blind man (1531) Hermitage Museum

Collect

*Lord of all power and might,
the author and giver of all good things:
graft in our hearts the love of your name,
increase in us true religion,
nourish us with all goodness,
and of your great mercy keep us in the same;
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 7: Ephesians 2.11-end, Mark 6.30-34,53-end.

Trinity 8: Jeremiah 45.1-5; Matthew 20.20-28

Reflection and Prayer for the 7th Sunday after Trinity

Revd Jean Saddington

This week's Old Testament reading is from the Book of Jeremiah. Of all the Old Testament prophets I think Jeremiah is my favourite. In fact the philosopher and writer Ernest Renan said this about Jeremiah:

Without this extraordinary being, the religious history of humanity would have taken another course, and Christianity would never have happened.

That's a remarkable statement but until I got to know more about Jeremiah I saw him as a bit of a misery – always harping on about how sinful the people were and how they would get their comeuppance. He was constantly bewailing his own lot too and generally didn't seem to have very much joy for life.

The people of Jeremiah's own time certainly thought he was a prophet of doom. They closed their ears to what he had to say, and eventually even banished him from Jerusalem. They just couldn't see what his problem was.

But when you look carefully at the writings of Jeremiah you will see a man who had a genuine concern for the people of God. He was like a parent who wants what is best for their child, but like a bunch of recalcitrant teenagers the people refuse to listen and when the inevitable happens wish they had.

Things are not so different today. People who speak up, who speak the truth, are often treated like Jeremiah was treated. If the message is hard to hear they are simply not believed.

As Christians we are called both to heed the voice of the prophets and to be like them – speaking out for God. You may be thinking that you couldn't possibly be a prophet, standing up and speaking out; or the kind of travelling preachers or healers that the apostles were - a Paul or even a Jeremiah - but you can. For there are two fundamental elements which are essential to Christian discipleship: how you pray and how you live.

FOR YOUR PRAYERS THIS WEEK:

Among those in special need: Ray Moore, Janet Comley, Elizabeth Hill, Brian Woodsford, Margaret Morrissey, Peter Jezzard, Sophie Bankes, Christopher, Vic Wakely, Pam Revell, Rev'd Andrew Mackenzie, Jean Baker, David Dunford, Johanna Benjafield, 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:

Andrew Webber, Joan Gaunt, Christine Burke, Abigail Craddock.

Remember those whose Year's Mind falls this week:

Roy McIntosh, Bob Walker, Beryl Matthews

*We welcome Jimmy and Lydia at the start of his Ministry with us. Jimmy's working days in the Parish will be: **Sunday, Tuesday, Wednesday and Saturday***

Relaxation of COVID Restrictions.

The Government will meet with representatives from the Church of England on Sunday. We hope that there will then be a C of E statement about how restrictions will be relaxed in the early part of next week. We will then try to communicate as widely as we can how this will effect our services next Sunday. We hope that all this will lead to a relaxation of restrictions in a way that will enable many more people to attend our services.

Tea for two and two for tea  ☐ or 3 or 4 or more.

Can you help us with refreshments for **Forest Praise** by making the tea and coffee and juice on **July 29th**

Contact Ruth Magee on 07984621132 for more details.

Did you know it takes 3 minutes and 10 seconds for the average kettle to boil!

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