

# TEAM & COMMUNITY NEWS

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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.**

**Please note that Stations of the Cross** will be on Zoom on Tuesdays at 7.30pm. If anyone wishes to join the Lent group, also on Zoom, or booklets can be picked up in the parish office. There is also an online **Lent Retreat** called **Pathways to Prayer – 2021**. This includes scripture & prayer material, art and music to pray with and other prayer resources to help deepen our faith.

## **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 Caroline 01305 269564, [church.wardens-stgeorges@outlook.com](mailto:church.wardens-stgeorges@outlook.com)

## **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

## 21st February 2021

### First of Lent



*Temptation of Christ on the mountain.. [Duccio di Buoninsegna](#)  
1308-1311, New York, Frick Collection, Sienese school.*

## Collect

Almighty God,  
whose Son Jesus Christ fasted forty days in the wilderness,  
and was tempted as we are, yet without sin:  
give us grace to discipline ourselves in obedience to your Spirit;  
and, as you know our weakness,  
so may we know your power to save;  
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

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

**2nd of Lent:** Genesis 17.1-7,15-16; Romans 4.13-end; Mark 8.31-end.

## Reflection for First of Lent

David Bowen

A rook flew past my window recently. Nothing new there, they live across the road in the chestnut trees in South Walks Road and I see them all the time. What made this one memorable was that it was carrying a twig. Nesting has begun, at least for the rooks, and that means that Spring is on its way: Spring, the season of new life, of green shoots, of hope for the future. Of course, Winter has not yet gone and there will be cold, dark and wet days ahead, but the rook knows they are temporary and that the future will be brighter.

Today is the 1<sup>st</sup>. Sunday of Lent and the emphasis is on sorrow for things that are past and that did not go as intended. The Collect for today talks about our need for self-discipline, our weakness and the temptations we face. All very depressing. (In fact, it's a bit like the weather we have been having and the effect of being locked in or, at least, cut off from many of our family and friends.) However, Lent is not really designed to be depressing; to make us feel bad.

What Lent is asking us to do is to admit that we don't always live up to the high standards that Jesus expected of his followers, to recall the things that we should have done better and to think what we should do from now on. It is not intended to force us to live with the past but rather to look to the future. The Collect also talks about God's power to save and that is the great hope.

In the Prayer after Communion set for today we ask God to 'nourish our faith, increase our hope and strengthen our love'. The Diocesan prayer, which our Bishop sent out some time ago on postcards for us to keep, emphasises three things: prayer, service to others and growth. Through them we seek to renew our hope.

Hope is about not being certain, not being over confident, acknowledging that things may not work out as we would like them to. But is it also about being excited about change.

Now I don't suppose that the rook I saw with a twig watches the long-range weather forecast. I doubt that he is certain that Spring is coming, that things will be better. But I am sure he hopes it will be so and, consequently, is behaving as if he is confident.

That is how we should approach Lent – in hope that things will be better because at the end of Lent will come Easter when we will see that Jesus, who had been dead, was alive again and when we will see that the things we have regretted about the past will be changed. Lent is not about misery, it is about hope.

## FOR YOUR PRAYERS THIS WEEK:

Among those in special need: Guy Bagnall, 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:***

Karen Pickering, Enid Carter

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

Vera Alvin, Pat Gurney, Gwendoline Bold, Dennis Kenny, Arthur Boucher, Barbara White.

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Details of 'Live Lent: God's Story, Our Story' which commences this Thursday 25<sup>th</sup> February, are on our website:

[www.dorchesteranglican.info](http://www.dorchesteranglican.info)

### **From St Peter's:**

"An Indian lady from Kerala working as a nurse at the hospital and expecting to be joined by her family in a month's time asks if anyone knows or has accommodation that might be available for them. If so, please contact the Parish Office or Val."

We failed to ask what sort of accommodation, but with a family I would think it must be a flat or a house.

### **Knitting Wool?**

Have you any knitting wool that you can spare? The Dorchester Trefoil Guild is still making Memory blankets and also Twiddlemuffs for the elderly care wards at DCH. We are running out of wool, so if you can spare some please contact Judy on: 01305 263783 or email [jct231@outlook.com](mailto:jct231@outlook.com). We have delivered 38 blankets with 17 more so far waiting to go!