

TEAM & COMMUNITY NEWS

Main clergy contacts are listed P3; other contact information, including for churchwardens and other officers, is available in the Benefice Magazine and on the Team website www.dorchesteranglican.info where you will find links to church Facebook pages and the **online version of the Benefice Magazine**. May magazine is now available in churches, or on <https://www.dorchesteranglican.info/dorchester-benefice-magazine> Parish Office: 01305 250719 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 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.

Thank you to all who have contributed to the Flower Fund. Gifts can continue to be given to David Elliott or the Church Wardens.

A message for our Annual Subscribers to the Benefice Magazine. Inserted into the magazines available in St. Peter's is a Subscription Form. Please can you complete this and return in church or by post to David Elliott. If you collect your magazine from another place and would like a subscription form, please email davidelliott220@btinternet.com or telephone 259236. Thank you. **Christian Aid week is 10th-16th May.** Envelopes and prayer resources will be at the back of Church on Sunday May 9th.

St Mary's Church <https://www.facebook.com/St-Marys-Dorchester-672844449522662> . **Sunday 9.45am. Eucharist**

Please continue to book your place by e mailing Trudy on trtabone@gmail.com.

This week our midweek Eucharist reverts back to a Tuesday. There will be Morning prayer at 9am followed by the Eucharist at 9.30am. The Contemplative prayer group will meet at 5pm on a Wednesday in the Blessed Sacrament Chapel. Date for your diary. **Ascension Day Thursday 13th May a Eucharist at 7pm.**

St George's Church Churchwarden contact: Caroline Taylor 01305 269564, or email church.wardens-stgeorges@outlook.com

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

BCP 8am on 1st & 3rd Sunday each month. Communion service: 9.45am every Sunday

Weekly Morning Prayer will take place at St George's at 9.30 every Wednesday

St George's will be restarting their mid-week Holy communion services at 11.00am on Wednesday 5th May hope you are able to join us.

St George's Day Celebrations Thank you to everybody who joined in with our Afternoon Tea celebrations for St George's Day on Saturday afternoon. It was a shame we couldn't have our usual fair but I think you will all agree, it was a lovely afternoon and so nice to see such lovely hats! Thank you to everybody who came on Sunday morning and brought raffle tickets, marmalade, jams, cakes or gave a donation to church funds. We raised a magnificent £428. Maggie Carter

St Andrew's Church

This Sunday (2nd May) the Service will be Matins

Next Sunday (9th May) will be Holy Communion

Both services begin at 11.15 am and all are welcome.

The church will continue to be open for Private Prayer on Wednesdays from 10 am to 4 pm.

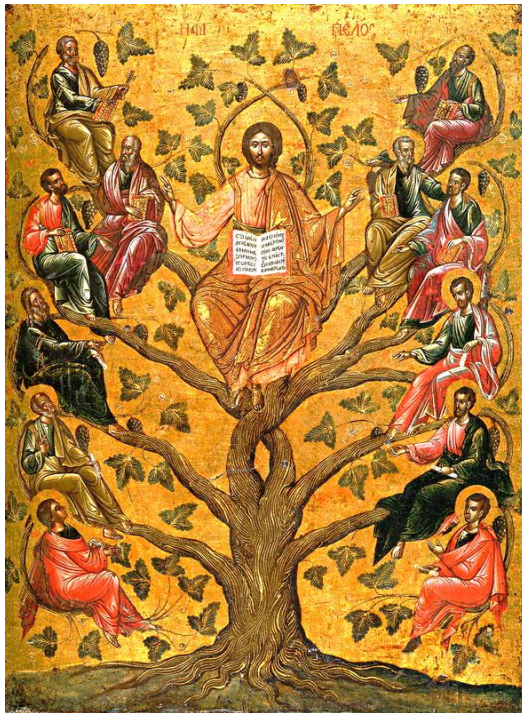
St Simon and St Jude, Winterbourne Monkton

The church is open 10-4pm Saturday & Sunday only. This Sunday is Rogation Sunday. Service at 11.15am

Pews News

2nd May 2021

Fifth of Easter



Christ, the True Vine, by anonymous artist, tempera, oil and gold leaf on wood panel, Greek Orthodox, 16th century

Collect

Almighty God,

who through your only-begotten Son Jesus Christ
have overcome death and opened to us the gate of everlasting life:
grant that, as by your grace going before us
you put into our minds good desires,

so by your continual help
we may bring them to good effect;
through Jesus Christ our risen Lord,
who is alive and reigns with you,
in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever.

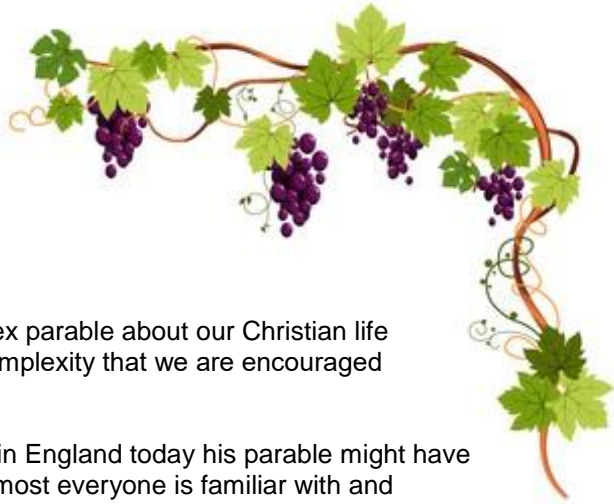
Readings

5th of Easter: Acts 8.26-end; John 15.1-8

6th of Easter: Acts 10.44 to end; John 15.9-17

Reflection for Fifth of Easter

Robert Potter



I am the true vine.

There are many facets to this complex parable about our Christian life and growth and it's because of its complexity that we are encouraged to think about the issues involved.

If Jesus had been talking to a group in England today his parable might have been about pruning roses, a bush almost everyone is familiar with and most people would understand the need to take out inward-growing stems and cut out weak and straggly branches, relating this to human development..

Jesus used vines, vineyards and vineyard-owners as his illustrations because his followers were familiar with vines and with their care and they knew something of the importance of the skilled pruning. The focus has to be on producing good quality grapes, rather than lots of second-rate ones.. We had a vine once and I remember it being a lot harder to prune and train than the roses. Cutting out unwanted, ill-directed, growth was one thing but pruning what looked promising was more difficult.

The parable casts God as the pruner but should we be asking ourselves questions about the quantity and quality of the fruit we are producing? Are there inward growing shoots (are we introspective and self centred?) and is too much energy going into aspects of our life that are distractions?.

The parable shows us as branches of the vine – the vine being Christ, or perhaps his church, and we are united to the vine, living our lives as part of it. It is a real, personally dependent relationship and any necessary pruning is to encourage the Christian fruits of love, understanding, kindness, patience and gentleness. We cannot bear good fruit without being part of the living vine and without being pruned from time to time. It's a parable requiring considerable reflection.

FOR YOUR PRAYERS THIS WEEK:

Among those in special need: Peter Jezzard, Sophie Bankes Christopher, Duncan, Revd Claire McClelland, Vic Wakely, Pam Revell, Phyllis & Lynn Titterington, Eric and Shirley, Tessa Bullick, Rev'd Andrew Mackenzie, Abigail Craddock, Jean Baker, David Dunford, Johanna Benjafield, Christine Peake, Emma Foxwell, Linda Blundell, 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: Canon Jane LLOYD, Edna Strange, Eddie Baggott, Anne Brown, Edna Collins, Chris Simmons

Remember those whose Year's Mind falls this week:

Father Raymond Jones, Pete Boyland, Pam White, Wyn Few, Barbara Sheppard.



I was challenged and inspired by John Mutua speaking at the recent Christian Aid online conference. He spoke from an area of Kenya that is suffering from droughts brought on by climate change. It rains erratically and when it does it is torrential. To help conserve water, Christian Aid has been supporting partner organisations in the area who build earth dams. They also plant tree

nurseries and provide drought tolerant seeds. Please pray for the work of Christian Aid in the poorest communities across the world. You can support with a donation- Dorchester Christian Aid (BACS Lloyds sort code 30-92-69 a/c number 00753286) or Treasurer, 142 Poundbury Road, Dorchester DT1 2PN or direct on christianaid.org.uk Thank you. Catherine Goss

* Please note the Christian Aid walk has been postponed until **11th September.**

Plant Sale 8 Grosvenor Road DT1 2BB (by kind invitation of Jane Culliford) **Thursday 6 May 2021 10am – 3pm** Plants for sale will be very welcome beforehand by Jane Culliford (8 Grosvenor Road) Annette Aldridge(16 Manor Rd) Rita Kennett (5 Queens Avenue) – who will collect, telephone 265432 Plants also welcome on the day **In aid of the Children's Society**

The Licensing of Revd Reji Raj-Singh will take place at St George's church on Tuesday 25th May at 4pm. Everyone is invited.

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