

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

Heritage Day on Sunday 12th 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. We would welcome helpers with the refreshments and welcoming visitors. Let Val or Helen know if you are able to help. Thank you.

Men's Breakfast - It was great to get back together again in August and although we were only six in number, service was swift! Our September breakfast will again be at Taste in Trinity Street. The date is Saturday 11th September starting at 9am and I have reserved two tables of six. Please advise me if you would like to attend.

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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 takes place in the Blessed Sacrament Chapel at 5pm. on **Wednesday's**

The Christian Aid Market, usually held in May, will now be held on **16 October** at the United Church. St Mary's will be responsible for the tombola and the morning refreshments.. Sue Dunkley and June Waight would be grateful for contributions for the tombola and Mary Foskett would be happy to receive donations of biscuits to serve with the coffee. Many thanks.

St Mary's Craft Group resumes this Monday, 6th September, 2-4 in the choir vestry. Hope to see you all back again.

St George's Church

Wednesday - 9.15am 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 (5th September) will be Matins. Next week (12th September) will be Holy Communion. Both services will begin at 11.15 am with coffee served beforehand.

The church is now open from 10 am – 4 pm daily 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 Extra

5th September 2021

14th after Trinity



Collect

Almighty God,
whose only Son has opened for us
a new and living way into your
presence:
give us pure hearts and steadfast
wills
to worship you in spirit and in truth;
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.

Amen



*'Christ and the Canaanite Woman' -
Musee Conde, Chantilly, France*

Readings

Trinity 14: James 2.1-10 {11-13} 14-17, Mark 7. 24-end.

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

Reflection for the 14th Sunday after Trinity

Revd Jimmy Holden

Mark 7:24-end

A woman whose name we don't know comes to Jesus to ask for help. Jesus' words are harsh, and as we contemplate that harshness our first reaction might be one of bitterness.

Bitterness is an understandable reaction, and maybe that's good enough for most people. But bitterness isn't really a Christian emotion. Our Christian reaction fundamentally has to be one of hope, even if it takes a lot of prayer to get us there. So how do we move beyond bitterness – as a reaction to our Gospel, and a reaction to the hunger of children in our own time?

I don't think it's an accident that we've just spent what seems like ages chewing over a story that comes shortly before this one – though admittedly in a different Gospel. You'll recall that in that other story, Jesus feeds the crowd in a situation that seemed precarious – only five loaves and two fish – and yet all were filled.

Personally I don't think it can be a coincidence that the writer places a story about the abundance of leftovers next to a story in which a woman speaks, with unbending hopefulness, about the possibility of gleaning some scraps from a feast. We're able to hear this story without bitterness because we have already seen God's power revealed in Jesus: we have seen Jesus' miraculous ability to feed all who draw near to him. This woman knows it; hard as it might be, we ought to follow her gaze, and see what she sees.

And while we are engaged in that contemplation, we might also glean a new way of reacting to the hunger of children today. We shouldn't start our economics with a fear of lack, a fear of the shortness of our resources. God's imagination is ruled by abundant love; he acts out of generosity, and we are called to do the same – individually, communally, nationally. “Let the children be fed first.”

Prayer:

May your kingdom come, O God,
with deliverance for the needy,
with peace for the righteous,
with overflowing blessing for all nations,
with glory, honour and praise
for Christ, the only Saviour. Amen,



St Andrew's Church

On Saturday 11th September, St. Andrew's will be manned between 10am and 6pm to greet those taking part in the **Dorset Historic Churches Ride & Stride** event.

In addition, between 10 am and 12 noon, **Coffee & Chat** will be taking place in the church and all are welcome.

Two of St Andrew's Committee Members will attend the PCC Meeting on Wednesday 8 September at 7.30pm in St George's Church Hall. The mould on the inside church walls has been tackled by two Committee Members and a villager. On Thursday 9 September the Committee Members will complete the job. Thanks to all three for this much needed work.



St Simon and St Jude, Winterbourne Monkton

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

Although we have dropped to one service a month (Holy Communion on the first Sunday), the church has been opened regularly each weekend over the summer. It has been wonderful to see a number of visitors making their way up the path, either with bikes, or walking out from Dorchester, or bringing their dogs for a stroll from the two caravan fields in the village.

We are about to take part in a survey organised by DARN - Dorset Amphibian and Reptile Network, mainly looking for Slow-worms in churchyards. As a rural church this feels applicable, especially as parts of the churchyard are undisturbed and back onto farmland.

Moving inside the church, a group led by Sue Smith, a lecturer in stained glass, will be coming to Monkton on **16 September** as part of a wider visit to churches around Dorchester. Sue will be talking about the 20th century Herringston memorial window and looking at the Victorian stained glass in the side chapel.



St George's Church

St Georges Church has longstanding links with **Manor Park School** and at the start of Lent this year Revd. Cora learned, as an incoming school governor, that some families were struggling to access the help they needed. Manor Park has been running a food parcel scheme to support those in need and St George's is proud to contribute by collecting weekly donations of goods at the back of church. During the 'hungry holidays' when school lunches are unavailable these are more needed than ever. Manor Park has expressed deep gratitude for the donations received and the continued support of the local community.

With changing attitudes towards the pandemic the government has placed the responsibility on the shoulders of individuals. However, the Church Committee has agreed that the Church is zoned to accommodate those who wish to maintain distancing at the back. Though it is not compulsory to wear a mask it was agreed that people are encouraged to wear one, especially when moving around for communion for the safety of others. For a copy of the risk assessment please contact the Church Warden.

Forest Praise is becoming an established event at St George's Church and there are plans to make it a monthly occurrence to reach out to families and continue to strengthen the local community.

I would like to thank the **events committee** on behalf of all who attended the Sunday lunch last week. So much hard work went into producing the wonderful food and providing the first in-person social event of the last 18 months. It was so enjoyed that some expressed a wish to stay for the afternoon!

How about walking or riding around redundant Dorset Churches to help with their maintenance? **'Ride + Stride'** will be on Sat. 11th September
More info. from Vernon Moffet 259755.

A coffee morning is being held from 9.30-11.30 on **25th September** in aid of Macmillan and another local charity. If you are able to donate cake please contact the events committee.

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: Diane Hutchison, Kym Butler

Remember those whose Year's Mind falls this week: Sarah Joslin
Elsie Winter, Martin Lespezeanu, Yvonne Doble.



CREAM TEA - TODAY - Sunday 5th September

2.30pm – 4.30pm - At The Old Vicarage

The Green, Puddletown - (opposite the church)

Cream tea £3, Glass of prosecco £2 stalls and raffle

St. Peter's MU will **not** be meeting in the church hall this month. I am no longer able to lead the group. I have booked a table at the Walnut Grove at 2.15 on **Tuesday 7th September** for anyone who would like to come and make a suggestion as to the way forward. Penny Blaby 01305 753566

St Peter's Church



A heartfelt **THANK YOU** to Sara

For many years Sara Beachamp has delighted both the congregation and visitors to St Peter's with her wonderful flower arrangements. Her skill, knowledge of flowers her choice of colours and her artistic flair has shone through all her many arrangements over the years.



Now the time has come for her to hang up her pruning shears and we owe her a huge debt of gratitude. She will still be joining us at Festival times to continue her contribution on her special shelf! We shall all miss her advice, help and encouragement freely given over many years of devoted flower arranging at St Peters. Thank you Sara from all the flower arranging team and indeed the whole congregation. *Rosalind Thorpe*

RIDE AND STRIDE

Kate Forrester will be cycling between Churches on **11th September**. She needs sponsors so do speak to her after the 10.30 am service on Sunday or contact Val Potter or Helen Lange, Church Wardens. Volunteers are needed to be in Church to welcome the walkers and cyclists and log their visit. Money raised is shared between Dorset Historic Churches Trust and St Peter's Church.

Kate Forrester has set up a justgiving page. If you would like to sponsor Kate, the link is: <https://justgiving.com/fundraising/dorchesterstpeterskatef> Many thanks.

DORCHESTER HERITAGE DAY

The Church will be open for visitors on Dorchester Heritage Day on **Sunday 12th September**.

PEWTER FLAGON



Edward Lester gave this to St Peter's Church on the day he married Mary Lamoth in 1676. The inscription says it *'is to remaine for ye use of ye ringers of Dorchester forever'*. Until 1992 it was taken to the bell tower each year on open days such as Ringer's Sunday, when visitors can climb the church's tower. It is now on loan to the Dorset Museum and is on display in the People's Dorset Gallery.



St Mary's Church

DORCHESTER MONDAY CLUB Monday 20 September St Mary's Hall Alexandra Road Dorchester. We are delighted to announce that the Monday Club will be restarting at 2.30pm on Monday 20 September with an illustrated talk about the purpose and work of Monkey World, given by Annie Bentley. Having had, in the current circumstances, to discontinue the raffle, the entrance fee is now reduced to £2, which includes tea and biscuits. Although the COVID restrictions have been eased, as a sensible precaution we shall be ensuring that the hall is well ventilated and we request that people wear masks as appropriate. Hand sanitisers will be available at the hall door.

We look forward to welcoming everyone back; if anyone feels able to help with setting up the hall for our meeting that would be much appreciated. Jill Minchin 01305 263757

DORCHESTER FAMILY SUPPORT THANK YOU to all who supported the charity over the month of August. We have been overwhelmed with the help we have received from our community. Because of this we were able to offer fresh and dried foodstuffs to 180 families each week. Many of them said that this food was a lifeline for them during the long Summer holiday. A lot of our families are working but are often on zero hours contracts or furlough. Sadly, I don't think the situation is going to change for the better any time soon. We have several photos on our Facebook/Twitter pages. It's easy to access these just by putting Dorchester Family Support into your search engine. Don't be put off when it says Dorchester, Oxfordshire – it really is us! Many thanks from all the trustees and volunteers. Kath Joslin

RIDE AND STRIDE between churches in the town and the surrounding villages is to raise funds for Dorset Historic Churches Trust from which we have received grants large and small in the past. In past years the URC, RC and Baptist churches have been open so a walk round the town and perhaps out to Fordington could be worthwhile. Details from Sue Allen.

Our **PATRONAL FESTIVAL** is today. We can't have a community lunch this year but everyone has been invited to bring their own picnic lunch and to eat together outside if the weather allows or in church to make this a bit of a social occasion.

HARVEST FESTIVAL will be on September 26th and details of any social event will be publicised in due course.

DORCHESTER RELIEF in NEED is a long established church-based charity providing support for individuals and families living in the ecclesiastical parish of Dorchester – in practice, the DT1 postcode area. We work together with Dorchester Poverty Action to help the many local families which get into financial difficulties from time to time. The trustees would like to appoint a new clerk/treasurer to co-ordinate this interesting work. Details from Robert Potter.

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 if you plan to be there.

The CONTEMPLATIVE PRAYER GROUP which meets each Wednesday at 5pm in the Blessed Sacrament Chapel resumed on Wednesday 1st September. Anyone interested is very welcome to attend.

The **DORSET MEDITATORS' DAY** this year will be on **Saturday 16th October from 10am – 4pm** at Brownsword Hall Poundbury. Our speaker will be Revd Don MacGregor and the theme "The Wisdom Tradition within Christianity" See poster at the back of the churches for details of booking.