

TEAM & COMMUNITY NEWS

Main clergy contacts are listed on page 2; 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**. Dec/Jan magazine is now available in churches. Parish Office: dorchesterpcc@gmail.com

St Peter's Church will be open **daily from 10.00 - 4.00.**

With effect from Sunday 10th January, Morning Prayer will be conducted at 9am and 10.30am until further notice.

St Mary's Church

The 9.45am service will be conducted until further notice. All other services and midweek service have been suspended until further notice, Please continue to book for the Sunday service with Trudy Tabone

trtabone@gmail.com

It is hoped that our new **Rector Keith Magee** and his wife will be joining us next **Sunday 17th January**, Keith will preside and preach.

St George's Church

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

BCP 8am on 1st and 3rd Sunday of the month.

Communion service: 9.45am every Sunday

This Sunday, 10th January the licensing of Rev'd Cora Yarrien takes place at 3pm. We welcome Cora to St George's.

St Andrew's Church

Sunday 10th January There will be NO SERVICE this morning.

The Church will continue to be open on Wednesdays from 10am until 4pm

St Simon and St Jude, Winterbourne Monkton

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

Holy Communion service on the first Sunday of the month at 11.15am

A Virtual service from the Winterbournes at 10am using ZOOM

email jean.saddington@hotmail.co.uk if you want to join.

Extraordinary Parishioners' Meeting – A nomination, Caroline Taylor, has been received for one of the two Churchwarden vacancies at St George's Church so it is planned to hold an election at an Extraordinary Parishioners' Meeting on **Monday 18 January at 7.30pm** online by Zoom. This meeting is open to all. If you would like to take part in the Zoom please email the Dorchester & West Stafford PCC Secretary, Janet Cooper at janeticoooper@hotmail.com and she will send you the Zoom link. PCC members will automatically receive the link from her.

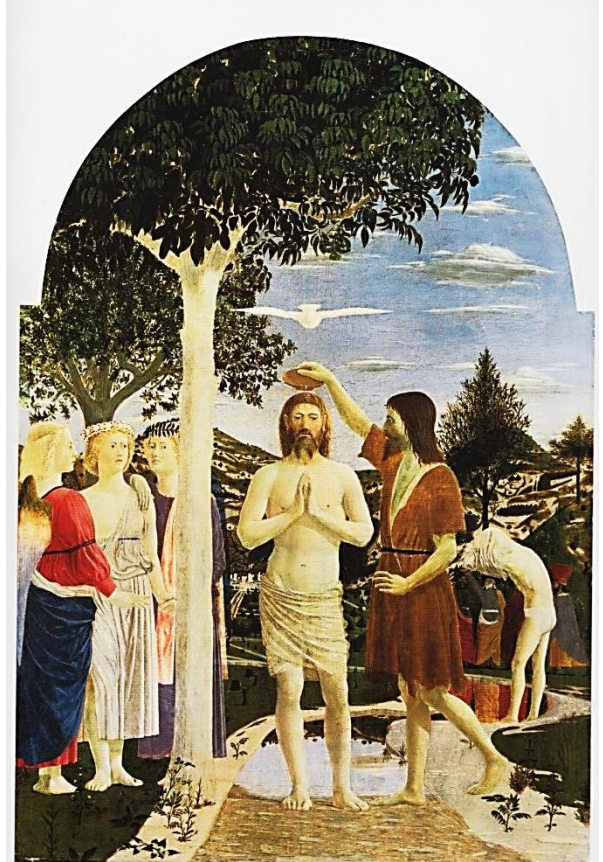
Pews News

10th January 2021

Baptism of Christ

Collect

Eternal Father,
who at the baptism of Jesus
revealed him to be your Son,
anointing him with the
Holy Spirit:
grant to us, who are born
again by water and the Spirit,
that we may be faithful to our
calling as your adopted
children;
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.



*Baptism of Christ' by Piero della Francesca (c.1415-1492)
National Gallery, London*

Readings

Baptism of Christ: Acts 19.1-7; Mark 1; 4-11

Epiphany 2: Revelation 5.1-10; John 1.43-end

Reflection for First Sunday after Epiphany

Canon Michael Insley

This beautiful painting of the Baptism of Christ by Piero della Francesca can be seen in a quiet alcove at the National Gallery in London. When I stand in front of it, I feel a sense of stillness and wonder.

Jesus faces us as John baptizes him. The Holy Spirit swoops down in the form of a dove. Christ holds his hands together in prayer. A walnut tree to the left has hard wood and a soft centre symbolizing the wood of the cross and the flesh of Christ, 'the Lamb of God who takes away the sin of the world'. Medicinal herbs grow in abundance along the banks of the River Jordan. They proclaim Jesus the healer who transforms the cross into the tree of life.

Behind John the Baptist, a man takes off his shirt or puts it on, before or after his baptism. He puts off the old self and puts on the new self, created in the image of Christ. Behind him we can just see a group of men in flowing oriental robes. These are the Magi, who experienced the first Epiphany of Jesus at Bethlehem. One of them points to the star that proclaims the new-born king.

To left of the walnut tree, three angels stand linked together. They symbolize marriage, the theme of the Gospel for Epiphany 3, when Jesus turns water into wine at the wedding of Cana. The angel next to the tree looks at us, inviting us to enter into the painting. To remember that in Baptism we are made one with Christ by faith: that Christ is the Bridegroom who takes us as his Bride. In union with Christ, we are one flesh with him, one Body (Eph.5.32)

Like the one getting baptized, we are invited to stand with Christ in the river. To hear God's voice addressing us in Christ as his beloved children. To be renewed by the Holy Spirit, to be made more like Christ, to share his love in our world.

A Prayer of Saint Columbanus

Abba, Father, grant us we pray,
in the name of Jesus Christ, your Son, our God,
the love that knows no fall:
so that our lamps may feel you kindling touch
and know no quenching,
may burn for us
and for others may give light. Amen

FOR YOUR PRAYERS THIS WEEK:

Among those in special need: Tessa Bullick, Rev'd Eileen McLean, Janet Comley, Sarah Jane & Pollyanna, Phoebe, Rev'd Andrew Mackenzie, Julian Cherryson, 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: Ann Silver, Pam Wheatley, June Bryning, Betty Twitchen, Tony Palmer, Anne Hill, Leslie Crofts

Remember those whose Year's Mind falls this week: Joyce Garton, Margaret Laurence, Frank Patterson, John Finding.

Tom and Catherine Goss thank you for your prayers over the last year. Tom is now in remission from cancer and undergoing maintenance therapy. He feels better and is most grateful for the support of the Church community.

The licencing of Rev'd Cora Yarrien will take place today 10th January at 3pm with the Bishop of Sherborne. The service will be on 'zoom'. If you would like access to the service please email Keith Magee (details below)

The challenge – to do 12 walks in 12 months - Ruth Magee has organised a series of walks for 2021 in aid of the **Alzheimer's Society**, each church has a poster and leaflets. If you enjoy walking please contact Ruth Mobile: 07984 621132. **Change of location for Saturday 16 January. We now meet at the Top o' Town Car Park in Dorchester at 11am. Please contact Ruth for further details.**

Many thanks to all those who supported the Christmas hampers with gifts of foodstuffs, money and their prayers. I will write a piece for the Feb magazine but just wanted you to know how appreciative our families were for this help. We were able to give hampers to 200 families an amazing effort by our community. Our grateful thanks to you all. Kath Joslin.

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