

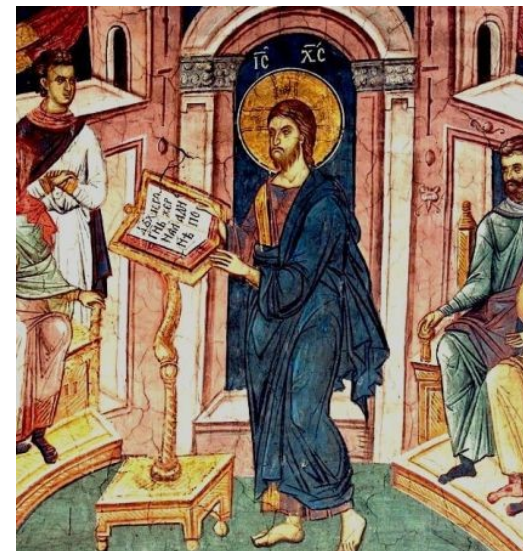
Simon and St Jude, Winterborne Monkton

Holy Communion is celebrated at 11.15am on the first Sunday of each month. **Next service 2 February.** The church is open every weekend or by arrangement with Judy Norman 01305 262719

Plough Sunday was celebrated on 5th January 2025 at Winterborne Monkton. Traditionally Plough Sunday marked the end of the mid-winter Christmas festivities. The twelve days of partying and celebrations were finished and Plough Monday was back to work. But before work started, the plough (often communal one for the whole village) was brought to church to pray for a blessing on it and the work it would do. After the service it was taken (often with dancing) round the village and villagers were invited to make contributions to the cost of its upkeep and the upkeep of the Church that had blessed it. Rev'd Keith Magee is seen here with a plough belonging to Charles Norman, church warden and local farmer".



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Luke 4: 14-21

Collect

Almighty God,
whose Son revealed in signs and miracles
the wonder of your saving presence:
renew your people with your heavenly grace,
and in all our weakness
sustain us by your mighty power;
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

Epiphany 3 : Nehemiah 8: 1-3, 5-6, 8-10, I Corinthians 12: 12-31a,
Luke 4: 14-21
Candlemas: Malachi 3: 1-5, Hebrews 2: 14-18, Luke 2: 22-40

The Thomas Hardy Society

Hardy and Architecture Study Day Saturday 22nd February
Further details:
<https://www.hardysociety.org/oxo/665/hardy-and-architecture-study-day/>

Dorchester Strollers: Monday 27th Jan 10.45am Trumpet Major
Tuesday 28th Jan 2.15pm Borough Gardens Bandstand

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St Andrew, West Stafford Revd Cora Yarren 01305 262421 revd.cora.yarren@gmail.com

The Winterbournes and Compton Valence Churches Rev Teresa Stewart-Sykes
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Reflection for the 3rd Sunday of Epiphany

Revd Cora Yarrien

Our Gospel passage today begins after Jesus baptism and time in the wilderness and is building his ministry and reputation. Jesus' work is accompanied by the Holy Spirit. The Spirit in Luke gospel empowers characters like Zechariah, Elizabeth, Simeon and John who experience the Spirit and proclaim truth through the filling of the Holy Spirit. So in our passage today as we also see Jesus being led by the Spirit and imparting teaching, empowerment, and prophetic words.

As is his practise Jesus takes part in the worship of his local synagogue in his hometown. Commentators suggest that the synagogue service began with prayer and praise and then two readings, one from the Law and one from the Prophets. As Jesus join in the service and he selects the scrolls to read from Isaiah. Interestingly Jesus reads an amalgam of Isaiah texts (61:1; 58:6; 61:2), closes the scroll, hands it to the attendant, and sits down. Jesus sits to teach, to exposit his text, as was the tradition.

What Jesus says as his sermon "today (*Σήμερα*) this text has been fulfilled (*πεπλήρωται*) in your hearing." Jesus begins explaining the Scripture by telling them that today when they heard the Scripture read it was fulfilled in their very presence. He is proclaiming freedom for the captives, sight for the blind, good news for the poor and the year of the Lord's favour? Here is emancipation, freedom and jubilee. In the power of the Holy Spirit, Jesus is the one who has been chosen to preach and proclaim the good news of God. In the chapters ahead, Jesus will travel from town to town and wherever he goes he will teach and heal living out the good news so that people can see the salvation that God offers.

He's not so much just teaching as he is announcing an emancipation or proclaiming an amnesty — the kind of word that changes things. Jesus himself is the location for the fulfilment of this prophesy. The key term in his announcement is an eschatological word — today! In Jesus' person, in this moment in a Galilean synagogue, in this word a divine future is dawning today. The original Greek is very interesting in this verse as the verb "has been fulfilled" is in the perfect tense. Meaning that the Scripture has indeed been fulfilled in its hearing and the effect of such hearing is an ongoing reality.

As this sermon is fulfilled in the hearing of those in Jesus hometown synagogue it is also ours to ponder, to be impacted and changed by. Has Jesus' sermon actually been fulfilled in our hearing? How are we changed today as we hear the gospel reading? How are we living out and proclaiming good news to the poor and enacting the kingdom of God,

"Heavenly Father, thank you for sending your Son, Jesus, to bring good news to the poor, to proclaim freedom for the prisoners, recovery of sight for the blind, and to set the oppressed free. May we, like Jesus, be instruments of your grace, sharing the message of hope and freedom wherever we go. Give us the courage to speak truth to power, to stand up for the marginalized, and to live lives that reflect your compassion and love. In Jesus' name, Amen.

SAVE THE DATES:

There's lots going on in the churches during Lent!
Don't miss out and put these dates in your diaries!

Ash Wednesday 5th March

Holy Communion with the Imposition of Ashes

9.30am at St Martin's Church, Martinstown

Begin your Lenten journey with an act of repentance and a commitment to follow Jesus

Through the week in Lent

Tuesday Holy Communion with Reflections

9.30am St Martins Church, Martinstown

Wednesday Meditations on the Cross

5pm St Martins Church, Martinstown

A devotional reflection on Jesus' journey to the Cross

LENT LUNCHES: The beginning of Lent on Ash Wednesday, heralds the start of this year's Lent Lunches!

Come along on **Fridays 14, 21 and 28 March and 11 April**, to enjoy a Lent lunch consisting of homemade soup and bread followed by a cup of tea or coffee. The lunches will be held in the Village Hall at 12.30pm. The cost will again be a minimum of £5.00 and the proceeds, after the deduction of expenses, will be donated to the Weymouth Food Bank. Last year we raised £500 – can we do better in 2025? This is an opportunity for members of our community to come together, jointly to offer support to those less fortunate than ourselves. While we share a simple lunch on one day we can provide the means for families to have a meal who may otherwise go hungry.

Everyone is welcome and there is no need to book. However, if you intend to join us as a large party, please let us know. **Contact Cathie (889244) or Nigel (889910)**

LENT COURSE- PILGRIM COURSE: THE LORD'S PRAYER

How do Christians know and worship God? This Pilgrim Course from the Church of England uses one of the greatest Christian treasures, The Lord's Prayer, to explore prayer and reveal more about what God is like.

Tuesdays 4th March-8th April, 3.30pm

at The Rectory, Martinstown

Please contact Rev Teresa (01305 549242- revteresa@outlook.com) to sign up

FOR YOUR PRAYERS: Among those in special need: Alice, Allen Knott as he begins a new chapter in his ministry

Remember those who have died recently- Colin Batson

And those whose Year's Mind falls this month: Nigel Singleton, John Williams, Philip Trent, Sonia Braidwood

If you would like a prayer request included please contact Rev Teresa

(revteresa@outlook.com)

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Winterbourne Valley Services

Services at Martinstown

11 am Holy Communion – 1st Sunday
8 am Holy Communion (BCP) – 2nd Sunday
11 am Morning Prayer – 3rd Sunday
5pm Church @5 – 3rd Sunday
11am Worship Together – 4th Sunday

Morning Prayer Tuesday and Wednesday at 9am - all welcome

Evening Prayer Tuesday and Wednesday at 5pm - all welcome

Services at Winterbourne Abbas

10 am Holy Communion – 1st Sunday
10am Worship Together, a service of the word with a discussion rather than a sermon – 3rd Sunday

Service At Compton Valence

9.30am Holy Communion—2nd Sunday

Service At Winterbourne Steepleton

11 am Holy Communion – 2nd Sunday

Church Services during February

Sunday 2nd February: Presentation in the Temple (Candlemass)

11am St Martin, Martinstown- Holy Communion
3pm St Mary, Winterbourne Abbas-Messy Christingle Service

Sunday 9th February 4 before Lent

9.30am St Thomas, Compton Valence-Holy Communion
11am St Martin, Martinstown-Holy Communion

Sunday 16th February 3 before Lent

10am St Mary, Winterbourne Abbas-Worship Together
11am St Martin, Martinstown- Morning Prayer

Sunday 23rd February 2 before Lent

11am St Martin, Martinstown- Holy Communion

Winterbourne Valley Events

Home Group contact Cathie (889244) or Nigel (889910) for dates and venues

Steepleton Church Meditation Group Every Wednesday evening 7pm—
8.30pm. All Meditators are welcome contact: Jo Lacy-Smith 0784 177 6759

Contact: Rev Teresa Stewart-Sykes 01305 549242 mobile 07823809112
email revteresa@outlook.com

FOR YOUR PRAYERS THIS WEEK:

Among those in special need: Jean Howarth, Michael Phelan, Brian Parkhurst, Andrew Roberts, Philipose Abraham Rupert, Robert Curtis, Maggie Gibbons, Helen Lange, Brian Knowles, Alan Woods, Pauline Andrews, Rosemary, Anna, Richard Franklin, Fr David Harris, Lesley Harris, Debs, Risa Romy, Jonathan Davis, Ruth Davis, Ben Francis, Clare, Ian Benson, Geoff Turnock, Ronnie, Simon, Veronica Thomas, Dorothy, Tessa Bullick, Morag Curtis, Margaret Morrissey, Christopher, Pam Revell, Jean Baker, Emma Foxwell, **(To add or remove names in this list, please contact: Canon John Wood 01305 268749)** Pray for all who being cared for by our healthcare and social services, those who are suffering stress as a result of increased living costs and financial uncertainties, and all whose lives are affected by extremes of weather..

Among those who have recently died: Elsie Foot, Gavin Alexander, Barbara Wilkin

Remember those whose Year's Mind falls this week: John Foot, Anthony du Boulay, Evelyn Toogood, Pam Montgomerie, Doris Basket.

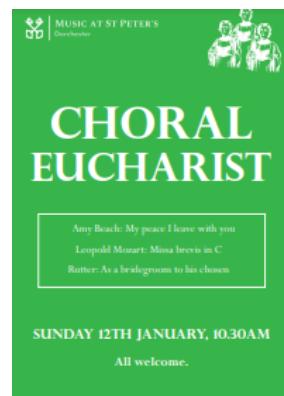
Dorcas MU next meets on Wednesday 29 January at 10am at 155 Damers Road'. For prayer, bible study and fellowship. Newcomers welcome. Contact 260259

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| Churches Together Dorchester | | WEEK OF PRAYER FOR CHRISTIAN UNITY 2025 |
| WEEK OF PRAYER FOR CHRISTIAN UNITY. JANUARY 18-25 2025. | | |
| Dorchester Community Church closing service | Sun 26 January | 6.30 pm |

St Peter's Church The church is open **daily from 10am - 4pm during the winter.** **Sundays** BCP Eucharist at 9am & Common Worship Eucharist 10.30am. **Mid-week - Morning Prayer** at **9.15am** on Monday & Thursday **Midweek Eucharist** Our Midweek Eucharist is at **10.00 am on Thursday.** This is always followed by refreshments. Please do consider joining us. **Pastoral Visiting** - If you would like to receive the Eucharist at home please contact me by phone or email. **Keith** **Storehouse Church Food Larder** The Food Larder is especially low on food at present. All types of food are required except pasta. They also need toiletries. **Many thanks to all who contribute. In this last year we have donated 784 kilos of food.**

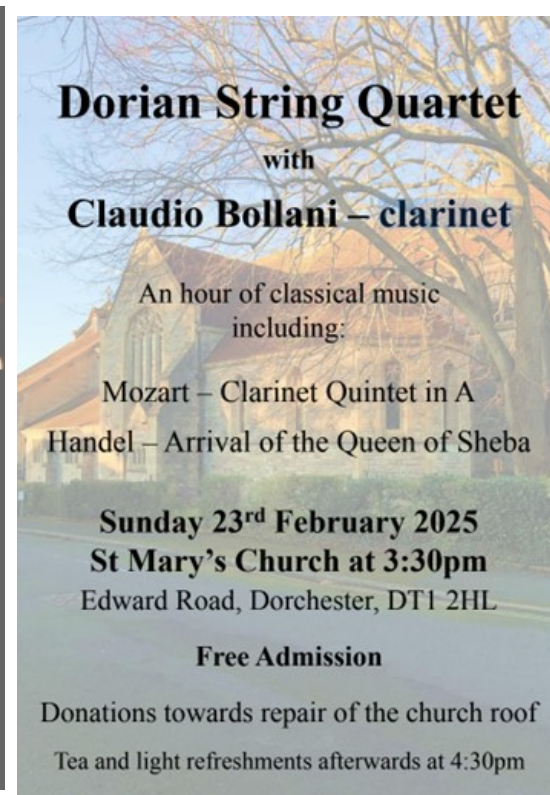
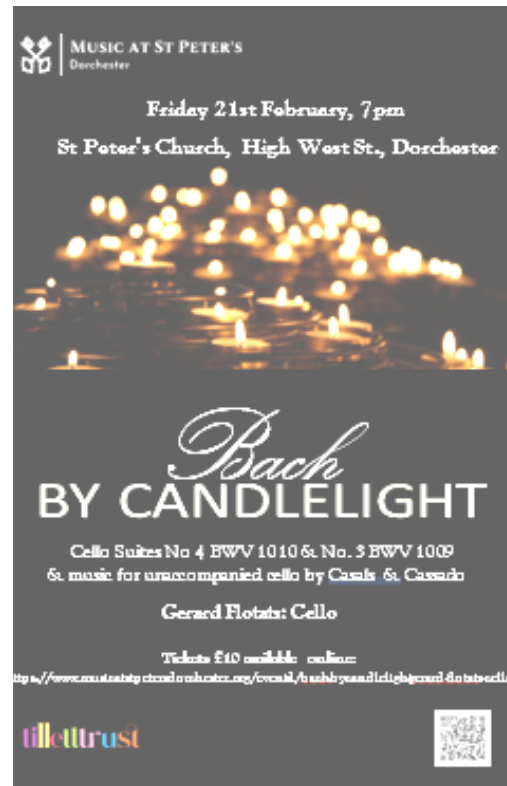
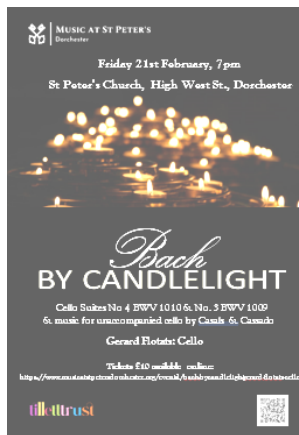
An appeal for jam jars! We are appealing for empty, clean, label-free jam jars for use as candle holders for the forthcoming 'Bach by Candlelight' concert on the 21st of February. If you can save any empty jars and bring them to church at any service between now and then, we would be hugely grateful. Please only donate jars you are happy not to have returned! Many thanks.

Music at St Peter's



There's a busy month of music-making at St Peter's Church Dorchester during February. On Sunday 9th February our monthly service of **Choral Eucharist** takes place at 10.30am. The music includes Amy Beach's 'My peace I leave with you', Leopold Mozart's 'Missa brevis in C' and John Rutter's 'As a bridegroom to his chosen'. Our monthly **Lunchtime Concert** is on Saturday 15th February between 12.30pm and 1pm, when our fantastic choral scholars Archie Chesson and Catherine Harris present **'Songs from the heart'** – a valentine-themed programme of songs, arias and duets. Admission is free and all are very welcome. On Friday 21st February at 7pm we are thrilled to present **'Bach by Candlelight'**, when the outstanding young cellist Gerard Flotats performs a programme of music for unaccompanied cello in the atmospheric candlelit setting of St Peter's Dorchester. Along with Bach's Cello Suites in Eb major and C major, Gerard

performs solo works for cello by Casals and Cassado. This concert is presented in collaboration with The Tillet Trust, who support Gerard and other outstanding musicians as they establish their international careers in classical music. The programme is presented without interval and will last approximately an hour and a quarter. Tickets are £10 and can be purchased by following this link to our website: <https://www.musicatstpetersdorchester.org/events-1/bach-by-candlelight-gerard-flotats-cello> Scroll down to 'Select Tickets'. We advise booking as soon as possible to avoid disappointment. Our monthly service of Choral Evensong takes place on Saturday 22nd February at 4.30pm. The music includes Rheinberger's 'Abendlied', Seal's 'Preces & Responses', the 'Second Service' by Thomas Tomkins and Elgar's 'Give unto the Lord'. Admission is free and there is a glass of wine to follow. All are very welcome.



COMPTON VALENCE SNOWDROPS VILLAGE HALL LUNCHEES & TEAS Sat 1st Feb – Sun 9th Feb



Come and walk/drive through our beautiful village and see the stunning white drifts of snowdrops. The village hall is just below the church **OPEN (WEATHER PERMITTING) 11.00am-3.30pm** To book please ring or email so that we can cater accordingly **TESSA RUSSELL** – Tel ; 01308482227 mob;07818037184 email ; tessa@cvfarms.co.uk Pre booked guests will take priority as the hall is small. In bad/icy weather we may not be open Please be considerate of our village/verges etc when parking Or ring us to discuss your needs so that we can advise you where to go. **We very much look forward to seeing you**



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HOLY COMMUNION Celtic Tradition.

An informal service open to all.
1st Wednesday each month at 11am.

Next, **5th February**

**Invitation to tea and conversation, now every week, on
Monday afternoons, 2.00-4.00pm.**

Enjoy the books, jigsaws and puzzles and you are invited to bring your
knitting and sewing to share in the company of others.

Val Potter (01305 264416)

World Day of Prayer

COFFEE MORNING



United Church Hall
South Street, Dorchester
Saturday 8th February 2025
10am - 12 noon
£2.00 for Coffee and Biscuits



invite you to a

Winter Tea

with Dorset Apple Cake and Crumpets

St George's Church Hall, Dorchester
Monday 10th February
2.30-4pm

Tickets £4

To include Dorset Apple Cake
or Crumpets, waitress service
and music

Available from
Annette Aldridge 269245
Jane Culliford 264360
or at the door

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St Mary's Church

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On **Sundays each week Sung Eucharist** at 9.45am

On the **first Sunday** of each month there will be a **Said Eucharist at 8am & Taize Worship at 6pm**, next will be **Sunday 2nd February.**

Morning Prayer on Tuesdays at 9am followed by **Said Eucharist** at 9.30am. **Gluten Free Communion is available**—please ask the Sidespersons before the Service begins.

CONTEMPLATIVE PRAYER GROUP The Contemplative Prayer Group meet on **Wednesday's** at 5pm in the Chapel at St Mary's.

The Eucharist setting we will be using now is the **St Thomas Mass by Dom Thorne**

We are delighted to welcome **Kriss Emmett**, our new **Director of Music**, as he takes up his responsibilities with us. He will be playing on most **Sundays**, but we are very pleased that **Simon Clarkson** will continue to play for us once a month.

The **Sanctuary Lamp Candle** is given by **Katharine Marr** in memory of her mother **May**.

Church cleaning this **Thursday 30th January 10-12**. All welcome! **Coffee and cake too!!**

Dorchester Poverty Action would like to thank the congregation at St Mary's for their generous donation. £111.00 was raised from the Christmas tree labels. At a very busy time of year for the charity it is very welcome.

ECO TIPS

We should never ever put any used cooking oil/fat down the drain. (2)

ANIMAL BASED COOKING OIL ONLY

This should never be put in the compost as it may attract vermin. When cool, pour into a small securely lidded container (jam jar or similar) and place it in the general waste bin or for larger amounts eg chip fryer oil, take it to the local recycling centre in a suitable lidded container.



St George's Church

is open daily from 9.00am - 4.00pm for private prayer and access to our Community Larder.

Wednesday - 9.30am for Morning Prayer in the choir stalls.

Thursday - 11.00am Midweek Holy Communion, with tea & coffee afterwards.

Sunday - 8.00am - BCP Holy Communion on 1st & 3rd Sunday in the Edward Chapel.

Sunday - 9.45am - Holy Communion every Sunday. We also have tea & coffee after this service in the Hall.

Dragons— our Sunday School group is meeting in the Church Hall every Sunday during the 9.45 service. All children are welcome to come and join in. **Only in term time** Additional helpers need to support Dragon's Sunday school sessions on Sunday mornings. Please contact Revd. Cora if you are interested in helping on tel: 262421

Community Larder and Soup Lunch - Every Wednesday 12.30 –1.30 - Additional volunteers needed to support this successful project.

St George's Craft Group Workshop - The next craft group meeting will be on Saturday 8th February 10.30-12.30 in St George's church hall. If you would like to learn how to make a simple cushion do come along. If you want to make one, bring 1metre of medium weight fabric with matching thread , basic sewing kit (needles, pins, scissors, tape. Measure) square cushion pad . (18 inch square is ideal.)

Baptism and Confirmation - If you would like to be baptised or confirmed please talk to Revd. Cora as we are looking to form a new confirmation group starting in Lent. For more information please contact Revd. Cora on - tel 262421 or revd.cora.yarrien@gmail.com

Lent Group - We are looking to start an evening Lent group on Thursday evenings using the Pilgrim material on prayer. There will also be a daytime group in the Winterbournes there will be further information in coming weeks.

Ash Wednesday services - Daytime - 11.00 at St George's and evening service at St Mary's

St George's Day Fair – Saturday 26 April

If you have any unwanted Christmas gifts or left over Christmas goodies, please donate to the fair for raffle and tombola prizes.

I am happy to collect these ready for the day.

Maggie Carter



St Andrew's Church

MORNING PRAYER

Every Tuesday at 9.45am - all welcome.

PRIVATE PRAYER & REFLECTION

The church is open every day from 10am to 4pm.

HOME COMMUNION If you are unable to go to church and would like to receive Holy Communion at home then please contact Revd Cora Yarrien on 262421 or email revd.cora.yarrien@gmail.com Join us for Coffee at 10.45. Service at 11.15. Gluten Free Communion Wafers are available, please let us know if you will need one.

FEBRUARY SERVICES

2nd - Matins

9th - Holy Communion

16th - Matins

23th - Holy Communion

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