

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 a 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".



Pews News 2nd February 2025 Candlemas



The Presentation of Christ (Luttrell Psalter, 14c)

Collect

Almighty and ever-living God,
clothed in majesty,
whose beloved Son was this day presented in the Temple,
in substance of our flesh:
grant that we may be presented to you
with pure and clean hearts,
by your Son Jesus Christ our Lord,
who is alive and reigns with you,
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
one God, now and for ever.

Readings

Candlemas: Malachi 3: 1-5, Hebrews 2: 14-18, Luke 2: 22-40
4th before Lent: Isaiah 6.1-8 (9-end) 1 Corinthians 15..1-11 Luke 5.1-11

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 3rd Feb 10.30am Tesco
Tuesday 4th Feb 2.15pm Borough Gardens Bandstand
Team Rector & St Peter, High West St: Revd Keith Magee 07766 645135
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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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Parish Office: 01305 250719 dorchesterpcc@gmail.com open 9-1, Tues, Thur, Fri

Reflection for the Presentation of Christ

Revd Keith Magee

Today is the feast of the Presentation of Christ in the Temple. Our Gospel reading tells the story of that visit. The opening and closing paragraphs are like brackets, outlining the legal requirements that have to take place and telling us that they have been fulfilled. As a first born son, Jesus must be presented and a sacrifice must be made, in this case a pair of turtle doves. Mary must also be purified after child birth under the terms of the Jewish law so that she can once again play a full part in the worshipping community. The closing paragraph tells us that all these requirements have been fulfilled and they can then return to Nazareth.

In between the brackets, Mary and Joseph meet two elderly people who were faithfully waiting for something enlightening to happen. They are just not sure what that be, but they recognise and appearance of Mary and Joseph as a sign. Simeon takes Jesus in his arms and says the words which we know as the Nunc Dimittus, the second canticle sung at Choral Evensong. The words that Simeon speaks intertwine themes of hope peace and expectation, amazing words for the baby's parents to hear. Simeon then suggests the there will be a mixed reaction as to how the adult Jesus is received and that his parents will also endure hardship,

Mary and Joseph also encounter Anna, a woman who has lived in the temple for many years since being widowed, praying and fasting on a daily basis. She speaks of the baby Jesus as being responsible for the redemption of Jerusalem, something that must have seemed more than slightly surprising for the parents to take in given their little bundle's tender age.

Each of these elderly people have live lives if faith, looking forward to what amazing things God will do for them as individuals and as a wider nation in their spiritual journeys. I am not sure that either of them expected their hopes to be fulfilled in the future life and ministry of the infant that was presented in the temple on that day. But, nevertheless, they welcomed and embraced Jesus and his parents as they carried out the reasons for their temple visit.

Despite most of us not being in our first flush of youth, like Anna and Simeon, we will encounter God in a variety of ways which may catch us off our guard. Our response should be open and hopeful, full of expectation for what God will do, through the workings of the Holy Spirit, in welcoming and embracing us, as well as a wide variety of others, into God's family of love and joy.

Lord Jesus Christ,
light of the nations and glory of Israel:
make your home among us,
and present us pure and holy
to your heavenly Father,
your God, and our God.
Amen.

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: Caroline McMeiken, Allen Knott as he begins a new chapter in his ministry

Remember those who have died recently- Colin Batson, Denis Brown

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 01305 549242)





Winterbourne Valley Services

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

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

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

FOR YOUR PRAYERS THIS WEEK:

Among those in special need: Conrad Jezard, Jean Howarth, Michael Phelan, Brian Parkhurst, Andrew Roberts, Philipose Abraham Rupert, Robert Curtis, Maggie Gibbons, Helen Lange, Brian Knowles, Alan Woods, 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, Colin Clark, Sarah Mitchell, Glynis Legg, Edward Lee, **Remember those whose Year's Mind falls this week:** Winifred Chadwick, Maureen Curren, Victor Wakely, Robert Wills, Margaret Adams.

THE NEW BENEFICE WEBSITE

Our new website is up and running at <https://www.dorchesteranglican.org.uk/> - we've kept the old web address, although you may have to refresh your browser, as it may have the old site in mind.

Please contribute your events, courses and news of your groups to Kevin at thedorchestermessenger@gmail.com This is the same email address as for contributions to the benefice magazine

Songs of Praise

Today's edition of Songs of Praise is entitled Facing cancer with Faith. It will feature an organisation called Firm Roots which has a branch which meets at Dorchester Family Church. If you would find this helpful, please see the leaflets which are available in church.

Dorcas MU next meets on Wednesday 12 February at 10am at 4 Bellever Court, Poundbury. For prayer, bible study and fellowship. Newcomers welcome. Contact 260259

The next **Ladies Breakfast** will be on **Saturday 8th February** at 9.30 at the Yarlbury Cottage Cafe, Copper Street, Brewery Square, DT1 1GA (next to Duke's Auctioneers). There is parking close by at the Fairfield car park and the cafe is near the bus routes on Weymouth Avenue. All are most welcome to join us. If you have any queries please phone Ginny Farniloe on 01305 262811.

Our next Parish **Men's Breakfast** is on **Saturday 8th February** at the **Engine Room at Poundbury Garden Centre**. 9am as normal. There is ample on-street parking and if you would like a lift, I can arrange this. If you plan to come, please advise by telephone on 07776 256537 or by email at davidelliott220@btinternet.com. The Engine Room ask that we pre-order and I will forward the menu to you. Many thanks. David Elliott

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.**

On Sunday 16th March, Bishop Karen will be visiting St Peter's for our Sung Eucharist. This will be her first visit to St Peter's on a Sunday morning since she arrived as Bishop of Sherborne. We are very much looking forward to welcoming her.

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.

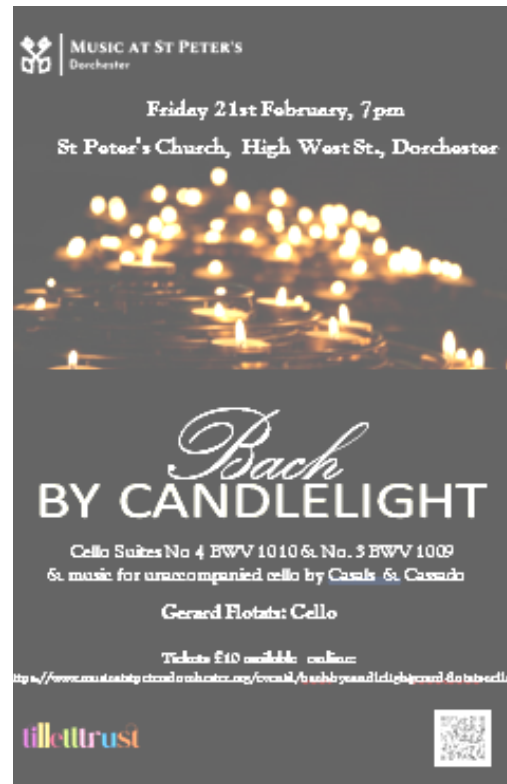
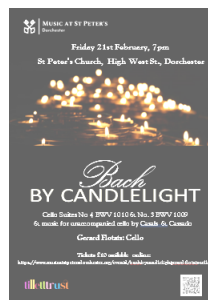
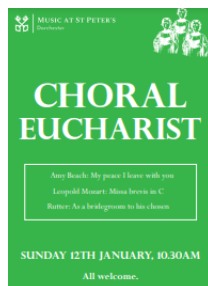
Music at St Peter's

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 Tillett 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 LUNCHESS & 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





The
Quiet
Space

Woodlands Crescent,
DT1 3RQ

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)

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.

The Contemplative Prayer Group meet on Wednesdays 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

The Sanctuary Lamp Candle is given by Jan Milree in thanksgiving for her
granddaughter Edie whose birthday is on 8th January.

The funeral for **Barbara Wilkin** will be on **Tuesday 11 February** at
3.15pm at Weymouth Crematorium. Afterwards at the Kings Arms,
Dorchester. There will be a video link for those who are unable to attend.
If you intend going to the get-together afterwards, please let Jo Weir know
as soon as possible for catering purposes. Thank you!

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.

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



DORCHESTER COMMITTEE

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

FRIENDLY ATMOSPHERE – EVERYONE WELCOME
BRING A FRIEND OR MEET SOME NEW ONES

Sunday February 23rd
St Mary's Church, DT1 2HL.

An hour of music including
Mozart: Clarinet Quintet
Handel: Arrival of the Queen of Sheba
with **The Dorian String Quartet** at
3.30 pm followed by tea and cake.
Admission is free, but donations are
invited in aid of the church roof.



QUIZ NIGHT

SATURDAY 1 MARCH

Doors open at 6.00 pm
First round at 6.30 pm

ST MARY'S CHURCH HALL
ALEXANDRA ROAD, DORCHESTER DT1 2XL

Teams of up to six people
£8 per person
Including a Ploughman's Supper
Bring your own drinks
Raffle

For further information or to register a team
contact Moira Farley at
moira.farley@me.com or on 07810 693097

ECO TIPS

St Mary's Eco Group would love to hear any of your own Tips which can be 5
printed. Please send them to us—for the attention of Jo. Thanks!



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

Memorial service for Sarah Mitchell, Friday 7th February 2.30pm

A message from Andrew Mitchell

We welcome all who are able to attend a church service to celebrate the lives of both Sarah and Chris Mitchell, from 2.30pm at St. George's Church, Fordington, Dorchester. The service will be followed by refreshments in the church hall.

We don't feel like wearing black is necessary for the occasion so please feel free to wear colour.

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

Church Contacts:- Team Vicar: Revd Cora Yarrien - 262421
Secretary : Janet Ranger-Dennis 07752 634773