

## Simon and St Jude, Winterborne Monkton

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



## Pews News 23rd February 2025 2nd before Lent

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The Dorchester & District  
World Day of Prayer  
will be held at

**St Mary's Church**

on Friday 7<sup>th</sup> March  
at 10.30am.

*Coffee and Fairtrade products will  
be available after the service.*



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The Creation of Adam—Sistine Chapel

### Collect

Almighty God,  
you have created the heavens and the earth  
and made us in your own image:  
teach us to discern your hand in all your works  
and your likeness in all your children;  
through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord,  
who with you and the Holy Spirit reigns supreme over all things,  
now and for ever.

### Readings

2nd before Lent: Genesis 2.4b-9,15-end, Revelation 4. Luke 8.22-25.  
Next before Lent: Exodus 34.29-end. 2 Corinthians 3.12-4.2.  
Luke 9.28-36 (37-43a)

**Dorchester Strollers:** Monday 24th Feb 10.45am Trumpet Major  
Tuesday 25th Feb 2.15pm Borough Gardens Bandstand

**Team Rector & St Peter, High West St:** Revd Keith Magee 07766 645135

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**Parish Office:** 01305 250719 [dorchesterpcc@gmail.com](mailto:dorchesterpcc@gmail.com) open 9-1, Tues, Thur, Fri

## Reflection for the 2nd before Lent

Revd Jo Lacy Smith

Who then is this, that he commands even the wind and the water,  
and they obey him.

All these readings tell us how God the Trinity, created our universe, how powerful God is, was and is to come. And yet creation is in a mess because of human behaviour. And in the west, Christianity's creation myths are often seen as the foundation of the behaviour that is causing the destruction of our planet. These readings do not include the all-important passage, where God gave humans dominion over the earth, but it does include God asking man/human to name the creatures. In many traditions if you name something you have a form of control over them.

Elsewhere in Genesis we read that God made humans in the image of God, in other words full of justice, love, peace which honours the poor over the rich, all of creation is equal. This is the upside-down world of Christ. Jesus is in a boat with his disciples who are fishermen, who are frightened even though their knowledge of the sea of Galilee is profound and generational, they fear for their lives. Life has once again been tipped upside down, and Jesus, who is now beginning to experience himself as possibly being the Messiah, calms the wind and the sea. I wonder if he is surprised as the disciples were that he was successful. He does not show it, we experience him as full of authority He is in charge.

Jesus was 100% human and 100% divine. We are made in the image of God. Within us all we have the ability to turn this destructive trajectory of the planet upside down. Like the fishermen, as a race we are learning to how to live within the planet, we are getting to know the planet and to learn from it. We are honouring and learning from those indigenous people who have been living alongside creation, without destroying it. We are using our ever growing God-given expansive knowledge and creativity to find new ways to live our everyday lives differently. We are finding new ways to capture carbon, we are finding ways to produce less carbon, we are increasing diversity by becoming aware of how we garden, and how we spend our money with the planet always in mind. We cannot slack, we have to carry on, we are still in danger. We need to continue to change. God has given us the capability to redirect this situation, becoming resigned to failure is not an option. It was not the option the disciples took, when they were in danger. They woke Jesus up. We must wake up Christ within us and call upon him, the Holy Spirit and God, our creator to give us hope and continue our journey into new and unfamiliar ways of living.

**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](mailto: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](mailto:revteresa@outlook.com) 01305 549242)**





## **Winterbourne Valley Services**

### **Church Services during February**

#### **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*

## **FOR YOUR PRAYERS THIS WEEK:**

Among those in special need: Jill Smith, 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:*** Sarah Mitchell, Glynis Legg, Edward Lee, Lionel Knott, Heather Stringer.

***Remember those whose Year's Mind falls this week:*** Phyllis Baskett, Brian Pace, Tim Oram, Jena Castleton.

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### **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 [thedorchestermessage@gmail.com](mailto:thedorchestermessage@gmail.com) This is the same email address as for contributions to the benefice magazine

***The Dorchester & District World Day of Prayer will be held at St Mary's Church on Friday the 7<sup>th</sup> March at 10.30am. Coffee and Fairtrade products will be available after the service.***

**Ash Wednesday 5th March - there is an 11.00 am Holy Eucharist with Ashing at St George's and 7.00 pm Sung Eucharist with Ashing at St Mary's.**

**Dorcas MU** next meets on Wednesday 26 February at 10am at Flat 16, The Brewery. For prayer, bible study and fellowship. Newcomers welcome. Contact 260259

**Contact:** Rev Teresa Stewart-Sykes 01305 549242 mobile 07823809112  
email [revteresa@outlook.com](mailto:revteresa@outlook.com)



**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. **Many thanks to all who contribute. In this last year we have donated 784 kilos of food.**

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**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.

### Music at St Peter's in March

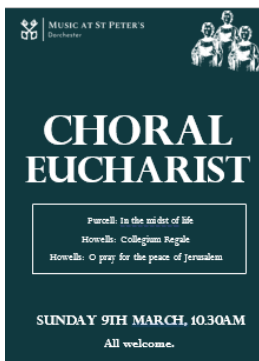
On **Sunday 9th March** our monthly service of Choral Eucharist takes place at 10.30am. The music includes Purcell's 'In the midst of life' as well as 'Collegium Regale' and 'O pray for the peace of Jerusalem' both by Herbert Howells.

Our lunchtime concert during Lent is on **Saturday 15th March** between 12.30pm and 1pm. This will be a performance of Vivaldi's Stabat Mater sung by counter tenor Archie Chesson, who is one of our fantastic choral scholars. Archie will be accompanied by a small instrumental ensemble. Admission is free and all are very welcome.

Our monthly service of Choral Evensong takes place on **Saturday 22nd March** at 4.30pm. The music includes Purcell's 'Thou knowest Lord', Smith's 'Preces & Responses', the 'Magnificat' by

Arvo Pärt, 'Nunc Dimittis' by Holst and S.S. Wesley's 'Wash me thoroughly'. Admission is free and there is a glass of wine to follow. All are very welcome. Looking a little way ahead to Holy Week, do put 6.00pm on the 18th April in your diary, when we will be performing Rutter's Requiem for Good Friday. This is offered as an act of worship, so admission is free and all are very welcome.

Keep up with events via our website: [www.musicatstpetersdorchester.org](http://www.musicatstpetersdorchester.org) or by following us on social media: Facebook: <https://www.facebook.com/musicatstpetersdorch> - X (Twitter): @musicatstpeter - Instagram @musicatstpetersdorch. If you would like to join our email list to receive news about our events, subscribe through the website or drop us a line at: [musicatstpeters@mail.com](mailto:musicatstpeters@mail.com) All of our social media and contact details can be found at: [linktr.ee/musicatstpeters](http://linktr.ee/musicatstpeters)



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### HOLY COMMUNION Celtic Tradition.

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

Next, **5th March**

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**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)



## Tea Toast & Toddlers

Volunteers are needed for Tea Toast and Toddlers  
on Mondays at St George's Church Hall

9am-12pm Term time only

Please contact Ruth Magee 07984 621132  
if you are interested in helping.

@ St George's Church Fordington

**Forest Praise Cafe**

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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 March.**

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

**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 Trudy Tabone in memory of her mother Irene Dessin whose years mind falls on 28th February.

**This Sunday 23 February** we welcome to St Mary's Arthur Thomas, who is to be baptised during the 9.45am morning service, and his family.

St Mary's cleaning—**Thursday 27 February 10-12.** Refreshments! All welcome!

Can you make use of any of the **picture frames** at present on the piano at the back of the church?. They held the portraits of former priests before those pictures were recently reframed. It seems a pity to bin them.

**Olive Branch.** We are starting our Coffee Mornings again after a long break. The first will be held on **Friday 28th February** at 10,30am at Crossroads cafe In Crown Square Poundbury. All are welcome, lifts can be arranged. For details contact Joyce or Jan.

**Shrove Tuesday Pancakes** - Jimmy & Lydia invite you to Pancakes at the Vicarage on Tuesday 4 March, 6pm - 8pm. If you would like to come please add your name to the sheet at the back of church. **Study group at St Mary's** - Rev Jimmy would like to

organise a regular bible study/discussion/fellowship group to meet at the Vicarage. He would like to get an idea, from those interested, which days and times of the day would suit most people and has put a list at the back of church for people to indicate by ticking all the time slots which suit them, no names needed. So, please add your preferences when you're next in church. The frequency of the group may be weekly or fortnightly.

**Sunday February 23rd St Mary's Church,**  
*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 2LX

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](mailto:moira.farley@me.com) or on 07810 693097

**ECO TIPS** Could you be an Energy Champion? Yes, you can! Think about the power you use at home, especially all your electrical goods, and decide how many things can be turned off after use, and especially overnight. Could you switch off things rather than leave them on stand-by, and switch off lights where they are not needed. It only saves a small amount of power per household, but every little helps - and you know, as an Energy Champion, you are collectively doing your best for our environment!





## **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.**

**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](mailto: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 am at St George's and evening service at St Mary's at 7pm.**

**Christian Aid Bingo – Saturday 15 March, St George's church hall, doors open 6pm, eyes down 6.30pm.** We are once again running a bingo evening in aid of Christian Aid.

Any donations of prizes welcome. Please give to Helen or David Pickard or Maggie Carter Thank you

**St George's Day Fair – Saturday 26 April**

Marmalade, Jams and Chutneys

We will once again be selling jars of marmalade etc at the fair. If you are making any, please think about donating some for us to sell. (please list the ingredients used on the jars). Please bring to church at any time, as we can store them until the fair.

Cakes, we need cakes at the fair for both the cake stall and the hall teas. Once again, if you bake any for us, please list the ingredients used on the wrapper. We cannot accept donations of cakes until the fair itself.

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## **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](mailto: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.

### **MARCH SERVICES**

2 March - Matins

9 March - Holy Communion

16 March - Matins

23 March - Holy Communion

30 March - 5th Sunday so a joint service at St George's at 9.45am

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