

The Benefice of Pimperne, Stourpaine and Durweston with Bryanston  
With the churches of Tarrant Hinton, Tarrant Gunville and Tarrant Monkton



## Pews News for 9<sup>th</sup> January 2022

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### This Week's Services

Day	Time	Service	Location
<b>9<sup>th</sup> January</b>	09:00	Holy Communion (BCP)	All Saints, Tarrant Monkton
Epiphany 1	09:15	Breakfast Together	Village Hall, Tarrant Hinton
<b>Baptism of Christ</b>	16:00	Holy Communion	St Peter, Pimperne
<b>Monday</b>	09:00	Morning Prayer	Zoom
<b>Wednesday</b>	09:00	Morning Prayer	Zoom
	10:00	Holy Communion	Holy Trinity, Stourpaine
<b>Thursday</b>	20:00	Compline	Zoom
<b>Friday</b>	09:00	Morning Prayer	Zoom
<b>16<sup>th</sup> January</b>	09:15	Holy Communion	St Peter, Pimperne
Epiphany 2	10:30	Family Communion	St Mary, Tarrant Gunville
	11:00	Holy Communion	Holy Trinity, Stourpaine
	18:00	Evensong	St Nicholas, Durweston

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## Collect for the Week

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. **Amen**

## Sunday's Readings

*The weekday readings (Mon-Sat) can be obtained online – please email [barrytorr48@gmail.com](mailto:barrytorr48@gmail.com) if you would like details of how to do this.*

### Isaiah 43.1-7

But now thus says the Lord, he who created you, O Jacob, he who formed you, O Israel: Do not fear, for I have redeemed you; I have called you by name, you are mine. When you pass through the waters, I will be with you; and through the rivers, they shall not overwhelm you; when you walk through fire you shall not be burned, and the flame shall not consume you.

For I am the Lord your God, the Holy One of Israel, your Saviour. I give Egypt as your ransom, Ethiopia and Seba in exchange for you. Because you are precious in my sight, and honoured, and I love you, I give people in return for you, nations in exchange for your life. Do not fear, for I am with you; I will bring your offspring from the east, and from the west I will gather you; I will say to the north, 'Give them up', and to the south, 'Do not withhold; bring my sons from far away and my daughters from the end of the earth— everyone who is called by my name, whom I created for my glory, whom I formed and made.'

### Luke 3.15-17, 21-22

As the people were filled with expectation, and all were questioning in their hearts concerning John, whether he might be the Messiah, John answered all of them by saying, 'I baptise you with water; but one who is more powerful than I is coming; I am not worthy to untie the thong of his sandals. He will baptise you with the Holy Spirit and fire. His winnowing-fork is in his hand, to clear his threshing-floor and to gather the wheat into his granary; but the chaff he will burn with unquenchable fire.' Now when all the people were baptised, and when Jesus also had been baptised and was praying, the heaven was opened, and the Holy Spirit descended upon him in bodily form like a dove. And a voice came from heaven, 'You are my Son, the Beloved; with you I am well pleased.'

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# NOTICES

## **New ~ CANCELLED Concert (Soiree No.3), St Peter's, Pimperne on Sunday 9<sup>th</sup> January**

Reluctantly, we have decided to postpone our third Soirée due to the great increase in Covid numbers. I know that a number of you may have been anxious in going out at the present time, so, in the interests of safety, and also because we have such an excellent programme to offer you, we thought it best to wait until it could be heard by a larger audience. We hope to reschedule this Soirée at a later date and we also hope that Soirée No.4 (Vox Serenata vocal quartet) will go ahead on Sunday 27<sup>th</sup> February as planned.

*Christopher Dowie.*

## **New ~ CANCELLED Breakfast @9, Stourpaine Village Hall on Sunday 9<sup>th</sup> January**

The decision has been taken to cancel this month's Breakfast @9. At the moment February's event on 13<sup>th</sup> February is going ahead as planned.

## **New ~ Christmas – with care!**

In St Peter's church calendar, two of its Christmas services have during recent (pre-pandemic) years been very popular, each attracting more than 100 people. With the Omicron strain of the covid virus suddenly rampant, however, things were bound to be different this Christmas.....



**... Carols Round the Tree.** Cancelled in 2020, but re-planned during the optimism of 2021, this event went ahead on 19<sup>th</sup> December with one last-minute precaution – church guidance on the sharing of food & drink in large numbers meant that there were no mince pies, and no mulled wine. This may have reduced the numbers slightly, but there were still about 100 people gathered around the perimeter of the large outdoor area. The Stour Valley Band led us

superbly as ever with the carols, the singing was enthusiastic, and the Christmas message was delivered concisely by Martin Richley.

**... The Crib Service.** This popular Christmas Eve event took place on Zoom in 2020, but was planned to return to church this year. The service is a re-enactment of the Christmas story, and usually involves a lot of moving around in a packed church. Clearly the Covid environment would not allow that this year, so several precautions were put in place:

- Numbers were limited by ticket to around half the usual attendance
- Masks were worn by all adults for the whole service
- Doors were left open for ventilation – so everyone dressed warmly!

- To minimise movement, each family group was allocated a pew, and children sat with their family for most of the time. There was very little movement around the church
- Attendees were recommended to do a lateral flow test before coming.

It turned out to be one of the most enjoyable Crib Services ever, despite baby Jesus arriving slightly earlier than planned! The (un-rehearsed) acting was carried out with aplomb, the singing was led very sensitively by our organist Chris Dowie, and generous giving enables a gift to the charity 'Embrace the Middle East' towards their work with special needs children in those countries.



Barry Torrance

## DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

**Sunday 27th February 2022 at 7.15 pm, Holy Trinity, Stourpaine**

**Sunday Soirée No.4**

*Programme tba*

**Vox Serenata - Vocal Quartet / Christopher Dowie – Piano**

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**Sunday 20th March 2022 at St Nicholas, Durweston**

**Come and join in Stainer's "Crucifixion"**

*15:00: Registration and distribution of music*

*15:30: Afternoon rehearsal for singers (experience not essential)*

*17:00: Tea*

*18:00: Performance in place of Evening Service. All are invited.*

No charge for singers and no charge for admission to the performance.

Retiring collection at the end of the performance.

*Stainer's "Crucifixion" is very much a Service as opposed to a performance and would provide a powerful start to the approach to Passiontide.*

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