

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



Pews News for 29th October 2023

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Services for the next week

Day	Time	Service	Location
29th	10:00	Benefice Service	St Mary, Tarrant Gunville
Bible Sunday			
Monday	09:00	Morning Prayer	Zoom
Wednesday	10:00	Holy Communion*	Holy Trinity, Stourpaine
Thursday	20:00	Compline	Zoom
Friday	09:00	Morning Prayer	Zoom
Thursday 2nd	18:00	All Souls service	St Nicholas, Durweston
All souls	18:00	All Souls service	St Mary, Tarrant Hinton
5th	08:00	Holy Communion (BCP)	Holy Trinity, Stourpaine
	09:15	Morning Service	St Peter, Pimperne
All Saints Sunday	10:30	Family service with Communion	St Mary, Tarrant Hinton
	11:00	Holy Communion	St Nicholas, Durweston
	18:00	Evensong	St Mary, Tarrant Gunville

Collect for the 29th October Week

Blessed Lord,
who caused all holy Scriptures to be written for our learning:
help us so to hear them,
to read, mark, learn and inwardly digest them
that, through patience, and the comfort of your holy word,
we may embrace and for ever hold fast the hope of everlasting life,
which you have given us in our Saviour Jesus Christ,
who is alive and reigns with you,
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
one God, now and for ever.

Amen

Sunday's Readings

Leviticus 19.1-2, 15-18

Ritual and Moral Holiness

19The Lord spoke to Moses, saying:

2 Speak to all the congregation of the people of Israel and say to them: You shall be holy, for I the Lord your God am holy.

15 You shall not render an unjust judgement; you shall not be partial to the poor or defer to the great: with justice you shall judge your neighbour. ¹⁶You shall not go around as a slanderer among your people, and you shall not profit by the blood of your neighbour: I am the Lord.

17 You shall not hate in your heart anyone of your kin; you shall reprove your neighbour, or you will incur guilt yourself. ¹⁸You shall not take vengeance or bear a grudge against any of your people, but you shall love your neighbour as yourself: I am the Lord.

1 Thessalonians 2.1-8

Paul's Ministry in Thessalonica

2You yourselves know, brothers and sisters, that our coming to you was not in vain, ²but though we had already suffered and been shamefully maltreated at Philippi, as you know, we had courage in our God to declare to you the gospel of God in spite of great opposition. ³For our appeal does not spring from deceit or impure motives or trickery, ⁴but just as we have been approved by God to be entrusted with the message of the gospel, even so we speak, not to please mortals, but to please God who tests our hearts. ⁵As you know and as God is our witness, we never came with words of flattery or with a pretext for greed; ⁶nor did we seek praise from mortals, whether from you or from others, ⁷though we might have made demands as apostles of Christ. But we were gentle among you, like a nurse tenderly caring for her own children. ⁸So deeply do we care for you that we are determined to share with you not only the gospel of God but also our own selves, because you have become very dear to us.

Matthew 22.34-end

The Greatest Commandment

34 When the Pharisees heard that he had silenced the Sadducees, they gathered together, ³⁵and one of them, a lawyer, asked him a question to test him. ³⁶'Teacher, which commandment in the law is the greatest?' ³⁷He said to him, ' "You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, and with all your soul, and with all your mind." ³⁸This is the greatest and first commandment. ³⁹And a second is like it: "You shall love your neighbour as yourself." ⁴⁰On these two commandments hang all the law and the prophets.'

The Question about David's Son

41 Now while the Pharisees were gathered together, Jesus asked them this question: ⁴²'What do you think of the Messiah? Whose son is he?' They said to him,

'The son of David.' ⁴³He said to them, 'How is it then that David by the Spirit calls him Lord, saying,

⁴⁴ "The Lord said to my Lord,

'Sit at my right hand,

until I put your enemies under your feet' "?

⁴⁵If David thus calls him Lord, how can he be his son?' ⁴⁶No one was able to give him an answer, nor from that day did anyone dare to ask him any more questions.

Save the Date:

Durweston Choral Society. Advent Concert to include Brahms-"Songs of Love" and seasonal music in Durweston Church on Dec 2nd at 7.30 pm.

Notices



Blandford Cares is based in the Blandford United Reformed Church and directly supports Volunteer Groups helping refugees in Calais and South Sudan since 2015. We regularly collect and deliver aid to Ukraine via the "New Forest 4 Ukraine" group.

Blandford Cares is also desperately in need of the following items:
Good clean adult and children's clothing, (new) underwear, hats, scarves, coats, socks and shoes. Blankets, tents, sleeping bags, medical supplies and toiletries. These will be sent to either Calais or the Ukraine.

If you wish to help or have donations please call (Mike) 07768403512 or mail admin@blandfordcares.org for more information
Delivery appointment recommended to access private church car park.
Our sorting room 28 Whitecliff Mill St, Blandford Forum DT11 7DQ is open 10am to 12pm every Tuesday

PSD Sunday Soirées at 7.15 pm

There is no charge for admission to the following Soirées but there will be a Retiring Collection from which, after expenses, a donation will be made to the host Church.

Sunday 29th November at Holy Trinity, Stourpaine

(Manor Road, Stourpaine, DT11 8JZ)

Plus Fours Wind Ensemble

Plus Fours is a group of musical friends who have been playing together since 2018. They play a wide selection of music for flute, clarinet, saxophone and piano and their repertoire includes music from classical to jazz, pop and easy listening.



EMBRACE the Middle East

Embrace, is an organisation that St Peter's church, Pimperne supports at our annual Crib Service, and whose carol sheets we use at our other Christmas services. They work in Israel, Egypt and Lebanon, and have been instrumental in showing God's care across religious and ethnic boundaries in those countries (many of us will remember Harpur Memorial Hospital in Egypt, that we visited during one of our benefice trips with Stephen Coulter).

No doubt you have been praying already for all those affected by the present awful conflict; this brings their suffering a little closer to us. Please continue to pray, perhaps using the guidance from Embrace below, and if you wish, support their appeal.

Thank you, Barry Torrance

Dear Friends

The death and destruction caused by the missile which struck the Ahli hospital on the 17 October 2023 has shocked the world. As a long-standing partner of Al Ahli we are deeply distressed at the loss of life.

We echo the words of the Diocese of Jerusalem, 'Hospitals, by the tenets of international humanitarian law, are sanctuaries, yet this assault has transgressed those sacred boundaries.'

Please pray with us for the bereaved, and for those whose lives were lost. Many of the dead were seeking sanctuary. Others were staying with their seriously ill relatives who could not be moved. And inevitably hospital staff will be among the hundreds killed. There is no moral high ground to be claimed by anyone in this horrible conflict.

Please pray with us that the killing will stop, that a ceasefire across the whole of the Gaza strip will be brokered, and that humanitarian aid will reach the hundreds of thousands of innocent women, children and men whose lives are in great danger.

Please pray with us for peace, reconciliation and justice for all in all of the land. And, if you can, **please support our appeal** for the help that will be desperately needed for a long time to come to heal, to rebuild, to reconcile, to begin again.

Thank you. **Tim Livesey, CEO, Embrace the Middle East**

In our staff prayers this morning, we found comfort in the words of the Psalmist: "*The Lord is near to the broken-hearted and saves the crushed in spirit.*" (Psalm 34:18)

Go to the GIVE tab on their website www.embraceme.org and select GAZA CRISIS APPEAL to find out how you can support them or call 01494 897950