

COMING UP...

Sunday 26th July - Community Afternoon Tea

3-5pm. Theme 'The Owl and the Pussycat'.

Help of any kind is always welcome. Please speak to Penny. Thank you



ANNUAL ACCOUNTS FOR 2025

The audited accounts for 2025 are displayed in the porch available for inspection. The adjourned Annual Parochial Church Meeting will be resumed on 2nd August at the end of the 10am service for the accounts to be approved. Once the accounts are approved the business of the APCM will be concluded.

Sue Colborne, Honorary Secretary to the PCC

THIS WEEK

Sunday 26 July – Trinity 8

8.30am Holy Communion in the Lady Chapel

10am Morning Worship and Zoom

3pm Community Afternoon Tea in large hall

Monday 27 July

Please pray for reconciliation in all relationships
Johnston Road & Kenyon Close

Tuesday 28 July

Please pray for all groups who meet in the halls
Kenyon Road & Kirby Close

Wednesday 29 July

Please pray for all church choirs and organists
Lime Close & Marlott Road

10am Holy Communion in the Lady Chapel

2-4pm Knit and Natter in the small hall

Thursday 30 July

Please pray for all species close to extinction
Mellstock Road & Middle Road

Friday 31 July

Office closed

Please pray for all who attend Coffee Morning tomorrow

Milestone Road & Moor View Road

Saturday 1 August

9am Prayers for the Parish on Zoom

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/8430477988?pwd=VFpUWlpXU0VwUzFjSWp3WHZNTGpWdz09>

[VlpXU0VwUzFjSWp3WHZNTGpWdz09](https://us02web.zoom.us/j/8430477988?pwd=VFpUWlpXU0VwUzFjSWp3WHZNTGpWdz09)

Meeting ID: 843 0477 9888 Passcode: 266213

Please pray for all St George's services

Nansen Avenue & Oakdale Road

10am Coffee Morning in the large hall

Sunday 2 August – Trinity 9

8.30am Holy Communion in the Lady Chapel

10am Holy Communion and Zoom



THIS WEEK AT OAKDALE ST GEORGE

26th July 2026

Trinity 8

Dear Friends,

During my sabbatical the last event I attended was a soul rewilding weekend at Hillfield Friary. It sounds very 'hippy' and I'll admit some of it took me out of my comfort zone. But what it did do was encourage me to stop, to observe God's beautiful world around me, and to learn afresh to appreciate and nurture it.

So today I invite you all to do the same. To stop, look, feel and admire the beauty of God's world, and observe evidence of His Kingdom growing all around us. It really is an extraordinarily beautiful world.

Penny

Here is a photo I took on retreat using a jewellers loop to get a close-up.



**Next Sunday – 2nd August
Trinity 9**

**Readings: Romans 9. 1-5
Matthew 14. 13-21**

Hearing loop available in church.

Turn your hearing aid to the T switch

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Collect

Almighty Lord and everlasting God, we beseech you to direct, sanctify and govern both our hearts and bodies in the ways of your laws and the works of your commandments; that through your most mighty protection, both here and ever, we may be preserved in body and soul; through our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ, who is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen**

Readings

Romans 8.26–end

Likewise the Spirit helps us in our weakness; for we do not know how to pray as we ought, but that very Spirit intercedes with sighs too deep for words. And God, who searches the heart, knows what is the mind of the Spirit, because the Spirit intercedes for the saints according to the will of God. We know that all things work together for good for those who love God, who are called according to his purpose. For those whom he foreknew he also predestined to be conformed to the image of his Son, in order that he might be the firstborn within a large family. And those whom he predestined he also called; and those whom he called he also justified; and those whom he justified he also glorified. What then are we to say about these things? If God is for us, who is against us? He who did not withhold his own Son, but gave him up for all of us, will he not with him also give us everything else? Who will bring any charge against God's elect? It is God who justifies. Who is to condemn? It is Christ Jesus, who died, yes, who was raised, who is at the right hand of God, who indeed intercedes for us. Who will separate us from the love of Christ? Will hardship, or distress, or persecution, or famine, or nakedness, or peril, or sword? As it is written, 'For your sake we are being killed all day long; we are accounted as sheep to be slaughtered.' No, in all these things we are more than conquerors through him who loved us. For I am convinced that neither death, nor life, nor angels, nor rulers, nor things present, nor things to come, nor powers, nor height, nor depth, nor anything else in all creation, will be able to separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord.

Matthew 13.31–33, 44–52

He put before them another parable: 'The kingdom of heaven is like a mustard seed that someone took and sowed in his field; it is the smallest of all the seeds, but when it has grown it is the greatest of shrubs and becomes a tree, so that the birds of the air come and make nests in its branches.' He told them another parable: 'The kingdom of heaven is like yeast that a woman took and mixed in with three measures of flour until all of it was leavened.' The kingdom of heaven is like treasure hidden in a field, which someone found and hid; then in his joy he goes and sells all that he has and buys that field. 'Again, the kingdom of heaven is like a merchant in search of fine pearls; on finding one pearl of great value, he went and sold all that he had and bought it. 'Again, the kingdom of heaven is like a net that was thrown into the sea and caught fish of every kind; when it was full, they drew it ashore, sat down, and put the good into baskets but threw out the bad. So it will be at the end of the age. The angels will come out and separate the evil from the righteous and throw them into the furnace of fire, where there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth. 'Have you understood all this?' They answered, 'Yes.' And he said to them, 'Therefore every scribe who has been trained for the kingdom of heaven is like the master of a household who brings out of his treasure what is new and what is old.'

Post Communion

Strengthen for service, Lord, the hands that have taken holy things; may the ears which have heard your word be deaf to clamour and dispute; may the tongues which have sung your praise be free from deceit; may the eyes which have seen the tokens of your love shine with the light of hope; and may the bodies which have been fed with your body be refreshed with the fullness of your life; glory to you for ever.

St George's Tower Cross was lit on:

*20th July
In loving memory of
Julie Joanna Brown*

Please pray for

Worldwide: The Anglican Church of Tanzania.

Diocese Warminster Christ Church in Heytesbury Deanery

Local: Hennings Park Road & Hiley Road

Immediate Prayer: Jacob Mason, Alison, Frances, Nancy, Val, Willow.

Continuous Prayer: Terry Adkins, Carol Burridge, Tony Bursey, Bethany Cook, Hazel Day, Richard and Anita Glynn, Hilary Henson, Peter Hooper, Jim L, Beverley Mitchell, Frederick Perry, Jenny Read, Sue Rowledge, Carrie Spencer, Ginny Williams, Chris, Dorothy, Judith, Julie, Kezia

Also, we remember those who have died recently **RIP Chris Moody** and those whose anniversaries fall at this time

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**Light Up Dorset** is a Mission event to take place in July 2027.

## 1. Saturday 17th October 2026 –

Vision, Prayer & Worship Gathering at The Lighthouse, Poole. **BOOKINGS ARE NOW OPEN!** This evening is for everyone, young and old, from every denomination who is passionate about seeing people discover Jesus.

Come and enjoy:

- Inspiring vision for Light Up Dorset
- Stories of God at work across Dorset
- Worship and prayer together
- Encouragement for the journey ahead
- Special guests:
  - ✚ Grace Wheeler (Gas Street Church, Birmingham under Tim Hughes Leadership)
  - ✚ Elle Limebear (Daughter of Martin Smith Delirious?)

**Tickets are just £5 (Lighthouse admin fee only).**

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