

Welcome

Week beginning Sunday 5th October
16th After Trinity

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1. Read the Bible passages for the day ahead of the sermon- you can find these on the pewsheet. Being familiar with the text will be helpful as you listen to it being read and preached on. Take time to look around the texts in the Bible, because context can really help understanding. Ask the Holy Spirit to speak to you and everyone else through the readings and the sermon/talk. You can do all this before the service if you arrive early.
2. Read along as the readings are being read. Most churches have pew Bibles or a screen you can use for this.
3. Bring a notebook and pen/pencil to church with you and take notes during the sermon. The sermon is in the service because it is assumed the preacher has something worth saying! You can then refer back to the notes later.
4. Thank the preacher. Think of a sermon like you would a friend or relative making you a meal- you show appreciation for their effort on your behalf. Even if it doesn't turn out amazingly, most preachers spend literally hours preparing a sermon- praying, reading, reflecting, researching and writing. Clergy and LLMs spend years in training for this purpose!
5. Be prepared to offer constructive feedback. Often preachers have no idea how a sermon “lands”; a kind word can be incredibly encouraging. Likewise, if the preacher has confused or challenged you- or there's something else s/he needs to hear- it's good for them to know. Preachers want (or should want!) to improve.
6. Reflect on the sermon and readings after the sermon. Don't leave it in church.

Sermons have often been labelled as boring. They don't have to be, and whilst that may be down to the preacher, much rests on the hearer and the attitude they bring. The sermon is an opportunity to hear and learn from the Holy Spirit as he speaks through his ministers. As with much in life, if we are proactive, we will do better- in this case, built up in our faith. And of course, this is not solely a personal thing; as we grow spiritually, we will better serve our Lord, his church and our community all the more faithfully.

Please pray

- For all who exercise a ministry of preaching, that they may faithfully and clearly preach the gospel.
- For us as churches, that we would have a hunger for God's word.
- For the Lord to raise up workers in the harvest.

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(St Francis - Deuteronomy 26. 1-11 John 6. 25-35)

Collect

Lord of creation, whose glory is around and within us: open our eyes to your wonders,
that we may serve you with reverence and know your peace at our lives' end,
through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen

St Andrew's Church Rooms, Preston. DT3 6BU

St Andrew's Christmas Cards 2025

Two festive designs,
packs of 6 (3 of each) for just £5!
• A6 size with envelopes included
• Blank inside for your own message
Order forms in the Church & Church Rooms
Order by Sunday 26th October
ready for distribution early/mid November.

Pay by cash or card

All proceeds go to Church funds – spread the
joy and support St Andrew's this Christmas!

Churchyard Clear-up

10am Wednesday 8th October

(15th if the weather is bad)

Getting the churchyard ready for the
colder months. Any help welcomed.

Bacon rolls provided.

(If you'd like to join the Church cleaning group,
cleaning the inside of the Church, they meet at
10am every 1st Tuesday of the month.)

Variety Evening

7pm for 7.30pm Friday 24th October

Variety of Local Acts, Bar, Raffle, FUN!

Tickets £10 from the Team Office

Please contact 01305 837147 or
weymouth.ridgeway.team.office@gmail.com

New Alpha Course

A new Alpha course has just started.

Tuesdays 7pm till approx 8.30pm,
The Church Rooms, 4 Church Road. DT3 6BU

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St Laurence Harvest Service & Lunch This Sunday 5th October

St Laurence church will be holding its Harvest
Service followed by a lunch on Sunday 5th
October. The service starts at 10.30 and lunch
will be in the old school next to the church at
12.30 Cost £15 per person. Tickets available
from Betty Sutcliffe on 01305812521 or at 32,
Elwell Street. there is easy access to both
buildings. Do come and join us. We would love
to see you there.

Paws For Thought

St Francis Church, Littlemoor

3pm this Sunday 5th October

A service of thanksgiving & remembrance
for our pets. You are encouraged to bring your
pet with you! Refreshments provided.

St Nicholas Church, Broadway Dorchester Rd. DT3 5DN

6.30pm for 7pm Saturday October 11th

The Bovington Military Wives Choir Concert

Tickets are £10 (under 16yrs free). There will
be a bar (cash preferable) & free teas/
coffee's/squash.

Please contact Susana Malik in advance
07944 617553 or susanamalik@yahoo.com

Request for Sleeping Bags

With the colder weather approaching sleeping
bags are urgently needed for those sleeping
rough in our area. Do you have a sleeping bag
(with carry bag) that you no longer need, or
would you be willing to purchase one?

Please contact: Julia Curtis-King
juliackh7@gmail.com

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