

# Welcome

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3rd Sunday After Trinity



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Church of England’s best kept secret.

Church Army was started in 1882 by Wilson Carlile a young curate at the church of St Mary Abbots Kensington in London. In those days Kensington was not the posh area it is now. There was lots of poverty, people caught in addictions, sex workers, unemployment. Carlile saw that the church was not having contact with them. They felt too bad to go to church and the church didn’t want ‘those people’ in their church. Carlile called these people on the edge of society, ‘The Least. The Last and The Lost.’ He thought the church should train ordinary men - sorry ladies you come later- to go out and work among them. When Carlile took this idea to his bishop his response was , “ You can’t do that it will turn the church upside-down.” To which Carlile replied, “No”, said Carlile, “it will turn the church inside-out”.

That’s what Church Army has been trying to do since 1882, to get those Christians in the church to go out into the world and share the Good News of Jesus with those who need to hear it. In our Gospel this morning we hear Jesus sending out seventy of his followers into the world. They are going like lambs amongst wolves. They are going into a hostile world, They need to be self supporting, self-aware, accepting some places they go will be hostile, don’t be concerned about that just move on. If they are welcome stay and work with those people, heal the sick, pray , for those in need, share the gospel with the through words and actions.

This is very much what church Army and my ministry has been about, being ready to serve those on the edge of society, not matter what their circumstances are. It’s when we serve our fellow humans that we are being truly God Like. You have probably heard the saying “share the gospel and if you must use words.” That’s always been the way I have tried to conduct my ministry. At St. Frances one of the sections of our growth plan is ‘Go and Tell,’ we are come to faith because someone told us, and they told us because someone told them.

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Let us go out into the world without fear and share the Good News of Jesus.

*Captain Paul McDonough. C.A. LLM.*

### Readings

Isaiah 66. 10-14 Luke 10. 1-11, 16-20

### Collect

God our saviour, look on this wounded world in pity and in power; hold us fast to your promises of peace won for us by your Son, our Saviour Jesus Christ. Amen

#### Deanery Synod

The next meeting is on Tuesday 8th July  
7pm for a 7.30pm start

All Saints Church Wyke Regis.

We are continuing exploring the different pathways within the Diocesan Vision of Making Jesus Known. This session will focus on Climate Action with Revd Dr Nigel Dilkes. This is an open meeting, everyone is welcome

#### St Nicholas Church, Broadwey

##### The Dorset Wrecks

Saturday the 19th of July at 7.30pm.

Book your tickets in advance before they sell out. Half the ticket proceeds will be going to National Coastwatch Institution - Portland Bill & the other to St. Nicholas Church.

Susana Malik 07944617553 or  
susanamalik@yahoo.com

#### St Andrew's Church Rooms. DT3 6BU Carrie Martin

3pm Sunday 7th September

An afternoon of acoustic music, including tea/coffee & homemade cakes.

Tickets £15 from the Team Office

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weymouth.ridgeway.team.office@gmail.com

#### St Osmund's, Osmington Patronal Weekend 13th & 14th July

2.30pm - 4pm Saturday 13th July

Afternoon Tea accompanied by music.

Tickets £5 (children under 10 free)

available from marjorieindorset@gmail.com

hils200@yahoo.co.uk

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#### 6pm Sunday 14th July

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