

Welcome

Week beginning Sunday 19th October
18th After Trinity

Dear Friends,

This weekend is a weekend of great jollification at Westminster Abbey! Every year around this time; the community at the Abbey is joined by many thousands of people to celebrate Edward the Confessor. St Edward the Confessor is, in many regards, not a great hero of the faith. He did not witness to the gospel by being martyred. In fact, if we look at his life many may think that St Edward the Confessor was a complete disaster. He came from the royal house of Wessex which was so dysfunctional it made most other royal houses and even the lives of those in our modern soap operas look settled and well ordered. Edward's mother abandoned him and his brother as she took up with Cnut the Great, the man who had deposed her husband's family and bore him sons who would compete with Edward's immediate siblings for a claim to the throne in events that took the phrase 'Sibling Rivalry' to a whole new level.

Edward spent much of his youth with relatives in Normandy where, some may argue, he paved the way for the confusion that led to the Norman Conquest in 1066. He was not a great statesman and didn't leave England with an heir – some would say that Edward's queen had a pretty miserable time of things too. Edward had the capacity to bear grudges, to be vindictive at times and downright selfish and entitled by our modern standards. He was a man of many faults. That is why I like him. For all his mediocrity and for all his shortcomings; he, like Saint Peter, who is patron of the abbey Edward founded in Westminster, tried to do what God required of him, always trying, despite his limitations, to keep his eyes firmly fixed on the example of Jesus, his Lord and Saviour.

This gives me huge cause for hope. No matter how often we fall; no matter if we get it wrong; God waits patiently for us like the father of the prodigal. All we need to do is to look to him and reach out to him.

With best wishes to you all
Reverend Philip Elliott

Readings

Genesis 32. 22-31 Luke 18. 1-8

Collect

God, our judge and saviour, teach us to be open to your truth and to trust in your love, that we may live each day with confidence in the salvation which is given through Jesus Christ our Lord.

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

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

Quiz Night

7pm Friday 14th November

(max 8 people per team)

Light supper provided & soft drinks available

Please bring your own alcohol & glasses.

Tickets £7 per person

Contact: Carole Anders 07901 282128

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!

St Laurence Church, Upwey. DT3 5QE

Lady Maisery

8pm Friday 31st October

We are lucky to have Lady Maisery coming on 31st October, at 8pm. Advance tickets are £18 from ticketsource. If available, tickets on the door will be £20.

Preston Village Hall. DT3 6BH

Worship Room

7.30pm Saturday 25th October

The Worship Room is a non-denominational Christian ministry, based in Weymouth.

The meetings include charismatic worship & prayers.

The theme for this meeting is holiness.

Everyone is welcome!

Don't Forget!

You get an extra hour in bed next weekend



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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