

# Welcome

Week beginning Sunday 22nd June  
1st Sunday After Trinity

Dear Friends,

When I was at school, we had a fairly good library with a wide selection of books some of which were those books that were very specifically aimed at young readers around the age of nine and into their early teens. These were novels some of which were in the genre of fantasy. I never really took to reading about elves, dwarves and monstrous dragons – strange child that I was I always preferred to read nonfiction and especially history. I do remember the title of one of the novels which I never read. I think it was the illustration of the dragon monster thing on the cover that caught my attention. The book was called *The Creature of Chaos*. I remember thinking about the different things Chaos could mean. If I'd asked some people of the ancient world what Chaos was we might have ended up discussing the sea. The unpredictable dangerous vastness was a symbol of disorder and all that was to be avoided. In Genesis the Spirit of God hovers over the deep waters and brings order out of the chaos. Any sensible person avoided sea travel if they could help it. The sea was filled with unexplained huge frightful creatures that were the stuff of horror. The smaller ones made for good eating though so some, like the disciples, were fishermen.

This Sunday we hear the second of a series of three miracle stories from St Luke's Gospel. The first in the sequence is the story of Jesus stilling the storm at sea. Jesus shows his divine authority over the natural order – even the seemingly uncontrollable sea. This week's story tells of Jesus' act of compassion and grace towards the non-Jewish man as Jesus has crossed the lake into Gentile lands. This man is in the grip of something that has taken over his life. The man is kept physically and emotionally in chains as this entity has him in its grip.

Jesus does not judge but has compassion. The demonic entity recognises the power Jesus has over all things and begs Jesus not to destroy it. Jesus delivers the man from the power of the demons which flee into the pigs nearby. The pigs go careering into the sea and the forces of chaos are returned to their place in the deep. Hearing the news this week; we may be forgiven for thinking our world is descending into chaos. Let this week's gospel remind us that, no matter how bad it looks; God is ultimately in control and a time will come when His will be done on earth as it is in heaven.

Our little story ends with the man who has been healed pleading to remain with Jesus. Jesus says; "Return to your home, and declare how much God has done for you." Our chaotic world needs Good News so let us declare to the world the wonders of what God is doing in our lives.

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### Readings

Isaiah 65. 1-9 Luke 8. 26-39

### Collect

God of truth, help us to keep your law of love and to walk in ways of wisdom, that we may find true life in Jesus Christ your Son. Amen

#### St Laurence Church, Upwey

Flower & Art Festival

27th-30th June, 10.30am – 4.30pm

Telling the story of Creation

with Upwey Open Gardens on Saturday and Sunday afternoons. Refreshments.

Would anyone like to do a window sill or a boxed arrangement?

Flowers to be in the church by noon on Thursday 26th or if you would like to sponsor an arrangement in memory of a loved one please let Jenny Baker know on 01305 816155

#### Children's Art Competition

Subject is 'Creation', open to all children up to the age of 16. An A4 picture with name age, telephone number & address on the back, if not collected at school, pictures can be brought to the church on the 26th June between 10am -5pm or posted to Sally Pinhey, 664 Dorchester Rd, DT3 5LE by the 22nd June. Prize giving at 12noon on the 29th, winners will be notified by telephone.

#### 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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#### St Nicholas Church, Broadway

##### 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 Francis Church, Littlemoor

##### Coffee Morning

Tuesday 1st July 10.30 until 12.00.

All money raised will help with transport costs for the family of a premature baby born at 24 weeks. They are visiting him every day in Bournemouth, but he should shortly be moved to Dorset County Hospital.

Any contributions towards cakes, or raffle prizes will be gratefully received.

Please contact Pat Lock on 07736387021.

Thank you.

#### 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

Please contact before 6th July

##### 6pm Sunday 14th July

##### Patronal Service

Hymns & Pimms

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