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"It is not ... by noisy disputation, but by humble waiting upon God in prayer, and a careful perusal of his holy word, that we are to expect a satisfactory, experimental [i.e. noticeable], and efficacious knowledge of the truth as it is in Jesus."

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"The men of the world would account it a high honour and privilege to have an unconstrained liberty of access to an earthly king; but what words can express the privilege and honour of believers, who, whenever they please, have audience of the King of Kings, whose compassion, mercy and power are, like his majesty, infinite."

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That believers would depend on the Lord's grace and faithfulness  
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### Readings

Acts 12. 1-11 Matthew 16. 13-19

### Collect

Faithful Creator, whose mercy never fails: deepen our faithfulness to you and to your living Word, Jesus Christ our Lord. 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.

#### 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 Andrew's Church Rooms. DT3 6BU

##### Carrie Martin

3pm Sunday 7th September  
An afternoon of acoustic music,  
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Tickets £15 from the Team Office  
Please contact 01305 837147 or  
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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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