

Notices

Teas in the garden Thank you to everyone who helped in any way to make teas in the garden at The Acorns on Sunday 28th July such a success. Generous donations of £313.10 were received.

There will be another opportunity to join us for cream teas and excellent cakes on **Sunday 18th August from 3pm to 5pm at The Vicarage**, Bittles Green, Motcombe, SP7 9NX. Donations to St Mary's Church will be gratefully received.

Lunches at St Mary's continues on Wednesdays 21st, and 28th August from 12.30-2.00pm. Families of children at Motcombe School are welcome to join us for lunch in the church. There will be no charge. Children must be accompanied by an adult. Everyone is welcome but prior booking is essential. Contact Revd Pam, Liz Pocock or Gill Waine

The Gravellers and Palida will be in concert at St Mary's at 4.00pm on Sunday 15th September in aid of **The Friends of North Dorset Refuge**. Please look out for posters nearer the time.

Church giving If you'd like to sign up to our new Parish Giving Scheme either speak to a churchwarden or take the necessary form which is on the desk just inside the church. Thank you to all those who have already signed up.

Don't forget to plan in a cycle or walk for the **Dorset Historic Churches Trust Ride and Stride on Saturday 14th September** and raise money for our many lovely churches, including our own here.

There will be a **Church Yard Clean-up on Saturday 28th September** from 10.00am to 12.00, **followed by a 'Thank You' BBQ** in the church yard. All are welcome to come along and have a go at clearing some of our horrid brambles and generally tidying up. Please bring any garden implements you think may be useful. Then relax and enjoy the BBQ.

Blackmore Vale Deanery Quiet Day is to be held on Saturday 26th October, 10am to 4pm at St Mary's School, Shaftesbury. It will be led by Gill and Alan MacIntosh TSSF (members of the Franciscan Third Order) and the theme will be *Time: to pause, reflect, pray*. The day will cost £10 per person. Please bring a packed lunch and a cup. To book contact secretarybvdeanery@gmail.com

Notices for next week's pew sheet should be sent by Wednesday to Simon Hutchinson at Hutchinson_SCJ@hotmail.com

WELCOME to St Mary's Church, Motcombe

Newcomers and visitors are welcome. Please stay for refreshments and a chat after the service.

Sunday 11th August Eighth Sunday after Trinity

9.30am	Parish Communion	Revd Pam Rink
2.00pm	Holy Baptism of Alfred and Florence Gosling	
3.00pm	Holy Baptism of Rosie Dray	

Events this Week

Morning prayer is said at 8.30am Monday to Wednesday and on Saturday. Holy Communion is said every Thursday at 10.00am – all are welcome.

Thursday	10.00 am	Holy Communion
	7.30 pm	Bell-ringers' Practice

Next Sunday 18th August Blessed Virgin Mary

8.00am	Holy Communion (BCP)	Revd Pam Rink
9.30am	Morning Worship	Christopher Hooper

For more information on church activities, or if you would like to get in touch regarding any other matter, please contact

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Collect

Almighty Lord and everlasting God, we beseech you to direct, sanctify and govern both our hearts and bodies in the ways of your laws and the works of your commandments; that through your most mighty protection, both here and ever, we may be preserved in body and soul; through our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ, who is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever.

First reading: *Genesis 15.1-6*

After these things the word of the Lord came to Abram in a vision, 'Do not be afraid, Abram, I am your shield; your reward shall be very great.' But Abram said, 'O Lord God, what will you give me, for I continue childless, and the heir of my house is Eliezer of Damascus?' And Abram said, 'You have given me no offspring, and so a slave born in my house is to be my heir.' But the word of the Lord came to him, 'This man shall not be your heir; no one but your very own issue shall be your heir.' He brought him outside and said, 'Look towards heaven and count the stars, if you are able to count them.' Then he said to him, 'So shall your descendants be.' And he believed the Lord; and the Lord reckoned it to him as righteousness.

Second reading: *Hebrews 11.1-3,8-16*

Now faith is the assurance of things hoped for, the conviction of things not seen. Indeed, by faith our ancestors received approval. By faith we understand that the worlds were prepared by the word of God, so that what is seen was made from things that are not visible.

By faith Abraham obeyed when he was called to set out for a place that he was to receive as an inheritance; and he set out, not knowing where he was going. By faith he stayed for a time in the land he had been promised, as in a foreign land, living in tents, as did Isaac and Jacob, who were heirs with him of the same promise. For he looked forward to the city that has foundations, whose architect and builder is God. By faith he received power of procreation, even though he was too old—and Sarah herself was barren—because he considered him faithful who had promised. Therefore from one person, and this one as good as dead, descendants were born, 'as many as the stars of heaven and as the innumerable grains of sand by the seashore.'

All of these died in faith without having received the promises, but from a distance they saw and greeted them. They confessed that they were strangers and foreigners on the earth, for people who speak in this way make it clear that they are seeking a homeland. If they had been thinking of the land that they had left behind, they would have had opportunity to return. But as it is, they desire a better country, that is, a heavenly one. Therefore God is not ashamed to be called their God; indeed, he has prepared a city for them.

Gospel reading: *Luke 12.32-40*

'Do not be afraid, little flock, for it is your Father's good pleasure to give you the kingdom. Sell your possessions, and give alms. Make purses for yourselves that do

not wear out, an unfailing treasure in heaven, where no thief comes near and no moth destroys. For where your treasure is, there your heart will be also.

'Be dressed for action and have your lamps lit; be like those who are waiting for their master to return from the wedding banquet, so that they may open the door for him as soon as he comes and knocks. Blessed are those slaves whom the master finds alert when he comes; truly I tell you, he will fasten his belt and have them sit down to eat, and he will come and serve them. If he comes during the middle of the night, or near dawn, and finds them so, blessed are those slaves.

'But know this: if the owner of the house had known at what hour the thief was coming, he would not have let his house be broken into. You also must be ready, for the Son of Man is coming at an unexpected hour.'

Post Communion Prayer

Strengthen for service, Lord, the hands that have taken holy things; may the ears which have heard your word be deaf to clamour and dispute; may the tongues which have sung your praise be free from deceit; may the eyes which have seen the tokens of your love shine with the light of hope; and may the bodies which have been fed with your body be refreshed with the fullness of your life; glory to you for ever.

Please pray for:

- † those who live in Motcombe Park, Sherborne Causeway, Shaftesbury Road and Blackmore Vale Park.
- † healing and wholeness in body, mind and spirit for those who are suffering ill health
- † the Revd Kirsty Clarke and her family as they prepare to move to Shaftesbury and join our Team
- † those being baptised today: Alfred, Florence and Rosie, their parents, godparents, families and friends
- † let us remember those who have died recently and those whose anniversaries fall at this time. Pray for all who mourn the loss of loved ones, that God will be with them in times of darkness and strengthen them with his love.

Let give thanks for:

- † those who lead intercessions at our services
- † those who maintain the churchyard: weeding, mowing the grass, tidying and sweeping

To whom shall I turn? If at any time you feel the need to talk or pray with someone please telephone or email Revd Pam, Christopher Hooper, the Lay Minister (LLM), Gill Waine or Ann Surtees, the Lay Pastoral Assistants (LPAs), Gill or Liz, the church wardens. All contacts are overleaf.