

NOTICES

TODAY we welcome the family and friends of Marlowe Hoskins as they join us for Marlowe's welcome after baptism.

COFFEE AND CAKES ON THE 1st SUNDAY OF THE MONTH Could you help serve coffee and/or provide a cake for after a Family Service? If you could please contact us. Roz (01747 850212 r.e.butcher@btinternet.com) or Florence on 07831 916360.

BARBARA THOMAS, a long standing and loyal member of St Peter's church sadly died on Sunday 27th July. Funeral arrangements are not yet known.

NEW TEAM VICAR The Revd Kirsty Clarke will be licensed to her new post by the Bishop of Sherborne in a special service at 5pm on Sunday 8th September in St James' Church. Do come along and welcome her to our Team. There is a reception after the service and St James would be grateful of any help we could provide by supplying small plates of finger food. There is a notice in church to sign or speak to Gill.

GILLINGHAM FOODBANK urgently needs savoury sauces, small jars of coffee, tinned potatoes, sponge puddings, tinned veg (especially carrots & sweetcorn) and fruit juice. There is a collection bin in our local Tesco store. Thank you for your support. *Elizabeth Wray*

BLACKMORE VALE DEANERY EUCHARIST – Sunday 22nd September, 11.00am at St Mary's Church, Gillingham with guest preacher, the Archdeacon of Sherborne, Ven. Penny Sayer. All are welcome.

HARVEST FESTIVAL – 6th October 2019 – We hope to serve a cooked lunch and for this we need a coordinator as Gill cannot do it this year. Would you be willing to do this? Gill will be available in a consultative capacity. If you feel you could do this please let me know. Roz Butcher 01747 850212 r.e.butcher@btinternet.com.

BLACKMORE VALE DEANERY QUIET DAY is to be held on Saturday 26th October, 10am to 4pm at the beautiful house, chapel and grounds of 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 your place or for more information please contact secretarybvdeanery@gmail.com

SHAFTESBURY TEAM

St Peter's Church, Shaftesbury

Notice Sheet



Growing younger † Reaching out † Following Christ

Sunday 11th August – Eighth Sunday after Trinity

8.00am BCP Communion

9.30am Parish Communion with welcome after baptism

Genesis 15.1-6 Hebrews 11.1-3,8-16 Luke 12.32-40

Readers: Barbara Skull & Edred Bowman Intercessor: Robert Malpas

Sunday 18th August – The Blessed Virgin Mary

9.30am Parish Communion

Isaiah 61.10,11 Galatians 4.4-7 Luke 1.46-55

Readers: Mary Milburn & Sue Minshaw Intercessor: Emma Smith

Sunday 25th August – Tenth Sunday after Trinity

9.30am Parish Communion

Isaiah 58.9b-14 Hebrews 12.18-29 Luke 13.10-17

Readers: Chris Sims & Mike Sims Intercessor: Joe Rumble

If you are new to St Peter's or visiting today, please make yourself known to one of our team so that we might get to know you better

The Diary Please see our calendar on our website ShaftesburyCofE.org.uk/stpeters

Mon - Fri	8.30am	Morning Prayer
Wednesday	10.30am	Holy Communion

AUGUST

Tue 13 th	7.30pm	Visiting Bell Ringers
Sun 25 th	3.00pm	Christening Celebration Service

Team Office is open Monday – Friday 9.00am - 12.00pm
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Please email items for the notice sheet to the office by 12 noon Thursday

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.

FOR YOUR PRAYERS

For the sick: Derek Brown, Barbara Bailey, Anita Fisher, Eric Sellgren and Barbara Oram; for all residents in our local care and nursing homes and for the staff there who care for them.

For those who have died. Barbara Thomas

For our community.

For the world: For all places where there is conflict and in particular for Syria, Turkey, Iraq, and the Middle East for peace and concern for all people.

For the Contact of St Peter's & St James' Churches with the Episcopal Church of South Sudan.
