

## Notices

**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 today in St James' Church. Please do come along and welcome her to our Team.

**Two choirs, one concert** The Gravellers and Palida will be in concert at St Mary's, Motcombe, at 4.00pm next Sunday (15th September) in aid of The Friends of North Dorset Refuge. Afternoon tea will be served, and entry is free. Donations will go towards the work of the refuge.

**Ride and Stride** Don't forget to plan a cycle or walk for the Dorset Historic Churches Trust Ride and Stride on Saturday 14<sup>th</sup> September and raise money for the many lovely churches, including our own. For more information and sponsorship forms please contact Simon Hutchinson on 854290.

**Service of Remembrance** for those killed or injured on Dorset roads will be held at Wimborne Minster on Saturday 21st September at 11am, led by Bishop Karen and Dorset police chaplains. Everyone is welcome to attend.

**A Deanery Service** will be at 11.00am on Sunday 22<sup>nd</sup> September at St Mary the Virgin, Gillingham, led by the Archdeacon. It is hoped that as many as possible from our congregations will attend. There will **not** be a service in Motcombe on that day.

**A Church yard clean-up** will be held on Saturday 28th September from 10.00am to 12.00 noon, 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. To book contact [secretarybvdeanery@gmail.com](mailto:secretarybvdeanery@gmail.com)

**Deanery meeting**, on 19<sup>th</sup> September at 7.00pm for 7.30pm at Shaftesbury School, will focus on children and young people in the deanery. All are welcome, parking in the playground.

**Notices** for next week's pew sheet should be sent by Wednesday to Phil Roberts email: [wpr01@wpr01.co.uk](mailto:wpr01@wpr01.co.uk)

## WELCOME to St Mary's Church, Motcombe

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

### Sunday 8<sup>th</sup> September 12<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Trinity

9.30am Parish Communion Revd Pam Rink  
5.00 pm Licensing of Revd Kirsty Clarke at St James

#### Events this Week

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

Tuesday 7.15pm Daniel Jazz rehearsal  
Thursday 10.00am Holy Communion  
2.45pm School assembly  
6.30pm Wedding rehearsal  
7.30pm Bell-ringers' Practice  
Saturday 1.00pm Wedding

### Next Sunday 15<sup>th</sup> September 13<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Trinity

8.00am Holy Communion (BCP) Revd Pam Rink  
9.30am The Gathering Revd Pam Rink  
4.00pm Concert for North Dorset Women's Refuge

**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 and everlasting God, you are always more ready to hear than we to pray and to give more than either we desire or deserve: pour down upon us the abundance of your mercy, forgiving us those things of which our conscience is afraid and giving us those good things which we are not worthy to ask but through the merits and mediation of Jesus Christ your Son our Lord, who is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever.

**First reading:** *Deuteronomy 30.15-20*

See, I have set before you today life and prosperity, death and adversity. If you obey the commandments of the Lord your God that I am commanding you today, by loving the Lord your God, walking in his ways, and observing his commandments, decrees, and ordinances, then you shall live and become numerous, and the Lord your God will bless you in the land that you are entering to possess. But if your heart turns away and you do not hear, but are led astray to bow down to other gods and serve them, I declare to you today that you shall perish; you shall not live long in the land that you are crossing the Jordan to enter and possess. I call heaven and earth to witness against you today that I have set before you life and death, blessings and curses. Choose life so that you and your descendants may live, loving the Lord your God, obeying him, and holding fast to him; for that means life to you and length of days, so that you may live in the land that the Lord swore to give to your ancestors, to Abraham, to Isaac, and to Jacob.

**Second reading:** *Philemon 1-21*

Paul, a prisoner of Christ Jesus, and Timothy our brother, to Philemon our dear friend and co-worker, to Apphia our sister, to Archippus our fellow-soldier, and to the church in your house: Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ.

When I remember you in my prayers, I always thank my God because I hear of your love for all the saints and your faith towards the Lord Jesus. I pray that the sharing of your faith may become effective when you perceive all the good that we may do for Christ. I have indeed received much joy and encouragement from your love, because the hearts of the saints have been refreshed through you, my brother. For this reason, though I am bold enough in Christ to command you to do your duty, yet I would rather appeal to you on the basis of love—and I, Paul, do this as an old man, and now also as a prisoner of Christ Jesus. I am appealing to you for my child, Onesimus, whose father I have become during my imprisonment. Formerly he was useless to you, but now he is indeed useful both to you and to me. I am sending him, that is, my own heart, back to you. I wanted to keep him with me, so that he might be of service to me in your place during my imprisonment for the gospel; but I preferred to do nothing without your consent, in order that your good deed might be voluntary and not something forced. Perhaps this is the reason he was separated from you for a while, so that you might have him back for ever, no

longer as a slave but as more than a slave, a beloved brother—especially to me but how much more to you, both in the flesh and in the Lord.

So if you consider me your partner, welcome him as you would welcome me. If he has wronged you in any way, or owes you anything, charge that to my account. I, Paul, am writing this with my own hand: I will repay it. I say nothing about your owing me even your own self. Yes, brother, let me have this benefit from you in the Lord! Refresh my heart in Christ. Confident of your obedience, I am writing to you, knowing that you will do even more than I say.

**Gospel reading:** *Luke 14.25-33*

Now large crowds were travelling with him; and he turned and said to them, 'Whoever comes to me and does not hate father and mother, wife and children, brothers and sisters, yes, and even life itself, cannot be my disciple. Whoever does not carry the cross and follow me cannot be my disciple. For which of you, intending to build a tower, does not first sit down and estimate the cost, to see whether he has enough to complete it? Otherwise, when he has laid a foundation and is not able to finish, all who see it will begin to ridicule him, saying, "This fellow began to build and was not able to finish." Or what king, going out to wage war against another king, will not sit down first and consider whether he is able with ten thousand to oppose the one who comes against him with twenty thousand? If he cannot, then, while the other is still far away, he sends a delegation and asks for the terms of peace. So therefore, none of you can become my disciple if you do not give up all your possessions.

**Post Communion Prayer**

God of all mercy, in this eucharist you have set aside our sins and given us your healing: grant that we who are made whole in Christ may bring that healing to this broken world, in the name of Jesus Christ our Lord.

**Please pray for:**

- † those who live in Church Walk and the Turnpike.
- † healing and wholeness in body, mind and spirit for those who are suffering ill health
- † 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 clean the church and polish the brass and silver.
- † those who serve refreshments after services every Sunday.

**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.