

## Notices

**The Gathering** Our 9.30 service on Sunday 16<sup>th</sup> February will be The Gathering when we take a topic and discuss it with readings, prayers and hymns.

**Ash Wednesday** There will be a Team Communion Service for Ash Wednesday at 7.00pm on 26<sup>th</sup> February at St James' Church, Shaftesbury.

**Recital by Emma Johnson** Renowned clarinettist, Emma Johnson, will be giving a recital at St Peter's on Saturday 28<sup>th</sup> March at 7.30pm. Tickets are £15 and proceeds will be divided equally between the Shaftesbury branch of The Children's Society and St Peter's Church. Enquiries to Tony Hawkins on 01747 851615 or rhawkins701@gmail.com but book early to avoid disappointment.

**Elections to Blackmore Vale Deanery Synod:** At the APCM in April we will need to elect our Deanery Synod representatives to serve until 30<sup>th</sup> June 2023. To be eligible for election you must be over sixteen, on the Church Electoral Roll, and a communicant member (ie you have taken communion at least three times in the last year). If you would like to make a positive contribution to the future of your diocese and the Church of England, please put your name forward for election (talk to Rev Pam or the Church Wardens).

**Colonel (Rtd) Graham Dunlop's Talk** St Mary's church is thrilled to have raised £1295.50 from Graham's excellent talk and supper last Saturday. We are incredibly grateful to those helpers who cooked, laid up the tables, slaved away in the kitchen, organised the raffle and manned the bar - what a team!

**VE Day Celebrations** Would anyone like to volunteer to lead the feasibility of, and if so, the planning and organisation of "Victory in Europe" celebrations in the Village on 8<sup>th</sup> May? The Parish Council is prepared to help but have not the resources to organise this event. Names to Pam please.

**Team Lent course** This year's Lent course is based around the themes in the film "Chocolat" and will run at Motcombe Church for five weeks, beginning on Monday 2nd March at 7pm. Do put the dates in your diary and come along.

**Notices** for next week's pew sheet should be sent by Wednesday to Simon Hutchinson, email: Hutchinson\_SCJ@hotmail.com

**Please take this pew sheet home to keep you informed of events this week and commend them all to your prayers.**

## WELCOME to St Mary's Church, Motcombe

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

### Sunday, 9<sup>th</sup> February Third Sunday before Lent

9.30am Parish Communion Revd Kirsty Clarke

### Events this Week

Morning prayer is said at 8.30am Monday to Wednesday and on Saturday.

Holy Communion is said on Thursdays at 10.00am - all welcome.

Tuesday 6.00 pm Sacred Space

Thursday 10.00 am Holy Communion  
7.30 pm Bell ringers Practice

### Next Sunday, 16<sup>th</sup> February Second Sunday before Lent

8.30am Holy Communion (BCP) Revd Helen Dawes  
9.30am The Gathering Revd Pam Rink

**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 God, who alone can bring order to the unruly wills and passions of sinful humanity: give your people grace so to love what you command and to desire what you promise, that, among the many changes of this world, our hearts may surely there be fixed where true joys are to be found; through 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:** *Isaiah 58.1-9a[b-12]*

Shout out, do not hold back! Lift up your voice like a trumpet! Announce to my people their rebellion, to the house of Jacob their sins. Yet day after day they seek me and delight to know my ways, as if they were a nation that practised righteousness and did not forsake the ordinance of their God; they ask of me righteous judgements, they delight to draw near to God. 'Why do we fast, but you do not see? Why humble ourselves, but you do not notice?' Look, you serve your own interest on your fast-day, and oppress all your workers. Look, you fast only to quarrel and to fight and to strike with a wicked fist. Such fasting as you do today will not make your voice heard on high. Is such the fast that I choose, a day to humble oneself? Is it to bow down the head like a bulrush, and to lie in sackcloth and ashes? Will you call this a fast, a day acceptable to the Lord? Is not this the fast that I choose: to loose the bonds of injustice, to undo the thongs of the yoke, to let the oppressed go free, and to break every yoke? Is it not to share your bread with the hungry, and bring the homeless poor into your house; when you see the naked, to cover them, and not to hide yourself from your own kin? Then your light shall break forth like the dawn, and your healing shall spring up quickly; your vindicator shall go before you, the glory of the Lord shall be your rear guard. Then you shall call, and the Lord will answer; you shall cry for help, and he will say, Here I am. [If you remove the yoke from among you, the pointing of the finger, the speaking of evil, if you offer your food to the hungry and satisfy the needs of the afflicted, then your light shall rise in the darkness and your gloom be like the noonday. The Lord will guide you continually, and satisfy your needs in parched places, and make your bones strong; and you shall be like a watered garden, like a spring of water, whose waters never fail. Your ancient ruins shall be rebuilt; you shall raise up the foundations of many generations; you shall be called the repairer of the breach, the restorer of streets to live in.]

**Second reading:** *1 Corinthians 2.1-12[13-16]*

When I came to you, brothers and sisters, I did not come proclaiming the mystery of God to you in lofty words or wisdom. For I decided to know nothing among you except Jesus Christ, and him crucified. And I came to you in weakness and in fear and in much trembling. My speech and my proclamation were not with plausible words of wisdom, but with a demonstration of the Spirit and of power, so that your faith might rest not on human wisdom but on the power of God. Yet among the mature we do speak wisdom, though it is not a wisdom of this age or of the rulers of this age, who are doomed to perish. But we speak God's wisdom, secret and hidden, which God decreed before the ages for our glory. None of the rulers of this age understood this; for if they had, they would not have crucified the Lord of glory. But, as it is written, What no eye has seen, nor ear heard, nor the human heart conceived, what God has prepared for those who love him'— these things God has revealed to us through the Spirit; for the Spirit searches everything, even the depths of God. For what human being knows what is truly human except the human spirit that is within? So also no one comprehends what is truly God's except the Spirit of God. Now we have received not the

spirit of the world, but the Spirit that is from God, so that we may understand the gifts bestowed on us by God. [And we speak of these things in words not taught by human wisdom but taught by the Spirit, interpreting spiritual things to those who are spiritual. Those who are unspiritual do not receive the gifts of God's Spirit, for they are foolishness to them, and they are unable to understand them because they are discerned spiritually. Those who are spiritual discern all things, and they are themselves subject to no one else's scrutiny. 'For who has known the mind of the Lord so as to instruct him?' But we have the mind of Christ.]

**Gospel reading:** *Matthew 5.13-20*

'You are the salt of the earth; but if salt has lost its taste, how can its saltiness be restored? It is no longer good for anything, but is thrown out and trampled underfoot. 'You are the light of the world. A city built on a hill cannot be hidden. No one after lighting a lamp puts it under the bushel basket, but on the lampstand, and it gives light to all in the house. In the same way, let your light shine before others, so that they may see your good works and give glory to your Father in heaven. 'Do not think that I have come to abolish the law or the prophets; I have come not to abolish but to fulfil. For truly I tell you, until heaven and earth pass away, not one letter, not one stroke of a letter, will pass from the law until all is accomplished. Therefore, whoever breaks one of the least of these commandments, and teaches others to do the same, will be called least in the kingdom of heaven; but whoever does them and teaches them will be called great in the kingdom of heaven. For I tell you, unless your righteousness exceeds that of the scribes and Pharisees, you will never enter the kingdom of heaven.

## Post Communion Prayer

Merciful Father, who gave Jesus Christ to be for us the bread of life, that those who come to him should never hunger: draw us to the Lord in faith and love, that we may eat and drink with him at his table in the kingdom, where he is alive and reigns, now and for ever.

## Please pray for:

- ✦ those who live in The Paddock and Grays Close.
- ✦ healing and wholeness in body, mind and spirit for those who are suffering ill health, especially David Harrod, brother of Catherine Johnston.
- ✦ our school, for the staff and children, their families and the governors.
- ✦ PCC members, churchwardens, sidespeople and sacristans.
- ✦ Charlotte and Amy who were confirmed and Ruby who was baptised on 1<sup>st</sup> February at St Mary's, Gillingham by Bishop Karen.
- ✦ Elodie, who will be baptised here on 16<sup>th</sup> February, her parents and godparents.
- ✦ let us remember those who have died – those whose anniversaries fall at this time and those who have died recently. 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.

**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.