

Notices

Public Worship Services next Sundays is as follows:

Sunday 20th September

9:30am	St Peter's	Parish Communion
9:30am	St James'	Parish Communion
11:15am	Enmore Green	Parish Communion
11:15am	Compton Abbas	Parish Communion
6.00pm	Motcombe	Evening Worship
6:00pm	Livestream Service on Facebook	

Live-stream services can be found at www.facebook.com/ShaftesburyCofE
The order of service will be available on the website or via the e-Contact link.

Midweek Communion for this coming week is as follows:

St Peter's on Wednesday at 10.30am
St Mary's, Motcombe on Thursday at 10.00am.

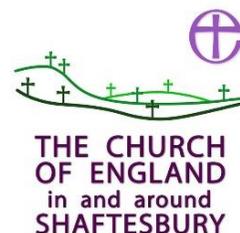
Do look out for our new evening services each month:

1st Sunday	6.00pm	Evening Communion at St Mary's, Motcombe
2nd Sunday	6.00pm	Pilgrim Service at St James'
3rd Sunday	6.00pm	Evening Worship at St Mary's, Motcombe
4th Sunday	6.00pm	Reflective Evening Communion at St James'

The Pilgrim Service returns to St. James at, 6.00pm this Sunday and on the 2nd Sunday of each month. We will be having a Celtic style communion service, along with the normal stories. Safety procedures are in place to keep everyone safe, but do come, bring a friend, and a thermos of coffee or tea. Pilgrim is camping out!

Operation Christmas Child Operation Christmas Child is going ahead. National Collection Week is 9-16 November so please get your packed shoe box to St Peter's Church or to my home (telephone 01747 853738) by 11am on Sunday 15th November. If you prefer to use one of the OCC's specially made boxes, I have 20 available on a first come first served basis at a cost of 50p each; flat pack or assembled as you prefer. Or you can pack a shoe box online for a cost of £20 at <https://shooboxonline.samaritans-purse.org.uk/> *Elizabeth Selwood*

Virtual Coffee Morning We are continuing to hold a virtual coffee morning on Zoom each Thursday at 11am. Just click the link to join:
<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/81032854524?pwd=ZHZrdGhhcnlBdXJveDcwQXJWeHVuUT09>



Team Pew Sheet

Sunday 13th September

14th Sunday after Trinity

Readings

Genesis 50.15-21 *Romans 14.1-12* *Matthew 18.21-35*
*Psalm 103.[1-7] 8-13**

Collect

Almighty God, whose only Son has opened for us a new and living way into your presence: give us pure hearts and steadfast wills to worship you in spirit and in truth; 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 forever.

Post Communion Prayer

Lord God, the source of truth and love, keep us faithful to the apostles' teaching and fellowship, united in prayer and the breaking of bread, and one in joy and simplicity of heart, in Jesus Christ our Lord.

FOR YOUR PRAYERS

For the sick: for those in our Team parishes; for all residents in our local care and nursing homes and for the staff there who care for them, and for the staff and patients of the Westminster Hospital.

For those who have died: Barbara Bailey, John Garner, John Sutton, Stephen Stokes, Alan Refson & Edmund Tucker

For our community: for Charlie Langlands who is to be baptized at Margaret Marsh today.

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 our link diocese of Lui in the Episcopal Church of South Sudan. For their Bishop, Stephen and all who are part of God's church in that place.

First Reading – Genesis 50.15-21

Realizing that their father was dead, Joseph's brothers said, 'What if Joseph still bears a grudge against us and pays us back in full for all the wrong that we did to him?' So they approached Joseph, saying, 'Your father gave this instruction before he died, "Say to Joseph: I beg you, forgive the crime of your brothers and the wrong they did in harming you." Now therefore please forgive the crime of the servants of the God of your father.' Joseph wept when they spoke to him. Then his brothers also wept, fell down before him, and said, 'We are here as your slaves.' But Joseph said to them, 'Do not be afraid! Am I in the place of God? Even though you intended to do harm to me, God intended it for good, in order to preserve a numerous people, as he is doing today. So have no fear; I myself will provide for you and your little ones.' In this way he reassured them, speaking kindly to them.

Second Reading – Romans 14.1-12

Welcome those who are weak in faith, but not for the purpose of quarrelling over opinions. Some believe in eating anything, while the weak eat only vegetables. Those who eat must not despise those who abstain, and those who abstain must not pass judgement on those who eat; for God has welcomed them. Who are you to pass judgement on servants of another? It is before their own lord that they stand or fall. And they will be upheld, for the Lord is able to make them stand. Some judge one day to be better than another, while others judge all days to be alike. Let all be fully convinced in their own minds. Those who observe the day, observe it in honour of the Lord. Also those who eat, eat in honour of the Lord, since they give thanks to God; while those who abstain, abstain in honour of the Lord and give thanks to God.

We do not live to ourselves, and we do not die to ourselves. If we live, we live to the Lord, and if we die, we die to the Lord; so then, whether we live or whether we die, we are the Lord's. For to this end Christ died and lived again, so that he might be Lord of both the dead and the living.

Why do you pass judgement on your brother or sister? Or you, why do you despise your brother or sister? For we will all stand before the

judgement seat of God. For it is written, 'As I live, says the Lord, every knee shall bow to me, and every tongue shall give praise to God.' So then, each of us will be accountable to God.

Gospel Reading – Matthew 18.21-35

Then Peter came and said to him, 'Lord, if another member of the church sins against me, how often should I forgive? As many as seven times?' Jesus said to him, 'Not seven times, but, I tell you, seventy-seven times.

'For this reason the kingdom of heaven may be compared to a king who wished to settle accounts with his slaves. When he began the reckoning, one who owed him ten thousand talents was brought to him; and, as he could not pay, his lord ordered him to be sold, together with his wife and children and all his possessions, and payment to be made. So the slave fell on his knees before him, saying, "Have patience with me, and I will pay you everything." And out of pity for him, the lord of that slave released him and forgave him the debt. But that same slave, as he went out, came upon one of his fellow-slaves who owed him a hundred denarii; and seizing him by the throat, he said, "Pay what you owe." Then his fellow-slave fell down and pleaded with him, "Have patience with me, and I will pay you." But he refused; then he went and threw him into prison until he should pay the debt. When his fellow-slaves saw what had happened, they were greatly distressed, and they went and reported to their lord all that had taken place. Then his lord summoned him and said to him, "You wicked slave! I forgave you all that debt because you pleaded with me. Should you not have had mercy on your fellow-slave, as I had mercy on you?" And in anger his lord handed him over to be tortured until he should pay his entire debt. So my heavenly Father will also do to every one of you, if you do not forgive your brother or sister from your heart.'

Team Office is open Monday – Friday 9.00am - 12.00pm

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Items for the Team Pew Sheet should be emailed to the Team Office
by 12 noon on Thursday