

Notices

Public Worship will resume again in church on **6th December:**

9.30am	St Peter's	Family Service
9.30am	St James'	Parish Communion
11.15am	Enmore Green	Family Service
11.15am	Margaret Marsh	Matins
4.30pm	St Peter's	Christingle (ticket only – see below)
6.00pm	St Peter's	Christingle (ticket only – see below)
6.00pm	Motcombe	Evening Communion

Private Prayer Our churches are open for private prayer so if you'd like to take a quiet moment with God or just find time to think in a place that's been a reminder of hope and love for centuries, you are welcome to pop in. Opening hours are;

St Mary's Motcombe - open daily

St James' Shaftesbury - open daily

St Peter's Shaftesbury - open Mon-Sat 10am-4pm, Sun 11am-4pm

St John's Enmore Green - open daily until 3pm

St Thomas' Melbury Abbas - open daily

St Luke's West Orchard - open Saturdays 12-5pm

St Mary's Compton Abbas - open daily

St Margaret's Margaret Marsh - open Sundays 2pm-4pm

Christingle Service. Our 4:00pm service is now fully booked. Places at the second service to be held at 6:00pm are disappearing fast so if you would like to join us, do hurry and book your place. It is ESSENTIAL to reserve seats by registering for a free ticket at: <https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/christingle-6pm-st-peters-church-shaftesbury-dorset-tickets-130283775279>

First come, first served basis for bookings. Children must be accompanied by an adult. Donations may be made via <https://thyg.uk/CUS02441>

A Christmas Concert with acclaimed musicians Maire Ni Chathasaigh and Chris Newman will be held on Friday 11th December at 8pm in St Peter's Church Hall with support from Shaftesbury's Anne Louise Richards. Maire plays the Irish harp and Chris plays the classical guitar. Covid restrictions will be in force so there will not be an interval and you will need to be masked and well wrapped up; you could bring your own refreshments but no barbecues please. Tickets are available from Roz Butcher 01747 850212 and are £15 each.

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=ZHZrdGlhcnlBdXJveDcwQXlWeHVhUT09>



Team Pew Sheet Sunday 29th November Advent Sunday

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Readings

Isaiah 64.1-9

1 Corinthians 1.3-9

Mark 13.24-37

*Psalms 80.1-8, 18-20**

Collect:

Almighty God, give us grace to cast away the works of darkness and to put on the armour of light, now in the time of this mortal life, in which your Son Jesus Christ came to us in great humility; that on the last day, when he shall come again in his glorious majesty to judge the living and the dead, we may rise to the life immortal; through him who is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

Post Communion:

O Lord our God, make us watchful and keep us faithful as we await the coming of your Son our Lord; that, when he shall appear, he may not find us sleeping in sin but active in his service and joyful in his praise; through 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. Jack Mawer and Ros Duckworth

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 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 – Isaiah 64.1-9

O that you would tear open the heavens and come down,
so that the mountains would quake at your presence—
as when fire kindles brushwood
and the fire causes water to boil—
to make your name known to your adversaries,
so that the nations might tremble at your presence!
When you did awesome deeds that we did not expect,
you came down, the mountains quaked at your presence.
From ages past no one has heard,
no ear has perceived,
no eye has seen any God besides you,
who works for those who wait for him.
You meet those who gladly do right,
those who remember you in your ways.
But you were angry, and we sinned;
because you hid yourself we transgressed.
We have all become like one who is unclean,
and all our righteous deeds are like a filthy cloth.
We all fade like a leaf,
and our iniquities, like the wind, take us away.
There is no one who calls on your name,
or attempts to take hold of you;
for you have hidden your face from us,
and have delivered us into the hand of our iniquity.
Yet, O Lord, you are our Father;
we are the clay, and you are our potter;
we are all the work of your hand.
Do not be exceedingly angry, O Lord,
and do not remember iniquity for ever.
Now consider, we are all your people.

Second Reading – 1 Corinthians 1.3-9

Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ.
I give thanks to my God always for you because of the grace of God that
has been given you in Christ Jesus, for in every way you have been
enriched in him, in speech and knowledge of every kind— just as the

testimony of Christ has been strengthened among you— so that you
are not lacking in any spiritual gift as you wait for the revealing of our
Lord Jesus Christ. He will also strengthen you to the end, so that you
may be blameless on the day of our Lord Jesus Christ. God is faithful; by
him you were called into the fellowship of his Son, Jesus Christ our
Lord.

Gospel – Mark 13.24-37

‘But in those days, after that suffering, the sun will be darkened, and
the moon will not give its light, and the stars will be falling from heaven,
and the powers in the heavens will be shaken.
Then they will see “the Son of Man coming in clouds” with great power
and glory. Then he will send out the angels, and gather his elect from
the four winds, from the ends of the earth to the ends of heaven.
‘From the fig tree learn its lesson: as soon as its branch becomes tender
and puts forth its leaves, you know that summer is near. So also, when
you see these things taking place, you know that he is near, at the very
gates. Truly I tell you, this generation will not pass away until all these
things have taken place. Heaven and earth will pass away, but my
words will not pass away.
‘But about that day or hour no one knows, neither the angels in heaven,
nor the Son, but only the Father. Beware, keep alert; for you do not
know when the time will come. It is like a man going on a journey,
when he leaves home and puts his slaves in charge, each with his work,
and commands the doorkeeper to be on the watch. Therefore, keep
awake—for you do not know when the master of the house will come,
in the evening, or at midnight, or at cockcrow, or at dawn, or else he
may find you asleep when he comes suddenly. And what I say to you I
say to all: Keep awake.’

Team Office is open Monday – Friday 9.00am - 12.00 noon
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Items for the Team Pew Sheet should be emailed to the Team Office
by 12 noon on Thursday