

Notices and Dates for your diaries:

St Thomas's APCM (our AGM): all are welcome to this event which is at 7 p.m. on Friday, 20 April at the church, following the Preservation Society's AGM. The finances of 2017 will be discussed and church officers appointed. A drinks party will follow.

Electoral Roll: a copy is in the porch. Could those on the roll please check their details and give any corrections to Harriet Atwood 01747855255 or harrietatwood@hotmail.com

Low Sunday 8th April: there will be a 10.00am Team Service at St Mary's Motcombe due to the limited availability of clergy after Easter. A planned BCP Communion at St Thomas's will have to be re-scheduled.

Reports of various church activities for the APCM on 20 April will be incorporated into the annual report which will be circulated. These reports (sidesmen, bells, flowers, sacristans, electoral roll, team council and so forth – may be only a couple of essential sentences) should be sent to Alan Kirkham for incorporation into the 2017 annual report.

Healing on the Streets

Healing on the Streets is a ministry of prayer which takes place outside St Peter's Church on a Saturday morning between 10:30am and 12. We minister to members of the public, both those with a faith and those with none. If you feel God is calling you to this ministry and would like more information, contact Mindy Bennett on mindy2611@hotmail.co.uk

Team Office Please note the Team Office will be closing for Easter on Wednesday 28th March at 12noon, reopening on Tuesday 3rd April at 9.00am.

Pewsheets Notices: If you have anything for the pew sheet please let Rodney Atwood [harrietatwood@hotmail.com] know by lunch time the previous Wednesday.

WELCOME to St Thomas's Church, Melbury Abbas

If you are new to the church or visiting, please introduce yourself to one of the team so we might get to know you better.

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THE SHAFTESBURY TEAM
St Thomas's, Melbury Abbas



Sunday 1st April – Easter Sunday
11.15am – Family Festival Communion

Sunday 8th April – Second Sunday of Easter
No Service at St Thomas's
10.00am Team Service at Motcombe

Sunday 15th April – Third Sunday Of Easter
No Service at St Thomas's

Collect

Lord of all life and power, who through the mighty resurrection of your Son overcame the old order of sin and death to make all things new in him: grant that we, being dead to sin and alive to you in Jesus Christ, may reign with him in glory; to whom with you and the Holy Spirit be praise and honour, glory and might, now and in all eternity.

First Reading Isaiah 25.6-9

On this mountain the Lord of hosts will make for all peoples
a feast of rich food, a feast of well-matured wines,
of rich food filled with marrow, of well-matured wines strained clear.
And he will destroy on this mountain
the shroud that is cast over all peoples,
the sheet that is spread over all nations;
he will swallow up death for ever.
Then the Lord God will wipe away the tears from all faces,
and the disgrace of his people he will take away from all the earth,
for the Lord has spoken.
It will be said on that day,
Lo, this is our God; we have waited for him, so that he might save us.
This is the Lord for whom we have waited;
let us be glad and rejoice in his salvation.

Second Reading Acts 10.34-43

Then Peter began to speak to them: 'I truly understand that God shows no partiality, but in every nation anyone who fears him and does what is right is acceptable to him. You know the message he sent to the people of Israel, preaching peace by Jesus Christ—he is Lord of all. That message spread throughout Judea, beginning in Galilee after the baptism that John announced: how God anointed Jesus of Nazareth with the Holy Spirit and with power; how he went about doing good and healing all who were oppressed by the devil, for God was with him. We are witnesses to all that he did both in Judea and in Jerusalem. They put him to death by hanging him on a tree; but God raised him on the third day and allowed him to appear, not to all the people but to us who were chosen by God as witnesses, and who ate and drank with him after he rose from the dead. He commanded us to preach to the people and to testify that he is the one ordained by God as judge of the living and the dead. All the prophets testify about him that everyone who believes in him receives forgiveness of sins through his name.'

Gospel Reading Mark 16.1-8

When the sabbath was over, Mary Magdalene, and Mary the mother of James, and Salome bought spices, so that they might go and anoint him. And very early on the first day of the week, when the sun had risen, they went to the tomb. They had been saying to one another, 'Who will roll away the stone for us from the entrance to the tomb?' When they looked up, they saw that the stone, which was very large, had already been rolled back. As they entered the tomb, they saw a young man, dressed in a white robe, sitting on the right side; and they were alarmed. But he said to them, 'Do not be alarmed; you are looking for Jesus of Nazareth, who was crucified. He has been raised; he is not here. Look, there is the place they laid him. But go, tell his disciples and Peter that he is going ahead of you to Galilee; there you will see him, just as he told you.' So they went out and fled from the tomb, for terror and amazement had seized them; and they said nothing to anyone, for they were afraid.

Post Communion Prayer

God of Life, who for our redemption gave your only-begotten Son to the death of the cross, and by his glorious resurrection have delivered us from the power of our enemy: grant us so to die daily to sin, that we may evermore live with him in the joy of his risen life; through Jesus Christ our Lord.