

## Notices and Dates for your diaries:

**WE WELCOME** as our speaker Mrs Hazel Hedley who will explain how to make Melbury a village more friendly to hedgehogs.

**THANKS** to our churchwarden Jon Dakin who singlehandedly carried out churchyard tidiness in preparation for this service. For anyone with time and public spirit, there are still two benches to be painted with creosote.

**Things that make for Peace– Journeys in Peacemaking across the Globe.** The Rt. Reverend Peter Price, former Bishop of Bath and Wells, will speak on this on Wednesday 13<sup>th</sup> June at 7.30pm (Doors open 7.00pm) in St. John's Church, Enmore Green. There will be a chance for questions and to purchase a signed copy of his latest book. No admission charge. Instead contributions to the Burns Price Foundation offering grants to those between the ages of 11 and 18 who want to make a difference in the world. Information from Jo Churchill [jo.churchill@enmoregreen.co.uk](mailto:jo.churchill@enmoregreen.co.uk) or 850432

**2018 TEAM RETREAT.** Bookings are now open for the 2018 Team Retreat, at Greenhouse Christian Centre in Poole from late afternoon Friday September 21st through lunch on Sunday 23rd, led by the Revd Dr Simon Chambers. The booking form is on the website, and hard copies will be available in churches shortly. Enquiries to [m.a.pattison@gmail.com](mailto:m.a.pattison@gmail.com), or telephone 852017.

**KEVIN MARTIN**, our Team Curate, is going to be ordained on Saturday 30<sup>th</sup> June in Salisbury Cathedral at 4:30pm. He will preside at his first Eucharist at 4pm on Sunday 1<sup>st</sup> July at St Peter's. Please do attend both services if you are able as Kevin would value your support and pray for him.

For pewsheets notices please contact Rodney Atwood on 855255 or [harrietatwood@hotmail.com](mailto:harrietatwood@hotmail.com)

# 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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**Sunday 10<sup>th</sup> June – Second Sunday after Trinity**

**11.15am Pets' Service**

**Sunday 17<sup>th</sup> June – Third Sunday after Trinity**

**No Service at St Thomas's**

**Sunday 24<sup>th</sup> June – Birth of John the Baptist**

**11.15am Matins**

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### **Collect**

Lord, you have taught us that all our doings without love are nothing worth:  
send your Holy Spirit and pour into our hearts that most excellent gift of  
love,

the true bond of peace and of all virtues, without which whoever lives is  
counted dead before you.

Grant this for your only Son Jesus Christ's sake, who is alive and reigns with  
you,

in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever.

### **First Reading** Genesis 3.8-15

They heard the sound of the Lord God walking in the garden at the time of  
the evening breeze, and the man and his wife hid themselves from the  
presence of the Lord God among the trees of the garden. But the Lord God  
called to the man, and said to him, 'Where are you?' He said, 'I heard the  
sound of you in the garden, and I was afraid, because I was naked; and I hid  
myself.' He said, 'Who told you that you were naked? Have you eaten from  
the tree of which I commanded you not to eat?' The man said, 'The woman  
whom you gave to be with me, she gave me fruit from the tree, and I ate.'  
Then the Lord God said to the woman, 'What is this that you have done?'  
The woman said, 'The serpent tricked me, and I ate.' The Lord God said to  
the serpent,

'Because you have done this,  
cursed are you among all animals  
and among all wild creatures;  
upon your belly you shall go,  
and dust you shall eat  
all the days of your life.

I will put enmity between you and the woman,  
and between your offspring and hers;  
he will strike your head,  
and you will strike his heel.'

### **Gospel Reading** Mark 3.20-35

and the crowd came together again, so that they could not even eat. When  
his family heard it, they went out to restrain him, for people were saying, 'He  
has gone out of his mind.' And the scribes who came down from Jerusalem  
said, 'He has Beelzebul, and by the ruler of the demons he casts out  
demons.' And he called them to him, and spoke to them in parables, 'How  
can Satan cast out Satan? If a kingdom is divided against itself, that  
kingdom cannot stand. And if a house is divided against itself, that house  
will not be able to stand. And if Satan has risen up against himself and is  
divided, he cannot stand, but his end has come. But no one can enter a  
strong man's house and plunder his property without first tying up the strong  
man; then indeed the house can be plundered.

'Truly I tell you, people will be forgiven for their sins and whatever  
blasphemies they utter; but whoever blasphemes against the Holy Spirit can  
never have forgiveness, but is guilty of an eternal sin'— for they had said,  
'He has an unclean spirit.'

Then his mother and his brothers came; and standing outside, they sent to  
him and called him. A crowd was sitting around him; and they said to him,  
'Your mother and your brothers and sisters are outside, asking for you.' And  
he replied, 'Who are my mother and my brothers?' And looking at those who  
sat around him, he said, 'Here are my mother and my brothers! Whoever  
does the will of God is my brother and sister and mother.'