

Notices

'**ROCK NATIVITY**' Don't miss the Rock Nativity, with performances starting at 7.30pm on December 7th at St. Peter's Church, December 8th at St. James' Church and **December 9th at St. Mary's Church, Motcombe.** This 1970s musical is a lively, affectionate take on the Nativity story with catchy tunes, lots of singing and even audience participation! Tickets are on sale from the churches of performances, the Team Office, Shaftesbury Arts Centre and Motcombe Shop: £10 adults and £5 for under 16s. Don't miss the fantastic show, which is a fundraiser for the churches.

Churches Together in Shaftesbury Advent Service is taking place at St Peter's this year on Sunday 3rd December at 6pm. It will be a candlelit service and it would be great to see you all there to make the light of Christ shine brightly in our service of unity!

The Children's Society Christingle will take place at St Mary's on 10th December at 4.30pm. Come along and enjoy this short service celebrating Christ as the Light of the World.

Lindlar Hall Carol Service will take place this year on Monday 11th December at 6:30pm. Please do come along for an interactive version of the Lion Storyteller Bible account of Christmas with some popular carols throughout.

Carols by Candlelight on Sunday 17th December at 6.00pm at Motcombe with candles, carols and lessons followed by mulled wine and mince pies. Come along to enjoy singing those wonderful Christmas favourites.

Volunteers needed to provide mince pies for Carols by Candlelight – please sign up on the list at the back of church.

An Afternoon with the Rt Revd Dr Rowan Williams on 15th January 2018, 3-5pm at The Exchange, Sturminster Newton. A wonderful opportunity to hear and meet Rowan Williams. Tickets £5 available from Revd Pam or Katy in the Team Office.

A Date for your Diary We plan to hold a **Motcombe Gardens Open Day** on Sunday 3rd June which is something this village hasn't done for several years. I know there are lots of you who have lovely gardens and it would be marvelous if you could let me know if you could take part in this fundraising event for St Mary's Church and open your garden for the day. More details nearer the time. Liz Pocock Tel: 852647 e mail: jepocock@uwclub.net

Team Office Please note that the Team office will be closed from Friday 22nd December at 12noon and reopening on Tuesday 2nd January 2018 at 9am.

Notices for next week's pew sheet by Wednesday to Dennis Rink: email dennis.rink@gmail.com

WELCOME to St Mary's Church, Motcombe

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

Sunday 3rd December, First Sunday of Advent

Services today

11.15am Parish Communion (BCP) Rev Jean Coates

Events this week

Morning prayer is said at 8.30am Monday – Wednesday and Saturday. Holy Communion is said every Thursday at 10.00am– all are welcome.

Tuesday 2.00pm Prayer Group meet at Half Moon House
7.30pm Rock Nativity Rehearsal in church

Thursday 10.00am Holy Communion
2.45pm Open the Book in School
7.30pm Bell-ringing Practice
7.30pm Rock Nativity at St Peter's

Friday 7.30pm Rock Nativity at St James'

Saturday 7.30pm Rock Nativity at St Mary's

Next Sunday, 10th December Second Sunday of Advent

9.30am Parish Communion Rev Chris Wray

4.30pm Team Christingle Rev Helen Dawes

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

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 for ever.

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 Reading 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.’

Post Communion Prayer

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.

Please pray for:

- † those who live in Prideaux Drive, Summer Oaks and Motcombe Grange.
- † healing and wholeness in body, mind and spirit for those who are suffering, especially our own Revd. Pam Rink, and Katie Johnston and her family.
- † all local agencies that offer help, accommodation and food to the homeless and destitute at Christmas and throughout the year.