

Notices

Pilgrim Course. The two groups who met with John and Jeremy for the Autumn Courses will combine for one Pilgrim Course this January and February. The focus for discussion will be the Eucharist. The course will take place over 6 weeks at St. Peter's Hall at 7.30 p.m. on Wednesday evenings starting on Wednesday January 17th with a break on February 14th for Ash Wednesday. We look forward to renewing fellowship with those who attended one or other of the Autumn courses, everyone is welcome and it is not essential to have attended before. For more details do contact John Fuller on 01747 850079. As before a study guide will be available. We look forward to seeing you.

Shaftesbury Town Mayor's Charitable Event this year is a Great Gatsby Soiree at the Town Hall on Friday 26th January from 7pm, an evening of Live Music, Dancing, Bubbles and Light Bites. Tickets are £20 each and available from the Town Hall (Tel. 852420). Please come along and support this event which will benefit Dementia Friendly Charities in Shaftesbury. Dressing up in Roaring Twenties costume is optional.

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 marvellous 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

Notices for next week's pew sheet by Wednesday to Phil Roberts on wpr01@wpr01.co.uk

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

GIFT AID envelopes are available on the pews and from the table near the door. If you are a UK Income or Capital Gains Tax payer, please help us to make the most of your offering by filling in the details on the envelopes. This will enable us to reclaim the tax on your donation.

WELCOME to St Mary's Church, Motcombe

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

Sunday 21st January The Third Sunday of Epiphany

Services today

8.00am	Holy Communion (BCP)	Rev Simon Chambers
9.30am	The Gathering	Christopher Hooper

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.

Monday	7.30pm	PCC Meeting
Thursday	10.00am	Holy Communion
	6.00pm	Wedding Rehearsal
	7.30pm	Bell-ringing Practice
Saturday	2.30pm	Wedding of Philip McCormack and Lisa Bristol - Rev Helen Dawes

Next Sunday, 28th January Presentation of Christ in the Temple

9.30am	Parish Communion	Rev Simon Chambers
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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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Collect

Almighty God, whose Son revealed in signs and miracles the wonder of your saving presence: renew your people with your heavenly grace, and in all our weakness sustain us by your mighty power; 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 for ever.

First Reading Genesis 14.17-20

After his return from the defeat of Chedorlaomer and the kings who were with him, the king of Sodom went out to meet him at the Valley of Shaveh (that is, the King's Valley). And King Melchizedek of Salem brought out bread and wine; he was priest of God Most High. He blessed him and said, 'Blessed be Abram by God Most High, maker of heaven and earth; and blessed be God Most High, who has delivered your enemies into your hand!'

And Abram gave him one-tenth of everything.

Second Reading Revelation 19.6-10

Then I heard what seemed to be the voice of a great multitude, like the sound of many waters and like the sound of mighty thunder-peals, crying out, 'Hallelujah!

For the Lord our God
the Almighty reigns.

Let us rejoice and exult
and give him the glory,

for the marriage of the Lamb has come,
and his bride has made herself ready;
to her it has been granted to be clothed
with fine linen, bright and pure'—

for the fine linen is the righteous deeds of the saints.

And the angel said to me, 'Write this: Blessed are those who are invited to the marriage supper of the Lamb.' And he said to me, 'These are true words of God.' Then I fell down at his feet to worship him, but he said to me, 'You must not do that! I am a fellow-servant with you and your comrades who hold the testimony of Jesus. Worship God! For the testimony of Jesus is the spirit of prophecy.'

Gospel Reading John 2.1-11

On the third day there was a wedding in Cana of Galilee, and the mother of Jesus was there. Jesus and his disciples had also been invited to the wedding. When the wine gave out, the mother of Jesus said to him, 'They have no wine.' And Jesus said to her, 'Woman, what concern is that to you and to me? My hour has not yet come.' His mother said to the servants, 'Do whatever he tells you.' Now standing there were six stone water-jars for the Jewish rites of purification, each holding twenty or thirty gallons. Jesus said to them, 'Fill the jars with water.' And they filled them up to the brim. He said to them, 'Now draw some out, and take it to the chief steward.' So they took it. When the steward tasted the water that had become wine, and did not know where it came from (though the servants who had drawn the water knew), the steward called the bridegroom and said to him, 'Everyone serves the good wine first, and then the inferior wine after the guests have become drunk. But you have kept the good wine until now.' Jesus did this, the first of his signs, in Cana of Galilee, and revealed his glory; and his disciples believed in him.

Post Communion Prayer

Almighty Father, whose Son our Saviour Jesus Christ is the light of the world: may your people, illumined by your word and sacraments, shine with the radiance of his glory, that he may be known, worshipped, and obeyed to the ends of the earth; for he is alive and reigns, now and for ever.

Please pray for:

- † those who live in Shorts Green Lane and Frog Lane.
- † 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.
- † our school, for the staff, children, governors and parents as the new term starts.
- † our community and local government – parish and county.

Let us give thanks for:

- † the year that has passed – the good times and the difficult, the many prayers answered and hopes fulfilled.
- † all those who worked tirelessly over Christmas to bring warmth and comfort to the homeless, to bring relief to those struck by disaster and those who worked in hospitals and the emergency services.