

Notices

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 email: jepocock@uwclub.net

It is time to prepare the church annual report, ready for the APCM in April. We will be sending out an email shortly inviting contributions from activity leaders, but if anyone else has a relevant contribution regarding our church in 2017, please email it to Phil (wpr01@wpr01.co.uk) or Revd Pam for inclusion, before 14th February.

Service Rota - Please could chalice assistants, readers, intercessors, sidespeople and Wardens let Revd Pam know their availability for March, April & May as soon as possible, so that the new rota can be prepared. Many thanks.

Concert for dementia sufferers and their carers: The Mayor of Shaftesbury is hosting an informal concert for all local dementia sufferers and their carers. Tea will be served and there will be some sing-along music (we know that singing is good for the brain.) The concert is at 3pm on Sunday 11th February in the Town Hall. The cost is an optional donation. To book, phone the Town Hall on 852420. We are grateful to the mayor for his kindness. – Jill Sellgren

Thank you so much: As I have stepped down from organising Messy Church I was overwhelmed to be given a beautiful Hellebore plant and a garden token at the last 'Messy'. I am still passionate about reaching out to families and the wider community through this ministry and hope to remain involved although not as the coordinator. – Jill Jenkinson

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

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 4th February Second Sunday before Lent

Services today

11.15am Parish Communion (BCP) Rev Simon Chambers

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 Meeting at Half Moon House
Thursday 10.00am Holy Communion
7.30pm Bell-ringing Practice

Next Sunday, 11th February Next before Lent

9.30am Parish Communion Rev Chris Wray

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, you have created the heavens and the earth and made us in your own image: teach us to discern your hand in all your works and your likeness in all your children; through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord, who with you and the Holy Spirit reigns supreme over all things, now and for ever.

First Reading Proverbs 8.1, 22-31

Does not wisdom call,

and does not understanding raise her voice?

The Lord created me at the beginning of his work,
the first of his acts of long ago.

Ages ago I was set up,

at the first, before the beginning of the earth.

When there were no depths I was brought forth,
when there were no springs abounding with water.

Before the mountains had been shaped,
before the hills, I was brought forth—

when he had not yet made earth and fields,
or the world's first bits of soil.

When he established the heavens, I was there,

when he drew a circle on the face of the deep,

when he made firm the skies above,

when he established the fountains of the deep,

when he assigned to the sea its limit,

so that the waters might not transgress his command,

when he marked out the foundations of the earth,

then I was beside him, like a master worker;

and I was daily his delight,

rejoicing before him always,

rejoicing in his inhabited world

and delighting in the human race.

Second Reading Colossians 1.15-20

He is the image of the invisible God, the firstborn of all creation; for in him all things in heaven and on earth were created, things visible and invisible, whether thrones or dominions or rulers or powers—all things have been created through him and for him. He himself is before all things, and in him all things hold together. He is the head of the body, the church; he is the beginning, the firstborn from the dead, so that he might come to have first place in everything. For in him all the fullness of God was pleased to dwell, and through him God was pleased to reconcile to himself all things, whether on earth or in heaven, by making peace through the blood of his cross.

Gospel Reading John 1.1-14

In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. He was in the beginning with God. All things came into being through him, and without him not one thing came into being. What has come into being in him was life, and the life was the light of all people. The light shines in the darkness, and the darkness did not overcome it.

There was a man sent from God, whose name was John. He came as a witness to testify to the light, so that all might believe through him. He himself was not the light, but he came to testify to the light. The true light, which enlightens everyone, was coming into the world.

He was in the world, and the world came into being through him; yet the world did not know him. He came to what was his own, and his own people did not accept him. But to all who received him, who believed in his name, he gave power to become children of God, who were born, not of blood or of the will of the flesh or of the will of man, but of God.

And the Word became flesh and lived among us, and we have seen his glory, the glory as of a father's only son, full of grace and truth.

Post Communion Prayer

God our creator, by your gift the tree of life was set at the heart of the earthly paradise, and the bread of life at the heart of your Church: may we who have been nourished at your table on earth be transformed by the glory of the Saviour's cross and enjoy the delights of eternity; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Please pray for:

- † those who live in The Paddock and Grays Close.
- † 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 community and local government – parish and county.

Let us give thanks for:

- † our families and friends, all those in the community who love us and support us.
- † all those who work tirelessly to bring comfort to the homeless, to bring relief to those struck by disaster, and those who work in hospitals and the emergency services.