

Notices

Quiz Night – Saturday 17th March at 7.00pm. Our first fundraiser of the year. Get your thinking caps on and come along for a fun evening of food, fellowship and puzzlement. Tickets £12, to include main meal and dessert, available from church or the Village Shop. Bring your own snacks and drinks.

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 Simon Hutchinson on Hutchinson_SCJ@hotmail.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 11th February Next before Lent

Services today

9.30am Parish Communion Rev Chris Wray

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.

Wednesday 7.00pm Team Communion for Ash Wednesday
Thursday 10.00am Holy Communion
7.30pm Bell-ringing Practice

Next Sunday, 18th February First Sunday of Lent

8.00am Holy Communion (BCP)
9.30am Family Service Christopher Hooper
3.00pm Holy Baptism of Demelza Douglas Rev Jeremy Mais

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 Father, whose Son was revealed in majesty before he suffered death upon the cross: give us grace to perceive his glory, that we may be strengthened to suffer with him and be changed into his likeness, from glory to glory; who is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever.

First Reading *2 Kings 2.1-12*

Now when the Lord was about to take Elijah up to heaven by a whirlwind, Elijah and Elisha were on their way from Gilgal. Elijah said to Elisha, 'Stay here; for the Lord has sent me as far as Bethel.' But Elisha said, 'As the Lord lives, and as you yourself live, I will not leave you.' So they went down to Bethel. The company of prophets who were in Bethel came out to Elisha, and said to him, 'Do you know that today the Lord will take your master away from you?' And he said, 'Yes, I know; keep silent.'

Elijah said to him, 'Elisha, stay here; for the Lord has sent me to Jericho.' But he said, 'As the Lord lives, and as you yourself live, I will not leave you.' So they came to Jericho. The company of prophets who were at Jericho drew near to Elisha, and said to him, 'Do you know that today the Lord will take your master away from you?' And he answered, 'Yes, I know; be silent.'

Then Elijah said to him, 'Stay here; for the Lord has sent me to the Jordan.' But he said, 'As the Lord lives, and as you yourself live, I will not leave you.' So the two of them went on. Fifty men of the company of prophets also went, and stood at some distance from them, as they both were standing by the Jordan. Then Elijah took his mantle and rolled it up, and struck the water; the water was parted to the one side and to the other, until the two of them crossed on dry ground.

When they had crossed, Elijah said to Elisha, 'Tell me what I may do for you, before I am taken from you.' Elisha said, 'Please let me inherit a double share of your spirit.' He responded, 'You have asked a hard thing; yet, if you see me as I am being taken from you, it will be granted you; if not, it will not.' As they continued walking and talking, a chariot of fire and horses of fire separated the two of them, and Elijah ascended in a whirlwind into heaven. Elisha kept watching and crying out, 'Father, father! The chariots of Israel and its horsemen!' But when he could no longer see him, he grasped his own clothes and tore them in two pieces.

Second Reading *2 Corinthians 4.3-6*

And even if our gospel is veiled, it is veiled to those who are perishing. In their case the god of this world has blinded the minds of the unbelievers, to keep them from seeing the light of the gospel of the glory of Christ, who is the

image of God. For we do not proclaim ourselves; we proclaim Jesus Christ as Lord and ourselves as your slaves for Jesus' sake. For it is the God who said, 'Let light shine out of darkness', who has shone in our hearts to give the light of the knowledge of the glory of God in the face of Jesus Christ.

Gospel Reading *Mark 9.2-9*

Six days later, Jesus took with him Peter and James and John, and led them up a high mountain apart, by themselves. And he was transfigured before them, and his clothes became dazzling white, such as no one on earth could bleach them. And there appeared to them Elijah with Moses, who were talking with Jesus. Then Peter said to Jesus, 'Rabbi, it is good for us to be here; let us make three dwellings, one for you, one for Moses, and one for Elijah.' He did not know what to say, for they were terrified. Then a cloud overshadowed them, and from the cloud there came a voice, 'This is my Son, the Beloved; listen to him!' Suddenly when they looked around, they saw no one with them any more, but only Jesus. As they were coming down the mountain, he ordered them to tell no one about what they had seen, until after the Son of Man had risen from the dead.

Post Communion Prayer

Holy God, we see your glory in the face of Jesus Christ: may we who are partakers at his table reflect his life in word and deed, that all the world may know his power to change and save. This we ask 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.
- † PCC members and officers, those considering joining the PCC this year and those who will retire from the council.
- † Demelza, who will be baptised on 18th February, her family and godparents.

Let us give thanks for:

- † those who serve refreshments after Sunday worship
- † the clergy team and the many retired clergy who have been taking our services