

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.

Lent Lunches St Mary's Church and the Methodist Church are serving a Lent lunch of soup, crusty bread and cheese on the 16th March, in Shaftesbury town hall. Contributions of home made soup and help on the day would be much appreciated. There is a list at the back of the church. 4 varieties of soup only - this is for ease of heating and serving purposes. I am happy to collect the soup - Please can the soup be put into milk bottles (this is much easier for transporting). Many, many thanks, Sylvia 850800

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 18th February First Sunday of Lent

Services today

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

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	2.00pm	Interment of Ashes of Cyril Watts
	7.30pm	Standing Committee meet
Wednesday	11.00am	Holy Communion at Motcombe Grange
Thursday	10.00am	Holy Communion
	7.30pm	Bell-ringing Practice
Saturday	10.15am	Marriage Preparation Session (to 3.30pm)

Next Sunday, 25th February Second Sunday of Lent

9.30am	Parish Communion	Archdeacon Paul Taylor
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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 Jesus Christ fasted forty days in the wilderness, and was tempted as we are, yet without sin: give us grace to discipline ourselves in obedience to your Spirit; and, as you know our weakness, so may we know your power to save; 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 9.8-17*

Then God said to Noah and to his sons with him, 'As for me, I am establishing my covenant with you and your descendants after you, and with every living creature that is with you, the birds, the domestic animals, and every animal of the earth with you, as many as came out of the ark. I establish my covenant with you, that never again shall all flesh be cut off by the waters of a flood, and never again shall there be a flood to destroy the earth.' God said, 'This is the sign of the covenant that I make between me and you and every living creature that is with you, for all future generations: I have set my bow in the clouds, and it shall be a sign of the covenant between me and the earth. When I bring clouds over the earth and the bow is seen in the clouds, I will remember my covenant that is between me and you and every living creature of all flesh; and the waters shall never again become a flood to destroy all flesh. When the bow is in the clouds, I will see it and remember the everlasting covenant between God and every living creature of all flesh that is on the earth.' God said to Noah, 'This is the sign of the covenant that I have established between me and all flesh that is on the earth.'

Second Reading *1 Peter 3.18-22*

For Christ also suffered for sins once for all, the righteous for the unrighteous, in order to bring you to God. He was put to death in the flesh, but made alive in the spirit, in which also he went and made a proclamation to the spirits in prison, who in former times did not obey, when God waited patiently in the days of Noah, during the building of the ark, in which a few, that is, eight people, were saved through water. And baptism, which this prefigured, now saves you—not as a removal of dirt from the body, but as an appeal to God for a good conscience, through the resurrection of Jesus Christ, who has gone into heaven and is at the right hand of God, with angels, authorities, and powers made subject to him.

Gospel Reading *Mark 1.9-15*

In those days Jesus came from Nazareth of Galilee and was baptized by John in the Jordan. And just as he was coming up out of the water, he saw the heavens torn apart and the Spirit descending like a dove on him. And a voice came from heaven, 'You are my Son, the Beloved; with you I am well pleased.'

And the Spirit immediately drove him out into the wilderness. He was in the wilderness for forty days, tempted by Satan; and he was with the wild beasts; and the angels waited on him.

Now after John was arrested, Jesus came to Galilee, proclaiming the good news of God, and saying, 'The time is fulfilled, and the kingdom of God has come near; repent, and believe in the good news.'

Post Communion Prayer

Lord God, you have renewed us with the living bread from heaven; by it you nourish our faith, increase our hope, and strengthen our love: teach us always to hunger for him who is the true and living bread, and enable us to live by every word that proceeds from out of your mouth; 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 today, 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

