

Notices

Intercessors and Chalice Administrators

We are somewhat short on people to fulfil these vital roles at services. It would be marvellous if a few more people felt able to do one of these and thus spread the load a bit. Help and advice on both these roles is available from Revd Pam and Christopher. Please let one of us know if you'd like to consider it.

Fairtrade: On Saturday March 17th there will be a Fairtrade Tea with stalls and information, at the Friends Meeting House, Shaftesbury from 2.30 to 4.30 pm, as part of Fairtrade fortnight.

Lent Lunches: St Mary's Church and the Methodist Church are serving a Lent lunch of soup, crusty bread and cheese on Friday, 16th March, in Shaftesbury Town Hall. Contributions of homemade 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

Quiz Night – next 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, now available from church or the Village Shop. Bring your own snacks and drinks.

Palm Sunday, 25th March: There will be a dramatic reading of the Gospel and we need nine volunteers to read parts, plus a few extras for crowd/group parts. The script will be available by the end of next week so you can practise your part. Many thanks.

Shaftesbury Orchestra: Sunday 25th March, 7:30 pm, Port Regis School. A concert of one Mozart and two Beethoven works. Retiring collection in aid of Shaftesbury and District Guiders.

The Annual Parochial Church Meeting 2018 will be held following the 9.30am service on 22nd April. Nominations for new PCC members and Deanery Synod Representatives are required prior to the meeting, and our Church Wardens must be voted in each year. Nomination forms for all these positions are available at the back of the church.

Team Service On Sunday 8th April (2nd Sunday of Easter) there will be a 10:00 am Team Service at St Mary's, Motcombe due to the availability of clergy over the Easter period.

Notices for next week's pew sheet by Wednesday to Dennis Rink: 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 11th March Mothering Sunday

Services today

9.30am Parish Communion 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.

Wednesday 7.30pm Team Council meet at Compton Abbas Church Hall

Thursday 10.00am Holy Communion
7.30pm Bell-ringing practice

Saturday 7.00pm Quiz night with supper in church

Next Sunday, 18th March Fifth Sunday of Lent

8.00am Parish Communion (BCP) Rev Jeremy Mais

9.30am Family Service Rev Jeremy Mais

12.00pm Baptism Service – Holly Bromley Rev Chris Wray

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

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

God of compassion, whose Son Jesus Christ, the child of Mary, shared the life of a home in Nazareth, and on the cross drew the whole human family to himself: strengthen us in our daily living that in joy and in sorrow we may know the power of your presence to bind together and to heal; 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 *1 Samuel 1.20-28*

In due time Hannah conceived and bore a son. She named him Samuel, for she said, 'I have asked him of the Lord.'

The man Elkanah and all his household went up to offer to the Lord the yearly sacrifice, and to pay his vow. But Hannah did not go up, for she said to her husband, 'As soon as the child is weaned, I will bring him, that he may appear in the presence of the Lord, and remain there for ever; I will offer him as a nazirite for all time.' Her husband Elkanah said to her, 'Do what seems best to you, wait until you have weaned him; only—may the Lord establish his word.' So the woman remained and nursed her son, until she weaned him. When she had weaned him, she took him up with her, along with a three-year-old bull, an ephah of flour, and a skin of wine. She brought him to the house of the Lord at Shiloh; and the child was young. Then they slaughtered the bull, and they brought the child to Eli. And she said, 'Oh, my lord! As you live, my lord, I am the woman who was standing here in your presence, praying to the Lord. For this child I prayed; and the Lord has granted me the petition that I made to him. Therefore I have lent him to the Lord; as long as he lives, he is given to the Lord.'

She left him there for the Lord.

Second Reading *2 Corinthians 1.3-7*

Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of mercies and the God of all consolation, who consoles us in all our affliction, so that we may be able to console those who are in any affliction with the consolation with which we ourselves are consoled by God. For just as the sufferings of Christ are abundant for us, so also our consolation is abundant through Christ. If we are being afflicted, it is for your consolation and salvation; if we are being consoled, it is for your

consolation, which you experience when you patiently endure the same sufferings that we are also suffering. Our hope for you is unshaken; for we know that as you share in our sufferings, so also you share in our consolation.

Gospel Reading *John 19.25-27*

And that is what the soldiers did.

Meanwhile, standing near the cross of Jesus were his mother, and his mother's sister, Mary the wife of Clopas, and Mary Magdalene. When Jesus saw his mother and the disciple whom he loved standing beside her, he said to his mother, 'Woman, here is your son.' Then he said to the disciple, 'Here is your mother.' And from that hour the disciple took her into his own home.

Post Communion Prayer

Loving God, as a mother feeds her children at the breast you feed us in this sacrament with the food and drink of eternal life: help us who have tasted your goodness to grow in grace within the household of faith; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Please pray for:

- † those who live in The Street and New 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 church family and ourselves as we journey through Lent, that we may all grow in our life with Christ.

Let us give thanks for:

- † those who clean the church, polish the silver and brass and launder the altar linen
- † the sidespeople who welcome and look after the needs of the congregation

