

## Notices

**Annual Census:** It's that time of year again when for four weeks we are asked to fill in census cards when we attend church on Sunday. The data is used to work out how much we must pay to the diocese and the Team each year for the services they provide. Please also look at the back of the card, tick the box, and sign it if you agree. This will help us to stay within the new Data Protection regulations that come into force on 25th May 2018. Give the completed cards to a church warden or one of the sides people. Thank you.

**Royal wedding:** St Mary's and Motcombe Memorial Hall are holding a joint venture to celebrate The Royal Wedding on Saturday 19th May. A live streaming of the wedding will take place followed by a light lunch provided by the church. Would anyone willing to make a loaf of sandwiches or cakes/biscuits please sign the form at the back of the church. Any help on the day would be most welcome. Contact Liz Pocock (Tel: 852647) for more information.

**Stall at the Village Fête 16 June:** we will again have a stall selling 'Delicious Things' so please could everyone start thinking about what amazing foodie things they could make and contribute to the stall.

**Adopt-a-Sunday:** the form for this is on the table near the door of church. Please use this to remember a loved one, anniversary or special birthday.

**Team Office** Please note that the Team Office will be closed from Friday 11th May at 12noon, reopening on Monday 21st May at 9am.

**A plea from St Thomas's, Melbury Abbas** We are looking for an organist for our 9.30 service on 3rd June, and a 'musician' for our outside pet service on 10th June at 11.15am. Please contact Jon Dakin on 01747 855976.

**To encourage us all to pray during the 'THY KINGDOM COME' SEASON** this year (Ascension to Pentecost 10th – 20th May) we are going to have prayer stations in St James, St Peter's, Motcombe, Compton Abbas, Enmore Green and Melbury Abbas. Each church will have 1 – 3 stations that will help us to focus our prayer. There will be different stations in each church and a 'passport' for you to take round, if you wish to have a sticker to show which station you have visited and prayed at.

### **Traidcraft Christian Aid Lunch**

Due to the bad weather in March, one of the Christian Aid Lunch has been rescheduled for Wednesday May 16th in Shaftesbury Town Hall. Soup lunch with Middle Eastern extras - 12noon until 1.30pm, Traidcraft and bring and buy. All welcome.

**Notices for the next two weeks' pew sheets** by Wednesday to Simon Hutchinson: 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.**

# WELCOME to St Mary's Church, Motcombe

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

## Sunday, 6<sup>th</sup> May Sixth Sunday of Easter

### Services today

11.15am	Parish Communion for Rogation at Frog Lane Farm	Rev Helen Dawes Rev Kevin Martin
1.00pm	Holy Baptism of Evelina Franco	Rev Jan Crossley

### Events this Week

Morning prayer is said at 8.30am Monday to Wednesday and on Saturday. Holy Communion is said every Thursday at 10.00am – all are welcome.

Thursday	10.00am	Holy Communion
	7.00pm	Team Service for Ascension Day at St Peter's. Shaftesbury
	7.30pm	Bell-ringing Practice

## Next Sunday, 13<sup>th</sup> May Seventh Sunday of Easter

9.30am	Parish Communion	Rev Chris Wray
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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

God our redeemer,  
you have delivered us from the power of darkness  
and brought us into the kingdom of your Son:  
grant, that as by his death he has recalled us to life,  
so by his continual presence in us he may raise us to eternal joy;  
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 Acts 10.44-48

While Peter was still speaking, the Holy Spirit fell upon all who heard the word. The circumcised believers who had come with Peter were astounded that the gift of the Holy Spirit had been poured out even on the Gentiles, for they heard them speaking in tongues and extolling God. Then Peter said, 'Can anyone withhold the water for baptizing these people who have received the Holy Spirit just as we have?' So he ordered them to be baptized in the name of Jesus Christ. Then they invited him to stay for several days.

## Second Reading 1 John 5.1-6

Everyone who believes that Jesus is the Christ has been born of God, and everyone who loves the parent loves the child. By this we know that we love the children of God, when we love God and obey his commandments. For the love of God is this, that we obey his commandments. And his commandments are not burdensome, for whatever is born of God conquers the world. And this is the victory that conquers the world, our faith. Who is it that conquers the world but the one who believes that Jesus is the Son of God?

This is the one who came by water and blood, Jesus Christ, not with the water only but with the water and the blood. And the Spirit is the one that testifies, for the Spirit is the truth.

## Gospel Reading John 15.9-17

As the Father has loved me, so I have loved you; abide in my love. If you keep my commandments, you will abide in my love, just as I have kept my Father's commandments and abide in his love. I have said these things to you so that my joy may be in you, and that your joy may be complete.

'This is my commandment, that you love one another as I have loved you. No one has greater love than this, to lay down one's life for one's friends. You are my friends if you do what I command you. I do not call you servants any longer, because the servant does not know what the master is doing; but I have called

you friends, because I have made known to you everything that I have heard from my Father. You did not choose me but I chose you. And I appointed you to go and bear fruit, fruit that will last, so that the Father will give you whatever you ask him in my name. I am giving you these commands so that you may love one another.

## Post Communion Prayer

God our Father,  
whose Son Jesus Christ gives the water of eternal life:  
may we thirst for you, the spring of life and source of goodness,  
through him who is alive and reigns, now and for ever.

## Please pray for:

- † those who live in Elm Hill, Elm Close and Red House 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.
- † those continuing to suffer due to war in Syria, Yemen, South Sudan and other parts of the world where there is ongoing strife and for all who are refugees.
- † those baptised this month: Evelina and Holly, their families, godparents and friends.

## Let us give thanks for:

- † those who play the organ and piano for our services
- † those who read the Gospel, Old and New Testament and lead intercessions at our services
- † our PCC secretary, Phil and Graham, who has been our treasurer up to now, for the time they have given to the administration of the PCC and the finances of our church.

