

Notices

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.

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

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.

Motcombe Open Gardens is on Sunday 3rd June from 12.30 p.m. to 6.0 p.m. 15 gardens will be open: pick up your tickets and map at the church. Tickets £6 per adult, £1.50 per child (includes Treasure Hunt) Tea will be served at The Vicarage from 2.30 p.m. All proceeds to Secondary Cancer Research and St Mary's Church. We would much appreciate any help either with teas at the Vicarage or selling tickets at the church both for an hour or two at the most. Please contact Liz Pocock 852647 or sign your name on the form at the back of the church. Many thanks.

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.

Wednesday 13 June – **Things that Make for Peace – Journeys in Peacemaking** across the Globe. The Rt. Reverend Peter Price, former Bishop of Bath and Wells. 7.30pm (Doors open 7.00pm) St. John's Church, Enmore Green Shaftesbury SP7 8QR. At the end of his Talk, there will be the opportunity to ask questions and to purchase a signed copy of his latest book. There will be no charge for this evening and visitors will be asked to contribute to the Burns Price Foundation which makes grants to young people between the ages of 11 and 18 who want to make a difference in the world. For further information please contact Jo Churchill on 01747 850432 or jo.churchill@enmoregreen.co.uk

Notices for next weeks' pew sheets by Wednesday to Simon Hutchinson: hutchinson_scj@hotmail.com

WELCOME to St Mary's Church, Motcombe

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

**Sunday, 13th May
Seventh Sunday of Easter**

Services today

9.30am Parish Communion Rev Chris Wray

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.

Wednesday	11.00am	Holy Communion at Motcombe Grange
Thursday	10.00am	Holy Communion
	7.30pm	Bell-ringing Practice
Saturday	10am-2pm	Royal Wedding Screening Motcombe Memorial Hall

Next Sunday, 20th May Pentecost

8.00am Parish Communion BCP Rev Helen Dawes

9.30am Family Service 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

O God the King of glory,
you have exalted your only Son Jesus Christ
with great triumph to your kingdom in heaven:
we beseech you, leave us not comfortless,
but send your Holy Spirit to strengthen us
and exalt us to the place where our Saviour Christ is gone before,
who is alive and reigns with you,
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
one God, now and for ever.

First Reading Acts 1.15-17, 21-26

In those days Peter stood up among the believers (together the crowd numbered about one hundred and twenty people) and said, 'Friends, the scripture had to be fulfilled, which the Holy Spirit through David foretold concerning Judas, who became a guide for those who arrested Jesus— for he was numbered among us and was allotted his share in this ministry.'

So one of the men who have accompanied us throughout the time that the Lord Jesus went in and out among us, beginning from the baptism of John until the day when he was taken up from us—one of these must become a witness with us to his resurrection.' So they proposed two, Joseph called Barsabbas, who was also known as Justus, and Matthias. Then they prayed and said, 'Lord, you know everyone's heart. Show us which one of these two you have chosen to take the place in this ministry and apostleship from which Judas turned aside to go to his own place.' And they cast lots for them, and the lot fell on Matthias; and he was added to the eleven apostles.

Second Reading 1 John 5.9-13

If we receive human testimony, the testimony of God is greater; for this is the testimony of God that he has testified to his Son. Those who believe in the Son of God have the testimony in their hearts. Those who do not believe in God have made him a liar by not believing in the testimony that God has given concerning his Son. And this is the testimony: God gave us eternal life, and this life is in his Son. Whoever has the Son has life; whoever does not have the Son of God does not have life.

I write these things to you who believe in the name of the Son of God, so that you may know that you have eternal life.

Gospel Reading John 17.6-19

'I have made your name known to those whom you gave me from the world. They were yours, and you gave them to me, and they have kept your word. Now they know that everything you have given me is from you; for the words that you gave to me I have given to them, and they have received them and know in truth that I

came from you; and they have believed that you sent me. I am asking on their behalf; I am not asking on behalf of the world, but on behalf of those whom you gave me, because they are yours. All mine are yours, and yours are mine; and I have been glorified in them. And now I am no longer in the world, but they are in the world, and I am coming to you. Holy Father, protect them in your name that you have given me, so that they may be one, as we are one. While I was with them, I protected them in your name that you have given me. I guarded them, and not one of them was lost except the one destined to be lost, so that the scripture might be fulfilled. But now I am coming to you, and I speak these things in the world so that they may have my joy made complete in themselves. I have given them your word, and the world has hated them because they do not belong to the world, just as I do not belong to the world. I am not asking you to take them out of the world, but I ask you to protect them from the evil one. They do not belong to the world, just as I do not belong to the world. Sanctify them in the truth; your word is truth. As you have sent me into the world, so I have sent them into the world. And for their sakes I sanctify myself, so that they also may be sanctified in truth.

Post Communion Prayer

Eternal God, giver of love and power,
your Son Jesus Christ has sent us into all the world to preach the gospel of his kingdom: confirm us in this mission,
and help us to live the good news we proclaim;
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

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.