

Notices

Team Retreat: Bookings are now open for the 2018 Team Retreat, at Greenhouse Christian Centre in Poole from late afternoon Friday 21st September through lunch on Sunday 23rd. led by the Revd Dr Simon Chambers. The booking form is on the website, and hard copies will be available in church. Enquiries to m.a.pattison@gmail.com, or telephone 01747 852017.

Kevin Martin, our Team Curate, will be ordained priest on Saturday 30th June in Salisbury Cathedral at 4:30pm. Please also keep him in your prayers. He will preside at his first Eucharist at 4pm on Sunday 1st July at St Peter's. Please attend both services if you are able, Kevin would value your support.

There will be a celebration reception of drinks and nibbles following the service at St Peter's. If you are able to attend and can provide a plate of finger food, please sign the list at the back of the church. Any queries, please contact Sarah Cann on 01747 852399 or sarahcann121@yahoo.co.uk

Safeguarding: There will be a C1 Foundation Safeguarding training session from 10am till 12.30pm on Tuesday 26th June in St James Church. This is open to all and it is recommended for all who have a role in the church that brings them into contact with people, not only children. Let Elizabeth Preston know if you plan to come - 01747 850654 or lizziepreston1@gmail.com You can contact her if you are in any doubt about whether you should attend.

Come and enjoy a morning in a beautiful garden while helping the Friends of North Dorset Women's Refuge to keep up their support of families who have had to escape from Domestic Abuse. What's domestic abuse you ask? Our Committee members will be happy to help answer that question!

Come to Grove Farm House, Melbury Abbas SP7 0DE on Wednesday 27th June from 10.30 till 12.00 and enjoy a wander, meeting others, perhaps winning the raffle, certainly being generous. Shaftesbury Community Choir will be singing in the courtyard during the morning - Our coffee is excellent as are our home made cakes so please come and enjoy the morning.

Sorry, we can't cope with dogs – lack of shade in the car parking area. More details from Sara Jacson on 01747 853688

Messy Church – Please note this has been postponed to August. More details to follow.

Notices for next weeks' pew sheet by Wednesday to Simon Hutchinson, email 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, 24th June Birth of St John the Baptist

9.30am	Parish Communion	Rev Pam Rink
2.00pm	Holy Baptism of Ava Poppy Harris	Rev Pam Rink

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
	7.30pm	Bell-ringing Practice
Saturday	4.30pm	Ordination of Kevin Martin at Salisbury Cathedral

Next Sunday, 1st July Fifth Sunday after Trinity

11.15	BCP Parish Communion	Rev Simon Chambers
4.00pm	at St Peter's, Team Communion, Celebrant: The Revd Kevin Martin followed by celebratory drinks to mark Kevin's ordination to the priesthood	

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, by whose providence your servant John the Baptist was wonderfully born, and sent to prepare the way of your Son our Saviour by the preaching of repentance: lead us to repent according to his preaching and, after his example, constantly to speak the truth, boldly to rebuke vice, and patiently to suffer for the truth's sake; 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 Isaiah 40.1-11

Comfort, O comfort my people, says your God.

Speak tenderly to Jerusalem, and cry to her

that she has served her term, that her penalty is paid,

that she has received from the Lord's hand double for all her sins.

A voice cries out: 'In the wilderness prepare the way of the Lord,

make straight in the desert a highway for our God.

Every valley shall be lifted up, and every mountain and hill be made low;

the uneven ground shall become level, and the rough places a plain.

Then the glory of the Lord shall be revealed, and all people shall see it together, for the mouth of the Lord has spoken.'

A voice says, 'Cry out!' And I said, 'What shall I cry?'

All people are grass, their constancy is like the flower of the field.

The grass withers, the flower fades, when the breath of the Lord blows upon it; surely the people are grass.

The grass withers, the flower fades; but the word of our God will stand for ever.

Get you up to a high mountain, O Zion, herald of good tidings; lift up your voice with strength,

O Jerusalem, herald of good tidings, lift it up, do not fear; say to the cities of Judah,

'Here is your God!' See, the Lord God comes with might, and his arm rules for him; his reward is with him, and his recompense before him.

He will feed his flock like a shepherd; he will gather the lambs in his arms,

and carry them in his bosom, and gently lead the mother sheep.

Second Reading Galatians 3.23-29

Now before faith came, we were imprisoned and guarded under the law until faith would be revealed. Therefore the law was our disciplinarian until Christ came, so that we might be justified by faith. But now that faith has come, we are no longer subject to a disciplinarian, for in Christ Jesus you are all children of God through faith. As many of you as were baptized into Christ have clothed yourselves with Christ. There is no longer Jew or Greek, there is no longer slave or free, there is no longer male and female; for all of you are one in Christ Jesus. And if you belong to Christ, then you are Abraham's offspring, heirs according to the promise.

Gospel Reading Luke 1.57-66,80

Now the time came for Elizabeth to give birth, and she bore a son. Her neighbours and relatives heard that the Lord had shown his great mercy to her, and they rejoiced with her. On the eighth day they came to circumcise the child, and they were going to name him Zechariah after his father. But his mother said, 'No; he is to be called John.' They said to her, 'None of your relatives has this name.' Then they began motioning to his father to find out what name he wanted to give him. He asked for a writing-tablet and wrote, 'His name is John.' And all of them were amazed. Immediately his mouth was opened and his tongue freed, and he began to speak, praising God. Fear came over all their neighbours, and all these things were talked about throughout the entire hill country of Judea. All who heard them pondered them and said, 'What then will this child become?' For, indeed, the hand of the Lord was with him.

The child grew and became strong in spirit, and he was in the wilderness until the day he appeared publicly to Israel.

Post Communion Prayer

Merciful Lord, whose prophet John the Baptist proclaimed your Son as the Lamb of God

who takes away the sin of the world:

grant that we who in this sacrament have known your forgiveness and your life-giving love may ever tell of your mercy and your peace; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Please pray for:

- † those who live in Corner Lane, Knapp Hill and North End.
- † healing and wholeness in body, mind and spirit for those who are suffering ill health
- † 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 to be baptised this month: Tabitha Redman and Ava Harris, their families, godparents and friends.
- † For the victims of the Grenfell Tower tragedy a year ago, for those who lost loved ones, for those who mourn, and those who try to comfort them.

Let us give thanks for:

- † those who organise and serve refreshments after Sunday worship
- † the members of the sacristan team, who prepare the altar for services
- † our pastoral assistants, Ann, Audrey and Gill, and Christopher our licensed lay minister