

Notices

Thank you to everyone who helped with the churchyard clean-up last Saturday. We plan to hold another clean-up in the next few months. Also a very big thank you to all who helped to make the Harvest Supper such a success. We raised £72 in the raffle.

Pilgrim Course: John Fuller will be leading the next Pilgrim Course on "*The Bible*". As before, there will be six sessions; the first at 7.30pm on Wednesday 10th October at John's house: 11 Ratcliffe Gardens. Everyone is welcome. For information please contact John on 01747 850079 – or just arrive!

Service of Thanksgiving and Remembrance for All Souls: On Friday 2nd November at 7.00pm there will be a quiet, reflective service of prayers, readings and hymns where we will have space and time to remember those who have died, especially those whose funerals were held in our churches throughout the Team or taken by our clergy elsewhere over the past year. Everyone is welcome from across the Shaftesbury area and the outlying villages.

An Evening with Bishop Peter Price Tuesday 7th November 7.30pm in St. John's Church, Enmore Green. An evening of reflection, conversation and worship on the publication of his book *A Shaking Reality – Daily Reflections for Advent*. The evening will provide an opportunity to consider how we may find courage and compassion to face the challenges of our contemporary world and understand a little better why God has sent *us* into this time. There is no charge – to reserve a seat in the Nave, please contact Jo Churchill on 01747 850432 or jo.churchill@enmoregreen.co.uk Seats must be taken by 7.10pm.

Repairs to the roof and guttering: We have to undertake essential repairs on the roof and repair and redecoration of guttering and drainpipes. This will involve scaffolding, makes any work very expensive and the quote for the work is £13,500. If you felt able to donate towards this cost we would be most grateful. Please contact the churchwardens.

Notices for next week's pew sheet should be sent by Wednesday to Phil Roberts. Email: wpr01@wpr01.co.uk

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 7th October Harvest Festival

9.30am Harvest Festival Communion 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-ringers practice

Next Sunday 14th October 20th Sunday after Trinity

9.30am Parish Communion Rev Kevin Martin

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

Eternal God,
 you crown the year with your goodness
 and you give us the fruits of the earth in their season:
 grant that we may use them to your glory,
 for the relief of those in need and for our own well-being;
 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 forever.

First Reading *Joel 2.21-27*

Do not fear, O soil; be glad and rejoice,
 for the Lord has done great things! Do not fear, you animals of the field, for the
 pastures of the wilderness are green; the tree bears its fruit, the fig tree and
 vine give their full yield.

O children of Zion, be glad and rejoice in the Lord your God; for he has given
 the early rain for your vindication, he has poured down for you abundant
 rain, the early and the later rain, as before. The threshing-floors shall be full
 of grain, the vats shall overflow with wine and oil. I will repay you for the
 years that the swarming locust has eaten, the hopper, the destroyer, and the
 cutter, my great army, which I sent against you.

You shall eat in plenty and be satisfied, and praise the name of the Lord your
 God, who has dealt wondrously with you. And my people shall never again be
 put to shame. You shall know that I am in the midst of Israel, and that I, the
 Lord, am your God and there is no other. And my people shall never again be
 put to shame.

Second Reading *1 Timothy 2.1-7*

First of all, then, I urge that supplications, prayers, intercessions, and
 thanksgivings should be made for everyone, for kings and all who are in high
 positions, so that we may lead a quiet and peaceable life in all godliness and
 dignity. This is right and is acceptable in the sight of God our Saviour, who
 desires everyone to be saved and to come to the knowledge of the truth. For
 there is one God; there is also one mediator between God and humankind,
 Christ Jesus, himself human, who gave himself a ransom for all —this was
 attested at the right time. For this I was appointed a herald and an apostle (I am
 telling the truth, I am not lying), a teacher of the Gentiles in faith and truth.

Gospel Reading *Matthew 6.25-33*

‘Therefore I tell you, do not worry about your life, what you will eat or what
 you will drink, or about your body, what you will wear. Is not life more than
 food, and the body more than clothing? Look at the birds of the air; they neither
 sow nor reap nor gather into barns, and yet your heavenly Father feeds them.
 Are you not of more value than they? And can any of you by worrying add a
 single hour to your span of life? And why do you worry about clothing?
 Consider the lilies of the field, how they grow; they neither toil nor spin, yet I
 tell you, even Solomon in all his glory was not clothed like one of these. But if
 God so clothes the grass of the field, which is alive today and tomorrow is
 thrown into the oven, will he not much more clothe you—you of little faith?
 Therefore do not worry, saying, “What will we eat?” or “What will we drink?” or
 “What will we wear?” For it is the Gentiles who strive for all these things; and
 indeed your heavenly Father knows that you need all these things. But strive
 first for the kingdom of God and his righteousness, and all these things will be
 given to you as well.

Post Communion Prayer

Lord of the harvest, with joy we have offered thanksgiving for your love in
 creation and have shared in the bread and the wine of the kingdom: by your
 grace plant within us a reverence for all that you give us and make us generous
 and wise stewards of the good things we enjoy; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Please pray for:

- † all who those who are suffering as a result of the earthquake and tsunami
 in Indonesia; those who have lost loved ones, those who have no food or
 shelter, and for all rescuers and aid agency workers.
- † those who live in Thanés Lane, Cowherd Shute Farm and Bittles Green.
- † healing and wholeness in body, mind and spirit for those who are suffering
 ill health.
- † those seeking meaning and purpose in their lives, who are perhaps
 questioning their faith or who, as yet, have no faith.
- † those who are homeless.

To whom shall I turn? If at any time you feel the need to talk or pray with
 someone please telephone or email Revd Pam, Gill Waine or Ann Surtees, the
 Lay Pastoral Assistants (LPAs), Gill or Liz, the church wardens. All contacts are
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