

Parish News for the Parish of St James and St John, Enmore Green, in the Shaftesbury Team

Sunday 4th February Second Sunday before Lent

St James 9:30 a.m. CW Parish Eucharist (Revd. Dr. Simon Chambers)

Readings: Proverbs ch. 8, vs. 1, 22-31, Colossians ch. 1, vs. 15-20, John ch. 1, vs. 1-14

Voluntaries: In; Pastorale ("The Lord is my Shepherd") – P Whitlock, Out; Voluntary in D Minor – CV Stanford

St John 3:30 p.m. Evensong (Rev. Jo Johnson)

Monday 5th February St John 6:00 p.m. Choir practice

Tuesday 6th February 11 Ratcliff's Garden 7:00 p.m. Reflective prayer group

Wednesday 7th February St James 9:00 a.m. Morning prayer

St John 10:00 a.m. Coffee morning

St James 2:00 p.m. Abbey School service

Thursday 8th February St James 9:00 a.m. Morning prayer

7:00 p.m. CW Communion (Revd. Dr. Simon Chambers)

Friday 9th February St James 9:00 a.m. Morning prayer

Sunday 11th February St James 9:30 a.m. Sung BCP Communion (Revd. Dr. Simon Chambers/ Kevin Martin)

St John 11:15 a.m. CW Parish Communion (Revd. Dr. Simon Chambers/ Kevin Martin)

St James 6:00 p.m. Pilgrim Service (Paul Cooper/ Rev. Mary Ridgwell)

Wednesday 11th February Motcombe 7:00 p.m. Ash Wednesday- Team Service

Please pray for our neighbours and friends who are unwell: Sheila Brock, Edgar Francis, Jeff Parker, Alec, Reg Henstridge, Jo Churchill and Rev John Pearson Pray for the family and friends of those who have died recently and for those on this year's mind list.

Weldmar Snowdrop Memorial Service - Monday 12th February, Bell Street, 3:00 p.m..

Shrove Tuesday Quiz, with Pancakes - Tuesday 13th February, Father's House, 7:30 p.m..

PILGRIM COURSE The course on the Eucharist led by John Fuller continues on Wednesday at 7.30pm, at John and Jill Fuller's house – 11 Ratcliffe Gardens (a turning off St James'). You are very welcome to join us – any queries do phone John on 01747 850079

The Churches Together Lent groups are a good opportunity to meet with Christians of other denominations to reflect on and talk about the faith we share, as well as pray together. The list of available groups is displayed at the back of church so why not sign up today? The groups take place at various times on different days and start during the week beginning 19th February for five weeks. The cost of the course book, "On the Third Day" by Rev John Pritchard, is £5. Books will be available at, or before, the first session. Contact Elizabeth Preston for details. (01747) 850654.

Christian Aid Dates: Lent Lunches... Easter is early this year so the first Lent Lunch is on **Feb 16th**. They take place in the Town Hall every Friday from 12-1.30. A wonderful chance to enjoy good company with a bowl of good soup, with donations to Christian Aid (gift Aid envelopes available). St James' and St John's are combining with Father's House to host the Lunch on March 2nd. Christian Aid Week is from 13th-20th May.

St James Church, Shaftesbury is having a 'spring-clean' in their archiving department. It's time to get the records straight and make sure we have as much information about the church as possible, especially as we are preparing for our first stage of 're-ordering', focussing on lighting, audio and decoration. We are looking for any documentation or records appertaining to the church and its surroundings which can be added to the compilation. We would also be delighted to hear from anyone interested in being involved in the compiling of data, photographing/scanning and filing of documents to ensure we have a history of the church and its life for posterity. To know more please telephone – Andie 01747 853088 or Philippa 01747 812365.

Syrian Refugee families in Shaftesbury. Part 1: The Shaftesbury Refugee Group was formed from tiny beginnings last Spring when a few of us, from various churches and none, began to talk together about our desire to find out more about what was happening in Dorset over refugees, and to do something more, just possibly provide a safe home and welcome here for a refugee family. We have been on a steep learning curve, especially since October when we had two separate offers of suitable privately rented properties, so could offer homes to not just ONE but TWO families. In November Stephanie Farr, our Dorset Resettlement Officer, told us that our two Syrian families would be arriving probably before Christmas. Quickly we had to organise ourselves to obtain furniture and equipment and provisions to create welcoming homes, and a daunting task it was to get it all together in time. Sarah Mais took the coordinating role and emails whizzed backwards and forwards and we received help from many people and places. We now have an arrangement for banking through St James, and Malcolm Wilson is our treasurer. Claiming gift Aid on donations is possible. This is just the beginning of this story,. **"Our two Syrian refugee families** arrived in Shaftesbury on 12th December, on a very cold evening, exhausted, having flown from Lebanon, where they had been living for three years in. UN camp.; Part 2 next week.

A delightful **opportunity for Dementia sufferers** and their carers . Please let any local sufferers and their carers know about the informal Concert which the Mayor is hosting especially for them. Tea will be served and some of the music will be to sing along to, (we know that singing is good for the brain.)The concert will be on Sunday 11th. February, at 3 p.m. in the Town Hall. The cost is an optional donation. To book, phone the Town Hall on 852420. We are grateful to the mayor for his kindness. Jill Sellgren.