

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

Sunday 11th February Next before Lent

St James 9:30 a.m. Sung BCP Communion Marbeck Setting (Revd. Dr. Simon Chambers/ Kevin Martin)

Readings: 2 Kings 2, 1-12, 2 Corinthians 4, 3-6, Mark 9, 2-9

Voluntaries: In; Air from Suite no. 3 in D Major, - JS Bach, Out; Fantasia and Fugue on BACH – F Liszt

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)(see below)

Monday 12th February St John 6:00 p.m. Choir practice

Wednesday 14th February Motcombe 7:00 p.m. Ash Wednesday- Team Service (Revds H Dawes/J Mais)

Thursday 15th February St James 7:00 p.m. CW Communion

Sunday 18th February St James 9:30 a.m. CW Parish Communion (Revd. Dr. Simon Chambers)

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

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

The Pilgrim Service on Sunday;. We now see Pilgrim having to make up his own mind – again! Both the signpost arms point to the same destination, but one appears – at first sight – to be less taxing than the other. Can he deduce which would be the better path from anything he can see, or should he just toss a coin for it? Does WWJD come into it or not?! Maybe – but possibly not as the immediate thing that comes to mind! Come and see how the riddle is untied, here and often through our lives too! You will be very welcome!

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, breaks this week for Ash Wednesday and resumes on Wednesday 21st February at John and Jill Fuller's house. Any queries do phone John on 01747 850079

The Churches Together Lent groups ;The list of Lent groups is displayed at the back of the church. **It is not too late to sign up to a group but please let Elizabeth know if you wish to do so - 01747 850654 or lizziepreston1@gmail.com** as numbers in some groups are limited. Some groups have been amalgamated to make them more viable. Books will be available at the first session during the week beginning 19th Feb, but if you have given me your address I will try to deliver a copy to you beforehand.

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.

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 853088 or Philippa 01747 812365.

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.

Women's World Day of Prayer. Friday 2nd March This year the service has been prepared by the women of Suriname, with the theme All God's Creation is Very Good. All are welcome to the services in Shaftesbury at Bell Street United Church at 11am or the Friends Meeting House at 7:30 p.m.. More details from Elizabeth Preston or Rosemary Saxey. As usual, there is the opportunity take help lead the worship so they will be happy to speak to you if you would like to help.

More news of the Syrian refugees in Shaftesbury in next week's pew sheet due to lack of space this week.