

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

Sunday 25th February Second Sunday of Lent

St James 8:00 a.m. BCP Communion (Rev. Dr. Simon Chambers)
9:30 a.m. CW Parish Communion (Rev. Dr. Simon Chambers)

Readings: Genesis 17, vs. 1-7, 15, 16, Romans 4, 13-25, Mark 8, 31-38

St John 11:15 a.m. Family Service

St James 2:00 p.m. Baptism-Mali Amber Ralph (Rev. Dr. Simon Chambers)

Monday 26th February St John 6:00 p.m. Choir practice

Wednesday 28th February St James 9:00 a.m. Morning prayer

Thursday 1st March St James 9:00 a.m. Morning prayer
7:00 p.m. CW Communion

Friday 2nd March St James 9:00 a.m. Morning prayer
11:30 a.m. Funeral – Nigel Down

Sunday 4th March St James 9:30 a.m. Parish Eucharist
St John 3:30 p.m. Evensong

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

On **Sunday 8th April** there will be a 10:00 a.m. **Team Service** at **St Mary's Motcombe** due to the availability of clergy over the Easter period.

What no loo!! Last year I asked you to help with funding so St James could have a twinned loo with a third world town that currently doesn't have one. (Can you imagine not having access to a toilet!) We achieved it through a generous donation, and are part way to funding a second loo. Can I suggest that throughout Lent, each time you 'spend a penny' you actually put a penny in a jar so we can make a second loo 'happen'. There are collection tins in the loos at St James. Many thanks.

The Children's Society The House-to-House collection this year is from Sat. 14th. - Sat. 28th. April. We badly need new collectors as our gallant team grow older, and we can make the collection area as small as people wish. Volunteers to Richard Huband please (854741). It is such a good cause. In 2017 the Society worked with 13,000 children and young people, and we can but be aware of the risks such children face in today's world.

Pop up Opera, March 3rd Hansel and Gretel Would you enjoy a trip to the Arts Centre with friends? Generous discounts offered for parties. Contact Jenny Parker 01747 855306

PILGRIM COURSE The course on the Eucharist led by John Fuller, resumes on Wednesday 21st February at John and Jill Fuller's house. Any queries do phone John on 01747 850079.

Christian Aid Dates: Lent Lunches.... These take place in the Town Hall every Friday from 12-1:30 p.m.. 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.

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 11 a.m. 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 or help lead the worship, so they will be happy to speak to you if you would like to help.