



THE SHAFTESBURY TEAM

St Peter's Church, Shaftesbury

Notice Sheet

Worshipping Christ with others, Taking Christ to others,
Serving Christ in others, Bringing others to Christ

THE CHILDRENS SOCIETY St Peter's Collection Box Holders

This is to remind you that the annual exchange of Collection Boxes will take place during the Family Service at St Peter's Church, which this year will be at **9.30am on Sunday, 4th FEBRUARY 2018** Please be sure that your name is entered on the bottom of your box. If you are unable to come at this time, bring it to a previous service, or drop it in to my home, or contact me after the 4th, so that arrangements can be made to receive your old box and give you a new one. Please accept our sincere thanks for your generosity and commitment. Keith Milburn, Parish Co-ordinator, 01747 852929

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

TEAM OFFICE Please note that the team office will be closed for one day on Monday 29th January.

SHROVE TUESDAY FEBRUARY 13TH - 6.00 PM - Pancake Party in the church. As there are no cooking facilities in the church I am looking for people to prepare a batch (about 10) of pancakes in advance. Please sign the notice in church, or let me know if you are able to help in this way. Those attending the party will bring their own fillings. Gill Hunt (853707)

CHRISTIAN AID LENT LUNCHESS IN THE TOWN HALL - these begin on Friday 16th February from 12 noon until 1.30 p.m. The last one is on Friday 23rd March.

CHRISTIAN AID LENT LUNCHESS St Peter's is hosting the first one on Friday 16th February 12.00 - 1.30 in the Town Hall. The following help is needed.

- Monetary contributions for the purchase of provisions or donation from those who would like to support but are unable to attend
- Items for the bring and buy stall
- Home-made soup in 1 gallon (4.5 litres) or 1/2 gallon quantities
- Help on the day between 10.30 - 2.00 moving furniture serving the lunches, washing up etc

Please sign the list on the notice board to indicate any help that you are able to offer or speak to Gill Hunt (853707)

HAROLD JACKSON is leaving us, for personal reasons, and his last Sunday with us will be on February 24th and there is a collection being taken for a farewell gift if anyone would like to contribute.

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, starting 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 if you need more details - 01747 850654

Sunday 28th January – Presentation of Christ in the Temple

9.30am Parish Communion

3.00pm Baptism Service (Ellie Rogers)

Readings: Malachi 3.1-5 Hebrews 2.14-18 Luke 2.22-40

Readers: Emma Smith and Tony Selwood Intercessor: John Kitching

Sunday 4th February – Second Sunday before Lent

9.30am Family Service (Childrens Society Box Collection)

Sunday 11th February – Next before Lent

8.00am Holy Communion BCP

9.30am Parish Communion

Readings: 2 Kings 2.1-12 2 Corinthians 4.3-6 Mark 9.2-9

Readers: Sam Skey and Sarah Potts Intercessor: Mindy Bennett

If you are new to St Peter's or visiting today, please make yourself known to one of our team so that we might get to know you better

The Diary Please see our calendar on our website ShaftesburyCofE.org.uk/stpeters

Mon - Fri	8.30am	Morning Prayer
Wednesday	10.30am	Holy Communion

JANUARY

Sun 28 th	3.00pm	Baptism Service - Ellie Rogers
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FEBRUARY

Thu 8 th	10.30am	Little Fishes
Sat 10 th	8.30am	Mens Breakfast
Tue 13 th	6.00pm	Pancake Party
Wed 14 th	12noon	Funeral of Marion Purser

Team Office is open Monday – Friday 9.00am - 12.00pm

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Please email items for the notice sheet to the office by 12noon Thursday

Collect

Almighty and ever-living God, clothed in majesty, whose beloved Son was this day presented in the Temple, in substance of our flesh: grant that we may be presented to you with pure and clean hearts, by your Son Jesus Christ our Lord, who is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever.

First Reading Malachi 3.1-5

See, I am sending my messenger to prepare the way before me, and the Lord whom you seek will suddenly come to his temple. The messenger of the covenant in whom you delight—indeed, he is coming, says the Lord of hosts. But who can endure the day of his coming, and who can stand when he appears?

For he is like a refiner's fire and like fullers' soap; he will sit as a refiner and purifier of silver, and he will purify the descendants of Levi and refine them like gold and silver, until they present offerings to the Lord in righteousness. Then the offering of Judah and Jerusalem will be pleasing to the Lord as in the days of old and as in former years.

Then I will draw near to you for judgement; I will be swift to bear witness against the sorcerers, against the adulterers, against those who swear falsely, against those who oppress the hired workers in their wages, the widow, and the orphan, against those who thrust aside the alien, and do not fear me, says the Lord of hosts.

Second Reading Hebrews 2.14-18

Since, therefore, the children share flesh and blood, he himself likewise shared the same things, so that through death he might destroy the one who has the power of death, that is, the devil, and free those who all their lives were held in slavery by the fear of death. For it is clear that he did not come to help angels, but the descendants of Abraham. Therefore he had to become like his brothers and sisters in every respect, so that he might be a merciful and faithful high priest in the service of God, to make a sacrifice of atonement for the sins of the people. Because he himself was tested by what he suffered, he is able to help those who are being tested.

Gospel Reading Luke 2.22-40

When the time came for their purification according to the law of Moses, they brought him up to Jerusalem to present him to the Lord (as it is written in the law of the Lord, 'Every firstborn male shall be designated as holy to the Lord'), and they offered a sacrifice according to what is stated in the law of the Lord, 'a pair of turtle-doves or two young pigeons.'

Now there was a man in Jerusalem whose name was Simeon; this man was righteous and devout, looking forward to the consolation of Israel, and the Holy Spirit rested on him. It had been revealed to him by the Holy Spirit that he would

not see death before he had seen the Lord's Messiah. Guided by the Spirit, Simeon came into the temple; and when the parents brought in the child Jesus, to do for him what was customary under the law, Simeon took him in his arms and praised God, saying,

'Master, now you are dismissing your servant in peace,
according to your word;

for my eyes have seen your salvation,

which you have prepared in the presence of all peoples,
a light for revelation to the Gentiles
and for glory to your people Israel.'

And the child's father and mother were amazed at what was being said about him. Then Simeon blessed them and said to his mother Mary, 'This child is destined for the falling and the rising of many in Israel, and to be a sign that will be opposed so that the inner thoughts of many will be revealed—and a sword will pierce your own soul too.'

There was also a prophet, Anna the daughter of Phanuel, of the tribe of Asher. She was of a great age, having lived with her husband for seven years after her marriage, then as a widow to the age of eighty-four. She never left the temple but worshipped there with fasting and prayer night and day. At that moment she came, and began to praise God and to speak about the child to all who were looking for the redemption of Jerusalem.

When they had finished everything required by the law of the Lord, they returned to Galilee, to their own town of Nazareth. The child grew and became strong, filled with wisdom; and the favour of God was upon him.

Post Communion Prayer

Lord, you fulfilled the hope of Simeon and Anna, who lived to welcome the Messiah:

may we, who have received these gifts beyond words, prepare to meet Christ Jesus when he comes to bring us to eternal life; for he is alive and reigns, now and for ever.

FOR YOUR PRAYERS

For the sick: Janet Grant, Derek Brown; for all residents in our local care and nursing homes and for the staff there who care for them.

For those who have died. Marion Purser.

For our community.

For the world: For all places where there is conflict and in particular for Syria, Turkey, Iraq, and the Middle East for peace and concern for all people.

For the Contact of St Peter's & St James' Churches with the Episcopal Church of South Sudan.
