

PILGRIM COURSE The Pilgrim course on the Eucharist resumes this week at John Fuller's house. Any queries do phone John on 01747 850079

CHRISTIAN AID LENT LUNCHEAS 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.

SOCIAL CALENDAR

If you would enjoy an evening out at The Arts Centre with friends, I could arrange a group booking for you, with generous discounts for parties of ten or more. There are a lot of shows to choose from this spring but I would recommend this one.

On March 3rd, Pop up Opera present Humperdincks, Hansel and Gretel, a story that will enchant and thrill, a wintry delight. A magical production for all ages, playful and entertaining from beginning to end.

For more information see Jenny Parker after church or contact by phone on 855306

HAROLD JACKSON is leaving us, for personal reasons, 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.

WHY NOT JOIN THE OTHER 84? We now have 84 Children's Society home collection boxes in circulation, almost all among members of St Peter's. If you keep the box at home for a year and feed it with some small change we will be able to send well in excess of £1,000 annually to help with the Society's work with disadvantaged children. If you would like to help, please contact either Keith Milburn (852929) or Chris Jones (850791). It's all so easy and contributes so much to a first rate charity.

DOES YOUR ROLE IN THE CHURCH BRING YOU INTO CONTACT WITH CHILDREN, YOUNG PEOPLE OR ADULTS WHO MAY BE VULNERABLE?

If so, and if you haven't done any before, or recently, you may need to do some **basic Safeguarding Training**. The initial training, called **C0**, is done on line through the Diocesan website.

For those who do not have access to or don't get on too well with computers, there will be a group session on **Thursday 1st March at 11am in St Peter's church hall**. It would be helpful to have an idea of numbers so please let me know if you want to come. It will take a bit over an hour. Elizabeth Preston 01747 850654 or lizziepreston1@gmail.com

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



Sunday 18th February – First Sunday of Lent

9.30am Parish Communion

Readings: Genesis 9.8-17 1 Peter 3.18-22 Mark 1.9-15

Readers: David and Margaret Pearson Intercessor: Ann Dennis

Sunday 25th February – Second Sunday of Lent

9.30am Parish Communion

Readings: Genesis 17.1-7,15,16 Romans 4.13-25 Mark 8.31-38

Readers: Sarah and Gill Hunt Intercessor: David DePledge

Sunday 4th March – Third Sunday of Lent

9.30am Family Service

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

FEBRUARY

Wed 21 st	7.45pm	Standing Committee Meeting
Thu 22 nd	10.30am	Little Fishes
Sun 25 th	3.00pm	Baptism Service (Lily Streets)
Tue 27 th	7.30pm	Sing and Praise
Wed 28 th	1.30pm	Funeral of Freda Jacobs

MARCH

Tue 6 th	7.30pm	Guild of Ringers (Mere Branch)
Thu 8 th	10.30am	Little Fishes
Sat 10 th	8.30am	Mens Breakfast

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 God, whose Son Jesus Christ fasted forty days in the wilderness, and was tempted as we are, yet without sin: give us grace to discipline ourselves in obedience to your Spirit; and, as you know our weakness, so may we know your power to save; 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 for ever.

First Reading Genesis 9.8-17

Then God said to Noah and to his sons with him, 'As for me, I am establishing my covenant with you and your descendants after you, and with every living creature that is with you, the birds, the domestic animals, and every animal of the earth with you, as many as came out of the ark. I establish my covenant with you, that never again shall all flesh be cut off by the waters of a flood, and never again shall there be a flood to destroy the earth.' God said, 'This is the sign of the covenant that I make between me and you and every living creature that is with you, for all future generations: I have set my bow in the clouds, and it shall be a sign of the covenant between me and the earth. When I bring clouds over the earth and the bow is seen in the clouds, I will remember my covenant that is between me and you and every living creature of all flesh; and the waters shall never again become a flood to destroy all flesh. When the bow is in the clouds, I will see it and remember the everlasting covenant between God and every living creature of all flesh that is on the earth.' God said to Noah, 'This is the sign of the covenant that I have established between me and all flesh that is on the earth.'

Second Reading 1 Peter 3.18-22

For Christ also suffered for sins once for all, the righteous for the unrighteous, in order to bring you to God. He was put to death in the flesh, but made alive in the spirit, in which also he went and made a proclamation to the spirits in prison, who in former times did not obey, when God waited patiently in the days of Noah, during the building of the ark, in which a few, that is, eight people, were saved through water. And baptism, which this prefigured, now saves you—not as a removal of dirt from the body, but as an appeal to God for a good conscience, through the resurrection of Jesus Christ, who has gone into heaven and is at the right hand of God, with angels, authorities, and powers made subject to him.

Gospel Reading Mark 1.9-15

In those days Jesus came from Nazareth of Galilee and was baptized by John in the Jordan. And just as he was coming up out of the water, he saw the heavens torn apart and the Spirit descending like a dove on him. And a voice came from heaven, 'You are my Son, the Beloved; with you I am well pleased.'

And the Spirit immediately drove him out into the wilderness. He was in the wilderness for forty days, tempted by Satan; and he was with the wild beasts; and the angels waited on him.

Now after John was arrested, Jesus came to Galilee, proclaiming the good news of God, and saying, 'The time is fulfilled, and the kingdom of God has come near; repent, and believe in the good news.'

Post Communion Prayer

Lord God, you have renewed us with the living bread from heaven; by it you nourish our faith, increase our hope, and strengthen our love: teach us always to hunger for him who is the true and living bread, and enable us to live by every word that proceeds from out of your mouth; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

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. Freda Jacobs

For our community. For all parishes in the Blackmore Vale Deanery.

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.
