

**CHRISTIAN AID LENT LUNCHEES 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

**CHRISTIAN AID LENT LUNCH** – Many thanks to all those who supported our Lent lunch last Friday.

- Those who provided soup
- Set up the Town Hall
- Served at lunch
- Washed up
- Cleared away
- Sold at the bring and buy stall
- Gave donations which paid for bread, cheese etc
- Turned up to support the lunch

£476.40 was collected, of which £235.00 was Gift Aided  
Together we raised **£535.25** for the work of Christian Aid.

**TEAM SERVICE** On Sunday 8<sup>th</sup> April there will be a 10.00am Team Service at St Mary's Motcombe; this is due to the availability of clergy over the Easter period.

### 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 1<sup>st</sup> 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

**ST PETER'S APCM** is due to take place on Sunday 22nd April, after the morning service. All those who are on the Electoral Roll are entitled to vote at this meeting. Anyone wishing to be entered on the **ELECTORAL ROLL** please ask the electoral officer for a form. Gill Hunt

**SING AND PRAISE** There is no Sing and Praise in February or March.

# 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



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### Sunday 25<sup>th</sup> February – Second Sunday of Lent

9.30am Parish Communion

3.00pm Baptism Service

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

Readers: Sarah and Gill Hunt Intercessor: David DePledge

*Antem: Where you there when they crucified my Lord – Spiritual arr. H. E. Jackson*

*Lord, for thy tender mercies sake – John Hilton/Richard Farrant*

*Voluntary: Elegy – George Thalben Ball*

### Sunday 4<sup>th</sup> March – Third Sunday of Lent

9.30am Family Service

### Sunday 11<sup>th</sup> March – Mothering Sunday

8.00am BCP Holy Communion

9.30am All Age Communion

Readings: 1 Samuel 1.20-28 2 Corinthians 1.3-7 John 19.25-27

Intercessor: Sue Minshaw

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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](http://ShaftesburyCofE.org.uk/stpeters)

Mon - Fri 8.30am Morning Prayer

Wednesday 10.30am Holy Communion

### FEBRUARY

Wed 28<sup>th</sup> 1.30pm Funeral of Freda Jacobs

### MARCH

Tue 6<sup>th</sup> 7.30pm Guild of Ringers (Mere Branch)

Thu 8<sup>th</sup> 10.30am Little Fishes

Sat 10<sup>th</sup> 8.30am Mens Breakfast

Tue 13<sup>th</sup> 7.30pm PCC Meeting

Sat 17<sup>th</sup> 10.30am Doughnut Time

**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, you show to those who are in error the light of your truth, that they may return to the way of righteousness: grant to all those who are admitted into the fellowship of Christ's religion, that they may reject those things that are contrary to their profession, and follow all such things as are agreeable to the same; through our Lord Jesus Christ, who is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever.

## First Reading Genesis 17.1-7, 15, 16

When Abram was ninety-nine years old, the Lord appeared to Abram, and said to him, 'I am God Almighty; walk before me, and be blameless. And I will make my covenant between me and you, and will make you exceedingly numerous.' Then Abram fell on his face; and God said to him, 'As for me, this is my covenant with you: You shall be the ancestor of a multitude of nations. No longer shall your name be Abram, but your name shall be Abraham; for I have made you the ancestor of a multitude of nations. I will make you exceedingly fruitful; and I will make nations of you, and kings shall come from you. I will establish my covenant between me and you, and your offspring after you throughout their generations, for an everlasting covenant, to be God to you and to your offspring after you.

God said to Abraham, 'As for Sarai your wife, you shall not call her Sarai, but Sarah shall be her name. I will bless her, and moreover I will give you a son by her. I will bless her, and she shall give rise to nations; kings of peoples shall come from her.

## Second Reading Romans 4.13-25

For the promise that he would inherit the world did not come to Abraham or to his descendants through the law but through the righteousness of faith. If it is the adherents of the law who are to be the heirs, faith is null and the promise is void. For the law brings wrath; but where there is no law, neither is there violation.

For this reason it depends on faith, in order that the promise may rest on grace and be guaranteed to all his descendants, not only to the adherents of the law but also to those who share the faith of Abraham (for he is the father of all of us, as it is written, 'I have made you the father of many nations')—in the presence of the God in whom he believed, who gives life to the dead and calls into existence the things that do not exist. Hoping against hope, he believed that he would become 'the father of many nations', according to what was said, 'So numerous shall your descendants be.' He did not weaken in faith when he considered his own body, which was already as good as dead (for he was about a hundred years old), or when he considered the barrenness of Sarah's womb. No distrust made him waver concerning the promise of God,

but he grew strong in his faith as he gave glory to God, being fully convinced that God was able to do what he had promised. Therefore his faith 'was reckoned to him as righteousness.' Now the words, 'it was reckoned to him', were written not for his sake alone, but for ours also. It will be reckoned to us who believe in him who raised Jesus our Lord from the dead, who was handed over to death for our trespasses and was raised for our justification.

## Gospel Reading Mark 8.31-38

Then he began to teach them that the Son of Man must undergo great suffering, and be rejected by the elders, the chief priests, and the scribes, and be killed, and after three days rise again. He said all this quite openly. And Peter took him aside and began to rebuke him. But turning and looking at his disciples, he rebuked Peter and said, 'Get behind me, Satan! For you are setting your mind not on divine things but on human things.'

He called the crowd with his disciples, and said to them, 'If any want to become my followers, let them deny themselves and take up their cross and follow me. For those who want to save their life will lose it, and those who lose their life for my sake, and for the sake of the gospel, will save it. For what will it profit them to gain the whole world and forfeit their life? Indeed, what can they give in return for their life? Those who are ashamed of me and of my words in this adulterous and sinful generation, of them the Son of Man will also be ashamed when he comes in the glory of his Father with the holy angels.'

## Post Communion Prayer

Almighty God, you see that we have no power of ourselves to help ourselves: keep us both outwardly in our bodies, and inwardly in our souls; that we may be defended from all adversities which may happen to the body, and from all evil thoughts which may assault and hurt the soul; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

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## 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 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.

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