

ANNUAL MEMBERSHIP COUNT

We (and every church in the diocese) are required by the diocese to carry out an annual membership count during the five week period from 9th April – 13th May.

So when you come to church on Sunday 15th April you need to

- a) complete a yellow card, giving your name, postcode and ticking the appropriate box to show whether you
 - consider yourself to be a member of St Peter's,
 - are from another church in the team,
 - or a visitor from elsewhere.

Also due to changes in legislation, we need you to consent to the church holding personal information (e.g. your address, phone number e-mail address etc.) so please tick the box on the reverse side of the yellow card to show that you are happy about this.

- b) Please give your name to one of the three people administering the Count (Tony Selwood, Roy Mitchell and Chris Jones) so that they can record your attendance.

This will continue for the following 4 Sundays, but you only need to complete a yellow card once during the 5 week period.

This is an important exercise which needs to be accurate as the amount we pay to the diocese in 2019 depends upon it.

HOW TO PLAN A FUNERAL There is a session on how to plan a funeral, today Sunday 15th April at 3pm at St Peters, all welcome.

LITTLE FISHES Little fishes is a toddler group for babies, toddlers and pre schoolers with their parents or carers, and runs fortnightly at St Peter's – Little Fishes resumes on Thursday 19th April at 10.30am for more information please ring Karen Dickson on 01747 855343.

SAFEGUARDING SESSION POSTPONED The C1 safeguarding training arranged for 16th April has been cancelled due to a short notice hospital appointment that I am unable to change. I apologise for this and will fix another date as soon as I can. Elizabeth Preston.

FOODBANK NEEDS for April & May. The following foods are in short supply:
tinned vegetables, fruit, fish, meat, custard and rice pudding
potato mash, coffee, milk (long life) fruit juice.

Thank you to everyone who supports the Foodbank, it is greatly appreciated.
Elizabeth Wray

TEAM OFFICE Please note that the Team Office will be closed from Friday 11th May at 12noon, reopening on Monday 21st May at 9am

TRAIDCRAFT CHRISTIAN AID LUNCH Due to the recent weather, one of the Christian Aid Lunches has been rescheduled for Wednesday May 16th in Shaftesbury Town Hall. Soup Lunch with middle eastern extras - 12noon until 1.30pm Traidcraft and bring and buy. All welcome.

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 15th April – Third Sunday of Easter

9.30am Parish Communion

Readings: Acts 3.12-19 1 John 3.1-7 Luke 24.36b-48

Readers: Sarah Godwin and John Parker Intercessor: Sarah Hunt

Sunday 22nd April – Fourth Sunday of Easter

9.30am Parish Communion

3.00pm – Baptism Service

Readings: Acts 4.5-12 1 John 3.16-24 John 10.11-18

Readers: Patrick Riley and Jo Slade Intercessor: Margaret Pearson

Sunday 29th April – Fifth Sunday of Easter

10.00am Team Communion

followed by Team Council AGM

Readings: Acts 8.26-40 1 John 4.7-21 John 15.1-8

Readers: Sue Minshaw and Joe Rumble Intercessor:

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

APRIL

Sun 15 th	6.00pm	How to plan your funeral
Thu 19 th	10.30am	Little Fishes
Sat 21 st	10.30am	Doughnut Time
Sun 22 nd	11.00am	APCM after the morning service
Sun 22 nd	3.00pm	Baptism Service
Tue 24 th	7.30pm	Sing and Praise

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 Father, who in your great mercy gladdened the disciples with the sight of the risen Lord: give us such knowledge of his presence with us, that we may be strengthened and sustained by his risen life and serve you continually in righteousness and truth; 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 Acts 3.12-19

When Peter saw it, he addressed the people, 'You Israelites, why do you wonder at this, or why do you stare at us, as though by our own power or piety we had made him walk? The God of Abraham, the God of Isaac, and the God of Jacob, the God of our ancestors has glorified his servant Jesus, whom you handed over and rejected in the presence of Pilate, though he had decided to release him. But you rejected the Holy and Righteous One and asked to have a murderer given to you, and you killed the Author of life, whom God raised from the dead. To this we are witnesses. And by faith in his name, his name itself has made this man strong, whom you see and know; and the faith that is through Jesus has given him this perfect health in the presence of all of you.

'And now, friends, I know that you acted in ignorance, as did also your rulers. In this way God fulfilled what he had foretold through all the prophets, that his Messiah would suffer. Repent therefore, and turn to God so that your sins may be wiped out.

Second Reading 1 John 3.1-7

See what love the Father has given us, that we should be called children of God; and that is what we are. The reason the world does not know us is that it did not know him. Beloved, we are God's children now; what we will be has not yet been revealed. What we do know is this: when he is revealed, we will be like him, for we will see him as he is. And all who have this hope in him purify themselves, just as he is pure.

Everyone who commits sin is guilty of lawlessness; sin is lawlessness. You know that he was revealed to take away sins, and in him there is no sin. No one who abides in him sins; no one who sins has either seen him or known him. Little children, let no one deceive you. Everyone who does what is right is righteous, just as he is righteous.

Gospel Reading Luke 24.36b-48

While they were talking about this, Jesus himself stood among them and said to them, 'Peace be with you.' They were startled and terrified, and thought that they were seeing a ghost. He said to them, 'Why are you frightened, and why do doubts arise in your hearts? Look at my hands and my feet; see that it is I myself. Touch me and see; for a ghost does not have flesh and bones as you see that I have.' And when he had said this, he showed them his hands and his feet. While in their joy they were disbelieving and still wondering, he said to them, 'Have you

anything here to eat?' They gave him a piece of broiled fish, and he took it and ate in their presence.

Then he said to them, 'These are my words that I spoke to you while I was still with you—that everything written about me in the law of Moses, the prophets, and the psalms must be fulfilled.' Then he opened their minds to understand the scriptures, and he said to them, 'Thus it is written, that the Messiah is to suffer and to rise from the dead on the third day, and that repentance and forgiveness of sins is to be proclaimed in his name to all nations, beginning from Jerusalem. You are witnesses of these things.

Post Communion Prayer

Living God, your Son made himself known to his disciples in the breaking of bread: open the eyes of our faith, that we may see him in all his redeeming work; who 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.

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.

Notices continued...

MESSAGE FROM OPEN HOUSE

Dear friends, We would like to say a huge thank you from the Open House team for your generosity in collecting for our Easter Hamper Appeal! We have been able to make up over 20 Easter bags, with lots of chocolate goodies, treats and toys, for our clients and their families.

We would also like to let you know about an opportunity for joining our team in the work we are doing here; We have a project, running alongside Open House, called Store House, which provides local families with good quality, second hand furniture and white goods that have been donated from within the community - it really is the community giving back to the community!

We would love to hear from anyone who would like to be a part of Store House and be willing to drive our van on Tuesdays to collect and deliver furniture. We would be able to provide someone to help with the lifting and carrying but are really in need of a driver! If there is anyone who has a full UK driving licence, a few hours to spare and an interest being involved with this project we would love to hear for them. Phone 01747 852994