

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.

ANNUAL CHILDREN'S SOCIETY STREET COLLECTION, SATURDAY 12 MAY 2018.

We are short of collectors for this important annual collection. Volunteers collect for one hour on Shaftesbury High Street. If you are able to help, please contact Chris Jones (850791), Karen Dickson or John Parker.

To encourage us all to pray during the **'THY KINGDOM COME' SEASON** this year (Ascension to Pentecost 10th – 20th May) we are going to have prayer stations in St James, St Peter's, Motcombe, Compton Abbas, Enmore Green and Melbury Abbas. Each church will have 1 – 3 stations that will help us to focus our prayer. There will be different stations in each church and a 'passport' for you to take round, if you wish to have a sticker to show which station you have visited and prayed at.

CHRISTIAN AID WEEK – URGENT PLEA FOR HELP

This year Christian Aid Week is May 13th – 29th 2018. For those unfamiliar with Christian Aid week, this is national event, including television adverts. During this week there is a house to house collection using envelopes.

Each church in Shaftesbury is allocated specified streets for this activity. St Peter's Church allocation of streets is on the notice board at the back of the church. We need as many volunteers as possible to help with this important work. Please indicate your willingness to help by signing up on the notice board at the back of the church. Any enquiries to Gill Hunt on 853707.

ASCENSION DAY TEAM SERVICE AT ST PETERS, is at 7pm on Thu 10th May.

SING AND PRAISE in May will be on Tuesday 29th May (Not on the 22nd as advertised in keyring).

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 6th May – Sixth Sunday of Easter

9.30am Family Service

Sunday 13th May – Seventh Sunday of Easter

8.00am Parish Communion BCP

9.30am Communion with prayers for healing and wholeness
Readings Acts 1.15-17, 21-26 1 John 5.9-13 John 17.6-19
Readers Rev Chris Wray & Mary Milburn

Sunday 20th May – Pentecost

9.30am Parish Communion

3.00pm Baptism Service

Readings Acts 2.1-21 Romans 8.22-27 John 15.26-27, 16.4b-15
Readers Mike & Chris Sims Intercessor John Kitching

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
MAY		
Sun 6 th	3.00pm	Shaftesbury Town Silver Band Concert
Thu 10 th	7.00pm	Team Service for Ascension Day
Sat 12 th	8.30am	Mens Breakfast
Fri 11 th – Sun 20 th	All week	Team office closed
Mon 14 th	7.30pm	PCC Meeting
Thu 17 th	10.30am	Little Fishes
Sat 19 th	10.30am	Doughnut Time
Sun 20 th	3.00pm	Baptism of Arthur Rackley
Wed 23 rd	7.30pm	'Heavenly Sounds' Concert
Tue 29 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

God our redeemer, you have delivered us from the power of darkness and brought us into the kingdom of your Son: grant, that as by his death he has recalled us to life, so by his continual presence in us he may raise us to eternal joy; 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 10.44-48

While Peter was still speaking, the Holy Spirit fell upon all who heard the word. The circumcised believers who had come with Peter were astounded that the gift of the Holy Spirit had been poured out even on the Gentiles, for they heard them speaking in tongues and extolling God. Then Peter said, 'Can anyone withhold the water for baptizing these people who have received the Holy Spirit just as we have?' So he ordered them to be baptized in the name of Jesus Christ. Then they invited him to stay for several days.

Gospel Reading John 15.9-17

As the Father has loved me, so I have loved you; abide in my love. If you keep my commandments, you will abide in my love, just as I have kept my Father's commandments and abide in his love. I have said these things to you so that my joy may be in you, and that your joy may be complete.

'This is my commandment, that you love one another as I have loved you. No one has greater love than this, to lay down one's life for one's friends. You are my friends if you do what I command you. I do not call you servants any longer, because the servant does not know what the master is doing; but I have called you friends, because I have made known to you everything that I have heard from my Father. You did not choose me but I chose you. And I appointed you to go and bear fruit, fruit that will last, so that the Father will give you whatever you ask him in my name. I am giving you these commands so that you may love one another.

Post Communion Prayer

God our Father, whose Son Jesus Christ gives the water of eternal life: may we thirst for you, the spring of life and source of goodness, through him 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...

CLEANING TEAM REPLACEMENT. A much valued member of the church cleaning team has had to resign. We therefore need a replacement to maintain the current team rota. The work involved is far from arduous and would not start until the week 18 to 24 June 2018 when an hour's light cleaning can take place at a day/time of the team member's choosing. If you can help, please get in touch with Chris Jones (850791) or any team member shown on the roster posted in the church porch.

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

A PLEA FROM ST THOMAS'S We are looking for an organist for our 9.30 service on 3rd June, and a 'musician' for our outside pet service on 10th June at 11.15am. Please contact Jon Dakin on 01747 855976.

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

HEAVENLY SOUNDS CONCERT Four professional singers from Germany will be performing at St Peter's, a programme including Mozart, Fauré, Franck, Elgar and Britten, and a selection of traditional spirituals arranged for four voices. The ensemble comes from Soest, a small cathedral city in Westfalia and their name "**SONGS**" is short for "**Soest's New Guild of Singers**". The concert "Heavenly Sounds" begins at 7:30 p.m. on Wednesday 23rd May, Tickets cost £10, and are available at the door.