

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.

CHURCHES TOGETHER IN SHAFTESBURY – Pentecost 2018 United Service will be at Shaftesbury Abbey on Sunday 20th May 2018 at 4.00pm. The choir will be singing during the service. Bring a chair if you can.

SURELY, SOMEONE WILL HELP. We need a replacement to maintain the current church cleaning 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.

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

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.

SHOWING GOD'S LOVE IN THE COMMUNITY.

1) How? If you are free on Thursday 24th May, anytime between 9.30 – 5.30 visit the **TRINITY CENTRE** Day Care **OPEN DAY**. Join one of the 'becoming a dementia friend' sessions (1hour) 10.00am, 12noon, or 2.p.m. It's an undemanding training which will help you understand the condition and know what to be aware of when you're out. (free) Places limited so please book.

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2) There you will learn information that you can share with folk who may need what they have to offer from their impressive range of **services**. be able to make a **tour** of the premises and meet the **staff**. try various **activities**, e.g. art and craft, board games café., and learn about the regular Wednesday Community lunch.

Buffet lunch on 24th.- £5.00, please book, 01747 854959 email Shaftesburyplus@tricro.co.uk

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 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

Sunday 27th May – Trinity Sunday

9.30am Parish Communion
3.00pm Baptism Service
Readings Isaiah 6.1-8 Romans 8.12-17 John 3.1-17
Readers Jenny Parker & Theresa Merefield Intercessor Sarah Mais

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

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

O God the King of glory,
you have exalted your only Son Jesus Christ
with great triumph to your kingdom in heaven:
we beseech you, leave us not comfortless,
but send your Holy Spirit to strengthen us
and exalt us to the place where our Saviour Christ is gone before,
who is alive and reigns with you,
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
one God, now and for ever.

First Reading Acts 1.15-17, 21-26

In those days Peter stood up among the believers (together the crowd numbered about one hundred and twenty people) and said, 'Friends, the scripture had to be fulfilled, which the Holy Spirit through David foretold concerning Judas, who became a guide for those who arrested Jesus—for he was numbered among us and was allotted his share in this ministry.' So one of the men who have accompanied us throughout the time that the Lord Jesus went in and out among us, beginning from the baptism of John until the day when he was taken up from us—one of these must become a witness with us to his resurrection.' So they proposed two, Joseph called Barsabbas, who was also known as Justus, and Matthias. Then they prayed and said, 'Lord, you know everyone's heart. Show us which one of these two you have chosen to take the place in this ministry and apostleship from which Judas turned aside to go to his own place.' And they cast lots for them, and the lot fell on Matthias; and he was added to the eleven apostles.

Second Reading 1 John 5.9-13

If we receive human testimony, the testimony of God is greater; for this is the testimony of God that he has testified to his Son. Those who believe in the Son of God have the testimony in their hearts. Those who do not believe in God have made him a liar by not believing in the testimony that God has given concerning his Son. And this is the testimony: God gave us eternal life, and this life is in his Son. Whoever has the Son has life; whoever does not have the Son of God does not have life.

I write these things to you who believe in the name of the Son of God, so that you may know that you have eternal life.

Gospel Reading John 17.6-19

'I have made your name known to those whom you gave me from the world. They were yours, and you gave them to me, and they have kept your word.

Now they know that everything you have given me is from you; for the words that you gave to me I have given to them, and they have received them and know in truth that I came from you; and they have believed that you sent me. I am asking on their behalf; I am not asking on behalf of the world, but on behalf of those whom you gave me, because they are yours. All mine are yours, and yours are mine; and I have been glorified in them. And now I am no longer in the world, but they are in the world, and I am coming to you. Holy Father, protect them in your name that you have given me, so that they may be one, as we are one. While I was with them, I protected them in your name that you have given me. I guarded them, and not one of them was lost except the one destined to be lost, so that the scripture might be fulfilled. But now I am coming to you, and I speak these things in the world so that they may have my joy made complete in themselves. I have given them your word, and the world has hated them because they do not belong to the world, just as I do not belong to the world. I am not asking you to take them out of the world, but I ask you to protect them from the evil one. They do not belong to the world, just as I do not belong to the world. Sanctify them in the truth; your word is truth. As you have sent me into the world, so I have sent them into the world. And for their sakes I sanctify myself, so that they also may be sanctified in truth.

Post Communion Prayer

Eternal God, giver of love and power,
your Son Jesus Christ has sent us into all the world to preach the gospel of his kingdom: confirm us in this mission,
and help us to live the good news we proclaim;
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.

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.
