

**NEW HOUSEGROUP:** John and Amanda Massink have offered to host a new housegroup at their home in Long Cross (just at the bottom of Enmore Green). The plan is to meet on Tuesday evenings every two weeks. The group needs members and it also needs someone who will co-ordinate and help convene the group. If you're interested in finding out more, please have a word with Revd Helen or with John and Amanda.

**THE FILLING STATION** The next Filling Station will take place on Monday 25th June starting at 7:15pm in the town hall. It will take the form of a healing service led by Mindy Bennett and other members of The Order of Jacob's Well. Come and be blessed.

**COME AND ENJOY A MORNING IN A BEAUTIFUL GARDEN** while helping the Friends of North Dorset Women's Refuge to keep up their support of families who have had to escape from Domestic Abuse. What's domestic abuse you ask? Our Committee members will be happy to help answer that question! Come to Grove Farm House, Melbury Abbas SP7 0DE on Wednesday 27th June from 10.30 till 12.00 and enjoy a wander, meeting others, perhaps winning the raffle, certainly being generous. Shaftesbury Community Choir will be singing in the courtyard during the morning - Our coffee is excellent as are our home made cakes so please come and enjoy the morning. Sorry, we can't cope with dogs – lack of shade in the car parking area. More details from Sara Jacson on 01747 853688

**TEAM RETREAT** Bookings are now open for the 2018 Team Retreat, at Greenhouse Christian Centre in Poole from late afternoon Friday September 21st through lunch on Sunday 23rd, led by the Revd Dr Simon Chambers. The booking form is on the website, and hard copies will be available in churches shortly. Enquiries to [m.a.pattison@gmail.com](mailto:m.a.pattison@gmail.com), or telephone 01747 852017.

**TEAM SERVICE on Sunday 1st July at 4.00 p.m.** – Revd. Kevin will preside at the Eucharist for the first time. **ALL** are welcome at this service which will be followed by a reception with drinks and finger food. There are two notices at the back of church, one to indicate that you hope to be present at this important service for Kevin (you will not be turned away if you have not signed) and the other one if you are able to help with providing some finger food. Many thanks Gill Hunt.

**SAFEGUARDING** There will be a **C1 Foundation Safeguarding training** session on **Tuesday 26th June 10-12.30 in St James Church.** This is open to all and it is recommended for all who have a role in the church that brings them into contact with people, not just children. You just need to let Elizabeth Preston know if you plan to come - 01747 850654 or [lizziepreston1@gmail.com](mailto:lizziepreston1@gmail.com) Also contact her if you are in any doubt about whether you should come or not.

# 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 24<sup>th</sup> June – Birth of St John the Baptist

9.30am Parish Communion

Readings Isaiah 40.1-11 Galatians 3.23-29 Luke 1.57-66,80  
Readers: Joe Rumble & Ida Bowman Intercessor: Ann Dennis

#### Sunday 1<sup>st</sup> July – Fifth Sunday after Trinity

9.30am Family Service

4.00pm Team Communion Celebrant: The Revd Kevin Martin  
Followed by celebratory refreshments

#### Sunday 8<sup>th</sup> July – Sixth Sunday after Trinity

8.00am BCP Holy Communion

9.30am Parish Communion

Readings Ezekiel 2.1-5 2 Corinthians 12.2-10 Mark 6.1-13  
Readers: Emma Smith & Tony Selwood Intercessor: David Depledge

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

#### JUNE

Mon 25 <sup>th</sup> – Tue 26 <sup>th</sup>	All day	Team Office Closed
Tue 26 <sup>th</sup>	Afternoon	Piano Tuning
Tue 26 <sup>th</sup>	7.30pm	Sing and Praise
Wed 27 <sup>th</sup>	After Communion	Organ Tuning
Wed 27 <sup>th</sup>	7.30pm	Team Council Meeting
Thu 28 <sup>th</sup>	10.30am	Little Fishes
Fri 29 <sup>th</sup>	9.30am	School Concert rehearsal
Fri 29 <sup>th</sup>	6.00pm	School Concert
Sat 30 <sup>th</sup>	2.00pm	Concert Rehearsal
Sat 30 <sup>th</sup>	7.00pm	New Music in the South West Concert

**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, by whose providence your servant John the Baptist was wonderfully born, and sent to prepare the way of your Son our Saviour by the preaching of repentance: lead us to repent according to his preaching and, after his example, constantly to speak the truth, boldly to rebuke vice, and patiently to suffer for the truth's sake; 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 Isaiah 40.1-11

Comfort, O comfort my people,  
says your God.

Speak tenderly to Jerusalem,  
and cry to her

that she has served her term,  
that her penalty is paid,

that she has received from the Lord's hand  
double for all her sins.

A voice cries out:

'In the wilderness prepare the way of the Lord,  
make straight in the desert a highway for our God.

Every valley shall be lifted up,  
and every mountain and hill be made low;  
the uneven ground shall become level,  
and the rough places a plain.

Then the glory of the Lord shall be revealed,  
and all people shall see it together,  
for the mouth of the Lord has spoken.'

A voice says, 'Cry out!'

And I said, 'What shall I cry?'

All people are grass,  
their constancy is like the flower of the field.

The grass withers, the flower fades,  
when the breath of the Lord blows upon it;  
surely the people are grass.

The grass withers, the flower fades;  
but the word of our God will stand for ever.

Get you up to a high mountain,  
O Zion, herald of good tidings;

lift up your voice with strength,  
O Jerusalem, herald of good tidings,  
lift it up, do not fear;

say to the cities of Judah,  
'Here is your God!'

See, the Lord God comes with might,  
and his arm rules for him;  
his reward is with him,

and his recompense before him.

He will feed his flock like a shepherd; he will gather the lambs in his arms,  
and carry them in his bosom, and gently lead the mother sheep.

## Second Reading Galatians 3.23-29

Now before faith came, we were imprisoned and guarded under the law until faith would be revealed. Therefore the law was our disciplinarian until Christ came, so that we might be justified by faith. But now that faith has come, we are no longer subject to a disciplinarian, for in Christ Jesus you are all children of God through faith. As many of you as were baptized into Christ have clothed yourselves with Christ. There is no longer Jew or Greek, there is no longer slave or free, there is no longer male and female; for all of you are one in Christ Jesus. And if you belong to Christ, then you are Abraham's offspring, heirs according to the promise.

## Gospel Reading Luke 1.57-66,80

Now the time came for Elizabeth to give birth, and she bore a son. Her neighbours and relatives heard that the Lord had shown his great mercy to her, and they rejoiced with her.

On the eighth day they came to circumcise the child, and they were going to name him Zechariah after his father. But his mother said, 'No; he is to be called John.' They said to her, 'None of your relatives has this name.' Then they began motioning to his father to find out what name he wanted to give him. He asked for a writing-tablet and wrote, 'His name is John.' And all of them were amazed. Immediately his mouth was opened and his tongue freed, and he began to speak, praising God. Fear came over all their neighbours, and all these things were talked about throughout the entire hill country of Judea. All who heard them pondered them and said, 'What then will this child become?' For, indeed, the hand of the Lord was with him.

The child grew and became strong in spirit, and he was in the wilderness until the day he appeared publicly to Israel.

## Post Communion Prayer

Merciful Lord, whose prophet John the Baptist proclaimed your Son as the Lamb of God who takes away the sin of the world:  
grant that we who in this sacrament have known your forgiveness and your life-giving love may ever tell of your mercy and your peace; 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.**

**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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