

NOTICES

FOODBANK HARVEST NEEDS The following are in short supply: potato mash, sponge puddings, pasta sauce, tinned fruit & veg, jam and spaghetti (not other pasta). "Think small" as the food is packed into compact boxes for distribution. Thank you.

SHOE BOX SCHEME The shoe boxes are being collected on 4th November so please make sure they are returned by this date (our November Family Service).

OPEN HOUSE has been chosen for Waitrose's [Gillingham] Community Matters green token scheme during October! Please help to raise money by supporting them.

PILGRIM COURSE John Fuller is leading the next Pilgrim Course on "*The Bible*". Six sessions begin at 7.30pm on Wednesday 10th October at John's house: 11 Ratcliffe Gardens. Everyone welcome. Please contact John on 01747 850079 – or just arrive!

SOCIAL EVENING As part of our social evening on Saturday 13th October, David Grierson is putting together a short entertainment. If you can offer an item; music, poetry, etc, please email David on dagrierson@hotmail.com or leave details with Barbara at the Team Office. £7 per head to include a fish & chip supper but please bring your own drinks. There will be a list in church shortly for you to sign.

CHRISTIAN AID AUTUMN QUIZ AND PLOUGHMAN'S SUPPER at Father's House, Friday 19th October at 7.00 p.m. Donation of £6 per person to include supper. For catering, please let your church rep know if you plan to come or phone 01747 854294. This event comes under the umbrella of the Christian Aid Harvest Appeal 2018. If you are unable to attend, but would like to contribute, monies will be gratefully received.

COME AND SING hymns, anthems and worship songs on Sunday 21st October from 4pm, led by David Grierson and St Peter's (extended) choir, and members of St Peter's Worship Band if required. The event is to raise funds for essential building repairs to the church. Nominate a hymn, anthem or worship song, with a dedication if desired, for a donation of £5 per item. Request forms are available from the table by the main door and completed forms with payment should be returned to Elizabeth Selwood. There will be an interval during which tea will be served.

SOLDIERS OF GOD Rodney Attwood will be giving an illustrated talk on the British Army chaplains of WW1 on 30th October, 7pm in St Peter's Church. £5 per person in aid of the Poppy Appeal and Shaftesbury Team of Churches. Do join us!

AN EVENING WITH BISHOP PETER PRICE Tuesday 7th November 7.30pm in St. John's Church, Enmore Green. An evening of reflection, conversation and worship on the publication of his book *A Shaking Reality: Daily Reflections for Advent* There is no charge – to reserve a seat in the Nave, please contact Jo Churchill on 01747 850432 or jo.churchill@enmoregreen.co.uk Seats must be taken by 7.10pm.

CHARITY SUPPORT Once again, members of the congregation are invited to nominate which charities St Peter's should support. A ballot will be carried out to ensure that donations are made with your approval. We intend to offer support for three charities: one local*, one national, and one international Please nominate any organisation (which must be a registered charity), either by filling in your choice on the notice board in church or by emailing roymitchell53@btinternet.com NO LATER THAN OCTOBER 21st 2018 who you wish to support. In order to spread out funds, the successful nominees for 2017 (Open House, Christians Against Poverty and Water Aid) will not be considered this year. We will then ballot the congregation late October/Early November. * Local refers to charities based in Dorset, Wiltshire or Somerset which can offer support and/or benefits to residents of the Shaftesbury area.

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 7th October – Harvest Festival

9.30am Harvest Festival Family Service

Joel 2.21-27 Matthew 6.25-33

Sunday 14th October – 20th Sunday after Trinity

9.30 Parish Communion with Prayers for Healing & Wholeness

Amos 5.6-7, 10-15 Hebrews 4.12-16 Mark 10.17-31

Sunday 21st October – 21st Sunday after Trinity

9.30am Parish Communion

Job 38.1-7[34-41] Hebrews 5.1-10 Mark 10.35-45

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

OCTOBER

Sunday 7 th	12 noon	Bring & Share Harvest Lunch in church
Saturday 13 th	8.30am	Men's Breakfast
Saturday 13 th	7.00pm	Social Evening (<i>see notices</i>)
Saturday 20 th	10.30am	Doughnut Time
Sunday 21 st	4.00pm	Come & Sing (<i>see notices</i>)
Tuesday 23 rd	7.30pm	Sing & 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

Eternal God,
you crown the year with your goodness
and you give us the fruits of the earth in their season:
grant that we may use them to your glory,
for the relief of those in need and for our own well-being;
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 *Joel 2.21-27*

Do not fear, O soil;
 be glad and rejoice,
 for the Lord has done great things!
Do not fear, you animals of the field,
 for the pastures of the wilderness are green;
the tree bears its fruit,
 the fig tree and vine give their full yield.
O children of Zion, be glad
 and rejoice in the Lord your God;
for he has given the early rain for your vindication,
 he has poured down for you abundant rain,
 the early and the later rain, as before.
The threshing-floors shall be full of grain,
 the vats shall overflow with wine and oil.
I will repay you for the years
 that the swarming locust has eaten,
the hopper, the destroyer, and the cutter,
 my great army, which I sent against you.
You shall eat in plenty and be satisfied,
 and praise the name of the Lord your God,
 who has dealt wondrously with you. And my people shall never again be put
to shame.
You shall know that I am in the midst of Israel,
 and that I, the Lord, am your God and there is no other.
And my people shall never again
 be put to shame.

Second Reading *Matthew 6.25-33*

Therefore, I tell you, do not worry about your life, what you will eat or what you will drink, or about your body, what you will wear. Is not life more than food, and the body more than clothing? Look at the birds of the air; they neither sow nor reap nor gather into barns, and yet your heavenly Father feeds them. Are you not of more value than they? And can any of you by worrying add a single hour to your span of life? And why do you worry about clothing? Consider the lilies of the field, how they grow; they neither toil nor spin, yet I tell you, even Solomon in all his glory was not clothed like one of these. But if God so clothes the grass of the field, which is alive today and tomorrow is thrown into the oven, will he not much more clothe you—you of little faith? Therefore, do not worry, saying, “What will we eat?” or “What will we drink?” or “What will we wear?” For it is the Gentiles who strive for all these things; and indeed, your heavenly Father knows that you need all these things. But strive first for the kingdom of God and his righteousness, and all these things will be given to you as well.

FOR YOUR PRAYERS

For the sick: Derek Brown, Robert Malpas, David Depledge and Myrtle Candy; 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.

NEXT WEEK Our 9.30am service will be a Parish Communion with Prayers for Healing & Wholeness. Our preacher will be Revd Kevin Martin. Do join us.

CHILDREN'S WORK VOLUNTEERS – encouraging the young people who are part of our church is a priority for us at St Peter's. If you are interested in supporting this work, have a chat with Revd Helen or Revd Kevin about what you might be able to offer.