

Parish News for the Parish of St John, Enmore Green, in the Shaftesbury Team

**Sunday 9<sup>th</sup> February, Third Sunday before Lent**

**St James 9:30 a.m. Parish Communion (Revd. H. Dawes)**

**Readings: Isaiah 58, 1-9a (b-12), 1 Corinthians 2, 1-12 (13-16), Matthew 5, 13-20**

**Voluntaries: In; Adagio in E-Frank Bridge, Out; Toccata-Eugene Gigout**

**3:00 p.m. Christening Celebration Service (Revd. K. Clarke)**

**St John 3:30 p.m. Evensong (E. Preston)**

**St James 6:00 p.m. Pilgrim Service (Revd. M. Ridgwell & P. Cooper)**

**Thursday 13<sup>th</sup> February St James 7:00 p.m. Holy Communion (Revd. P. Riley)**

**Friday 15<sup>th</sup> February St James 8:45 a.m. Ladies' Choral Day**

**Sunday 16<sup>th</sup> February St James 9:30 a.m. Parish Communion (Revd. K. Clarke)**

**St John 11:15 a.m. Parish Communion (Revd. J. Mais)**

**Please pray for Jess Sims, Elinor Tolfree and John de Gruchy and for those on the prayer circle list. For the family and friends of those who have died recently, Ann Wells.**

**St James Churchyard working party**, Saturday, February 22nd, 9:30 a.m.. Anyone willing to help our group tidy up the churchyard would be very welcome to join this working party. Gardening gloves, secateurs, shears and rakes are generally useful but ring Alan on 852820 if you have any questions.

**An Evening of Entertainment** with refreshments in the Chapel at St Mary's School, Shaftesbury, 7:30 p.m. Wednesday, 12<sup>th</sup> February. Tickets £10 on the door or from Sarah Wheeler tel: 854983. Funds raised go to church repairs at Melbury Abbas.

**Team Lent Course** This year's Lent Course is based around the themes in the film "Chocolat" and will run at Motcombe Church for five weeks, beginning on Monday 2nd March at 7:00 p.m.. Do put the dates in your diary and come along.

**The Christian Aid Committee is planning six soup and cheese Lent Lunches in the Town Hall** as in previous years. Last year we raised over £2000 from contributions at the lunches, and lots of people are happy to fill in the Gift Aid forms. The churches take turns in hosting a lunch, starting on Friday 28th February. **St James' and St John's Churches will be joining with Father's House to host the lunch on Friday 3rd April.** Details nearer the time. We will welcome lots of soup-makers and volunteers to help on the day as usual. Contact Anthea on 854741. (Also for your diaries: Christian Aid Week is from Sunday May 10th.)

The Weldmar have discontinued their **annual Snowdrop services of remembrance**, but Bell Street United Church have arranged to have one in their church on **Friday 28<sup>th</sup> February at 11a.m.** It is an opportunity to spend time remembering loved ones who have died recently or a long time ago. All are welcome.

The February "**Walk of Wisdom**" looks at Candlemas; Racial Justice Day; Creation; Transfiguration; Ash Wednesday and reflections on prayer and contemplation. Once the ground dries out again it will be good to be able to tread the 'stations' through the old graveyard around the weather-worn graves so we can engage more with our beautiful churchyard but also be amongst those who have gone before us. Roll on the Spring!

**'The Inner Journey and Why It transforms The Exterior One** - A talk by Fr. Lawrence Freeman OSB, Director of the World Community for Christian Meditation. **Friday 13th March, 10:30 a.m.** at The Minster Church Ilminster. There are Leaflets at the back of church. For further information and booking speak to Andie Blows (853088).

March 2019 was the final Sudan fundraiser organised by Julian Richards, however the **Town Hall is booked** for the Saturday 28th March. If anyone would like to head-up an event/fundraiser or anything to make use of the Hall please let Sue Ballett or Philippa know by the 15th February, otherwise the date will be returned for re-booking.