

Notices

Public Worship is suspended for the duration of the current lockdown.

Online Worship

For this lockdown Revd Pam will be videoing a communion service in one of our churches each week. This will be posted onto our Facebook page for 10.00am on Sunday morning and you can then watch it any time. We hope that this will connect us with our lovely church buildings and the people we miss. This week the service will be recorded in St James' church.

Sunday 14th February:

10.00am Team Communion on our Facebook page:

www.facebook.com/ShaftesburyCofE

6.00pm Pilgrim Service on Zoom:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/88185823987?pwd=L0FXNmxFN252em1ldEZTWnpsSQ015UT09>

Meeting ID: 881 8582 3987 Passcode: 261415

Private Prayer Our churches remain open for private prayer. Most are open daily and St Margaret's, Margaret Marsh is open on Sundays 2pm-4pm

Friday 5th March is World Day of Prayer, written by the Christian women of Vanuatu, a cluster of islands in the south west Pacific Ocean. It has normally been the practice to meet at 11.00am in one of Churches Together in Shaftesbury's place of worship. Sadly this year due to Covid this will not be possible. It is hoped that we will be in a position to put the service on the Shaftesbury CofE Facebook page (you do not need to join Facebook) at 11.00am. Links available nearer the day. Alternatively you can have a copy of the service and sit at home and read it through at the same time. More information from Elizabeth Preston, Rosemary Saxey or Gill Hunt. Please put the date in your diary and remember on this day that, due to time zones, prayers are said all over the world for 24 hours.

Virtual Coffee Morning We are continuing to hold a virtual coffee morning on Zoom each Thursday at 11am. Just click the link to join:
<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/81032854524?pwd=ZHZrdGlhcnlBdXJveDcwQXJWeHVhUT09>



Team Pew Sheet Sunday 14th February Sunday before Lent

Readings

2 Kings 2.1-12

2 Corinthians 4.3-6

Mark 9.2-9

Psalms 50.1-6

Collect:

Almighty Father, whose Son was revealed in majesty before he suffered death upon the cross: give us grace to perceive his glory, that we may be strengthened to suffer with him and be changed into his likeness, from glory to glory; who is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

Post Communion:

Holy God, we see your glory in the face of Jesus Christ: may we who are partakers at his table reflect his life in word and deed, that all the world may know his power to change and save. This we ask through Jesus Christ our Lord.

FOR YOUR PRAYERS

For the sick: for those in our Team parishes; for all residents in our local care and nursing homes and for the staff there who care for them, and for the staff and patients of the Westminster Hospital.

For those who have died: Sylvia Dudman

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 our link diocese of Lui in the Episcopal Church of South Sudan. For their Bishop, Stephen and all who are part of God's church in that place.

First Reading – 2 Kings 2.1-12

Now when the Lord was about to take Elijah up to heaven by a whirlwind, Elijah and Elisha were on their way from Gilgal. Elijah said to Elisha, 'Stay here; for the Lord has sent me as far as Bethel.' But Elisha said, 'As the Lord lives, and as you yourself live, I will not leave you.' So they went down to Bethel. The company of prophets who were in Bethel came out to Elisha, and said to him, 'Do you know that today the Lord will take your master away from you?' And he said, 'Yes, I know; keep silent.'

Elijah said to him, 'Elisha, stay here; for the Lord has sent me to Jericho.' But he said, 'As the Lord lives, and as you yourself live, I will not leave you.' So they came to Jericho. The company of prophets who were at Jericho drew near to Elisha, and said to him, 'Do you know that today the Lord will take your master away from you?' And he answered, 'Yes, I know; be silent.'

Then Elijah said to him, 'Stay here; for the Lord has sent me to the Jordan.' But he said, 'As the Lord lives, and as you yourself live, I will not leave you.' So the two of them went on. Fifty men of the company of prophets also went, and stood at some distance from them, as they both were standing by the Jordan. Then Elijah took his mantle and rolled it up, and struck the water; the water was parted to the one side and to the other, until the two of them crossed on dry ground.

When they had crossed, Elijah said to Elisha, 'Tell me what I may do for you, before I am taken from you.' Elisha said, 'Please let me inherit a double share of your spirit.' He responded, 'You have asked a hard thing; yet, if you see me as I am being taken from you, it will be granted you; if not, it will not.' As they continued walking and talking, a chariot of fire and horses of fire separated the two of them, and Elijah ascended in a whirlwind into heaven. Elisha kept watching and crying out, 'Father, father! The chariots of Israel and its horsemen!' But when he could no longer see him, he grasped his own clothes and tore them in two pieces.

Second Reading – 2 Corinthians 4.3-6

And even if our gospel is veiled, it is veiled to those who are perishing. In their case the god of this world has blinded the minds of the unbelievers, to keep them from seeing the light of the gospel of the glory of Christ, who is the image of God. For we do not proclaim ourselves; we proclaim Jesus Christ as Lord and ourselves as your slaves for Jesus' sake. For it is the God who said,

'Let light shine out of darkness', who has shone in our hearts to give the light of the knowledge of the glory of God in the face of Jesus Christ.

Gospel – Mark 9.2-9

Six days later, Jesus took with him Peter and James and John, and led them up a high mountain apart, by themselves. And he was transfigured before them, and his clothes became dazzling white, such as no one on earth could bleach them. And there appeared to them Elijah with Moses, who were talking with Jesus. Then Peter said to Jesus, 'Rabbi, it is good for us to be here; let us make three dwellings, one for you, one for Moses, and one for Elijah.' He did not know what to say, for they were terrified. Then a cloud overshadowed them, and from the cloud there came a voice, 'This is my Son, the Beloved; listen to him!' Suddenly when they looked around, they saw no one with them any more, but only Jesus.

As they were coming down the mountain, he ordered them to tell no one about what they had seen, until after the Son of Man had risen from the dead.

The Team Office

The Team Office is currently closed to ALL visitors during the current lockdown. Please do not enter at any time. If you need anything, contact Barbara by email or phone and she will try to find a way to help. Many thanks.

<p>Team Office is open Monday – Friday 9.00am - 12.00 noon Tel: 853060 Email: office@shaftesburycofe.org.uk Items for the Team Pew Sheet should be emailed to the Team Office by 12 noon on Thursday</p>
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