

Notices

Saturday 25th September The Grand Autumn churchyard clear up will take place at 4.30pm. If you can, bring your garden tools for some digging and weeding, and we will finish with a barbecue at 6.00pm. All are welcome to attend the barbecue, even if you are unable to assist with the clear-up. Please contact Liz Pocock on 852647 so we know how many to cater for. Donations towards the barbecue will be gratefully received.

The Art of Guitar: an Afternoon of Virtuoso Guitar Classics here at Motcombe Church – Saturday 2nd October at 4.00pm Mark Jennings, classical guitarist, will play some of the finest music for Spanish and Classical guitar including works by Tarrega, Albeniz, Rodrigo, Villa-Lobos, and J.S. Bach. Refreshments will follow the performance. Tickets available soon.

The Children's Society Annual Quiz Night Saturday 2nd October at 7pm at Motcombe Village Hall. Form a team of up to six people (we may be able to help if you can't get all six). Tickets are available by calling Karen Dickson on 07786490816 OR by mailing shaftesburycsoc@yahoo.com with your name, number of tickets and your phone number. Tickets cost £12 and include a ploughman's, dessert, tea / coffee. Please bring your own wine.

Changes to Team Office Opening Hours:

Monday, Wednesday, Thursday, Friday 9am – 12 noon

Tuesday 2.00pm – 5.00pm

The Team Office will be closed from Tuesday 14th to Friday 17th September inclusive as Barbara will be on retreat prior to her licensing as an LLM in Salisbury Cathedral on Saturday 18th September.

Other Services across the Team this Sunday

9.30am	St Peter's	Parish Communion
11.15am	The Orchards	Parish Communion at West Orchard
11.15am	Melbury Abbas	Matins
6.00pm	St James'	Pilgrim Service

Other Services across the Team next Sunday

9.30am	St Peter's	Parish Communion
9.30am	St James'	Parish Communion
11.15am	Compton Abbas	Parish Communion
11.15am	Enmore Green	Parish Communion

Notices for next week's pew sheet should be sent by Wednesday to Dennis Rink at dennis.rink@gmail.com

Please take this pew sheet home to keep you informed of events this week and commend them all to your prayers.

WELCOME

to

St Mary's Church, Motcombe

Newcomers and visitors are always welcome.

Sunday, 12th September

The Fifteenth Sunday after Trinity

9.30am	Parish Communion	Revd Pam Rink
1.30pm	Baptism of Ethan Champion	Revd Pam Rink

Events this Week

Morning prayer is said at 9.00am Monday to Wednesday and on Saturday.

Wednesday	11.00am	Holy communion at Motcombe Grange
	12.00pm	Clergy Chapter in church

Thursday	10.00am	Holy Communion
	10.30am	Renewal of vows, Tom and Brenda Crabbe
	11.30am	PCC Meeting in church

Next Sunday, 19th September

The Sixteenth Sunday after Trinity

6.00pm	Evening Worship	Revd Pam Rink
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For more information on church activities, or if you would like to get in touch regarding any other matter, please contact

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Collect

God, who in generous mercy sent the Holy Spirit upon your Church in the burning fire of your love: grant that your people may be fervent in the fellowship of the gospel that, always abiding in you, they may be found steadfast in faith and active in service; 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 forever.

First Reading – *Isaiah 50.4-9a*

The Lord God has given me the tongue of a teacher, that I may know how to sustain the weary with a word. Morning by morning he wakens—wakens my ear to listen as those who are taught. The Lord God has opened my ear, and I was not rebellious, I did not turn backwards. I gave my back to those who struck me, and my cheeks to those who pulled out the beard; I did not hide my face from insult and spitting. The Lord God helps me; therefore I have not been disgraced; therefore I have set my face like flint, and I know that I shall not be put to shame; he who vindicates me is near. Who will contend with me? Let us stand up together. Who are my adversaries? Let them confront me. It is the Lord God who helps me; who will declare me guilty? All of them will wear out like a garment; the moth will eat them up.

Second Reading - *James 3.1-12*

Not many of you should become teachers, my brothers and sisters, for you know that we who teach will be judged with greater strictness. For all of us make many mistakes. Anyone who makes no mistakes in speaking is perfect, able to keep the whole body in check with a bridle. If we put bits into the mouths of horses to make them obey us, we guide their whole bodies. Or look at ships: though they are so large that it takes strong winds to drive them, yet they are guided by a very small rudder wherever the will of the pilot directs. So also the tongue is a small member, yet it boasts of great exploits. How great a forest is set ablaze by a small fire! And the tongue is a fire. The tongue is placed among our members as a world of iniquity; it stains the whole body, sets on fire the cycle of nature, and is itself set on fire by hell. For every species of beast and bird, of reptile and sea creature, can be tamed and has been tamed by the human species, but no one can tame the tongue—a restless evil, full of deadly poison. With it we bless the Lord and Father, and with it we curse those who are made in the likeness of God. From the same mouth come blessing and cursing. My brothers and sisters, this ought not to be so. Does a spring pour forth from the same opening both fresh and brackish water? Can a fig tree, my brothers and sisters, yield olives, or a grapevine figs? No more can salt water yield fresh.

Gospel - *Mark 8.27-38*

Jesus went on with his disciples to the villages of Caesarea Philippi; and on the way he asked his disciples, 'Who do people say that I am?' And they answered him, 'John the Baptist; and others, Elijah; and still others, one of the prophets.' He asked them, 'But who do you say that I am?' Peter answered him, 'You are the Messiah.' And he sternly ordered them not to tell anyone about him.

Then he began to teach them that the Son of Man must undergo great suffering, and be rejected by the elders, the chief priests, and the scribes, and be killed, and after three days rise again. He said all this quite openly. And Peter took him aside and began to

rebuke him. But turning and looking at his disciples, he rebuked Peter and said, 'Get behind me, Satan! For you are setting your mind not on divine things but on human things.'

He called the crowd with his disciples, and said to them, 'If any want to become my followers, let them deny themselves and take up their cross and follow me. For those who want to save their life will lose it, and those who lose their life for my sake, and for the sake of the gospel, will save it. For what will it profit them to gain the whole world and forfeit their life? Indeed, what can they give in return for their life? Those who are ashamed of me and of my words in this adulterous and sinful generation, of them the Son of Man will also be ashamed when he comes in the glory of his Father with the holy angels.'

Post Communion

Keep, O Lord, your Church, with your perpetual mercy; and, because without you our human frailty cannot but fall, keep us ever by your help from all things hurtful, and lead us to all things profitable to our salvation; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Please pray for:

- † those who live in Church Walk and the Turnpike.
- † Motcombe School, the staff, children, parents and governors
- † Ethan Champion, who will be baptised today, his parents Sophie and Mark, his godparents, family and friends.
- † Barbara, our Team Administrator, who will be licensed as an LLM on Saturday at Salisbury Cathedral.
- † healing and wholeness in body, mind and spirit for those who are suffering ill health.
- † all who have lost homes and livelihoods due to floods or fires
- † the people of Afghanistan, our Armed Forces who served there, all who worked there in any capacity, aid workers and Afghans who now face persecution because of the work they did
- † those who mourn the loss of loved ones

Let us give thanks for:

- † our sidespeople, readers and intercessors
- † the members of the Prayer Group who keep all in need in our community in their prayers

To whom shall I turn? If at any time you feel the need to talk or pray with someone please telephone or email Revd Pam, Gill Waine or Ann Surtees, the Lay Pastoral Assistants (LPAs), Gill or Liz, the church wardens. All contacts are overleaf.