

Notices

Services across the Team next week – 19th September

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
6.00pm	Motcombe	Evening Worship

Children's Society Annual Quiz Night Saturday 2nd October at 7pm Motcombe Village Hall. Form a team of up to six people. Tickets are available from Karen Dickson on 07786490816 OR by mailing shaftesburycsoc@yahoo.com with your name, phone number and number of tickets. Tickets £12 and include a ploughman's, dessert, tea/coffee. Please bring your own wine.

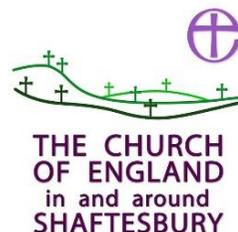
A Scarecrow Festival is being held in St Peter's over the Harvest weekend: 2nd Oct, 10-4 & 3rd Oct, 10.30-4. The festival will be open to the public. Entry is free with donations to church funds. A soup lunch will be served in the Church Hall on Saturday from 12 noon. If you would like to make a scarecrow, or can help with stewarding over the two days, please call Gill Stokes on 855753. Do join in the fun!

Changes to Team Office Opening Hours: From September the Team Office opening hours will be changing slightly. So, from Monday 6th September the Office will be open as follows:

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.

St. John's, Enmore Green are holding a Coffee morning on the 25 September for McMillan Cancer in the church Hall from 10.00am to 12 noon. As an extra we are having a cake sale so if anyone would like to help us we would appreciate it. We can collect or cakes can be delivered to St. John's as it is open between 10.00 and 4.00pm every day.



Team Pew Sheet

Sunday 12th September

15th Sunday after Trinity

Readings

Isaiah 50.4-9a

James 3.1-12

Mark 8.27-38

Psalms 116.1-8

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.

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.

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.

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 – 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.'

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Items for the Team Pew Sheet should be emailed to the Team Office by 12 noon on Thursday