

Notices

Lifts to church

If you feel you are able to offer lifts to church for those who currently have transport difficulties and cannot get here, please speak to Revd Pam

The Carol Service will be at 6.00pm on Thursday December 16th.

This year will be slightly different in that we will have a mixture of Bible readings and non-Biblical readings. We will, of course, sing some of our favourite carols. Mulled wine and mince pies will be served after the service.

Readers, Intercessors and Sidespeople

We are in desperate need of more people to come forward as volunteers for one or more of these roles. If you feel able to help, even just occasionally, that would be really marvellous. Please speak to Revd Pam, Gill or Liz P. The more volunteers we have the lighter the load.

Team Office The Team Office will be closed for the day on Friday 10th December.

Other Services across the Team this Sunday

9.30am	St Peter's	All Age Worship
9.30am	St James'	Parish Communion
11.15am	Enmore Green	Parish Communion
11.15am	Margaret Marsh	Matins

Other Services across the Team next Sunday

9.30am	St Peter's	Parish Communion
11.15am	West Orchard	Morning Worship
11.15am	Melbury Abbas	Matins
6.00pm	St James'	Pilgrim Service

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.

5th December

Second Sunday of Advent

~~6.00pm — Evening Communion~~ CANCELLED

Events this Week

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

Monday	1-3.00pm	Reception Nativity rehearsal
Wednesday	10.45am	Reception Nativity rehearsal
Thursday	10.00am	Holy Communion

Next Sunday, 12th December

Third Sunday of Advent

9.30am Parish Communion Revd Pam Rink

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

O Lord, raise up, we pray, your power and come among us, and with great might succour us; that whereas, through our sins and wickedness we are grievously hindered in running the race that is set before us, your bountiful grace and mercy may speedily help and deliver us; through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord, to whom with you and the Holy Spirit, be honour and glory, now and forever.

First Reading - Malachi 3:1-4

See, I am sending my messenger to prepare the way before me, and the Lord whom you seek will suddenly come to his temple. The messenger of the covenant in whom you delight—indeed, he is coming, says the Lord of hosts. But who can endure the day of his coming, and who can stand when he appears? For he is like a refiner's fire and like fullers' soap; he will sit as a refiner and purifier of silver, and he will purify the descendants of Levi and refine them like gold and silver, until they present offerings to the Lord in righteousness. Then the offering of Judah and Jerusalem will be pleasing to the Lord as in the days of old and as in former years.

Second Reading - Philippians 1:3-11

I thank my God every time I remember you, constantly praying with joy in every one of my prayers for all of you, because of your sharing in the gospel from the first day until now. I am confident of this, that the one who began a good work among you will bring it to completion by the day of Jesus Christ. It is right for me to think this way about all of you, because you hold me in your heart, for all of you share in God's grace with me, both in my imprisonment and in the defence and confirmation of the gospel. For God is my witness, how I long for all of you with the compassion of Christ Jesus. And this is my prayer, that your love may overflow more and more with knowledge and full insight to help you to determine what is best, so that on the day of Christ you may be pure and blameless, having produced the harvest of righteousness that comes through Jesus Christ for the glory and praise of God.

Gospel - Luke 3:1-6

In the fifteenth year of the reign of Emperor Tiberius, when Pontius Pilate was governor of Judea, and Herod was ruler of Galilee, and his brother Philip ruler of the region of Ituraea and Trachonitis, and Lysanias ruler of Abilene, during the high-priesthood of Annas and Caiaphas, the word of God came to John son of Zechariah in the wilderness. He went into all the region around the Jordan,

proclaiming a baptism of repentance for the forgiveness of sins, as it is written in the book of the words of the prophet Isaiah,
"The voice of one crying out in the wilderness:
"Prepare the way of the Lord, make his paths straight.
Every valley shall be filled, and every mountain and hill shall be made low, and the crooked shall be made straight, and the rough ways made smooth; and all flesh shall see the salvation of God." "

Post Communion

Father in heaven, who sent your Son to redeem the world and will send him again to be our judge: give us grace so to imitate him in the humility and purity of his first coming that, when he comes again, we may be ready to greet him with joyful love and firm faith; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Please pray for:

- † those who live in Motcombe Grange, Summer Oaks and Prideaux Drive
- † Motcombe School, the staff, children, parents and governors
- † healing and wholeness in body, mind and spirit for those who are suffering ill health.
- † those who mourn the loss of loved ones
- † refugees and all who are displaced due to war, disaster, terror or persecution: may they all find safe sanctuary and a warm welcome, remembering Christ himself was a refugee

Let us give thanks for:

- † all who read the lessons, lead intercessions and our sidespeople who welcome all who come to church
- † those who lock the church each day

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.