

NOTICES

Services across the Team next week – 9th January

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

Team Office – Covid-19 update The Government have now reissued the “work from home if possible” ruling in the light of the concern over the new Covid-19 variant. Barbara is electing to remain in the office as working from home proved extremely difficult during 2020, but she asks that you only visit the office if absolutely necessary and please wear a face covering. Thank you for your understanding.

Healing Prayer God is calling me to reinstate the Healing Ministry in St Peter's. On a Friday morning, I would like to lead a short time of prayer and music followed by an opportunity for Healing Prayer. However, the C of E requires that Healing Prayer should not be carried out alone. Please pray and see if you are being called to join me. It could be on a rota basis if more than one person wants to join me. You do not need to say anything if you don't feel able, just support me in prayer. Come and talk to me if you are interested. *Gill Stokes*

The Team Office reopens on Tuesday 4th January at 2pm



SHAFTESBURY TEAM

St Peter's Church, Shaftesbury

Notice Sheet



Sunday 2nd January – Epiphany

9.30am Breakfast Church

Isaiah 60:1-6 Ephesians 3:1-12 Matthew 2:1-12

Readers: TBA Intercessor: Revd Tim Heaton

Sunday 9th January – Baptism of Christ

9.30am Parish Communion

Isaiah 43:1-7 Acts 8:14-17 Luke 3:15-17, 21-22

Readers: Emma Smith & Jo Slade Intercessor: Margaret Mellor

Sunday 16th January – 2nd Sunday after Epiphany

9.30am Parish Communion

Isaiah 62:1-5 1 Corinthians 12:1-11 John 2:1-11

Readers: Keith Gunn & Christine Mitchell Intercessor: Sue Minshaw

If you are new to St Peter's or visiting today, please make yourself known to one of our team so that we might get to know you better.

The Diary

Please see our calendar on our website: ShaftesburyCofE.org.uk/stpeters
Wednesdays 10.30am Holy Communion

January

9 th	1.30pm	Baptism of Oscar Iles
23 rd	10.30am	United Service for Week of Prayer for Christian Unity at Father's House
30 th	10.00am	Team Communion at Melbury Abbas

Team Office is open:

Monday, Wednesday, Thursday, Friday: 9am – 12 noon & Tuesday: 2.00pm – 5.00pm

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

Collect

O God, who by the leading of a star manifested your only Son to the peoples of the earth: mercifully grant that we, who know you now by faith, may at last behold your glory face to face; 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 for ever.

First Reading - Isaiah 60:1-6

Arise, shine; for your light has come, and the glory of the Lord has risen upon you. For darkness shall cover the earth, and thick darkness the peoples; but the Lord will arise upon you, and his glory will appear over you. Nations shall come to your light, and kings to the brightness of your dawn. Lift up your eyes and look around; they all gather together, they come to you; your sons shall come from far away, and your daughters shall be carried on their nurses' arms. Then you shall see and be radiant; your heart shall thrill and rejoice, because the abundance of the sea shall be brought to you, the wealth of the nations shall come to you. A multitude of camels shall cover you, the young camels of Midian and Ephah; all those from Sheba shall come. They shall bring gold and frankincense, and shall proclaim the praise of the Lord.

Second Reading - Ephesians 3:1-12

This is the reason that I Paul am a prisoner for Christ Jesus for the sake of you Gentiles— for surely you have already heard of the commission of God's grace that was given to me for you, and how the mystery was made known to me by revelation, as I wrote above in a few words, a reading of which will enable you to perceive my understanding of the mystery of Christ. In former generations this mystery was not made known to humankind, as it has now been revealed to his holy apostles and prophets by the Spirit: that is, the Gentiles have become fellow-heirs, members of the same body, and sharers in the promise in Christ Jesus through the gospel. Of this gospel I have become a servant according to the gift of God's grace that was given to me by the working of his power. Although I am the very least of all the saints, this grace was given to me to bring to the Gentiles the news of the boundless riches of Christ, and to make everyone see what is the plan of the mystery hidden for ages in God who created all things; so that through the church the wisdom of God in its rich variety might now be made known to the rulers and authorities in the heavenly places. This was in accordance with the eternal purpose that he has carried out in Christ Jesus our Lord, in whom we have access to God in boldness and confidence through faith in him.

Gospel - Matthew 2:1-12

In the time of King Herod, after Jesus was born in Bethlehem of Judea, wise men from the East came to Jerusalem, asking, 'Where is the child who has been born king of the Jews? For we observed his star at its rising, and have come to pay him homage.' When King Herod heard this, he was frightened, and all Jerusalem with

him; and calling together all the chief priests and scribes of the people, he inquired of them where the Messiah was to be born. They told him, 'In Bethlehem of Judea; for so it has been written by the prophet: "And you, Bethlehem, in the land of Judah, are by no means least among the rulers of Judah; for from you shall come a ruler who is to shepherd my people Israel." '

Then Herod secretly called for the wise men and learned from them the exact time when the star had appeared. Then he sent them to Bethlehem, saying, 'Go and search diligently for the child; and when you have found him, bring me word so that I may also go and pay him homage.' When they had heard the king, they set out; and there, ahead of them, went the star that they had seen at its rising, until it stopped over the place where the child was. When they saw that the star had stopped, they were overwhelmed with joy. On entering the house, they saw the child with Mary his mother; and they knelt down and paid him homage. Then, opening their treasure-chests, they offered him gifts of gold, frankincense, and myrrh. And having been warned in a dream not to return to Herod, they left for their own country by another road.

Post Communion

Lord God, the bright splendour whom the nations seek may we who with the wise men have been drawn by your light discern the glory of your presence in your Son, the Word made flesh, Jesus Christ our Lord.

FOR YOUR PRAYERS

For the sick: Jill Sellgren, Barbara Skull, Tony Selwood, and Clive Thomas, and for all residents in our local care and nursing homes and for the staff there who care for them.

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.