

Notices

Pew sheets: volunteers are needed to edit the pew sheet. An outline with the readings is provided by the team office in Word format, and you would just need to add notices and dates from the calendar.

Bridget Shaw's Funeral will be on Wednesday 4th May at 2.00pm. If anyone would like to join a small singing group to sing John Rutter's *Gaelic Blessing* at the end of the service, please speak to Revd Pam.

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

Sponsor a Stone Slab for St Mary's. The wooden floor at the back of the church is rotten and the stone floor is crumbling. We are replacing the area with Portland Stone and the cost of the stone and work is about £50,000. To sponsor a stone slab you can donate £50 per slab, £25 (half a slab) or £12.50 (quarter). You can donate via Just Giving <https://www.justgiving.com/campaign/Motcombechurchfloor> or by cash or cheque payable to PCC Motcombe. If you are a UK Taxpayer and able to claim Gift Aid, forms can be collected from Liz Pocock. For further information speak to Liz Pocock, Gill Waine or Jan Leivers.

Quiz Night for Refugees Come and support the Shaftesbury Refugee Group on Sunday 8th May at 7.00 pm in Motcombe Memorial Hall.

A Quiz Night for all with Syrian Supper, bar, raffle and prizes Teams of up to 6 people. Please come and enjoy the evening: tickets £15.00 from Motcombe Community Shop of shaftesburyrefugeegroup@gmail.com

Notices for the next pew sheet should be sent by Wednesday 4th May to Simon Hutchinson at hutchinson_scj@hotmail.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, 1st May
3rd Sunday of Easter

6.30pm Evening BCP Communion

Revd Donna Gibbs

Events in Holy Week

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

Sunday 1.30pm Baptism Louie Perrett

Wednesday 2.00pm Funeral of Bridget Shaw

Next Sunday, 8th May
4th Sunday of Easter

9.30am Parish Communion

Revd Tim Heaton

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 Almighty Father, who in your great mercy gladdened the disciples with the sight of the risen Lord: give us such knowledge of his presence with us, that we may be strengthened and sustained by his risen life and serve you continually in righteousness and truth; 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 – *Acts 9.1-6*

Meanwhile Saul, still breathing threats and murder against the disciples of the Lord, went to the high priest and asked him for letters to the synagogues at Damascus, so that if he found any who belonged to the Way, men or women, he might bring them bound to Jerusalem. Now as he was going along and approaching Damascus, suddenly a light from heaven flashed around him. He fell to the ground and heard a voice saying to him, 'Saul, Saul, why do you persecute me?' He asked, 'Who are you, Lord?' The reply came, 'I am Jesus, whom you are persecuting. But get up and enter the city, and you will be told what you are to do.'

Second Reading – *Revelation 5.11-14*

Then I looked, and I heard the voice of many angels surrounding the throne and the living creatures and the elders; they numbered myriads of myriads and thousands of thousands, singing with full voice, 'Worthy is the Lamb that was slaughtered to receive power and wealth and wisdom and might and honour and glory and blessing!' Then I heard every creature in heaven and on earth and under the earth and in the sea, and all that is in them, singing, 'To the one seated on the throne and to the Lamb be blessing and honour and glory and might for ever and ever!' And the four living creatures said, 'Amen!' And the elders fell down and worshipped.

Gospel – *John 21.1-19*

After these things Jesus showed himself again to the disciples by the Sea of Tiberias; and he showed himself in this way. Gathered there together were Simon Peter, Thomas called the Twin, Nathanael of Cana in Galilee, the sons of Zebedee, and two others of his disciples. Simon Peter said to them, 'I am going fishing.' They said to him, 'We will go with you.' They went out and got into the boat, but that night they caught nothing. Just after daybreak, Jesus stood on the beach; but the disciples did not know that it was Jesus. Jesus said to them, 'Children, you have no fish, have you?' They answered him, 'No.' He said to them, 'Cast the net to the right side of the boat, and you will find some.' So they cast it, and now they were not able to haul it in because there were so many fish. That disciple whom Jesus loved said to Peter, 'It is the Lord!' When Simon Peter heard that it was the Lord, he put on some clothes, for he was naked, and jumped into the lake. But the other disciples came in the boat, dragging the net full of fish, for they were not far from the land, only about a hundred yards off. When they had gone ashore, they saw a charcoal fire there, with fish on it, and bread. Jesus said to them, 'Bring some of the fish that you have just caught.' So Simon Peter went aboard and hauled the net ashore, full of large fish, a hundred and fifty-three of them; and though there were so many, the net was not torn. Jesus said to them, 'Come and have breakfast.' Now none of the disciples dared to ask him, 'Who are you?' because they knew it was the Lord. Jesus

came and took the bread and gave it to them, and did the same with the fish. This was now the third time that Jesus appeared to the disciples after he was raised from the dead. When they had finished breakfast, Jesus said to Simon Peter, 'Simon son of John, do you love me more than these?' He said to him, 'Yes, Lord; you know that I love you.' Jesus said to him, 'Feed my lambs.' A second time he said to him, 'Simon son of John, do you love me?' He said to him, 'Yes, Lord; you know that I love you.' Jesus said to him, 'Tend my sheep.' He said to him the third time, 'Simon son of John, do you love me?' Peter felt hurt because he said to him the third time, 'Do you love me?' And he said to him, 'Lord, you know everything; you know that I love you.' Jesus said to him, 'Feed my sheep. Very truly, I tell you, when you were younger, you used to fasten your own belt and to go wherever you wished. But when you grow old, you will stretch out your hands, and someone else will fasten a belt around you and take you where you do not wish to go.' (He said this to indicate the kind of death by which he would glorify God.) After this he said to him, 'Follow me.'

Post Communion Living God, your Son made himself known to his disciples in the breaking of bread: open the eyes of our faith, that we may see him in all his redeeming work; who is alive and reigns, now and forever.

Please pray for:

- ✦ those who live in Elm Hill, Elm Close and Red House Close;
- ✦ Motcombe School, the staff, children, parents and governors
- ✦ healing and wholeness in body, mind and spirit for those who are suffering ill health.
- ✦ for Ukraine and Russia and their people, for all places of conflict, for world leaders, for peace and justice

Let us give thanks for:

- ✦ the bellringers and the pleasure they bring to the community with the ringing of the bells
- ✦ Carers and all who help those in need in our community
- ✦ the members of the PCC and all who take responsibility for the running of church affairs

To whom shall I turn?

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