

Notices

News from the Team Office: Barbara is sorry to announce that she will be leaving her post as Team Administrator on Wednesday 25th May as she moves to a new administrative/pastoral role in Bruton. She has thoroughly enjoyed her time with the Shaftesbury Team and will miss many of the people she has got to know over the last four years. She thanks you all for your welcome, kindness and support. Please do bear with Donna while a new administrator is appointed, and if you feel you could help with specific tasks in the interim, please contact Donna and offer what you can.

Services in Clock Hall. Church services will be held in the Clock Hall (by the Memorial Hall) from Sunday 4th June for about 6 weeks, due to major building works.

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.

Readers, Intercessors and Sidesmen: We would love to have more volunteers to do the roles of sidesmen, readers and intercessions. Do let Gill or Liz know if you can help.

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.

Date for your Diary. Rogation Sunday 9.30am on May 22nd at Shorts Green Farm, by kind invitation of Clem and Chris Martin.

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

WELCOME

to

St Mary's Church, Motcombe

Newcomers and visitors are always welcome.

Sunday, 8th May
4th Sunday of Easter

9.30am Parish Communion Revd Tim Heaton

Events This Week

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

Thursday 6.15pm Wedding Rehearsal

Saturday 1.30pm Wedding of Ben Ollington & Laura Cook

Next Sunday, 15th May
5th Sunday of Easter

6.00pm Evening Worship Emma Smith (LWL)

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

Collect

Almighty God, whose Son Jesus Christ is the resurrection and the life: raise us, who trust in him, from the death of sin to the life of righteousness, that we may seek those things which are above, where he reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

First Reading - Acts 9.36-43

Now in Joppa there was a disciple whose name was Tabitha, which in Greek is Dorcas. She was devoted to good works and acts of charity. At that time she became ill and died. When they had washed her, they laid her in a room upstairs. Since Lydda was near Joppa, the disciples, who heard that Peter was there, sent two men to him with the request, 'Please come to us without delay.' So Peter got up and went with them; and when he arrived, they took him to the room upstairs. All the widows stood beside him, weeping and showing tunics and other clothing that Dorcas had made while she was with them. Peter put all of them outside, and then he knelt down and prayed. He turned to the body and said, 'Tabitha, get up.' Then she opened her eyes, and seeing Peter, she sat up. He gave her his hand and helped her up. Then calling the saints and widows, he showed her to be alive. This became known throughout Joppa, and many believed in the Lord. Meanwhile he stayed in Joppa for some time with a certain Simon, a tanner.

Second Reading - Revelation 7.9-17

After this I looked, and there was a great multitude that no one could count, from every nation, from all tribes and peoples and languages, standing before the throne and before the Lamb, robed in white, with palm branches in their hands. They cried out in a loud voice, saying, 'Salvation belongs to our God who is seated on the throne, and to the Lamb!' And all the angels stood around the throne and around the elders and the four living creatures, and they fell on their faces before the throne and worshipped God, singing, 'Amen! Blessing and glory and wisdom and thanksgiving and honour and power and might be to our God for ever and ever! Amen.' Then one of the elders addressed me, saying, 'Who are these, robed in white, and where have they come from?' I said to him, 'Sir, you are the one that knows.' Then he said to me, 'These are they who have come out of the great ordeal; they have washed their robes and made them white in the blood of the Lamb. For this reason they are before the throne of God, and worship him day and night within his temple, and the one who is seated on the throne will shelter them. They will hunger no more, and thirst no more; the sun will not strike them, nor any scorching heat; for the Lamb at the centre of the throne will be their shepherd, and he will guide them to springs of the water of life, and God will wipe away every tear from their eyes.'

Gospel Reading - John 10.22-30

At that time the festival of the Dedication took place in Jerusalem. It was winter, and Jesus was walking in the temple, in the portico of Solomon. So the Jews gathered around him and said to him, 'How long will you keep us in suspense? If you are the Messiah, tell us plainly.' Jesus answered, 'I have told you, and you do not believe. The works that I do in my Father's name testify to me; but you do not believe, because you do not belong to my sheep. My sheep hear my voice. I know them, and they follow me. I give them eternal life, and they will never perish. No one will snatch them out of my hand. What my Father has given me is greater than all else, and no one can snatch it out of the Father's hand. The Father and I are one.'

Post Communion

Merciful Father, you gave your Son Jesus Christ to be the good shepherd, and in his love for us to lay down his life and rise again: keep us always under his protection, and give us grace to follow in his steps; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Please pray for:

- † those who live in Elm Hill, Elm Close and Red House Close;
- † those preparing for their forthcoming wedding
- † 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:

- † those who engender community spirit by organising clubs and events in the Memorial Hall
- † carers and all who help those in need in our community
- † those who volunteer and help in the Village Shop and Post Office

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.