

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.

Fairer Share Count Cards We (and every church in the diocese) are required by the diocese to carry out an annual membership count during the five week period from 1st - 29th May 2022.

So when you come to church on Sunday 1st May you need to

- a) complete a card, giving your name, postcode and ticking the appropriate box to show whether you
 - consider yourself to be a member of St Peter's,
 - are from another church in the team,
 - or a visitor from elsewhere.

Also due to changes in legislation, we need you to consent to the church holding personal information (e.g. your address, phone number e-mail address etc.) so please tick the box on the reverse side of the card to show that you are happy about this.

b) Please give your name to one of the people administering the Count (Roy and Chris Mitchell) so that they can record your attendance.

This will continue for the following 4 Sundays (29th May Team Service at St James), but you only need to complete a card once during the 4 week period.

This is an important exercise which needs to be accurate as the amount we pay to the diocese in 2023 depends upon it.

Christian Aid Week – May 15th – 21st 2022

Like many charities Christian Aid has suffered during the last couple of years. We only one Lent Lunch this year. Sadly, the reality is that the poorer people in the world suffer so much more. For those unfamiliar with Christian Aid week, this is national event, including television adverts. During this week there is a house to house collection using envelopes. Each church in Shaftesbury is allocated specified streets for this activity. This year there is a difference on the envelopes, we are able to add a droop off point for the envelope. If you are happy to distribute to a street near you and put your home as a drop off point, this would save you having to go back to collect the envelope, but it is still possible to return to collect the envelopes. Any enquiries to Gill Hunt on 853707.

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SHAFTESBURY TEAM

St Peter's Church, Shaftesbury

Notice Sheet



Sunday 8th May – 4th Sunday of Easter

9.30am Parish Communion

HYMNS: MP 251, 649, 315, 200

Acts 9.36-43 Revelation 7.9-17 John 10.22-30

Readers: Lisa South & Ken Steven Intercessor: Cas Wickenden

Sunday 15th May – 5th Sunday of Easter

9.30am Parish Communion

Acts 11.1-18 Revelation 21.1-6 John 13.31-35

Readers: Edred Bowman & Ida Bowman Intercessor: Sam Skey

Sunday 22nd May – 6th Sunday of Easter

9.30am Parish Communion

Acts 16.9-15 Revelation 21.10 – 22.5 John 14.23-29

Readers: Sheela Upton & Florence Mudoti Intercessor: Sarah Hunt

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

May

10 th	7.30pm	Children's Society Meeting
12 th	12 noon	Cello Recital
26 th	7.00pm	Ascension Day Service
27 th	10.30am	Healing Prayer

The government have suspended all remaining Covid restrictions but are continuing to advise caution. For the safety of everyone in our churches, especially the elderly or vulnerable, we would ask that if you have Covid, or any Covid-like symptoms, please remain at home. Thank you

Team Office is open:

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

Tel: 853060 **Email:** office@shaftesburycofe.org.uk

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

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.

FOR YOUR PRAYERS

For the sick: Barbara Skull, and Tony Selwood, 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: Jill Sellgren

For our community.

For the world: For all places where there is conflict and in particular for Ukraine, Syria, 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.