

Notices

Stone Slabs/Services in Clock Hall. We are indebted to all of you who have contributed to the repair of the church floor by sponsoring a stone slab or supporting the many fundraising events we've had. We are delighted to report that we're nearly there. Work starts on 30th May for about six weeks and during that time we will be using the Clock Hall for the Sunday services. We are extremely grateful to the village hall committee for allowing us to use it for free.

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.

Cockleshell Heroes Talk. Many thanks to Graham Dunlop for his repeat fascinating talk to those who missed his first talk on the Cockleshell Heroes. His efforts raised an additional £130 towards the Church floor. BZ!

Coffee Morning Motcombe Methodist Church. This will be on Friday 20th May from 10.30 am - midday. Coffee to take away or sit inside and chat, take away soup lunch in a bag, cake stall, trade-craft stall, activities for the young.

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

Team Administrator: Part-time, 16hrs per week We are seeking an experienced administrator to run our office on Gold Hill. Working with the clergy team, you will provide central administrative and communications support and be the first point of contact for many of our enquirers. Excellent communication and IT skills including Microsoft packages, the ability to self-motivate, pastoral sensitivity and an eye for detail are essential for this varied and rewarding role. For further details and application form, contact Revd Donna Gibbs, Team Rector, 01747 229543 or office@ShaftesburyCofE.org.uk. Closing date: Friday 20th May 2022

Notices for the next pew sheet should be sent by Wednesday 18th May to Simon Hutchinson at hutchinson_scj@hotmail.com

WELCOME

to

St Mary's Church, Motcombe

Newcomers and visitors are always welcome.

Sunday, 15th May 5th Sunday of Easter

6.00pm Evening Worship

Emma Smith (LWL)

Events This Week

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

Next Sunday, 22nd May 6th Sunday of Easter

9.30am Rogation Service at Shorts Green Farm 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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Please take this pew sheet home to keep you informed of events this week and commend them all to your prayers.

Collect

Almighty God, who through your only-begotten Son Jesus Christ have overcome death and opened to us the gate of everlasting life: grant that, as by your grace going before us you put into our minds good desires, so by your continual help we may bring them to good effect; through Jesus Christ our risen Lord, who is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

First Reading - Acts 11.1-18

Now the apostles and the believers who were in Judea heard that the Gentiles had also accepted the word of God. So when Peter went up to Jerusalem, the circumcised believers criticized him, saying, 'Why did you go to uncircumcised men and eat with them?' Then Peter began to explain it to them, step by step, saying, 'I was in the city of Joppa praying, and in a trance I saw a vision. There was something like a large sheet coming down from heaven, being lowered by its four corners; and it came close to me. As I looked at it closely I saw four-footed animals, beasts of prey, reptiles, and birds of the air. I also heard a voice saying to me, "Get up, Peter; kill and eat." But I replied, "By no means, Lord; for nothing profane or unclean has ever entered my mouth." But a second time the voice answered from heaven, "What God has made clean, you must not call profane." This happened three times; then everything was pulled up again to heaven. At that very moment three men, sent to me from Caesarea, arrived at the house where we were. The Spirit told me to go with them and not to make a distinction between them and us. These six brothers also accompanied me, and we entered the man's house. He told us how he had seen the angel standing in his house and saying, "Send to Joppa and bring Simon, who is called Peter; he will give you a message by which you and your entire household will be saved." And as I began to speak, the Holy Spirit fell upon them just as it had upon us at the beginning. And I remembered the word of the Lord, how he had said, "John baptized with water, but you will be baptized with the Holy Spirit." If then God gave them the same gift that he gave us when we believed in the Lord Jesus Christ, who was I that I could hinder God?' When they heard this, they were silenced. And they praised God, saying, "Then God has given even to the Gentiles the repentance that leads to life.'

Second Reading - Revelation 21.1-6

Then I saw a new heaven and a new earth; for the first heaven and the first earth had passed away, and the sea was no more. And I saw the holy city, the new Jerusalem, coming down out of heaven from God, prepared as a bride adorned for her husband. And I heard a loud voice from the throne saying, 'See, the home of God is among mortals. He will dwell with them; they will be his peoples, and God himself will be with them; he will wipe every tear from their

eyes. Death will be no more; mourning and crying and pain will be no more, for the first things have passed away.'

And the one who was seated on the throne said, 'See, I am making all things new.' Also he said, 'Write this, for these words are trustworthy and true.' Then he said to me, 'It is done! I am the Alpha and the Omega, the beginning and the end. To the thirsty I will give water as a gift from the spring of the water of life.

Gospel Reading - John 13.31-35

When he had gone out, Jesus said, 'Now the Son of Man has been glorified, and God has been glorified in him. If God has been glorified in him, God will also glorify him in himself and will glorify him at once. Little children, I am with you only a little longer. You will look for me; and as I said to the Jews so now I say to you, "Where I am going, you cannot come." I give you a new commandment, that you love one another. Just as I have loved you, you also should love one another. By this everyone will know that you are my disciples, if you have love for one another.'

Post Communion

Eternal God, whose Son Jesus Christ is the way, the truth, and the life: grant us to walk in his way, to rejoice in his truth, and to share his risen life; who is alive and reigns, now and forever.

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 provide joyous tintinnabulation from our Church Bells
- ✦ the Merry Mowers who keep our churchyard so beautiful
- ✦ those who give up their time to be members of the PCC

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.