

NOTICES

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: 15th – 21st May 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 drop 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.

Friends of St Peter's AGM This is to be held in church on Tuesday 7th June at 6pm. All welcome.

Team Ascension Day Service: Thursday 26th May at 7pm in St Peter's Church

Light a Candle for Ukraine 12 noon - 12.30pm at St James' Church every Monday until peace comes. All are welcome to come and share this quiet space.

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SHAFTESBURY TEAM

St Peter's Church, Shaftesbury

Notice Sheet



Sunday 15th May – 5th Sunday of Easter

9.30am Parish Communion

HYMNS: A&M 345, 184, 156, 82

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

Sunday 29th May – 7th Sunday of Easter

10.00am Team Service at St James', Shaftesbury

(No service at St Peter's)

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

26 th	7.00pm	Ascension Day Service
27 th	10.30am	Healing Prayer
29 th	10.00am	Team Service at St James'

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, 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.

FOR YOUR PRAYERS

For the sick: Barbara Skull, Derek Brown 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.

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.