

Notices

St James Annual Meeting/APCM will be held at 4pm on Sunday 22nd May. All welcome.,

Light a Candle for Ukraine between 12 noon and 12.30pm at St James' Church every Monday until peace comes. All are welcome.

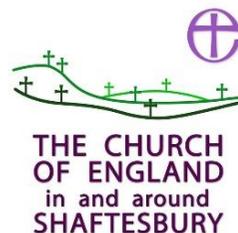
Defibrillator Training at St James' Alison Hawthorne is running a refresher course at St James' Church on Saturday 21st May from 10am until 12 noon. If you are interested in joining, please contact Murray Walker on 01747 822500

Team Administrator: Part-time, 16hrs per week We are eight Church of England churches in Shaftesbury and the surrounding villages, and 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

Be Creative Fancy Starting a new skill? Starting Saturday 21st May, thereafter on the third Saturday of each month in St. John's Church Hall (top of Church Hill) 10.00am to 12 noon. We are inviting anyone who enjoys knitting, embroidery, quilt making, i.e. various needle work, or would like to start, to come and meet others with the same hobby. Help will be on hand if you are stuck or want to start something new. And then, does anyone remember knitting squares for blankets? Would it be an idea to start knitting together and making up blankets – large and small – for those in need? If you are interested, why not come along to discuss what we can do together on Saturday 21st May.

Lunchtime Recitals A short series of lunchtime cello recitals are taking place at 1pm in St Peter's Church for market day. Tickets £10 to include sandwiches and coffee and tickets can be booked from the Arts Centre on 01747 854321.

June 9th Nicholas Cooper June 30th Emily Burrridge



Team Pew Sheet

Sunday 15th May

5th Sunday of Easter

Readings

Acts 11.1-18
Revelation 21.1-6
John 13.31-35
Psalms 148

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.

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: for those in our Team parishes; for all residents in our local care and nursing homes and for the staff there who care for them, and for the staff and patients of the Westminster Hospital.

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.

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.'

Services across the Team next week -22nd May

9.30am	St Peter's	Parish Communion
9.30am	Motcombe	Parish Communion
11.15am	Melbury Abbas	Parish Communion
6.00pm	St James'	Reflective Evening Communion

Team Ascension Day Service:

Thursday 26th May at 7.00pm in St Peter's Church

Team Office is open:

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

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