

Notices

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 £310 (not £130 as I mistakenly reported last week) towards the Church floor. BZ!

Saturday 4th June 12-5pm -Motcombe Village Fete. Can you spare an hour on the day to run our Jubilee Birthday Bear stall? There's a comfy seat for you to sit in the sunshine, chat to people and give them the opportunity to win George, our Jubilee Birthday Bear. Sign up at the back of church.

Services in Clock Hall. Church Services start in the Clock Hall next to the Village Hall from Sunday 5th June starting with the 6 p.m. service Holy Communion (BCP). Do come and make this temporary change a joyous one!

Help in St Mary's As the building works start in the church on 30th May, we need to move everything from the back of the church to the main body of the church and would welcome any help we can get on Saturday, 28th May at 10 am. Coffee and cake/biscuits will be served! The more help we have the quicker it'll be!

Delightful Concert. Come and listen to Simply Cecilia and Friends on Saturday 18 June at 7.30 pm in St Mary's Church. This group of wonderful singers (some professional) sing anything from Bach to Flanders & Swan and have serious humour! Tickets available at the shop: Adult £10.00 Children under 12 £5.00. All proceeds will be floored!

Farewell from Barbara: As I prepare to leave the Shaftesbury Team Office on Wednesday 25th May, I would like to say a big Thank You for the support and friendship I have received during the last four years as your Team Administrator. I have really enjoyed meeting you and working with you, but the need has arisen to move on to pastures new. I am feeling both excited and terrified about starting my new job so, if you have a prayer to spare for me, I would be grateful. I am sure your new administrator will serve you well once they are appointed, but please do be patient for the next few weeks. Meanwhile, I send you all every blessing. (And do look out for news of future Quiet Days at Grove Farm House which will continue – I look forward to meeting up with some of you there!) Barbara

Notices for the next pew sheet should be sent by Wednesday 25th May to Simon Hutchinson at hutchinson_scj@hotmail.com

WELCOME

to

St Mary's Church, Motcombe

Newcomers and visitors are always welcome.

Sunday, 22nd May
6th Sunday of Easter

9.30am Rogation Service at Frog Lane Farm SP7 9NY
Revd Tim Heaton

Events This Week

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

Next Sunday, 29th May
7th Sunday of Easter

10.00am Team Communion at St James', Shaftesbury

(No service at St Mary's)

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

God our redeemer, you have delivered us from the power of darkness and brought us into the kingdom of your Son: grant, that as by his death he has recalled us to life, so by his continual presence in us he may raise us to eternal joy; through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord, who is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

First Reading - Acts 16.9-15

During the night Paul had a vision: there stood a man of Macedonia pleading with him and saying, 'Come over to Macedonia and help us.' When he had seen the vision, we immediately tried to cross over to Macedonia, being convinced that God had called us to proclaim the good news to them. We set sail from Troas and took a straight course to Samothrace, the following day to Neapolis, and from there to Philippi, which is a leading city of the district of Macedonia and a Roman colony. We remained in this city for some days. On the sabbath day we went outside the gate by the river, where we supposed there was a place of prayer; and we sat down and spoke to the women who had gathered there. A certain woman named Lydia, a worshipper of God, was listening to us; she was from the city of Thyatira and a dealer in purple cloth. The Lord opened her heart to listen eagerly to what was said by Paul. When she and her household were baptized, she urged us, saying, 'If you have judged me to be faithful to the Lord, come and stay at my home.' And she prevailed upon us.

Second Reading - Revelation 21.10 - 22.5

And in the spirit he carried me away to a great, high mountain and showed me the holy city Jerusalem coming down out of heaven from God. It has the glory of God and a radiance like a very rare jewel, like jasper, clear as crystal. It has a great, high wall with twelve gates, and at the gates twelve angels, and on the gates are inscribed the names of the twelve tribes of the Israelites; on the east three gates, on the north three gates, on the south three gates, and on the west three gates. And the wall of the city has twelve foundations, and on them are the twelve names of the twelve apostles of the Lamb. The angel who talked to me had a measuring rod of gold to measure the city and its gates and walls. The city lies foursquare, its length the same as its width; and he measured the city with his rod, fifteen hundred miles; its length and width and height are equal. He also measured its wall, one hundred and forty-four cubits by human measurement, which the angel was using. The wall is built of jasper, while the city is pure gold, clear as glass. The foundations of the wall of the city are adorned with every jewel; the first was jasper, the second sapphire, the third agate, the fourth emerald, the fifth onyx, the sixth cornelian, the seventh chrysolite, the eighth beryl, the ninth topaz, the tenth chrysoprase, the eleventh jacinth, the twelfth amethyst. And the twelve gates are twelve pearls, each of the gates is a single pearl, and the street of the city is pure gold, transparent as glass. I saw no temple in the city, for its temple is the Lord God the Almighty and the Lamb. And the city has no need of sun or moon to shine on it, for the glory of God is its light, and its lamp is the Lamb. The nations will walk by its light, and the kings of the earth will bring their glory into it. Its gates will never be shut by day—and there will be no night there. People will bring into it the glory and the honour of

the nations. But nothing unclean will enter it, nor anyone who practises abomination or falsehood, but only those who are written in the Lamb's book of life. Then the angel showed me the river of the water of life, bright as crystal, flowing from the throne of God and of the Lamb through the middle of the street of the city. On either side of the river is the tree of life with its twelve kinds of fruit, producing its fruit each month; and the leaves of the tree are for the healing of the nations. Nothing accursed will be found there any more. But the throne of God and of the Lamb will be in it, and his servants will worship him; they will see his face, and his name will be on their foreheads. And there will be no more night; they need no light of lamp or sun, for the Lord God will be their light, and they will reign for ever and ever.

Gospel Reading - John 14.23-29

Jesus answered him, 'Those who love me will keep my word, and my Father will love them, and we will come to them and make our home with them. Whoever does not love me does not keep my words; and the word that you hear is not mine, but is from the Father who sent me. 'I have said these things to you while I am still with you. But the Advocate, the Holy Spirit, whom the Father will send in my name, will teach you everything, and remind you of all that I have said to you. Peace I leave with you; my peace I give to you. I do not give to you as the world gives. Do not let your hearts be troubled, and do not let them be afraid. You heard me say to you, "I am going away, and I am coming to you." If you loved me, you would rejoice that I am going to the Father, because the Father is greater than I. And now I have told you this before it occurs, so that when it does occur, you may believe.

Post Communion

God our Father, whose Son Jesus Christ gives the water of eternal life: may we thirst for you, the spring of life and source of goodness, through him who is alive and reigns, now and forever.

Please pray for:

- ✠ those who live in Elm Hill, Elm Close and Red House Close;
- ✠ those just married and 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:

- ✠ the never flagging Church Wardens
- ✠ the Sidesmen and Sacristans
- ✠ and those who provide delicious refreshments.

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.