

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.

Pentecost Service in Shaftesbury Abbey: Sunday 5th June – at 4pm. All welcome. The service will be led by Revd Donna on behalf of Churches Together, and please bring a picnic and blanket if you would like to stay afterwards.

Friends of St Peter's AGM: in church on Tuesday 7th June at 6pm. All welcome.

Children's Society Annual Street Collection: Saturday 25th June. Would you like to help for a one hour slot, or more, between 9am and 5pm at a position on the High Street? Do let John Massink know if you are able to help and feel free to request a specific time slot(s). Obviously, the more flexibility you can offer, the easier the planning will be. Please call or message 07933 992389 or e-mail ShaftesburyCSoc@yahoo.com. It would be really helpful if you could let us know by 28th May so that we can contact you with timeslot details/ confirmation.

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

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 Burridge

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 22nd May – 6th Sunday of Easter

9.30am Parish Communion

HYMNS: AMNS 173 157 287 365

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)

Sunday 5th June – Pentecost

9.30am All-Age Worship

Genesis 11.1-9 Acts 2.1-21 John 14.8-17[25-27]

Readers: TBA Intercessor: Emma Smith

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

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.

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.