

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.

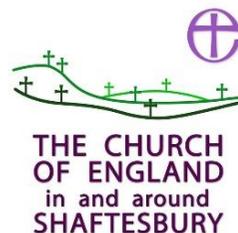
Be Creative Fancy Starting a new skill? Starting Saturday 21st May, thereafter on the third Saturday of each month in St. John's Church Hall (top of Church Hill) 10.00am to 12 noon. We are inviting anyone who enjoys knitting, embroidery, quilt making, i.e. various needle work, or would like to start, 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.

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.

Shaftesbury Children's Society Early notice: Annual Quiz Night. Saturday 24th September. Outstanding quiz, delicious food and superb raffle

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*



Team Pew Sheet Sunday 22nd May 6th Sunday of Easter

Readings

Acts 16.9-15

Revelation 21.10 – 22.5

John 14.23-29

Psalm 67

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.

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: 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 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.

Services across the Team next week -29th May

10.00am St James' Team Communion Service

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