

ST THOMAS'S

TEAM VICAR. The Revd Kirsty Clarke has been appointed to be Team Vicar in the Shaftesbury Team and will be licensed to her new post by the Bishop of Sherborne in a special service at 5pm on Sunday 8th September in St James' Church.

CHURCHWARDEN AND PCC MEMBERS. At our parish AGM, Jon Dakin was re-elected churchwarden, but the PCC are still looking for a second churchwarden to join him. Similarly the very small PCC would like to acquire new members to help in running the church. Please consider if there is anyone, even an irregular churchgoer, who might be suitable.

SUMMERTIME MUSIC IN ENMORE GREEN - FRIDAY 2ND AUGUST:
7.00pm in St John's Church Hall - a relaxed evening with Rev. David Botterill. Following the 75th Anniversary of D Day, David ponders the music that people in occupied Europe might have sung. Ploughman's Plate @ £7.50 per person and a bar. Tables for 4 and 6 available. To reserve places contact Jo Churchill on 01747 850432 or jo.churchill@enmoregreen.co.uk Cheques to The Friends of St. John's. Please advise any dietary requirements.

LOST PROPERTY A navy blue fleece-lined coat was left at the Barn Service. It is now in the Team Office so if it is yours, please contact Barbara to arrange collection.

BLACKMORE VALE DEANERY QUIET DAY on Saturday 26th October, 10am to 4pm at the beautiful house, chapel and grounds of St Mary's School, Shaftesbury. Theme: *Time: to pause, reflect, pray.* Cost £10 per person. Please bring a packed lunch and a cup. To book your place or for more information please contact secretarybvdeanery@gmail.com

For pewsheets notices please contact Rodney Atwood on 01747 855255 or email: harrietatwood@hotmail.com

WELCOME to St Thomas's Church, Melbury Abbas

If you are new to the church or visiting, please introduce yourself to one of the team so we might get to know you better.

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THE SHAFTESBURY TEAM
St Thomas's, Melbury Abbas



Sunday 28th July – St James' the Apostle

11.15am Matins

Sunday 4th August – Seventh Sunday after Trinity

9.30am Parish Communion

Sunday 11th August – Eighth Sunday after Trinity

11.15am – Parish Communion

Today's Psalm – 22

Collect

Merciful God, whose holy apostle Saint James, leaving his father and all that he had, was obedient to the calling of your Son Jesus Christ and followed him even to death: help us, forsaking the false attractions of the world, to be ready at all times to answer your call without delay;

First reading: *Jeremiah 45.1-5*

The word that the prophet Jeremiah spoke to Baruch son of Neriah, when he wrote these words in a scroll at the dictation of Jeremiah, in the fourth year of King Jehoiakim son of Josiah of Judah: Thus says the Lord, the God of Israel, to you, O Baruch: You said, 'Woe is me! The Lord has added sorrow to my pain; I am weary with my groaning, and I find no rest.' Thus you shall say to him, 'Thus says the Lord: I am going to break down what I have built, and pluck up what I have planted—that is, the whole land. And you, do you seek great things for yourself? Do not seek them; for I am going to bring disaster upon all flesh, says the Lord; but I will give you your life as a prize of war in every place to which you may go.'

Second reading: *Acts 11.27 - 12.2*

At that time prophets came down from Jerusalem to Antioch. One of them named Agabus stood up and predicted by the Spirit that there would be a severe famine over all the world; and this took place during the reign of Claudius. The disciples determined that according to their ability, each would send relief to the believers living in Judea; this they did, sending it to the elders by Barnabas and Saul.

About that time King Herod laid violent hands upon some who belonged to the church. He had James, the brother of John, killed with the sword.

Gospel reading: *Matthew 20.20-28*

Then the mother of the sons of Zebedee came to him with her sons, and kneeling before him, she asked a favour of him. And he said to her, 'What do you want?' She said to him, 'Declare that these two sons of mine will sit, one at your right hand and one at your left, in your kingdom.' But Jesus answered, 'You do not know what you are asking. Are you able to drink the cup that I am about to drink?' They said to him, 'We are able.' He said to them, 'You will indeed drink my cup, but to sit at my right hand and at my left, this is not mine to grant, but it is for those for whom it has been prepared by my Father.'

When the ten heard it, they were angry with the two brothers. But Jesus called them to him and said, 'You know that the rulers of the Gentiles lord it over them, and their great ones are tyrants over them. It will not be so among you; but whoever wishes to be great among you must be your servant, and whoever wishes to be first among you must be your slave; just as the Son of Man came not to be served but to serve, and to give his life a ransom for many.'

Post Communion Prayer

Almighty God, who on the day of Pentecost sent your Holy Spirit to the apostles with the wind from heaven and in tongues of flame, filling them with joy and boldness to preach the gospel: by the power of the same Spirit strengthen us to witness to your truth and to draw everyone to the fire of your love; through Jesus Christ our Lord.