

Notices

Ride and Stride: Our Motcombe cycling team, Simon Hutchinson, Phil Roberts, and Dennis Rink have raised a total of £1031 to date. Half of this sum will be returned to church funds, the other half is retained by Dorset Historic Churches Trust, and used to provide grants for eligible projects. Thank you everyone for your support!

A Concert in aid of the Friends of North Dorset Refuge will be held in St Mary's on 19th November at 3pm. Mike Brown and the Gravellers with Linda Brown and friends will sing a variety of pieces. There will be a sumptuous tea afterwards. For more details see the poster in the porch or Viv Johnson.

'ROCK NATIVITY' If you enjoyed Joseph and his Technicolor dream coat several years ago, then don't miss the Rock Nativity, with performances starting at 7.30pm on December 7th at St. Peter's Church, December 8th at St. James' Church and **December 9th at St. Mary's Church, Motcombe.** This 1970s musical is a lively, affectionate take on the well known and loved Nativity story with catchy tunes, lots of singing and even audience participation! Tickets are on sale from the churches of performances, the Team Office, Shaftesbury Arts Centre and Motcombe Shop. Tickets £10 adults and £5 for under 16s. Don't miss the fantastic show, which is a fundraiser for the churches.

Children's Society Christingle Services: St Mary's, Motcombe on Sunday 10th December and St James' on Saturday 16th December, both at 4.30pm. Christingle celebrations are named after the Christingles that are lit during the service, which are made from an orange decorated with red tape, sweets and a candle. Christingle means 'Christ Light' and is used to celebrate Jesus Christ as the "Light of the World". These short celebrations have become a traditional part of the Christmas season for young children and adults alike. Please come along and enjoy one (or both!) in a happy and friendly atmosphere.

An Afternoon with the Rt Revd Dr Rowan Williams on January 15th 2018, 3-5pm at The Exchange, Sturminster Newton. A wonderful opportunity to hear and meet Rowan Williams. Tickets £5 available from Revd Pam.

Operation Christmas Child shoe box appeal: filled and wrapped shoe boxes (see the leaflet at the church door) will be collected from church today.

Notices for next week's pew sheet by Wednesday to Simon Hutchinson: email hutchinson_scj@hotmail.com

GIFT AID envelopes are available on the pews and from the table near the door. If you are a UK Income or Capital Gains Tax payer, please help us to make the most of your offering by filling in the details on the envelopes. This will enable us to reclaim the tax on your donation.

WELCOME to St Mary's Church, Motcombe

Newcomers and visitors are welcome. Please stay for refreshments and a chat after the service.

12th November Remembrance Sunday

Services today

10.00am Remembrance Service Rev Pam Rink

Events this week

Morning prayer is said at 8.30am Monday – Wednesday and Saturday. Holy Communion is said every Thursday at 10.00am– all are welcome.

Monday	7.30pm	PCC meet in church
Tuesday	7.30pm	Rock Nativity Rehearsal in church
Thursday	10.00am	Holy Communion
	2.45pm	School Assembly in church
	7:30 pm	Bell-ringing Practice

Next Sunday, 19th November, Second Before Advent

8.00am	BCP Holy Communion	Rev Jan Crossley
9.30am	Parish Communion	Rev Patrick Riley

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

Eternal God,
in whose perfect realm
no sword is drawn but the sword of justice,
and no strength known but the strength of love:
guide and inspire all who seek your kingdom,
that peoples and nations may find their security
in the love which casts out fear;
through Jesus Christ our Saviour..

First Reading *1 Thessalonians 4.13-18*

But we do not want you to be uninformed, brothers and sisters, about those who have died, so that you may not grieve as others do who have no hope. For since we believe that Jesus died and rose again, even so, through Jesus, God will bring with him those who have died. For this we declare to you by the word of the Lord, that we who are alive, who are left until the coming of the Lord, will by no means precede those who have died. For the Lord himself, with a cry of command, with the archangel's call and with the sound of God's trumpet, will descend from heaven, and the dead in Christ will rise first. Then we who are alive, who are left, will be caught up in the clouds together with them to meet the Lord in the air; and so we will be with the Lord for ever. Therefore encourage one another with these words.

Gospel Reading *Matthew 25.1-13*

'Then the kingdom of heaven will be like this. Ten bridesmaids took their lamps and went to meet the bridegroom. Five of them were foolish, and five were wise. When the foolish took their lamps, they took no oil with them; but the wise took flasks of oil with their lamps. As the bridegroom was delayed, all of them became drowsy and slept. But at midnight there was a shout, "Look! Here is the bridegroom! Come out to meet him." Then all those bridesmaids got up and trimmed their lamps. The foolish said to the wise, "Give us some of your oil, for our lamps are going out." But the wise replied, "No! there will not be enough for you and for us; you had better go to the dealers and buy some for yourselves." And while they went to buy it, the

bridegroom came, and those who were ready went with him into the wedding banquet; and the door was shut. Later the other bridesmaids came also, saying, "Lord, lord, open to us." But he replied, "Truly I tell you, I do not know you." Keep awake therefore, for you know neither the day nor the hour.

Please pray for:

- † those who live in Willow Way, The Limes and Glebe Gardens
- † healing and wholeness in body, mind and spirit for those who are suffering, especially Katie Johnston and her family.
- † armed services personnel everywhere: those posted to areas of conflict and unrest; those deployed to bring aid and relief where there has been natural disaster; peace-keeping forces and search and rescue operatives.
- † the families and friends of services personnel who have been killed in recent conflicts and terror incidents.
- † all those affected by the shootings at the First Baptist Church in Sutherland, Texas, especially the families and friends of those killed, those injured physically and mentally and the police, emergency services and hospital staff.

