

Notices

The Annual Parochial Church Meeting 2018 will be held after the 9.30am service on 22nd April. Nominations for new PCC members and Deanery Synod Representatives are required prior to the meeting, and our Church Wardens must be voted in each year. Nomination forms for all these positions are available at the back of the church.

How to plan a funeral. There is a session on how to plan a funeral, today Sunday 15th April at 3pm at St Peters, all welcome.

Safeguarding Session Cancelled The C1 safeguarding training arranged for 16th April has been cancelled due to a short notice hospital appointment that I am unable to change. I apologise for this and will fix another date as soon as I can. Elizabeth Preston

Healing on the streets Healing on the streets is a ministry of prayer which takes place outside St Peter's Church on a Saturday morning between 10.30am and 12. We minister to members of the public, both those with a faith and those with none. If you feel God is calling you to this ministry and would like more information, contact Mindy Bennett on mindy2611@hotmail.co.uk

Team Office Please note that the Team Office will be closed from Friday 11th May at 12noon, reopening on Monday 21st May at 9am

Traidcraft Christian Aid Lunch

Due to the recent weather, one of the Christian Aid Lunches has been rescheduled for Wednesday May 16th in Shaftesbury Town Hall. Soup Lunch with middle eastern extras - 12noon until 1.30pm Traidcraft and bring and buy. All welcome.

Notices for next week's pew sheet by Wednesday to on wpr01@wpr01.co.uk

Please take this pew sheet home to keep you informed of events this week and commend them all to your prayers.

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.

Sunday, 15th April Third Sunday of Easter

Services today

8.00am	Holy Communion (BCP)	Rev Andy Muckle
9.30am	The Gathering	The Gathering Team

Events this Week

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

Wednesday	11.00am	Holy Communion at Motcombe Grange
Thursday	10.00am	Holy Communion
	7.30pm	Bell-ringing Practice

Next Sunday, 22nd April Fourth Sunday of Easter

9.30am	Parish Communion Followed by APCM	Rev Patrick Riley
2.00pm	Holy Baptism of Jesse Baker	Rev Simon Chambers

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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Collect

Almighty Father, who in your great mercy
gladdened the disciples with the sight of the risen Lord:
give us such knowledge of his presence with us,
that we may be strengthened and sustained by his risen life
and serve you continually in righteousness and truth;
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 for ever.

First Reading *Acts 3.12-19*

When Peter saw it, he addressed the people, 'You Israelites, why do you wonder at this, or why do you stare at us, as though by our own power or piety we had made him walk? The God of Abraham, the God of Isaac, and the God of Jacob, the God of our ancestors has glorified his servant Jesus, whom you handed over and rejected in the presence of Pilate, though he had decided to release him. But you rejected the Holy and Righteous One and asked to have a murderer given to you, and you killed the Author of life, whom God raised from the dead. To this we are witnesses. And by faith in his name, his name itself has made this man strong, whom you see and know; and the faith that is through Jesus has given him this perfect health in the presence of all of you.

'And now, friends, I know that you acted in ignorance, as did also your rulers. In this way God fulfilled what he had foretold through all the prophets, that his Messiah would suffer. Repent therefore, and turn to God so that your sins may be wiped out.

Second Reading *1 John 3.1-7*

See what love the Father has given us, that we should be called children of God; and that is what we are. The reason the world does not know us is that it did not know him. Beloved, we are God's children now; what we will be has not yet been revealed. What we do know is this: when he is revealed, we will be like him, for we will see him as he is. And all who have this hope in him purify themselves, just as he is pure.

Everyone who commits sin is guilty of lawlessness; sin is lawlessness. You know that he was revealed to take away sins, and in him there is no sin. No one who abides in him sins; no one who sins has either seen him or known him. Little children, let no one deceive you. Everyone who does what is right is righteous, just as he is righteous.

Gospel Reading *Luke 24.36b-48*

While they were talking about this, Jesus himself stood among them and said to them, 'Peace be with you.' They were startled and terrified, and thought that they were seeing a ghost. He said to them, 'Why are you frightened, and why do doubts arise in your hearts? Look at my hands and my feet; see that it is I myself. Touch me and see; for a ghost does not have flesh and bones as you see that I have.' And when he had said this, he showed them his hands and his feet. While in their joy they were disbelieving and still wondering, he said to them, 'Have you anything here to eat?' They gave him a piece of broiled fish, and he took it and ate in their presence.

Then he said to them, 'These are my words that I spoke to you while I was still with you—that everything written about me in the law of Moses, the prophets, and the psalms must be fulfilled.' Then he opened their minds to understand the scriptures, and he said to them, 'Thus it is written, that the Messiah is to suffer and to rise from the dead on the third day, and that repentance and forgiveness of sins is to be proclaimed in his name to all nations, beginning from Jerusalem. You are witnesses of these things.

Post Communion Prayer

Living God, your Son made himself known to his disciples
in the breaking of bread:
open the eyes of our faith,
that we may see him in all his redeeming work;
who is alive and reigns, now and for ever.

Please pray for:

- † those who live in Hunters Mead and Stainers Mead.
- † healing and wholeness in body, mind and spirit for those who are suffering, especially our own Revd. Pam Rink, and Katie Johnston and her family.
- † for those who have lost children and loved ones in the fire at Kemerovo shopping centre in Siberia, those continuing to suffer due to war in Syria and Yemen and for all who are refugees.

Let us give thanks for:

- † those who provide and arrange flowers in church
- † Mark Dray and all who contribute to the upkeep of the churchyard
- † our churchwardens, Gill and Liz