

Notices

Annual Census: It's that time of year again when for four weeks we are asked to fill in census cards when we attend church on Sunday. The data is used to work out how much we must pay to the diocese and the Team each year for the services they provide. Please also look at the back of the card, tick the box, and sign it if you agree. This will help us to stay within the new Data Protection regulations that come into force on 25th May 2018. Give the completed cards to a church warden or one of the sides people. Thank you.

Next week's collection at the Team Service is for Cord in Cambodia

Cord (Christian Outreach for Relief and Development) has been working in Cambodia for more than 30 years. In recent years, the country's government has increased its exploitation of natural resources including the country's forests, while intimidating and imposing restrictions on the work of the country's political opposition, human rights defenders and local community groups. Local human rights defenders and community leaders took it upon themselves to seek justice for those affected. This is the story of this community's journey, the obstacles they faced, and the support that Cord provided that helped these families to experience a sense of justice.

Royal wedding: St Mary's and Motcombe Memorial Hall are holding a joint venture to celebrate The Royal Wedding on Saturday 19th May. A live streaming of the wedding will take place followed by a light lunch provided by the church. Would anyone willing to make a loaf of sandwiches or cakes/biscuits please sign the form at the back of the church. Any help on the day would be most welcome. Contact Liz Pocock (Tel: 852647) for more information.

Village Meetings: The date for the 2nd Open Village Meeting to discuss what is happening at the Memorial Hall, and what is proposed for the future is to be held on 21st April at 15.30 - 17.30 (at the Memorial Hall).

Village Plan Consultation Meetings: will be held on 28th April at 11.30 - 15.30; and on 30th April at 14.00 - 18.30.

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 bad weather in March, one of the Christian Aid Lunch 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 Dennis Rink
dennis.rink@gmail.com

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

WELCOME to St Mary's Church, Motcombe

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

Sunday, 22nd April Fourth Sunday of Easter

Services today

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

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.

Thursday	10.00am	Holy Communion
	7.30pm	Bell-ringing Practice

Next Sunday, 29th April Fourth Sunday of Easter

10.00am	Team Communion at St Peter's, followed by Team Council AGM	
3.00pm	Baptism of Ryan Lowe	Rev Kevin Martin

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 God, whose Son Jesus Christ is the resurrection and the life: raise us, who trust in him, from the death of sin to the life of righteousness, that we may seek those things which are above, where he reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever.

First Reading Acts 4.5-12

The next day their rulers, elders, and scribes assembled in Jerusalem, with Annas the high priest, Caiaphas, John, and Alexander, and all who were of the high-priestly family. When they had made the prisoners stand in their midst, they inquired, 'By what power or by what name did you do this?' Then Peter, filled with the Holy Spirit, said to them, 'Rulers of the people and elders, if we are questioned today because of a good deed done to someone who was sick and are asked how this man has been healed, let it be known to all of you, and to all the people of Israel, that this man is standing before you in good health by the name of Jesus Christ of Nazareth, whom you crucified, whom God raised from the dead. This Jesus is

“the stone that was rejected by you, the builders;
it has become the cornerstone.”

There is salvation in no one else, for there is no other name under heaven given among mortals by which we must be saved.’

Second Reading 1 John 3.16-24

We know love by this, that he laid down his life for us—and we ought to lay down our lives for one another. How does God’s love abide in anyone who has the world’s goods and sees a brother or sister in need and yet refuses help?

Little children, let us love, not in word or speech, but in truth and action. And by this we will know that we are from the truth and will reassure our hearts before him whenever our hearts condemn us; for God is greater than our hearts, and he knows everything. Beloved, if our hearts do not condemn us, we have boldness before God; and we receive from him whatever we ask, because we obey his commandments and do what pleases him.

And this is his commandment, that we should believe in the name of his Son Jesus Christ and love one another, just as he has commanded us. All who obey his commandments abide in him, and he abides in them. And by this we know that he abides in us, by the Spirit that he has given us.

Gospel John 10.11-18

‘I am the good shepherd. The good shepherd lays down his life for the sheep. The hired hand, who is not the shepherd and does not own the sheep, sees the wolf coming and leaves the sheep and runs away—and the wolf snatches them and scatters them. The hired hand runs away because a hired hand does not care for the sheep. I am the good shepherd. I know my own and my own know me, just as the Father knows me and I know the Father. And I lay down my life for the sheep. I have other sheep that do not belong to this fold. I must bring them also, and they will listen to my voice. So there will be one flock, one shepherd. For this reason the Father loves me, because I lay down my life in order to take it up again. No one takes it from me, but I lay it down of my own accord. I have power to lay it down, and I have power to take it up again. I have received this command from my Father.’

Post Communion Prayer

Merciful Father, you gave your Son Jesus Christ to be the good shepherd, and in his love for us to lay down his life and rise again: keep us always under his protection, and give us grace to follow in his steps; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

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