

Parish News for the Parish of St James and St John, Enmore Green, in the Shaftesbury Team

Sunday 18th June First Sunday after Trinity

St James 9:30 a.m. Parish Communion (Revd. S. Chambers)

Readings: Exodus 19: 2-8a, Romans 5:1-8, Matthew 9:35-10:8

Voluntaries: In; Chorale Prelude on the hymn tune, "St Peter" ("How sweet the name of Jesus sounds") Harold Darke, Out; Prelude from Prelude and Fugue in G major (BWV 541) JS Bach

St John 11:15 a.m. Parish Communion (Revd. Dr. Simon Chambers)

St James 2:30 p.m. The Great Get-Together (see below)

Monday 19th June St John 10:00 a.m. Visitation

Wednesday 21st June St James 9:00 a.m. Morning prayer

Abbey School 2:00 p.m. Collective worship

Thursday 22nd June St James 9:00 a.m. Morning prayer

1:15 p.m. Y6 over in church

7:00 p.m. Holy Communion (Revd. Dr. Simon Chambers)

Friday 23rd June St James 9:00 a.m. Morning prayer, Organ tuner

Sunday 25th June St James 8:00 a.m. Holy Communion

9:30 a.m. Parish Communion (Revd. Dr. Simon Chambers)

St John 11:15 a.m. Family Service (Revd. Helen Dawes)

12:45 p.m. Baptism of Henry James William Coffin (Revd. Helen Dawes)

St James 2:00 p.m. Baptism of Millie Drewitt (Revd. Dr. Simon Chambers)

3:00 p.m. Concert "Toccata" music to celebrate St Peter's Day (see below)

Please pray for our neighbours and friends who are unwell: Sheila Brock, Peter Meacham, Edgar Francis, Revd. John Pearson, Susan Tolfree, Jo Churchill, Brenda Lester; for all whose names who are on the prayer circle list.

The team office will be closed Monday 26th June to Friday 30th June inclusive.

This afternoon Sunday 18th June, 2:30-5:30p.m. We look forward to seeing as many as possible for an hour or so at the Great Get Together event, here in our church grounds; our chance to welcome the families in our community to join us and enjoy some hospitality. Lovely teas in pretty china; games for children; face painting; light music and things of interest on display (I hope). I could do with a few volunteers to head up the odd race or game for children in the field if this is your bag - Philippa 812365 or just offer on the day.

Thank you - to all of you who helped, baked, entertained and came along and spent your money for the Garden Open at Oaklands over last weekend. 15 visitors on Saturday and 30 on Sunday so we raised approx' £225. Very grateful - from Philippa

Spread the word in Refugee Week! We live in a world where families are torn apart by war, famine and violence. In Syria there are now many families in U. N. Refugee Camps waiting to leave that country and find a new life elsewhere. A group of people from across Shaftesbury has met and taken advice about what is happening in Dorset, where an agreement has been made to find homes and support for a small number of refugee families. There is an opportunity for everyone to hear what might be possible here in Shaftesbury, to talk about how we can work together as a community to make a real difference to at least one family.

Thursday 22nd June at 7:30 p.m. for 8:00 p.m. there will be a public meeting in Shaftesbury Town Hall at which Stephanie Farr (Dorset's Resettlement Officer), Colin Brady (Social Justice Manager for Salisbury Diocese) and a (re-settled) Syrian Refugee Family will be coming to share experiences, talk about what could be done locally and give you time for questions. Please spread the word and most importantly, come to this meeting! For more information, please ring Emma Smith, 851894 or Sarah Mais 858931

Sunday 25th June at 3 p.m. "Toccata" an organ recital will be given in St James by Chris Mahon. This recital is to celebrate the feast of St Peter and will include three toccatas-at the beginning, middle and end-namely and respectively by Gigout, Dubois and Mulet. Also in the programme will be the Adagio and Allegro (KS594) for a mechanical organ in a clock by Mozart. Interspersed are lighter pieces by Whitlock, Darke and Hollins. Admission is free with tea and cake afterwards.

Additional singers needed! On July 1st at 7:30 p.m. at St Peter's Church, Shaftesbury, the Choir of St Peter's, with additional singers will be singing part of Karl Jenkins' Mass of the Armed Man, with other items. We rehearse at 6.45pm on Thursday evenings in the church and would welcome some extra singers, in all voices. If you are interested please contact Harold Jackson on 01963 824894 or John Kitching on 01747 852797 or just come to rehearsal. All music will be provided.

Children's Society Thank you all those who have given me their boxes, they yielded £376.43 for the work of the society. The recent collection outside produced just over £480.

Team Retreat is 22nd – 24th September 2017, and is titled "The Cry of the Heart: praying and praising with the psalms". The retreat will be led by Revd Canon Jane Charman, Diocesan Director of Ministry. It will run from 6p.m. on Friday 22nd September to after tea on Sunday 24th September 2017 at Glastonbury Abbey House, Chilkwell Street, Glastonbury, BA6 8DH If you would like to know more or would like a booking form please contact Gillian Cross Tel: 01747 811263 Email: gillian@gilliancross.co.uk

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Collect of the Day

O God, the strength of all those who put their trust in you, mercifully accept our prayers and, because through the weakness of our mortal nature we can do no good thing without you, grant us the help of your grace, that in the keeping of your commandments we may please you both in will and deed; 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. Amen

First Reading

Exodus 19:2-8a

They had journeyed from Rephidim, entered the wilderness of Sinai, and camped in the wilderness; Israel camped there in front of the mountain. Then Moses went up to God; the Lord called to him from the mountain, saying, "Thus you shall say to the house of Jacob, and tell the Israelites: You have seen what I did to the Egyptians, and how I bore you on eagles' wings and brought you to myself. Now therefore, if you obey my voice and keep my covenant, you shall be my treasured possession out of all the peoples. Indeed, the whole earth is mine, but you shall be for me a priestly kingdom and a holy nation. These are the words that you shall speak to the Israelites."

So Moses came, summoned the elders of the people, and set before them all these words that the Lord had commanded him. The people all answered as one: "Everything that the Lord has spoken we will do."

Second Reading

Romans 5.1-8

Therefore, since we are justified by faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ, through whom we have obtained access to this grace in which we stand; and we boast in our hope of sharing the glory of God. And not only that, but we also boast in our sufferings, knowing that suffering produces endurance, and endurance produces character, and character produces hope, and hope does not disappoint us, because God's love has been poured into our hearts through the Holy Spirit that has been given to us.

For while we were still weak, at the right time Christ died for the ungodly. Indeed, rarely will anyone die for a righteous person—though perhaps for a good person someone might actually dare to die. But God proves his love for us in that while we still were sinners Christ died for us.

Gospel

Matthew 9.35 - 10.8

Then Jesus went about all the cities and villages, teaching in their synagogues, and proclaiming the good news of the kingdom, and curing every disease and every sickness. When he saw the crowds, he had compassion for them, because they were harassed and helpless, like sheep without a shepherd. Then he said to his disciples, 'The harvest is plentiful, but the labourers are few; therefore ask the Lord of the harvest to send out labourers into his harvest.'

Then Jesus summoned his twelve disciples and gave them authority over unclean spirits, to cast them out, and to cure every disease and every sickness. These are the names of the twelve apostles: first, Simon, also known as Peter, and his brother Andrew; James son of Zebedee, and his brother John; Philip and Bartholomew; Thomas and Matthew the tax-collector; James son of Alphaeus, and Thaddaeus; Simon the Cananaean, and Judas Iscariot, the one who betrayed him.

These twelve Jesus sent out with the following instructions: 'Go nowhere among the Gentiles, and enter no town of the Samaritans, but go rather to the lost sheep of the house of Israel. As you go, proclaim the good news, "The kingdom of heaven has come near." Cure the sick, raise the dead, cleanse the lepers, cast out demons. You received without payment; give without payment.

Post Communion Prayer

Eternal Father, we thank you for nourishing us with these heavenly gifts: may our communion strengthen us in faith, build us up in hope, and make us grow in love; for the sake of Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen