

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

Sunday 11th March; Mothering Sunday

St James 9:30 a.m. Sung BCP Communion – Merbecke setting (Revd. Dr. S. Chambers)

Readings: 1 Samuel 1, 20-28, 2 Corinthians 1, 3-7, John 12, 20-33

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

St James 6:00 p.m. Pilgrim service (P. Cooper and Revd. M. Ridgwell) See below.

Tuesday 13th March St John 6:00 p.m. Choir practice

Wednesday 14th March St James 9:00 a.m. Morning prayer

Thursday 15th March St James 9:00 a.m. Morning prayer

2:00 a.m. P.C.C. Meeting

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

Friday 16th March St James 9:00 a.m. Morning prayer

Sunday 18th March St James 9:30 a.m. Parish Communion (Revd. Dr. S. Chambers & Rev. K. Martin)

St John 11:15 a.m. Parish Communion (Revd. Dr. S. Chambers & Rev. K. Martin)

St James 3:00 p.m. "Why we do what we do" talk in church

Please pray for our neighbours and friends who are unwell: Sheila Brock, Edgar Francis, Jeff Parker, Alec, Rev John Pearson and Andrew Lobb. Pray for the family and friends of those who have died recently- Alan Martin and Nigel Down, Reg Henstridge, Audrey Brockway and for those on this year's mind list.

Women's World Day of Prayer. Due to the snow, the services in Shaftesbury were cancelled or with a very small congregation, resulting in very little being given to support the WWDP charities. As the service was so beautiful and the sheets are still available, it has been decided to have them available on Sunday 11th March, so that those who missed the service can have them and donate then. Thanks, Rosemary Saxey.

On **Sunday 8th April** there will be a 10:00 a.m. **Team Service** at **St Mary's Motcombe** due to the availability of clergy over the Easter period.

Pilgrim Service at 6:00p.m. on Sunday 11th March; Pilgrim is striding along in the darkening evening with lightning flashes and a thunderstorm in the background, but, despite the forbidding weather he is happy because he knows he is on the right track. The theme this week is 'Be Happy' and looks at the apostle Paul who, in the middle of all his predicaments, has his eyes – and mind – firmly set on Christ as his foremost priority, beside which everything else shrinks into insignificance.

Help needed please Help is needed to circulate the 'Churches Together' Easter cards round the parish. These will be available for delivery from Sunday 18th. March. Please sign the list at the back of the church, indicating which area you are willing to cover.

Sudan Sale; This will be on Saturday 24th March . Help is required for setting up in the Town Hall on Friday 6:00p.m. and on the day from 9. 00a.m. The sale commences at 10 am We have lots of items for sale, so please help if you can. Contact Julian Richards 01747 85153 mobile 07974 913878

The Children's Society The House-to-House collection this year is from Sat. 14th. - Sat. 28th. April. We badly need new collectors as our gallant team grow older, and we can make the collection area as small as people wish. Volunteers to Richard Huband please (854741). It is such a good cause. In 2017 the Society worked with 13,000 children and young people, and we can but be aware of the risks such children face in today's world.

Christian Aid Dates: Lent Lunches.... These take place in the Town Hall every Friday from 12-1:30 p.m..

A wonderful chance to enjoy good company with a bowl of good soup, with donations to Christian Aid (Gift Aid envelopes available).

Open House Easter Hamper Appeal Open House are again making hampers for vulnerable families in our community and would be grateful for donations of the following: Easter eggs, Chocolate or sweet treats, Soft toys (for young children), Drinks (non-alcoholic please) Boxes will be available in your church for donations and will be collected after Sunday 25th March (Palm Sunday). For any further information, please contact: Alan Kirkham 853515 alanjean.kirkham@gmail.com Helen Beecham 852994 helen@fathershouseshaftesbury.co.uk

St James P.C.C. is pleased to announce that the January meeting of the D.A.C. has agreed to recommend the following work to the church interior: *-Installation of new lighting and electrics and new public address and induction loop system; also, redecoration of the church interior.* The next step is to complete the Petition for Faculty which we can implement once the 28 day 'Public Notice' period is complete; this was announced in church three weeks ago and details of work to be done is to be found on the noticeboard inside the church. Funding for the work will come from part reserves and funds raised to date; applications are also being made to the Erskine Mutton Trust and Historic Churches. Funds required are approximately £75,000. Providing funding can be met, the work should commence early autumn and be complete by Christmas.