

HELP ADD SOME SPARKLE TO ST PETER'S We no longer have someone to keep the very few brass items in the church bright and shiny. It involves very little work but makes a big difference to the appearance of our church and indicates to visitors how much we care for it. If you can help, please contact Chris Jones - 850791.

"A NIGHT TO REMEMBER" 18th November 7.30pm Variety show in St Peter's Church in aid of Headsmart and The Akamba Fund. Tickets available from Shaftesbury Arts centre and Robert Frith Gillingham from 1st October Adults £10 children £8. Further information please contact Eleanor Wetherilt at eleanor.wetherilt@yahoo.co.uk

FRIENDS OF NORTH DORSET WOMEN'S REFUGE By popular demand, we are presenting a return of the Gravellers, a men's group of a capella singers. With Rose, Mary and Thyme. They will be at St Mary's Motcombe on Sunday afternoon, 19th November at 3.00 pm. Tickets £10.00 from the Village Shop or on the door *includes afternoon tea*.

CHILDREN'S SOCIETY CHRISTINGLE SERVICES: ST MARY'S, MOTCOMBE ON SUNDAY 10th DECEMBER AND ST JAMES' ON SATURDAY 16th DECEMBER, BOTH AT 4.30PM. This year, two Team Christingle Services will be held on the dates and times shown above. These short, part candle-lit 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. Small collecting boxes are available at the back of the church. They will be taken in at the services to help with the work of the Children's Society among disadvantaged children.

VOLUNTEER CAR SCHEMES can be used for hospital visits/delivery/collection. Contact - Shaftesbury Link:- Debbie on 01747 850439
- Gillingham Link:- several volunteers, manning 07599 311443

ROCK NATIVITY This unusual take on the Nativity story in two musical acts will be performed on December 7th in St. Peter's church, Shaftesbury, St. James church, Gold Hill on December 8th and St. Mary's, Motcombe on Dec 9th. musical director David Grierson has worked his magic on this little known but interesting musical version, and the visual dramatic scenes are directed by Rosie King. David and Rosie have worked together previously, with all proceeds from the shows going directly to the upkeep of the team churches. Tickets are available from Shaftesbury Arts Centre, Motcombe Community Shop and the participating churches and church office, which is at Gold Hill, priced £10 for adults, with a reduction for children. Support your local churches..it costs a great deal to maintain their fabric...and enjoy a musical treat with a difference.

THE SHAFTESBURY TEAM

St Peter's Church, Shaftesbury

Notice Sheet

Worshipping Christ with others, Taking Christ to others,
Serving Christ in others, Bringing others to Christ



Sunday 12th November – Remembrance Sunday

8.00am – BCP Communion

9.30am – Parish Communion

10.45am – Remembrance Service

Readings: Amos 5.18-24 1 Thessalonians 4.13-18 Matthew 25.1-13

Readers: Sarah Godwin and Theresa Merefield Intercessor: Robert Malpas

Sunday 19th November – Second before Advent

9.30am Parish Communion

Readings: Zephaniah 1.7, 12-18 1 Thessalonians 5.1-11 Matthew 25.14-30

Readers: Helen Croud and Mindy Bennett Intercessor: John Kitching

Sunday 26th November - Christ the King Next Before Advent

9.30am Parish Communion

3.00pm Baptism Service

Readings: Ezekiel 34.11-16, 20-24 Ephesians 1.15-23 Matthew 25.31-46

Readers: Ann Dennis and Revd Patrick Riley Intercessors: Ida Bowman

If you are new to St Peter's or visiting today, please make yourself known to one of our team so that we might get to know you better

The Diary Please see our calendar on our website ShaftesburyCofE.org.uk/stpeters

Mon - Fri 8.30am Morning Prayer

Wednesday 10.30am Holy Communion

NOVEMBER

Thu 16th 1.00pm Funeral of Mr Alan Rudge

Sat 18th 10.30am Doughnut Time

Sat 18th 7.30pm Concert for Head Smart & The Akamba Fund

Mon 20th 7.30pm PCC Meeting

Thu 23rd 10.30am Little Fishes

Sat 25th 9.00am Ministry Team Prayers and meeting at St Peters

Sat 25th TBC The Mill Singers & Jubilate in Concert

Sun 26th 3.00pm Baptism Service

Team Office is open Monday – Friday 9.00am - 12.00pm

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Please email items for the notice sheet to the office by 12noon Thursday

Collect

Almighty Father, whose will is to restore all things In your beloved Son, the King of all: Govern the hearts and minds of those in authority, And bring the families of the nations, divided and torn apart by the ravages of sin, to be subject to his just and gentle rule; who is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever.

First Reading *Amos 5.18-24*

Alas for you who desire the day of the Lord!

Why do you want the day of the Lord?

It is darkness, not light;

as if someone fled from a lion,

and was met by a bear;

or went into the house and rested a hand against the wall,

and was bitten by a snake.

Is not the day of the Lord darkness, not light,

and gloom with no brightness in it?

I hate, I despise your festivals,

and I take no delight in your solemn assemblies.

Even though you offer me your burnt-offerings and grain-offerings,

I will not accept them;

and the offerings of well-being of your fatted animals

I will not look upon.

Take away from me the noise of your songs;

I will not listen to the melody of your harps.

But let justice roll down like waters,

and righteousness like an ever-flowing stream.

Second 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.

Prayer after Communion

God of peace, whose Son Jesus proclaimed the kingdom and restored the broken to wholeness of life: Look with compassion on the anguish of the world, and by your healing power make whole both people and nations; Through our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ.

FOR YOUR PRAYERS

For the sick: Janet Grant; for all residents in our local care and nursing homes and for the staff there who care for them.

For those who have died.

For our community Those involved with Remembrance Commemorations.

For the world: For all places where there is conflict and in particular for Syria, Turkey, Iraq, and the Middle East for peace and concern for all people.

For the Contact of St Peter's & St James' Churches with the Episcopal Church of South Sudan.
