

**CHURCHES TOGETHER IN SHAFTESBURY ADVENT SERVICE** is taking place at St Peter's this year on Sunday 3rd December at 6pm. It will be a candlelit service and it would be great to see you all there to make the light of Christ shine brightly in our service of unity!

**LATE NIGHT SHOPPING** - As is usual the church will be open to welcome those who come to town for the Late Night Christmas Shopping on Monday 4th December. The Shoppers Carol service takes place at about 7.00 p.m. People are welcomed with mince pies and mulled wine. Donations of mince pies for this would be gratefully appreciated. Gill Hunt

**BELL RINGERS AGM** - on Saturday 9th December. This year it is the turn of St Peter's to host the annual General Meeting of the Mere Branch of the Salisbury Diocesan Guild of bell ringers. The bells will be rung between 3.00 and 4.00 p.m. followed by a service, tea in the church hall and the meeting. John Hunt

**CHILDREN'S SOCIETY CHRISTINGLE SERVICES:** ST MARY'S, MOTCOMBE ON SUNDAY 10<sup>th</sup> DECEMBER AND ST JAMES' ON SATURDAY 16<sup>th</sup> 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.

**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 for St James' and St Peter's are available from Shaftesbury Arts Centre, and St Mary's at Motcombe Community Shop. £10 for adults, reduced for children. Support your local churches...it costs a great deal to maintain their fabric...and enjoy a musical treat with a difference.

**LINDLAR HALL CAROL SERVICE** will take place this year on Monday 11th December at 6:30pm. Please do come along for an interactive version of the Lion Storyteller Bible account of Christmas with some popular carols throughout.

**THE FUNERAL OF BRIAN SMITH** will be on Thursday 14th December at Salisbury Crematorium – family only, followed by a Thanksgiving Service at St Mary's Church in Shroton at 1.30pm. Any of the St. Peter's congregation who would like to attend at St Mary's will be welcome, please let Ros, Florence or Emma Smith know.

**VACANCY** There will be a vacancy from next April's Annual Meeting for a Churchwarden at St Peter's when Ros steps down. Please think and pray about who might take on the role, and talk to Helen or a current Church warden for more information.

# 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 3<sup>rd</sup> December – First Sunday of Advent

9.30am Family Service

6.00pm Churches Together Advent Service

### Sunday 10<sup>th</sup> December – Second Sunday of Advent

8.00am BCP Communion

9.30am Parish Communion

Readings: Isaiah 40.1-11 2 Peter 3.8-15a Mark 1.1-8

Readers: Sue Minshaw and Barbara Skull Intercessors: Joe Rumble

### Sunday 17<sup>th</sup> December – Third Sunday of Advent

9.30am Parish Communion

Readings: Isaiah 61.1-4, 8-11 1 Thessalonians 5.16-24 John 1.6-8, 19-28

Readers: Joe Rumble and Mary Seymour Intercessors: Edred 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](http://ShaftesburyCofE.org.uk/stpeters)

Mon - Fri	8.30am	Morning Prayer
Wednesday	10.30am	Holy Communion

### DECEMBER

Sun 3 <sup>rd</sup>	6.00pm	Churches Together Advent Service
Mon 4 <sup>th</sup>	5.15pm	Community Choir Warm Up for Carol Singing
Mon 4 <sup>th</sup>	6.00pm	Late night shopping & Shoppers' Carol Service
Tues 5 <sup>th</sup>		Standing Committee Meets
Tues 5 <sup>th</sup>	7.00pm	Shaftesbury School Carol Service
Thu 7 <sup>th</sup>	10.30am	Little Fishes
Thu 7 <sup>th</sup>	7.30pm	Rock Nativity Performance
Sat 9 <sup>th</sup>	8.30am	Men's Breakfast
Sat 9 <sup>th</sup>	3.00pm	Salisbury Guild of Ringers Meeting
Sun 10 <sup>th</sup>	3.00pm	Shaftesbury Town Silver Band Concert

**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 God, give us grace to cast away the works of darkness and to put on the armour of light, now in the time of this mortal life, in which your Son Jesus Christ came to us in great humility; that on the last day, when he shall come again in his glorious majesty to judge the living and the dead, we may rise to the life immortal; through him who is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever.

## First Reading Isaiah 64.1-9

O that you would tear open the heavens and come down,  
so that the mountains would quake at your presence—  
as when fire kindles brushwood  
and the fire causes water to boil—  
to make your name known to your adversaries,  
so that the nations might tremble at your presence!  
When you did awesome deeds that we did not expect,  
you came down, the mountains quaked at your presence.  
From ages past no one has heard, no ear has perceived,  
no eye has seen any God besides you, who works for those who wait for him.  
You meet those who gladly do right, those who remember you in your ways.  
But you were angry, and we sinned;  
because you hid yourself we transgressed.  
We have all become like one who is unclean,  
and all our righteous deeds are like a filthy cloth.  
We all fade like a leaf, and our iniquities, like the wind, take us away.  
There is no one who calls on your name, or attempts to take hold of you;  
for you have hidden your face from us,  
and have delivered us into the hand of our iniquity.  
Yet, O Lord, you are our Father;  
we are the clay, and you are our potter;  
we are all the work of your hand.  
Do not be exceedingly angry, O Lord,  
and do not remember iniquity for ever.  
Now consider, we are all your people.

## Gospel Reading Mark 13.24-37

'But in those days, after that suffering,  
the sun will be darkened, and the moon will not give its light, and the stars will be falling from heaven,  
and the powers in the heavens will be shaken.  
Then they will see "the Son of Man coming in clouds" with great power and glory.  
Then he will send out the angels, and gather his elect from the four winds, from the ends of the earth to the ends of heaven.  
'From the fig tree learn its lesson: as soon as its branch becomes tender and puts forth its leaves, you know that summer is near. So also, when you see these things taking place, you know that he is near, at the very gates. Truly I tell you, this generation will not pass away until all these things have taken place. Heaven and earth will pass away, but my words will not pass away.

'But about that day or hour no one knows, neither the angels in heaven, nor the Son, but only the Father. Beware, keep alert; for you do not know when the time will come. It is like a man going on a journey, when he leaves home and puts his slaves in charge, each with his work, and commands the doorkeeper to be on the watch. Therefore, keep awake—for you do not know when the master of the house will come, in the evening, or at midnight, or at cockcrow, or at dawn, or else he may find you asleep when he comes suddenly. And what I say to you I say to all: Keep awake.'

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## FOR YOUR PRAYERS

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

**For those who have died.** Brian Smith.

**For our community.**

**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.

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## NOTICES CONTINUED...

**KEY RING** Key Ring subscriptions for 2018 are due and remain at £5 for the 10 editions published during the year. Could you please pay either Roy or Christine Mitchell - Tel 01747 858219- when convenient (if by cheque payable to PCC St Peter's) Please note that the cover price for each edition will increase to 60p with immediate effect so if you take out the annual subscription not only do you save money but are guaranteed that your copy is available. Please see Roy or Christine to be added to the subscriber list.

**TEAM OFFICE** Please note that the Team office will be closed from Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> December at 12noon and reopening on Tuesday 2<sup>nd</sup> January 2018 at 9am.

**AN AFTERNOON WITH THE RT REVD DR ROWAN WILLIAMS** on January 15<sup>th</sup>, 2018, 3-5pm at The Exchange, Sturminster Newton. A wonderful opportunity to hear and meet Rowan Williams. Tickets £5 available from the team office.