

“WHY WE DO WHAT WE DO IN CHURCH” Simon will again be leading a discussion on the Liturgy and Praxis of our church services to help reveal just why we do what we do in church. This talk and discussion was very well received last year and many said when was it going to be given again. Sunday 18<sup>th</sup> March 3pm in St James – with refreshments – open to all.

**DOUGHNUT DAY 17<sup>TH</sup> MARCH** welcomes Bell Street School of Dance. Pop in St Peter's Church between 10.30 am and 12pm for a fun morning. Doughnuts, Coffee, Entertainment and Raffle. Everyone welcome, All proceeds go to the AKAMBA Fund

**MAUNDY THURSDAY 29<sup>TH</sup> MARCH 7.30 P.M. IN THE CHURCH HALL.** There will be a 2 course meal, comprising a hot course (any special dietary requirements, please let Gill know) & potatoes, followed by a pudding, then coffee. Please sign the notice in church if you wish to join this special Holy Week Last Supper re-enactment. We are limited by space in the church hall, more than 45 people cannot be seated comfortably, so please sign this notice otherwise you may be disappointed.

**PLEASE BRING YOUR OWN DRINKS**

There is no charge - donations towards the cost of food would be appreciated. If you are a taxpayer please put the money in a Gift Aid envelope, which will be at your place setting, & sign it. We can claim an extra 25p from the Government for every £1 given.

**FAIRTRADE** Saturday March 17th there will be a Fairtrade Tea with stalls & information, at the Friends Meeting House 2.30-4.30pm; part of Fairtrade fortnight.

**ST PETER'S APCM** is due to take place on Sunday 22nd April, after the morning service. All those who are on the Electoral Roll are entitled to vote at this meeting. Anyone wishing to be entered on the **ELECTORAL ROLL** please ask the electoral officer for a form. Gill Hunt

**EASTER LILIES** If you would like to donate £3 toward a lily in memory of a loved one, please enter your details i.e. name and name to be remembered on the list at the back of church. Thank you, Barbara Skull Tel. 854613

**SMALL BOXES: BIG TOTAL!** This year's Children's Society home collecting box exchange resulted in a total of £1661.13 to help with the Society's work with disadvantaged children. Up almost £100 on last year's total, the sum reflects the continuing generosity of box holders. Inevitably, we have lost some contributors but four new members joined us this year. Individual box holders have been given the total they collected and thank you all again for your support. If you would like a box to keep at home for a year, please contact Karen Dickson, John Parker or Chris Jones.

**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 25<sup>th</sup> March (Palm Sunday). For any further information, please contact: Alan Kirkham 853515 alanjean.kirkham@gmail.com or Helen Beecham 852994 helen@fathershouseshaftesbury.co.uk

# 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



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**Sunday 11<sup>th</sup> March – Mothering Sunday**

8.00am BCP Holy Communion

9.30am All Age Communion

Readings: 1 Samuel 1.20-28 2 Corinthians 1.3-7 John 19.25-27

Readers: Merle and John Kitching Intercessor: Sue Minshaw

**Sunday 18<sup>th</sup> March – Fifth Sunday of Lent**

9.30am Parish Communion

Readings: Jeremiah 31.31-34 Hebrews 5.5-10 John 12.20-33

Readers: Jo Slade and Mindy Bennett Intercessor: Helen Croud

**Sunday 25<sup>th</sup> March – Palm Sunday**

9.30am Parish Communion

Passion Narrative according to Mark

Readers: Intercessor: Robert Malpas

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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

**MARCH**

Tue 13<sup>th</sup> 7.30pm PCC Meeting

Sat 17<sup>th</sup> 10.30am Doughnut Time

Thu 22<sup>nd</sup> 10.30am Little Fishes

Sun 25<sup>th</sup> 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

God of compassion, whose Son Jesus Christ, the child of Mary, shared the life of a home in Nazareth, and on the cross drew the whole human family to himself: strengthen us in our daily living that in joy and in sorrow we may know the power of your presence to bind together and to heal; 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.

## First Reading 1 Samuel 1.20-28

In due time Hannah conceived and bore a son. She named him Samuel, for she said, 'I have asked him of the Lord.'

The man Elkanah and all his household went up to offer to the Lord the yearly sacrifice, and to pay his vow. But Hannah did not go up, for she said to her husband, 'As soon as the child is weaned, I will bring him, that he may appear in the presence of the Lord, and remain there for ever; I will offer him as a nazirite for all time.' Her husband Elkanah said to her, 'Do what seems best to you, wait until you have weaned him; only—may the Lord establish his word.' So the woman remained and nursed her son, until she weaned him. When she had weaned him, she took him up with her, along with a three-year-old bull, an ephah of flour, and a skin of wine. She brought him to the house of the Lord at Shiloh; and the child was young. Then they slaughtered the bull, and they brought the child to Eli. And she said, 'Oh, my lord! As you live, my lord, I am the woman who was standing here in your presence, praying to the Lord. For this child I prayed; and the Lord has granted me the petition that I made to him. Therefore I have lent him to the Lord; as long as he lives, he is given to the Lord.' She left him there for the Lord.

## Second Reading 2 Corinthians 1.3-7

Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of mercies and the God of all consolation, who consoles us in all our affliction, so that we may be able to console those who are in any affliction with the consolation with which we ourselves are consoled by God. For just as the sufferings of Christ are abundant for us, so also our consolation is abundant through Christ. If we are being afflicted, it is for your consolation and salvation; if we are being consoled, it is for your consolation, which you experience when you patiently endure the same sufferings that we are also suffering. Our hope for you is unshaken; for

we know that as you share in our sufferings, so also you share in our consolation.

## Gospel Reading John 19.25-27

And that is what the soldiers did.

Meanwhile, standing near the cross of Jesus were his mother, and his mother's sister, Mary the wife of Clopas, and Mary Magdalene. When Jesus saw his mother and the disciple whom he loved standing beside her, he said to his mother, 'Woman, here is your son.' Then he said to the disciple, 'Here is your mother.' And from that hour the disciple took her into his own home.

## Post Communion Prayer

Loving God, as a mother feeds her children at the breast you feed us in this sacrament with the food and drink of eternal life: help us who have tasted your goodness to grow in grace within the household of faith; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

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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.**

**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:

**DATA PROTECTION** The Revd Lydia Cook is offering an evening session for PCC secs, treasurers, PCC members CWs and magazine editors to help them get to grips with what is needed for the new Data Protection requirements – Data Protection Training Evening - getting to grips with the new requirements for May 2018. Wednesday March 21st, 7 - 8.30pm, Shillingstone Church Centre.

**SING AND PRAISE** There is no Sing and Praise in February or March.