

## ANNUAL MEMBERSHIP COUNT

We (and every church in the diocese) are required by the diocese to carry out an annual membership count during the five week period from 9<sup>th</sup> April – 13<sup>th</sup> May. So when you come to church on Sunday 15<sup>th</sup> April you need to

- a) complete a yellow card, giving your name, postcode and ticking the appropriate box to show whether you
  - consider yourself to be a member of St Peter's,
  - are from another church in the team,
  - or a visitor from elsewhere.

Also due to changes in legislation, we need you to consent to the church holding personal information (e.g. your address, phone number e-mail address etc.) so please tick the box on the reverse side of the yellow card to show that you are happy about this.

- b) Please give your name to one of the three people administering the Count (Tony Selwood, Roy Mitchell and Chris Jones) so that they can record your attendance.

This will continue for the following 4 Sundays, but you only need to complete a yellow card once during the 5 week period.

This is an important exercise which needs to be accurate as the amount we pay to the diocese in 2019 depends upon it.

**VISITING RINGERS** from Hampreston at St Peter's at 9.30am on Friday 27<sup>th</sup> April

**TEAM SERVICE** on Sunday 29<sup>th</sup> April at 10.00am, the collection will be for CORD (See overleaf)

### “WHY WE DO WHAT WE DO IN CHURCH”

Due to the weather this has been rescheduled to Sunday 29<sup>th</sup> April. The Revd Simon Chambers 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. Sunday 29<sup>th</sup> April 3pm in St James, with refreshments, open to all.

**FOODBANK NEEDS** for April & May. The following foods are in short supply:

- tinned vegetables, fruit, fish, meat, custard and rice pudding
- potato mash, coffee, milk (long life) fruit juice.

Thank you to everyone who supports the Foodbank, it is greatly appreciated.  
Elizabeth Wray

**TEAM OFFICE** Please note that the Team Office will be closed from Friday 11<sup>th</sup> May at 12noon, reopening on Monday 21<sup>st</sup> May at 9am

**TRAI DCRAFT CHRISTIAN AID LUNCH** Due to the recent weather, one of the Christian Aid Lunches has been rescheduled for Wednesday May 16<sup>th</sup> in Shaftesbury Town Hall. Soup Lunch with middle eastern extras - 12noon until 1.30pm Traidcraft and bring and buy. All welcome.

# 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 22<sup>nd</sup> April – Fourth Sunday of Easter

9.30am Parish Communion

3.00pm – Baptism Service

Readings: Acts 4.5-12 1 John 3.16-24 John 10.11-18

Readers: Patrick Riley and Jo Slade Intercessor: Margaret Pearson

### Sunday 29<sup>th</sup> April – Fifth Sunday of Easter

10.00am Team Communion

followed by Team Council AGM

Readings: Acts 8.26-40 1 John 4.7-21 John 15.1-8

Readers: TBC Intercessor: TBA

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### Sunday 6<sup>th</sup> May – Sixth Sunday of Easter

9.30am Family Service

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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

#### APRIL

Sun 22 <sup>nd</sup>	11.00am	APCM after the morning service
Sun 22 <sup>nd</sup>	3.00pm	Baptism Service
Tue 24 <sup>th</sup>	7.30pm	Sing and Praise
Fri 27 <sup>th</sup>	9.30am	Visiting Ringers
Sun 29 <sup>th</sup>		Team Council AGM after morning service
Thu 3 <sup>rd</sup>	10.30am	Little Fishes

#### MAY

Sun 6 <sup>th</sup>	3.00pm	Shaftesbury Town Silver Band Concert
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**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, whose Son Jesus Christ is the resurrection and the life: raise us, who trust in him, from the death of sin to the life of righteousness, that we may seek those things which are above, where he reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever.

## **First Reading** Acts 4.5-12

The next day their rulers, elders, and scribes assembled in Jerusalem, with Annas the high priest, Caiaphas, John, and Alexander, and all who were of the high-priestly family. When they had made the prisoners stand in their midst, they inquired, 'By what power or by what name did you do this?' Then Peter, filled with the Holy Spirit, said to them, 'Rulers of the people and elders, if we are questioned today because of a good deed done to someone who was sick and are asked how this man has been healed, let it be known to all of you, and to all the people of Israel, that this man is standing before you in good health by the name of Jesus Christ of Nazareth, whom you crucified, whom God raised from the dead. This Jesus is

"the stone that was rejected by you, the builders;  
it has become the cornerstone."

There is salvation in no one else, for there is no other name under heaven given among mortals by which we must be saved.'

## **Second Reading** 1 John 3.16-24

We know love by this, that he laid down his life for us—and we ought to lay down our lives for one another. How does God's love abide in anyone who has the world's goods and sees a brother or sister in need and yet refuses help?

Little children, let us love, not in word or speech, but in truth and action. And by this we will know that we are from the truth and will reassure our hearts before him whenever our hearts condemn us; for God is greater than our hearts, and he knows everything. Beloved, if our hearts do not condemn us, we have boldness before God; and we receive from him whatever we ask, because we obey his commandments and do what pleases him.

And this is his commandment, that we should believe in the name of his Son Jesus Christ and love one another, just as he has commanded us. All who obey his commandments abide in him, and he abides in them. And by this we know that he abides in us, by the Spirit that he has given us.

## **Gospel Reading** John 10.11-18

'I am the good shepherd. The good shepherd lays down his life for the sheep. The hired hand, who is not the shepherd and does not own the sheep, sees the wolf coming and leaves the sheep and runs away—and the wolf snatches them and scatters them. The hired hand runs away because a hired hand does not care for the sheep. I am the good shepherd. I know my own and my own know me, just as the Father knows me and I know the Father. And I lay down my life for the sheep. I have other sheep that do not belong to this fold. I must bring them also,

and they will listen to my voice. So there will be one flock, one shepherd. For this reason the Father loves me, because I lay down my life in order to take it up again. No one takes it from me, but I lay it down of my own accord. I have power to lay it down, and I have power to take it up again. I have received this command from my Father.'

## **Post Communion Prayer**

Merciful Father, you gave your Son Jesus Christ to be the good shepherd, and in his love for us to lay down his life and rise again: keep us always under his protection, and give us grace to follow in his steps; 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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## **Next week's collection at the Team Service is for Cord in Cambodia:**

Cord (Christian Outreach for Relief and Development) has been working in Cambodia, in Southeast Asia, for more than 30 years. In recent years, the country's government has increased its exploitation of natural resources – including the country's forests - while intimidating and imposing restrictions on the work of the country's political opposition, human rights defenders and local community groups. These are people who are dedicated to reducing poverty and defending marginalised communities' human rights.

In 2008, after 20 years of working for and living in housing provided by a rubber plantation in a village in the country's east, this plantation was privatised, resulting in over half of the community losing their jobs and the land on which they lived.

There was no compensation, no alternative place to live, no land available to build new home, and no alternative ways of earning a living.

Local human rights defenders and community leaders took it upon themselves to seek justice for those affected. They campaigned for these families to be awarded land registration certificates by the government, knowing that land ownership would help them to enjoy a level of personal security and recognition of their rights to live on and use the land to which they were entitled. Those campaigning faced many obstacles, including the fact that most Cambodians are unaware of their formal rights to land ownership.

This is the story of this community's journey, the obstacles they faced, and the support that Cord provided that helped these families to experience a sense of justice.