

CHRISTIAN AID WEEK 13TH - 19TH MAY 2012: Every year the congregation of Shelton with Oxon Church raise money for Christian Aid, last year we raised over £1200.00. We rely on volunteers from our Church to distribute and collect envelopes from houses in our parish. This year we are looking for new people to help us raise money for this important charity. Please contact Neil Harris 01743 357174 or Wendy Bailey 01743 245417 if you can spare a few hours during the week 13th - 19th May. Please look at the information at the back of the Church and on the walls and see the changes you can make, to help people out of poverty.

GROUND WORKS: You will have seen that the hedge between the Hall and the Churchyard has been removed and replaced by a very smart new fence. Weather permitting, this should have been completed when you are reading this notice. Contrary to what you might have heard, the fence will neither be painted blue or red/white and blue! The wood has been treated and should need no further attention for the next 18 months. Incidentally, the contractors did say that the wall went down some 5 feet! The removal of the yew tree has proved/is proving problematic - but the contractors will succeed. Their hard work is appreciated.

FUTURE ACTIONAID EVENTS IN SHREWSBURY: GUIDED WALK around historic Battlefield, led by Marina Trevedi, a town guide, Mon 21 May at 7.30pm. Info and £5 tickets from Sally Pack on 361158. As numbers are limited, you must book in advance. All the money goes to Actionaid.

FUND RAISING: For the time being at any rate, there is no Fund Raising Coordinator (Nick having to stand down as he's now the Treasurer). So if you want to organise an event to raise funds for the Church or the Old School Community Hall, please submit your proposal (form available from Nick) to the Standing Committee - the Secretary is Sue Winwood.

Forthcoming events for your diary:

Saturday 19 May: Rummage sale at the OSCH - see posters or contact Jenny Onions on 359392

Wednesday 23 May: Quiz Night at The Grapes - see posters & flyers or contact Nick Paterson on 850883

Saturday 30 June: Bag Packing at the Co-op - contact Nick Paterson on 850883

Saturday 7 and Sunday 8 July: Celebrating 2012 with Flowers - contact Jenny Onions on 359392

Saturday 8 September: Ride & Stride - *needs a co-ordinator*

Children's Society boxes have now been emptied and are at the back of the church for box holders to collect. Thank you to all who have contributed to the £300-32 banked so far. If you have not already brought your box to be emptied, please do so and give to Syd, Neil or Ann.

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Christ Church, Shelton with Oxon



Fourth Sunday of Easter – 29th April 2012



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Welcome! All are invited to join in fellowship and tea/coffee in the Church Hall following the 8.30am and 10.00am services. If you are a taxpayer and wish to contribute to the offertory, please use a green envelope. An induction loop is installed. Hearing Aids should be set to the 'T' position. You are invited to receive communion if you would do so in your own church. Otherwise you are welcome to come forward for a blessing. Please let the Clergy or a Church Warden know if you need a gluten free Communion wafer.

A note on our illustration: Our illustration reminds us that Jesus is the good Shepherd as described in this morning's Gospel reading.

8:30am – Traditional Holy Communion

10:00am – “Vicar’s Surprise Service!”

Readings: Acts 4.5-12, 1 John 10.11-18, John 10.11-18

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.

Next Sunday’s Services, 6th May – The Fifth Sunday of Easter

8:30am – Traditional Holy Communion

10:00am – All Age Worship

TODAY’S INTERCESSIONS

Pray in Church for David and Alison in thanksgiving for their ministry here.

Pray for all serving in the Armed Forces and particularly for those who serve in Afghanistan.

Pray for the peoples of the Middle East. Pray for peace in Syria. Pray for the work of United Nations monitors there. Pray too for the situation in Sudan. Pray for dissidents in China.

Pray for all on who live on Falcon’s Way and Shelton Road and for Ann Dutton who delivers Oxon Link to them.

Pray for those who receive Holy Communion at home: Sandra Galliers, Penny Clarke, Margaret Follett, Olwyn Morris, Richard Harper, and all at Ideal Home, Bowbrook House, Edgefield Green, and the Uplands Nursing Home.

Pray for Healing: Marjorie Harp, Christopher Browne, Ken Davis, Richard Harper, Holly Halford, Vi Pullen, Joseph Walker, Joyce Smith, Delia Walker, Gail Evans, Jenny Fisher, Joyce McIlveen, Shawn Adams, Mary Adams, Mark James, Mary Jackson, Christopher Jones, Ted Day, Jacqui Follett, Pat and Eric Oakley, and Charles Arrowsmith.

Pray for the souls of all the faithful departed and for all whose anniversary falls at this time.

THIS WEEK’S SERVICES & EVENTS

Monday 30th April: Pray for those who work to translate Holy Scripture so that the Gospel may be taken to all the nations.

Tuesday 1st May, Philip and James, Apostles: Almighty Father, whom truly to know is eternal life: teach us to know your Son Jesus Christ as the way, the truth, and the life; that we may follow the steps of your holy apostles Philip and James, and walk steadfastly in the way that leads to your glory.

Wednesday 2nd May, Athanasius, Bishop of Alexandria, Teacher of the Faith, AD373:

Pray in thanksgiving for the teaching of Athanasius and all who expound Christian learning.

Thursday, 3rd May: 9:45am Eucharist. Pray for those who seek treatment at Shelton Hospital and for all who tend to their needs.

Friday, 4th May, English Saints and Martyrs of the Reformation Era: Pray in thanksgiving for all laid down their lives in the service of Christ Crucified, Risen and Ascended.

Saturday, 5th May: Pray for all who face hardship as a result of the financial crisis in the Eurozone.

NOTICES

PARISH AWAY DAY: all welcome. Saturday 12th May from 10.00am to 3.00pm at Meole Brace Church

RIDE & STRIDE: Yes, I know it's not until **8th September** but I'm being asked if the Church intends taking part this year. Four of us participated last year [and the total raised in Shropshire was £26,625], and none of us are getting any younger - it's time for new blood! **Please let me know if you are interested** - 50% of the funds raised through sponsorship are retained by our Church, the remaining 50% go to Shropshire Historic Churches Trust. Nick Paterson (pro tem Fund Raising Coordinator).

CELEBRATING 2012 WITH FLOWERS: Raffle tickets are now on sale at the back of the Church - £1 a book. Please support this major fund raising event. There are some great prizes to be won.

New boxes of **WEEKLY ENVELOPES**, starting 8th April, are available for collection at the back of church. Thank you to all who contribute in this way.