# ALL SAINTS MALDON









# PARISH NEWS

May 2018

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CHURCH SERVICES	
Sunday Services	8:00am Holy Communion (BCP 1662) 10:00 am Sung Parish Eucharist (except first Sunday of the month). 6:30 pm Evensong and Sermon second and third Sundays of the month Evensong is at 4:00 pm from 12th November
1st Sunday in the Month	10:00am Short all age service of stories songs and prayers. 11:15am Parish Eucharist (CW) 6:00 pm Evensong at St Mary's
Last Sunday	6:30 pm Prayer and Praise Service

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#### WEEKDAY SERVICES

**Morning Prayer** is usually said in church at 8.30am on

Monday - Friday.

**Evening Prayer** is usually said in church at 5.30pm on

Monday - Thursday

**Thursday** 11:00am Holy Communion (BCP 1662)

followed by coffee and biscuits

**Cover Photos:** 1. The Candle-lit Altar at the Maundy Watch

2. Egg Rolling in the High St on Easter

Day

**Photos** 



#### Editorial

To comply with the new 'General Data Protection Regulation,' which comes into force on 25th May 2018, we need your written permission to include your details in the magazine. This applies particularly to the Parish Directory and the Contacts for Activities at the end of the magazine and also photos.

The PCC has produced a form for you to sign giving your permission for this together with other permissions. The form is printed in the centre of this magazine and I would strongly request that if you have not already done so, that you complete it and send it to Julie Ovenden the PCC Secretary. Peter Clark, Editor

## THE CLERGY LETTER TO THE PARISH

#### WHAT MAKES ME TICK?

The idea of writing this article arose when I was typing a reply to someone about aspects of our recent Mystery Play they had found rather difficult. The only way I could frame my answer was to explain how I drew the conclusions I had done, and how my view of Scripture had contributed to the process. 'Knowing how people tick' is important. You can still hold opposing views but it's much better if you know where each one of you is 'coming from.'

Even as Christians the side that we present to others in everyday life is by no means the whole story. We all have our individual personalities, idiosyncrasies, hang-ups, and unfathomable complexities. As an introvert I find I need my own space a lot to recuperate from the (enjoyable) experience of being amongst people. Many vicars seek out solitude: the way they relate to their own physical studies at home can be a bit like Carl Jung's - a 'psychological tower' (he worked in a lakeside turret in a house he built himself).

If I use the phrase 'What makes me tick?' about myself, the image that immediately comes to mind is that of an unexploded bomb. It's been like that from my teenage years onwards: a desire to challenge orthodoxy and conformism which has lasted well beyond my adolescence. Even at the same time that I was beginning to be aware that one day I might get ordained (into the Church of Scotland as I then thought), I was also developing my own ideas on 'secular spirituality' - the transcendent experiences that were available to people through music, theatre and the arts. In my early 30's during my theological training I was later to learn about the 'safety' of doctrine - the means whereby the Christian Church wraps around itself a comfort-blanket of foundational belief. Doctrine must be 'sound': it must



protect the church from error. But ironically what it can also do is stifle the spirit of enquiry. Some Christians will always prefer simply to 'trust and obey' – and that is right for them. But others are great questioners and spiritual explorers. My own personal mantra has always been: 'If you've been given a mind, use it.'

For better or worse I've always prized the individuality of faith highly. The 'official version' is that faith is always corporate and creates community, but the uniqueness of personal expression has always seemed to me of equal value. Combining evangelical conviction about the need to decide for Christ with the liberal philosophy of applying Scripture in a progressive way means that my personal faith is not straightforward. For example, I can believe quite strict things about the ultimate judgment on pure evil, and yet have a much broader view of how God chooses to deal with our lesser human failings. So there is a tension there.

Perhaps it's not a surprise after all that I came to write a Mystery, or Morality Play. A perverse inquisitiveness means that I have always researched the more esoteric aspects of spirituality — whether you call these 'gnosis' (secret knowledge) or the 'occult' (that which is hidden). Such researches have to be conducted carefully as it is important not to place yourself in danger. You need to have a strong sense of who you are and what it is you believe. I also have not only a particular interest in the Book of Revelation (with its bizarre imagery) but in the exercise of prophecy: reading the signs of the times. In his letters St Paul refers to what he calls 'discernment'. In his first letter, St John says 'test the spirits to see whether they are from God' (1 John 4: 1). I have always found this to be a vital discipline.

Last autumn I got hooked on examining major conspiracy theories (excluding UFO's!) and spent many happy hours trawling the internet. Of particular interest were the themes of Satanism in Hollywood, Mega-Churches and the Prosperity Gospel, and End-Times prediction involving the cult of the Illuminati. U-tube is very useful in enabling you to meet a great variety of both informed speakers and total nutjobs. But you gradually begin to get an impression of which interpretations could have genuine mileage.

So when I started writing 'Shoreline 5' in October 2017 I had plenty of material with which to portray the 'powers and principalities' flagged up so memorably by St Paul. The other ingredient was a more visionary impulse dating back some 20 years, when I had a picture in my mind of a church drama in which a group of people arrived on an island without knowing why. (And there was even an ochre-coloured carpet in front of the sanctuary – so it must have meant All Saints! even back then.)

Updating the Passion Story to a post-nuclear age felt quite straightforward in a way. The text pretty much wrote itself, in 5 weeks. The play was never designed to have an interval, but would consist of an ongoing sequence of scenes, building in intensity. The musical content was an integral part of the drama from the start.



The portrayal of God was controversial. A rather remote CEO, happy to deploy his deputies (including Jesus) and to take a backseat view of today's environmental crisis. Some people might feel he showed weakness (though St Paul has interesting things to say about that subject in relation to spiritual strength - 1 Corinthians 1: 25). Similarly, the treatment of Prosperity Gospel worship could be seen as rather near the bone, certainly a high point in parody. Using well-loved choruses in a heretical cause could have been a step too far. Then there was the Cardinal from the Vatican – clearly not an example of Roman Catholic faith, but more like a creation of Dan Brown's: a wily politician, a dissembling scholar, a hired instrument in ridding the church of unwanted radicals. Clearly, in fact, no churchman at all.

Yet it has always been the wealthiest churches which have been most closely associated with the idea of Illuminati control. In which case you have spiritual systems about you which are not at all what they purport to be. Whether or not that is the case, Christians should not simply close their eyes to the possibility. Deception is the one most significant threats people overlook. No point in living in this world if you intend to ignore what you are really up against. Ultimately however the finale of 'Shoreline' was very evangelical. It dramatized the consequences of human choice. How many of us would stand trial with Jesus for his crime of 'goodness against humanity'? On the other hand, how many of us could be seduced through naivety, or worldly reward, or ruthless opportunism to espouse the values of the 'dark masters'?

I never expected that 'Shoreline 5' would come into being in the way that it did. However, it gave me a tremendous opportunity to re-engage with the poetry of the English language and with the way that drama was once used by the Church as a vehicle for teaching or awakening. The sheer professionalism and spontaneity of what emerged in the performances was beyond anything I could ever have imagined. Sometimes it is very unnerving to have 'how you tick' reflected back to you in such an immediate and visceral way. It was quite instructive enough for me to head sharpish for the vodka!

Canon Graham.



#### ASCENSION DAY THURSDAY MAY 10TH

We will again be celebrating this major Festival, beginning with hymns from the tower of the Moot Hall at 8.30am. This will be followed by a fully inclusive breakfast at the Rose and Crown! In the evening, there will be a Sung Eucharist at 7.30pm.

Stephen





THE CHURCH Parish of All Saints with St Peter,

#### EASTER VESTRY AND ANNUAL PAROCHIAL CHURCH MEETING **ELECTION RESULTS**

At the Annual Meeting of Parishioners and Annual Parochial Church Meeting of the above parish held on Monday 23rd April 2018

The following were elected as **Churchwardens**:

Jennifer Clinch **Dennis Johnson** 

The following were elected as Lay Members of the Parochial Church Council to serve for three years:

> Inge Duncan Sue Frederick Margaret Pegler Gina Southey Peter Clark

Julie Ovenden **PCC Secretary** 23.04.2018



# GENERAL DATA PROTECTION REGULATIONS (GDPR)

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We are following guidelines provided by the Diocese. The full Data Privacy Notice is available on the church notice board for you to read.

This form was also available at the AGM so if you have filled one in already, please ignore this!

Further copies of this form are available in church.

Julie Ovenden, PCC Secretary



The annual opening of collectors boxes, took place on Saturday 7<sup>th</sup> April with box holders sharing an Afternoon Tea.

Many thanks to all the box holders for their continued support of the society. My special

thanks are offered to Jackie and Alan Marjoram, and Barbara Gale, for all their hard work in opening and counting the contents of each box. All the boxes were counted during the afternoon and to date the total is £641.00, with one box still to collect.

Anyone who would like to have a box for this charity, should speak to *Elaine Brown*. Thank you

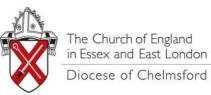
#### **PLANT STALL**

(Supporting our Church School)

We will be running a plant stall at All Saints School summer fete on Saturday 30<sup>th</sup> June, as we have done before, showing our church support for the school. Any offers of plants or help on the day would be welcome. Please speak to *Colin Brown*. Thank you.







# Share a bit of Easter 'foolishness' Bishop Stephen's Easter Message

When was the last time you shared a bit of good old-fashioned Christian 'foolishness'?

Many early Christians eagerly embraced the label 'foolishness' for the good news they shared about Jesus. They didn't think the Gospel was nonsense, though. They simply saw that, by the usual standards of the world, the story of the cross and resurrection was 'foolishness'. Today, in a world obsessed with material success, the cross has lost none of its 'foolishness'. Today, in a time when hope seems in desperately short supply, the 'foolishness' of the resurrection remains as powerful as ever.

So, this Easter, I want to challenge all of us to rediscover, celebrate – and most importantly – share the delicious 'foolishness' of the cross and resurrection with those around us.

The cross is 'foolishness' because it is a sign of complete failure by the usual standards. However, things looked different when Jesus arrived triumphantly at Jerusalem on Palm Sunday. As he was heralded by great crowds, Jesus seem to be the epitome of success. But that was one day at the start of a very long week.

As the days went by, success disintegrated and faltered into Good Friday, when Jesus's death on the cross was to redefine the depth of worldly failure. He seemed a failure through the betrayal and denial of his closest friends, a failure in his condemnation by the political and religious authorities and the crowds, a failure in the anguish and humiliation of his public torture, a failure in his pathetic criminal's death on a cross suffocated by the weight of his own broken body. Truly, from the foot of the cross the sign above his head, 'The King of the Jews', seemed so foolish as



to be laughable.

At Easter we discover that this 'foolishness' shouldn't be accompanied by the laughter of derision, however, but rather by the laughter of great joy: the laughter of hope fulfilled beyond any expectation. The 'foolishness' of the resurrection is that the terrifying absence of Jesus's body from the tomb tells of the eternal presence of the risen Christ! At that moment, the 'failure' of the cross is revealed to be God's great triumph – a success beyond our imaginings.

If we share this 'foolishness', we become beacons of resurrection hope in a world paralysed by fear of failure. If we cherish this 'foolishness', we are liberated to be disciples who know that whether we succeed or fail by the world's standards, the risen Christ is present with us. In our triumphs and joys, our disappointments and disasters, and even in our death, the risen Christ is there. He is with us because in the cross and resurrection the world's greatest failure was shown to be the eternal triumph of God's love. That is a 'foolishness' that world needs to hear in every generation. So let's share it.

Rt Revd Stephen Cottrell, Bishop of Chelmsford

I realise this is a bit late but I did not receive it from the Diocese until after the April Magazine had been printed.

Ed.

#### CHANGE IN EVENING WORSHIP FOR MAY

Please note that on the 1st Sunday in May, (May 6th) we will have Evensong in All Saints at 6.30pm.

The 2nd Sunday in May (May 13th), there will be NO Evensong in All Saints as we will be joining St Mary's for the Christian Aid service which will be at 6.00pm

Stephen

## Signs of the times

My 10 year-old niece says her prayers every night and instead of 'amen', she says 'click, send.'



# Deputy Warden's Waffle

Well, the weather certainly encouraged us Brits to air our favourite subject last weekend and wasn't it glorious? But

it's back to the woolly pulleys this week in spite of the wonderful explosion of colour and growth in the fields and gardens. It was good to hear in Stephen's report at the Church AGM on Monday that he feels that there is growth and commitment in the life of All Saints too. (I must say, though, that the turnout in numbers at that meeting was disappointing this year. Where were you all?) Don't forget to pick up a copy of the annual report, if you were unable to attend, to keep in touch with the full range of activities and social and financial life at All Saints. So many people do so much behind the scenes to keep a vibrant and living church open everyday on our High Street. We offer a big thankyou to them all in support of our growing family.

We look forward now to all the summer activities, especial the Arts Festival at the end of this month, which is a new venture for us. This will finish with a Festival Songs of Praise on the Sunday evening at 6.30pm. Keep your eyes on the notice boards!

As we move on into summer, I hope you all are able to have a chance for some quiet time to yourselves away on holiday or with family and friends. The Ladies Group are going to North Wales with Men to Sing in July and we have just one twin room left on this coach trip to Bodelwyddan to a Warner's Hotel. We would love to fill it if you care to join us! Details from Betty Smith or me.

Later, in September we (Barry, Linda, Peter and I ) are going to China which will be very exciting.

So now we hope all those end of year exams for all the young people we know will produce the results that will further their future studies. Then have a good break!

God bless you all,

Vivien, Deputy Churchwarden.

#### Say Yes

We accompanied our son and his fiancée when they met with the priest to sign some pre-wedding ceremony papers. While filling out the form, our son read aloud a few questions. When he got to the last one, which read 'Are you entering this marriage at your own will?' he looked over at his fiancée.

'Put down "yes," she said.



# LETTER FROM YORKSHIRE

#### Dear Church Family,

I know it is a bit of a waste of time to moan about the weather, but don't you think that winter has lingered on a long time this year? This morning looks promising though and I can tell you we had the experience of walking right into a poem recently – yes I did say 'poem'. All the grass verges, and some roundabouts and triangles are covered with daffodils here, not just the odd one or two either, but thousands of them! I thought I must be in William Wordsworth's daffodil poem, though I wasn't lonely at the time! but his sentiments fitted me perfectly, and not only that, there are a lot of primrose type flowers as well, I suppose they are primulas all different colours, on a roundabout in town. They give the most beautiful 'wake up it's Spring' feeling you could wish for. It is a lovely world we are privileged to live in.

I do think though that humanity must seriously look at the Planets well-being, and very soon, especially the damage of plastic in the sea. I'm reminded that it says in the Bible that when God first made the world 'it was good,' in fact' very good,' but I have also wondered if the story of the garden of Eden is a parable of the demise of the world, through the foolishness of human kind. What do you think Vicar.?

To change the subject, I send my grateful thanks to those of you who remembered the sixty first anniversary of my twenty ninth birthday! it was a great day thank you so much.

So now cheer up! don't forget Summer is just around the corner! Until next time,
Love and blessings,

Avril.

PS. Couldn't resist this.

For oft, when on my couch I lie, In vacant or in pensive mood, They flash upon that inward eye Which is the bliss of solitude; And then my heart with pleasure fills, -And dances with the daffodils.

William Wordsworth.1770-1850.



# St George's Day Parade.

On Sunday the 22<sup>nd</sup> April 1<sup>st</sup> Maldon All Saints Scout Group held their annual St George's Day Parade.

Parading down from London Road to All Saints for the service, at which we all re affirmed our promises and several young people received their Chief Scots Awards ranging from Bronze, Silver, Gold, Platinum, and Diamond, these were presented by the District Commissioner, Derek Joyce. At the conclusion of the parade the salute was taken by the District Commission and the Maldon Town Mayor. Over 180 people attended the service and the collection for the RNIL Burnham on Crouch Branch raised £189.62.

A good parade and many thanks to all who made this event memorable to all.

Cliff Hunter Group Scout Leader









Scouts receiving their Chief Scout Awards from the District Commissioner.
Photos by Mike Ovenden



#### 'He gave us eyes to see them' -Tiepolo's Trinity altarpiece



On Sunday 27th May we shall be praising God as the Holy Trinity: three in one and one in three. Preachers will be pointing perhaps to the tree with its root, trunk and branches or to a human being with will, heart and mind. Or to symbols of the Trinity with the triangle or three interwoven circles. They are all images inviting us to ponder our world and be led from here to God: words and signs that take us into the mystery of God's glory and being.

That was the experience of an early pope, St Clement, when he was at prayer. He was granted a vision of the Trinity which is the theme of this sketch of 1735 by Tiepolo – a painting for an altarpiece commissioned by the Archbishop of Cologne. In true Italian rococo style, it is full of vitality and life and colour. But at heart it is the scene of one man kneeling in prayer. He holds no signs of his papal authority for the cherub has charge of his three-barred crozier. It is a moment in worship: by the cherub, the incense is burning on a step. And above the steps, to St Clement's amazement, the altar has burst into life. We see the risen Christ holding His cross, the dove hovering and ready to alight, and above, God the Father, leaning down to the saint. Clouds and angels surround the scene like the shekinah, the glory of God that shone out in the Temple and on the mount of Transfiguration.

The vision brings to life the signs of the Trinity we see in churches on altar frontals and in stained glass. It calls us with St Clement not just to ponder, but to offer to God the Holy Trinity our wills in service and our hearts in love. The well-known prayer of St Richard of Chichester expresses those three hopes: to know God more clearly, to love Him more dearly and to follow Him more nearly, not only on Trinity Sunday but day by day.

By Rev Michael Burgess , taken from the Parish Pump website



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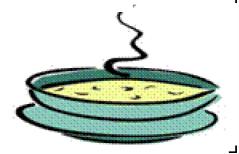
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#### **SERVICES FOR MAY**

1st May Tuesday, St Philip and St James

10:00 am holy Communion at St Mary's

3rd May Thursday

11:00 am Holy Communion (BCP 1662)

6th May Rogation Sunday, 6th Sunday of Easter

8:00 am Holy Communion (BCP 1662)

10:00 am Worship for All (Canon Graham and Adrienne)

11:15 am The Eucharist (Said)

6:30 pm Evensong and Sermon in All Saints'

8th May Tuesday

7:00 pm Holy Communion

10th May Thursday Ascension Day

8:30 am Hymn Singing from the Roof of the Moot Hall

11:00 am Holy Communion (BCP 1662)

7:30 pm Sung Eucharist

13th May Sunday After Ascension

8:00 am Holy Communion (BCP 1662) 10:00 am Parish Eucharist and Junior Church 6:00 pm Christian Aid Service in St Mary's

14th May Monday St Matthias the Apostle

11:00 am Holy Communion at Hailey House

6:00 pm Holy Communion

16th May Wednesday

11:00 am Holy Communion at Longfield

17th May Thursday:

11:00 am Holy Communion (BCP 1662)

20th May Pentecost

8:00 am Holy Communion (BCP 1662)

10:00 am Parish Eucharist, Holy Baptism and Junior Church

6:30 pm Pentecost Prayer and Praise

24th May Thursday

11:00 am Holy Communion (BCP 1662)

27th May Trinity Sunday

8:00 am Holy Communion (BCP 1662) 10:00 am Parish Eucharist and Junior Church

12 noon Holy Baptism

6:30 pm Community Songs of Praise

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MAY

25 FRIDAY

# JAMES RUSSELL

# Edward Bawden: Artist and Adventurer

James Russell wrote; In a long and illustrious career Edward Bawden (1903-89) achieved renown as a painter, designer, illustrator and teacher, yet he remains an elusive figure. Today he is remembered for his spectacular lino cuts and humorous illustrations, yet he was once feted as



an innovative modern painter. During the 1930s he barely left his home in Gt Bardfield, Essex, but in 1940 embarked on a remarkable career as a war artist, travelling solo around the Middle East. Post-war he made prints on an epic scale while illustrating numerous books with his habitual skill and humour, and today he is seen as a key 20th century figure. As curator of a forthcoming Bawden exhibition (summer 2018), I draw on in-depth research, archive material and more.





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MAY

27 SUNDAY

# COMMUNITY SONGS OF PRAISE

Te Deum C V Stanford

'Rejoice in the Lord' Purcell



'Jupiter' **Gustav Holst** 

**Festival** Contributors Chosen Hymns

Featuring Dr. Stuart Pegler, Director of Music, who has been at All Saints' for 11 years. Over a lifetime in Church music, Stuart has been organist, Cathedral Singer, and/or Director at places as diverse as Rumney and Penarth (Cardiff), Armley (Leeds), St. Thomas' Newcastle-upon-Tyne, St Giles' Packwood and Dorridge (Solihull), and has also accompanied services in many major cathedrals (Durham, Worcester, Peterborough, Southwell, Birmingham). He has made a point of playing some of Europe's most distinguished organs (including Amsterdam, Gouda, and Hamburg.) He has given recitals in South Wales, Newcastle and Birmingham, and also at Frankfurt and Rudesheim in Germany, as well as here at All Saints'. He rates the All Saints' Gray organ as outstandingly beautiful and the best in the area.

Retiring collection

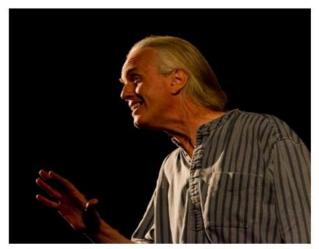
Refreshments

6.30pm

28 MONDAY

# **HUGH LUPTON**

# The Mabinogion: Welsh Legends Retold



# An entertaining evening with this acclaimed story~teller for adults (12+)

Hugh Lupton is an internationally renowned story teller and novelist, whose Welsh heritage has led him to becoming an authority on these stories. Hugh will be telling the story of Pryderi, the only character to feature in all four branches of the Mabinogi as well as talking about his new book and the history of these ancient tales.



#### **DIARY FOR May**

Tues 1st May 10 - 12 noon Meeting Point

10-00 am Prayer Group

8:00 pm Mother's Union

Wed 2nd May 12 noon - 1:30 pm All Saints' Lunches

7:00 pm Parish Office

Thu 3rd May 9:15 am Sunshiners

2-4 pm Maldon Ladies7:00 pm Junior Choir7-30 pm Choir Practice

Sat 5th May 6:00 pm Beetle Drive

Tues 8th May 10 - 12 noon Meeting Point

7:30 PCC Meeting

Thu 10th May 9:15 am Sunshiners

2-4 pm Maldon Ladies

Sat 12th May 10 am - noon Church Coffee Morning

2:00 pm messy Church

Mon 14th May 9:00 am Men's Breakfast (Rose and Crown)

10 am to 12 noon Maldon Pioneers Drop In

Tue 15th May 10 am - 12 noon Meeting Point

7:30 pm CTiM in D'Arcy Room

Wed 16th May 7:00 pm Parish Office Thu 17th May 9:15 am Sunshiners

2-4 pm Maldon Ladies 5:30 pm Beavers in Church

7:00 pm Junior Choir Practice

7-30 pm Choir Practice

Fri 18th May 2:00 pm Wedding of Jake Rivers and Alice Walder

Tues 22nd May 10 - 12 noon Meeting Point

Thu 24th May 9-15 am Sunshiners

2-4 pm Maldon Ladies visit Perrywood Garden Centre

Fri 25th May 10:30 am to 4:30 pm Arts Festival in Church

7:30 pm Talk by James Russell

Sat 26th May

10:30 am to 4:30 pm Arts Festival in Church

1:00 pm to 4:30 pm Arts Festival in Church

1:00 pm to 4:30 pm Arts Festival in Church

10:30 am to 4:30 pm Arts Festival in Church

7:30 "The Mabinogion" with Hugh Lupton

10:30 am to 4:30 pm Arts Festival in Church

Thur 31st May 2-4 pm Maldon Ladies

Tues 29th May

7-30 pm Choir Practice



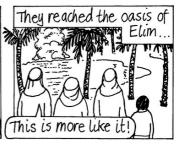
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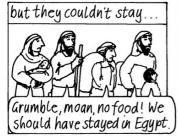
#### A short story from the Bible

God had rescued the Hebrews from Egypt, and was leading them to their new land. But after 3 days....

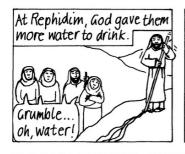














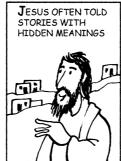






The parable of the FIG TREE

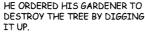


















THE GARDENER PROMISED HE WOULD LOOK AFTER THE TREE TO THE BEST OF HIS ABILITIES...







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#### RAMBLING GROUP

#### (Ten to Ten) Saturday Walk April 14th

The walk on Saturday 14th April was well attended with 10 people doing the complete walk and one of our members meeting us for lunch and walking the second part.

We were lucky to have such a lovely day which we started in school lane Great Totham then on through the church grounds, where we saw an amazing amount of primroses and the new Church door which is very impressive.

After walking through fields we came to the golf course, and followed a footpath through the golf course, which was quite busy, watching out for golf balls !!!!

We had some lovely views across the Blackwater estuary, it was at this point that we heard a noise and then noticed a Gyrocopter coming our way and landing in the field a few yards away from us.

The next area of interest was Shut Heath wood, the path alongside the field to get to the wood was very muddy, but well worth the effort, sadly we were too early for the mass of bluebells, but did see primroses and a lot of wood anemones, also a lot of rather large ants.

By this time we were all ready for lunch, which was in the Green Man at Braxted where the food was very good, after lunch we set off again over fields and back to our cars. the walk was approximately 5.5 miles.

Our next walk will be in Hatfield Peverel on May12th anyone wishing to join us would be most welcome, contact number 01621 927597

#### Got it all already

'I cannot understand you,' said the young man to his unmarried aunt. 'You seem so happy and contented. I've always thought that unmarried women are lonely and miserable and just longing for the presence of a man about the place.'

'Well,' his aunt responded, smiling, 'I've got a fireplace that smokes, a parrot that swears, a cat that stays out half the night with no explanation, and a dog that leaves muddy footprints all over the house and lies on the couch in front of the telly for hours. What more do I want?'





# CHRISTIAN AID WEEK 13TH -19TH MAY

This year's Christian Aid Week (13-19 May www.caweek.org), the organisation is highlighting the plight of the millions of people

displaced around the world, but who remain within their own countries.

Today, more than 40 million people are internally displaced by conflict, accounting for approximately two thirds of those who find themselves forced from their homes. A further 24 million were displaced by disasters in 2016 alone. Yet, because they haven't crossed a border, the general public rarely hear about them.

Despite the huge number of people affected, situations of internal displacement receive almost no political attention, funding or support.

In Haiti, thousands of people regularly experience some of the worst natural disasters on earth. The country is one of the poorest in the world, and a high number of its inhabitants live in precarious houses or have been uprooted from their homes entirely, making them especially vulnerable when another disaster strikes. More than seven years on from the devastating earthquake in Port-au-Prince in 2010, an estimated 38,000 people are still displaced.

In November 2016, Hurricane Matthew wreaked yet more havoc across the southern coast of the country, killing 546 people and destroying homes, businesses and infrastructure. Up to 90% of some areas were destroyed.

Vilia was left homeless by the earthquake in 2010 and her mother was killed. Bereaved and homeless, for Vilia, her husband and their seven children, life became a struggle. They didn't even have a safe place to sleep.

Christian Aid's local partner, KORAL, helps local people prepare for disasters. In the aftermath of the earthquake, it reached out to Vilia and built her and her family a new home, that was safe, stable and strong enough to stand up to natural disasters.

Ahead of Hurricane Matthew, KORAL was able to warn local communities, helping to evacuate around 5,000 families and saving many lives. In the immediate aftermath Christian Aid and KORAL distributed urgently-needed shelter materials, hygiene products such as soap, food seeds and cash, so people could buy other items that they really needed. Disaster-resistant homes were built, giving people safe, secure places to live. Of the dozens built before the hurricane hit, only one lost its roof in the disaster, and Vilia's home was able to shelter 54 people over several days following the hurricane.

Amanda Khozi Mukwashi, Chief Executive of Christian Aid, said:

"Together, we are united in our belief that the world can and must be changed. We are each called to love our neighbours, like Vilia, wildly, wholeheartedly and sacrificially.



"Internally displaced people are rarely at the forefront of the news. At Christian Aid we believe that everyone counts, and we will continue to fight alongside them for justice.

"So, this Christian Aid Week, please stand together with displaced people, like Vilia, and help them weather the storms."

Christian Aid Week unites thousands of churches every year to raise money to support our global neighbours in need, who are often suffering through no fault of their own. Just £25 could buy a hygiene kit to prevent disease after a disaster; £5 could buy a jar of seeds so someone like Vilia can grow beans to feed her family; and £210 could pay to train a local builder in Haiti to build safe, secure hurricane-resistant homes.

Christian Aid is asking its supporters to ask their MPs to stand up for the millions of people worldwide who've been forced to flee their homes

This Christian Aid Week, people can help to change the lives of people displaced due to disasters or conflict by donating online at www.caweek.org calling 08080 006 006, or texting 'GIVE' to 70040 to give £5.\*

Taken from the Christian Aid website.

#### Book Reviews

#### Vibrant Christianity in Multifaith Britain

By Andrew Smith, BRF, £7.99

Andrew Smith tackles the big questions about interfaith relations in contemporary Britain.

Drawing on wide-ranging personal experience, deep friendships and extensive biblical reflection, he comes to challenging conclusions about the way all Christians are called to relate to their neighbours of other faiths.

He mines the teaching and example of Jesus and finds no conflict between loving our neighbours of all faiths as ourselves, and loving God with all our strength, mind and heart.

Exploring the meaning of dialogue, witness and evangelism, Smith is forthright about ulterior motives and the need for transparency. 'It's really important that we hear this news that our calling is to love our neighbour and then to serve them unconditionally as an end in itself... What people make of our serving is between them and God,' he argues, and then adds a further challenge: 'Before we can critique or reflect on other cultures... we need to be ready and willing to do the same with our own, which is a much more difficult task.'

Taken from the Parish pump website



## EDWARD RUSSELL HORWOOD VICAR OF ALL SAINTS. 1850 - 1901

It was a rather unusual request: Would I visit a graveyard? There was more to it of course and the request was from my friend Molly Polden. Molly explained to me why she wanted me to visit a graveyard and it was for quite an interesting reason.

Some years ago, Molly had seen in the Maldon and Burnham Standard a letter from someone in Australia who had written to ask if anyone here had any information on a past relative who, they believed, had once been the Vicar of All Saints church in Maldon. Our late good friend John Clifford had obligingly delved into the history of the subject of interest, Edward Russell Horwood, who had indeed been vicar of our church from 1850 until his death in 1901 by which time he was aged eighty. John Clifford engaged in e-mail correspondence with the Australian enquirers and was able to send them lots of information about Vicar Horwood and his family and also that of his wife and her family. The reason for Molly's interest now was that recently some gravestones have been uncovered at Maldon cemetery and one of them is that of Vicar Horwood. Parts of the graveyard have been overgrown for many years now and trees and bushes had covered the graves. They have recently been cleared by young people carrying out community service and quite a few graves that have not been seen for a long time are now uncovered. Molly required help due to the poor condition of Vicar Horwood's gravestone making the inscription hard to decipher.

One morning Joan and I visited the cemetery and soon found the gravestone. With some help from a neighbour, Paul Nunn, who lives adjacent to the cemetery and kindly loaned us some brushes, we brushed the headstone free of most of the mould and vegetation and could make out the following words.

IN SACRED MEMORY OF
EDWARD RUSSELL HORWOOD
VICAR OF ALL SAINTS WITH ST. PETER, MALDON
FOR MORE THAN 50 YEARS
DIED JUNE 30th 1901 AGED 80
AND ALSO OF
EDWARD DUDLEY SPRY

From John Clifford's research I found that Edward Dudley Spry (Horwood) referred to the one year old son of Vicar Horwood and that he had died in 1860. Edward Horwood was the longest serving vicar of All Saints for the last 600 years. There is another vicar said to have served longer even further back in time, but it is not possible to validate this.

This picture of Edward Russell Horwood is taken from one hanging in the



church and there is also another picture of the vicar with his family standing in



front of the vicarage, but the detail in this is too small to be transferred. The East window in the church was dedicated to Vicar Horwood. in loving memory, by the parishioners when it was installed. Edward Russell Horwood obtained the incumbency of All Saints by way of an 'advowson' purchased by his wealthy father, Edward Horwood, An 'advowson' was similar to that of the old tradition of purchasing a commission in the army and cost the father the sum of £3,965 which, in money of today, would have to be multiplied about one hundred times and could only be obtained if the Bishop was agreeable. The Bishop obviously was in this case and made a good decision as it seems that vicar Horwood was an outstanding man.

From the research carried out by John, it seems that Vicar Horwood was involved in many

local committees and associations and played a full part in what happened in Maldon. He was a founder president of Maldon golf club, and a president of Maldon rowing, cricket and tennis clubs. He was also a JP, a school manager, a member of the Maldon Board of Guardians, a Governor of the grammar school, a librarian of the Plume library as well as being an all-round sportsman and a member of the local Hunt and was a prominent Freemason. All this and he still had time to be the Vicar! He was appointed to the living at the age of 29, having been educated at Oxford where he gained an MA in 1846. He married Caroline Elizabeth Hooper in 1853.

John Clifford, with help and assistance from the Plume Library also found some of the sermons preached by Vicar Horwood and I quote part of one here exactly as John wrote it down: 'On Sunday 22nd October 1865 in a sermon devoted almost entirely to the death of Lord Palmerston, the vicar said "Our country is in possession of wealth and prosperity unprecedented in her annals; she is at peace with the world and, what is a singular co-incidence with the death of our great statesman, all the nations of the earth are at peace with one another" John's comment was 'wouldn't it be nice if we could say that now. Poor Edward must be turning in his grave'. I echo John's thoughts today.

The above is just a sample of the life of Vicar Edward Horwood, and I am extremely grateful to have used John Clifford's research to write the article. John in his lifetime was a great servant of All Saints, and even now he is still contributing. There is much more to read which I have if anyone would like to see it.

Ken Downham



Continuing our correspondence between Eustace, rector of St James the Least, and his nephew.... Taken from the Parish Pump website.



# On church towers, rock cakes, scaffolding and the merits of confirming bats

The Rectory St. James the Least

My dear Nephew Darren

We are finally about to start repairing our medieval church tower. Would that we still paid medieval prices for having it done; there would be a degree of satisfaction in giving the builders a hogshead of ale and 10 sheep once the work was completed. I would even be prepared to throw in an Indulgence, sparing them 100 days in purgatory (the architect probably claiming 15% of them for himself).

After several endless jumble sales, coffee mornings — where we were obliged to eat Mrs Jarvis's rock cakes (many of us would have been happier to make a substantial donation to the fund provided we didn't have to eat them) — sponsored events (Mr Peat has yet to return, five years late, from his sponsored cycle ride across the Sahara — but fortunately, we had his sponsor money collected before he departed) and a substantial loan from the bank that makes the National Debt seem trivial (and has the same probability of being repaid), we are now able to begin. The only sponsored event I regretted not having was paying to have Lady Trotter remain silent for a month. Even sponsoring her to keep quiet for half an hour would have been pleasant.

We received a substantial donation from a local manufacturer. It was suggested that as a sign of appreciation we advertise their products from the top of the tower – until it was gently pointed out that they produce nuclear warheads. I would have had no objection; knowing that council members possessed tactical nuclear weapons would make discussion at meetings rather brisker.

Scaffolding has now been erected around the tower, with the first 20 feet covered in sheet metal in order to stop the Young Farmers, after refreshing themselves at their Tuesday meetings in the pub, from trying to see who could be the first to reach the top. Personally, I suspect it is to stop the more athletic members of the Ladies' Guild from attempting the same feat. 80-year-olds these days can have fearsome energy and determination.

Fulfilling current safety regulations, there is now a security cordon around the tower of approximately 10 square miles. "Lest at any time thou dash thy



foot against a stone"? These days, a dashed foot would involve court proceedings and damages of several million pounds.

Inside the church, the organ has had to be covered in polythene sheeting in order to protect it. Parish relations were somewhat strained last week when our deputy organist, Mrs Ffrench, while playing for Evensong, overheard me refer to the large bag on the organ and got quite the wrong impression.

The greatest inconvenience will be caused to our population of bats, but if it dissuades them from flying into church so much the better. The only other possibility is to get them all confirmed; we will then never see them inside church again.

Your loving uncle,

Eustace



We ran our April Messy Church on the story of Joseph and his Colourful coat. 18 children attended with Parents/Carers and shared in the range of activities. They made coats of many colours to wear, colouring, a model of Joseph down in the pit, and we mustn't forget the wonderful cakes of many colours.

Thank you to Rev. Julie for our worship time and to all the helpers for their time.

I do urge members of the church family to pop in and see what we are about and to ask that anyone who would like to help occasionally, please speak to *Elaine Brown*.

#### **SATURDAY COFFEE MORNINGS**

The Coffee mornings held on a Saturday each month, in All Saints will at present be held only on the second Saturday of each month, between 10am and 12.

Do find time to come along and meet up with other members of our 'Church Family' and welcome any visitors, who may pop in for coffee.

If anyone is able to help or offer a cake, please speak to *Elaine or Jean*. Thank You.



#### Persecution of Christians in Pakistan.

Pakistan is apparently the second most dangerous country in the world to be a Christian. They face violence at the hands of extremists, discrimination in work and at school, and live with the everpresent threat of "blasphemy" allegations, which have led to Christian communities being ransacked.

On Sunday 17th December 2017 two terrorists attacked the morning service at a Methodist church in Quetta killing nine Christians and injuring more than 50.

Asia Bibi is on death row convicted under "blasphemy" laws accused of insulting Muhammad. The Chief Justice of Pakistan's Supreme Court has just announced that the Court will soon hear Asia Bibi's appeal.

The clock in All Saints church in Peshawar stopped and remains stopped at the time of a bomb blast that claimed the lives of 127 Christians. That was in 2013.

Seventeen year old Christian boy, Sharon, was beaten to death outside the school office after getting into an argument with a Muslim classmate on 30th August 2017 while other students and teachers watched.

In December 2017 a six year old Christian girl was shot and killed when a mob attacked the home of a Christian family.

I could list many more cases, but you've possibly heard enough by now. However closer to home were the "grooming" gangs in and around Rotherham. Pakistanis? More than 1,500 potential victims and 110 suspects have so far been identified. And now the Police need at least 100 more officers to assist with their enquiries. For readers' information Christianity reached Pakistan in the first century and there was a Christian presence in the third century. Then the Christian presence was obliterated in the 11th century following the invasion of Islam.

All very worrying and there are lessons to be learnt by our politicians and others.

Geoff Dickman

This article has been based on reports published in the BarnabusAid Magazine, which is available on the stand at the rear of the church, if you wish to read more on this subject. Ed.



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SATURDAY 9<sup>TH</sup> JUNE 2018 AT 7.30PM

Wendy Watkins &
Mary McCarthy [sopranos]
Catherine Wood [Alto]
with members of the
Colchester Bach Orchestra
Conductor: - Patrick McCarthy



Singers are invited to join Witham Choral in Vivaldi's Gloria

Rehearsal details and tickets from 01245 380958

Audience & Guest Singers' tickets £10 (£5 full-time education)

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#### Witham Choral Press Release

#### Singers invited to sing Vivaldi's Gloria

Witham Choral will be presenting a concert on 9 June 2018 at Witham United Reformed Church at 7.30 p.m. singers are invited to join the choir to sing a well-known favourite choral work: Vivaldi's Gloria. Visiting singers can either attend the weekly rehearsals or the afternoon rehearsal on the day – or both!

"Also on the programme will be Handel's wonderful Coronation Anthems: everyone knows Zadok the Priest but the others are splendid too." Musical Director Patrick McCarthy told us, and added "it will be an uplifting and joyful performance."

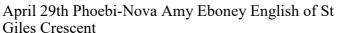
Accompanying the choir will be members of the Colchester Bach Orchestra who will also provide instrumental pieces from the 18<sup>th</sup> century.

Witham Choral rehearsals are from 7.45 to 9.45 p.m. at Witham United Reformed Church on Tuesdays from 17 April.

Tickets for the audience will be £10 (£5 for those in full-time education). They are available from choir members, from 01245 380958 and also from Witham Tourist Information Centre in the Town Hall on 01376 520627. www.withamchoralsociety.org.uk

#### FROM THE REGISTERS

#### **BAPTISM**





Lily-May Dahlia English-Newland of Creasen Butt Close

#### **FUNERALS**

April 6th Keith Ashby aged 80 of Beeches Road Heybridge April 20th Richard John Edgar Spooner aged 71 of Essex Road

N.B.

## COPY DEADLINE FOR MAY MAGAZINE 20th May



## Prayer Diary MAY 2018

1 St Philip and St James 2 3 4 5	The outreach of St James, Piccadilly Christian Members of Parliament Leaders of Political Parties Our newly elected Officers and PCC Members Churches currently in interregnum
6 6th Sunday of Easter	Our Ministry Team
7	Those who work on the land
8	Arable and Dairy Farmers
9	Those worried about debt
10 Ascension Day	Bishop of Bradwell elect: John Perumbalath.
11	Families preparing for Baptism
12	Those who lead and attend 'Messy Church' today
13 7th Sunday of Easter	Christian Aid Week commences: Christian Aid
14 St Matthias	Churches dedicated to St Matthias
15	Students working on their GCSE subjects
16	All University students
17	Othona Community
18	The Church Army
19	The Christian Church throughout the world
20 Pentecost	Bradwell Episcopal Area
21	Those involved in the media
22	The work of Farleigh Hospice
23	Those who preach God's word in hostile
	circumstances
24	Hymn and Religious Song Writers
25	Those living with chronic pain
26	Mothers with new-born babies
27 Trinity Sunday	Teachers of God's word
28	All visitors to our town
29	The work of The Salvation Army
30	Followers of other Faiths
31 Corpus Christi	Eucharistic Ministers



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Junior Church	Elaine Brown	01621 853238
Freedom Footsteps	Sue Carter	
Sunshiners (Pre School Group	Gill Nelson	01621 852119
Thursdays 9:15 am)		
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	Dennis Johnson	01621 842410
Handbell Ringers	Susan Duke	01621 851623
Flower Group	Betty Smith	01621 854143
Bible Society	Joan Downham	01621854655
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Childrens Society	Elaine Brown	01621 853238
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Explorer Scouts (14-18yrs)		
Meeting Point	Barbara Gale	01621 928538
Maldon Pioneers	Mike Frederick	01621 840951
Maldon Ladies Group	Vivien Clark	01621 740374
Ramblers Club		
Praver Group		

If you require information regarding Rainbows, Brownies, Guides or Senior Section please visit www.girlguiding.org.uk/interested or call 0800 169 5901.

#### **PARISH OFFICE**

Requests for Baptisms and Marriages should be made at the Parish Office situated in the Church - entrance via the main entrance door from the High Street - on 1st and 3rd Wed of the month between 7:00 and 8:00 pm

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