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PARISH NEWS

Sept. 2018

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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
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

JUNIOR CHURCH

Each Sunday at 10:00am.in the D'Arcy Room in Church
4th Sunday Freedom Footsteps in the Vicarage

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. Men's breakfast - still going strong.
2. Canon Graham and his wife Liz marking their Ruby Wedding Anniversary
(Photo by Mike O.)

Holy Communion will be taken to the sick and housebound on request.

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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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Thanks to Our Sponsor

This month we are grateful to Ken and Jean Russell for sponsoring the magazine to celebrate their 60 years of married life together.



“We are sponsoring this month’s Parish News to celebrate 60 years of marriage. Our wedding took place in All Saints Church on 6th September 1958. Jean's links with All Saints started in her childhood and after our marriage we both became more and more involved with church life. Over the years Jean has been Enrolling member of the Mothers Union, then both of us have been on the P.C.C and various church committees. This involvement continued with both of us serving as Churchwardens as well as Ken continuing to be Verger. Both our children Julia and Andrea were baptised and married at All Saints’ and all our grandchildren and our great grand-daughter have also been baptised here. We have made many special friends over the years and All Saints will always be a very important part of our lives.” *Ken and Jean*



FROM THE VICARAGE

BEING PREPARED

Just before he died, Spike Milligan's family broached with him the question of his wishes for his funeral. This is something they had never discussed before. "Do you want to be buried or cremated?" they asked him. He



thought for a moment, and then responded "Surprise me!"

The Milligan family were not unusual in never having discussed funeral arrangements. In my ministry, when I help families to prepare for funerals, one often hears that the deceased had never expressed any wishes. This can cause additional stress for the bereaved. Along with having to cope with their loss, they have the burden of anxiety about making appropriate decisions. This can sometimes cause conflict among those left behind, when members of the family have very different ideas of what should happen.

According to research carried out by the Citizens Advice Bureau, 60% of adults in the United Kingdom (31 million people) have not made a will. This means that not only are funeral arrangements unclear, but often there can be uncertainty and complications in the disposal of money and property.

Many of us are reluctant to discuss our death with our nearest and dearest. We live in a culture which prefers to deny the fact of death. It is not a comfortable subject; and something most of us prefer to put to the back of our minds. Any preacher who has tackled the subject of death from the pulpit will know that it can produce a strong reaction. But I think it is important to face up to the inevitable, not to constantly dwell on it, but to make sure our affairs are in order.

For those of us who are Christians, it is also important to make sure our families know that we want a Christian funeral. Over the last couple of years, I have attended two non-religious funerals at the crematorium taken by "celebrants" for members of our congregation. Both these people were regular communicants. They had either not asked their families to ensure they had a Christian funeral; or possibly the families had been influenced by their own preferences rather than those of the deceased. But I was rather sad that I was not able to give them the rites and prayers of the Church.

Of course there are those who simply take the view that "It won't be my problem!" For those for whom it is important, it is possible to make arrangements with funeral directors, to ensure you have the sort of funeral you want. It is also good to have something in writing, and wishes can also be expressed in your will.

Dying and death are still taboo subjects. But talking about it with loved ones can give peace of mind for living. It also ensures that when the time comes, we have done all we can to help our families be prepared to make all the practical arrangements.

Stephen



Prayer Diary September 2018

- 1 All who work on the land
- 2 14th Sunday after Trinity Our Ministry Team
- 3 The Prayer Group
- 4 Students returning to school
- 5 Students starting a new school
- 6 South American Missionary Society
- 7 Those attending and leading Messy Church tomorrow
- 8 Birth of the Blessed Virgin Mary
 - Maldon Ladies Group
- 9 15th Sunday After Trinity Members of our Junior Church
- 10 All who work in education
- 11 All Christian Teachers
- 12 The Mothers' Union
- 13 All who are unemployed
- 14 Holy Cross Day The Mission and Outreach of our Church
- 15 Pray for and end to Racism
- 16 16th Sunday after Trinity Pray for peace throughout the world
- 17 Our Tower Bell Ringers
- 18 Students preparing for College
- 19 Our Uniformed Groups
- 20 The Handbell Ringers
- 21 St Matthew Churches dedicated to St Matthew
- 22 The work of the Friends of Essex Churches
- 23 17th Sunday after Trinity Those who have lost their faith
- 24 Residents of Care Homes in our Town
- 25 Our Flower Group
- 26 The Church Army
- 27 Maldon Town and District Council Staff
- 28 Members of the Fire Service
- 29 St Michael and All Angels The congregation at Woodham Walter
- 30 18th Sunday after Trinity People in the world who are starving



Dates for the Diary

- 6th Oct 6:30 Harvest Supper
- 7th Oct Harvest Festival
- 12th Oct 7:30 Organ Recital by Richard Barnes
- 4th Nov ALL SAINTS' SUNDAY Patronal Festival
4:00 pm Annual Memorial Service
- 11th Nov Remembrance Sunday
- 2nd Dec 4:00 pm Advent Service "From Darkness to Light"
- 7th to 9th Dec, Christmas Tree Festival in All Saints
- 9th Dec 3:00 pm Christingle Service
- 10th Dec 7:00 pm "Light up a Life" for the Hospice
- 16th Dec 5:00pm Town Carol Service in the URC
- 23rd Dec 6:30 pm Nine Lessons and Carols

FROM THE REGISTERS



HOLY BAPTISM

- August 12th **Thomas Bryan Crouchman** and
Lois Elizabeth Crouchman of Mayflower Drive
- August 19th **Isobel Josephine Fielding** of Ridgeway
- August 26th **Grace Lillian Outlaw** of Station Road

MARRIAGE

- August 24th **James Matthew George McFedries** with
Molly Geraldine Pellicci
- August 25th **Oliver James Smith** with **Faith Harriet Rogers**

FUNERALS

- August 17th **Violet Rose Stares** aged 79 of Gate St Mews
- August 20th **Anne Patricia Bell** aged 92 of Dorset Rd
- August 21st **Regenda (Peggy) Wright** aged 99 of Belvedere Place



THE REVEREND PENNY SAYER

As you know, Penny, our associate priest and area "Turnabout minister" has been appointed Archdeacon of Sherborne in the Diocese of Salisbury. She will be installed in Sherborne Abbey on Sunday November 25th at 5.00pm, and Stephen and Sue along with some of the congregation from the Woodhams will be attending the service. Penny's last Sunday in St Margaret's and St Michael's will be on the 21st October. But we will have the opportunity to say farewell to Penny when she presides and preaches at the Eucharist at All Saints on October 14th

Stephen

EXPLORERS COURSE.

This is a five week course which has been planned by the Mission Committee as an enquirers course, for those new to the Christian faith, or those who are currently not members of a church. If you have a member of the family or friend who is interested, please take one of the leaflets from the back of the church and invite them. You might even like to come along with them. The course is being run jointly by our parish and St Mary's and begins on September 17th. Each session will commence with a meal, followed by a talk and then discussion; and will run from 7.00pm-9.00pm.

Stephen

THE GREEN GUIDE

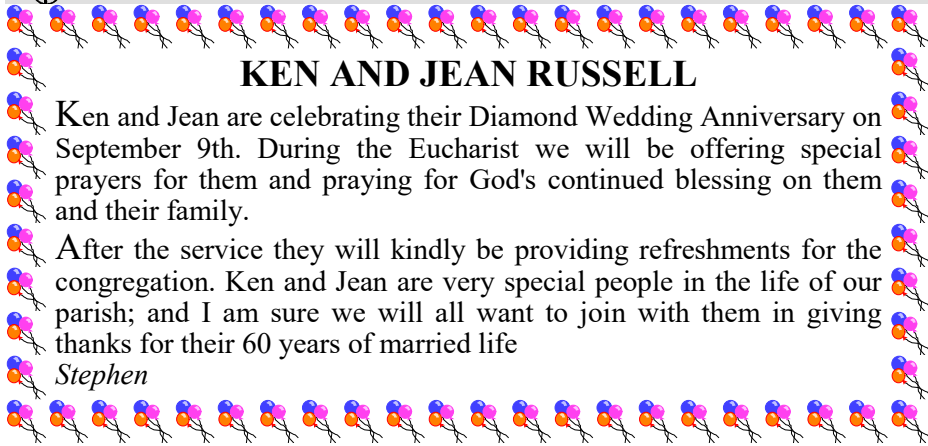
As you know, each quarter the rotas of the parish are co-ordinated and put together in what has become known as the "Green Guide". This is a major task, but ensures that the services run smoothly and everyone knows what they are doing. For some years Adrienne Knight has produced the Green Guide, which Ken has then printed off. Due to other commitments Adrienne has had to step down from this: but I would like to express our thanks to her for doing this so faithfully and efficiently for us. I am pleased to say that Mike Gibson has kindly agreed to take over from Adrienne. We are grateful to Mike: and it is now to him that all the information needs to be sent for the various parish rotas.

Stephen

HARVEST FESTIVAL

We shall be keeping Harvest on Sunday October 7th. There will be Harvest Worship for All and Church Parade at 10.00am, said Eucharist at 11.15am and Harvest Songs of Praise at 6.30pm. As last year, you are invited to bring either gifts of money for Water Aid, or food to be given to the Maldon Food Pantry.

Stephen



KEN AND JEAN RUSSELL

Ken and Jean are celebrating their Diamond Wedding Anniversary on September 9th. During the Eucharist we will be offering special prayers for them and praying for God's continued blessing on them and their family.

After the service they will kindly be providing refreshments for the congregation. Ken and Jean are very special people in the life of our parish; and I am sure we will all want to join with them in giving thanks for their 60 years of married life

Stephen



ORGAN RECITAL FRIDAY OCTOBER 12th

7.30PM

IN ALL SAINTS CHURCH



Richard Barnes has given a number of Organ Recitals together with Mark Hartt-Palmer and his violin, which we at All Saints have enjoyed very much. They will be giving us another recital on Friday October 12th at 7.30pm. Please make a note of the date and come to enjoy a varied programme of lovely music, plus refreshments, raffle, a glass of wine or juice and good company.

Tickets from Paul and Jackie tel. 858978 or 07773 654108

PRAYERS FOR HEALING

The 11.15am Eucharist on September 2nd will include prayers for healing; and for those who wish, the Laying on of Hands and anointing will be available.

Any prayer requests may be placed in the box by the votive candle stand.

Stephen



ECHOES OF REMEMBRANCE

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7.30_{pm} concert

Sun 7th October

9.45_{am} all age Harvest Thanksgiving Service
church open all day

5_{pm} Harvest Songs of Praise

Mon 8th October

10.30_{am}-5_{pm} church open

Tea, coffee and cake available throughout the festival



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**ALL SAINTS MALDON
MOTHERS' UNION**

Our speaker in August was the Revd Penny Sayer who came to tell us all about her work as a Turnaround Minister. This was really interesting and shed a lot of light for us on her work here. Here is a list of her duties

- ◆ Wander around the patch
- ◆ In depth conversations initially with key people: Incumbent, Churchwardens, LLMs, PCC secretary, treasurer, but also offer to meet those who would like to.
- ◆ Safe space, confidential, truth telling, but not blaming (fine line). I listen, ask questions, correct any misperceptions, try to help people see things from another point of view, healing forgiveness, possibly repentance.
- ◆ Attend (and where helpful lead) worship
- ◆ Read PCC minutes, financial statements, SfM
- ◆ Attend PCC meeting: to introduce herself, work on the positives, accept different points of view.
- ◆ Attend and observe PCC meeting
- ◆ Formulate hypothesis, and way forward.
- ◆ Report if helpful
- ◆ Toolkit, missional church questionnaires, lectio, floated conversation attend, assert, decide, act. Scripture and tradition; Society and culture, experience personal and communal
- ◆ Making things manageable. People to work with.
- ◆ Truth telling, but gently.
- ◆ Work on parish profile: brainstorming, questionnaire, people write about their church, fashion draft, consult widely, agree with PCCs.

This seems a tall order, we were pleased to hear from Penny how she managed to do all these things. Certainly her time with All Saints' has been enormously successful. We have enjoyed her sermons, her leading of worship and her friendship. We shall be sad to see her leave, and wish her well in Sherborne when she takes up her post as Archdeacon.

Our next meeting is on September 4th when we shall hear about the Talking Newspaper. You are more than welcome to join us at 8.00pm in the Darcy Room. A warm welcome, and a cup of tea with biscuits are on offer,

Jackie Barnes



Following a suggestion from the Mission and Education committee to invite someone to talk to us about the St John Hospital in Jerusalem Paul Gwilliams has been invited to address the congregation during the sermon slot at the 10:00 am Eucharist service on Sunday 9th September Paul has written to me giving the following information.



St John of Jerusalem Eye Hospital Group

You will know us as 'St John Ambulance'. You will know us as First Aid providers. You know us as the volunteers who turn up at football matches and organised events to provide first aid cover. In 2017, in England, there were 22,500 such events and 91,000 people were treated. We may have provided first aid training for you in your workplace setting or you may have been one of the 500,000 people who viewed our training videos on YouTube last year. Some of you may be members of St. John volunteering at a Divisional or Essex County level.



Ahmad, a 12-year old Gazan boy, stares at his hands in wonder after removing his eye bandage following a cornea transplant.

What you might not know is that we run a hospital in Jerusalem that maintains the Hospitaller tradition of The Order that is over 900 years old. Jerusalem is where the first hospital of The Order was founded and The Order recognised by Pope Pascal II in 1113. In this country The Order was suppressed in 1540 at the time of the Reformation but revived during the reign of Queen Victoria. In your parish church you have a link with The Order in one of your windows! In the 'modern era' our hospital was established in 1882 and the work continues today. I wish to share with you the work of the hospital today and the vital role it plays in a very challenging environment. This will be the focus of my talk on 9th September. I visited the hospital in May this year.

My name is Paul Gwilliam and I am a 'Friend of the Hospital', I volunteer with St. John at The Order's Museum in Clerkenwell, London. I am Chair to the St. John Historical Society and I am an Esquire to the Prior of England, which means I serve on the ceremonial staff for church events and investitures. My family have been involved with St. John for three generations. I have most recently published a book on the history of The Order in Wales in the modern era. The Hospital is an Eye Hospital, if you have access to the net then this link (<https://www.stjohnseyehospital.org/>) may help you find out more. Why an 'eye' hospital as opposed to a 'general' hospital? Find out on the 9th September. My grateful thanks to Stephen and the parish community of All Saints in giving me the opportunity to share with you this important work.

Regards, Paul.



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What events you can look forward
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CHRISTMAS TREE FESTIVAL.



This year All Saints Church are holding a *Christmas Tree Festival*. . . a new and exciting venture for us. The festival will take place from Friday 7th until Sunday 9th December with a display of Christmas Trees representing organisations within the church and the town.

The Festival will be open on Friday and Saturday between 9am-8pm and from 11am on Sunday culminating with the Christingle Service at 3pm that day.

Admission to the Festival will be free and there will be opportunities for people to vote for their favourite tree by making money donations which will be given to the Children's Society. Letters will be sent out to people asking if they would like to provide and decorate a tree, there will also be the opportunity for individuals to do the same. Look out for further details!

We are kindly asking for sponsorship and there are ways in which you can help; we require sponsorship for an advertising banner to go up outside the church, for 500 battery candles and two four foot artificial trees. Please ask me if you would like more details or wish to help with this.

Let's hope this event will bring us together and help us all to share the joy of Christmas.

Julie Ovenden

“ROLL OVER, BEETHOVEN”

When my father began introducing me as a child to classical music, he would come back from the 2nd-hand record-shop on the other side of Edinburgh clutching a 33-rpm vinyl disc of one of the Beethoven symphonies. It wasn't long before I was singing along to it. Coupled with my single-minded demands for a toy piano (which I quickly smashed in my over-enthusiasm) it became obvious I was going to be, if not a prodigy, at least 'musical'.

The Beethoven symphonies occupy a special place not only in music history, but in many people's experience: they are the *'ipsissima verba'* or *'logos'* of classical music, spanning both Classical and Romantic eras and bridging the gap between Haydn and Schumann.

My reactions to the 9 Symphonies were mixed, partly no doubt because my father was so keen and I wanted to be different. Unfashionably, I was drawn to the brighter even-numbered symphonies, which are all in major keys. I particularly liked No 4 in Bb since it sounded like a dog let loose on a riverbank: and the jokey No 8 has remained a lifelong favourite since I first heard it in my beloved grandmother's flat on her radiogram. (I still remember the dark blue 'Columbia' label with the title on.)

Meanwhile in my childish way I was impressed by 'bits' of the odd-numbered acknowledged masterpieces: though I struggled until my forties to come to terms with the 'Choral' No 9 as I considered the final movement by turns vulgar, unsingable (poor sopranos!), and noisy.

Beethoven is a radical and a one-off: once heard, never forgotten. The sheer passion and velocity of his themes seem to threaten to break apart the social niceties of sonata-form. (The composer was so engrossed in his work he apparently used to leave his unemptied chamber-pot under the piano). His increasing deafness also lends a heroic (and sometimes desperate) quality to the music. The man who died at 53 shaking his fist at a thunderstorm sacrificed everything for his art; an art sculpted as if from inert stone by a suffering master-creator.

Gradually emerging changes in performance practice are also worth noting. When I was a teenager the first complete recorded cycle released in stereo was Herbert von Karajan's with the Berlin Philharmonic. For many, this 1963 set remains definitive for those who like 'big band' Beethoven. First movement introductions and slow movements are taken at a majestic pace, but allegros are lively and polished. Similar cycles were to follow over the next two decades from conductors such as Karl Bohm and Leonard Bernstein.

As the 'original-instruments' movement began to influence the performance of Handel during the 1970's, it took a little longer for Beethoven to receive similar treatment. Eventually however sinewy strings without vibrato, pene-

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Press Release Witham Choral prepares for a splendid concert

Witham Choral is starting its new season with the splendid *Petite Messe Solennelle* by Rossini and the first rehearsal will be on Tuesday 11 September at 7.45 p.m. This friendly choir meets at the Witham United Reformed Church in Newland Street, Witham, during term time and new singers are always welcome. There are no auditions but some knowledge of music is helpful.

Musical Director, Patrick McCarthy, told us: "The concert will be at the United Reformed Church on Saturday 24 November and we will be joined by Tony Mortimer, our regular talented accompanist, and the accomplished Stephen Evans on keyboards, plus a quartet of excellent soloists. In spite of its name it is neither solemn nor particularly short; it is actually a jolly, operatic piece and the choir members are looking forward very much to learning and performing this gem of the choral repertoire."

If you are interested in singing with Witham Choral just go along to Witham URC on 11 September or telephone 01245 380958 for more details.

www.withamchoralsociety.org.uk



1st Maldon, All Saints Scout Group

Are holding a Breakfast, Coffee Morning and Lunch in the church on Saturday 13th October from 09:00 am till 2:00 pm.

Breakfast will be served from 9 am till 11 am at a cost of £4.00
Coffee with cakes and biscuits from 11 am till noon, cost by donation.
Lunches served from 12 noon till 2 pm at a cost of £4.00

There will be a bargain sale of various items in the D'Arcy Aisle.
The proceeds will be in aid of the Scout Group funds with a donation to the church.
Please come and support this event

Cliff Hunter



trating woodwind, faster tempi and rumbustious energy would become the hallmarks of his 'makeover'. Versions by Roy Goodman and the Hanover Band, Christopher Hogwood and the Academy of Ancient Music, others from John Eliot Gardiner and Franz Bruggen all offered a very different listening experience to anything that had gone before. Needless to say much of all this was anathema to traditionalists - and still is.

Fortunately there is now a halfway house between the two schools of thought. Many conductors still choose to work with a modern orchestra, but with reduced forces and lighter textures, adopting the current trend for fast - even hectic - speeds. My personal preference is now for this style of performance: some people refer to it as 'psychotic Beethoven' or 'Beethoven on speed'. Notable recent examples are the cycles by Paavo Jarvi and the Bremen Kammerphilharmonie (2008) and Riccardo Chailly with the Leipzig Gewandhaus (2011). Not everyone likes their tendency towards a more staccato and explosive delivery. Yet Beethoven is surely meant to be disconcerting - as he certainly must have been to his first players and audiences.

Dr Gary Pearsall, an American clinical neuropsychologist, asks in his book *The Beethoven Factor* (2003) whether each of us has within us a 'Beethoven factor' which can help us become more resilient in the face of adversity. He writes about how recourse to Beethoven's music helped him when facing life-threatening illness. The defining quality which characterises a Beethoven symphony is determination. Emphatic repeated chords make themselves felt with unapologetic insistence, especially in codas (in the finale to the 8th you never really know when the orchestra is going to stop). Beethoven is very much a healthy, life-giving composer. Listening to him can give such a 'shot in the arm' to your spirit. Perhaps that is why his symphonies have become the great cornerstone of classical music - a sort of 'back to basics'. I find I return to these seminal works time after time: they encourage and challenge me, they shore me up for the next round in the battle of life, and sometimes they exasperate me too. But quite frankly there is nothing like them - and never will be.

Canon Graham

THANKS



I would like to thank the Choir and everyone else concerned, for the generous gift I was given recently. It is sad that my time with the Choir has now finished, but I will continue to be around in church as usual.

Alan Marjoram



Deputy Warden's Waffle

Well, that was a quick three months! The Editor says it's my turn again! They say time goes quickly when you're having fun. One job less this year has been grass cutting but conversely the watering can and hose have worked overtime. Our lawn and field have looked Orange they have been so dry. And would you believe, having worried about providing enough shade for our garden parties, it poured with rain (!!!) all day for the Maldon Ladies Cream Tea. However, those stalwarts from the group and a number of friends from All Saints who braved the weather and the road closure - a new water main has caused Main Road to be closed to through traffic for two months, blissful peace for us! - had a lovely house party relaxing with friends over tea and scones. No one chose to swim though! Maybe the youngsters will be braver on Sunday at the Choir Barbecue .

The ladies who meet on Thursday afternoon again joined with Men2Sing for the annual Warner Break. This year we travelled to Wales for our longest trip. Our Philip's coach was very comfortable for such a long journey and we had lovely weather, not quite as hot as it was here at that time. Peter and I are going to China next month with the Anthonys but before that we are driving to Oxfordshire to Blenheim Horse Trials to watch a Riding Clubs event taking place before the main event at which our daughter Niki is competing with the Ingatestone and Fryerning team.

After our very successful Arts Festival we are looking forward to, dare I say it, our Christmas Tree Festival at the beginning of December. We hope there will be a lot of town interest in this too, so do make sure your neighbours and friends get to hear about it and take part or at least come to see it. Also before it's been and gone, do you know someone who might just be looking for our

Explorers Course to answer questions? Invitations available at the back of church.

Well, I do hope you have all had good holiday breaks. So much in the pipeline for Autumn/winter. Oh and if you feel a thespian moment coming on, we are starting our fifth year of Open the Book telling Bible stories in Maldon schools and would love some more storytellers to join us.

Love and blessings
Viv (deputy warden)



training – while also noting that I was sure it would be of use when I begin to make plans for that happy event in a few decades time.

Your loving uncle,
Eustace

Book Reviews

The Hum of Angels: Listening for the Messengers of God Around Us.

By Scot McKnight, Monarch, £9.99

The Bible tells us that angels are sent from God, and thus at work in this world. From the Garden of Eden to the book of Revelation, Scripture includes references to them.

This book explores what the Bible says about these majestic beings. They express God's love, confirm His presence, and even lead humans in redemptive worship. The books urges us not just to believe in angels, but to learn how to recognise these messengers of God. It urges us to discover how God might be using them to affect our lives.

The One Hour Bible – From Adam to Apocalypse in Sixty Minutes

By Philip Law, SPCK, £4.99

According to a recent Bible Society survey, around 30% of parents in the UK don't know that Adam and Eve, David and Goliath, or the Good Samaritan are in the Bible, and 27% think Superman is or might be a biblical story! Over 33% believe the same about Harry Potter and over 50% even reckon *The Hunger Games* is or might be a story from the Bible.

The one-hour Bible is a taster (rather than a replacement!) for anyone wanting to explore well-known parts of the Bible on the go. Maybe a good book to loan to someone interested in knowing more about Christianity.

Taken from the Parish pump website



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



The Rectory
St. James the Least

On how to make the most of that diocesan 'residential course'

My dear Nephew Darren

Your enthusiasm for attending training courses has, until now, baffled me. Why should you want to become a better preacher, when congregations only use the sermon for catching up on lost sleep? What more do you need to learn about time management than being able to recognise those fixed points of 12.30pm for the pre-luncheon sherry and 6pm for a stiff gin? And what is the point of learning about how to lead Bible study groups when all you will end up discussing is who failed to provide flowers for the altar last Sunday? But after this last week, dear boy, I take it all back. The bishop sent me on a week's pre-retirement course. Of course, he was dropping hints, but until I reach my century, I have little intention of relinquishing a vocation to annoying parishioners and frustrating the plans of bishops. What else, after all, is parish ministry about?

The first move is to arrive early, receive your room allocation and then discard it. Tour the whole establishment, find the best room and then unpack and make sure your dog is nicely settled in the centre of the bed, just in time for the arrival of the intended occupant. I naturally apologise effusively for my innocent mistake, begin to remove possessions and dog while hoping that he will excuse all the hairs on his bed. This ensures that he magnanimously offers to take your original room.

At the first session, you need to establish the ground rules – and with a course leader, who in my opinion, should still have been wearing short trousers, it was all too easy. You make it clear that you are extremely deaf and so all the lectures will, sadly, be wasted on you. You also add that you will need some time alone to prepare for a surfeit of funerals which inexplicably all came in the day before you left and that you also will need time out to exercise your dog.

By the end of that first session, you will have accounted for your absence for the rest of the week. In my case, it passed delightfully with gentle strolls in the grounds, visits to the local second-hand bookshops and much silent meditation in one's room. I attended the final session in order to congratulate the leader for his magnificent course, was effusive in my comments on those wretched evaluation forms and on my return wrote a letter of thanks to the bishop for having thought I was worthy of receiving pre-retirement



COMPETITION



CALLING ALL BUDDING PICASSOS



As you know each year All Saints deliver a Parish Christmas Card to every home in the parish, this amounts to nearly 3000 cards. The card includes a seasonal message from the Vicar together with details of our Christmas services. This card is a very important part of our mission and outreach to the parish.

This year we are running a competition, and invite you to submit a design for the cover. The theme will be "Christmas Tree/s" to link in with our other new and exciting venture the Christmas Tree Festival (see elsewhere in magazine for more information). Please make the design as clear as possible to assist with printing; designs should be original, images taken from the internet may not be acceptable if they infringe copyright.

The competition is open to all, we welcome entries from young and not so young, so if you have a heart for art, why not submit an entry. The Ministry Team will judge the competition and the winning design will be used on the cover of the card.

There is a great deal of work that goes into producing the cards and making them available for delivery the first week in December therefore there is a strict closing date of Sunday 14th October.

Please pass you entries to Barbara Gale or email to mrsba.gale@gmail.com or for more information speak to Barbara, Peter Clark or Julie Ovenden.
Thank you



In response to Stephen's sermon about Jesus, the bread of life, I am sharing this reflection, written after celebrating Eucharist in the small chapel in The Garden Tomb, Jerusalem.

Eucharist:

- Eucharist
- A time of celebration
- A time of remembrance
- A time of sharing
- A communion of friends
- Sharing the bread and wine together
- Giving thanks to God
- Reflecting on our shared experiences
- Our personal responses
- In All Saints' Church, Maldon.
- Filled with love
- Love of Christ
- Love for each other
- Love for our neighbours
- Love of those in this land
- Praying for God's peace
- Remembering the different layers of life we have seen The injustice, the inequality, the compassion,
- The positivity, the creativity, the challenge of life
- The love and friendship we have been offered
- Grant us, as we share our faith Compassion, love, trust and honesty
- In our dealings with each other
- As we break and share Christ's bread and wine
- In His name.

Gina Southey

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Good Husband

Military men should make ideal husbands – they're in good health, they can cook, sew, and make beds, and they're already accustomed to taking orders.

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Christian Aid launches emergency appeal to help the most vulnerable affected by deadly Kerala floods

Christian Aid has launched an emergency appeal for those affected by Kerala's deadly floods, targeting some of the southern Indian state's poorest and most vulnerable villages. The appeal will enable the charity to scale up the life-saving assistance it is already providing in Kerala, where more than 1 million people are sheltering in relief camps. Households will get assistance with safe drinking water, sanitation supplies, hygiene essentials such as soap, and shelter materials including tarpaulin, rope and blankets. The aid will help people survive the shocking devastation that has reportedly claimed the lives of some 350 people and forced hundreds of thousands to flee their homes.

Ram Kishan, Christian Aid's Regional Emergency Manager for South Asia, said: "What I have seen and been hearing here is on a scale not seen for a hundred years. Christian Aid's appeal for support is needed to help us provide clean water, shelter and emergency food supplies and more important livelihood support for people who have been forced to flee their homes." Christian Aid's South Asia Emergency Programme Officer Shivani Rana, who is in Kerala, said: "Many people are currently sheltering in government-run camps and one major worry is how they're going to recover their lives when they try to go home. For some families, everything they had has been washed away or ruined." She added: "The rains have caused flooding and also landslides – and we still don't know how bad the damage is because many areas remain impossible to reach."

Christian Aid's relief work in Kerala will target 20,000 people initially. It has been kick-started with a £77,000 grant from the UK government-backed Start Fund, which releases money quickly after disasters, to enable rapid responses. The charity has also released £30,000 from its own funds and hopes to scale up its emergency response, working through its local partners in the region.

So far, Christian Aid plans to focus its response on the hard-hit Wayanad district in the north of Kerala and Idukki district in the centre of the state. It will support 10,000 people in each of the two districts, targeting areas where many people are considered to be Dalits and 'Tribals' – among the most deprived and excluded people groups in society.

Over the weekend, Christian Aid and its local partner organisations – including IGSSS (Indo-Global Social Service Society) and CASA (Church's Auxiliary for Social Action) – responded immediately, buying relief materials and hiring people to deliver these emergency supplies to deluged communities.

To donate to the Christian Aid Kerala Floods Appeal, visit www.caid.org.uk/kerala.

Taken from the Christian Aid Website



HOLY DAYS

14th Sept Holy Cross Day



On Holy Cross Day the Church celebrates the Cross as a symbol of triumph, as the sign of Christ's victory over death. Holy Cross Day goes right back to 14 September 335, and we have the mother of a Roman Emperor to thank for it.

Helena was a devout Christian, and after her son, Constantine, was converted, they agreed that she should travel from Rome to Israel, and seek out the places of special significance to Christians.

Of course, much of Jerusalem had been destroyed by the Romans around 135 AD. But even so, Helena finally located what she believed to be the sites of the Crucifixion and of the Burial (and modern archaeologists think she may well be correct). The sites were so close together that she built one large church over them – the Church of the Holy Sepulchre.

That church, built in honour of the Cross, was dedicated on 14 September 335.

The sign of the Cross has been used by Christians since early times. Tertullian, writing his De Corona (3:2) around AD 211, noted that Christians seldom did anything significant without making the sign of the cross.

What is its significance? Well, people often put their initials or some sort of personal mark on something to show that it belongs to them. The Cross is the personal mark of our Lord Jesus Christ, and we mark it on ourselves as a sign that we belong to him. Even in the book of Revelation, we read that the servants of God are 'sealed' or 'marked' on their foreheads as a sign that they are His.

A preacher once put it this way: if you were explaining to someone how to make a cross, you would say: "Draw an I." That is you standing before the Lord, saying, 'here I am'. Then cancel that vertical stroke with a horizontal stroke – as if to say: "Lord, I abandon my self-will and make you the centre of my life instead. I abandon myself to your love and service."

On Holy Cross Day, we recall Jesus' wonderful promise: "And when I am lifted up, I will draw all men unto me." (John 12:32)

Taken from the parish Pump website.



On Saturday 6th October, we will be holding a Traditional Harvest Supper in the D'Arcy Room. The cost will be £5.00 per person. Please bring your own drinks.

Reception will be from 6:30 pm for a 7:00 pm start and there will be a Raffle.

If you wish to attend this event please sign the form at the rear of the church to assist with seating and catering arrangements.

Places will be limited and it will be on a "First Come" basis.

Cliff Hunter

HARAMBE PRODUCTION JAILBREAK

My name is David Hill, I am joint directing with a Miss Emma Gibson the next Harambe show called Jailbreak, the story of 'Paul and Silas,' at the Methodist Church in Maldon.

We start rehearsal in September on a Thursday evening 7.30pm till 9pm and the show is in March 2019 when we will be very privileged to have the creator of this show from Christian Music Ministry, Mr Roger Jones, coming to watch this production.

I am looking for your congregation's support, if they are keen, to take part. We are looking to increase the number of sopranos, altos, tenors and basses in our static choir for this show.

So, anybody who would like to be involved with a fantastic group of people and sing your hearts out while others act out this lovely musical in front of the audience

David Hill <thehills24@hotmail.co.uk>



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| Weatherman's Hymn . . . | There Shall Be Showers of Blessings. |
| Contractor's Hymn . . . | The Church's One Foundation. |
| Tailor's Hymn . . . | Holy, Holy, Holy. |
| Golfer's Hymn . . . | There's a Green Hill Far Away. |
| Politician's Hymn . . . | Standing on the Promises! |
| Optometrist's Hymn . . . | Open My Eyes That I Might See. |
| IRS Agent's Hymn . . . | I Surrender All. |
| Gossip's Hymn . . . | Pass It On. |
| Electrician's Hymn . . . | Send The Light.. |
| Shopper's Hymn . . . | Sweet Bye and Bye. |
| Realtor's Hymn . . . | I've Got a Mansion, Just Over the Hilltop. |
| Massage Therapist's Hymn. | He Touched Me. |

AND for those who speed on the highway - a few hymns:

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| 55 mph . . . | God Will Take Care of You |
| 75 mph . . . | Nearer My God To Thee |
| 85 mph . . . | This World Is Not My Home |
| 95 mph . . . | Lord, I'm Coming Home |
| 100 mph . . . | Precious Memories |

Give me a sense of humor, Lord, Give me the grace to see a joke,
To get some humor out of life, And pass it on to other folks.

Submitted by Derek Trueman, our Singapore correspondent.

N.B.

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In Progress or Completed?

It's satisfying to complete a job. Each month, for instance, one of my job responsibilities gets moved from one category to another, from "Progress" to "Completed." I love clicking that "Completed" button. But last month when I clicked it, I thought, *If only I could overcome rough spots in my faith so easily! It can seem like the Christian life is always in progress, never completed.*

Then I remembered Hebrews 10:14. It describes how Christ's sacrifice redeems us totally. So in one important sense, that 'completed button' has been pressed for us. Jesu' death did for us what we couldn't do for ourselves: He made us acceptable in God's eyes when we place our faith in Him. It is finished, as Jesus Himself said (John 19:30). Paradoxically, even though his sacrifice is complete and total, we spend the rest of our lives growing into spiritual reality - "being made holy," as Hebrew's author writes.

The fact that Jesus has finished something that's still being worked out in our lives is hard to understand. When I am struggling spiritually, it's encouraging to remember that Jesus' sacrifice for me - and for you - is complete ... even if our living it out in this life is still a work in progress. Nothing can stop His intended end from being achieved eventually: being transformed into his likeness (see 2 Corinthians 3:18).

Adam Holz.

God is at work to make us who He intends us to be.

This article, which was submitted by Vivien Clark, was taken from the August edition of "Our Daily Bread" and is reproduced with the kind permission of 'Our Daily Bread Ministries.' If you would like to receive a copy of Our Daily Bread, speak to Audrey Hunt in church.

Hear our prayer?

A five-year-old said grace at family dinner one night. 'Dear God, thank you for these pancakes...' When he concluded, his parents asked him why he thanked God for pancakes when they were eating chicken. 'I wanted to see if He was paying attention tonight.'



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SPECIAL ANNOUNCEMENT FROM THE BISHOP OF CHELMSFORD

Chelmsford Diocese appoints new Chief Executive **The next Chief Executive and Secretary of Chelmsford Diocese will be Joel Gowen.**



Joel is currently Director of Church Planting Projects for the diocese.

Welcoming this appointment the Bishop of Chelmsford, Stephen Cottrell, has said:

“Although Joel has only been working for the diocese for less than a year, he has proved himself to be someone with energy, vision and capacity. The church planting project is going extremely well.

“Joel brings great experience from his previous career in strategy development with M&G Investments. As we move into this next phase of our life together I feel very confident that Joel is the right person at the right time to help take us forward.”

Joel replied:

“Over the past year I have begun to learn about the extraordinary diversity of Chelmsford Diocese, a region where God is doing fantastic things through some amazing people. I look forward to working with our clergy, our staff, our volunteers and our local communities as we journey together and seek to be a transforming presence everywhere and for everyone.”

Joel will start in his new role on 1 October 2018.



Bible Bite

A short story from the Bible

It can be read in the Bible in
Matthew chapter 20 verses 1-15

Jesus told a story to describe God's kingdom.
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at dawn to hire workers to pick his grapes.



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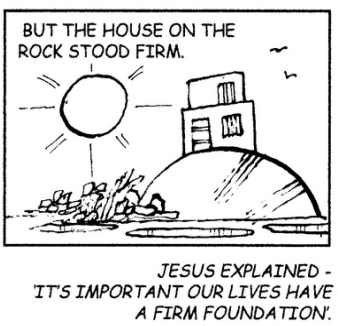
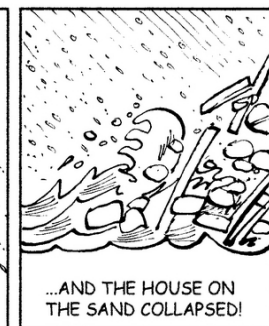
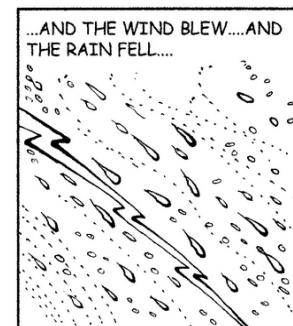
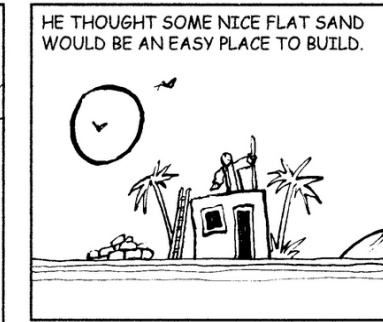
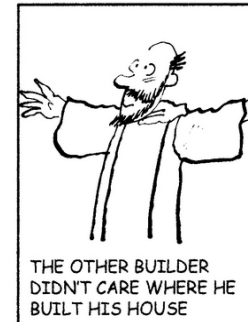
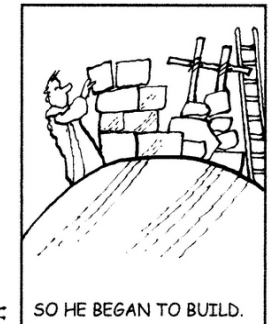
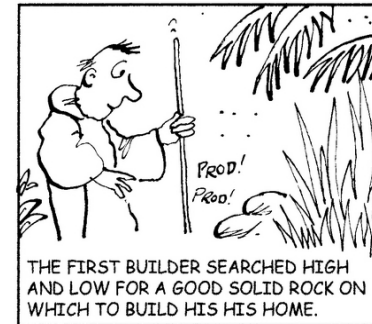


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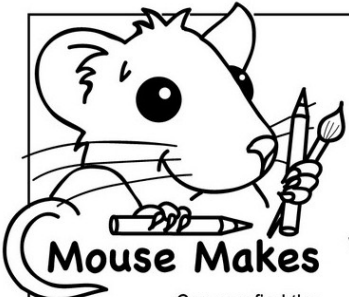
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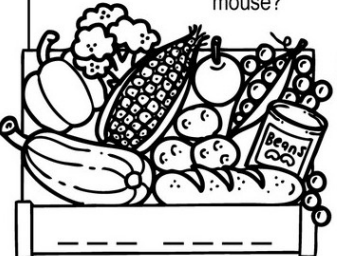
Can you find the mouse?

A HARVEST PUZZLE


Change each letter to the letter **before** it in the alphabet to see how QSPWFSCT 3:9 says we can give thanks to God.



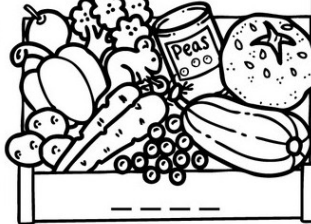
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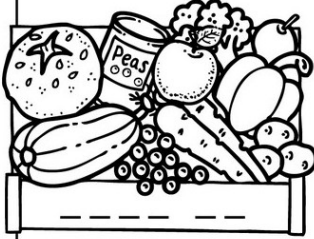
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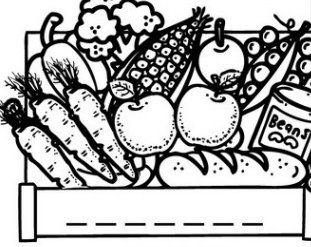
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2nd Sept	Fourteenth Sunday of Trinity 8:00 am Holy Communion (BCP 1662) 10:00 am Worship for All 11:15 am The Eucharist (said) with Prayers for Healing 6:00 pm Evensong in St Mary's
3rd Sept	Monday 7:00 pm Holy Communion in D'Arcy Chapel
5th Sept	Wednesday 7:00 pm Installation of Rev Asa Humphries at St Andrew's
6th Sept	Thursday: 11:00 am Holy Communion (BCP 1662)
9th Sept	Fifteenth Sunday of Trinity 8:00 am Holy Communion (BCP 1662) 10:00 am Parish Eucharist and Junior Church 6:30 pm Evensong and Sermon
10th Sept	Monday 11:00 am Holy Communion at Hailey House
13th Sept	Thursday 11:00 am Holy Communion (BCP 1662)
16th Sept	Sixteenth Sunday of Trinity 8:00 am Holy Communion (BCP 1662) 10:00 am Parish Eucharist and Junior Church 3:00 pm Holy Baptism Thomas Burney 6:30 pm Evensong and Sermon
19th Sept	Wednesday, 11:00 am Holy Communion at Longfield
20th Sept	Thursday 11:00 am Holy Communion (BCP 1662)
23th Sept	Seventeenth Sunday of Trinity 8:00 am Holy Communion (BCP 1662) 10:00 am Parish Eucharist and Junior Church 12 noon Holy Baptism, Mabel Wisbey. 6:30 pm Evensong and Sermon
27th Sept	Thursday 11:00 am Holy Communion (BCP1662)
29th Sept	Saturday St Michael and All Angels 9:00 am holy Communion
30th Sept	Fifteenth Sunday of Trinity 8:00 am Holy Communion (BCP 1662) 10:00 am Parish Eucharist and Junior Church 6:30 pm Prayer and Praise led by Canon Graham



DIARY FOR SEPTEMBER

Sat 1st Sept	Parish Trip to Cambridge
Mon 3rd Sept	10 am till 12 Maldon Pioneers Drop In 7:30 pm PCC
Tue 4th Sept	10 - 12 noon Meeting Point 10-00 am Prayer Group 8 pm Mothers' Union
Wed 5th Sept	12 noon - 1:30 pm All Saints' Lunches 7:00 pm Parish Office
Thu 6th Sept	9:15 am Sunshiners 2-4 pm Maldon Ladies 7 - 8 pm Junior Choir Practice 7:30 pm Choir Practice
Sat 8th Sept	10 am -12 Noon Church Coffee Morning
Mon 10th Sept	9:00 am Men's Breakfast (Rose and Crown) 10 am - 12 Maldon Pioneers Drop In
Tues 11th Sept	10 - 12 noon Meeting Point 10.am Estates Committee
Thu 13th Sept	9:15 am Sunshiners 2-4 pm Maldon Ladies 7 - 8 pm Junior Choir Practice 7:30 pm Choir Practice
Sat 15th Sept	2 pm Messy Church
Mon 17th Sept	10 am - 12 Maldon Pioneers Drop In 7 pm Explorers at St Mary's
Tue 18th Sept	10 am - 12 noon Meeting Point
Wed 19th Sept	7:00 pm Parish Office
Thu 20th Sept	9:15 am Sunshiners 2-4 pm Maldon Ladies 7 - 8 pm Junior Choir Practice 7:30 pm Choir Practice
Sat 23rd Sept	10 am -12 Noon Church Coffee Morning
Mon 24th Sept	10 am - 12 Maldon Pioneers Drop In 7 pm Explorers at St Mary's
Tues 25th Sept	10 - 12 noon Meeting Point 2 pm Hospitality Committee 7:30 pm Deanery Synod
Thu 27th Sept	9:15 am Sunshiners 2-4 pm Maldon Ladies 7 - 8 pm Junior Choir Practice 7:30 pm Choir Practice
Sat 29th Sept	2 pm Wedding of Barry Kiginoga and Sanita Zeica