

ALL SAINTS' MALDON



PARISH NEWS

October 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

JUNIOR CHURCH

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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

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2. Baptismal photo by Mike Ovenden



Thanks to Our Sponsor

We are grateful to Judy and Alan Smith for sponsoring the magazine this month. Judy wrote to me saying:-

“Alan and I would like to sponsor the magazine this month to celebrate our Golden Wedding Anniversary on 26th October. We were married in All Saints’ and before that I attended and then taught Sunday School, sung in the choir and also attempted to ring the bells, (not very successfully). I was also a Brownie and Guide and returned to teach in the Sunday School when we came back to Maldon”

*On behalf of All Saints’ I would like to wish Judy and Alan every happiness on their special day and many more years together.
Peter Clark, Editor.*

THE PARISH LETTER

“COVERING UP”

During what was for all of us one of the hottest summers on record we were advised to spend part of the day indoors, to ‘cover up’ when we went out; and to apply plenty of sun-screen to ensure we were protected against harmful UV rays.

The churches – especially the Roman Catholic and Anglican ones – have been in the news again for the last few months over a different kind of ‘covering up’: the instinctive response of cardinals, bishops and senior clergy to the knowledge that there have been child abusers in their ranks. A knowledge which led them to conceal the truth about these men for years. The IICSA (Independent Enquiry into Child Sexual Abuse) has been hearing various depositions from the Church of England concerning notorious cases, eg the cohort of 8 clergy in the Chichester Diocese who were able to repeatedly abuse young people with impunity, always ‘moved on’ or protected by their bishops. When Dr Rowan Williams became Archbishop of Canterbury the situation was so bad he placed the diocese in ‘special measures’ (cf the least preferred outcome of an Ofsted Inspection). One suffragan bishop was ‘leant on’ to retire 6 months early when it emerged



that he had knowingly moved predatory priests from one parish to the next. Under Martin Warner, the current Bishop of Chichester, the diocese is now in recovery.

Those of you here at All Saints who have recently had to renew your Safeguarding checks will know that such mechanisms can feel uncomfortable. However we are accountable in law as well as to our diocese for the vetting procedures put in place for those working with children and vulnerable adults. If anything does go wrong, if any allegation is made, then the Diocesan Safeguarding Team will set in motion the necessary steps to ensure the complaint is properly investigated. The system is an essential part of making our churches as safe as they can be for our all-age congregations. (Checks for the clergy are handled separately by diocesan staff).

The long-running scandal of sexual abuse within the Roman Catholic Church still continues to unfold (it first began in the Boston Diocese of the USA way back in 2002). Pope John Paul II was not the man to tackle it and the papacies of both his successors, Benedict XVI and Pope Francis I have been heavily overshadowed by it. In the Church of England further revelations are expected next year as the IICSA investigation continues.

Whilst it has become apparent that child abuse - whether physical, emotional or sexual - is endemic in all professions in society, the fact that it occurs within the priesthood and the church continues to shock. Because of the difficulty of facing the issue it is still tempting for church people to 'turn a blind eye'. But we can no longer afford to do this.

I don't often suggest 'homework'. But this time I'm going to. All of you with access to the internet should watch at least 10 minutes of the Findings of the Grand Jury Report into Clergy Sex Abuse in the 6 Dioceses of Pennsylvania, delivered by District Attorney Josh Shapiro on 14th August, 2018. Why? Because the detail in the report shows that the level of 'cover up' was commensurate with the abuse itself. The District Attorney's presentation is hugely professional, eloquent, disturbing and moving: based entirely on the facts. It is one of the largest investigations of its kind. I regard it as essential viewing (the entire briefings runs for 40 minutes or so).

Of course, not all abuse is sexual. One Church of England case this year does not come under the IICSA spotlight for this very reason. But it is worth highlighting because of the way it illustrates how denial works in relation to church culture.

In the late 1970's the Iwerne Trust ran holiday camps for boys from public schools. The present Archbishop of Canterbury was even a dormitory officer during that time. The Trust was an Anglican foundation and John Smyth QC played a major role as Chairman. The camps were to play a major role in the formation of future evangelical clergy and bishops. However the 'Christian discipline' that Smyth meted out to 22 boys over at least a 4-year period in



his sound-proof garden shed was anything but orthodox. Delivered as a mortification against such sins as ‘masturbation, impure thoughts and pride’, the barrister persuaded the young men to submit to horrific beatings either half or completely naked. He would say ‘This is the discipline that God likes, it’s what’s going to help you become holy’. Eight of the boys were to receive 14,000 lashes over the 4-year period. 800 lashes could be doled out for merely some ‘unspecified’ sin. Smyth would recite Bible verses about the virtues of punishment and kiss the boys’ necks afterwards.

The clergyman appointed as the senior officer at the Trust from 1967 onwards was fully aware of Smyth’s abuse for 36 years. A report into the allegations was internally commissioned in 1982. The Revd Mark Ruston interviewed 19 boys and concluded that Smyth’s activities were criminal. However the Trust did not hand over the report to the police. Instead it facilitated Smyth’s removal to Zimbabwe where he went on to physically abuse a further 60 boys. A subsequent report was received concerning this in 1993. Several clergy at the Trust who were aware of the situation went on to occupy senior positions in the church: one became Rector of St Ebbe’s in Oxford, another Archdeacon of Horsham, and another became the present Dean of Windsor, who was formerly Chaplain at Winchester College whose pupils regularly attended Iwerne. In an attempt to distance itself from its ‘secret’ history, the Iwerne Trust rebranded itself the Titus Trust in 1997, continuing under the same Chairman.

The Ruston Report remained ‘on ice’ in the Trust’s vaults. The catalogue of Smyth’s abuses was only made public as recently as February 2017, following ‘Operation Cubic’ run by the Hampshire Police: both the 1982 and 1993 reports were then obtained under warrant. The Titus Trust has refused to accept any responsibility, claiming it was only made aware of the allegations in 2014 (a blatant lie). It has failed to engage with the victims, but instead offered ‘prayers for healing and freedom.’ Ironically, just when the Crown Prosecution Service had instructed the police to summon John Smyth for interview earlier this summer, came the recent news from Cape Town of his sudden death. His victims will find neither justice nor closure. The Titus Trust will continue to maintain its ignorance of the sadism which polluted Iwerne’s ministry.

These events are very typical of how victims are treated. It can take years for their voices to be heard. Most of them completely reject their faith. The church meanwhile prioritizes its good name and reputation. The Iwerne camps clearly had prestige and were successful training grounds for the prominent Evangelical wing. What is highly significant is the scale of the cover-up. Lots of people knew, or ‘sort-of-knew’. That knowledge was cloaked in silence. A silence as reprehensible as the abuse itself.

The gospel does have important things to say about ‘things hidden in



darkness'; and especially about those who cause any of God's 'little ones' to stumble. But for the church to collude at the highest level with rapists and abusers seems completely to contradict the Christian gospel and unbelievably to prostitute its most vulnerable members. It is a problem that belongs to the whole church - to all of us, not just the perpetrators. 'For what will it profit a man if he win the whole world - *and say or do absolutely nothing?*'

Canon Graham



CONCERT
FRIDAY OCTOBER 12th
7.30PM
IN ALL SAINTS CHURCH



Richard Barnes – Piano and Mark Hartt-Palmer – Violin

We are pleased to welcome back Richard and Mark for a concert at 7.30pm on Friday 12th October. (This was a concert originally planned for April, but postponed owing to the many other events and services already taking place around Easter.) On this occasion there is more of an autumnal feel – of mists and mellow fruitfulness – to their choice of music!

They will open with a Suite of Dances by Richard Jones, contemporary of Handel's and Leader of the Orchestra at the Drury Lane Theatre. Next they have uncovered a sonata by J.C.Mantel, another friend of Handel's, who was born in Saxony but moved to Essex, being for some years the Organist of South Benfleet Church, before moving to Great Yarmouth. The main work in the first half will be Dvorak's genial Sonatina, followed by the Theme from John Williams's film music for *Schindler's List*, played in anticipation of the 100th anniversary of the Armistice a month later.

The second half will feature Richard Strauss's *Serenade*, originally written for wind ensemble, but beautifully arranged for violin and piano. Although an early work, it already has the autumnal bloom of late Romanticism. Finally - as players always on the lookout for unknown masterpieces - they are performing a Sonata by Gustav Jenner. Unknown he may be, but he was the only composition pupil that Brahms ever took on, and the work's youthful exuberance sweeps all before it.

Tickets are available from Paul and Jackie Barnes (07773 654108 or jackiebarnes3@talktalk.net). The £10 price includes interval refreshments, and all proceeds will go to church funds.



ALL SAINTS'

Christmas Tree Festival



Friday 7th - Sunday 9th December 2018

Friday and Saturday: 9am - 8pm

Sunday: 11am - 3pm

Sunday: Christingle Service at 3pm

Full details of the Festival appeared in the September magazine and there have started to be replies from the groups who were sent letters early in September.

Trees can be real or artificial and between one and six feet tall. Battery lights only please due to limited sockets but feel free to decorate your tree in whatever way you wish.

If any individuals / families / friends would like to display a tree, please get in touch with me letting me know the size of tree you will be bringing.

Setting up of the trees will take place on Thursday 6th December between 12noon and 5pm.

This is a new venture for All Saints and I look forward to hearing from you and to you taking part.

Julie Ovenden Tel: 858803 julieovenden@hotmail.com



THANKS



Photo by Mike Ovenden

Ken & Jean would like to thank everyone who helped to make our 60th Wedding Anniversary such a wonderful occasion. Thanks go to Canon Stephen Carter, and Revd. Julie for prayers and readings and for allowing the playing of our wedding vows of 60 years ago, also thanks to Dennis for playing the recording, Mike for taking photos of the occasion which we will treasure and a great thank you to all for the lovely card and wishes of which there were over 70, also the flowers which we are still enjoying at the time of writing. Thank you all for making this such a memorial time, also for our family and friends for their support.

Lunch at All Saints

Soup – hot food- cakes

12:00 to 1:30 pm

Wednesday

3rd Oct





NOVEMBER SERVICES

REMEMBRANCE SUNDAY

There will be the usual wreath laying and Town act of remembrance at the War Memorial commencing around 10.35am, observing the Two Minutes Silence at 11.00am. This year, to mark the centenary of the Armistice, the mayor will be reading out all the names of those from Maldon who died in the Great War. The Eucharist that day will be at the earlier time of 9.30am to allow us to join in the town commemoration. The service at the War Memorial will be followed by a short Civic service in church, which will probably commence around 11.20am.

ALL SOULS

Friday November 2nd is observed as All Souls day, and there will be a Requiem at 10.00am in the D'Arcy Chapel. On the Sunday following, November 4th, there will be our Annual Memorial service, at 4.00pm. I have sent out over 60 invitations to those whose loved ones' funerals I have taken over the past 12 months. This is an important opportunity for us as a Christian community to offer welcome and support to people from our local community who have been bereaved. AG Smith have as usual sponsored a tea afterwards in the D'Arcy Room. It would be good to have members of the congregation present to mingle with the families afterwards and make them welcome. Stephen

ALL SAINTS

Our Patronal Festival is observed at the beginning of November. On Thursday November 1st, All Saints Day itself, there will be the usual Holy Communion at 11.00am. On "All Saints Sunday" November 4th, we have again been invited to All Saints school to share our Patronal Festival with them, as last year, at 10.00am. It was a great success last year, and supported by both the school and congregation.

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



In Flanders Fields

I recently achieved a small ambition by visiting, with Joan, the battlefields of the first world war in Belgium and northern France. I have previously read much about this war and have seen footage of it on film, both actual and in cinema accounts. That it was a most bloody and tragic affair is, I think, not in dispute, but to hear about the conflict from experts and to see the museums and the many vast but beautifully maintained cemeteries is both shocking and a reminder of the horrors of war on this (or any other) scale.

I am not going to try and give an account of the war or any of its battles, and I don't think I could anyway, but would like to relate one small but significant incident. One of the sites we visited was on the western bank of the Ieper-Ijser canal which in 1914 was known by the French name of Ypres-Iser canal and where the Second Battle of Ypres was fought in April 1915. The area was named 'Essex Farm' by the Essex Regiment who took over the existing farm which had a name unintelligible to the British, so they named it after their own regiment. It is still named Essex Farm to the present time. The Essex Regiment, which was based in Brentwood, fought valiantly and were prominent in many WW1 actions.

It was here at Essex farm in 1915 that Major John McCrae wrote his famous poem 'In Flanders Fields', a poem known throughout the world and one which eloquently but simply, gives account and shows the horrors and futility of war. John McCrae who was the artillery commander and Doctor for the 1st Brigade Canadian Field Artillery wrote this poem after the death of his friend, fellow Canadian Lieutenant Alexis Helmer. McCrae conducted the funeral ceremony for Helmer as the regular chaplain was attending burials elsewhere. It is believed that after the funeral John McCrae started a draft of his poem and that his friend, Helmer, was the inspiration for this iconic poem. Sadly, John McCrae, who was a brave man himself and who had distinguished service in the war died from Pneumonia before the end of the hostilities. There is a memorial to John McCrae placed by the Canadian Government at the site of the dressing station for treating the wounded which sits bedside the Commonwealth War Graves Commission's Essex Farm Cemetery. It takes the form of the original poem cast in bronze and is a very moving artefact. The Belgium Government has named this site 'The John McCrae Memorial Site'. The dressing station which had originally been dug-outs in the hillside has been restored and is on display now. The primitive facility was used throughout the war by McCrae and many more liked him for treating the injured, some of whom survived and many who did not.

We read and heard much more about this incident, but too much to tell here. There is a wealth of information on the internet, and of course so much more to be seen at the actual site and the many more such sites in Belgium and



France. It is, this year on November 11th, the 100th anniversary of the end of the “War to end all wars” and so I think it appropriate to end this article with the words of this poem written in grief and anger and despair:

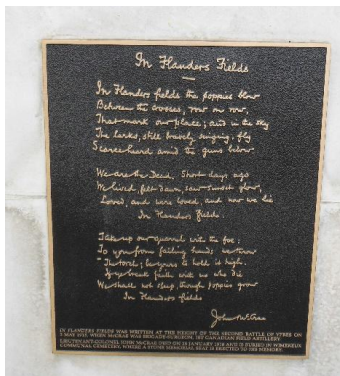
IN FLANDERS FIELDS,

In Flanders fields the poppies grow
Between the crosses, row on row,
That mark our place; and in the sky
The Larks, still bravely singing, fly
Scarce heard amid the guns below.

We are the dead, short days ago
We lived, felt dawn, saw sunset glow,
Loved and were loved, and now we lie
In Flanders fields.

Take up our quarrel with the foe:
To you from failing hands we throw
The torch; be yours to hold it high.
If ye break faith with us who die
We shall not sleep, though poppies grow
In Flanders fields.

John McCrae, May 1915



Major John McCrae of the Canadian army who wrote ‘In Flanders Fields’ in May 1915 and the bronze memorial.

Ken Downham



Church Warden's Chat



Life is returning to normal after our more relaxed summer months, and what a lovely summer it was, [well, if you loved continual hot dry days!] I'm sure farmers and gardeners would have welcomed some rain! Now, at All Saints, we are back to meetings, new terms and events, starting with a great trip to Cambridge in glorious weather [thanks Cliff for organizing this].

Debbie and I have spent the last month preparing for her move into her first home of her own. After months of searching for the right place, with the help and generosity of many friends, she is almost ready to start this new phase in her life. I'm sure she will face problems, as with any change, but she knows that she has many friends around her, all willing to offer help and advice. Most of these friends come from the church and scouting communities and we are both grateful for their support.



Cambridge Punts by Geoff Dickman

We also look forward to forthcoming events in the church, our Harvest Supper and Harvest services, the Piano and Violin Recital on October 12th., and preparations for special Remembrance Day poppy decorations on this years 100 year celebration of the end of the First World War. That brings us to thinking about Christmas [sorry!] and this year we are trying something new, with a Christmas Tree Festival, 7th. to the 9th. December, when groups in the church or wider community can display a decorated tree in church [for more details please speak to Julie Ovenden] Looking even further into the future, can I please remind you that the church 2019 diaries are on sale at the back of church, at a very reasonable price!

Well, before I wish the year away, may I wish you all a happy autumn, enjoy the continuing good weather and any late holidays you may have planned.

Jenny.



LETTER FROM YORKSHIRE

Dear Church family,

Phew! So that was summer!! sometimes a little too hot and humid for me, never-the-less we have survived, and are now into the “season of mists and mellow fruitfulness” (to quote yet another poet! John Keats.) although listening to some of the farmers it may not be as fruitful as we would like it to be.

As I write I’m thinking ahead to St. Luke’s little Summer’ my favourite time of the year, and St. Luke’s day is our wedding anniversary. The day when just before 10 o’clock my father and I got into the posh car bringing us on the very short journey to beloved All Saints’ Church, and He said,” if you’ve changed your mind, and want to call it off - now’s the time to do it !!”. So here we are 60 years later! Still together! and an ‘awful lot of water has gone under the bridge,’ since then . Fred is still my number one man, and on that day he was resplendent in his Royal Marines best blue uniform, which is why he whole heartedly agrees with the sentiments of Good Husband which was in last months (September) magazine. I did give him a long service medal last year!! enough said!

I’m really envious of your Explorers Course, what a brilliant idea, I’ve been pondering over something myself just lately, and then suddenly the Arch Bishop of Canterbury is in the news, and listening to his views I found some comfort. I’ll share it with you sometime.

Until next time,

Love and Blessings,

Avril

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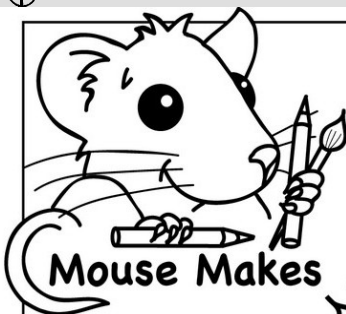
SERVICES FOR OCTOBER

- 2nd Oct** **Tuesday**
11 am Harvest Service in the Lodge Care Home
- 4th Oct** **Thursday:**
11:00 am Holy Communion (BCP 1662)
- 7th Oct** **Harvest Festival**
8:00 am Holy Communion (BCP 1662)
10:00 am Harvest Worship for All and Church Parade
6:30 pm Harvest Songs of Praise
- 8th Oct** **Monday**
11:00 am Holy Communion at Hailey House
- 9th Oct** **Tuesday**
10:00 am Maldon Court Harvest Service
- 11th Oct** **Thursday**
11:00 am Holy Communion (BCP 1662)
- 14th Oct** **Twentieth Sunday of Trinity**
8:00 am Holy Communion (BCP 1662)
10:00 am Parish Eucharist and Junior Church
6:30 pm Evensong and Sermon
- 17th Oct** **Wednesday,**
11:00 am Holy Communion at Longfield
- 18th Oct** **Thursday St Luke the Evangelist**
11:00 am Holy Communion (BCP 1662)
- 21st Oct** **Twenty-first Sunday of Trinity**
8:00 am Holy Communion (BCP 1662)
10:00 am Parish Eucharist and Junior Church
6:30 pm Evensong and Sermon
- 25th Oct** **Thursday**
11:00 am Holy Communion (BCP1662)
- 28th Oct** **Bible Sunday**
8:00 am Holy Communion (BCP 1662)
10:00 am Parish Eucharist and Junior Church
1.30pm Golden Wedding Thanksgiving and Renewal of marriage vows (Alan and Judith Smith)
6:30 pm Prayer and Praise



DIARY FOR OCTOBER

Mon 1st Oct	10 am till 12 Maldon Pioneers Drop In 2:30 pm Standing Committee 7:00 pm Explorers in D'Arcy Room
Tue 2nd Oct	10 - 12 noon Meeting Point 10-00 am Prayer Group 7:30 pm Christian Aid AGM in URC 8 pm Mothers' Union
Wed 3rd Oct	12 noon - 1:30 pm All Saints' Lunches 7:00 pm Parish Office
Thu 4th Oct	9:15 am Sunshiners 2-4 pm Maldon Ladies 7 - 8 pm Junior Choir Practice 7:30 pm Choir Practice
Sat 6th Oct	6:30 pm Harvest Supper in the D'Arcy Room
Mon 8th Oct	9:00 am Men's Breakfast (Rose and Crown) 10 am - 12 Maldon Pioneers Drop In 7:00 pm Explorers in D'Arcy Room
Thu 11th Oct	9:15 am Sunshiners 2-4 pm Maldon Ladies 7 - 8 pm Junior Choir Practice 7:30 pm Choir Practice
Fri 12th Oct	7:30 pm Concert by Richard Barnes and Mark Hartt-Palmer
Mon 15th Oct	10 am - 12 Maldon Pioneers Drop In 7 pm Explorers in D'Arcy Room
Tue 16th Oct	10 am - 12 noon Meeting Point
Wed 17th Oct	7:00 pm Parish Office
Thu 18th Oct	9:15 am Sunshiners 2-4 pm Maldon Ladies 7 - 8 pm Junior Choir Practice 7:30 pm Choir Practice
Sat 20th Oct	10 am - noon Church coffee morning 2 - 4 pm Messy Church
Tues 23rd Oct	10 - 12 noon Meeting Point
Thu 25th Oct	9:15 am Sunshiners 2-4 pm Maldon Ladies 7 - 8 pm Junior Choir Practice 7:30 pm Choir Practice
Mon 29th Oct	10 am till 12 Maldon Pioneers Drop In 7:30 pm Worship Committee
Tue 30th Oct	10 - 12 noon Meeting Point



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God's prophet **Elijah** built a big bonfire and had the prophets of the god **Baal** build one too.

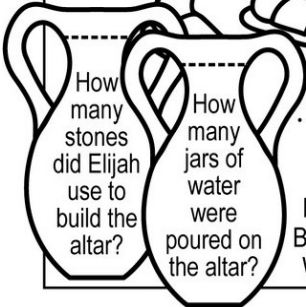
Elijah said "Call on Baal to light the fire and burn the sacrifice" ... but Baal did not answer because he was just an idol made of stone.

Elijah had his bonfire drenched in water then he called on the Lord God. The fire of the Lord fell and burned up the sacrifice, the wood, the stones and the water around it. All the people saw

this and cried:
"The Lord -
He is God!"



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How many stones did Elijah use to build the altar?

How many jars of water were poured on the altar?

Can you find these words from the story in the word search?
ELIJAH • ISRAEL • PROPHETS • BAAL • CARMEL • GOD
BULL • WOOD • LORD • TEST • ALTAR • SHOUT • STONES
WATER • POUR • FILL • FIRE • SKY • CONSUMED • DIRT



The tale of the Mustard Seed & the tale of the Yeast

JESUS OFTEN TOLD STORIES WITH HIDDEN MEANINGS

SOME OF HIS STORIES WERE VERY SHORT, BUT THEY MEANT A GREAT DEAL

ONCE JESUS EXPLAINED HOW THE KINGDOM OF HEAVEN WAS LIKE A MUSTARD SEED

IT IS ONE OF THE SMALLEST OF SEEDS...

BUT WHEN IT GROWS UP IT IS THE BIGGEST OF ALL PLANTS

IT BECOMES A TREE, SO THAT BIRDS COME AND MAKE THEIR NESTS IN THE BRANCHES

JESUS ALSO EXPLAINED THAT THE KINGDOM OF HEAVEN IS LIKE YEAST.

EVEN THOUGH IT'S A TINY INGREDIENT, WHEN IT'S MIXED WITH THE FLOUR, THE WHOLE BATCH OF DOUGH RISES

THIS WAS JESUS' WAY OF SAYING THAT EVEN IF WE HAVE A SMALL AMOUNT OF FAITH... IT CAN MAKE A HUGE DIFFERENCE TO OUR LIVES, AND TO THE LIVES OF OTHERS.



Bible Bite

A short story from the Bible

It can be read in the Bible in
Mt 9:9-13, Mk 2:13-15, Lk 5:27-32

The Roman invaders had given the job of collecting their taxes to local Jews who also overcharged, so they were doubly hated.



Matthew had his tax office by Lake Galilee.

Jesus walked past, and said



Follow me

Matthew left everything and went with Jesus.

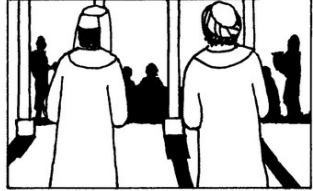


Matthew held a big feast and invited his friends so they could meet Jesus.

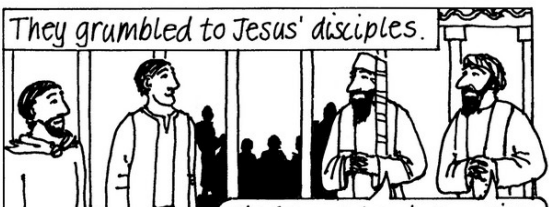



They were other tax collectors and bad people

The Pharisees saw Jesus eating with them.




They grumbled to Jesus' disciples.



Why is your teacher eating with all those bad people?

Jesus heard them and said



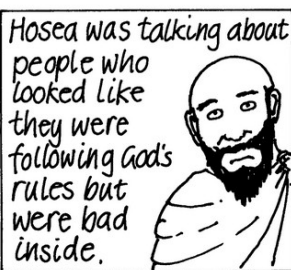
Who needs a doctor, healthy people or the sick?

Try reading 'keeping rules doesn't make up for not having kindness.' *



*Hosea 6:6

Hosea was talking about people who looked like they were following God's rules but were bad inside.




I have come for the people who need my help.



REMEMBERING THE FALLEN OF THE FIRST WORLD WAR..... NOVEMBER 11th 2018

This year marks the 100th anniversary of the Armistice that ended the First World War, an event All Saints' Church wishes to commemorate.

At the last Mothers' Union meeting a suggestion was put forward to create a display of poppies, within All Saints' Church, for the week-end of the 11th of November. An example of a knitted poppy was shown to the group along with suggested patterns. Having gained the initial approval of the MU members the Canon Stephen was approached and asked for his thoughts on such a venture. Finally, with all in agreement, the decision was taken to arrange poppies down the main aisle and on the pew ends along with silhouettes of soldiers, kindly sourced by Dennis, adorning a selection of them. Further floral arrangements near the entrance door were also planned along with the generous support of Betty Smith. It was thought that anyone wishing to sponsor an acknowledged pew end could do so by contacting Stephen, Marie or Gwen. Please be aware however such requests must be made in writing before the 31st October so that a relevant card can be printed.

Along with a visual invitation outside the Church, we are also hoping to serve refreshments to encourage people to come into the Church and see the display (further details and requests for help in the kitchen to follow).

With such ambitious plans afoot we are asking members of the congregation to help by knitting or crocheting poppies as literally hundreds will be needed! Sample patterns, with on request, have already been placed at the back of the Church, with many more options to be found on the web. Any oddments of red double-used with, if preferred, a knitted centre; a huge thank you goes to those who have already taken a pattern. A labelled box will be placed at the rear of the church for your finished poppies with a final collection date set for November 7th which coincides with Wednesday Lunches. However any contributions before then would be gratefully received, and most welcome, as it would allow us not only to update you on how things are going but also prepare the poppies for display.



Please help yourself to a pattern and start knitting **NOW**..... we urgently need your support in order to achieve such a fitting tribute in memory of those who gave so much.

Thank you

Merie, Gwen and Maureen. (coordinators)



Growing numbers of young people train as priests

Growing numbers of young people are seeking ordination to the priesthood, as the Church of England makes progress towards achieving a key target of recruiting more candidates for ordained ministry. The number of people aged under 32 years old recommended for training for ordination this year rose by nearly a third, or 32%, to 169, compared to 128 in 2016, a report on vocations from the Church of England shows. This means nearly one in three, or 29%, of those entering training for the priesthood this year are expected to be under 32 years old.

The overall number of people recommended for ordination training is up 7% on last year, from 541 to 580. This follows a 14% increase the year before, putting the Church on course to achieving a key target of recruiting 50% more candidates for ordination by 2020.

The figures have been published alongside Ministry Statistics for 2017 showing just over 20,000 active clergy in the Church of England, with women making up nearly a third, or 30% of the total. But the number of clergy in paid positions in 2017 fell by 50 from 7,790 to 7,740. Nearly a quarter, or 23% of paid clergy in senior posts, such as Bishops, Cathedral Deans or Archdeacons were women in 2017, compared to 12% in 2012. Meanwhile, the vocations report shows that women are set to be the majority entering ordination training for the second year running, with 54% of this year's recommended candidates being female.

Director of the Church of England's Ministry Division, Julian Hubbard, said: "I am delighted that the Church of England has seen a rise in the number of vocations to the priesthood for the second year running. We are particularly pleased to see the increase in the number of young women and men entering training. Catherine Nancekievill, Head of Discipleship and Vocation for the Church of England, said: "The Church of England is investing in worshipping communities across the country from coastal towns to rural areas and urban housing estates. This rise in vocations to ordained ministry is a welcome answer to our prayers and hard work across the country to ensure that we continue to bring the Good News of Jesus Christ to every community."

The Church of England is aiming to achieve an increase in the diversity of those entering ministry and a 50% increase in the total number of candidates for ordained ministry by 2020. This is part of its Renewal and Reform programme .

Taken from the Parish Pump website



RAMBLING GROUP

(Ten to Ten)

Sept 2018

On 15th September, one week later than usual, seven people including Rod Holland the walk leader, drove to Walton on the Naze. We passed the town and parked (for free!) on a road not far from the cliff top.

A short walk away from the town on the cliff path brought us to 'the tower'. It was built in 1720 by Trinity House and was mainly used as a navigational aid to shipping for many years. However, it was renovated in 2004 and opened to the public. Due to Walton's Heritage weekend it was free admission and we climbed to the top, (each of the eight floors were displaying artwork or ceramics). At the top we enjoyed 360⁰ views far and wide and also large colourful flying kites.

After refreshments we set off to follow the wall along the Naze. It was easy, flat walking with neither stiles or gates and I'm pleased to say that the long grass had been recently cut. Away to our left almost all the way we could still see the tower and to our right beyond the wall were many assorted boats. An hour and a half later after passing a caravan park we came into the town where we bought fish and chips for a late lunch. We ate these on the sea front near to the statue of a brave young soldier named Herbert Columbine who earned a VC and died in March 1918. I understand that this statue was erected in 2014.

We continued our walk along the promenade until we arrived back at our cars having completed the circuit. It was a good day with sunshine all the way.

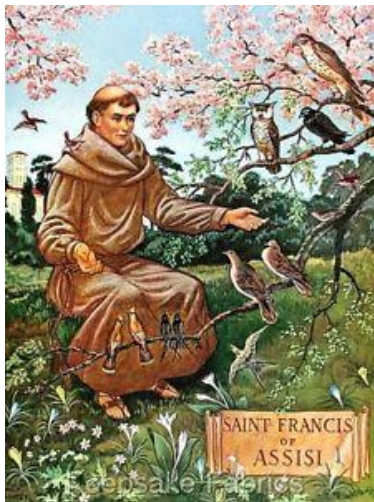
Next month's walk will be on Saturday 13th October at Little Totham/Goldhanger, meeting at Little Wintersleet Carpark as usual. For more information contact Brenda/Brian 01621 855327

Anita Withrington

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HOLY DAYS

4th Oct St Francis of Assisi Love for the Creation

St Francis (1181 - 1226) is surely one of the most attractive and best-loved of all the saints. But he began by being anything but a saint. Born the son of a wealthy cloth-merchant of Assisi, Francis' youth was spent in fast-living, parties and on fast horses as a leader of the young society of the town. Then he went to the war between Assisi and Perugia, and was taken prisoner for a year.

By the time of his release, Francis had changed. Perhaps his own suffering had awakened him to that of others. In any case, he abandoned warfare and carousing, and began to help the poor and the lepers of his area. Then one day a voice which seemed to come from the crucifix in the small, semi-derelict church of Damiano Assisi 'Go and repair my house, which you see is falling down'.

This religious experience was a vital turning point in Francis' life: Jesus Christ became very real and immediate to him. His first action was to begin repairing the church, having sold some of his father's cloth to pay for materials. His father was not amused, in fact he was furious - until Francis renounced his inheritance and even his clothes by his dramatic stripping off in the public square of the town. The Bishop of Assisi provided him with simple garments, and Francis began his new life.

His inspiration was always religious, not social, and the object of his quest was always the Crucified Christ, not Lady Poverty for her own sake. Francis rebuilt San Samiano, and then travelled as a pilgrim. His compassion for the poor and lepers became famous. Soon disciples joined him, and they set up a communal life in simple wattle and daub huts. They went on occasional preaching tours. (Not until later did they become an Order whose theologians won fame in the Universities.)

In 1219 Francis visited the Holy Land, and his illusions about the Crusaders were shattered. He went on to seek out the Sultan, and tried to convert him. Back home, he found his Order was now 5,000 strong, and growing. Francis stepped down as head, but continued to preach and was immensely popular.



He died after a prolonged illness at the age of 45, and was canonised in 1228.

Francis' close rapport with the animal creation was well known. The story of his preaching to the birds has always been a favourite scene from his life. He also tamed the wolf of Gubbio. This affinity emphasises his consideration for, and sense of identity with, all elements of the physical universe, as seen in his Canticle of the Sun. This makes him an apt patron of nature conservation.

The 20th century witnessed a widespread revival of interest in Francis. Sadly, some films and books caricatured him as only a sentimental nature-lover or a hippie drop out from society. This ignores the real sternness of his character, and his all-pervasive love of God and identification with Christ's sufferings, which alone make sense of his life. Two ancient, and many modern English churches are dedicated to him.

Taken from the Parish Pump website.



ALL SAINTS MALDON MOTHERS' UNION

After notices from Merie we were pleased to welcome Anita Withrington to tell us about the Talking Newspaper which is a great help to those whose sight is impaired and who would like to keep up with local news. This is an invaluable service which is made available to whoever needs it. Anita and Brian and various other volunteers record on to a memory stick all the interesting news from the Maldon and Burnham paper. These memory sticks are then sent to 35 different people locally.

There are four teams of volunteers who give this invaluable service which takes place in a small room in the local Council Offices, these comprise of an engineer and the 3 readers. This service is completely free and is welcomed by the listeners each week, imagine what a link it is to the local visually impaired community helping them to be involved in their town. Thanks to Anita for telling us how it all works she made it all so interesting.

After refreshments and much chat we said the Grace and made our way home, thankful for our good sight and for the Talking Newspaper which enables those less fortunate than ourselves to keep up to date with local news

Jackie Barnes



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 the perils of the Harvest Supper

My dear Nephew Darren

Plans for our Harvest Supper always start several months in advance, with the annual argument about whether we dare increase the price of tickets by 20p to £1.50. After endless wrangling we compromise on 15p, with several warning that this will sound the death knell of Harvest. That every member of the committee cheerfully pays £50 a head to dine out elsewhere seems irrelevant.

Hotpots are provided by the ladies of the parish. It is always interesting to speculate on who has made which: some are robust and meaty, while others are wan and watery. Having sampled these dishes for the past 30 years, I can match each offering with the personalities of their creators. It is also amusing to watch how the cooks manoeuvre to make sure the correct people receive their own dishes. Mrs Ffrench positively chases Lady Masterson with her hotpot.

After the meal, we proceed to what parishioners optimistically call the entertainment. I settle myself on the back row, smile, applaud - and think of the large gin awaiting me back at the Rectory. Colonel Hetherington imagines that the consumption of a bottle of claret over the meal improves his intonation as he gives his annual rendition of "The Lost Chord". I can only assume the lost chords he refers to are the vocal ones he once possessed. Miss Simpson's jokes have been repeated so often that the audience enthusiastically joins in with every punch line. Miss Sprocker makes her annual (failed) attempt to hand around paper and pencils and hold 'a nice little quiz' – she was a primary teacher.

Meanwhile the ladies in the kitchen provide a musical accompaniment of crashing crockery and cutlery, which sadly drowns out all but the most tantalising snippets of their gossip about the rest of us.

The evening always ends with the Major's recitation of "The boy stood on the burning deck". Before he can commence an un-requested encore, I surge



up to the stage, thank all the performers, and wish everyone a safe journey home. The Major is left looking like a boy who had just had his lollipop stolen by the school bully. On reflection, that is quite an accurate analogy.

Your loving uncle,

Eustace

Book Reviews

All Things Anglican – who we are and what we believe

By Marcus Throup, Canterbury Press, £12.99

Here is a lively and accessible introduction to Anglicanism, for anyone wanting to know what makes it distinctive.

Whether you are training for Anglican orders, are curious about another denomination or would like to join an Anglican Church, this guide will introduce you to the basics of Anglican identity and the ways of the Church of England. Sections include:

- ◆ Why do they do things differently down the road? The breadth of Anglican church traditions;
- ◆ Holy, Holy, Holy – understanding Anglican liturgy
- ◆ Reformed and Catholic? – a potted history
- ◆ We Believe – a guide to the Creeds
- ◆ An Anglican A-Z – a glossary of essential terms

The Lion Storyteller Bible

By Bob Hartman, Lion Children's Books, £10.99

For thousands of years, the stories in the Bible have been passed on from generation to generation. This popular retelling of many well-loved stories from the Old and New Testaments is ideal for sharing with children today. First to be read aloud, and then read alone – it will be treasured by children of all ages

Taken from the Parish Pump website



Press Release

Witham Choral Presents Rossini

Two talented keyboard players will be performing in Witham Choral 's Rossini concert on Saturday 24 November at 7.30 p.m. Antony Mortimer, the choir's regular rehearsal pianist, will be playing the harmonium part and Stephen Evans will be the pianist for the composer's Petite Messe Solennelle. "We are delighted that these two musicians will be joining us," Musical Director Patrick McCarthy told us. "I am happy to leave the beautiful, joyful accompaniment in their safe hands."

A quartet of the choir's favourite soloists will also take part in the concert at Witham United Reformed Church in Newland Street: Gill Wilson (soprano), Elaine Henson (mezzo), Paul Bloomfield (tenor) and Alan Loader (bass).

"It will be a splendid evening, I am sure," said Witham Choral Chairman Revd. Stephen Northfield. "Rossini wrote the Messe towards the end of his life to provide an income for his widow but it is by no means solemn. It has an operatic feel and is full of wonderful tunes. A real gem."

Tickets are £12 or £5 for those in full-time education and they are available from choir members, from the Witham Tourist Office in the Town Hall (01376 502674) or from Stephen on 01245 380968.

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



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After-eight Social Club

Harvest Supper Dance!

Saturday 13 October

Cold Norton Village Hall

including a Festive Supper!

Doors open 7.30 pm

dancing to Mike's Music

Admission: Members £8

Non members £10

NO BAR

Bring your own drinks please



The after eight social club runs various activities every month of the year including quiz nights, meals out, coffee evenings, excursions etc.

For further information call Mike on 01621 856219

www.aftereightsocialclub.co.uk

We also have a Facebook page



CHESS Homeless - Big Sleep Out Event

'Chess annually hosts a sleep-out in the grounds of Chelmsford Cathedral, and this year it will be taking place on the 30th November, please see our website www.chesshomeless.org/sleepout for more information or to sign up.

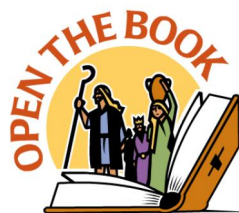
Can't make ours? we don't want you to miss out on this fun, and enriching experience. The purpose of the sleep-out is to raise funds and gain an insight into the challenges that rough sleepers have to go through. But you can do this in your own back garden with family or friends.

So why not set up your own sleep-out in your own back garden to help raise vital funds that helps Chess to deliver its valuable service to the homeless?

Even if sleeping in your garden doesn't appeal to you, you could sleep on your sofa for the night, as this is often the stage that rough sleepers go through prior to sleeping on the streets 'sofa surfing'.

Join us to raise awareness and funds for the homeless that Chess serve for further information on how to "Host your own Sleep Out" visit <http://www.chesshomeless.org/event/host-your-own/>

WANTED



Anyone who feels that they would like to be part of the Open the Book team that goes into Wentworth School on Wednesday mornings – 8.30 to 9.30 am. First we practice, then the children join us at 9.15 for their assembly. Our group has, for various reasons, reduced in size and we find that we NEED some extra help to continue with this amazing way of sharing bible stories with the children through word and drama. If acting is not your thing then there is always the chance to read the stories or even take a walk-on part. It is also not necessary for you to be there every week.

If you feel called to this opportunity and would like to see the team in action then please feel free to come along one morning or talk to Vivien, Betty or Gina who will be happy to tell you more about it.



Dates for the Diary

- 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
- 25th Mar 2019 Church AGM



Dinner

Interviewer: 'If you could have dinner with any person,
living or dead, who would it be?'
Applicant: 'The living one.'



FROM THE REGISTERS



HOLY BAPTISM

Sept 16th **THOMAS REEDHAM LUIS BERNEY** of Singapore

MARRIAGE

Sept 29th **BARRY PETER KOCINOVA** with **SANITA ZELCA**

FUNERALS

Sept 25th **SHIRLEY ANN COLE** aged 86 of Longship Way

Sept 26th **PATRICIA JESSIE RAPER** aged 93 of St Peter's Av



Prayer Diary

October 2018

1	Emergency Relief Charities
2	Christian Aid
3	Charities for the homeless
4	Those who attend Sunshiners
5	Those trying to cope with bereavement
6	Church Officers and members of our PCC
7	19th Sunday after Trinity - Harvest
	Those who do not have enough food and drink
8	Youth Chaplains
9	Bereavement Counsellors
10	Occupational Therapists and Physiotherapists
11	Those recovering from Surgery
12	Workers in the hospitality industry
13	Social Workers
14	20th Sunday after Trinity Chelmsford Street Pastors
15	Those suffering from Diabetes
16	Those studying for the Ministry
17	Medical Missionaries
18	St Luke Churches dedicated to St Luke
19	All Doctors
20	Those attending and leading Messy Church
21	21st Sunday after Trinity The Bible Society
22	Those fighting drug addiction
23	Age UK
24	People facing redundancy
25	Those caring for others at home
26	All who provide work in our town
27	All members of our extended families
28	Last Sunday after Trinity Retired Clergy
29	St Simon and St Jude Churches dedicated to St Simon and St Jude
30	Mothers struggling with young children
31	Those who attend Meeting Point

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Junior Church	Elaine Brown	01621 853238
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Sunshiners (Pre School Group Thursdays 9:15 am)	Gill Nelson	01621 852119
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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
Mothers' Union`	Marie Keeble	01621 856354
Childrens Society	Elaine Brown	01621 853238
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Meeting Point	Barbara Gale	01621 928538
Maldon Pioneers	Mike Frederick	01621 840951
Maldon Ladies Group	Vivien Clark	01621 740374
Ramblers Club		
Prayer 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

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

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