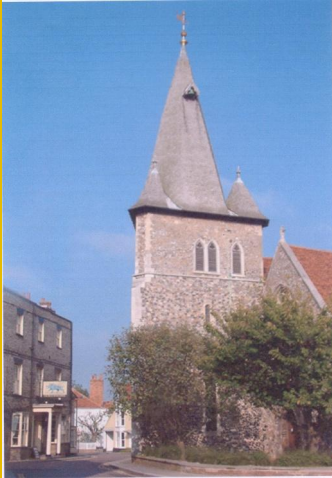


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PARISH NEWS

November 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). 4:00 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

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WEEKDAY SERVICES

Morning Prayer is usually said in church at 8.30am on Monday - Friday.

Evening Prayer is usually said in church at 5.30pm on Monday - Thursday

Thursday 11:00am Holy Communion (BCP 1662) followed by coffee and biscuits

Cover Photos: 1. The ever popular Messy Church.
2. Harvest Supper. Photo by Cliff Hunter.

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



Thanks to Our Sponsor

We are grateful to Yvonne and Mike Knellor for sponsoring the magazine this month. Mike wrote to me saying:-

Yvonne and I would like to sponsor this months magazine to celebrate our 35th wedding anniversary. I met Yvonne in 1980 at the Maldon Divorced and Separated Social Club, which I had joined about a year or so earlier'. I remember seeing her first at a club coffee evening, but it was several months later that I managed to persuaded her to let me take her to a club dance in the old Labour Hall, in Church Street (near St Mary's), in my hairy old Beatle. She responded by inviting me to dinner the next day. I remember her two children, Karen and Kevin, interrogating me after dinner to see if I was a suitable prospective boyfriend and I remember the day we got engaged a few months later, in Chelmsford, (H. Samuel's had a sale on). We were married three years later on November 5th 1983 in Chelmsford and I whisked Yvonne off to a three day honeymoon in Canterbury.

Times were hard. A lot of water has flowed under the bridge since those early days, the kids have grown up and we have a little grand-daughter (well she was, had her 21st birthday last May). We still help to run the club (which is now just a social club) and we have also become more involved at All Saints for the past three years. (But that's another story.)

On behalf of All Saints' I would like to wish Yvonne and Mike every happiness on their special day and many more years together.



FROM THE VICARAGE

FAMILY STORIES

We will all have our family histories to tell of relatives who served or were



killed in the Great War. Both my grandfathers lost brothers. Grandad Carter lost two brothers. Arthur was in the 5th Battalion of the Essex Regiment, and died in the first battle of Gaza in 1917. His other brother, William, died in 1916 after his ship hit a mine in the North Sea. Grandad Tagg also had a brother William, who died on the Western Front on June 20th 2015.

In a box that my mother passed on to me before she died, there were letters from William's friends and colleagues, sent to comfort my great grandmother on the death of her youngest son. Over a century later, they still make very moving reading. One letter was sent by his colleague, Bombardier Gladwell. Speaking of William's death, he wrote:

"His death is a great loss to us. Still God willed that it be so, and he knows his own. Your own son has died for his country in its hour of need: and believe me it is not in vain. It may be a consolation to you to know that he was buried most respectfully that day. As many of his comrades as could be spared took part in that impressive little service, during which his body was laid to rest till the resurrection day. And now at the head of the grave stands a wooden cross with his name and battery inscribed".

Two things strike me about that letter. Firstly, for my great-uncle's family there were the consolations of faith. In a more religious age, people still held on to the hope of the resurrection. A century ago most people still believed that there was a life beyond this world of pain and conflict.

Secondly, there was a very different view of the purpose of the War. It is not surprising with the horrors that people witnessed in the Great war, that we now view this conflict as a senseless waste of young lives. This was certainly the view conveyed by many of the First World War poets.

But for many people at the time, there was comfort in believing, as that letter says, that their sons, husbands and fathers did not die in vain. The letter assures my great grandmother that her son died for a greater purpose, in the cause of freedom and justice.

A century later, historians are still divided. Some argue that the war was unavoidable, given the aggressive purposes of the Kaiser's Germany, and that we had no choice but to fight. Others who hold what might be called the "Blackadder view of history", see the War as a pointless conflict in which politicians and generals made appalling decisions to sacrifice young lives for very little purpose.

Whatever view you hold, I am sure that we will all want to honour and remember those who died in the Great War. I will be thinking of my great



uncles on November 11th. And we will all be remembering the people from our own parish who made the supreme sacrifice.

Previous generations found great comfort in the war memorials that were erected in every parish in the United Kingdom. These memorials will mark the focus of our acts of remembrance as we commemorate the centenary of the Armistice. Many of these memorials will be in the form of the cross, uniting those who died with the sacrifice of Jesus.

May we remember them. And may we pray for all those in our world who still suffer from war, aggression and injustice.

Stephen Carter

THE RECENT PIANO AND VIOLIN CONCERT

The concert in the church on 12th October provided a very enjoyable and entertaining evening and those who were fortunate to be present will remember the high quality playing and professionalism of our two guest performers, Richard Barnes (piano) and Mark Hartt-Palmer (violin). They played some well known favourite pieces and a selection of pieces that they introduced to us which were fresh and bright. All this, and they took no fees or expenses, but gave their time freely to raise money for our church. We would like to take this opportunity to say a public ‘Thank you’ to Richard and Mark.

Thanks are also due to Vicky for being the welcoming ‘front of house’ collector, Cliff and Jackie for providing food and drinks, Joan for organising the raffle, and of course, to Paul Barnes for his initiative in arranging the concert. By having this concert and because of the generosity of Richard and Mark, the church is over £500 better off. Thank you everyone who helped or supported this lovely evening.

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No report this Month



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 and will be attended by the Mayor and Town Council.

ALL SOULS

Friday November 2nd is observed as All Souls day, and There will be a Requiem at 10.00am that day. There will be a second list at the back of the church for any people you wish to be remembered at that service.

ANNUAL MEMORIAL SERVICE

I have sent out over 50 letters to families in the parish who have been bereaved in the last year, and who have had their services in All Saints. All those people will be remembered in the annual memorial service at 4.00pm on Sunday November 4th. I only send invitations to those who have been bereaved over the past 12 months: but all are welcome to attend the service. There will be a list at the back of the church for one week before the service for other names to be remembered, in addition to those who have died in the last year. Because of the large number of people to be commemorated, may I respectfully ask that you only write down names if you intend to be present at the service.

For those who are not able to be present at this service, there will be a second list at the back of the church of people to be remembered at the Requiem on All Souls Day (November 2nd)

ALL SAINTS PATRONAL FESTIVAL

On All Saints day itself, November 1st, there will be the usual service of Holy Communion at 11.0am. On All Saints Sunday, November 4th, when we observe our Patronal Festival, the 10.00am Worship for All and 11.15am Eucharist will take place in All Saints school, by kind invitation of Mr Brown the Headteacher. The 8.00am service and 4.00pm memorial service will take place in church. All Saints school attend our church on a number of occasions in the year. This is a good opportunity for us to reciprocate and join with children and staff in our shared Patronal Festival.



EVENING WORSHIP FROM NOVEMBER

With the changing of the clocks, Evensong on the 2nd and 3rd Sundays will revert to the earlier time of 4.00pm. On the 1st Sunday of the month we continue to join the congregation of St Mary's for Choral Evensong at 6.00pm. Prayer and praise will remain at 6.30pm on the last Sunday of the month

Stephen

ADVENT SUNDAY DECEMBER 2ND

ADVANCE NOTICE

Please note there will be NO 11.15am service that day. The 10.00am service will be a Worship for All Eucharist lead by Canon Graham Blyth and Adrienne Knight. This will be a service suitable for children and adults to worship together.

At 4.00pm that day there will be our Advent service "From darkness to light" - a candlelit service of hymns, music and readings for Advent.

JUDITH AND ALAN SMITH

Since Mr and Mrs Smith very kindly sponsored the magazine last month it might be appropriate to mention that they are long term supporters of Rotary International in Great Britain and Ireland. Judy is presently President of the Maldon Rotary club and Alan was a former president and I'm a new member.

Rotary has been around since 1905 and was formed of active volunteers dedicated to serving communities both at home and abroad. It runs countless humanitarian projects and partners with other worldwide charities.

One of its major projects has been the eradication of polio (now almost eradicated) and whatever Rotary contributes financially it is matched by Bill Gates. Locally we organise the 5th November Maldon bonfire enabling us to support many local charities including the Talking Newspaper for a number of blind or partially sighted Maldon residents.

We also collect door to door at Christmas, when Alan dresses up as Santa. And we could do with a few more members, or supporters. Members meet for dinner each Tuesday evening at the Queen's Head.

And not as significant but Maldon Rotary have also made a donation to local Sea Cadets and provided funds locally for 3 defibrillators.

Geoff Dickman



CIVIC SERVICE

TO COMMEMORATE

THE CENTENARY OF THE ARMISTICE

at approximately 11.15am, to follow the
Town Commemoration at the War Memorial

to be attended by the Mayor of Maldon
and The Town Council

In

THE PARISH CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS MALDON

The service will include the Sanctus from Karl Jenkins' "The armed man"
(sung by the church choir);

an arrangement of "In Flanders Fields"
played by the All Saints Hand bell ringers;

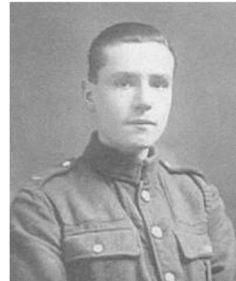
and a specially composed song "Lance Corporal G/3681"
written and performed by Suki Swindale, with Carol Bonard.

At 5.00pm, the Essex Association of Change Bell Ringers will ring a full peal
(half muffled) to commemorate the Armistice and in memory of all those
who died in the Great War.

CENTENARY BELL RINGING

The Essex Association of Change Bell Ringers will attempt to ring 5088 changes of Armistice Surprise Major which will take about 2hrs and 45mins. We will dedicate it to Private Thomas Charles Golden Pettitt, Bellringer at All Saints Maldon died 14/07/1918 age 18yrs, and to all who gave their lives in the Great War from Maldon, Essex.

Private Thomas Charles Golden Pettitt, Maldon, All Saints, Essex. Died 14/07/1918 age 18yrs. Royal Fusiliers 26th Bn. Service No. G/82159. Commemorated at La Clytte Military Cemetery, Belgium, Grave 1V F 14. Born third quarter of 1899,. The eldest of two children of Robert Charles Pettitt and Florence Pettitt (nee Ellingford) of 92 Fambridge Road, Maldon. He was at School at the time of the 1911 census. Born: Maldon,Essex. Enlisted Southend Essex, initially in the Territorial Reserve, Service No 75962. Resided (1911 census): 16, New Street, Maldon.



The Maldon Town Memorial, (designed by Wykeham Chancellor and made out of Portland Stone by Wray and Fuller of Chelmsford), was dedicated at 3pm on Sunday May 8th 1921 and unveiled by General Horne to the sound of a muffled peal from the All Saints bells.

Pictures taken from 'Maldon, Heybridge and the Great War' by Stephen P. Nunn (published MAHG 2009).



Revd Penny Sayer



The Rev Penny Sayer receiving a Gift Token from the parish on the occasion of her last service at All Saints,' on 14th October, before leaving for Dorset to take up her new post as Archdeacon of Sherborne in the Diocese of Salisbury, where she will be collated at Choral Evensong at Sherborne Abbey on Sunday 25th November.

Since November 2016, Penny has been Turnaround Minister in the Diocese of Chelmsford together with the role of Associate Priest in the parishes of Woodham Walter and Woodham Mortimer, where Stephen is Priest in Charge.

We wish Penny every success in her new role as the *Venerable Penny Sayer*.
Photo Mike Ovenden

George Mott

George is the widower of Joan Mott who for many years sang in the church choir. George is now getting on in years and is unable to do many of the maintenance jobs around his bungalow. His daughter Fiona wrote to me recently wondering if anyone could suggest or recommend a local handyman for DIY type jobs (or might be interested themselves), (paid work). Please reply to Fiona <fimott@yahoo.co.uk>



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Deputy Warden's Waffle

This photo shows some of the buggies and push chairs all gathered just by the Darcy room, as babies, toddlers, mums and grannies, all arrived for what was a very busy Sunshiners the other week. It is lovely to see so many people (of all ages!) come along; more are always welcome.



October is coming to its end, as I write this month's 'waffle', and what a month of 'new beginnings' it has turned out to be for some of us. The Rev. Penny Sayer is about to move on to Sherborne in Dorset to take up her new post as Archdeacon. Penny has not been amongst us for long, but I will miss her and the way she delivered her sermons. She just stood in front of us all, with no notes and delivered, each time, a most engaging 'talk'. As Jenny mentioned in last month's magazine she and Debbie were busy preparing for Debbie to move into her own flat. What a big step! Debbie has just told me today, that she has 'done' the move into her own flat. So starts definitely a new beginning for her and her mum. Talking of Mums, by the time you read this my mother will have moved to Essex from London to live in a care home nearby. This has been a very big step for my sister and myself, and not least for Ma, who has moved from the house she lived in for over sixty years. I do hope she will settle and soon feel at home in her 'new beginnings'.

It just so happens that all these moves have taken place in Autumn, which in many ways is the end of something, not the start of something! Our long hot summer has ended and now we find ourselves moving into perhaps one of the most beautiful times of the year. I don't think it is a secret that I love the summer—those long hot sunny days! However I find that it is the season of Autumn, that seems to move me in a magical, spiritual way. The colours of course are magnificent, a real testament to God's paint pallet! but the swirling mists, the half light of dusk always seems rather ethereal at this time of year. Although nature will seem to start to close down with approach of winter, deep underground, unseen and unheard tiny wisps of life are already there, waiting for the time to emerge in Spring, and so another new beginning. We are truly blessed God has given us such beauty and imagination.

Vicky



HOLY DAYS

1st Nov. All Saints' Day – the feast day of all the redeemed

All Saints, or All Hallows, is the feast of all the redeemed, known and unknown, who are now in heaven. When the English Reformation took place, the number of saints in the calendar was drastically reduced, with the result that All Saints' Day stood out with a prominence that it had never had before.

This feast day first began in the East, perhaps as early as the 5th century, as commemorating 'the martyrs of the whole world'. A Northern English 9th century calendar named All Hallows as a principal feast, and such it has remained. Down the centuries devotional writers have seen in it the fulfilment of Pentecost and indeed of Christ's redemptive sacrifice and resurrection.

The saints do not belong to any religious tradition, and their lives and witness to Christ can be appreciated by all Christians. Richard Baxter, writing in the 17th century, wrote the following:

He wants not friends that hath thy love,
And made converse and walk with thee,
And with thy saints here and above,
With whom for ever I must be...

As for my friends, they are not lost;
The several vessels of thy fleet,
Though parted now, by tempests toss'd,
Shall safely in thy haven meet...

The heavenly hosts, world without end,
Shall be my company above;
And thou, my best and surest Friend,
Who shall divide me from thy love?*

1,255 ancient English churches were dedicated to All Saints - a number only surpassed by those dedicated to the Virgin Mary.

**(Maurice Frost (ed.), Historical Companion to Hymns Ancient and Modern (London: Clowes, 1962), no. 274, verses 1,3,6.*

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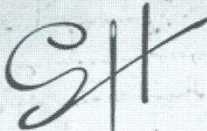


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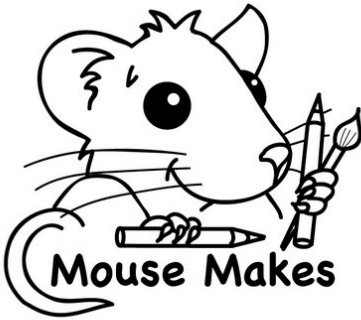

SERVICES FOR NOVEMBER

- 1st Nov** **Thursday:**
11:00 am Holy Communion (BCP 1662)
- 2nd Nov** **Friday All Saints' Day**
10:00 am Requiem Eucharist in D'Arcy Chapel
- 4th Nov** **All Saints' Sunday Patronal Festival**
8:00 am Holy Communion (BCP 1662)
10:00 am Worship for All in All Saints School.
11:15am The Eucharist in All Saints School.
4:00 pm Annual Memorial Service (in Church).
- 5th Nov** **Monday**
7:00 pm Holy Communion
- 8th Nov** **Thursday**
11:00 am Holy Communion (BCP 1662)
- 11th Nov** **Remembrance Sunday**
8:00 am Holy Communion (BCP 1662)
9:30 am Parish Eucharist followed by
Act of Remembrance at the War Memorial
11:15 am Civic Service to mark the centenary of the Armistice
4:00 pm Evensong and Sermon
5:00 pm Commemorative Peal by the Essex Association of
Change Bell Ringers
- 12th Nov** **Monday**
11:00 am Holy Communion at Hailey House.
- 14th Nov** **Wednesday,**
11:00 am Holy Communion at Longfield
- 15th Nov** **Thursday**
11:00 am Holy Communion (BCP 1662)
- 18th Nov** **Second Sunday before Advent**
8:00 am Holy Communion (BCP 1662)
10:00 am Parish Eucharist and Junior Church
4:00 pm Evensong and Sermon
- 22nd Nov** **Thursday**
11:00 am Holy Communion (BCP1662)
- 25th Nov** **Christ the King (Stir up Sunday)**
8:00 am Holy Communion (BCP 1662)
10:00 am Parish Eucharist and Junior Church
6:30 pm Prayer and Praise
- 29th Nov** **Thursday:**
11:00 am Holy Communion (BCP 1662) in the Vicarage
- 30th Nov** **Friday St Andrew the Apostle**
10:00am Holy Communion at St Andrew's Heybridge



DIARY FOR NOVEMBER

Thu 1st Nov	9:15 am Sunshiners 2-4 pm Maldon Ladies 7 - 8 pm Junior Choir Practice 7:30 pm Choir Practice
Mon 5th Nov	10 am - 12 Maldon Pioneers Drop In 7:30 pm PCC
Tues 6th Nov	10 - 12 noon Meeting Point 10-00 am Prayer Group 8 pm Mothers' Union
Wed 7th Nov	12 noon - 1:30 pm All Saints' Lunches 7:00 pm Parish Office
Thu 8th Nov	9:15 am Sunshiners 2-4 pm Maldon Ladies 7 - 8 pm Junior Choir Practice 7:30 pm Choir Practice
Sat 10th Nov	10-12 Church Coffee Morning 7:00 pm Bistro Evening
Mon 12th Nov	9:00 am Men's Breakfast (Rose and Crown) 10 am - 12 Maldon Pioneers Drop In 8:00 pm Mission Committee
Tue 13th Nov	10 am - 12 noon Meeting Point
Thu 15th Nov	9:15 am Sunshiners 2-4 pm Maldon Ladies 7 - 8 pm Junior Choir Practice 7:30 pm Choir Practice
Sat 17th Nov	2 - 4 pm Messy Church
Mon 19th Nov	10 am - 12 Maldon Pioneers Drop In
Tues 20th Nov	10 - 12 noon Meeting Point
Wed 21st Nov	7:00 pm Parish Office
Thu 22nd Nov	9:15 am Sunshiners 2-4 pm Maldon Ladies 7 - 8 pm Junior Choir Practice 7:30 pm Choir Practice
Sat 24th Nov	10-12 Church Coffee Morning
Mon 26th Nov	10 am till 12 Maldon Pioneers Drop In
Tue 27th Nov	10 - 12 noon Meeting Point
Thur 29th Nov	9:15 am Sunshiners Maldon Ladies.Fish and Chip lunch at Happy Friar 6-9:00 pm Maldon Christmas Fayre





Remember the words Jesus said:
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 Colossians 3:25

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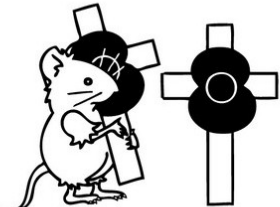
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Jesus took bread,
 gave thanks,
 broke it and said,
*"This is my body
 which I am giving
 for you, do this to
 remember me."*




Luke 22:19

Jesus said:
*"No one can have
 greater love than
 to give his life for
 his friends."*

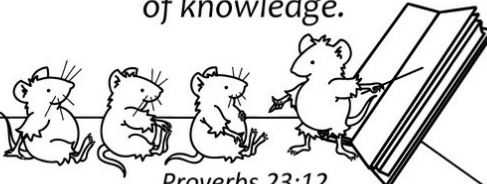


John 15:13

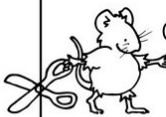
**Remember to keep
 the Sabbath day Holy**
Exodus 20:8



Remember what you are taught,
 and listen carefully to words
 of knowledge.



Proverbs 23:12

 Cut out, colour and keep these cards to help you to remember God's words to us.



The tale of the Salt and Light

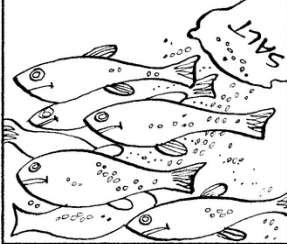


JESUS OFTEN TOLD STORIES WITH HIDDEN MEANINGS



HE ONE EXPLAINED TO HIS FRIENDS THAT THEY WERE A BIT LIKE SALT!

IN JESUS' DAY, SALT WAS VERY PRECIOUS. IT HELPED PRESERVE FOOD....

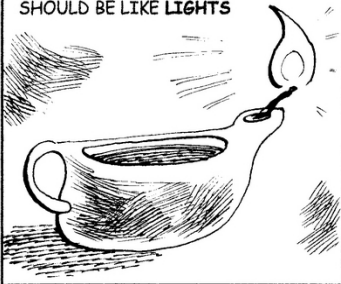


...AND SALT GAVE FLAVOUR. IT WAS VERY USEFUL INDEED



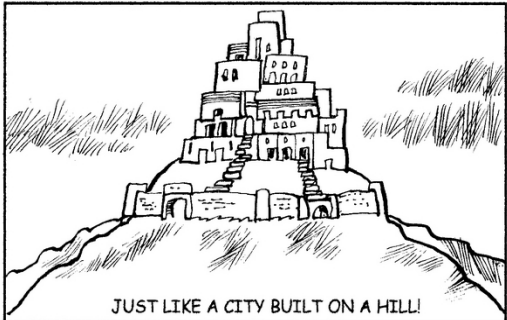
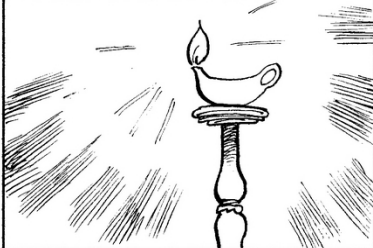
SALT HELPED MAKE LIFE BETTER - WE TOO SHOULD HELP MAKE LIFE BETTER IF WE CHOOSE TO FOLLOW JESUS!

JESUS ALSO SAID HIS FOLLOWERS SHOULD BE LIKE LIGHTS



'NOBODY LIGHTS A LAMP - THEN PUTS IT UNDER A BOWL', SAID JESUS

THE WAY WE LIVE OUR LIVES AS CHRISTIANS SHOULD BE AN EXAMPLE TO THE REST OF THE WORLD.



JUST LIKE A CITY BUILT ON A HILL!



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

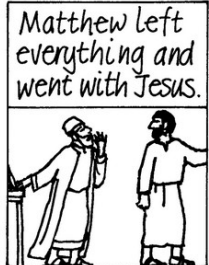
The Roman invaders had given the job of collecting their taxes to local Jews who also overcharged, so they were doubly hated.



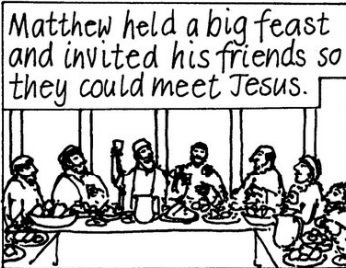
Matthew had his tax office by Lake Galilee.



Jesus walked past, and said



Matthew left everything and went with Jesus.



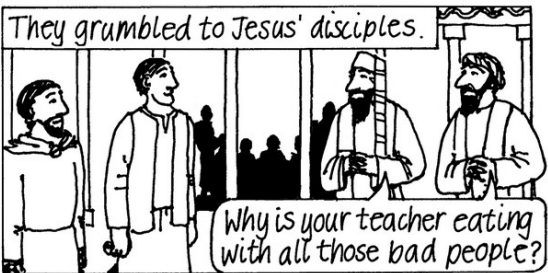
Matthew held a big feast and invited his friends so they could meet Jesus.



They were other tax collectors and bad people

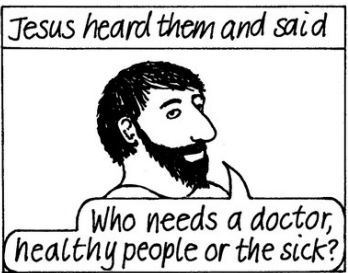


The Pharisees saw Jesus eating with them.



They grumbled to Jesus' disciples.

Why is your teacher eating with all those bad people?



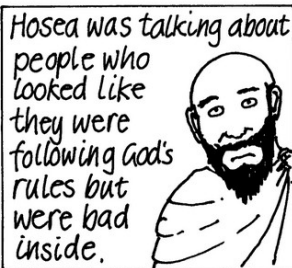
Jesus heard them and said

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.

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MEMORIES ARE MADE OF THIS

Recently we had a very enjoyable concert in the church, which was performed by Richard Barnes on Piano and Mark Hart-Palmer on Violin. They entertained us with some wonderful music and the pleasure was enhanced for me when they played the theme music from the film “Schindler’s List”, a most melodic but sad piece of music. The reason I was intrigued by this piece dates back to 1988, when I read the original book which was titled “Schindler’s Arc”. At the time my daughter was taking her ‘A’ level in English literature and she thought that if I did the same at an evening class we could discuss the books together. Unfortunately I could not get a course which was the same as her one, but I did manage to get an ‘A’ level course using a different set of books and decided to do it anyway. One of the books on my course was ‘Schindler’s Arc’ later made into the film Schindler’s List.

It is well documented that Oskar Schindler was an industrialist in Poland and that he joined the Nazi Party in 1939. He employed Jews to work in his factories because they were cheaper than Polish workers but when the occupying German Army began clearing out the ghettos and sending Jews to almost certain death in the concentration camps Oskar had a change of heart and started helping the workers to stay alive by sheltering them and bribing the Army personnel to leave them alone. There is much more about Schindler and his Jewish workers but my story deviates a little here.

Discussing the book in my class of about twenty people, mostly eighteen year olds who had not got a good enough grade when studying for the ‘A’ level at school, there were differing opinions as to whether the book held any truth or whether it was just a novel. Being the oldest in the class, I decided to try to find out the answer. In the book, particularly towards the end there are personal references about some of the people mentioned and I started to make telephone calls to these people, mainly in New York and was able to establish that indeed there was a whole deal of truth in the book. I was eventually asked to contact a lady in Jerusalem. This I did and spoke with a professor in the Hebrew University of Jerusalem, Dr. Irene Eber. She kindly sent me some photographs and was able to tell me that her mother had been one of the people employed by Schindler and had survived the war because of him. Dr. Eber said that her mother had been able to tell her of her experiences during the war



years working for Schindler and that she (the mother) knew that every word of this book was true and bore witness to the terrible times in Poland if you were Jewish. Dr. Eber and I exchanged letters and she sent me some photographs of memorial sites and where Schindler's main factory had been. After the war, Schindler was supported by the Schindlerjuden (his survivors) as post war he failed at every business he started, but they never forgot his heroism in the darkest of times and venerated him during his remaining lifetime and he still is today. He is buried in the Catholic Franciscan cemetery at Mount Zion, the only Nazi ever to be given this privilege. The book and film show vividly man's inhumanity to man and that we must never forget the holocaust.

To finish on a lighter note, when it came to examination time there was indeed a question on 'Schindler's List'. I cannot remember the question, but after the exam all the youngsters told me that they had sneaked into their answers the fact that *THEY* had researched and found out about the truth of the book! I don't know if any examiners were puzzled at this, but I do know that all the boys and girls got a better grade than I did, but then, they needed it and I did not!

Ken Downham

Lunch at All Saints

Soup – hot food- cakes

12:00 to 1:30 pm

Wednesday

7th Nov





ALL SAINTS MALDON

CHRISTMAS FAYRE

6 pm to 9 pm Thursday 29th November

STALLS TO INCLUDE:

CHOCOLATE TOMBOLA, HANDICRAFTS, GIFTS, BOOKS, BOTTLE STALL, CHILDREN'S TOMBOLA, CAKES, SWEETS, CANDLES, ART WORK, FLOWER ARRANGEMENTS, CHRISTMAS HAMPER RAFFLE, CHRISTIAN AID AND TRADICRAFT.	TOWER BELLS 6.00 TO 6.15 PM CAROL SINGING. 7.00. TO 7.45 PM COME AND JOIN THE CHOIR TO SING YOUR FAVOURITE CAROLS
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RAMBLING GROUP

(Ten to Ten)

Oct 2018

Seven of us took part on the walk on Saturday 13th October. After parking on the green at Little Totham we passed the Swan pub then turned off the road onto a footpath leading across several fields before coming to a road leading to Moors Farm.

After passing the farm we walked to Little Totham Hall, going past the farm pond where several geese decided to welcome us.

Leaving the farm behind us we carried on walking to Goldhanger and the Chequers pub, then after some refreshments we continued as we left Goldhanger, passing Rockleys Farm, than on to Tolleshunt Major.

By the Tolleshunt Major village green sign there stood a soldier of World War One, many of these can be seen around the county. Passing on along Mill Lane then across several fields to Bakers Lane leading back onto Little Totham green.

The next walk will be on Saturday 10th November at Battlesbridge. Please contact John and Sandra on 01245 222530 for more details.

Brenda and Brian

Want to support the Persecuted Church? Use the colour red on 28th Nov.

This month you need to think about how you can use the colour red in order to support the Persecuted Church worldwide.

For a second year running, Christian Solidarity Worldwide is partnering with Aid to the Church in Need for a second Red Wednesday, to be held on Wednesday 28th November.

Red Wednesday will be a day for Christians throughout the UK to 'stand up for faith and freedom in solidarity with people who face injustice because of their religion or beliefs all over the world.'

Supporters are urged to get involved with Red Wednesday by praying, wearing red, or holding a red-themed event such as a red tea party or even red prayer evening.

One of the ways that local churches can get involved is by lighting up their building in red. 'Last year, buildings all over the UK lit up, from Lambeth Palace to Westminster Cathedral and even the Houses of Parliament! Plus, if your church is already floodlit, all you have to do is change the gels to red.'

Taken from the Parish Pump Website

The joys of working with children in Church and School.

Jesus said, "Let the little children come to me, and do not hinder them, for the kingdom of heaven belongs to such as these."

Matthew 19 v 14

Some people may know that I have been a primary teacher for nearly 30 years, and also a youth worker in a Church in Warwick for the almost the same amount of time. I thank God for the many gifts he has given me, which I hope I have used to his glory. I am still known to many young and not so young adults as Auntie G, in the Midlands. Working with young people brings its challenges and its rewards, they test and they push the boundaries, but they also make one question their own beliefs and encourage one on their journey of faith. In my previous parish, I have led Baptism preparation, for adults and young people, run youth clubs and led Taize in France. I can honestly say that through my work in primary schools and with teenagers, my own faith has been encouraged and challenged. Bringing the Gospel to new and enquiring Christians makes one reflect on one's own journey of faith.



I don't believe that the young people are the church of tomorrow, I believe they are the church of today, vibrant and ready to learn and challenge us. As a Church community we need to ensure that we enable them to grow in faith and share their love and faith in God.

Recently, I took the children of my school in South Woodham Ferrers, to the local Evangelical Church to sing at the Salvation Army Carol service. Just watching those children, many who have little or no Church background, sing their hearts out and then create the Nativity scene, kneeling in the aisle, almost in homage to the Holy Baby, (which wasn't planned) I knew that the Holy Spirit was working in a small way in those children.

Through Churches Together in Maldon, we are privileged to take "Open The Book" into three schools in Maldon and share the Bible stories through drama and build relationships with the children and staff. We also share the stories at various services throughout the year. At the last count, I worked out that we are creating a relationship with over 800 children in Maldon.



Many of us, who are in the team, are greeted in the town, “Hello, you are the Open the Book lady/man!” Through us, God is working his purpose out!

I am passionate about developing the young people’s relationship with God, Jesus and the Holy Spirit and to this end, Sue Frederick and I are going to be running a group once a month, initially for those in Y6 – Y8 once a month on the 4th Sunday morning during Eucharist, following the Youth Emmaus 1 course. If you know anyone who might be interested in joining us, please contact Gina on 07753682004.

It is our role to support, teach and nurture our young people in this Church in whatever way we can. Please pray that we can continue to encourage our young people, so that they find All Saints a happy place to be, where they can develop their faith and feel that they are loved and appreciated, and more importantly challenge us!

Gina Southey

(This was written by Gina in 2015 Ed.)

“Stay in Bed Sunday – Church is too dangerous!”

From All Soulside Parish Newsletters:

8.00am NO SERVICE AT ST JOHN’S

10.00am All Saints and All Souls Eucharist at ST LUKE’S

4.00pm Memorial Service for those we have lost in church at 4.00 pm.

5.30pm Commemoration Service at ST JOHN’S for all those who have died in the high altar chapel.

Submitted by Canon Graham

N.B.

**COPY DEADLINE FOR DECEMBER MAGAZINE
18th NOVEMBER**



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 PCC

My dear Nephew Darren,

I am truly furious. I know that God has given clergy church councils, so they can have a better understanding of hell, but last night's meeting really was too much. The traps are always sprung under "any other business". Several hundred thousand pounds can be committed to repairing the tower without the slightest murmur, but if someone should suggest mending the tea urn under AOB, the meeting will close with blood on the carpets.

So it was yesterday evening. We had negotiated the tricky subject of not mentioning the verger when it was recorded that the cupboard containing the Communion wine will be kept locked in future. We had ever-so-gently sat on Mr Onions when he questioned whether it was biblical to hold raffles at our social evenings. We even smiled with equanimity when Lady Favershams grumbled about the damp Communion wafers.

But when our treasurer, after a long preamble about soaring house prices in the village, suggested that the 12 bedroomed Queen Anne Rectory be sold and I be housed in one of the "more convenient" potting sheds being built on the green, I did not expect near universal agreement from council members.

That the new Rectory would have all the aesthetic charm of a suburban bus shelter seemed to be irrelevant; that I would have to learn to have all my meals in one dining room, rather than rotate round the present three seemed to be of no concern; that my dog would lose his own private suite passed them by entirely. This may be a case for calling in the Canine Protection Society.

The thought that I would have to get used to a warm, dry house with 21st century plumbing does not bear contemplation. It is only the cold, damp accommodation with Victorian water closets that keeps parishioners and visiting clergy at bay.

It was a close struggle; here was an opportunity for council members to settle a few old scores. You could sense the gleam in Colonel Mitchell's eyes as he recalled losing the hiding place for his whisky when we removed his box pew 30 years ago; he has been obliged to listen to the sermon ever



since. And as for Miss Throckmore, who was allocated to decorate the porch rather than the great east window for last year's Harvest, she leapt at the opportunity of condemning me to life in a cardboard box. You could also sense a certain satisfaction when parishioners realised they would then be able to keep an eye on my movements, since there would no longer be several acres of ground and privet hedges to maintain my privacy.

Fortunately, I negotiated some time when I mentioned that possible legal obstacles must be cleared first. In the meantime, I shall be writing to apply for grants to build a substantial moat round my present Rectory – provided it has a working drawbridge.

Your loving uncle,

Eustace

Book Reviews

You, Me and Coffee - Our lives, your journal: and so much to talk about

By Dianne Parsons, Lion Hudson, £12.99

Enter the warmth of Dianne's front room to chat over coffee. She shares stories, thoughts, favourite quotes and memories as a child, wife, mother, and grandmother, and from 30 years working with the national charity, Care for the Family.

The journal also encourages you to share your stories, thoughts and even your dreams in response. Find encouragement, open and honest sharing of everyday ups and downs, friendship, inspiration, and understanding. So, come on in, put your feet up, the fire's lit, and the coffee is brewing...

Taken from the Parish Pump website



ALL SAINTS' Christmas Tree Festival

7th to 9th December, 2018.

Friday and Saturday: 9am - 8pm

Sunday 11am - 3pm

Sunday Christingle Service at 3pm

Trees will be between one and
six feet tall

There will be over 40 trees. Entry is
free but there will be an opportunity to
vote for your favourite tree by making
a donation into the container
in front of the tree.

All donations will be given to
the Children's Society.

Refreshments available all Day, all
proceeds from these will go to church
funds.

Merry Christmas



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After-eight Social Club

Dance Night!

Saturday 17th November

Cold Norton Village Hall

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Doors open 8.00pm

No bar - bring your own drinks

Admission: Members £6 Non members £8

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.

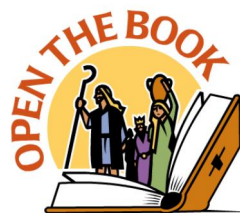
So why not set up your own sleep-out in your own back garden to help raise vital funds that helps Chess to deliver its valuable service to the homeless?

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, or help with costumes and scenery. 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, David or Gina who will be happy to tell you more about it.



Dates for the Diary

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

*List of dates is getting shorter!
Please email me with ALL your future dates.*

FROM THE REGISTERS



FUNERALS

Oct 19th Genevieve Christine Rycroft of Firstlings Heybridge



*Every week they gathered for
Bible Study*



Prayer Diary

November 2018

1 All Saints' Day	For all who live in our Parish
2 All Souls Day	Our loved ones departed this life
3	For the poverty stricken
4 4th Sunday before Advent	All Saints' Sunday
	Missionaries throughout the world
5	All Politicians
6	The Archbishop of Canterbury
7	Bishops Stephen and John
8	All prisoners
9	All Judges and Magistrates
10	Our servicemen and women
11 3rd Sunday before Advent,	Remembrance Sunday
	The Royal British Legion
12	All who suffer as a result of war
13	The newly elected Mayor of London
14	Prison Chaplains
15	Residents of the care homes in Maldon
16	Probation Officers
17	Police Community Support Officers
18 2nd Sunday before Advent	Chaplains to the emergency services
19	Those who work in the emergency services
20	Churches together in Maldon
21	Those who live alone
22	The Mission and Ministry of Churches at home
23	The work of General Synod
24	The Salvation Army
25 Christ the King	Our Ministry Team as they prepare for Advent and the Christmas Season
26	Charities planning support for those less fortunate than ourselves over the Christmas season
27	All present day hymn and worship song writers
28	Those recently ordained as Deacons
29	The Missionary work of the Church
30 St Andrew	Churches dedicated to St Andrew

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	Dennis Johnson	01621 842410
Handbell Ringers	Susan Duke	01621 851623
Flower Group	Betty Smith	01621 854143
Bible Society	Joan Downham	01621 854655
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Ramblers Club		
Prayer Group		

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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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