

ALL SAINTS' MALDON



PARISH NEWS

April 2019

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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
1st Sunday in the Month	10:00am Short all age service of stories songs and prayers. 11:15am Parish Eucharist (CW) 6:00 pm Evensong at St Mary's
Last Sunday	6:30 pm Prayer and Praise Service

JUNIOR CHURCH

Each Sunday at 10:00am.in the D'Arcy Room in Church

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: From the Archives:

1. All Saints' Hand Bell Ringers
2. Egg Rolling on Easter Day.

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



FROM THE VICARAGE

THE DEVIL MADE ME DO IT

Some years ago, a friend of mine was convicted of speeding. He caused a smile on the magistrates' bench, when he pleaded, "It wasn't my fault your worships, it was the system that made me do it" Of course, he had said it rather tongue in cheek. But it does raise the question of how far we are responsible for our own moral actions. I remember once seeing someone who was wearing a t-shirt with the caption "The devil made me do it" You can't blame the system or the devil, if you are caught speeding in a built up area. Yet human beings have always been ready to blame external forces for their own moral failures. Some of the guards in the concentration camps blamed "the system" for their part in the genocide and torture of innocent people.

Of course, external forces DO have a profound influence on our moral behaviour and the choices we make. Those brought up in a loving and stable home, where there are shared values, and opportunities for a good education and reasonable prosperity, will enjoy advantages over those brought up in homes where there is poor parenting or poverty.

The current debate about Shamima Begum, the "Isis Bride" raises the question of moral responsibility. An article in the Guardian suggested she is a victim. Lynne Wallis writes of the way in which cults, like Isis, target young people. This has clearly been happening under our noses in the United Kingdom. Isis, like other cults, indoctrinates and desensitises people. Wallis writes, "It is a process, not a life style choice" So she questions whether a teenager living in an extremist culture, is equipped to make the right moral choices.

A similar debate is taking place about knife crime in our society. One MP has described it as "a disease". More than 40 people in the UK have been fatally stabbed since the beginning of the year. Many more have been seriously injured. Whose fault is it? The police? The Home Secretary? The schools? The social services? Austerity? We will all have our own theories, probably influenced by the newspapers we choose to read. Of course, the reasons for knife crime are many and complex. But behind the debate is that same question: where does moral responsibility lie?



I have no answers. But it does seem to me that as a society, for whatever reasons, many people have lost the ability to take responsibility for their own moral choices. Anyone working in schools will tell you that some parents they deal with, are themselves damaged by the experiences of their own childhood. This means they lack the emotional and moral equipment to give their own children the guidance and stability they need. Such parents find it difficult to accept some responsibility for the bad behaviour of their children. The blame is shifted to the school or some external body.

Crime and violence are not new in society. What has perhaps changed is that we have lost the moral cohesion that once held us together.

With our Judeo-Christian values, based around the 10 commandments, there was a common shared framework. People had the freedom to reject it, as many did. But there was an underlying recognition of basic standards of behaviour.

Perhaps the Bible can help us here. Whether you see the devil as personal or an impersonal force, the Bible takes seriously the power of evil to lead human beings astray. The evil one may tempt us, put us to the test, or even enslave us. But nowhere in the Bible, as far as I can see, does the devil force us to do evil against our will. The Bible does not relieve us of the responsibility for our own actions. Part of being human, means that the final moral choice lies with me.

There is always the temptation to simplify complex issues when we discuss the problems of society. But as the debate continues, perhaps there are insights that we can contribute, as Christians, from the wisdom and insights of our own religious tradition.

Stephen

CHANGE OF SERVICE PATTERN FOR APRIL

Because of the way Easter falls, the pattern for April will be different from usual. The FIRST Sunday in April, the 7th, the 10.00am service will be Parish Eucharist (Not Worship for All) There will be no 11.15am service that day. The following Sunday, April 14th, the 10.00am service will be a Worship for all service and church parade for Palm Sunday. This will be followed by a Eucharist at 11.15am



Churches Together Quiet Day

In preparation for Holy Week, Sister Moira and Sister Margaret, (who lead our day on Julian of Norwich) will be leading us on the theme of "Praying through Holy Week: living in hope with betrayals and disappointments."

We will meet at the Octagon at St Mary's on Saturday April 13th. Coffee will be served from 10.00am; and the day will run from 10.30am-3.00pm. Hopefully, if it is a nice Spring day, we will be able to use the beautiful grounds in St Mary's for our quiet times. Please bring a contribution to a "Bring and Share lunch". There will be a retiring collection for the costs of the day. If you intend to come, please either sign the list at the back of All Saints; or phone Stephen Carter on 01621-854579; or e-mail

RevSCarter@googlemail.com

THE REVEREND RUTH SCOTT

Many of you will remember the family who worshipped at All Saints for many years, during the incumbency of Arthur Dunlop. Ruth was head girl at the Plume school, and went on to be a nurse at St Thomas when I was staying in on a placement with P Division of the Metropolitan police. Ruth went on to marry the Reverend Chris Scott, who was my



remember the Vowells at All Saints for many years, during the incumbency of Arthur Dunlop. Ruth was head girl at the Plume nurse at St Thomas when I was staying in on a placement with P Metropolitan police. the Reverend Chris neighbour at

theological college in Salisbury. I played the organ for their wedding, which was attended by Sarah MacMorland, who had been a school friend of Ruth's.

One of those interesting little co-incidences which happens in life.

Many people will have regularly listened to Ruth on Radio 2, where she was a regular contributor to Wogan. She had a remarkable ministry, travelling widely as an agent of peace and reconciliation. She was an impressive woman, and has had a profound influence on many lives.

Sadly, Ruth lost her battle against cancer in February, and died at the age of 60. We remembered Ruth in the prayers at the Eucharist. I wrote to Chris on behalf of the parish to offer our sympathy.

Stephen



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Light in the darkness

I will begin my celebration of Easter crouched around a fire in the gardens outside Chelmsford Cathedral trying to light a large candle from its flames. When the candle is lit I will hold it aloft, process into the darkened church, and proclaim the ancient Easter proclamation that Christ is the light in the darkness.

In the New Testament all the really important things seem to happen in the dark.

Jesus is born in the night. When Judas betrays him and he is arrested, night has fallen. When he dies on the cross there is darkness over the land. And when Mary Magdalene goes to the tomb on Easter morning we are told it is still dark.

This is no coincidence. The death and resurrection of Jesus is best understood as a cosmic victory over the powers of evil, death and darkness. Speaking of the coming of Christ, Isaiah says that the people who walked in darkness have seen a great light. When Jesus is born, Simeon says he is the light for all people.

That's why Christians all over the world celebrate Easter in the night by kindling a fire and lighting a candle and proclaiming Jesus as the light of the world. This is also why Christian people today find hope – light in their own personal darkness – through Jesus Christ. We do not find God absent or indifferent to our sufferings. We find he is there with us. Christ is, therefore, not the light at the end of a dark tunnel, but the light to see by, “a lamp to our feet and a light to our path,” a candle to hold in the darkness.

The Risen Christ is also light for the world. As I write this I don't know what is going to happen with our Brexit negotiations. By Easter we are supposed to know; the end of March deadline will have passed. However, there is every possibility we might still be in the dark. The way of Christ can shed light on this as well, showing us the values and principles we must hold onto even if the path ahead is not clear.

+  . *Rt Revd Stephen Cottrell, Bishop of Chelmsford*



LETTER FROM YORKSHIRE

Letter for April

Dear Church family,

It was lovely to see Viv and Peter earlier in March, and to catch up on your news! They were indeed very lucky with the weather, for soon after they went home it blew a gale here, and right up to last Sunday (17th), it was so wild we had a job to open the Priory church door, and when we finally opened it, all the leaflets and information blew everywhere!!, that door is rather big and the building is extremely high so I think the wind s meet there. Elsewhere our gorgeous Daffodils suffered a beating, and some of our trees were blown down. The one thing I love about this Yorkshire County, is the abundance of trees, but sadly the wind has caused several to collapse. I noticed the other day just along the road, a tree with a very large circumference has gone, and when they replace it will take a few hundred years for the new one to reach that height and width!! There is a plan to plant a million or more trees in the county, they will improve the quality of air and help save the planet.

While I was describing fallen trees I was reminded that once in my history when I had just started preaching, a certain choir gentleman took me aside, and asked me (tongue in cheek) not to use very big words in my sermons!!! Perhaps I should have said the tree was ‘wide’! It just shows you how some things stick in your mind!!

So here we are looking at Easter, and I must say that Hot cross buns have been around since the end of last year, and I have not yet succumbed to them, but remember Vicar, you must control yourself and have only one small chocolate egg this year,- emphasis being on the “small “.!!!!!!

So now my friends it just remains for us to wish you a very Happy Easter, followed by some really decent weather.

Love and Blessings,

From Avril.

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The Bishop’s Visit

A bishop was visiting a small church in his diocese for Easter. He wanted the young people to understand what he had to say about the Good Shepherd, so he dressed up in his bishop’s long, flowing robes and carried his crook. “Now,” beamed the bishop, “do you know who I am?”

After a moment’s silence, one child ventured “Little Bo Peep?”

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TRAIDCRAFT
Fighting poverty through trade

Closure of the All Saints' Traidcraft Stall

After 19 years running the All Saints' Traidcraft stall (we took over from a former parishioner David McMinn when he moved away from Maldon in 2000), we have reluctantly come to the view that the Stall no longer has a sustainable future. We seriously considered closing in December at a time when the future of Traidcraft plc looked very uncertain, and when getting the stock we needed was becoming harder and harder. We received assurances from Traidcraft that in the New Year there would be a new smaller offering for Fair Traders such as us, but it has remained difficult to get key product lines – even tea has been hard to get. Many product lines are currently being sold off and not replaced by Traidcraft plc (e.g. breakfast cereals), but we have no indication of whether they will be replaced, either at all, or with a new range. The small number of regular customers that we do have rely on the foodstuffs or drinks they like being available week-in-week-out, and we cannot wait any longer for the troubled trading company to settle on its future product ranges.

The issue is however not as simple as Traidcraft plc's current difficulties and transition to a newer much smaller trading entity, it's also regrettably about too few regular customers for the Stall. Over the years we have tried different products but even when we get new lines in we sometimes find that the person who specifically asked for a product doesn't buy it at all or simply doesn't continue to buy the product for a sustainable period. Before we know it we are left with stock going out of date which, inevitably, we end up giving away (and putting the money in the tin ourselves) or buying for ourselves (and then often giving away). For some years now Adrienne and I have been subsidising the Stall in this way by buying up out-of-date or short date stock (so that there is no loss to All Saints). Biscuits are not too expensive, but when it comes to coffee, olive oil, Divine Mint Thins, or several jars of peanut butter, it adds up to a pretty penny.

Unfortunately we can't discount like larger retailers can. Our margins on foodstuffs are around 10%, so for example the profit on a 100g jar of decaf instant coffee is just 49p – so we are not in a position to have 25% off or Buy One get One Free promotions to shift stock.



It is undeniable that Fairly Traded foods are expensive as compared with standard supermarket products, and we make no apology for this, as this is the price of the FairTrade premium, which goes to producers in developing countries (up-front) and helps to provide them with education for their children, medicines and training that ordinarily they could not afford.

We are sad to have to let down the small number of loyal customers at the 10am service, but Adrienne and I can't continue to subsidise the Stall and mask the underlying lack of sustainability. We can more usefully donate the sums we subsidise the Stall with to the development charity Traidcraft Exchange to whom Traidcraft plc donate their profits (when they make a profit). You can find out more about Traidcraft Exchange on their website <https://www.traidcraft.org.uk/> For example, because Traidcraft plc has had to scale down its buying – especially from craft producers of non-food products – Traidcraft Exchange has been appealing to supporters for funds to assist producers such as Gospel House Handicrafts of Sri Lanka find new markets for its wooden and fabric products.

All of this means that we will therefore close the Stall on Easter Sunday. After Easter we will do a stocktake and will buy any remaining product from the Stall, paying those monies into Church funds at the full retail price. If after Easter any regulars want to buy anything we have left (e.g. tea or coffee or breakfast cereals), we will sell it to them on an ad hoc basis, but the Stall will no longer be out on Sundays. The bulk of remaining stock (which we will then own) will be kept in the crypt for a period of time, so we can pop down below to get you anything we might have left.

We remain committed to the principle of Fair Trade, and we will continue to buy products for ourselves direct from Traidcraft plc. Any parishioner wanting to do likewise can order direct via the online shop www.traidcraftshop.co.uk. Shipping charges will apply for smaller orders.

As a sign of our continuing commitment we will for a limited period provide FairTrade coffee for use in church, and perhaps others will come forward to sponsor the coffee that we enjoy at the back of the church or at social events.

We are grateful for the support of our customers, our Sunday helpers and stall putter-outers, and the PCC (in particular Eddie), for making possible our modest 19 year witness to trade justice, and we would urge you all to find your own ways to support poor producers in Africa, Asia and South and Central America through making a small change in your buying habits in favour of FairTrade, whether that be at your local supermarket, through Oxfam shops, or by buying direct online.

Thank You.

Richard & Adrienne Knight
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EVENSONG-USE IT OR LOOSE IT!

For the last two Sundays when I have preached at Evensong, we have had (excluding the choir) a congregation of three people (plus Ernie the dog!) Now of course, worship is primarily offered for the glory of God, and "where two or three are gathered together....." On most days of the week I am alone in church for the daily offices.

BUT- I do wonder how much longer we are going to be able to sustain our sung Sunday Evensong?. We are blessed that our choir and organist are so committed to retaining Evensong. I would admit that Evensong is an acquired taste for those not used to traditional Anglican worship. And yet, there has been a huge growth in attendance of Evensong in our cathedrals. At the same time, in our own parish, and many other parish churches, there has been a steady decline in attendance. There are now very few parishes that have a service of Evensong. In our own deanery, St Mary's has a Choral Evensong sung once a month by the choir, in the style of Cathedral Evensong. But, as far as I am aware, there are no other parishes in the Maldon and Dengie Deanery which have retained this beautiful evening service. It would be a huge personal sadness for me to have to abandon Evensong. I have memories of the first time I went to Evensong, at the age of eight, in All Saints Dovercourt. I have loved this service in all the years since. It is a prayerful, peaceful, and scriptural end to the day. So- use it, or loose it.

How sad it would be if yet another precious and beautiful part of our Anglican tradition should bite the dust.

Stephen

Saturday 14th April (Palm Sunday) at 6.30 pm.

All Saints' Choir will be performing music from Handel's Messiah in a special service to mark Christ's Passion, in the period before Easter. The music will include some of Handel's best-known choruses and solos from this ever-popular work. The musical items will be interspersed with readings and reflections which will illuminate the performance, and provide a fitting way to look forward to the joy of Easter Sunday.

The music of the "Messiah" was written by Handel in the breathtakingly short period of six weeks, a feat which few people could emulate in six years. It has been deservedly popular ever since it was written; Handel understood his audience in Britain very well, and this applies just as much today as it has always done.

Stuart Pegler, Musical Director



TRAIDCRAFT STALL

Adrienne and Richard have written in the magazine of the reasons for the closure of the Traidcraft stall, caused in part by the supply difficulties of Traidcraft and the low sales at All Saints'. I think we should record our thanks to Adrienne and Richard, and those who have helped them, in maintaining the stall for the last 19 years.

The stall has had an important message to us as a Christian community. Its presence has been a symbol of our awareness of the world beyond the UK; and the need to trade justly with those who struggle against poverty in so many places. I hope, as a church, we will continue to buy fairly traded produce, particularly our coffee and tea.

Thank you Adrienne and Richard for organising the stall for us all these years.

Stephen



TEN to TEN Rambling Group

Three Churches Walk on Saturday 9th March 2019

Eleven of us took part in the walk on Saturday that took us from the recreation ground in Purleigh on a route around the churches of Purleigh, Cold Norton and Stow Maries. This was about seven miles in total. It was a very windy day but the sun was shining and we luckily escaped the heavy shower they had apparently had in Maldon. It is amazing how hilly Essex is in places. We climbed up to each of the churches and from there we had the wonderful views over to the Blackwater and Crouch estuaries. We encountered quite a bit of mud in places due to the recent heavy rain and there were quite a few stiles to climb over. Although there were muddy fields to cross, there were also some lovely paths through pasture land, green lanes and on the old railway track. Some of us took up the invitation to eat our sandwiches in St. Mary and St. Margaret's church in Stow Maries. The wind seemed particularly strong up there so we were grateful for the shelter. The others in the group had an enjoyable lunch in the Prince of Wales and we joined up for the remainder of the walk back to Purleigh finishing at about 2.30. A lovely day out in the fresh air!

The next walk will be on Saturday 13th April. We will meet at Winterslete Farm (parking opposite the top cemetery gate) and set off at Ten-to-Ten for a walk around Little Totham. For more information about the walk and the meeting place for carshare, please ring Peter on 01621 854108

Sue.



Following the AGM, held in Church on 25th March 2019,
the result of the elections for two Churchwardens and to fill
the vacancies on the Parochial Church Council
are declared below.



RESULTS OF ELECTIONS

Parish of All Saints with St Peter, Maldon in the Deanery of Maldon

At the Annual Meeting of Parishioners and Annual Parochial Church
Meeting of the above parish held on Monday 25th March 2019

The following were elected as Churchwardens:

Jennifer Clinch

Dennis Johnson

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

Sandra Gorham

Julie Ovenden
PCC Secretary
25.03.2019



JOHN AND MAUREEN CLIFFORD

As you know, John and Maureen very kindly remembered All Saints in their will. Their legacy is being used to reorder the area above the choir vestry, to include facilities for storage and a parish office. We hope also to restore the reredos behind the High Altar, once the necessary permissions have been received from the diocese and English Heritage. There is now also a new altar frontal that has been completed in the D'Arcy Chapel in their memory. We are most grateful to Chris Lawton who has made it for us. It looks beautiful and enhances the chapel, which has a dual purpose use for worship and as a meeting space. Ken, our verger, sourced the material, which is a very nice "Verona tapestry". Once the office and reredos are complete, we will arrange to dedicate these items in memory of John and Maureen.

Stephen



ALL SAINTS MOTHERS UNION MARCH 5TH 2019

We meet at 7.00pm now which is useful as we have more social time and also get home a bit earlier, and this week we had a speaker from the University of the 3rd Age. Peter Harden. He came to tell us about the U3A in Maldon. We were surprised to learn that each U3A branch is a charity run by its own committee, and there are in fact 1050 U3As across the country.

You can learn art appreciation, Japanese, Zoology- the Blackwater U3A has 39 different groups and also shares more groups with Heybridge and Limebrook. The Chairmen of the groups discuss various topics of interest and run special events like Cyber Crime and Stay Healthy.

All U3as are self funding and each branch pays a yearly fee of £20 and it is possible to sign up to any group which is advertised in the monthly newsletter.

Peter Harden said that it's a great way to make friends, keep the brain and body working, and also enjoy sports activities. He encouraged us to find a meeting and see if you like what you see!

Our next meeting is on April 2nd where Wendy Cox will tell us about Heathy Eating. Hopefully we can work on losing the Hot Cross Buns which we all enjoy in Lent!

A short song of Happy Birthday to Carol ended our meeting, and we went home just that bit earlier this time.

Jackie Barnes



HOLY DAYS

21 April – Why Easter will never go away

How do you make sense of the Resurrection? Dead men don't rise, so why believe that this particular dead man did rise?

At the end of St Luke's Gospel we read that: "they still did not believe it because of joy and amazement" (Luke 24.4). This is highly significant. The Gospels do not show us a group of disciples who were in a receptive frame of mind. After the crucifixion, they were in hiding, frightened and scattered. Then suddenly, they came out of hiding and were totally different; excited, joyful. By Pentecost they were confident, with one firm message: "You crucified Jesus, but God raised him up!"

How did they know this? Because of direct personal experience. Some of them had visited the tomb of Jesus: it was empty. Others claimed to have seen and touched the risen Lord. Were they hallucinating? People can hallucinate in groups – when taking drugs, for example. But, of course each one will see a different hallucination. But the disciples all saw the same thing. Or rather, the same person. Jesus.

Were they lying? Jesus had died a humiliating death as a criminal. Perhaps they wanted to rescue His good name. So did they pretend they had seen Him?

This theory has a big problem. Their preaching led them into trouble with the authorities. They were beaten and imprisoned and some of them killed. People will die for ideas and causes which they believe in passionately. But not for things they have made up. We might suffer for our convictions, we will not suffer for our inventions.

What about the 'swoon' theory? That Jesus didn't die on the cross, despite terrible wounds. He recovered in the tomb, and then escaped. The disciples nursed Him back to health. But Roman soldiers knew when a man was dead; and there was the guard on the tomb. Also, the events which followed simply don't fit. If the disciples had been hiding Jesus, they would have kept very low-key, and out of the way, so that the authorities did not come after Him again.

Besides, to preach that God had raised Jesus from the dead – which is exactly what they did preach – would have been a lie. Beatings and threat of death would soon have loosened their tongues. Inventions crumble under pressure; convictions hold fast.

Another reason for believing in the Resurrection is this: Jesus' continuing impact. Thousands and soon millions of people in every generation since have shared an inescapable sense of being 'accompanied' through life. Though unseen, they identify this presence as the Risen Lord.

Sometimes this experience of meeting Jesus is gentle and fitful. Sometimes it is dramatic and life-changing. This reminds us that the resurrection of Jesus is not



just an interesting historical puzzle. It is a vital, present day reality. It brings wonderful comfort, assuring us of the central Christian truths: death is dead; Jesus is alive; God is love.

This central notion was captured, most movingly, by the great Albert Schweitzer: 'He came to those men who knew Him not. He speaks to us the same word: "Follow thou me", and sets us to the tasks which He has to fulfil for our time. He commands. And to those who obey Him, whether they be wise or simple, He will reveal Himself in the toils, the conflicts, the suffering which they shall pass through in His fellowship, and, as ineffable mystery, they shall learn in their own experience who He is.' Have a joyful – and a challenging – Easter.

Taken from the Parish Pump Website.

MRS VICARAGE

Sue's big birthday is in March. As her birthday will be in the middle of Lent, we will be having a belated celebration. You are invited to come and have a drink and finger buffet following the Easter Eve Vigil on Saturday April 20th at 8.00pm; when we can celebrate both Easter and Sue's birthday.

Stephen

Lunch at All Saints

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SERVICES FOR APRIL

- 1st April** **Monday**
7:00 pm Holy Communion in D'Arcy Room
- 4th April** **Thursday**
11:00 am Holy Communion (BCP 1662)
- 7th April** **Fifth Sunday of Lent, Passion Sunday.**
8:00 am Holy Communion (BCP 1662)
10:00 am Parish Eucharist and junior Church.
NB No 11:15 am service.
6:00 pm Choral Evensong at St Mary's
- 11th April** **Thursday**
11:00 am Holy Communion (BCP 1662)

Services for Palm Sunday April 14th until Easter Day April 21st
Please see special Holy Week Feature on pages 22 - 23

- 15th April** **Monday**
11:00 am Holy Communion in Hailey House
- 17th April** **Wednesday**
11:00 am Holy Communion in Longfield Care Home
- 23rd April** **Tuesday St George, Patron Saint of England**
10:00 am Holy Communion in St Mary's
11:00 am Easter Service in The Lodge Care Home
- 25th April** **Thursday**
11:00 am Holy Communion (BCP 1662)
- 28th April** **Second Sunday of Eastertide**
8:00 am Holy Communion (BCP 1662)
10:00 am Parish Eucharist and Junior Church..
3:00 pm St Georges Service
6:30 pm Evensong and Sermon
- 30th April** **Tuesday, St Mark the Evangelist**
10:00 am Holy Communion in St Mary's



DIARY FOR APRIL

Mon 1st April	10 am - 12 Maldon Pioneers Drop In 7:30 pm PCC in Meeting Room
Tues 2nd April	10 am - 12 noon Meeting Point 10 am Prayer Group 2:00 pm Hospitality Committee 7 pm Mothers' Union
Wed 3rd April	9:30 am All Saints School Service in All Saints' 10:30 am Lent Group (4) in All Saints' 12 - 1:30 pm All Saints Lunches 7:00 pm Parish Office in Vicarage
Thu 4th April	9:15 am Sunshiners 2-4 pm Maldon Ladies 7 - 8 pm Junior Choir Practice 7:30 pm Choir Practice
Mon 7th April	10 am - 12 Maldon Pioneers Drop In
Tues 8th April	10 am - 12 noon Meeting Point
Wed 10th April	10:30 am Lent Group in All Saints' 1:45 pm Funeral of Albert Kirby
Thu 11th April	2-4 pm Maldon Ladies 7:30 pm Choir Practice
Sat 13th April	CTiM Quiet Day in St Mary's 2 - 4 pm Messy Church
Mon 15th April	9:00 am Men's Breakfast (Rose and Crown) 10 am - 12 Maldon Pioneers Drop In
Tue 16th April	10 am - 12 noon Meeting Point
Wed 17th April	7:00 pm Parish Office
Thu 18th April	2-4 pm Maldon Ladies
Tues 23rd April	10 - 12 noon Meeting Point
Wed 24th April	7:30 pm Baptism preparation in D'Arcy Room
Thu 25th April	9:15 am Sunshiners 2-4 pm Maldon Ladies 7 - 8 pm Junior Choir Practice 7:30 pm Choir Practice
Sat 27th April	10 - 2 pm Scout Breakfasts and Lunches
Mon 29th April	10 am - 12 Maldon Pioneers Drop In
Tues 30th April	10 - 12 noon Meeting Point



Services for Holy



PALM SUNDAY (14th April)

8.00 am BCP Holy Communion (1662)

10:00 am All Age Service with Procession,
and Church parade.

11.15 am The Eucharist, with Reading of the Passion

6:30 pm Music from Handel's Messiah, Sung by our choir.

MONDAY OF HOLY WEEK (15th April)

7:30 pm Compline and Address in All Saints'
"Gethsemane - The place of struggle" (Canon Graham)

TUESDAY (16th April)

7:30 pm Compline and Address at St Michael's
Woodham Walter
"The Courtyard - the place of hiding." (Preb. Paul)

WEDNESDAY (17th)

11:00 am Holy Communion
7:30 pm Compline and Address in St Margaret's
Woodham Mortimer
"The Potter's Field - the place of guilt" (The Vicar)

MAUNDY THURSDAY (18th April)

11:00 am Chrism Eucharist in the Cathedral
7:30 pm Eucharist of the Last Supper, with foot
washing, procession to the Altar of Repose.
Address "The Upper Room - the place of meeting"
(The Vicar)
After the Eucharist, the silent watch of prayer will then
follow in the D'Arcy Chapel until 10:00pm

GOOD FRIDAY (19th April)



9:30 am CTiM Service in the Catholic Church, followed
by Procession of Witness to All Saints'

11:15 am All Age Service at the Cross lead by Rev Julie

2:00 pm An hour's devotion lead by the Vicar
Addresses:

- "Gabbatha the place of judgement"
- "The Road to Calvary - the place of
journeying"
- "Golgotha - the place of Crucifixion"



Week and Easter

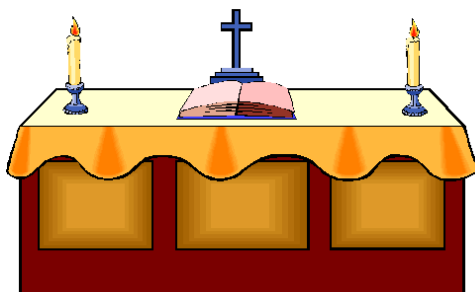
EASTER EVE (Sat 20th April)

8:00 pm Blessing of the New Fire and Vigil

Address:

“The Tomb - the place of waiting” (The Vicar)

Followed by a party in the D’Arcy room to which all are welcome.



EASTER DAY (April 21st)

6:00 am Sunrise Service at St George’s Heybridge Basin.

8:00 am Holy Communion (1662).

10:00 am Festival Eucharist, with special activity for children

Address “The Garden - the place of new life” (the Rev Julie)

(This service will be followed by the annual egg rolling in the High Street.)

6:30 pm Evensong and Sermon





Bible Bite

A short story from the Bible

It can be read in the Bible in
Lk 22:1-13, Mt 26:14-19, Mk 14:10-16

It was just before Passover, when Jews celebrate God rescuing them from Egypt. Jesus and his disciples were in Jerusalem.

The Chief Priests were plotting



How can we get rid of Jesus? He always has crowds around him.

Jesus' disciple Judas came to them...



I could help you.

We'd be happy to pay you



How much?

30 silver coins



30 silver coins happened to be the same amount that had to be paid as compensation to the owner if a slave was killed Ex.31:32



I'll let you know when Jesus is alone.

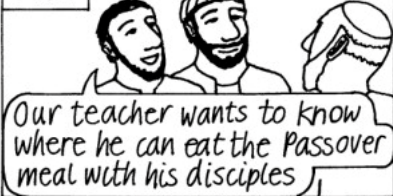
Meanwhile, Peter and John asked Jesus...



Where do you want us to prepare the Passover meal?

Go into the city and follow the man carrying a water jar to his home

They did, and asked the house owner



Our teacher wants to know where he can eat the Passover meal with his disciples

The room is upstairs on the roof, ready to use

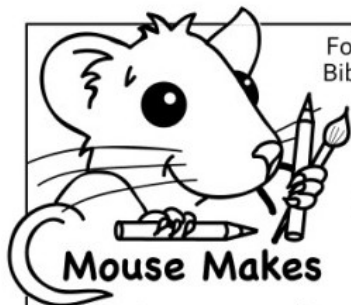


Peter and John got the meal ready



That evening, Jesus and his 12 disciples went to the room to eat the Passover meal.



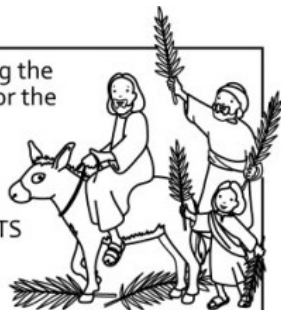


Follow the **Easter story** using the Bible references, then look for the words in the puzzle.

Into Jerusalem

read *Matthew 21:1-11*

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The Last Supper
read
Matthew 26:17-30
TWELVE DISCIPLES
PASSOVER
ROOM • BREAD
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CUP • MEAL

Betrayal and Death
read *Matthew 26:36-27:56*

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Burial and Resurrection

read *Matthew 27:57-28:20*

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One Enchanted Evening

Not my usual kind of contribution, but I thought that I would include this little piece as it was an evening that gave Joan and me so much pleasure and I think also to several members of All Saints. On the 16th March last, Joan and I were fortunate enough to be asked to join an outing to the Royal Albert Hall which was organised by David Denyer of Maldon Rotary Club with support from Judy Smith. A coach took us from the Plume Academy right to the venue via the almost unrecognisable (to me) East End of London and through the City. It was lovely to be just able to sit and look at the new buildings and roads that have transformed the east side of London. The purpose of the outing was to enjoy a concert given by the massed bands of the Royal Marines at the annual Mountbatten Festival. All proceeds from these concerts go to charities supported by the Royal Marines.



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The Band of the Royal Marines is the musical arm of the Royal Navy and all Band members are fully trained for action in case of war where they carry out medical duties and drive ambulances when required. The present Captain-General of the Royal Marines is HRH Prince Harry, Duke of Sussex, who was present at the concert. On this occasion there was a complement of some sixty musicians in the on stage Band with as many again performing solo pieces and speciality acts. This year was one of remembering years of special significance for the Band; it is thirty years since the Marines base at Deal was bombed by the IRA and eleven Marines were killed in September 1989; it is seventy five years since the Normandy landings started the liberation in June 1944 of all the European Countries lost in the second world war. To



celebrate this latter anniversary, a film of the landings made by a member of the Band was shown and included the superbly accurate glider landings at the 'Pegasus Bridge' which was so crucial to the success of 'D' Day. Suitable mood music was played for the duration of the film and it proved a fitting tribute to that day as did the warmly applauded presence of a few of the men who took part in the actual event in 1944. The Marines have many first class musicians among their number and can play all kinds of music from classical through jazz, film music and Pop music of all eras. They have many talented soloists and their drum core, which consists of over thirty drummers, is world class and they treated us to two items in the concert with nerve tingling drum playing and immaculate marching to the rhythm and beat of the drums. Another item that enthralled me was an arrangement by a Band Sergeant of Beethoven works for Piano and Wind instruments. Not only did the sergeant arrange all the pieces but played the solo parts herself and in the setting of the Albert Hall she played beautifully and this was mesmerising stuff. Two hours of brilliant music and even time at the interval to enjoy an ice cream!

It was a wonderful evening out and a tremendous concert. Quite a few of the people on the outing were from All Saints church and the evening was rounded off nicely by the very helpful driver taking each of us back as near to our homes as he possibly could. Thank you to the Rotary Club for organising such a lovely evening.

Ken Downham

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Yesterday, I went with my theatre company, to have luncheon at the George and Vulture, which is where Charles Dickens has Mr Samuel Pickwick and friends meet, and indeed to this day the Pickwick Club gather four times a year to consume warm ale and pies, we saw the old oven still in situ! Our little gathering was in to pay homage to Mr Pickwick and friends after last Christmas' show; loosely based on the Pickwick Papers. After our meal, (not sure whether there were any vegetarians in Dickens time!) we were very fortunate to be given a short, but utterly fascinating walk around Bishopsgate, by one of our lunch guests, who just happens to be a Blue Badge tour guide.

As we walked I noticed the odd name St. Mary Axe, and was very curious to know what the name meant. Our knowledgeable guide had gone on, so it was left to me and my chum to ponder on the strange name. Now home I have looked Bishopsgate St Mary Axe up on Google and oh dear, rather wished I had not bothered., St Mary Axe is a City of London street running from Houndsditch to Leadenhall street, named after the former 12th century church St Mary Axe, which closed in 1560. The church acquired its name from its claim to possess one of the three axes used by henchmen of Attila the Hun to behead the 11,000 virgins said to have accompanied St Ursula on a 5th century mission to convert the pagan.'

The Gherkin looms just nearby, as indeed so do many alarming ultra modern glass and steel girder terrifyingly tall buildings. The area is like a science fiction film set. Some people I know find all this very exhilarating; its new and exciting. I am not one of them. I loved all the tiny cramped alleyways, steeped in history. I felt London now is an uneasy mix of old and new. I think that feeling is something we all can probably relate to. We all live with the heady mix of modernity, which of course has many good things, where would a lot of us be without wifi, tablets, lap tops etc? back using a slate board, or even a quill and parchment. Well they did not get viruses and thus cause the user to break a blood vessel !

We must all at times long for the 'good olde days' slower pace of life, no road rage, no Brexit --- oops sorry !! However something we all are striving for I think is an acceptance of other peoples views and certainly in the church overall we should try and set examples of working along side all people even if we don't share their view – welcome the mix of tradition and embrace the new. We live in a changing world, but some things remain, the other evening, was our church AGM.

And MOTHERS. this months magazine comes out today Mothering Sunday, so to conclude:

HAPPY MOTHER DAY, Vicky



Book Reviews

Locked in

By Arlen Victoria, Authentic, £9.99

Paralympics champion and Dancing with the Stars contestant Victoria Arlen shares her courageous and miraculous story of recovery after falling into a mysterious vegetative state and how she broke free, overcoming the odds and never giving up hope, eventually living a full and inspiring life.

When Victoria Arlen was 11 years old, she contracted two rare diseases which induced a vegetative state. For two years her mind was dark, but in the third year, her mind broke free, and she was able to think clearly and to hear and feel everything - but no one knew.

When she was 15 years old, against all odds and medical predictions, she was finally able to communicate through eye blinks, and she gradually regained her ability to speak and eat and move her upper body, but she faced the devastating reality of paralysis from the waist down because of damage to her spine. However, Victoria didn't lose her strength or steadfast determination, and two years later, she won a gold medal for swimming at the London 2012 Paralympics.

Victoria shares her story - the pain, the struggle, the fight to live and thrive, and most importantly, the faith that carried her through. Her journey was not easy, but by believing in God's healing power and forgiveness, she is living proof that, despite seemingly insurmountable odds and challenges, the will to survive and resolve to live can be a force stronger than our worst deterrents.

Taken from the Parish Pump website

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21st APRIL



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 why a vicar should avoid wedding receptions

My dear Nephew Darren

My generous offer to take last week's marriage service for you in your church, so that you could attend your weekend plumbing course, proved most unwise. You may now be qualified to unblock church hall kitchen sinks, but I will not be taking another marriage ceremony for you again, no matter how much you have set your heart on that electrician's course next year, so that you can re-wire the vestry.

At first, I was delighted when the bride's mother called, inviting me to the reception. I assumed that somewhere called Charnley Hall would be a most fitting location, full of oak floors and waiters bearing sherry to guests. I did not realise until too late that it is only the rather dubious pub next door to your church.

At least I had been placed with the happy couple and both sets of parents. Then it slowly dawned on me: I was there to stop the bride's mother from attacking her newly-acquired son-in-law. My presence may have kept an uneasy peace at our table, but it had no such effect on some of the others.

Well before the speeches, bride's and groom's supporters were exchanging snide remarks and bitter looks. Then all hell broke loose: a bridesmaid slapped an usher and burst into tears.

That was the starting signal for the liveliest wedding reception I have ever attended: chairs were knocked about, plates broken, wedding cake thrown, flowers snapped in two, and memorable insults exchanged. Of course, I could cope with all that, but then someone snatched the bottle of champagne that had been placed in front of *me*. They were going to waste it by breaking it on someone's head. I knew then that things had gone far enough.

It took but an instant for me to leap to my feet, lean over the table, and grab my bottle back. Unfortunately, that was when the police arrived. Were our



churchwarden, Lord Jelleby to have been on the bench that day, matters could have been settled quite amicably. It was not to be: you may enthusiastically pass the peace in your church; I am now bound over to keep it.

Your loving uncle,
Eustace

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PALM SUNDAY April 14th

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10.00am All Age Service with Procession and Church Parade

11:15 am Parish Eucharist Procession and

Reading of the Passion

6.30pm Music from Handel's Messiah, sung by our Choir

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11th May	May Spring Fair
18th May	Messy Church
18th May	Religious and Secular Music for Male Voices
15th June	Messy Church
20th July	Messy Church
28th Sept	Maldon and Dengie Safeguarding Course
6th - 8th Dec	Christmas Tree Festival

Please email me with ALL your future dates.

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Christian upbringing

After the baptism of his baby brother in church, Jason sobbed all the way home in the back seat of the car. His father asked him three times what was wrong.

Finally, the boy replied, "That preacher said he wants us brought up in a Christian home, but I want to stay with you and Mum."

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FROM THE REGISTERS



BAPTISM

March 10th **FREDERICK MARK CHILVERS** of King Street

March 17th **ISLA MAY BROADHURST** of Repertor Drive

FUNERALS

March 1st **MARJORIE ETHEL BARRINGTON** aged 80 of Cross Road

JAMES DUNCAN COTTAM aged 77 of Latchingdon

March 5th **SUSAN ELIZABETH PEACOCK** of Abbotsmead

March 25th **PETER JOHN RADFORD** aged 88 of Gloucester Avenue



Prayer Diary

April 2019

1	Those suffering from cancer
2	All Churches in our Diocese
3	Those addicted to alcohol
4	The unemployed
5	Our Queen
6	The worldwide Church
7	Fifth Sunday of Lent - Passion Sunday
	Our Sunday Schools
8	Christians who are persecuted for their faith
9	Retired Clergy
10	The needy and hungry of the world
11	The sick and those who care for them
12	Our Diocesan Synod
13	Those leading and attending Messy Church
14	Palm Sunday
	Peace in Jerusalem
15	Monday of Holy Week
	Our Ministry Team
16	Tuesday of Holy Week
	Christians in the Holy Land
17	Wednesday of Holy Week
	Our Rural Dean
18	Maundy Thursday
	Our Diocesan and Area Bishops
19	Good Friday
	The Procession of Witness
20	Easter Eve
	Those who are newly baptized and confirmed
21	Easter Day
	Christians throughout the world
22	
	All Churchwardens
23	St George
	Members of The Scout Association
24	
	Christian Youth Workers
25	St Mark
	Churches dedicated to St Mark
26	
	Staff and Students at All Saints' CofE School
27	
	Staff and Students at Wentworth School
28	Easter 2
	Hospital and Hospice Chaplaincy Teams
29	
	Staff and Students at Plume School
30	
	Residents of care homes in our Town

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