

ALL SAINTS' MALDON



PARISH NEWS

May 2019

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CHURCH SERVICES

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

JUNIOR CHURCH

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

WEEKDAY SERVICES

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| 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. Server's Service in All Saints
2. All Saints' Choir singing excerpts from the Messiah

Photos

by Mike Ken Russell



FROM THE VICARAGE

DISAGREEING WELL

At the time of writing, the shape that Brexit will take is still unclear. But whatever the outcome, the whole Brexit debate has exposed very deep divisions in our nation. Within the Government itself, the tradition of collective responsibility seems to have broken down. The cynicism about the political process and about politicians seems greater than ever. This has perhaps given fresh impetus to those seeking to break up the United Kingdom.

Many of us cannot recall such divisions in our life time. I know families that cannot discuss Brexit. The different generations express anger and the sense of being let down, by the way other family members voted in the Referendum. Friends have fallen out because of opposing opinions. Members of Parliament and their families have suffered abuse and death threats, simply because they have expressed their views. We have already seen large demonstrations and petitions for and against leaving the European Union. Over the last weeks, there have been threats of civil disobedience or even violence if people do not get their own way.

Within our churches there will be the same strong opposing views as there are in the rest of society. As Christians we will perhaps disagree on many issues. But what should be distinctive for us as Christians, is the way we disagree. What has been disturbing in the whole Brexit debate has been the contempt and intolerance which many people have shown for those who do not share their position.

Many of us will have strongly held views. But as Christians, we can make a distinctive contribution by setting an example of respect for those who differ from us: and in our conversations not to add our voices to those of the extremists. But the most important thing we can do is to pray for our leaders; and for peace and reconciliation in the United Kingdom.

Stephen

N.B.

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CONFIRMATION AND FIRST COMMUNION

As you know, the policy adopted by the PCC and authorised by the Bishop of Chelmsford, is that the sacrament of confirmation in this parish is now offered to those who are over 18, who are prepared to share in a course of preparation and ready to make a commitment to Christian discipleship.

However, for children and young people, we are happy to discuss their admission to Holy Communion prior to confirmation, on the understanding that they complete a course for "First communion"; and also that they are regularly attending church. This policy is increasingly being adopted throughout the diocese. Though it may seem contrary to the traditional Anglican practice, the Catholic Church has always offered first Communion to children, saving confirmation for later in life when they are ready to make a serious commitment.

Julie and I would be happy to talk to anyone who would like to explore the possibility for confirmation for themselves; or first communion for their children. We will be hoping to arrange preparation courses in the summer, with a view to a confirmation, or admission to First Communion, later in the year.

Stephen

ASCENSION DAY THURSDAY MAY 30TH

Ascension Day is one of the lovely festivals of the church, poised between Easter and Pentecost. There will be the usual service of Holy Communion in All Saints at 11.00am. This year, we are invited to join the people of St Mary's for the evening sung Eucharist, which will be at 7.30pm. We were pleased to welcome the clergy and congregation of St Mary's to All Saints on Ash Wednesday. Also on the morning of Ascension Day there will be a service at St Peter's Chapel Bradwell, to be lead by the Reverend Asa Humphreys at noon.

Stephen

Deanery Ascension Day Service

"You are invited to our **Deanery Ascension Day Service** at Noon on Thursday 30th May, this year to be celebrated in St Peter's-on-the-wall, Bradwell. It will be a time of acoustic music, Scripture and Communion in a 'thin' place, where it is somehow easier to imagine Heaven touching Earth. The service is timed to allow people to use the D1 bus to attend if they cannot find a lift to share."

Rev Asa Humphreys



About Grace

Going through a box of old scraps of paper collected over the years, I came across the following. I do not know where it came from, but it seemed to me to chime in with Canon Graham's sermon on Passion Sunday, and with Stephen's words at Compline at Woodham Mortimer.

Both had spoken of how the Church had, at times in the past, conveyed the Cross as very much a condemnation, due to our sinfulness. I was reminded of when I was prepared for Confirmation at the age of 14, and received a small book called "The Communicant's Manual". Under Preparation for Holy Communion and Self-Examination came an intimidating numbered list of ten things to consider, either done or omitted to be done, which might need to be repented of, - with an even longer and more detailed list under Private Confession I do recall feeling "right with God" straight after taking Communion, but that the feeling did not last long afterwards. I think my position was very much in the left-hand column below at that time.

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| DO YOUR BEST | DONE IT FOR YOU |

However, and not to "rubbish" my Confirmation Classes, the elderly (to us teenagers) priest who taught us said "whatever else you forget, remember John 1.17: "Grace and Truth came through Jesus Christ". Which I did remember, but no-one then seemed to talk about Grace in a way that really meant anything to me .

How much more fortunate were the youngsters that Reverend Asa from Heybridge spoke about in his Lent talk on Galatians. He had used something very visual and active to illustrate Mercy, Forgiveness and Grace to a Youth Group. He gave one lad a pillow, and invited him to hit Asa in the face with it. Afterwards Asa told him that Mercy was him not hitting the lad back. The invitation was repeated, and after the second, not so gentle, hit, Asa told him that Forgiveness meant that, despite it having hurt him, he would not hold anything against the lad, nor bring it up in the future. Again the lad was invited to hit Asa with the pillow. And Asa responded by giving him an enormous box of chocolates. The boy said "But I don't deserve this", to which Asa replied "That's Grace".

Susan Frederick



Churches Together Quiet Day at the Octagon, St Mary's Saturday 13th April 2019

The quiet day was lead (as was the very successful one last year) by Sister Moira and Sister Margaret of the order of the Canonesses of the Holy Sepulchre, based on the Melbourne Estate, Chelmsford. Their theme was:

Praying through Holy Week: living in hope with betrayals and disappointments.

The quiet day was well attended and most churches in Maldon were represented as well as a group from the Sisters' own church in Melbourne. Father John Dickens, Canon Stephen Carter and Prebendary Paul Barnes were also there.

After coffee we were invited to consider imagined monologues by the mother of James and John as she stood at the foot of the Cross and then Peter thinking over his time with Jesus from his first calling to Jesus's trial and his denial of his master three times. We were then asked to consider the personality and behaviour of Judas Iscariot.

We were asked to consider whether or not, like Judas, our motives are always pure, should we judge him, and how do we feel about being told by Jesus to love our enemies even those who seem so evil, such as Judas. Jesus told us to serve one another – how do we feel about being a servant? How do we feel about being told to pray for those who mistreat us?

What has this story taught me about God, and about myself?

After a long spell of individual reflection and then of discussion we had a break for an excellent bring and share lunch set out for us by June Davis.

After lunch our leaders using music and reflection took us through the experience of Holy Saturday, the period of waiting in the cold and dark of the tomb with nothing but disappointment and loss. We were asked to consider those for whom life was often like this, for example, refugees, the homeless and the poor and ourselves in our dark times.

We then had a further period of individual reflection followed by a group discussion for those who wished for it. The day concluded with music and a further meditation on the transformation that Easter day will bring, as the chrysalis emerges into the light and the perfect image comes into being. Many of us found this day a very powerful experience, helping us to enter into the depths we will experience in Holy Week to be followed by the joy of Easter day.

Thank you, Sister Moira and Sister Margaret and thank you St Mary's for being such good hosts and thank you Churches Together for enabling such a successful and thought-provoking day that will help us onwards in our Christian journey.



Here is a lovely hymn referring to the experience of Holy Saturday, introduced to us by Sister Moira:

Introduction and chorus:

Holy darkness, blessed light, heaven's answer hidden from our sight.
As we await you. O God of silence, we embrace your holy night.

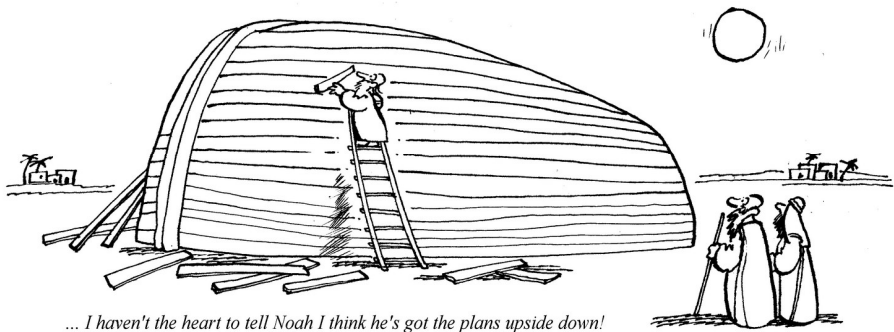
I have tried you in the fires of affliction;
I have taught your soul to grieve.
In the barren soil of your loneliness,
There I will plant my seed.

Chorus

In the deepest hour of your darkness,
I will give you wealth untold,
When the silence stills your spirit,
Will my riches fill your soul.

Chorus

Tony Doe



A Mother's Poem

"Cleanin' and dustin' can wait for tomorrow.
Babies grow up, I've learned to my sorrow.
So quiet down cobwebs; dust go to sleep
I'm rockin' my baby, cause babies don't keep!"

Taken from the Parish Pump Website.



MAUNDY THURSDAY RENEWAL OF COMMITMENT TO MINISTRY AND BLESSING OF OILS

Well one thing is certain, they come in all shapes and sizes, and with a huge age range, as witnessed by Barbara and myself, as we too were at Chelmsford Cathedral for the Maundy Thursday Renewal of Commitment to Ministry and Blessing of Oils.

The Maundy celebration is just that, when clergy from all over the Diocese gather once a year to, and I quote from Bishop Stephen, “come to receive and be affirmed and re-commissioned for their own share in Christ’s ministry” Just imagine the logistics of trying to get several 100 clergy all to go and do what they are asked!! I was so impressed with the calm unflappable way in which the sides people achieved this. Once the lay folk are all seated there begins a wonderful procession of the deacons, vicars and several bishops. It felt a bit like a tidal wave as they all in one body made their way into the cathedral.



**Julie and Penny
taking part in “The
Blessing of the Oils”
at last year’s
Maundy Service.
Photo from the
Diocesan Website**

The service is quite long, but as there are several definite parts it did not feel too long. Also we had some lovely rousing hymns to sing a long with, Be Still the for the Presence of the Lord, and All my hope in God is founded, to name just two. First is the Renewal, the Bishop asks all in the ministry, “I invite you now to dedicate yourselves afresh to his service as stewards of the mysteries of God and ministers of his grace” He then asks the Readers and lay ministers to stand, and says to them “when you were commissioned you undertook to be faithful in prayer, and by word and example to minister to



those for whom Christ died. Will you do all in your power to witness to God's love for his people?" After the deacons and priests have all renewed their commitment, something rather moving occurred; a young lay person addressed the Bishops; will they continue to watch over Christ's flock and build them up in the unity of the Spirit, and the bond of peace?

Bishop Stephen then prays over the oils, the oil for anointing the sick, the oil used at baptisms and the oil of Chrism – Christ the King. The anointing with oil has for generations been a deeply significant act. It is after the service there is I suppose a bit of a scrum as those collecting the three phials of oils to take back to their churches, all converge at the same place!! Before that however, we all received communion, and it was here that the cathedral wardens and sides persons did a really great job! As I mentioned earlier it was a long service, but one which was a privilege to attend, and I left feeling a great surge of hope that there were so many young priests passionate and committed to their calling, and in some cases their flamboyant outfits! The Church is thriving!

Vicky

Holy Oils

"You have Anointed my Head with Oil"

When Peter acknowledged Jesus as "the Christ" (Mark 8:29) he was recognizing him as the "Anointed One" of God.

The Hebrew word *Messiah* and its Greek translation of *Christos* from which we derive the name *Christ* means the "Anointed One".

At the start of his ministry, in the Synagogue at Nazareth, Jesus attributed the words of Isaiah to himself. *The Spirit of the Lord has been given to me, for he has anointed me*"

In church the use of Oil as a symbol reminds us of God's generosity, grace and enduring love. When used to anoint people it becomes one of the channels by which God blesses us with his Holy Spirit.

The oil is no different from any other olive oil, but it is made special by being set aside for God's purposes. God takes the ordinary things of this world, in this case olive oil, and makes them holy. Vicky and I attended the Chrism Eucharist on Maundy Thursday where during the service the three different oils used for anointing were blessed by the bishop and then distributed to the parishes.

We brought back the three oils for All Saints where they are kept in the *Aumbry*.



The oil of the sick: The rite of anointing the sick in mind or body, those about to undergo surgery, and those nearing death, is one of God's gifts to his people through his Church (James 5: 14-15). This kind of anointing is itself a sacrament, and like all sacraments it is a means of God's grace, perhaps to cure the person who receives it, but always to reassure them of God's presence, and to give wholeness, comfort, and courage in whatever their suffering or trouble.

The oil of catechumens: A 'catechumen' is somebody who is preparing to become a Christian, and so this oil is used to accompany the Rite of Baptism. Anointing at baptism points to the gift of the Holy Spirit, which comes to the newly baptized person as it did upon Christ at his baptism in the Jordan. In baptism we are 'born of water and the Spirit' (John 3: 5), the Holy Spirit which is the gift of Christ to his Church. This anointing also reminds us that at baptism we are made inheritors of the kingdom of God.

The oil of chrism: Chrism is the oil that can be used just after someone has been baptized, at Confirmation, and at the Ordination of Priests. It is used to anoint monarchs at their coronation, and also in the consecration of altars and church buildings. ('Consecration' means making holy or setting apart for God's purposes.) The oil of chrism differs from the other two in that it is not pure olive oil but mixed with balsam.

In anointing as in all sacramental rites, God chooses the ordinary things of this world, and by his grace makes them extra special. He then uses them to make his presence felt in the world. He does this when through the water of baptism, he gives new and eternal life to his people. He does this when he takes the bread and wine and returns them to his people in the Eucharist as the Body and Blood of Christ. And he does this when, by the means of Holy Oils, he pours his healing and life-giving Spirit into the Church and upon her members.

Barbara Gale



CHRISTIAN AID WEEK 2019

Sierra Leone is the world's most dangerous place to become a mum. Every day 10 women die from giving birth. In Sawula district, the community struggle with a clinic which has no electricity and only two delivery beds.

Jebbeh is heavily pregnant but as her baby grows, it's not joy that fills her heart, but fear. When Jebbeh's sister Fatmata went into labour, there were so few ambulances that Fatmata had no choice but to walk for three hours under the baking sun, to the nearest hospital. The journey was long and with every step Fatmata struggled to keep walking. Jebbeh told us: 'My sister was crying out with hunger. She died on the side of the road. She never gave birth.'

This Christian Aid Week, together, we can make childbirth safe for mums and babies. Through our gifts and prayers, we can help give the world's poorest mums a chance to live.



Stand with mums

This Christian Aid Week, 12-18 May, there will have envelopes in Church for you to donate for two Sundays, 12th and 19th May. There will also be a coffee morning at the Methodist Church on 12th May. There will be a street collection on Saturday 12th May outside M and Co. Throughout the day.

There will also be a celebratory service at the URC, Market Hill at 5pm on 12th May, please do join us.

As usual, in June there will be Open Gardens in the town, where there will be new gardens on show. (more details nearer the time).

Will you be a partner for change? If our church raised £300, it could help provide a new delivery bed so more mums like Jebbeh can deliver their babies safely.

Speak to me, Gina if you want to learn more so women like Jebbeh can celebrate more happy birth days.

Gina Southey



Church Warden's Chat

Easter at All Saints' - it went from the simple washing of feet on Maundy Thursday, through the peaceful vigil of that night, to the dignified and meaningful walk through the High Street on Good Friday, to the lighting of the new light on Easter Eve and the glorious Eucharist service of Easter Day!

On Easter morning the church looked beautiful, with such lovely floral displays and a large congregation singing the joyful Easter hymns. The children had painted eggs so that everyone could join in the egg rolling competition after the service, in the High Street, which gave rise to much laughter and cheers! It's not every day you see the Vicar, in robes and decorated beretta, running after his egg!

For some reason, and I do not know why, this Easter at All Saint's has really given me a sense of peace and thankfulness for all the blessings of my life and deepened my faith.

A completely different thing that touched me this Easter was when I was watching a programme on television, the last part of the BBC series 'Pilgrimage - the road to Rome' covering seven celebrities walking the Via Francigena pathway. I had not watched the series, but caught this last part as the pilgrims reached Rome and the Cathedral of St.Peter's. It was during their meeting with the Pope that I was really moved. One of the pilgrims, the comedian Stephen K. Amos, a non believer, was concerned about meeting the Pope. He told Pope Francis that "as a gay man I don't feel accepted." Pope Francis replied "You are giving more importance to the adjective than the noun. That is not good. We are all human beings with dignity. It does not matter who you are or how you live your life, you do not lose your dignity. Some people prefer to select or discard people, because of the adjective. These people do not have a human heart." This left Stephen in tears.

That phrase about discounting the adjective, whether it be black, gay, Muslim, disabled, or whatever, and leaving just the noun 'man' is a way of looking at people that I think is so worth while and is something Jesus always demonstrated.

Wishing you all best wishes this Eastertide, Jenny.



TEN to TEN Rambling Group April 2019

This month's walk was a 6-mile circular walk starting from the Swan pub in Little Totham. The day started cold with a biting wind and then, just as we were due to set off, the sleet started! However, we are not easily put off so, after a short delay to don our waterproofs, 13 of us set off across fields, through someone's front garden where there was a lovely show of primroses and on, via various paths and tracks, to Great Totham.

By now the weather was starting to brighten up and, when we stopped for coffee the sun was shining. Suitably refreshed, we set off back to the pub, where we found a welcoming log fire waiting for us. Tucking into some excellent pub grub, we had a short discussion about the merits of another walk in the afternoon but the general consensus was that sitting by the fire with a cup of coffee was a better option!

Next month's walk will be on Saturday 11th May, leaving at "Ten to Ten" from Wintersleet Farm London Road, (opposite the cemetery entrance). Everyone is welcome on the walks. If you have any questions, please contact Sue Smith on 01621 854056.

Peter Holmes



ALL SAINTS MOTHERS UNION MEETING April 2019

Our friend Wendy Cox spent time telling us about Healthy Eating, which sounds boring but was anything but. Her talk was informative, humorous, filled with anecdotes, and very worth hearing. She told us about her childhood in Africa, and then went on to amuse us with details about her earlier life. She had plenty of stories to tell, and helped us with Healthy Eating tips. Fruit, vegetables, grains and seeds are all part of a healthy eating plan, and don't have to be classed as boring. What made it all so special was that Wendy made it all sound like fun! I don't know what Wendy would think of the amount of hot cross buns and chocolate we have consumed throughout Lent and Easter! But it was a really good evening and our thanks are due to our speaker for entertaining us.

On May 7th Ellen Headley is coming to talk to us about jewellery, which sounds interesting. We meet in the Darcy Room at 7.00pm and you are welcome to join us.

Jackie Barnes



HOLY DAYS



40 days after Easter comes Ascension Day. These are the 40 days during which the Risen Christ appeared again and again to His disciples, following His death and resurrection. (*Matthew 28; Mark 16; Luke 24; and John 20.*)

The Gospels give us little of Christ's teachings and deeds during those 40 days. Jesus was seen by numerous of His disciples: on the road to Emmaus, by the Sea of Galilee, in houses, etc. He strengthened and encouraged His disciples, and at last opened their eyes to all that the Scriptures had promised about the Messiah. Jesus also told them that as the Father had sent Him, He was now going to send them – to all corners of the earth, as His witnesses.

Surely the most tender, moving 'farewell' in history took place on Ascension Day. Luke records the story with great poignancy: "When Jesus had led them out to the vicinity of Bethany, He lifted up His hands – and blessed them."

As Christmas began the story of Jesus' life on earth, so Ascension Day completes it, with His return to His Father in heaven. Jesus' last act on earth was to bless His disciples. He and they had a bond as close as could be: they had just lived through three tumultuous years



of public ministry and miracles – persecution and death – and resurrection! Just as we part from our nearest and dearest by still looking at them with love and memories in our eyes, so exactly did Jesus: ‘While He was blessing them, He left them and was taken up into heaven.’ (Luke 24:50-1) He was not forsaking them, but merely going on ahead to a kingdom which would also be theirs one day: ‘I am ascending to my Father and to your Father, to my God and your God...’ (John 20:17)

The disciples were surely the most favoured folk in history. Imagine being one of the last few people on earth to be face to face with Jesus, and have Him look on you with love. No wonder then that Luke goes on: ‘they worshipped Him – and returned to Jerusalem with great joy. And they stayed continually at the temple, praising God.’ (Luke 24:52,53)

No wonder they praised God! They knew they would see Jesus again one day! ‘I am going to prepare a place for you... I will come back and take you to be with me that you also may be where I am.’ (John 14:2,3) In the meantime, Jesus had work for them to do: to take the Gospel to every nation on earth.

Taken from the Parish Pump website

Lunch at All Saints

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A WEDDING THANK YOU FROM ANNE AND CHARLES SMITH



We wanted to write in to thank everyone for making our wedding on the 16th March the truly fantastic day it was. We had such a wonderful time and will treasure the day forever.

We were lucky enough to have what felt like the entire church help us in the preparation for our wedding, which most definitely helped to put us at ease for the big day. The ceremony was taken by Stephen Carter who has known Anne's family for years as well as the always smiley Julie Willmot. We must also mention verger Ken Russell who kept us all in check on the day!

Thank you to Dr. Stuart Peglar and the choir, especially Susanna Craig who performed a beautiful solo of Pie Jesu.

After our ceremony and some fantastic bell ringing our guests were met by the hospitality team in the D'Arcy Room for refreshments. The room was expertly laid out and we had many comments from our guests on how the team simply couldn't do enough for them. Thank you to both Marie Keeble and Gwen for making this happen.

Betty Smith and Yvonne from the flower group created some wonderful springtime displays and pew ends, which our closest friends and family took home to enjoy after the big day. We must also thank Barbara Gale for creating our order of service, Barbara was extremely helpful with her prompt email replies and suggestions.

Thank you everyone!



Called to Mother in a Broken World

What do we feel about what we have heard and seen today?

On the radio, newspapers, television, internet

We don't know how we can comprehend

Our life styles

Do not prepare us for this.

We've heard stories of people, who have lived and died,

Through tragedy, disaster and war

In faith, their own faith,

Persecuted in many ways for their beliefs,

Hounded out of their homes and jobs,

And it still goes on

It is too much to process at this time.

Grant us Oh Lord

Compassion, understanding, tolerance and faith.

We are called to be mother in a broken world, so

Help us see both sides of the narrative.

Let us not judge

Let us listen

Let us act

Let us show empathy

God we pray for the future of this world

We pray for truth, not lies to be told

Help the world know and believe

Nothing good is achieved by violence and selfishness

Help us to be mother in a broken world.

Gina Southey



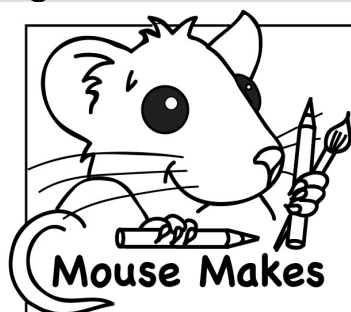
SERVICES FOR MAY

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| 1st May | Wednesday St Phillip and St James 10:00 am Holy Communion at St Andrew's Heybridge |
| 2nd May | Thursday 11:00 am Holy Communion (BCP 1662) |
| 5th May | Third Sunday of Eastertide 8:00 am Holy Communion (BCP 1662) 10:00 am Worship for All 11:15 am The Eucharist (said) 6:00 pm Choral Evensong at St Mary's |
| 9th May | Thursday 11:00 am Holy Communion (BCP 1662) |
| 12th May | Fourth Sunday of Eastertide 8:00 am Holy Communion (BCP 1662) 10:00 am Parish Eucharist and Junior Church.. 12 noon Holy Baptism 6:30 pm Evensong and Sermon |
| 13th May | Monday 11:00 am Holy Communion in Hailey House |
| 14th May | Tuesday St Matthias the Apostle 10:00 am Holy Communion in St Mary's |
| 15th May | Wednesday 11:00 am Holy Communion in Longfield Care Home |
| 16h May | Thursday 11:00 am Holy Communion (BCP 1662) |
| 19th May | Fifth Sunday of Eastertide 8:00 am Holy Communion (BCP 1662) 10:00 am Parish Eucharist and Junior Church.. 12 noon Holy Baptism 6:30 pm Evensong and Sermon |
| 23rd May | Thursday 11:00 am Holy Communion (BCP1662) |
| 26th May | Sixth Sunday of Eastertide 8:00 am Holy Communion (BCP 1662) 10:00 am Parish Eucharist and Junior Church 6:30 pm Prayer and Praise |
| 30th May | Thursday Ascension Day 11:00 am Holy Communion (BCP 1662) 7:30 pm Sung Eucharist at St Mary's |
| 31st May | Friday, Visitation of the Blessed Virgin Mary 10:00 am Holy Communion in St Mary's |



DIARY FOR MAY

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| Wed 1st May | 12 - 1:30 pm All Saints Lunches 7:00 pm Parish Office in Vicarage |
| Thu 2nd May | 9:15 am Sunshiners 2-4 pm Maldon Ladies 7 - 8 pm Junior Choir Practice 7:30 pm Choir Practice |
| Tues 7th May | 10 am - 12 noon Meeting Point 10 am Prayer Group 7 pm Mother's Union 7:30 pm PCC |
| Thu 9th May | 9:15 am Sunshiners 2-4 pm Maldon Ladies 7 pm Junior Choir Practice 7:30 pm Choir Practice 2 - 4 pm Messy Church |
| Sat 11th May | Spring Fayre |
| Mon 13th May | 9:00 am Men's Breakfast (Rose and Crown) 10 am - 12 Maldon Pioneers Drop In |
| Tue 14th May | 10 am - 12 noon Meeting Point |
| Wed 15th May | 7:00 pm Parish Office |
| Thu 16th May | 9:15 am Sunshiners 2-4 pm Maldon Ladies 7 - 8 pm Junior Choir Practice 7:30 pm Choir Practice |
| Sat 18th May | 7pm Die Alten Knaben (Men's Choir) |
| Mon 20th May | 10 am Maldon Pioneers Drop In |
| Tues 21st May | 10 - 12 noon Meeting Point |
| Thu 23rd May | 9:15 am Sunshiners 2-4 pm Maldon Ladies 7 - 8 pm Junior Choir Practice 7:30 pm Choir Practice |
| Mon 27th May | 10 am - 12 Maldon Pioneers Drop In |
| Tues 28th May | 10 - 12 noon Meeting Point |
| Thu 30th May | 2-4 pm Maldon Ladies 2:00 pm Hospitality Committee 7 pm Mothers' Union |



You may have read the Bible story of Daniel in the **lions'** den, but have you ever read the whole book of Daniel?

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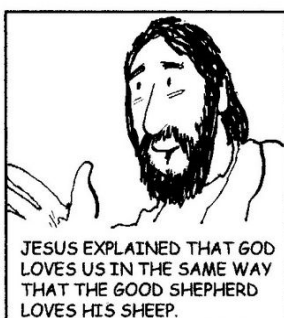
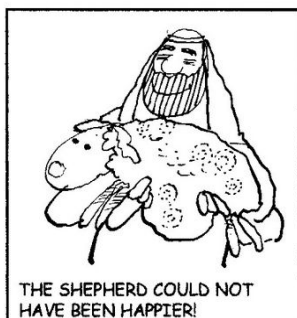
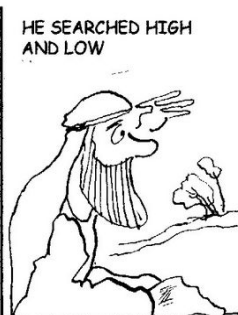
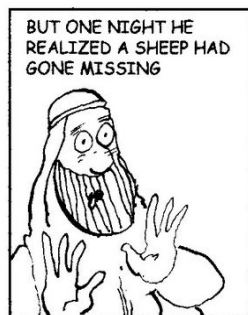
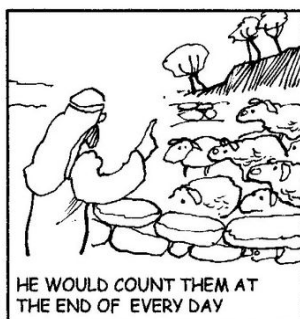
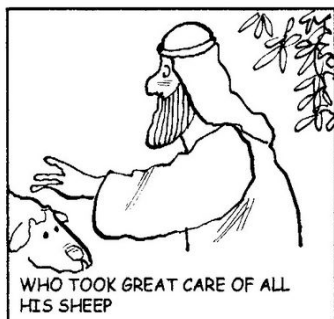
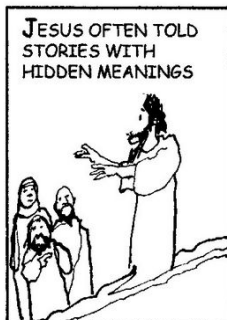
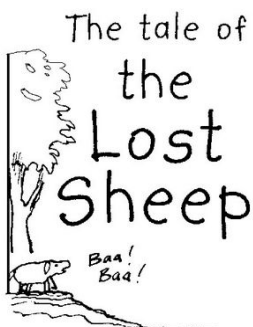
Ashpenaz changed Daniel and his friends names. Look up

Daniel 1:7

to see what he changed them to.

Can you find these words from the book of Daniel in the wordsearch?

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HANANIAH • MISHAEL • AZARIAH • DREAM • STATUE
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Oslo Cathedral

We recently found ourselves in Oslo and exploring this lovely City on foot, and a natural stopping place was Oslo Cathedral, so I thought that I might share some points of interest about the Cathedral here. In talking with a church warden, she told me that it was a Lutheran Protestant church (in Norwegian kirke) derived from the Greek word ‘*kyriake*’ meaning ‘that which belongs to the Lord, Kyrios’. The building itself is not too imposing being rather smaller than most Cathedrals and it is rather plain, because at the time of building in the late 1600’s the joint Kingdom of Denmark and Norway was short of money. It was built as the Parish Church of Our Saviour and was completed



Oslo Cathedral

in 1697 but they were able to furnish the inside in some splendour using gifts from rich local merchants. It was not designated as a cathedral until a refurbishment in the 1950’s

I quote from the guide book describing the function of the church : ‘A Christian House of God should be at the heart of the community, not secluded like ancient Greek temples. It was built therefore at the centre of the developing town on the streets where people passed every day, as testament to God’s presence in the world’.

The cathedral has a most beautiful and interesting altarpiece which is shown here. The altar piece and painting were designed and painted by an unknown Dutch artist and I quote again from the guide book.

‘The motifs were innovative and inspired a new school. In accordance with baroque traditions the altarpiece is divided into three panels. Previously the main motif was often the Crucifixion but here the Last Supper has been placed in the centre at the bottom, facing the congregation. We see Jesus sitting in the midst of his disciples. To the left sits John, his head resting on



The altar piece and painting

Jesus' breast. To the right, in front, sits Judas with purse in hand. The table is set with wine, a roast lamb and loaves of unleavened bread ready to be broken. It is easy to imagine that this is the moment when Jesus says, "But behold, the hand of him that betrayeth me is with me on the table" (Luke 3, 21). The expressive faces of the disciples reveal their emotions. Only Judas remains cold and controlled, his face turned away from his Master. The middle panel shows Christ on the cross with Mary and John on either side. On the upper panel we see Christ resurrected, surrounded by angels. The two female figures between the panels symbolize the Old and New Testaments; the one holding a tablet and a whip to signify the Commandments and the other holding a palm branch and a banner of victory to signify the Gospel'. There is further description in the guide book but I am limited for space in this article. I have the book should anyone wish to read a little more about this calm and peaceful place of worship.

Ken Downham



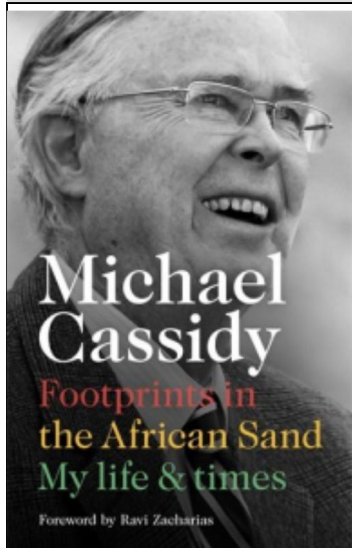
PHOTOS FROM EASTER MORNING



Egg Rolling by Ken Russell



**Photo by Elizabeth Blyth who used the caption
*“Knock my egg off course and you’ll be doing all the
Eucharists for the next six months”***



Book Reviews

Footprints in the African Sand - My Life and Times By Michael Cassidy, SPCK, £16.99

Michael Cassidy has been called 'one of Africa's foremost evangelists and prophets.' His story deserves a wide readership by anyone with a heart for modern Africa.

As Africa shook off colonialism in the 1960s, a young man was gripped by a singular purpose: to play his part in God's plans for the fractured nations of Africa.

A son of apartheid South Africa, Michael Cassidy appeared an unlikely candidate to lead a team bringing a gospel message of salvation, reconciliation and hope to a continent overturning white rule. But over five decades, and with the support of his extraordinary wife Carol, Michael and his African Enterprise team courageously built up ten national teams and a network of relationships criss-crossing Africa.

Michael saw clearly the need for quality leadership. He fostered vital dialogue among top politicians in the tense run-up to South Africa's 1994 elections. As the country hurtled towards civil war, he helped facilitate a last-minute settlement, paving the way for the peaceful inauguration of Nelson Mandela.

Told with inimitable charm and humour, this is a personal story of family, friendship and faith and beautifully demonstrates God's love at work in the turbulence of Africa's recent history.

Taken from the Parish Pump website.



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



The Rectory
St. James the Least

On the tribulations that await a curate in his first parish

My dear Nephew Darren

So, your bishop is dropping hints that you should begin to consider a move to having your own parish – ‘not forever in green pastures’ comes to mind. Do not be too hasty to leave; remember that a curate can do no wrong, but a vicar can do no right. That means that as soon as you get your own parish, you will be held accountable not only for everything that goes on inside the church, but also for the goal average of the local football team and the state of the economy. And if it rains for your first Summer Fete, you will be told reproachfully that this never used to happen when ‘the former vicar was here’.

As you begin to ponder this momentous decision, allow me to give you a few pieces of advice. It will be assumed in the parish that every new incumbent is bound to be worse than his predecessor. The greatest compliment I ever received when leaving a parish came from an elderly parishioner: “I’ve known six Rectors of this parish; you weren’t the worst.”

Naturally the church you go to will have asked for a married man between 30 and 35 with a wife who will not have her own job but who wants to devote her entire life working for the parish – and it will be a definite advantage if she is a brilliant organist, professional caterer and fully computer literate. They will expect you to have two children, one of whom should be of primary school age, so he can attend the local Church school, where you will naturally wish to be chairman of governors and coach of the football team.

They will want you to have exceptional talents for attracting young people – but for young people who enjoy the sorts of Services that the present congregation prefer – and you should have the ability to stop a baby crying during Mattins with the briefest of glances. They will want you to bring ‘a breath of fresh air’ into parish life without changing anything. They will

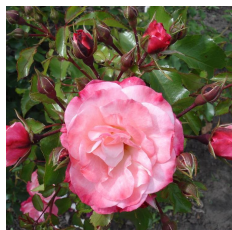


hope you will shun holidays, preach short sermons and be able to run a tight jumble sale.

Your CV is a little thin. If you could acquire a wife and family within the next six months, become an expert flower arranger and qualify as a football referee, chartered accountant and trained electrician and plumber, it would prove very helpful. If in addition, you learned how to service photocopiers, had a mini-bus available for church outings, were an heir to a family firm producing a single malt whisky and could provide reliable horse racing tips, your choice of parishes would be endless.

On the other hand, my advice would be to stop attending all meetings where you know the bishop may be present; out of sight, out of mind. Have your phone disconnected, your letterbox sealed and only appear in public wearing dark glasses and a false beard. Keep your head down, lay low, hold on to the charmed life of being a curate for as long as possible. Life will never be better.

Your loving uncle,
Eustace



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Dates for the Diary

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| 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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Six-year-old Angie and her four-year-old brother, Joel, were sitting together in church. Joel giggled, sang, and talked out loud.

Finally, his big sister had had enough.

"You're not supposed to talk out loud in church."

"Why? Who's going to stop me?" Joel asked.

Angie pointed to the back of the church and said,

"See those two men standing by the door? They're hushers."

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Prayer Diary

May 2019

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



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