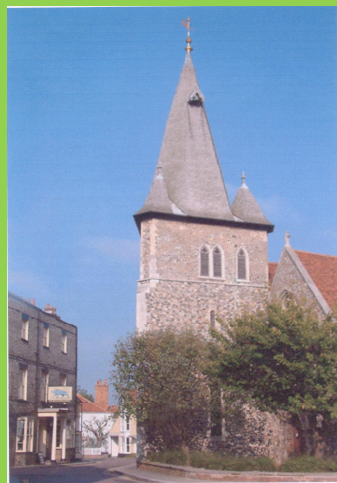


ALL SAINTS' MALDON



PARISH NEWS

July 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

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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

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FROM THE VICARAGE

ANTIOCH OR SCOTLAND?

On Sunday July 21st, we shall be observing the Patronal Festival of St Margaret's Woodham Mortimer. There will be a sung Evensong at 4.00pm, followed by afternoon tea in the churchyard. The preacher will be Father Richard Tillbrook, Vicar of Old Heath Colchester, and Chaplain to the Colchester Garrison. A new hymn to St Margaret, by contemporary hymn writer, Father John Thackray, has been specially commissioned. This will be sung for the first time at this service.

A Patronal Festival is an occasion to remember the Saint in whose honour the church is dedicated. But which Margaret is she? I had always assumed that the dedication of the church is to St Margaret of Antioch, whose day is July 20th. But in the absence of any documentary evidence, there are those who believe the church may have been dedicated to St Margaret, Queen of Scotland, whose day is kept on November 16th. The confusion is reflected in the church itself. Margaret of Antioch, like George, is depicted slaying a dragon. A Victorian window in the south wall has such an image, supporting the patronage of Margaret of Antioch. However, the banner in the sanctuary has Margaret wearing a crown, suggesting Queen Margaret of Scotland!

Little is known of St Margaret of Antioch. She was a virgin martyr, and died in the 4th Century. She was tortured and executed because she refused to renounce her Christian faith. Over 250 churches are dedicated to her in England; and she was a very popular saint in East Anglia. This, I think, strengthens the case for her patronage of Woodham Mortimer.

Margaret of Scotland was a princess of Wessex, and fled after the Norman conquest. She married King Malcolm of Scotland in 1070 and is remembered for her piety and good works to the people of Scotland. She does not seem to have such a strong case as Margaret of Antioch to be our patron saint. Furthermore, she was not declared a saint till 1250, which is after St Margaret's was built. So I will put my money on Margaret of Antioch! "But does it matter?" you may ask. Possibly not. But it is St Margaret of Antioch we shall celebrate on July 21st.



Whichever Margaret it is, our Patronal Festival is an opportunity to give thanks for the parish church of St Margaret, and for its witness and service to the people of Woodham Mortimer for many centuries. St Margaret's, like St Michael's, will soon be moving to a new chapter in its history, under the care of a new parish priest. The Patronal Festival is an opportunity to be reminded of the mission to which we are all called: to witness to the love of God in a changing world. As Maldon expands, the housing is creeping ever nearer to St Margaret's. This may give the church new opportunities in its mission.

Amid all the huge changes in the world in almost a thousand years, the little church of St Margaret still stands as a symbol of the unchanging love of God. Its purpose is the same as when it was built, "to proclaim the faith afresh to each generation" So do come and celebrate with us on the 21st.

Stephen

A NEW CHURCH FOR HEYBRIDGE

The Vicar of Heybridge, the Reverend Asa Humphreys, and this wife Laura, have launched a new congregation, "St Lucy's multi-sensory Church".

It is a church for everyone, especially those with additional needs. It meets the first Sunday of the month, at Heybridge Primary school: 9.00am for pastries and 9.15am for worship. More information from the Reverend Asa Humphreys on 07950 636660

Jenny, Julie and Gina intend to attend on 1st September to join in the Worship and to see how the service is organised. They will report back at the next meeting the Worship committee. (Lucy means light in Latin and also she was the youngest child in Narnia stories, but made the biggest difference)

THE REVEREND JULIE WILLMOT

The Bishop of Bradwell has appointed the Reverend Julie Willmot to be priest in charge of the parishes of Purleigh, Woodham Mortimer with Hazeleigh and Woodham Walter. This will be a full time stipendiary post.

We offer our congratulations to Julie. Her last Sunday at All Saints will be on September 8th, when she will preside and preach at the Eucharist.

Anyone wishing to contribute to a farewell gift to thank Julie for her ministry at All Saints, is asked to see Eddie our treasurer.

Stephen

ECUMENICAL SERVICE



Celebrate Jesus
in the 'blessing place'
Wednesday 3rd July
Maldon United Reformed Church
Market Hill, Maldon.
CM9 4PZ 8.00pm
(refreshments from 7.30pm)
'LET LOOSE'
Speaker: Kath Austin (Meadgate Chelmsford)
Kay Beighton (Maldon URC)
Melanie Mac Williams (Witham URC)
Music 3:16
All Welcome!
For further information contact:
Mike Shelbourne 01245 601478
Penny Bloom 01245 496215

Celebrate Jesus is a regular ecumenical service that takes place in various churches around Essex, and we are fortunate to be hosting on Wednesday 3rd July at Maldon URC. The evening starts with refreshments at 7.30pm for an 8pm start. There's around an hour of lively worship led by the 3:16 worship band, then three guest speakers, Kathy Austin, Kay Beighton and Melanie McWilliams. The evening concludes with prayer ministry.

Kay Beighton Maldon URC



PET SERVICE

All creatures great and small are welcome with their owners on Sunday July 7th at 10.00am. This will be a church parade and in the service there will be the opportunity for your pets to be brought forward for a blessing. This service is a lovely opportunity for us to give thanks for all our pets mean to us. So do bring your pets along to be blessed and to thank God for all the creatures that so enrich our lives.

Maldon Guides Visit All Saints'



The Guides Join the Church Choir

On Thursday we hosted the girls and leaders from the 5th Maldon Guides at Church. We started the evening with Stephen meeting them all and joint singing with Stuart and the choir. This was followed by sessions learning about the vestments and the different colours used throughout the Church year with Gina and Julie and also the bells with Dennis. After this we went over to the Vicarage to see the dining room and sitting room and refreshments in the garden. Tommy, the cat and Tuco, the tortoise were greeted with great excitement.

The guides thoroughly enjoyed their visit and we hope that they will return soon.

Gina Southey

LETTERS

Paws for Thought

Sir,

I write with regard to the Parish Letter in the June edition of the magazine. My name is Lily and I am a member of the PCC (Parish Cat Community). Whilst I commend Canon Graham on his excellent article, I did



feel there was a certain bias towards Clergy Cats, with very little reference to the important work of the Laity within the church. As you know Cats are able to lay anywhere (especially where our humans don't want us to) and for extended periods of time. We allow our humans to work tirelessly in the church, and many of our humans are also approved by the Bishop. I myself help with paperwork and I know the Vicarage cat spends a great deal of time at the Vicar's desk.

Whilst on the subject of clergy cats, and before I get on to the theology, I am a little purr-plexed as to why Clergy cats allow their employees to wear the "Dog Collar", although I suppose it is, when spelt backwards GOD. This leads me on to our closeness to God, our ability to be calm and comforting, someone once said "If there were to be a universal sound depicting peace, I would surely vote for the purr."

Canon Graham spoke at length about the goddess Bast, Today I'd like to tell the story of baby Jesus and the manger cat. Shortly after the birth of the baby Jesus, his mother Mary was having a really hard time calming her child. She was weary after traveling and giving birth and asked God for his help. The stable was very cold and first Mary asked all of the stable animals to move in closer to help warm her baby. But the stable was small and this was impossible for the other animals to do. Legend says a mother tabby cat with a new litter of kittens was in the stable at the time (cats kept the mice and rat population down) and she poked her little tabby head up for Mary to see. The cat then came over and climbed onto Mary's lap. About this time the baby Jesus began to cry again and nothing would calm him. The cat jumped from Mary's lap and curled up next to the baby Jesus. Mary was unable to remove the cat from the manger. She didn't mind the cat sleeping in her lap, but laying on her child was different. The cat was content and the purring became louder and louder until all of the animals were synchronized to the calming sound. That night animals and people alike slept well, especially baby Jesus.

The next morning Mary awoke refreshed and asked God to bring a blessing onto the cat. She traced the letter "M" on its forehead and that is why all tabby cats have the letter "M" on their forehead. It is the letter for Mary and serves as a reminder that God sends extraordinary help in a time of need. In Islam, the "M" marking stands for the prophet Mohammed who had a great fondness for cats. Mohammed apparently loved cats and rather than disturb his sleeping cat, Muezza, he once cut off a sleeve of his robe which she was sleeping on when the call to prayer sounded. It is also said that the reason he loved cats was that one saved his life from a snake that had crawled into his sleeve. Legend says that Mohammed blessed cats with the ability to land on their feet.

Before I go, can I just put in a plug for the Pet Service on the 7th July, it is a wonderful service where all pets are blessed, sadly very few of us felines attend as it means being transported in those awful cat baskets! I wonder if it would be possible to have a remote blessing or a home blessing, at our convenience.....

Lily (with help from Barbara Gale)



A ROYAL GARDEN PARTY



Some of you may know that I have worked for Trading Standards, man-and-boy, for 32 years. In February, out-of-the-blue, I received an invitation to a Royal Garden Party. This honour was as a result of a commendation from the Office for Product Safety and Standards (part of the Department for Business) for my work in assisting Trading Standards Officers throughout the UK in the area of Cosmetic Product Safety. My national lead role is fitted around my day job for Essex County Council, and involves supporting hard pressed local authority regulators with expert knowledge and training, as well as liaison with industry and government, and representing the United Kingdom in Brussels.

The appointed day came around on 29th May. The venue: the gardens of Buckingham Palace. The weather forecast was for cloud (but no rain). Unfortunately we emerged from the Hyde Park Corner underground station (nearest to the Hyde Park entrance to the Palace gardens) to find that since leaving Witham station in sunshine it was now raining! There are no shops nearby but as we were sheltering under the Wellington Arch near our Palace garden entrance, I noticed that there was an English Heritage gift shop shoe-horned inside. Luckily they sold tasteful and very useful umbrellas (navy



blue with a subtle Union Flag design on the inside). The umbrella was our friend throughout the afternoon. The rain kept up for most of the afternoon (albeit light), and it was also rather cold (Mrs Knight's tea cup was seen to be rattling in its saucer at one point due to her shivering, bless her). However, we did of course still have a lovely day out surrounded by dignitaries, Royals, bishops and assorted clergy, men and women in uniform (guests from Commonwealth armed forces as well as our own), Mayors with their chains of office, and of course the dressed-up peasantry (ourselves definitely included). We queued to enter the gardens behind a Japanese man in sober lounge suit and his wife in full Japanese national dress.

We saw The Queen (same pink outfit as depicted on the front page of many newspapers the next day), Prince Harry, the Duchess of Cornwall (Camilla), the Archbishop of York John Sentamu, and (close-up) the deputy Prime Minister David Lidington.

The tea and sandwiches was perfect (but bijou), and the gardens were just lovely. The Royal Air Force band was fantastic (I heard 633 Squadron twice).

Buck House is indeed crumbling (I had a chance to inspect the masonry and window frames when Adrienne was inspecting the Lavatories), and at the end of the afternoon we left by the Grand Entrance (filmed by Japanese tourists) so we were able to take in some of the ground floor reception rooms which were honestly a bit shabby. It's not just the Houses of Parliament that require serious investment. Still fabulous to see though, and you had to pinch yourself to realise where you were.

The gardens are bigger than you might imagine, beautifully kept, and geese were wandering about on parts of the lawn (so ladies in Summer sandals had to be careful where they put their feet).

Speaking of dress code, Ladies are instructed to wear either a hat or fascinator, and no bare legs. I can vouch that the headwear rule was strictly observed, although a small number of women risked incarceration in The Tower for their lack of hosiery!

Adrienne and I are frankly rubbish at taking (enough) photos, generally, and the *RGP* was no exception, but I assure you we will have the memories forever. The photo of us with the back of the Palace in shot was kindly taken by a David Tenant lookalike (who was actually Scottish and wearing a kilt – after Adrienne took a similar photo of him and his wife). Like us, those people were just happy to be there.

Richard Knight



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REMINDER & UPDATED INFORMATION - Bradwell Pilgrimage at St Peter's Chapel, Bradwell-on-Sea

Dear All

I am delighted to advise you of the updated details in relation to the forthcoming Bradwell Pilgrimage and Gathering, this year being held on **Saturday 6th July 2019** from 10.30am to 3:45pm at St Peter's Chapel, Bradwell-on-Sea.

This is a **FREE** day of pilgrimage, worship, activities and talks for the whole family in association with a variety of organisations.

Please see the poster opposite, which provides all the updated information for the event. Please see poster opposite which provides all the updated information for the event. Alternatively, please also visit the website for full information at www.bradwellpilgrimage.co.uk
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EXPERIENCE TAIZE

There will be an opportunity for you to experience some of the more well-known music from Taize at a service to be held on Sunday 28 July at 6.30pm.

This will be an informal and reflective service and most of the music will be taken from Taize song sheets. Members of the congregation on that evening will have the opportunity to learn and join in this style of worship.

Even if you have never experienced this style of worship you may find it uplifting. We look forward to welcoming you.

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Programme

- * 10:45am – Commissioning outside St Thomas' Church
- * Pilgrimage Walk to Bradwell Chapel
- * Opening Worship on Arrival
- * Lunch break (*Bring a picnic or buy some food on site*)
- * 1:45pm Optional Sessions:
 - Eucharist
 - Talk: History of the chapel
 - Messy Church Activities
 - Guided walk and wildlife talks
 - Forest Schools Session
- * 3:15 - Closing worship
- * 3:45 – Finish



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Deputy Warden's Waffle

Vicky kindly stepped in for me last month whilst I was languishing in Hospital for which I was most grateful. She at least is hopefully having a great holiday with Barbara in Croatia this month. I would like to take this opportunity to say a huge Thankyou to everyone who sent cards and included me in their prayers over the last five weeks. I am slowly getting my strength back and do not have to have any chemo as the tumours that were removed were benign.

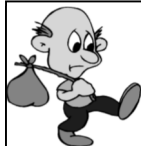
So much seems to have been and still is going on in and around the church with surely something for everyone to get involved in. Don't forget the Pet Service on the 7th July which I wanted to bring my Labrador, Spice to but she will miss it for the first time in her life as we will be away.

The Open the Book teams have had a busy year, with stories now being told in five schools in the town and area, not to mention in certain services in All Saints. We are looking for recruits to form a new team to go into Heybridge School from September. The OTB project is supported by Churches Together in Maldon and is a good way of getting to know our friends from other churches in the town. We thespians have great fun and the kids love joining in. If you feel acting is not your choice we also need costume and props makers. If you are tempted to find out more, please give me a ring or talk to any of those involved. (see Sue Frederick's report on page 14)

If you are going on holiday soon, I hope you have a safe and lovely time and come home rested and full of enthusiasm for all the Autumn projects in the pipeline.

God bless you all,

Vivien Clark, deputy warden



TEN to TEN Rambling Group June 2019

The weather forecast for this month's walking day was dire! Heavy rain and gale force winds. I think that put many of our regulars off but three intrepid walkers decided to brave it and set off on one of my favourite walks from Hatfield Peverel to Paper Mill lock at Little Baddow.

Leaving the village hall, we set off across field footpaths gently down hill to the river Ter but, as the path beside the river was blocked by waist high



nettles, we carried on up to the top of the ridge and followed the lane to Ewers farm where we took our welcome mid-morning coffee stop. Then it was uphill again and down the other side. Coming over the brow of the hill, the whole Chelmer valley opened up before us giving glorious views towards Danbury to the south and Chelmsford to the west.

Lunch was taken at the lock café on the Chelmer and Blackwater canal. This was a hive of activity with walkers, cyclists and youngsters doing their Duke of Edinburgh award hike, all making use of the facilities. Following lunch, the sun briefly made an appearance so it was back along the canal towpath, over the old cast-iron bridge, down to the ford, and back through Nounsley village to Hatfield Peverel.

Next month's walk will be on Saturday 13th July, leaving at "Ten to Ten" from Wintersleet Farm, London Road. The walk will be led by John Mayes and will be around Woodham Walter, visiting the annual flower festival and the art show.

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

3rd June 2019

The Mother's Union had a change of venue for our June meeting as our chairman, Merie, very kindly invited us all to her house for a strawberry tea. Twenty-one members and partners attended including Brenda from Brisbane, Australia.

The evening started with a puzzle arranged by Wendy Cox under the heading 'How many words can you make from STRAWBERRY TEA'? I gave up after 20 words but one person managed 120!

We were then able to enjoy the magnificent strawberry tea provided by Merie and her helpers. Everyone had brought something strawberry themed for the Bring and Buy stall.

We were very pleased to welcome our visitor Brenda who is also a member of Mother's Union in Australia and Merie exchanged gifts with her on our behalf.

Thank you, Merie, for welcoming us to your home and for all you and your helpers did to make such a magnificent strawberry tea and a very happy evening.

We meet again on Tuesday July 2nd at 7.00pm in the D'Arcy Room. If you would like to come along you can be sure of a warm welcome.

Stephanie Doe.



Report on Open The Book

By the end of this Summer Term, the two Open The Book teams that go into Wentworth Primary School on Wednesday mornings will have presented stories from the Lion Storyteller Bible for five consecutive years.

It has been a joy and a privilege. The stories are brilliant, the children are brilliant, and we well, we all have fun and we always pray together before the children come into the Hall, and God does seem to anoint our acting out of each story - with the children's imagination and enjoyment somehow transforming what has been described as “a bunch of OAPs (not exclusively actually !) with tea towels on their heads” - into a credible dramatic performance. We trust that the stories help the children understand that God loves and cares for them, and that He is faithful and can be trusted.

In June we did “David the Giant-killer” for Key Stage One. We used to have a magnificent cardboard Goliath, made by the late Geoff Vale, whom we still miss dearly as a team member, friend, and creator of some wonderful “props”. Unfortunately his Goliath got dismantled and lost when a caretaker thought it was an artwork (it was !), but one that was to be got rid of. So this time we had a real live Goliath, whom you may recognise from the photos I took during rehearsal. David Presswell acted his namesake David.



Key Stage One includes the Foundation Year, which has its intake each September of “rising fives”, meaning that some of the children may still not have reached their fifth birthday until July. So in case some of these four-year-olds took fright when Debbie let rip with “I am Goliath”, Gina as narrator warned them first, and Debbie did a practice roar – and no-one burst



into tears !

Other OTB teams regularly visit Maldon Court School, and go into All Saints Primary twice a term. A presentation has been recently performed at Heybridge Primary to see if they would be interested in having OTB too. All teams are made up of folks from different Maldon churches, which has been another lovely bonus in getting to know and appreciate one another.

Please keep praying for all these teams. We would love some new members to join in, even if only now and then. It really will bless you as well as the children. Talk to Viv Clark or David Presswell if you are interested.

Sue Frederick

ALL SAINTS LUNCHES

On the first Wednesday of each month, there is always the opportunity to enjoy a good home cooked lunch in church, which is available from 12.00 Noon-1.30pm. There is usually a choice including home made soups, jacket potatoes, ploughman's and delicious puddings. All profits are for church funds. We are grateful to Merie and her splendid team for working so hard for us each month. Do come and support them if you can. The next lunch will be on Wednesday July 3rd.

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A HISTORY OF CHRISTIAN PERSECUTION IN SOUTH ASIA (CONTINUED)

In about 525 an Alexandrian merchant known as Cosmas the India-sailor reported that there were churches in Malabar near Bombay. He also reported that there was a church in Sri Lanka composed entirely of Christians from Persia. Meanwhile the church in sixth century Afghanistan was flourishing. But in Hindu areas they faced a counter-offensive from Brahmins determined to halt the advance of Christianity.

The first battle between Muslims and South Asians occurred in 643 when an Arab army defeated the King of Zabulistan (modern Afghanistan). The following year a similar clash occurred and the Muslims were victorious. This region was fought over for two centuries, until the Muslims established their rule.

Genghis Khan (1162-1227) united various nomadic tribes from Mongolia sowed the seeds for the largest land empire there has ever been. What is now Afghanistan and part of Pakistan were conquered by the Mongols in the mid thirteenth century. But the Mongol Empire into four separate empires. In 1282 the sultan of one of the empires converted from Christianity to Islam. However his Islamisation efforts were not popular and he was overthrown. However the new sultan adopted Islam as its state religion and began his reign by persecuting non-Muslims. And many Jews and Christians were massacred. For a while a period of religious intolerance existed. But by the end of the fourteenth century Christians had been eliminated.

A new phase of Muslim invasions began in the year 1001 when the Turkic Mamluk leader Mahmud of Ghazni (in modern Afghanistan) made the first of his many military incursions into north India. The Turkic Muslim dynasties of north India prevented the Mongols from penetrating further south into the sub-continent. In 1344 the southward advance of the Muslims armies was halted by an alliance of Hindu states, but by this time Christianity had in all likelihood been more or less eliminated from north and central India. However a Christian presence remained in south India and has continued unbroken until this day.

For much of India and for many centuries Muslim elites ruled over a population consisting mainly of Hindus with a Christian minority embedded within it. Here are a few of the Emperors -

Emperor Akbar (1556 -1605). For much of India and for many centuries, Muslim elites ruled over a population consisting mainly of Hindus with a Christian minority embedded within it. However he created equal status for



all his subjects and in 1579 he sent to Goa (under Portuguese rule) for Christian missionaries to bring him the Christian Scriptures. He wished to study and learn what is best and most perfect. He even donated funds to build a church in Lahore.

Emperor Jehangir (1605 - 1626). The son of Akbar and was even more favourable towards Christians, but more favourable towards Muslims. And when the Goans seized one of their ships he cut off his support for the Christian clergy and life for Christians in Lahore that in 1614 they all moved to Agra. The following year good relations were restored with the Portuguese and he prevented Muslims burning down the church in Lahore and murdering the priest. However the refugees never returned.

Emperor Shah Jahan (1626 -). Shah Jahan took the title - king of the world. He tried to rebel against his father and the Portuguese refused to support him. He took his revenge by cutting off the funding his father had paid to the Portuguese. He even ordered the destruction of a Portuguese settlement in Hugli, which was defended by just 700 Indian Christian troops and 300 European troops. Many Christians were killed or sold as slaves. In about 1633 all Christian places of worship were destroyed and Christian worship banned.

Emperor Aurangzeb, the next ruler, was the younger brother of Dara Shikoh, who was keen for all religions to coexist in harmony. However Aurangzeb defeated him in battle and seized the throne from his father. In 1668 he issued a decree enforcing a strict form of sharia. All non-Muslim public religious displays were banned, but Christians suffered only scattered incidents of harassment. In 1735 it was reported that Christian officers formed the elite of the Mughal army.

Sultan Hyder Ali (1722-1782) ruled Mysore, one of the kingdoms in South India. Also operating in the region were the Portuguese, whose strength was declining, and the British whose strength was increasing. In 1748 Hyder Ali laid siege to the fort at Mangalore, in Portuguese territory. In the fort were around 80,000 Indian Christians. The British promised to come and rescue them, but never showed up. Ali sent 60,000 to walk 200 miles to his capital. Only 20,000 arrived and another 20,000 perished on the way. Another 20,000 remain unaccounted for.

Tipu Sultan (succeeded Hyder Ali but was killed in 1799 by troops under the command of Colonel Arthur Wellesley)

To be continued.

An extract from a Barnabus Publication Submitted by Geoff Dickman



SERVICES FOR JULY

1st July	Monday 7:00 pm Holy Communion
3rd July	Wednesday St Thomas the Apostle 10.00am Holy Communion in St Andrew's Heybridge
4th July	Thursday 11:00 am Holy Communion (BCP 1662)
7th July	Third Sunday of Trinity 8:00 am Holy Communion (BCP 1662) 10:00 am Pet Service and Church Parade 11:15 am The Eucharist 6:00 pm Choral Evensong at St Mary's
8th July	Monday 11:00 am Holy Communion in Hailey House
11th July	Thursday 11:00 am Holy Communion (BCP 1662)
14th July	Fourth Sunday of Trinity 8:00 am Holy Communion (BCP 1662) 10:00 am Parish Eucharist and Junior Church.. 6:30 pm Evensong and Sermon
17th July	Wednesday 11:00 am Holy Communion in Longfield Care Home
18th July	Thursday 11:00 am Holy Communion (BCP 1662)
21st July	Fifth Sunday of Trinity 8:00 am Holy Communion (BCP 1662) 10:00 am Parish Eucharist and Junior Church.. 4:00 pm St Margaret' Patronal Festival Evensong (No 6:30 pm Evensong at All Saints')
22nd July	Monday St Mary Magdalene 6:00 pm Holy Communion in St Mary's
25th July	Thursday St James the Apostle 11:00 am Holy Communion (BCP1662)
28th July	Sixth Sunday of Trinity 8:00 am Holy Communion (BCP 1662) 10:00 am Parish Eucharist and Junior Church 6:30 pm Prayer and Praise (Taize Service)



DIARY FOR JULY

Mon 1st July	10 am - 12 Maldon Pioneers Drop In 7:30 pm PCC in the meeting room
Tues 2nd July	10 am - 12 noon Meeting Point 10:00 am Prayer Group in the St Katherine Room 7:00 pm Mother's Union
Wed 3rd July	12 - 1:30 pm All Saints Lunches 7:00 pm Parish Office
Thu 4th July	9:15 am Sunshiners 2-4 pm Maldon Ladies 7 - 8 pm Junior Choir Practice 7:30 pm Choir Practice
Mon 8th July	9:00 am Men's Breakfast (Rose and Crown) 10 am - 12 Maldon Pioneers Drop In
Tues 9th July	10 am - 12 noon Meeting Point
Thu 11th July	9:15 am Sunshiners 2-4 pm Maldon Ladies 7 pm Junior Choir Practice 7:30 pm Choir Practice
Mon 15th July	9:15 am Maldon Court Rehearsal 10 am - 12 Maldon Pioneers Drop In
Tue 16th July	10 am - 12 noon Meeting Point
Wed 17th July	7:00 pm Parish Office
Thu 18th July	9:15 am Sunshiners Picnic in the Vicarage Garden 2-4 pm Maldon Ladies 7 - 8 pm Junior Choir Practice 7:30 pm Choir Practice
Friday 19th July	9:30 am Maldon Court prize Giving
Sat 20th July	2 - 4 pm Messy Church
Mon 22nd July	10 am Maldon Pioneers Drop In
Tues 23rd July	10 - 12 noon Meeting Point
Thu 25th July	2-4 pm Maldon Ladies 7:30 pm Choir Practice
Fri 26th July	1:00 pm Wedding Anthony Seaman and Michelle Sweeting
Tue 30th July	10 - 12 noon Meeting Point
Thu 31st July	2-4 pm Maldon Ladies 7:30 pm Choir Practice



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Bible Bite

A short story from the Bible

It can be read in the Bible in
Ruth chapters 1 and 2

When famine came to Bethlehem, Elimelech took his family to the nearby country of Moab. The two sons married local girls.

But Elimelech and his sons died, leaving Naomi, Orpah and Ruth as widows.



Naomi told her daughters-in-law she was returning to Bethlehem.



Go back to your parents' homes.

The girls cried, and Orpah left, but Ruth stayed.



I will stay with you. Your people and your God will be mine.



So Naomi and Ruth went back to Bethlehem.

Call me 'Mara' not 'Naomi' * because God has made my life bitter.



*'Naomi' means 'Pleasant' 'Mara' means 'Bitter'

It was the start of the barley harvest. Poor people were allowed to glean - to pick up the ears of grain that had been dropped. Ruth went out to glean.



She picked a field, asked if she could glean, then worked hard



The field's owner, Boaz, arrived.

Who's that girl?



That's Ruth, who came from Moab with Naomi.



Boaz told Ruth she was welcome to work in his fields.

He told her to join his workers at lunch-time, and made sure she had more than enough to eat.



Ruth worked hard and took home a huge bag of grain.

I worked in Boaz's field.



He is a near relative!

Ruth worked all through the barley and wheat harvests in Boaz's fields.





The gardener and the Vine



JESUS OFTEN TOLD
STORIES WITH
HIDDEN MEANINGS



ONCE HE TOLD HIS FRIENDS ALL
ABOUT A GARDENER.

THE GARDENER'S JOB WAS
TO CARE FOR THE VINES



HE WOULD LOOK AT EACH
BRANCH CAREFULLY..

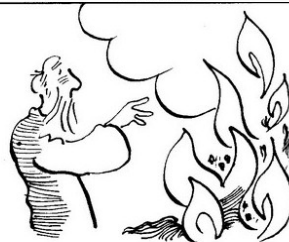
... AND IF IT WAS PRODUCING
GOOD FRUIT, HE WOULD CARE
FOR IT AND NOURISH IT.



IF IT WAS PRODUCING BAD
FRUIT...

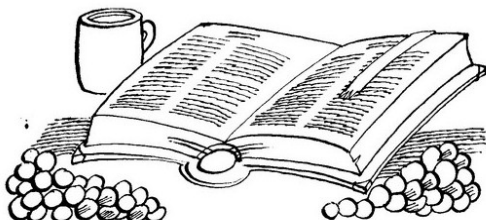


...OR NO FRUIT AT
ALL...



...THEN THE GARDENER WOULD
CHOP IT OFF, AND BURN IT IN
THE FIRE!!

JESUS WANTED HIS FRIENDS TO SHARE
THE GOOD NEWS - THAT'S LIKE
THE VINE BEARING GOOD FRUIT.



YOU CAN READ THIS SPECIAL PARABLE IN JOHN'S
GOSPEL, CHAPTER 15.



BIBLE QUIZ

Can you find 30 books of the Bible hidden in this passage.

This is a most remarkable puzzle. It was found by a gentleman in an airplane seat pocket, on a flight from Los Angeles to Honolulu, keeping him occupied for hours. He enjoyed it so much that he passed it to some friends. One friend from Illinois worked on this while fishing from his john-boat. Another friend studied it while playing his banjo. Elaine Taylor, a columnist friend, was so intrigued by it, she mentioned it in her weekly newspaper column.

Another friend judges the job of solving this puzzle so involving that she brews a cup of tea to help her nerves. There will be some names that are really easy to spot. That's a fact. Some people, however, will soon find themselves in a jam, especially since the books are not necessarily capitalised.

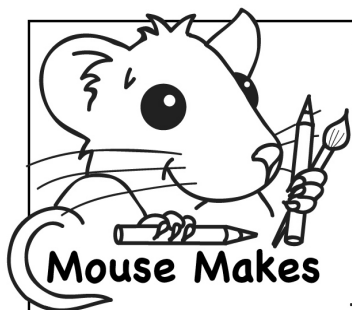
Truthfully from answers we get, we are forced to admit it usually takes a minister or scholar to see some of them at the worst. Research has shown that something in our genes is responsible for the difficulty we have in seeing these books in these paragraphs. During a recent fundraising event, which features this puzzle, the Alpha Delta Phil-Lemonade booth set a new sales record.

The local paper, the Chronicle, surveyed over 50 patrons who reported that this puzzle was one of the most difficult they had ever seen. As Daniel Humana humbly put it, "*the books are all right here in plain view, hidden from sight*". Those able to find all of them will hear great lamentations from those who have to be shown. One revelation that may help is that books Timothy and Samuel appear without their numbers. Also, keep in mind, that punctuation and spaces in the middle are normal. A chipper attitude will help you compete really well against those who claim to know the answers. Remember, there is no need for a mass exodus, there really are 30 books of the Bible lurking somewhere in these paragraphs waiting to be found.

This Quiz was submitted by Chris Copsey.

And the answers will be given in next months magazine.





Mouse Makes

In the time of the disciples it was usual for men to have two names. Which second name belongs to which Apostle?

JUDE	BOANERGES
MATTHEW	SIMON
JOHN	DIDYMUS
PETER	THADDEUS
THOMAS	SAUL
PAUL	NATHANIEL
BARTHOLOMEW	LEVI



Who did Jesus choose as His first disciples?

_____ and _____
Matthew 4:18

Which disciple was a tax collector?

_____ Matthew 10:3

Who was John's brother?

_____ Matthew 4:21

Which disciple betrayed Jesus?

_____ Mark 3:19

Which Apostle wrote Revelation?

_____ Revelation 1:1

Who became the Apostle to the Gentiles?

_____ Acts 13:9
Acts 9:1-18

DID YOU KNOW?

Some of the Apostles recorded the stories of Jesus and wrote about what it means to be a Christian.

Matthew and John wrote gospels.

Paul wrote many letters to the new Christian churches. (Look at the New Testament to see how many he wrote.)

James, Peter, John and Jude all wrote letters.

John wrote the book of Revelation.



DID YOU KNOW?

Four of the disciples were fishermen: **Andrew, Peter, James and John**. They would have used **two** different nets to fish: a circular one in shallow water and a large dragnet in deep water.



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Can you find **JESUS** and all the Apostles in the word search?

PETER • JAMES • JOHN
ANDREW • PHILIP
BARTHOLOMEW
MATTHEW • THOMAS
THADDEUS • SIMON
JAMES • JUDAS
MATTHIAS • PAUL



Supporting Men's Sheds at Start-Up and Beyond



We are pleased to announce that another Shed Inside has launched in Essex! The Essex Shed Network have partnered with MOAT Foundation to offer sessions at their Community Hub in Fullbridge Mill, Maldon every Tuesday between 10am and 12pm.

The launch took place on Tuesday 21st May and was attended by men interested to see what Shed Inside could offer. Also present was Maldon West Councillor, Mark Heard together with two local PCSO's who also came to the launch to find out more about Shed Inside!

Shed Inside offers a distilled version of Men's Sheds- a space for projects, community involvement, company and conversation over a cuppa- but without the large power tools and the health and safety restrictions that they can bring.

Three regular Sheddors were on hand to chat about Sheds and demonstrate the kinds of projects that Shed Insiders could engage with, including pyrography (artful wood burning with a soldering iron-like tool) which proved popular and will be available at Shed Inside sessions at Fullbridge Mill for the next few weeks, supervised by Maldon Shedder Bob De Vries.

TracyHall, Essex Shed Network Outreach Officer said:-

"The free sessions are running weekly on a Tuesday morning from 10am to 12 noon and everyone will be welcomed with a tea/coffee, biscuit and a smile.

We would love to see lots more gentleman enjoying these sessions, so if you can think of anyone that would benefit from attending then please do pass on the sessions details.

The Shed Inside sessions provide all the elements which make a Men's shed great places to go to meet people, work on practical projects, learn new skills or find a new hobby. You can get hands-on with different wood crafts, electronics or simply play a game of cards and have a chat or bring along your own project and work together with the group on it. Every project uses simple hand tools, no power tools are used so no experience is required – just an opportunity to meet new people and enjoy time with liked minded men.

If you would like more info please do get in touch or look on our website for details of the Shed Inside group on our Shed map –

www.essexshednetwork.co.uk “



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Shed Inside provides the opportunity to get hands-on with different practical projects, from wood craft to electronics.

Every project uses simple hand tools, so no previous experience is required—

just come to a Shed Inside session and get stuck-in!

Contact: nicola.syder@moat.co.uk / 07799 112068

Chickens are sending cows once more...



Many of you will know that Richard and I keep a few garden hens. Over the autumn and winter, our little flock dwindled and, for various reasons, we had to wait longer than hoped to introduce some new young birds. We were finally able to add to our flock in May. Richard said I was like a kid in a sweet shop – *“Can we have another Light Sussex –they’re lovely ... The Silver Links are so friendly... The Black Rocks lay so well... I’ve never had a Maran... a red feathered one would add a bit more colour...”* and so we ended up with five new girls. That brought our total to six, which is the most we have ever had. Poor Belle, our old girl had already had a week on her own, but she took the influx of five lively youngsters very well. At times it seemed as if the grandchildren had come to stay and were wearing out poor old granny, but I think they have given her a new lease of life too.

Chickens can be tricky in the first few weeks as they establish their pecking order, but ours all settled in very quickly this time and get on well. We’ve established that Charmaine is the leader of the escape committee. One weekend, not long after we’d got them, she and another were on next door’s fence. When we tried to encourage them down, they flew onto the roof of the chicken house and run, eventually being lured down with a few mealworms. They’ve broken through the wire fence twice to get onto the back lawn; and one day our neighbour knocked on the door to say “Did you know one of your chickens is on the front lawn?” Sure enough Charmaine was happily out there eating the grass. We reckon she’d got into next door’s garden and simply gone out their back gate while they were going to and fro, because the very next day she was in their back garden again, obviously having decided the grass was greener the other side of the fence. It’s a good job we have kind, understanding neighbours who don’t mind if we knock on their door to ask “Can we have our chicken back please?”



So we've had some fun and games – I can highly recommend chickens just for the entertainment value if nothing else. But the bonus is that they lay eggs. And these girls are really good layers. I was delighted that we were getting 4 or 5 eggs most days and one day we got 6! Fabulous.



Now we like eggs, but can't get through two dozen or so in a week, so we bring the extra to church and sell boxes of 6 for £1.30. The money goes to the Send a Cow charity – where it buys all kinds of things – gardens, chickens, goats, toilets, to help people feed themselves and earn a little extra money for education or medicines, or just to meet some of the basic needs we take for granted. We have our regular customers - to whom we say a big thank you for their support – but if we have more than even our regulars can manage, we will put the extra boxes on the coffee stall – so do look out for them if you fancy some truly free range (including free ranging next door!) eggs.

Adrienne Knight

Whispers

A curate lost his voice at the local football match one Saturday and being due to preach the next morning, he thought he should call in and consult his vicar. When he rang the vicarage bell the door was answered by a very attractive teenage daughter.

"Is the vicar in?" the curate managed to whisper very quietly.

"No," she whispered back, thinking she had got the message. "Come on in!"

From the Parish Pump Website

HOLY DAYS

25th July St Christopher Patron Saint of Motorists

The legend goes that St Christopher was a Canaanite who lived in the 3rd century. He was a giant of a man, of fearsome appearance. At first he decided to serve the devil, but when he discovered that the devil was afraid of Christ and His Cross, Christopher decided to serve Christ instead. A nearby hermit instructed Christopher in the Christian faith and assigned to him a place near a river: Christopher's job was to help travellers cross it safely.

All went well, and Christopher helped lots of people on their way until one day a child came along and asked to be carried across. Christopher put him on his back and set off, but was soon staggering under the astonishing weight of this child. The child then told him that He was in fact Jesus Christ, and that He carried the weight of the whole world. The Christ-child then told Christopher to plant his staff in the ground: the next day it bore flowers and dates – confirmation that the child was indeed who He claimed to be.

After some time more of helping travellers cross the river, Christopher went to the city of Lycia, where he preached the gospel with such success that the Roman emperor (Decius?) had him arrested and imprisoned – especially when Christopher refused to sacrifice to the gods. Two women sent into his cell to seduce him came out converted Christians instead. So Christopher was beaten, shot with arrows and finally beheaded.

Christopher has been well-loved of the English down the centuries. Many wall-paintings of him have been placed on the north wall of churches, opposite the porch, so that he would be seen by all who entered. There was good reason for this: as patron saint of travellers, it was believed that anyone who saw an image of St Christopher would not die that day. As the ancient saying goes: 'Behold St Christopher and go thy way in safety'.

A kind of daily insurance policy against death – this was so good that in due course St Christopher became the patron saint of motorists. There is even a church in the Javel area of Paris where Citroen cars are made, that is dedicated to St Christopher. In modern times, with the increase in air and motorway travel, Christopher has remained popular. When in 1969 the Holy See reduced his feast day, there was a sharp protest in several countries, led in Italy by a number of popular film stars. If you ever travel in a taxi on the Continent, look out for a little St Christopher hanging from the rear-view mirror beside the driver. Now you know why it is there!

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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 delights of the parish jumble sale

My dear Nephew Darren

The estimate for re-hanging the bells in our church tower came as a great shock. The church council discussed fund-raising at length. Someone suggested selling part of the Rectory garden for building, another for getting 200 parishioners to loan £1,000 each, interest-free. Then Mrs Ffrench suggested holding a jumble sale. The jumble sale won – mainly because it was achievable without a great fight, and also gave everyone an opportunity to see what their neighbours think of as junk.

Expensive articles were brought with an ostentatious show of modesty when everyone was sorting donations. Genuine jumble, such as odd plates, old blankets and mysterious kitchen gadgets, were left at the church door in the dead of night.

On the day of the jumble sale, our helpers were ready behind wobbly tables stacked high with stuff. Had the tables collapsed, half the congregation would have been smothered. Little Miss Faversham was having a wonderful time flitting from table to table like a woolly bumble bee, kitting herself out for another year.

When the doors opened and the customers poured in, I realised how the Italians must have felt when they saw Hannibal with his elephants pouring down the sides of the Alps. That is when the mettle of our ladies really showed. They were tremendous – haggling at great length over whether something worth £10 should go for 10p or 11p. I noticed that those who are used to riding with hounds seem best able to control the crowds – even if they occasionally tended to regard the customers as the fox.

As it happened, the youth club were going pot-holing that day, so most of the teenagers bought complete sets of clothing for 10p which could then be discarded afterwards. But I wondered what their caving instructor would think of teenagers arriving dressed in dinner jackets and tweed skirts.

Two days of preparation yielded a battle that was over in less than an hour. We emerged bloodied but unbowed, with only scraps of jumble left. Then it was home for a bath and a strong restorative, in the knowledge that the first step to saving the bells has been taken. Only another 2,500 jumble sales and we shall have reached our target. Indeed, the only jarring note of the day was to discover someone with a peculiar sense of humour had put a note on my car: "Sold – to be collected later".

Your loving uncle,

Eustace

Book Reviews



Retired and Inspired: making the most of our latter years By Wendy Billington, BRF, £8.99

This book is a Christian view of retirement. Attitudes to retirement vary, and in this book Wendy Billington draws on her pastoral skills and life experience to ask the question: what is a Christian view of retirement?

If we believe that life is a gift from God, should we not be viewing retirement as part of an integrated whole and see our latter years as part of God's plan? This book is intended for all to read: individuals preparing for retirement and in their retirement years as well as their families, friends, befrienders, carers and professionals.

Written in two sections, 'Uprooting the weeds' and 'Sowing the seeds', it includes questions for group discussion at the end of each chapter, followed by a meditative thought for the day and a closing prayer.

Taken from the Parish Pump website.



Dates for the Diary

17th Aug	Messy Church
28th Sept	Maldon and Dengie Safeguarding Course
1st Dec	Advent Carols
7th Dec	Shoppers' Carols
6th - 8th Dec	Christmas Tree Festival
8th Dec	3:00 pm Christingle Service
	5:00 pm Town Carol Service in the URC
22nd Dec	6:30 pm Nine lessons and Carols with MDC

Please email me with ALL your future dates.

FROM THE REGISTERS



HOLY BAPTISM

June 16th **NOAH LEE MARSHAL**

OLIVER LEE MARHSAL of Heywood Way

June 30th **ARCHIE JENSON DRONSFIELD**

IVY ROSE DRONSFIELD of Cherry Garden Road

MARRIAGE

June 8th **STEVAN ALAN DAWSON** with **HOLLY MARIE ROOT**

FUNERALS

June 4th **BRIAN WILLIAM ALAN FERRIBY** aged 74 of Viking Road

June 11th **PAMELA DORIS POWELL** aged 85 of Wallace Binder Close

June 12th **BRIAN CARTWRIGHT** aged 68 of Washington Road

June 28th **ROSEMARY HAWKES** aged 90 formerly of High St Maldon



Prayer Diary

July 2019

1	Those recently Confirmed
2	Newly ordained Priests and Deacons
3 St Thomas	Churches dedicated to St Thomas
4	The people of the United States of America
	The people of the United States of America
5	The work of General Synod
6	Those who work with the mentally ill
7 Trinity 3	Airport Chaplains
8	For all who are disabled
9	The work of Farleigh Hospice
10	The staff of Essex County Council
11	All teachers in Primary and Junior schools in our Parish
12	The Parish of St Andrew's, Sandon
13	The RNLI and HM Coastguard
14 Trinity 4	The Mission to Seafarers, and all whose lives are lived on the seas
15	Those whose lives depend on fine weather
16	Staff and pupils at All Saints' School
17	Students who will be leaving school
18	All teachers at Plume School
19	All who lead and attend Messy Church tomorrow
20 St Margaret	The Parish of St Margaret, Woodham Mortimer
21 Trinity 5	All Churches in our Deanery
22 St Mary Magdalene	Churches dedicated to St Mary Magdalene
23	Our Area Dean
24	The Salvation Army
25 St James	Churches dedicated to St James
26	All who will be travelling
27	Youth Workers and Christian Holiday Camps
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28 Trinity 6	Churches in seaside towns
29	Staff who work in our local hospitals and especially hospital Chaplains
30	Ambulance and Air Ambulance Services
31	Youth Chaplains



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Junior Church	Elaine Brown	01621 853238
Freedom Footsteps	Sue Carter	
Sunshiners (Pre School Group Thursdays 9:15 am)	Gill Nelson	01621 852119
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	Dennis Johnson	01621 842410
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