

ALL SAINTS' MALDON



PARISH NEWS

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**CHURCH SERVICES****Sunday Services**

8:00am Holy Communion (BCP 1662)
 10:00 am Sung Parish Eucharist (except first Sunday of the month).
 6:30 pm Evensong and Sermon second and third Sundays of the month

1st Sunday in the Month

10:00am Short all age service of stories songs and prayers.
 11:15am Parish Eucharist (CW)
 6:00 pm Evensong at St Mary's

Last Sunday

6:30 pm Prayer and Praise Service

JUNIOR CHURCH

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

WEEKDAY SERVICES

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

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

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



NOT FROM THE VICARAGE

Someone once said... 'I welcome change as long as nothing is altered or different!'

As a youngster, I didn't cope very well with change and I particularly dreaded the approach of September and with it a new classroom and new teacher, when you are a shy child a new environment was intimidating. However, I did look forward to visiting Woolworths to choose a new pencil case, brightly coloured pencils, scented fluorescent rubbers and a brand new fountain pen.



As I grew into adulthood, change became an increasingly frequent eventuality with work, house moves, marriage and motherhood proving that although change was still tricky for me to negotiate, it could also be exciting. Then some years later I felt that God was calling me to the Priesthood..... well I didn't see that one coming!!



There followed discernment and conversations, a selection conference, training and a degree in theology, moving house, and then landing on the doorstep of The Reverend Canon Stephen Carter and the possibility of serving my curacy at All Saints Church in Maldon.

I was more nervous on my first Sunday as Deacon here at All Saints than I was at the ordination service the day before in Chelmsford Cathedral. I had arrived at All Saints unsure of liturgical colours, rusty about Choral Evensong and anxious about the steps leading to the pulpit! What I couldn't have anticipated however, was the warmth, generosity and kindness of the folks in this new congregation. Stephen allowed me to make my own way, to make mistakes and to discover who I was as a deacon and then a priest. You have all ensured I struck a balance between my 'day job' and my curacy and enabled me to have a family life too. I couldn't have been placed anywhere better to adventure through curacy and it is with sadness that I will experience my last Sunday here as Assistant Curate on 8th September before I move on to my new post as Priest in Charge at Purleigh, Woodham Walter and Woodham Mortimer.

As always when moving on to new ventures, there is excitement at what is to come but heartache at what we have to leave behind... the colleagues, friends, laughter, conversations, tears, hugs, mishaps, dressing up, singing, praying and absolutely loving being part of something that celebrates faith in God in all its glory.

To everyone at All Saints Church and especially to The Reverend Canon Stephen Carter and his wonderful wife Sue, thank you.... for your support, your understanding and your encouragement.

With love, Julie.

THE REVEREND JULIE WILLMOT

Julie's last Sunday at All Saints will be on September 8th and she will preside and preach at the Eucharist. In the afternoon of that day there will be a farewell tea in the D'Arcy Room, and there will be a list at the back of the church for those who wish to sign up for this.

In the meantime, Eddie our treasurer, would be pleased to receive contributions towards a farewell gift to Julie to express our appreciation for her ministry.

Julie will be licensed by the Bishop of Bradwell and installed by the Archdeacon of Chelmsford, at All Saints Purleigh on Tuesday October 1st.
Stephen



HARVEST FESTIVAL

This will be kept on Sunday 6th October. The 10.00am service will be a Harvest Worship for All and Church Parade. At 6.30pm there will be Harvest Songs of Praise. There will be the usual celebrations of the Eucharist at 8.00am and 11.15am
SC

THE EUCHARIST WITH PRAYERS FOR HEALING

This will be on Sunday September 1st and the celebrant and preacher will be Canon Graham. At the service there will be the laying on of hands with anointing for those who wish to receive this ministry. Requests for prayer may be left in the box in the Prayer Corner.
SC

PRAYER AND PRAISE

Our monthly "Prayer and Praise" service will be at 6.30pm on Sunday 29th September at the United Reformed Church, Market Hill. This month we will be joining with our friends from the other churches in Maldon, for a "Churches Together Prayer and Praise" Our own musicians will be taking part, and I do hope that people from All Saints will take this opportunity to join in prayer and worship with other Christians in the town. There will of course be no evening worship that night in All Saints.
SC

AUTUMN STUDY COURSE

Following the successful Lent course on the Epistles, we have arranged another course in September, looking at 8th century Prophets.

Sessions will take place on Wednesday mornings in the D'Arcy Room from 10:30 am to 12 noon commencing on the 11th September:-

- 11th Sept Micah (Prebendary Paul Barnes)
- 18th Sept Amos (Fr. John Dickins of St Mary's)
- 25th Sept First Isaiah, Ch 1 - 39 (Andy Mugford of Fullbridge)
- 9th Oct Hosea (The Rev Asa Humphreys of Heybridge)



THIS IS THE ADDRESS CANON STEPHEN GAVE AT THE THANKSGIVING SERVICE FOR THE LIFE OF TONY SMITH



By the tomb of Sir Christopher Wren, in St Paul's Cathedral, you will find this inscription. "If you wish to see his memorial, look around you"

I feel that it's a bit like that with Tony in All Saints'. In this church there are many beautiful things that Tony has made, that will endure, and will be appreciated by generations to come. The nave altar, which is a real work of craftsmanship, and the matching credence table, were all made by Tony when the church was re-ordered. The last piece he made was dedicated by the bishop, just a few months ago: a splendid book case in memory of David and Win Hill. There is other work Tony has done in the church, including the door into the St Katherine Room, and the church pews.

All Saints' is not the only church where Tony has left his mark. There are many others including the United Reformed Church on Market Hill and the parish church at Pleshey. As someone said to me, "For one who claimed to be an agnostic, Tony spent a lot of his time in churches!"

And if Tony was an agnostic, he was very definitely a Christian agnostic. Like many of us, there are things that happen in life, which make us doubt and question. The dividing line between doubt and faith can often be very thin.

I think Tony's choice of music for this service gives us an insight into his spirituality. He was moved, at a very deep level, by the pieces by Tallis and Byrd that are being sung in this service. But most especially Tony loved that magnificent final chorus from the St John Passion. It was the music and the words that moved him, and the profound hope they express.

The choice of photograph on the front page of the order of service seems very apt- Tony enjoying a good glass of wine. In selecting a Bible reading, we felt that Isaiah's vision of heaven seemed particularly appropriate for Tony. In his vision, the prophet imagines heaven as being like a great feast, in which wine is served- not any old wine, "but well matured wines strained clear" Add to that the music of JS Bach, and possibly some locomotives



from God's Wonderful Railway, and this would be Tony's perfect vision of heaven.

We will all come here today, with our own personal beliefs: and for all of us, those will be different. But we are all united today in one common purpose. We come to remember Tony and to honour his life; and to give thanks for the person he was and for the memories we treasure.

And whether we consider ourselves to be Christians; or belong to another faith community; or have no faith, or perhaps aren't sure- I hope we will all be able to share in the prayer that is expressed in that final chorus from the St John Passion, which was Tony's choice to conclude this service.

“Rest well, rest well beloved, sweetly sleeping, that I may cease from further weeping.

The grave which is prepared for thee, from pain and grief will set thee free.”

Lunch at All Saints

Soup – hot food- cakes

12:00 to 1:30 pm

**Wednesday
4th September**



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22nd SEPTEMBER



*September sees St Michael and All Angels Day.
Here are a few lines from an ancient Celtic poem about the archangel.*

Saint Michael

Saint Michael, angel of the sea,
Lord of the horses he,
Saint Michael, of the angels king,
Of war, of shepherding;
On steed he flies across the skies;
The first-fruits of the harvest corn,
The first-fruits of the flock-lambs born,
Are his, he meets the soul forlorn.

The saints and angels watch o'erhead,
Their wings and prayers o'erspread:
The righteous ones in heaven wait,
St Peter at the gate;
In might arrayed they shield and aid;
Be with us e'er, archangel powers,
Be with us, angels, life's long hours.

Taken from the Parish Pump website



*The Churchyard working party
was never seen again*



Lime Trees



Common Lime

You are not likely to plant, or want to plant, a Lime tree in your garden, but if someone nearby has one you are going to love it in June or July.

The greedy roots, the possible drips of sooty soot onto a car parked underneath and the threat of a massive bulk of tree are someone else's business. You can bask in one of summer's sweetest smells and look up in admiration at a tower of pale leaves, at a safe distance.

The likeliest Lime to have as a neighbour is, not surprisingly, known as the common Lime. You can recognise it at once by its ungainly habit of sprouting endless sucker shoots from the base of the trunk, from

points north or almost anywhere. Its leaves are not special, big, roughly heart shaped and fatally attractive to the species of aphid that drops sticky stuff. But the far flung scent of its yellow green flowers on the warmest summer days is a real head-turner. See if you can describe it. Honey, definitely grassy? herby? Or just limey.

Common Lime is a hybrid between two English natives; small-leave Lime and Broad-leafed Lime, both more common in the west of England. It became prevalent in the 1600's because it grows faster and taller than either and is easy to propagate from cuttings - which will grow pretty much identical, as narrowish up reaching towers which make impressive avenues, country house style. There are plenty in Britain above 120 feet high, about as high as our native trees ever get. Either of these trees is a better bet unless you want the height: the Small-leaved one neater with a pointed top (flowering later), the Broadleaf one a big dome shape. It flowers first.

More special than either, though is the Silver Lime from the Balkans, an upright-branched tree which attracts your attention with silvery flashes from its white-backed leaves, or the truly spectacular Weeping Silver Lime, another tower but with its branches cascading down to flash its leaves at you. And the scent.

And the name? What on earth is the connection between Lime, the tree, and Lime the green lemony thing? There isn't one, and nobody seems to know why we call the tree Americans (and Germans) call Linden, by the name of an unrelated fruit.

Hugh Johnson 2003

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Deputy Warden's Waffle

Churchwarden's Chat being a sedentary occupation, I can't wriggle out of it with a claim of post operative recovery. I have been very fortunate to get away with Peter, first for a week to my cousin's in southern Spain and then for a river cruise on the Douro in Portugal, both of which have helped with rest, sunshine and good company.

It has been quite a sad time for our church family with a number of losses of close family and friends. We send our condolences to Cliff Hunter, The Brown family and Betty Smith.

On a sad but congratulatory note we say goodbye to Rev. Julie. It seems only yesterday that she came to All Saints' to serve her Curacy but we are thrilled for her and she will only be a stone throw away in Purleigh and the Woodhams. What a splendid idea that was of the Bishop. However, we will miss her lovely smile and funny stories at all our services but especially at Messy Church. So to Julie we say "Thank you for all you contributed to All Saints' now enjoy your new space and god bless your ministry in it."

Open the Book will restart in September and we hope that there will be more people wanting to join us for what is a fun and creative project now in its sixth year! This means that the little ones who started school five years ago will have had a full six years of hearing Bible stories before they move to senior school next September! So we say a special thankyou and congratulations to the stalwarts who have been with us from day one.

Viv. Deputy Churchwarden.

Fair cop?

While taking a routine vandalism report at an infants school, I was interrupted by a little girl about six years old. Looking up and down at my uniform, she asked, "Are you a cop?"

"Yes," I answered and continued writing the report.

"My mum said if I ever needed help, I should ask the police. Is that right?" she ventured.

"Yes, that's right," I told her, and added expansively: "We are always here for you."

The little girl looked reassured. "Well, then," she said, as she extended her foot toward me, "would you please tie my shoe?"



Rotary Club

Most of us support charities. I support a few military charities including the Royal British Legion, Help for Heroes and SSAFA. I also support a number of animal charities and a few years ago adopted a donkey called ZENA, who had been rescued by the Donkey Sanctuary near Sidmouth in Devon – well worth a visit! Regarding SSAFA, for whom I'm a caseworker, my first case in Maldon concerned an elderly ex-serviceman, who required a stair lift. He was not having much success with the local council so he came to us. Very sadly a few hours after my visit he fell down the stairs and died. My Company Sergeant Major in the London Scottish Regiment also died by falling down the stairs. My regimental BenFund has since then provided his widow with a lift..

I joined the Rotary Club of Maldon because I'd heard of their benevolence both locally and internationally, with the eradication of Polio. For those interested (and hopefully most of you) herewith a brief list of some of the Maldon charities they have supported in the past 12 months –

Maldon Sea Cadets - £1,500; Maldon Pioneers - £1,000;

St. Peter's hospital café - £500 also a piano for lunchtime entertainment; Maldon Carers £1,000.

We also hope to give some financial support to the Citizens' Advice Bureau.

A donation was made to Plume School Academy for their First Aid course which involved one year of students. Some of our benevolence is also directed towards the elderly in local care homes by providing entertainment and other hospitality.

I've been a member of Rotary for only a few months so I've probably missed a few of the other charities they have supported. They have also given money to Moot Hall and to the Maeldune Heritage Centre and also to The Talking Newspaper; which is also assisted by a few of our church members.

My purpose in writing this essay is to acquaint you with the activities of the local Rotary Club and should they require further details, with or without wishing to become a member, I would welcome hearing from them. Incidentally we meet weekly on a Tuesday evening at the Queen's Head public house.

All the money that the Rotary Club of Maldon donate is only possible because of the annual bonfire event and Santa's sleigh rides, which are immensely popular with young children. And some of Santa's little helpers are not all Rotarians, but enthusiastic helpers. We also have street collections for Rotary and other charities e.g. Marie Curie and the Royal British Legion.

Geoff Dickman

AN ORGANIST'S PILGRIMAGE



Whilst holidaying in the Dordogne last week, Margaret, Finlay and I made a quite adventurous journey to Poitiers, to see and hear one of France's finest (probably THE finest) pre-Revolution classical organs. The Cathedral of St. Pierre houses this magnificent 16-ft organ, built in 1781 by Francois Henri Cliquot (and, yes, it is the very same family....!).

We had been in correspondence with Professor Olivier Houette, the titled organist at Poitiers, who kindly invited us to come along on the Sunday and meet Monsieur Francois Guichard, the Assistant Organist at St. Pierre. We were accorded the great privilege of sitting with him during the Mass, and hearing what the organ could do. M. Guichard also went out of his way to give us a good opportunity to play this superb instrument, which I can only describe as the experience of a lifetime. In our correspondence, I had mentioned the music of De Grigny and Couperin, and M. Guichard included music by both during the Mass, as well as a Gaillard by Thomas Tomkins, an English composer; he also played several fine extemporisations in French Classical style.



To be technical for a moment, the pitch of the organ is about a tone low by modern standards (A=395), and the pedal notes have a *ravalement*, in other words they extend two notes lower than our organ's - the effect of the pedal Bombarde 16ft when you play bottom A is tremendous! M. Guichard was kind enough to explain many of the finer points of De Grigny's music to me; I found that playing this music on just the kind of organ that de Grigny, Couperin, and other Baroque composers would have known was a uniquely



How to play three manuals at once! Finlay plays "I vow to thee" on Grand Orgue and Positif, whilst M. Guichard enhances the melody using the Cornet de Récit.

thrilling experience. M. Guichard certainly enjoyed Finlay's playing of "Thaxted" (I vow to thee my country) - he allowed him to use just about Full Organ for the last verse!

Our return journey southwards included a quite long (but quick!) journey on the double-decker TGV (Train de Grands Vitesses), and a bus journey across the vineyards of Bordeaux and Bergerac. What more could we possibly ask?
Stuart Pegler.

School blues

A little girl had just finished her first week of school.
"I'm just wasting my time," she said to her mother. "I can't read, I can't write, and they won't let me talk!"



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TOP 10 HUNGRIEST COUNTRIES CONTRIBUTE JUST 0.08% OF GLOBAL CO2

- Climate & Food Vulnerability Index shows 10 most food insecure countries emit less than half a tonne of CO2 per person
- Burundi is the world's most food insecure and smallest per capita emitter
- The average Briton generates as much CO2 as 212 Burundians
- IPCC blockers Russia, USA and Saudi some of the worst offenders

As scientists of the UN's Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change (IPCC) meet in Geneva to publish their Special Report on Climate Change and Land, a new report by the development charity Christian Aid shows that climate change is having a disproportionate impact on the food systems of the country's least responsible for causing the climate crisis.

The IPCC is expected to show how climate change will affect global food supply, spiking prices and reducing nutrition. It is also likely to recommend that countries will need to drastically cut emissions if global food security is to be protected.

Christian Aid's new report [*Hunger Strike: The Climate & Food Vulnerability Index*](#) shows that the top 10 most food insecure countries all generate less than half a tonne of CO2 per person and just 0.08% of global carbon emissions. Meanwhile, the countries that have been blocking the adoption of recent IPCC science reports at UN meetings: Russia (12.2 tonnes), the USA (15.7) and Saudi Arabia (19.4) all have huge per capita carbon footprints.

Topping the Index, for **Climate and Food Vulnerability**, is Burundi, which is also the country with the lowest CO2 per capita emissions, a tiny 0.027 tonnes. This is so low it is often rounded to zero. This means that the average Russian generates the same CO2 as 454 Burundians, an American 581 and a Saudi 719. In the UK an average Briton generates the same CO2 as 212 Burundians.

Philip Galgallo, Christian Aid's Country Director for Burundi, said: "Burundi is a living testament to the injustice of the climate crisis. Despite producing almost no carbon emissions, we find ourselves on the front line of climate change, suffering from higher temperatures, lower crop yields and increasingly unreliable rains. In a just world our problems would be something we could address ourselves. But because we haven't caused this



climate breakdown, we alone cannot solve it. We need richer, more polluting, countries to cut their emissions rapidly if we're going to hold back the ravages of climate change and reverse its affects. Because of the global nature of climate change this is an opportunity for the world to act together in solidarity and fairness. We have great potential for clean energy but we need funding and support to unlock it. We have renewable resources of wind and solar with which we can power our development but we don't have the finances or technology to harness them. It is vital that developed country governments heed the warnings of the UN scientists and cut their emissions urgently. The lives of millions of the poorest people demand that they do."

Report author Dr Katherine Kramer, Christian Aid's Global Climate Lead, said although personal actions were important to drive down emissions, it was action from Governments and big business that needed to happen the most. This report outlines in stark details the global inequality of climate change and how it is the most vulnerable that are contributing least to the problem and suffering the most."

Dr Doreen Stabinsky, Professor of Global Environmental Politics at the College of the Atlantic in Maine, said: "Climate change poses enormous threats to our ability to feed ourselves. The poorest and most vulnerable are currently suffering the most from the impacts on food production and already many across the world are migrating from their homes in order to be able to feed their families. These are warning signals that agriculture ultimately is one of the most threatened of our economic sectors and most fundamental for the healthy functioning of our societies and our communities. Both the Christian Aid report and the upcoming IPCC Special Report on Climate Change and Land begin to make clear how serious a threat this is, and how urgently we need to act."

Last month a [study in Lancet Planetary Health](#) showed that over the next 30 years, climate change combined with increasing carbon dioxide could significantly reduce the availability of critical nutrients like protein, iron, and zinc. One of the authors of that study, **Dr Samuel Myers, Principal Research Scientist at Harvard** said: "Our research shows that rising concentrations of CO₂ in the atmosphere are reducing the nutritional quality of the food we eat and that the most vulnerable people to these impacts are those least responsible for rising global CO₂ concentrations. From this, and other, research, what is quite clear is that climate change is not only a global health crisis, it is a moral crisis."

This is taken from a Christian Aid Press Release



SERVICES FOR SEPTEMBER

- 1st Sept** **Seventh Sunday of Trinity**
8:00 am Holy Communion (BCP 1662)
10:00 am Worship for All
11:15 am The Eucharist
- 5th Sept** **Thursday**
11:00 am Holy Communion (BCP 1662)
- 8th Sept** **Twelfth Sunday of Trinity**
8:00 am Holy Communion (BCP 1662)
10:00 am Farewell Eucharist for Rev. Julie Willmot
3:00 pm Julie's Farewell tea
6:30 pm Evensong and Sermon
- 8th Sept** **Monday**
11:00 am Holy Communion at Hailey House
7:00 pm Holy Communion
- 12th Sept** **Thursday**
11:00 am Holy Communion (BCP 1662)
- 15th Sept** **Thirteenth Sunday of Trinity**
8:00 am Holy Communion (BCP 1662)
10:00 am Parish Eucharist
12 noon Holy Baptism
6:30 pm Evensong and Sermon
- 18th Sept** **Wednesday**
11:00 am Holy Communion in Longfield Care Home
- 19th Sept** **Thursday**
11:00 am Holy Communion (BCP1662)
- 22nd Sept** **Fourteenth Sunday of Trinity**
8:00 am Holy Communion (BCP 1662)
10:00 am Parish Eucharist and Junior Church
6:30 pm Evensong and Sermon
- 26th Sept** **Thursday**
11:00 am Holy Communion (BCP 1662)
- 29th Sept** **Fifteenth Sunday of Trinity, St Michael and All Angels**
8:00 am Holy Communion (BCP 1662)
10:00 am Parish Eucharist and Junior Church
6:30 pm Prayer and Praise at the URC Church



DIARY FOR SEPTEMBER

Mon 2nd Sept	10:00 am - 12 noon Maldon Pioneers
Tue 3rd Sept	10:00 - 10:30 am prayer Group in the St Katherine Room
	10:00 am - 12 noon Meeting Point
	7:00 pm Mothers' Union
Wed 4th Sept	12 - 1:30 pm All Saints Lunches
	7:00 pm Parish Office
Thu 5th Sept	9:15 am Sunshiners
	2-4 pm Maldon Ladies
	7:00 pm Junior Choir Practice
	7:30 pm Choir Practice
Mon 9th Sept	9:00 am Men's Breakfast (Rose and Crown)
	10:00 am - 12 noon Maldon Pioneers
	7:30 pm PCC in the St Katherine Room
Tue 10th Sept	10:00 am - 12 noon Meeting Point
Wed 11th Sept	10:30 am - 12 noon Study Group 1 Micah in D'Arcy Room
Thu 12th Sept	9:15 am Sunshiners
	2-4 pm Maldon Ladies
	7:00 pm Junior Choir Practice
	7:30 pm Choir Practice
Wed 18th Sept	10:30 am - 12 noon Study Group 2 Amos in D'Arcy Room
Thu 19th Sept	9:15 am Sunshiners
	2-4 pm Maldon Ladies
	7:00 pm Junior Choir Practice
	7:30 pm Choir Practice
Sat 21st Sept	2 - 4 pm Messy Church
Mon 23rd Sept	10:00 am - 12 noon Maldon Pioneers
Tue 24th Sept	10:00 am - 12 noon Meeting Point
Wed 25th Sept	10:30 am - 12 noon Study Group 3 First Isaiah in D'Arcy Room
	7:00 pm Parish Office
Thu 26th Sept	9:15 am Sunshiners
	2-4 pm Maldon Ladies
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	7:30 pm Choir Practice
Mon 30th Sept	10:00 am - 12 noon Maldon Pioneers



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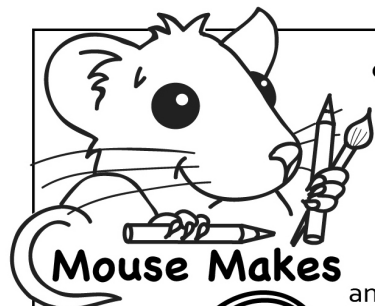
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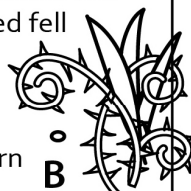


Mouse Makes

Read the story in Mark 1:1-20



Once there was a man who went out to sow corn. As he *scattered* the seed in the field some of it fell along the **path** where it was stepped on and **eaten** by the birds. Some of it fell on **rocky ground**, when the plants sprouted they **dried** up because the soil was dry. Some of the seed fell among **thorns** which grew up with the plants and **choked** them, and some seed fell in the **good** soil; the plants grew and produced corn - a **hundred** grains each!



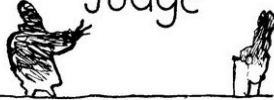
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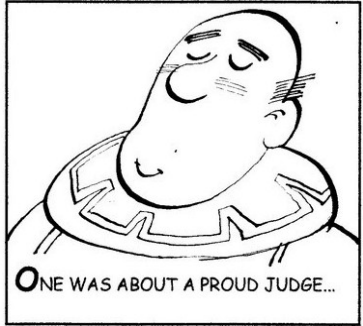
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The Tale of the
The Widow
and the Judge



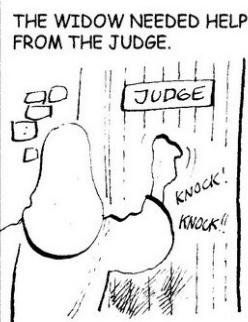
JESUS OFTEN TOLD STORIES WITH HIDDEN MEANINGS



ONE WAS ABOUT A PROUD JUDGE...



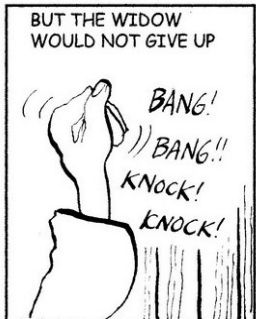
...AND A POOR WIDOW



THE WIDOW NEEDED HELP FROM THE JUDGE.



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BUT THE WIDOW WOULD NOT GIVE UP



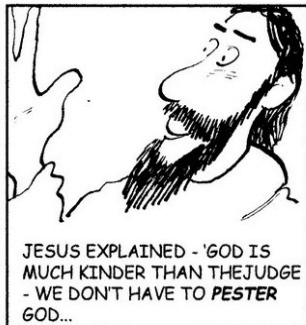
PLEASE COME AND SORT OUT MY LEGAL PROBLEMS



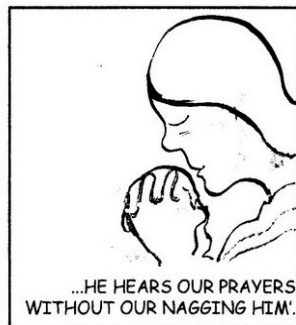
AT LAST THE JUDGE GAVE IN - AND WENT TO HELP THE WOMAN



I'M ONLY DOING THIS BECAUSE YOU KEPT PESTERING ME!



JESUS EXPLAINED - 'GOD IS MUCH KINDER THAN THE JUDGE - WE DON'T HAVE TO PESTER GOD...



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HOLY DAYS

14TH SEPT HOLY CROSS DAY

On Holy Cross Day the Church celebrates the Cross as a symbol of triumph, as the sign of Christ's victory over death. Holy Cross Day goes right back to 14 September 335, and we have the mother of a Roman Emperor to thank for it.

Helena was a devout Christian, and after her son, Constantine, was converted, they agreed that she should travel from Rome to Israel, and seek out the places of special significance to Christians.

Of course, much of Jerusalem had been destroyed by the Romans around 135 AD. But even so, Helena finally located what she believed to be the sites of the Crucifixion and of the Burial (and modern archaeologists think she may well be correct). The sites were so close together that she built one large church over them - the Church of the Holy Sepulchre. That church, built in honour of the Cross, was dedicated on 14 September 335.

The sign of the Cross has been used by Christians since early times. Tertullian, writing his *De Corona* (3:2) around AD 211, noted that Christians seldom did anything significant without making the sign of the cross.

What is its significance? Well, people often put their initials or some sort of personal mark on something to show that it belongs to them. The Cross is the personal mark of our Lord Jesus Christ, and we mark it on ourselves as a sign that we belong to him. Even in the book of Revelation, we read that the servants of God are 'sealed' or 'marked' on their foreheads as a sign that they are His.

A preacher once put it this way: if you were explaining to someone how to make a cross, you would say: "Draw an I." That is you standing before the Lord, saying, 'here I am'. Then cancel that vertical stroke with a horizontal stroke – as if to say: "Lord, I abandon my self-will and make you the centre of my life instead. I abandon myself to your love and service."

On Holy Cross Day, we recall Jesus' wonderful promise: "And when I am lifted up, I will draw all men unto me." (John 12:32)

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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 peculiar stains and smells of old choir robes

My dear Nephew Darren

Your withering comments, saying that our choir robes, were ‘surplice’ to requirements did not go down well at last week’s practice. I will concede that Mr Baddeley’s robes smell somewhat kippered and are laced with burns - but you can expect little less from 40 years of enjoying a final cigarette behind a gravestone before the start of Matins.

Certainly, Mr Timmin’s surplice has a strange series of red and blue polka dots, but that is only because he uses his time in the choir stalls, when not singing, to catch up on marking his pupils’ essays. The red gash on Miss Thripp’s surplice may look as if the choirmaster has just stabbed her, but it was only a jam doughnut she ate, just before that wedding five years ago. Our robes are steeped in history – they have seen their way through the death of Queen Victoria, the relief of Mafeking, and two World Wars. When one morning Admiral Flagg developed an ostentatious cough, I gave him a cough sweet from the pocket of my own cassock. He later commented that it had a strange taste. Not surprising – it had been in the pocket when I was given the cassock 50 years ago from Canon Ball’s widow after he died. In an attempt to improve the look of the surplices, Mrs Wigg offered to starch them all. Unfortunately, her enthusiasm is only surpassed by her ineptitude. She worked on the principle that if one packet of starch was good, ten would be better. When the choir arrived the following Sunday, they found twenty surplices standing round the vestry floor looking like a circle of tents at Scout camp.

Once the choir had struggled into them, they had to process up the aisle in single file, as they were all about 6 feet wide. The choir stood rigidly throughout the Service, knowing that any rapid movement risked severing a major artery.

But our style of choir dress has one advantage which yours can never equal. Within our choristers’ voluminous robes, there is ample space for peppermints, packs of cards, the Sunday newspapers and balls of wool and



knitting needles. Your music group in their jeans and tee-shirts must feel utterly bereft during the sermon.

Your loving uncle,
Eustace

Book Reviews



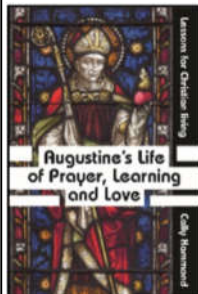
16-and-a-Half Ways to Upgrade your Faith By Bob Wallington, SPCK, £9.99

Bob Wallington is the youth pastor at Soul Survivor Watford. Growing up within Soul Survivor church, he is well-known within the church community and on the summer conference scene. What I love about this book is that it gives you simple, really practical ideas for putting Christian faith into action.

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Augustine’s Life of Prayer, Learning and Love – Lessons for Christian living

By Cally Hammond, BRF, £9.99



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Dates for the Diary

1st Oct	3:00 pm Licensing and Installation of Julie at Purleigh
6th Oct	Harvest Festival
19th Oct	2:00 pm Messy Church
3rd Nov	10:00 am Patronal Festival at All Saints School 4:00 pm Annual Memorial Service in Church.
10th Nov	Remembrance Sunday
1st Dec	Advent Carols
7th Dec	Shoppers' Carols
6th - 8th Dec	Christmas Tree Festival
8th Dec	3:00 pm Christing Service 5:00 pm Town Carol Service in the URC
22nd Dec	6:30 pm Nine lessons and Carols with MDC

FROM THE REGISTERS



HOLY BAPTISM

Aug 11th **Albert Andrew Robert Laidler** and
Ollie James Laidler of Cherry Garden Road

Aug 18th **Mabel Grace Shaw** of Worthy Down
Thomas Lloyd Darcy of Falcon Fields

MARRIAGE

Aug 3rd **Kane Daniel Courtier** with **Nicola Marie Cox** of Norfolk Road

FUNERALS

Aug 15th **Anthony (Tony) Wilford Smith** aged 78 of Regency Court



Prayer Diary

September 2019

1	Trinity 11	Our Ministry Team
2		All who work on the land
3		The Prayer Group
4		Students returning to school
5		Students starting a new school
6		The South American Missionary Society
7		All who work in education
8	Trinity 12	Members of our Junior Church
9		All Christian Teachers
10		The Mothers' Union
11		The Handbell Ringers
12		Maldon Ladies Group
13		All who are unemployed
14	Holy Cross Day	The Mission and Outreach of our Church
15	Trinity 13	Pray for peace throughout the world
16		Our Tower Bell Ringers
17		Pray for an end to Racism
18		Students preparing for College
19		Our Uniformed Groups
20		Those attending and leading Messy Church tomorrow
21	St Matthew	Churches dedicated to St Matthew
22	Trinity 14	The work of the Friends of Essex Churches
23		Those who have lost their faith
24		Residents of Care Homes in our Town
25		Our Flower Group
26		The Church Army
27		Maldon Town and District Council Staff
28		Members of the Fire Service
29	St Michael and All Angels	The congregation of St Michael's and All Angels Woodham Walter
30		The Rev Julie Wilmott

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