ALL SAINTS' MALDON









PARISH NEWS

October 2019

Photographic contributions for the front of this magazine sent to the editor will be most welcome.



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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 SERVICE			
Morning Pray Evening Praye	Monday - Friday.			
Thursday	11:00am Holy Communion (BCP 1662) followed by coffee and biscuits			
Cover Photos	 All Saints Choir leads the singing at the Seafarer's service on Hythe Quay. Photo: Ken Russell Julie's Farewell Tea party Photo: Mike Ovenden 			



FROM THE VICARAGE

MOVING ON

By now you will have heard that I have announced that I am resigning and retiring. My last service will be the Eucharist at 10.00am on February 2^{nd} , the feast of the Presentation of Christ in the Temple.("Candlemas") This seems an appropriate day, as it brings to a conclusion our Christmas celebrations.

I will be retiring a little earlier than I had originally intended (I will be 63)

However, increasing health problems over the last year or two, have convinced me that now is the time to go. Leaving All Saints, and Maldon and our lovely home and garden, will be something of a bereavement for me and Sue. We have loved living in Maldon, have been very happy at All Saints, and will miss all those who have so generously given us their friendship, kindness and support over the last 10 years.

I am very conscious that I came very close to retirement in 2011 when I had my brain surgery. So the ability to take up my ministry again has been a huge bonus for which I am immensely grateful. Since my surgery, I have had a number of limitations. Quite honestly, it is only through the support of my colleagues in the ministry team, and others in the parish, and of course Sue, that has enabled me to carry on for as long as I have.

The greatest privilege of the past ten years has been in presiding at the Eucharist and leading the worship in All Saints week by week. But is has also been a great privilege to be allowed to share in so many of your livesboth the joys and sorrows. This is one of the wonderful things about being a parish priest and for that I am immensely grateful.

But you have also shared in our lives as a family, particularly with all the support you gave us when I was ill. And we will never forget all the practical help, prayers and care we were shown when Nick had his accident in 2017. We cannot adequately express what this meant to us.

But now it is time to move on. We plan to retire to Manningtree and I hope that I will be able to be of use as a priest in the Harwich Deanery, though without the pressures and responsibility of being an incumbent. I honestly believe that this is the right decision, not only for me, but also for the parish. I was trained for ministry forty years ago; and the Church and society have changed immensely since then. The Church of England, nationally, faces huge challenges to present the Christian faith in a rapidly changing world. If All Saints is to grow and develop, the time has come for an incumbent who is younger and fitter than me, and who has gifts I do not possess to communicate the faith to our modern culture. I know that he or she will be supported by a wonderful team of people, who so generously offer their gifts for the life of our church.

Fr John at St Mary's will also be retiring in 2020, and the vacancy in both parishes will give the diocese the opportunity to do some creative thinking about the shape of ministry in Maldon in the future.

We feel that you have not just been parishioners, but have become friends. You will understand the professional protocols that when a new incumbent is appointed, their predecessor expected to keep low profile in the parish. In fairness to my successor, when ever he or she is appointed, I will respect this. However there is nothing to stop you coming to see us! We hope that when we move, we will have lots of visitors to see us in our new home in Manningtree.

So please keep us in your prayers, as we will keep all of you in ours. *Stephen*

MINISTRY OF AUTHORISED LOCAL PREACHER

You will all be aware that for the last few years, Adrienne Knight has exercised a ministry as a "Local Preacher", and we greatly value Adrienne's preaching and leading of worship. This is a lay ministry of teaching and preaching, which exists alongside the ministry of Reader and Licensed

Lay Ministry, like all ministry in the Church, it flows from the ministry of the Bishop and is authorised by him. Local Preachers are specifically authorised to serve in their own parish, and are required to complete the Course of Christian Studies, as well as special training on preaching and conducting worship. I am pleased to say that at the request of the PCC, Bishop John has authorised Alan Marjoram to share in this ministry at All Saints. I am delighted that Alan has taken this step, and we are looking forward to commissioning him in the Eucharist in the near future. *SC*

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

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ALL SAINTS PATRONAL FESTIVAL

As in previous years, we will be celebrating All Saints Day on the First Sunday in November- November 3rd. As in previous years, the 10.00am Worship for All Service will be taking place in All Saints school, by kind invitation of Mr Brown the Headteacher, so we may celebrate jointly with the school community.

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ANNUAL MEMORIAL SERVICE

This will be on Sunday November 4th at 4.00pm, and will be followed by refreshments in the D'Arcy Room. I shall again be writing to the families of those whose funerals have taken place in All Saints over the past year. It would be really good if members of the congregation could be present, particularly so bereaved families have someone to sit with over refreshments. There will be a list at the back of the church, nearer the time, for others who would like loved ones to be remembered at the service. SC

TIME OF EVENING WORSHIP.

The PCC has decided that this year, when the clocks change, Evensong on the 2nd and 3rd Sundays will remain at 6.30pm (and not revert to 4.00pm) Prayer and Praise on the last Sunday remains at 6.30pm; and Choral Evensong at St Mary's at 6.00pm on the First Sunday. SC

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Dear friends in Christ,

Taking action to change climate change

Two years ago when I visited our partner diocese of Marsabit in Kenya it had not rained for over 18 months. Bishop Qampicha drove me across the diocese, close to the border with Somalia. We passed dried up rivers where I saw an elephant digging for water with its trunk in the river bed. I visited villages where the water hole had been empty for months. We went to a reservoir where many people gathered with their animals, but I was told there was probably only enough water left there for another two months. People were travelling vast distances to come to it. Fighting regularly broke out, fuelling already anxious and volatile tribal tensions. We came across nomadic people who had abandoned the lifestyle of centuries to settle by the edge of the one tarmac road that went through the area. They showed us the skeletons of their animals that had died. They now spent their days by the side of the road waiting for the little aid that was available to fill their containers with water.

I was witnessing a whole way of life disappearing, and with it, violence was escalating: scarcity of water was the reason.

Everywhere we went children hailed us as we drove by. At first I thought they were just pleased to see us. This is true of children everywhere in the world. Then I saw they were shaking upturned empty plastic bottles. Yes, they were pleased to see us: they knew we had water on board. And they were very thirsty. Most painful of all, I saw some children drinking water from what appeared to me to be a dirty, stagnant and semi-polluted brook. I dread to think what manner of diseases that water contained. But, the thing is, if you are very thirsty you will drink whatever is available.

Kenya used to measure the year by the two seasons of the short and long rains. But what was once so predictable is now erratic. Drought is followed by flood. And uncertainty only breeds further uncertainty. A whole region is thirsting.

But it isn't just Kenya. Our world is facing a climate emergency. Our faith

tells us the world was created by God and that as part of that creation we have responsibilities for it. Scientists tell us that we need to make large changes fast to avoid catastrophic threats to the conditions that support life on earth. Images in the media of the fires destroying the Amazon have brought the immense damage being done to our world into sharp focus. The actions of young people, in particular Greta Thunberg, have also spoken truth into the situation and challenged us about our way of living.

Christians across our diocese are engaged in seeking to prayerfully respond to climate change. Our faith is a response to the good news of the gospel. This good news invites us to live lives that proclaim that truth. I am grateful to Elizabeth Snowden, the Archdeacon of Chelmsford, who chairs our environmental group and to other concerned Christians in our diocese. +Stephen

DOING OUR BIT

It was decided at the September PCC that in view of the appalling problem of plastic pollution, All Saints should be setting an example. So in future we will not be using plastic cups for coffee, but will be introducing compostable cups. These are made from plant extracts and decompose within a few weeks. Every little helps!





I am sure you will all remember Fr Richard Tillbrook who has preached at All Saints' in the past and who recently preached at St Margaret's Woodham Mortimer on the occasion of their patronal festival. I print here a copy of the letter he wrote to his parishioners following his visit to Ho in Ghana.

My dear Friends,

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Well, what a month September has been for me. As you know, I think, I was honoured by being made a Canon by Bishop Matthias of Ho in Ghana. The Bishop comes to stay in England from time to time on official business and when he is staying with friends in Manningtree, he comes to us for services.

Ho is in the Volta region of Ghana (which older readers will remember from their Geography lessons as the Gold Coast) in Africa. Ho is the regional capital and the place where Bishop Matthias lives and has his Cathedral Church. He lives right amongst his people his home is an open place of welcome. In addition to his wide family of children and grandchildren you will share the space with a Goat, two cats, two dogs and a few lizards who bask in the sun on his house walls! It is wonderful. The parish Schools are effectively in his front garden and provides education for those who are 4 years up to 19. The little Cathedral Church is right in front of his house and the west doors open on to the school playing fields.

Anyway, I hate aeroplanes so you may imagine my horror at the thought pf 6 hours flying time. Nevertheless, encouraged by my sister who kindly accompanied me, I braved it. We decided on BA as the only company who flew directly to Ghana. (Of course, no sooner had we booked than they announced strike action!) The day of departure arrived and we set off from my Brother in law and sister's Vicarage in Kennington at 10am. We landed in Accra at 8pm. A safe and comfortable journey. We had no idea who would meet us or where we were going to stay. We need not have worried – as we walked through the exit door (it took about 5 minutes to get from plane to exit, unlike London airports) was the smiling face of the Bishop himself. The journey to Ho would take more than 3 hours over roads which you may only imagine – do not ever complain about Potholes in English roads again! There was more pot hole than road and the journey was certainly 'interesting'

I have so many tales to tell of wonder and fantastic hospitality by a people who have far less than we do but are abundantly cheerful and welcoming. To the Bishop we were family . Wherever we went on our 10 day visit, he would be stopping the car to speak to people, nipping out to buy a Pineapple at the roadside, exchanging laughter and greetings with all.

Before leaving the UK the Bishop emailed me to ask me to preach and concelebrate at the Sunday main Mass/Eucharist. (No such thing as a free lunch haha) to which I was pleased to agree. What I didn't know until the Saturday was that the Mass was at 7.45am (Yes, the main service!) Some holiday! We arrived at the Bishop's house at 7.15am and I robed. It was a very hot day. We began by saying the Morning Prayers from the Book of Common Prayer (very English and very familiar) then out we went and the great procession formed up in the field. The service eventually began again at about 8.15am. Rather like St.Barnabas, there were quite a few who crept in after the procession ! I cannot quickly describe the atmosphere except to say that it enveloped us and was so uplifting. Oh yes, and it lasted three and a half hours! So any of you who moan because I sometimes take an hour and ten minutes –take

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note. The time flew by. The singing was uplifting (not in an English cathedral way) in an all embracing family get together way and full of smiles and laughter. My sermon went down well (So I am told) and after I had preached; it all had to be preached again in the native language.

The service over, we had water (no tea and coffee) and then a brief rest and change of shirts before returning for the Service of Evensong and the installation of myself and four others as Canons of Ho. This began at 3pm ish. Again in full clerical dress in great heat. The Cathedral was packed with people sitting outside as well as in. It ,too, lasted three hours and was (how can I say it?) wonderfully formal but informal. Three of the new Canons were based in Ghana, Fr Fred is from Beckton , East London but a Ghanaian himself and with family in HO, and then me. The Chancellor of the Diocese took us through our declarations and the Dean then placed us in our stalls and placed a Mozzetta around our shoulders –the thing which makes me look like Father Christmas!



Fr Richard with Bishop Matthias

I could tell you more, it was so wonderful, but I save that until later. So now you have a Canon as your Vicar and I have sworn to do what I can for the Anglicans in Ho as well as for you ,my people in Old Heath. My sister and I will not forget our time in Ghana, so many smiling faces and people so happy to see us. However, I also reflect on the joy that the Christian message brings to those people and wish that spirit could spread more widely in our own nation. Together, my friends, we must do what we can to spread the good news and to fill our own hearts and the hearts of those with whom we share the journey with that uplifting joy which we experienced in Ghana.

Now we journey towards a period of remembrance and thanksgiving but we look on towards Christmas – no doubt Tesco and Sainsbury's are already on to the Christmas theme. As the new term begins and new journeys have started may we work together for the common good.

I and my sister have just had the journey which we didn't expect and which we shall ever be grateful for. We are never too old to face new challenges – though Ghanaian Foo Foo is not a meal I shall replicate in England!

Every blessing Father Richard Your priest and Vicar.



Well, I am sorry, but I have to start this month's Warden's Waffle, with THAT dreaded word! Noooo—not Brexit, although at this point who knows where we will be with that by the end of this month!! So, not Brexit, but Interregnum, and to some the mere mention of that word sends shivers down their spines!!

But actually, what is it, what does it mean, and why have we got the prospect of one looming large? Well according to Saint Google, who of course is infallible!! the word interregnum comes from the late 16th century. It is from the Latin—*inter*—between and *regnum*-reign. Thus a period of (and I quote) discontinuity or gap.

So with Stephen's recent announcement, of him taking early retirement (for reasons we all understand, but will still feel a great loss), we will find ourselves in said period of discontinuity – interregnum. During which time the responsibility of 'keeping things going' so to speak, falls to the Church Wardens. It can be a difficult time, and I hope we all support our Wardens and all pull together. I think we owe it to Stephen, and indeed to Sue, not to let the tremendous work both physically and spiritually they have achieved over the last ten years with us all, slip or be lost in some way. And I am sure we will all strive to uphold the extraordinary example they have shown us.

A few weeks ago we did say our final 'farewell' to lovely smiley Julie. What a lovely tea party that was, with all her family and newest member Henry, joining us all to wish her all the very best as she takes up her new post. I am sure it all will be 'Lovely Jubbly'!

Looking forward we have the splendid event of Harvest Festival, and all of nature turning the most glorious colours and although it kind of heralds the end of Summer, it also looks to the future ----let us take a leaf out of natures never ending rhythm, and keep the future in our sights .

Vicky Deputy Churchwarden.

10 to 10 Rambling Group

The next walk is on Saturday October 12th and will be a Heybridge Basin/ Goldhanger walk. Car share from the usual place, Winterslete Farm, London Road. Ready to leave at 10 to10. For further information ring Brian on 01621 855327. Thank you, Sue

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Many of you will know that Thomas Plume (1630-1704) established a library for Maldon by his will of 1704. What is less well-known is that

in his will he appointed the vicar of All Saints with St Peters to be a trustee, ex-officio, that is to say he (and the vicar has so far always been a man) became a trustee simply because he was the vicar of All Saints.

Naturally, in the course of the last 315 years there have been many changes in society and in the law as regards charities. The latest of these took place on 1st April this year when the trust decided to become a Charitable Incorporated Organisation and this led to some changes in the board. Because of the many demands on his time, Canon Stephen decided that the parish would be better represented on the board of trustees by a lay person and, after discussion with the PCC, Stephen invited me to carry out this role. I had already been a trustee for some years and I was delighted to represent our parish on the board.

In future I will report to the PCC about events in Thomas Plume's Library from time to time and will, of course keep Stephen fully informed. Today I will begin with a brief introduction to the Library: It contains about 8,100 books collected by Thomas Plume and a further 2,000 books which have been acquired since, by purchase and donation. It also holds Plume's own collection of paintings and manuscripts, but not his portrait, which he forbade ever to be brought into his library. (If you would like to see it, it hangs in the Moot Hall.)

The books represent all the subjects known in the seventeenth century. Many are in Latin, the language of scholars in Plume's day. About half are related to his life as a clergyman; bibles and commentaries, prayer books, books of devotion, church history, church law, and so on. As a parish minister Plume had to understand the alternative beliefs of his parishioners so there are books on witchcraft and superstition. There are some books of plays and poetry, but the most outstanding part of this large collection are the many books on travel and early science.

The library is located on the upper floor of Dr Plume's building (fronted by St Peter's tower) at the top of Market Hill, with the Maeldune Centre on the ground floor. Access is by a narrow winding staircase located on the opposite side to the Maeldune Centre and is sadly not accessible to those of restricted mobility. Should you wish to visit, the library is open each Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday from 2pm to 4pm and each Saturday from 10am to noon. You will be made most welcome by the staff, or I will be happy to show you around by prior arrangement. There is no charge for admission.

Tony Doe 21st September 2019





Rev Julie (now in Civvies) at the farewell tea party held in the D'Arcy Room on the afternoon of 8th September with the Vicar and Churchwardens

Photos by Mike Ovenden



The Moot Hall

We recently took a tour of the Moot Hall. This was our second tour, the first one being some fifteen years ago when we were privileged to have dinner in the downstairs hall to support the charity of the Town Mayor. This time we were, with other visitors, shown around by a very knowledgeable and helpful guide. During the tour we were given a quite wonderful account of the Moot hall history and many facts regarding its six hundred years as a landmark in Maldon High Street and the following is some of the information given to us by our guide.

Originally built by Sir Robert D'arcy as the D'arcy Mansion it was his prestigious town house to show his power and standing and is thought to have been much larger than the remains that stand today. Sir Robert had married a rich young Maldon woman, Alice Fitzlangley, in 1417 and he had the house built in brick to accentuate its importance as all the other houses in the high street were timber buildings. Sir Robert was MP for Maldon six times and as a lawyer had become rich by being a legal advisor to the Lancastrian Kings and to local gentry. Whilst the date of the building is not known exactly it has been placed at about 1420 and that is the date that the Town Council have settled on and which means it will be the 600th anniversary next year. There will be some celebrations to mark this special time with events yet to be announced. Most of the original dwelling house has been lost over the years, but the tower still remains. Built by Flemish bricklayers it consists of three floors of brick construction and has a hexagonal stair turret which has survived in almost its original condition. It is believed to be the oldest secular brick building in the country and is grade 1 listed. The D'arcy family had the building until the mid 1500's when they sold the tower to the Crown and moved to St. Osyth to live in the dissolved priory. The tower was left neglected until in 1576 it was purchased by the Borough of Maldon for just £55 and became the Moot Hall. It has served the people of Maldon ever since It has been, at various times, a town hall, a prison, a police station, a courthouse, a charter house, an armoury, a council chamber and a public meeting place for nearly 450 years.

The ground floor at one time housed prisoners and with an underground cell was a very grim place where prisoners of all ages, and gender were kept in the most primitive of conditions with no privacy or toilet facilities! The floor was covered with rushes which were only changed monthly! We were told that in the sixteen hundred's the vicar was incarcerated for about a week, complete with his wife and six children, for refusing to endorse a document issued by the King.

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From the ground floor is an unusual set of brick spiral stairs which connect the three floors. This Newel staircase (newel means the central column from which the spiral stairs radiate) is one of the earliest uses of bricks for stairs found in England. It is unusual that the staircase runs upwards anti clockwise while most spiral staircases run clockwise. Our guide told us that no records exist why it was built like this but it might have been something to do with being able to hold a sword in the right hand and to be able to hold the wall with the other had it been attacked. On the first floor is a court room which has been recreated as it would have been in the 19th century. The second floor contains the council chambers and some documents of local history. This floor was used as a council chamber for some four hundred years until local government re-organisation in 1974 and Maldon District Council came into being. Progressing up the staircase took us onto the roof which gives panoramic views all around Maldon and the Blackwater Estuary. The bells of the Moot Hall are easily inspected on the roof, the clock and the five bells being presented to the town by John Courtold, the last MP to represent the Borough, in 1981.

Our tour of the Moot Hall was fascinating due to its history and the knowledge and enthusiasm of our guild who was really wrapped up in her subject and made our visit so worthwhile. If you have not done so already, it is well worth a visit. *Ken Downham*





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1st Oct	Tuesday
	7:30 pm Installation of Rev Julie Willmot at All Saints Purleigh
3rd Oct	Thursday
	11:00 am holy Communion (BCP1662)
6th Oct	Harvest Festival
	8:00 am Holy Communion (BCP 1662)
	10:00 am Harvest Worship for All and Church Parade
	11:15 am The Eucharist
	6:30 pm Harvest Songs of praise
10th Oct	Thursday
	11:00 am Holy Communion (BCP 1662)
13th Oct	Seventeenth Sunday of Trinity
	8:00 am Holy Communion (BCP 1662)
	10:00 am Parish Eucharist and Junior Church
	6:30 pm Evensong and Sermon
14th Oct	Monday
	11:00 am Holy Communion at Hailey House
16th Oct	Wednesday
	11:00 am Holy Communion in Longfield Care Home
17th Oct	Thursday
	11:00 am Holy Communion (BCP 1662)
20th Oct	Eighteenth Sunday of Trinity
	8:00 am Holy Communion (BCP 1662)
	10:00 am Parish Eucharist
	12 noon Holy Baptism (Emma Alexandria Sinclair)
	6:30 pm Evensong and Sermon
24th Oct	Thursday
	11:00 am Holy Communion (BCP1662)
27th Oct	Last After Trinity (Bible Sunday
	8:00 am Holy Communion (BCP 1662)
	10:00 am Parish Eucharist and Junior Church
	6:30 pm Prayer and Praise

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DIARY FOR OCTOBER Tue 1st Oct 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 2nd Oct 12 - 1:30 pm All Saints Lunches 7:00 pm Parish Office Thu 3rd Oct 9:15 am Sunshiners 2-4 pm Maldon Ladies 7:00 pm Junior Choir Practice 7:30 pm Choir Practice Sat 5th Oct 10:00 am All Day Breakfast by Maldon Scouts Mon 7th Oct 10:00 am - 12 noon Maldon Pioneers 2:30 pm Standing Committee in the St Katherine Room Tue 8th Oct 10:00 am - 12 noon Meeting Point Wed 9th Oct 10:30 am - 12 noon Study Group "Hosea" in D'Arcy Room Thu 10th Oct 9:15 am Sunshiners 2-4 pm Maldon Ladies 7:00 pm Junior Choir Practice 7:30 pm Choir Practice Mon 14th Oct 9:00 am Men's Breakfast at Rose and Crown 9:30 Maldon Court Harvest Rehearsal 10:00 am - 12 noon Maldon Pioneers 7:30 pm Worship Committee Tues 15th Oct 10:00 am - 12 noon Meeting Point 9:30 am Maldon Court Harvest Festival Wed 16th Oct 7:00 pm Parish Office Thu 17th Oct 9:15 am Sunshiners 2-4 pm Maldon Ladies 7:00 pm Junior Choir Practice 7:30 pm Choir Practice 7:30 Churches Together in Salvation Army Hall Sat 19th Oct 2 - 4 pm Messy Church Mon 21st Oct 10:00 am - 12 noon Maldon Pioneers Tue 22nd Oct 10:00 am - 12 noon Meeting Point Thu 24th Oct 9:15 am Sunshiners 2-4 pm Maldon Ladies 7:00 pm Junior Choir Practice 7:30 pm Choir Practice Tues 29 Oct 10:00 am - 12 noon Meeting Point Thu 31st 2-4 pm Maldon Ladies

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



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> The Rectory St. James the Least

On what to do when some of the PCC 'goes green'

My dear Nephew Darren

Our Lord said that we will always have some poor with us; were He to have been speaking to the clergy that day, I suspect He may well have said that we will always have some awkward parishioners with us.

My cross at present is Mr and Mrs Wartleby, our resident 'greens', who have adopted ecological attitudes with evangelical fervour.

They do not possess a car and travel everywhere on bicycles, have installed a wind turbine, knit their own muesli and I suspect use the village stream for washing. I can picture Mrs W bashing her husband's shirts on stones on the riverbank while singing a native African folksong. Everything they wear is home-made; one has a beard and smokes a pipe – possibly Mrs Wartleby.

Their helpful suggestions for church life have been legion: the organ uses electricity unnecessarily and should be replaced by a piano; the Rectory should be sold and the money given away while I board with parishioners on monthly rotation; we should only use home-brewed alcoholic drinks at social functions – clearly they have yet to sample Colonel Tewksbury's elderberry wine, which our ladies have discovered is ideal for cleaning the brass in church.

Unfortunately, I made a deeply regrettable mistake last month in not cancelling our church council meeting when I was away at my annual college re-union. In my absence the Wartlebys seized the opportunity. The parish of St James the Least of All is now a deep green, ecologically committed, nuclear-free zone and I am to report back to the next meeting about what steps we will take to save the planet.

I may have made one error of judgement, but I will not make another. My list of suggestions is now complete:

1.To save paper, no minutes of meetings will be printed; I will simply tell people at the subsequent meeting what was decided at

the previous one.

2. To save electricity, no lights will be used at Evensong (the Wartlebys attend Evensong), although parishioners may bring their own candles – which must first be checked by our health and safety committee (two can play at their game).

3. To economise on fuel, the church heating will only be turned on when the temperature reaches minus five degrees.

4. To reduce the use of unnecessary electronic equipment, the Rectory telephone will be disconnected.

5. A monthly relocation of the Rector will be too disruptive, so I will stay at each house for one year at a time; my first place of residence will be with the Wartlebys.

I anticipate that the original resolution will be overturned at the next PCC meeting – most probably by the Wartlebys.

Your loving uncle,

Eustace





God's Spies – the Stasi's Cold War Espionage Campaign Inside the Church By Elisabeth Braw, Lion Hudson, £8.99

When the Berlin Wall came down, the files of the East German secret police, the much-dreaded Stasi, were opened and read. And among the shocking stories revealed was that of the Stasi's infiltration of the Church. Almost 10% of the Lutheran Church's workforce were, it appears, busy involved in spying on each other, and on the Church's congregations. The Lutheran Church was the only semi-free space in East Germany, where those who rebelled against the regime could find a way of living at least a little out of the government's iron grip. Even the organisations that smuggled Bibles were infiltrated.

Taken from the Parish Pump website.



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CHARITY AFTERNOON TEA



HAND MADE CRAFT STALL & RAFFLE

2pm - 4pm Thursday 3rd October Wantz Haven, Princes Road, Maldon CM9 5HA

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tea/Coffee and Cake

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HOLY DAYS 31st October All Hallows Eve or Holy Evening

Modern Halloween celebrations have their roots with the Celtic peoples of pre-Christian times.

In those long-ago days, on the last night of October, the Celts celebrated the Festival of Samhain, or 'Summer's End'. The priests, or Druids, performed ceremonies to thank and honour the sun. For there was a very dark side to all this: Samhain also signalled the onset of winter, a time when it was feared that unfriendly ghosts, nature-spirits, and witches roamed the earth, creating mischief. So the Druid priests lit great bonfires and performed magic rites to ward off or appease these dark supernatural powers.

Then the Romans arrived, and brought their Harvest Festival which honoured the Goddess Pomona with gifts of apples and nuts. The two festivals slowly merged.

When Christianity arrived still later, it began to replace the Roman and Druid religions. 1st November - All Saints' Day - was dedicated to all Christian Martyrs and Saints who had died. It was called 'All Hallows' Day'. The evening before became an evening of prayer and preparation and was called 'All Hallows' Eve', The Holy Evening, later shortened to 'Halloween'.

For many centuries, however, fear of the supernatural remained strong. During the Middle Ages, animal costumes and frightening masks were worn to ward off the evil spirits of darkness on Halloween. Magic words and charms were used to keep away bad luck, and everybody believed that witches ride about on broomsticks. Fortune telling was popular, and predicting the future by the use of nuts and apples was so popular that Halloween is still sometimes known as Nutcrack Night or Snap-Apple Night.

Today, Christians have learned to turn to prayer instead of charms to overcome the powers of darkness. And the deeper, true meaning of All Hallows' Eve, should not be forgotten. As Christians, we all draw closer to Christ when we remember and give thanks for our loved ones and for others who have gone before us through the gates of death.

Taken from the Parish Pump Website

Advent with Witham Choral

Witham Choral's next performance, accompanied by members of the Colchester Bach Orchestra, will be at 7.30 p.m. on Saturday 30 November at Witham United Reformed Church. It will have an advent theme and will include Part One of Handel's wonderful piece, Messiah, a real favourite among choral singers and audiences alike. The famous Hallelujah Chorus will be an added extra. Bach's Cantata No. 61 is also on the programme as well as the famous Jesu, Joy of Man's Desiring.

And there will be another treat! "Some of you may remember Handel's Eternal Source of Light Divine from Harry and Meghan's wedding," mentioned Chairman, Stephen Northfield. "A magnificent work and we are lucky enough to have both an accomplished mezzo-soprano soloist and a splendid trumpeter lined up to perform it for us. Certainly something to look forward to!"

Tickets are £12 or £5 for those in full-time education and are available from choir members, from 01245 380958, from Witham Tourist Information Centre on 01376 520627 or on the door.

> For more details visit Witham Choral website www.withamchoralsociety.org.uk



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Advent Concert Handel's Messiah Part 1 and music by JS Bach

Saturday 30 November 2019

Witham United Reformed Church, Newland Street, CM8 1AH at 7.30 p.m.

Soloists: Gill Wilson (soprano), Elaine Henson (mezzo-soprano), Paul Bloomfield (tenor), John Malam (trumpet)

> Members of the Colchester Bach Orchestra Conductor, Patrick McCarthy

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The after eight social club runs various activities every month of the year, including quiz nights, meals out, coffee evenings, excursions etc. For further information call Mike on 01621 856219 Www.aftereightsocialclub.co.uk We also have a Facebook page.



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Admission £7.50 Pay at the door. Proceeds will go to the church organ fund.

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Date: 31st August 2019

Dear all supporters,

We are writing to you because by now you would of heard that the Phoenix Youth Hub closed its doors on the 19th July 2019 for the last time, this was not an easy decision but we felt we needed to step down and take a wellearned break, we will miss all the youth but we hope that what we showed them through our love of Christ will continue to be watered and grown.

We all want to thank you from the bottom of our hearts for all the support you have shown us and the youth over the last 3 years we were open, we know that you all gave in so many different ways; financial, personal time, making or buying cakes and of course the most important by your prayers.

Please know that the youth really did appreciate your support! Please continue to pray for the youth of our District, they need our continued support because we live in very uncertain times.

Thanks once again God Bless All the Phoenix Youth Hub Team Past & Present!

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WARNING

A little girl was watching her parents dress for a party. When she saw her father donning his dinner jacket, she objected. "Oh Daddy, you shouldn't wear that suit."

Bemused, her father asked why not. The little girl explained: "Because you know that it always gives you a headache the next morning."

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RESONATE sings for

Maldon Refugee Response Group

Saturday 19th October 7.30pm

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Dates for the Diary

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 Christingle 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

September 15th AMELIA MARIE KAYE HILL of

Tolleshunt D'Arcy

September 29th ROBYN NIKITA SHARON CLARKE RUBY MAYE KAREN CLARKE of Fitches Cresent

FUNERALS

September 6th **MURIEL OLIVE MUNDEN** aged 91 of Fambridge Rd September 11th **DAPHNE ROSE BEECHAM-TRAVELLER** of Fambridge Rd September 24th **RACHEL ANDREA FIRMAN** aged 91 of Fambridge Rd September 25th **JOAN HARRIS** aged 91, of the Lodge

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Prayer Diary October 2019

1 2 3 4 5		Emergency Relief Charities Christian Aid Those who attend Sunshiners Charities for the homeless Those trying to cope with bereavement
	Harvest Festival	Those who do not have enough food and drink
7		Church Officers and members of our PCC
8		Medical Missionaries
9		Youth Chaplains
10		Bereavement Counsellors
11		Occupational Therapists and Physiotherapists
12		Those recovering from Surgery
13 Trinity 17		Workers in the hospitality industry
14		Social Workers
15		Chelmsford Street Pastors
16		Those suffering from Diabetes
17		All Doctors
18 St Luke		Churches dedicated to St Luke
19		Those attending and leading Messy Church
20 Trinity 18		Those studying for the Ministry
21		Those fighting drug addiction
22		Age UK
23		People facing redundancy
24		Those caring for others at home
25		All who provide work in our town
26		Retired Clergy
27 Last Sunda		The Bible Society
28 St Simon a	nd St Jude	Churches dedicated to St Simon and St Jude
29		Those who attend Meeting Point
30		Mothers struggling with young children
31		All members of our extended families

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Prayer Group		

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