

ALL SAINTS' MALDON



PARISH NEWS

February 2020

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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

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 11:15am Parish Eucharist (CW)
 6:00 pm Evensong at St Mary's

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

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

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

Cover Photos: 1. The restored Reredos behind the High Altar.
 Photo by Elisabeth Blyth



Please Note; March Magazine.

As I will still be on holiday at the end of February, when the March magazine is being produced, **Mike Kneller** has kindly agreed to produce the March magazine, for which I am extremely grateful.

Will all contributors please send their March copy to him, his email address is:

bigglesworth@btinternet.com

I will be out of the country so anything sent to me will not get printed!!

Peter Clark Ed.



FROM THE VICARAGE

LOOKING FORWARD

A PERSONAL NOTE

I know that Sue has written a piece to thank you all for the support and friendship you have given us and our family, over the past ten years.

We have loved living in Maldon and being part of the community of All Saints. This is a parish which really cares for and looks after its clergy: and I know my colleagues and former colleagues would all testify to that.

I am retiring a couple of years sooner than I would have chosen. The Church Commissioners have agreed that I may take early "ill health retirement". It would not be appropriate in this article to mention individuals by name. Suffice it to say there are a number of people in the parish who have done a huge amount to support me and have enabled me to minister here as long as I have. I cannot adequately express my gratitude.

But, of course, I will not only be retiring from All Saints, but also from ministry as a parish priest. I hope that there will still be opportunities to assist in the Harwich deanery where we will be living. But after almost 40 years as a parish priest in the diocese, life will be very different not living in a Vicarage, nor having the duties of an incumbent and a role within the community.



One of the hard things when you retire as an incumbent, is that you not only give up your work; but living in a tied house, you also give up your home and move away from your community. There is a professional code that when you leave a parish, you only return at the invitation of the new incumbent. Many people may find this hard to understand. It is not because we will forget you all! But it is an important principle. When my successor comes, he or she will then become your parish priest. It is only fair that they have the opportunity to establish themselves in the church and the wider community without being in the shadow of their predecessor. So we will need to keep a distance from Maldon and from All Saints, unless there are very exceptional reasons in which we are invited to return.

However, you cannot live and minister in a place for ten years without establishing close relationships with many people. We shall continue to think of you all and pray for you all. And if we need to keep low profile in Maldon, there is no reason that you cannot come to see us! We will always be pleased to have visitors, to hear your news, and we can always rustle up a coffee and a sandwich. Our new address will be:-

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THE PAST

The last ten years have gone all too quickly for me and Sue. There have been so many highlights that it would be hard to mention them all.

A year after we arrived, Bishop Laurie came to dedicate the newly reordered D'Arcy Room and the Meeting Room (now the St Katherine Room) We had a grand service when Bishop Stephen (now Archbishop-designate of York) came to dedicate the newly hung bells. In June 217 we hosted the Ordination of Reverend Julie Willmot and other priests, again celebrated by +Stephen. Due to the legacy of John and Maureen Clifford, we have, this year completed our splendid new parish office, and created a new sacristy and clergy vestry. Bishop John will be dedicating this when he visits later in the year.

We have shared many beautiful services as each year the church rolls out its liturgy. Some of the most memorable for me have been the Advent services of Light, Christmas Eve, and Easter and Holy Week services. It has been good to be on the receiving end of worship, particularly with our excellent teams who lead Worship for All and Prayer and Praise.

It is good to see how Sunshiners and Messy Church are flourishing, putting



us in touch with many families who perhaps would not be comfortable with "traditional church".

I am delighted with the way that our baptism ministry has developed, and the wonderful team who share in baptism preparation and follow up. Really close relationships have been established between some of our baptism families and members of the church.

THE FUTURE

I have written in the December magazine about the process for appointing my successor. The PCC has elected our churchwardens, Jenny Clinch and Dennis Johnson as the parish representatives for All Saints. They will share with the St Mary's representatives, and the Patrons and Archdeacon, in this choice. As know, the new Vicar will also be Rector of St Mary's.

We have to be honest, and admit that no parish would willingly choose to share its priest with another. Every church wants its own Vicar. This new situation has arisen largely because of economic realities. To have a paid incumbent is very expensive. Not only is the parish responsible (through the "Parish Share") for meeting in full the stipend of its priest, but also the costs of housing, national insurance, pension contribution, and diocesan support services. In 2019, the diocese faced a shortfall of over a million pounds. This means that the diocese cannot go on subsidising the costs of ministry in parishes. By All Saints and St Mary's sharing a priest, this should give us a sound financial basis to continue our long term ministry to the town. The bishop has also promised that when the new incumbent is established, this will become again a "training parish" with a full time curate. So, whilst both of our churches would have probably preferred to retain their own priest, this new situation does give us some new opportunities.

It is important to say that All Saints and St Mary's will still remain distinctive parishes, with their own traditions of worship; with their own PCCs; and managing their own finances. Both are thriving churches, and there is NO hidden agenda that either should be closed. Each church has something distinctive to offer to the town. So there is no sense in which we are in competition! As we move into a new situation, the task you share with your new priest, will be to look at ways we can support each other and share resources in our mission to the town: while continuing to value and affirm what is distinctive in each church. With all the new housing growing up around Maldon, this will give us huge opportunities to minister to those moving in to the town. So please continue to pray for God's blessing on our two parishes and for the whole Christian community in Maldon of which we are a part.



One of my favourite hymns is Timothy Dudley-Smith's, "Lord for the years your love has kept and guided". The last verse seems to speak to me and Sue and also to our parish

"Lord, for ourselves;
in living power remake us,
self on the cross
and Christ upon the throne;
past put behind us,
for the future take us,
Lord of our lives,
to live for Christ alone."

Stephen

MRS VICARAGE'S LETTER



The Family Ten Years Ago

Dear All,

I cannot believe that 10 years have now passed in Maldon. In some ways it seems ages ago that we came to live in our beautiful vicarage in the middle of a building site, with a youngish son still at school (Nick), a very hairy one just off to university (Rich) and a dear little cat (Sky). In other ways it seems like only yesterday. Where has that 10 years gone?



I can remember coming to Maldon about 27 years ago with a very little Richard in his pushchair and was very taken by the place, the town, the churches and the barges on the Hythe. I cannot remember the vicarage, but then I suppose it is very tucked away! We came back about 13 years ago with both the boys to do a 'reccie' when there was the chance of a 'job' here. Again we walked down to the Hythe to look at the barges and then up the High Street for a curry, (there's a surprise) and I can remember saying then how wonderful the town must be at Christmas. And, of course this time I did look at the vicarage! The boys were impressed, but then things went quiet and the 'job' seemed to disappear from the vacancy lists. By the time it reappeared and we were asked to come and look at the parish, Rich was off to Chichester to study music and Nick was doing GCSEs in Colchester. We always laugh and say it was just as well it was Nick commuting to Colchester for school and later college, as Rich would have got lost all the time!

Our 'Interview' was extremely informal, a coffee at Elaine and Colin's and lunch at the Tea Rooms at Heybridge with them and Ken and Jean and that was it! How things have changed. We were then shown round the vicarage by David Atkins, who was still living here, and hey presto, (ok after a bit of work on the house and some decorating) we moved in, in October 2009. It was hard work as I had hurt my back and we had to get Nick to school, but all worked out well, with help from our dear friend Jenny from Lexden and many of you, providing curtains, meals, advise, flowers and most of all friendship. I can vividly remember the first Christmas, when Stephen had suggested a second Crib Service, walking through the church door at about 2.50pm and seeing it full of families with children in their nativity costumes, and becoming quite emotional! We had truly arrived.

We have had our fair share of problems in the time we have been here, and you have all been marvellous in helping us through them. We hadn't been here long when Stephen became ill, although to begin with it was just a few things that those close to us noticed. After a while it became obvious to many of you and I know you were all as worried as we were. It came to a head when he virtually collapsed at the Maundy Watch and was helped home. Everyone rallied to help and services were covered.

It wasn't 'til the May Half Term holiday that we knew the extent of the problem and that is when the wonderful All Saints team swung into action! We were given amazing support, but never smothered, and I always felt that you got the balance just right. I know I was a bit OCD standing up at the Lectern giving my weekly reports, with dear Freda standing up at the end each week spurring me on, but it meant I could have conversations with you all about things other than Stephen's brain!! People provided money, lifts, flowers, food and practical support as well as praying for us all. Then, of course there was the prayer vigil



on the day of his op, which I was so grateful for. His home coming was so welcome but he still had so many problems, but with your help and support he managed to get back to work, using a portable microphone, and other people's voices to start with! Then, once he could eat, we celebrated with a roast pork lunch!

Then of course, there was Nick's accident in 2017. Poor Ken, knocking the door down to get our attention as there was a policeman on the doorstep (perhaps the bell will have to be updated when the new vicar moves in!) and our terrible drive to the Royal London, not knowing what we would find. Again, you all looked after us, the services were covered, cards and good wishes sent and more importantly, prayers were said. We felt so 'looked after' and I cannot express what that meant to me. People always ask me how I coped, and I suppose there are two answers; firstly, that I sort of had to as I couldn't exactly sit down in the middle of the floor and cry, but secondly, I had all the support and prayers of the parish, town and friends from all over. Again, there was a vigil for him, and he really seemed to make progress from then on in. In fact Nick made a relatively speedy recovery and was welcomed home with cards and good wishes from so many people, many came to see him and as time went on saw him about in the town and chatted. He even had help with job applications and interview techniques from some of you, for which he will be eternally grateful. He is now settled in Norwich with Hannah, working as a Physiotherapy assistant at the Norfolk and Norwich and Rich is getting married to Debi in June, so things have certainly moved on a pace.

I have loved living in Maldon, in our beautiful, if cold, vicarage and sharing so much with you all. I have loved singing in the choir, attending the many social events and fundraising activities and still marvel at how the church can be a market at one moment and a place of worship a few minutes later! I have loved sharing meals with so many of you, chatting (I do like a good old natter), taking part in so many activities and having such a laugh so much of the time. Another wonderful part of being 'Mrs Vicarage' is 'working' with all the colleagues that Stephen has had over the years and I thank them all for their love and support!

I shall miss it all terribly, but hope that you will come and visit us in Manningtree, so that we still see our friends. Thank you all so very much for the last wonderful 10 years.

Lots of love,

Mrs Vicarage

P.S. not sure how Tom is going to cope without you all, I will keep you posted!!!! Meow!

N.B.

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22nd FEBRUARY



The
Children's
Society

Shining a light on the nation's sweet spot

Fudge has been crowned the nation's most fancied sweet, with 26 percent of respondents choosing the creamy confectionery as their top sweet, in a survey by The Children's Society.

The poll by the charity also found 22 percent of people surveyed craved a fruit pastille as their most preferred, closely followed by 21 percent, who said jelly babies hit the sweet spot.

It seems cravings have slightly deviated over the decades as the top three childhood treats were remembered as jelly babies, fruit pastilles and the classic fruit salad.

The survey was carried out to celebrate the launch of this year's Christingle season and find out which sweets should top the iconic festive orange. The symbolic fruit is part of celebratory Christingle services - it is wrapped in a ribbon then topped with four sweet-filled cocktail sticks and a candle which is lit during the service.

The Christingle tradition was first introduced to the Church of England in 1968 as a way to fundraise for The Children's Society - a national charity that helps the most vulnerable children and young people in Britain today. Christingles are usually held from the start of December and run into the New Year, with Christmas Eve a particularly popular time for services.

Mark Russell, Chief Executive of The Children's Society, said: "Christingle services are a fun way to help us support young people at Christmas - so far over one million vulnerable children and young people have been helped thanks to the special celebration.

"We know one of the favourite parts of the celebration is decorating and lighting the Christingle and then eating the sweets, so it's helpful to know which ones we should start stocking up on!"

The survey also found that the top festive tradition people were most looking forward to is decorating the Christmas tree, with 49 percent of the vote, closely followed by watching classic Christmas movies (45 percent). Mark added: "Hundreds of churches, schools and community groups are organising events across the country. The services are really enjoyable - they include hymns, messages of hope, readings and the chance to learn more about The Children's Society."

Taken from the Children's Society Website



THE FIERY SERMON

A member of a certain church, who had previously been attending services each week, suddenly stopped coming.

After a few weeks the minister decided to visit him. It was a chilly evening and the minister found the man at home alone sitting before a blazing fire. Guessing the reason for his minister's visit, the man welcomed him, led him to a big chair in front of the fire and waited. The minister made himself comfortable but said nothing. In the grave silence he contemplated the play of the flames around the burning log.

After some minutes, the minister took the fire tongs, carefully picked up a burning ember and placed it to one side of the hearth all alone. Then he sat back in his chair, still silent. The host watched all this in quiet fascination.

As the one lone ember's flame diminished, there was a momentary glow and then its fire was no more. Soon it was cold and dead and dark. Not a word had been spoken since the initial greeting. The two men sat on in reflective silence.

A little later, just before the minister was ready to leave, he picked up the cold dead ember and placed it back in the middle of the fire. Immediately it began to glow once more with the light and warmth of the burning coals around it. As the minister reached the door to leave, his host said, "Thank you so much for your visit and especially for your fiery sermon! I shall be back in church next Sunday."

Taken from the news sheet of The Chapel, Woodham Ferrers.



Lost in translation

Two American preachers were visiting in Germany and attended Sunday services. Since they couldn't speak German, they decided to do as the man sitting in front of them did.

A few minutes into the service the preacher from the pulpit said something and the man in front of them stood, and they stood also. The congregation burst into laughter. They then sat down when the man did.

At the end of the service, they met the pastor and found that he spoke English. They asked him why everyone laughed so much when they stood?

The pastor explained that he had announced that they would have a christening service that evening, and would the father of the child rise.





WORLD DAY OF PRAYER

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Friday 6th March 2020



Rise, take your mat and walk

Women, men and children of all ages are called to 'Rise, take your mat and walk' to join this day of prayer.* Women of Zimbabwe have prepared this year's service and they encourage us all to reflect on the difficulties and unrest that have plagued their country over many years. They share the challenges they have met and the hopes they have for the future. They encourage us to 'Rise, take your mat and walk' with them as they continue their often turbulent journey towards full reconciliation. World Day of Prayer is an international inter-church organisation which enables us to hear the thoughts of women from all parts of the world: their hopes, concerns and prayers. The preparation for the day is vast. An international committee is based in New York and there are national committees in each participating country. Regional conferences meet to consider the service and then local groups make their plans. Finally, at a church near you on Friday 6 March 2020, people will gather to celebrate the service prepared by the women of Zimbabwe. The Day of Prayer is celebrated in over 170 countries. It begins in Samoa and prayer in native languages travels throughout the world --- through Asia, Africa, the Middle East, Europe and the Americas - before finishing in American Samoa more than 36 hours later. * For further information and resources, together with details of services in your area see the WDP website: wwdp.org.uk

There will be a service at

The Maldon United Reformed Church
Market Hill
at 10:30 am on Friday 6th March

All Are welcome

Further details from Frances Pattern



All Saints Handbell ringers – Annual update (for 2019).

I think it's best to start with our Christmas 'performances' and December 2019 was, indeed, a particularly busy time. We always choose a different local charity each year to which any donations received are given. This time we chose 'Essex Mind' – the mental health charity. Over £950 was raised for this very worthy cause.



Photo by Geoff Dickman

We rang in many local care / residential homes across the district and these are always enjoyable events. The residents often sing along with the Christmas songs and carols; and the bells convey that 'extra special' Christmas feeling. As usual, we rang at 2 nearby supermarkets – Tescos and Sainsbury's – and we are very grateful for the support they give us in allowing us to ring during a particularly busy period of the year; additionally, we visited Shenfield to ring at the NatWest Pensioners Lunch. They heard us last year and thought we'd provide a 'different / unusual' after dinner entertainment. It went down extremely well.

Of course, we have to mention our invite from BBC Essex to play during their Christmas concert at Chelmsford Cathedral. We were asked to play the 'Carol of the Bells' – a piece that seems to get more popular each year; and with which most people associate the film - 'Home alone'. We were very proud to be asked and acquitted ourselves extremely well – receiving very positive comments from those attending and listening to the broadcasts on Christmas Eve and Day.

During the year, we continued to attend the various rallies organised by the Handbell Ringers of Great Britain (HRGB). These provide us with



opportunities to listen to (and learn from) other teams. The national rally, this year held at Windsor, provided workshop sessions to learn about ringing 'tips and techniques'. These are very informative and often quite challenging! But are always fun; and the 'massed' ringing, sometimes with over 300 people taking part, is a sound to behold!!

Throughout the year, we play at the invitation of local groups; and, in the Church, we rang at the Harvest and Christmas Tree festivals together with our usual Christmas eve 'performance'. In addition, as part of the armistice day commemorations at St Margarets Church (Woodham Mortimer), we played the quite atmospheric 'In Flanders Fields' at their morning service.

We continue to practice every Wednesday evening in the Church from 7.30pm except during August. We would welcome new members and if anyone is interested please contact our leader, Susan Duke at susan.duke@hrgb.org.uk. No previous musical experience is required and you would be readily supported to have a go; and develop the skills and ringing technique appropriate to handbell ringing. It is really enjoyable!

Derek Hall.



TEN to TEN Rambling Group

Walk on Saturday 11th January 2020

We started off the new year with a very enjoyable morning walk around Bicknacre and surrounding countryside, led by John and Sandra. There were 9 of us altogether, all ready for some fresh air and exercise after the Christmas holiday. There was no sign of the sun but the weather stayed dry and it was nice to be out. As ever when walking there is always something interesting that is missed completely when driving around in the car. We turned down Moor Hall Lane and were soon passing the site of the old St. Giles leper hospital on our left, now a residential unit for adults with learning difficulties. On the right a little further down the road we found the wildlife haven that is the St Giles Graveyard. This is managed by the Essex Wildlife Trust and orchids and other uncommon flowers can apparently be seen in the Spring and Summer. We cut through the fields and eventually came to the site of the remaining arch of Bicknacre Priory, another historic landmark hidden in the countryside. The joy of walking!

The next walk will be on Saturday 8th February. We will meet at Winterslete Farm (parking opposite the top cemetery gate) and set off at Ten-to-Ten for a walk around Mundon. For more information about the walk and the meeting place for carshare, please ring John on 01245 222530 (or 01621 854056)

Sue Smith



Church Warden's Chat

February 2020

As a church community we are approaching a time of uncertainty, to be followed by a probable time of change. By this I mean, of course, the vacancy (or interregnum as it used to be called) and then the appointing of a new vicar, not just for All Saints, but to be shared with St. Mary's.

Coming so soon after the New Year this made me think of the Roman god Janus, after whom it is thought the month of January is named. Janus was the god of transitioning, with his two faces he looked both back to the past and forward to the future. I am sure that many of us are thinking back over the ten years that Stephen and Sue have been with us, and of the many reasons we have to be grateful to them. We will each have our own memories and times which we associate with them, and we will certainly miss them.

However, now is the moment to look forward. We will have months before a new priest is appointed, time when we must work hard, together, to keep our church active, for it to continue to be a caring Christian community centre for Maldon. Dennis and I will certainly need your support as we take on more responsibility for the parish during the vacancy.

It may be difficult to accept changes that may come with a new incumbent, but we may find that there are advantages to be had with new ideas! Perhaps the biggest change will be the possibility of working closer with St. Mary's, but they too will have the same misgivings, for we are not so different!

The vacancy gives us time to adjust, to think about the future and where we see All Saints going over the next ten years. What do we want in our church life, so that we can continue to grow. The building we love has seen many changes over many generations, and we must be open to change, to build a church for future generations.

I, on behalf of you all, wish to thank Stephen and Sue for their commitment to All Saints. They have become a much loved part of our church family and Stephen's time here, as our priest, has set a high standard for whoever follows! We wish them well in their new home and a happy and healthy retirement.

Jenny Clinch, Churchwarden



Paul J King

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SERVICES FOR FEBRUARY

- 2nd Feb** **Presentation of Christ in the Temple**
8:00 am Holy Communion (BCP 1662)
10:00 am Parish Eucharist and Junior Church
(Farewell Eucharist to mark the retirement of Canon Stephen Carter)
6:00 pm Evensong at St Mary's
(With the combined choirs of St. Mary's and All Saints')
- 6th Feb** **Thursday Accession of HM the Queen 1952**
11:00 am Holy Communion (BCP 1662)
- 9th Feb** **Third Sunday before Lent- Septuagesima**
8:00 am Holy Communion (BCP 1662)
10:00 am Worship for All
6:30 pm Evensong and Sermon
- 13th Feb** **Thursday**
11:00 am Holy Communion (BCP 1662)
- 16th Feb** **Second Sunday before Lent - Sexagesima**
8:00 am Holy Communion (BCP 1662)
10:00 am Parish Eucharist and Junior Church
12 noon Holy Baptism
6:30 pm Evensong and Sermon
- 20th Feb** **Thursday**
11:00 am Holy Communion (BCP1662)
- 23rd Feb** **Next Sunday before Lent - Quinquagesima**
8:00 am Holy Communion (BCP 1662)
10:00 am Parish Eucharist and Junior Church
6:30 pm Prayer and Praise
- 26th Feb** **Ash Wednesday**
10:00 am Holy Communion at St Andrew's
7:30 pm Sung Eucharist at St Mary's
- 27th Feb** **Thursday**
11:00 am Holy Communion (BCP 1662)



DIARY FOR FEBRUARY

Mon 3rd Feb	10:00 am - 12 noon Maldon Pioneers 2:30 Standing Committee
Tues 4th Feb	10:00 am Prayer Group in the St Katherine Room 10:00 am - 12 noon Meeting Point
Wed 5th Feb	12 - 2pm All Saints Lunches
Thu 6th Feb	9:15 am Sunshiners 2-4 pm Maldon Ladies in the D'Arcy Room 7:00 pm Junior Choir Practice 7:30 pm Choir Practice
Mon 10th Feb	9:00 am Men's Breakfast at Rose and Crown 10:00 am - 12 noon Maldon Pioneers
Tue 11th Feb	10:00 am - 12 noon Meeting Point
Thu 13th Feb	9:15 am Sunshiners 2-4 pm Maldon Ladies 7:00 pm Junior Choir Practice 7:30 pm Choir Practice
Sat 15th Feb	2 - 4 pm messy Church
Tues 18th Feb	10:00 am - 12 noon Meeting Point
Wed 19th Feb	11:00 am Service at Longfield
Thu 20th Feb	2-4 pm Maldon Ladies 7:30 pm Choir Practice
Mon 24th Feb	10:00 am - 12 noon Maldon Pioneers
Tue 25th Feb	10:00 am - 12 noon Meeting Point
Thu 27th Feb	9:15 am Sunshiners 2-4 pm Maldon Ladies 7:00 pm Junior Choir Practice 7:30 pm Choir Practice



Bible Bite

A short story from the Bible

It can be read in the Bible in
1 Samuel 2:11-17, 22-25, 3:1-21

As soon as he was old enough, to leave his parents, Samuel went to live at God's temple in Shiloh, with the priest, Eli...

Eli's sons were also priests, but they helped themselves to what people had brought to give to God.



Eli talked to them about it. They ignored him.



But Samuel did all the work he was given well.

One night, after everyone had gone to bed, Samuel heard someone calling him.



He thought it was Eli, so he ran to him.



No, I didn't call you

It happened again.



I didn't call. Go back to bed.

The third time, Eli knew it must be God calling Samuel.



You must say, 'Speak, Lord, your servant is listening.'

God called Samuel again,



and Samuel answered as he had been told.

I told Eli his sons had done bad things, but he has not stopped them. Now, even being sorry will not make up for what has happened.



The next morning, Eli demanded to be told what God had said.



Samuel was afraid, but he told him.

He is God. He will deal with us as is right.



God continued to talk to Samuel. He became known throughout Israel.





The parable of the Shrewd Manager



JESUS OFTEN TOLD STORIES WITH HIDDEN MEANINGS



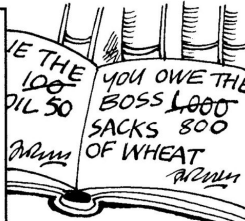
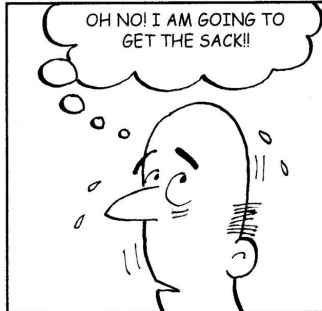
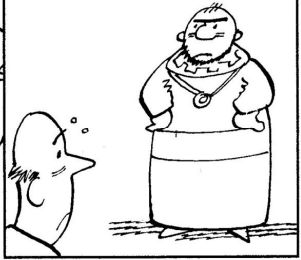
ONCE JESUS TOLD A STORY ABOUT A RICH MAN...

...AND HIS SERVANT, WHO MANAGED THE RICH MAN'S PROPERTY.



THE RICH MAN HAD HEARD THAT THE MANAGER HAD BEEN WASTING MONEY.

SO HE CALLED THE MANAGER TO ACCOUNT FOR HIMSELF!

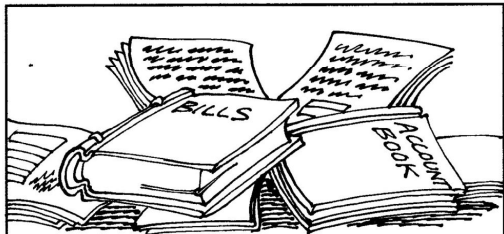
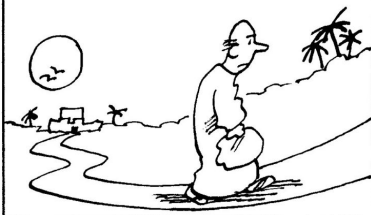


THE MANAGER AGREED TO LET THE RICH MAN'S TRADERS FIDDLE THEIR BOOKS!

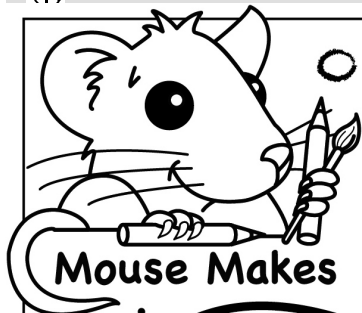


SO THEY ALTERED THEIR DEBTS - AND STAYED FRIENDS WITH THE MANAGER.

JESUS EXPLAINED THAT THE MANAGER HAD BEEN WISE IN MANAGING HIS FUTURE... EVEN THOUGH HE WAS BEING DISHONEST.



JESUS WAS TRYING TO ENCOURAGE THE PEOPLE TO THINK ABOUT THEIR OWN FUTURES TOO. BUT IT'S A HARD PARABLE TO UNDERSTAND!



After **Jesus** was baptised He was led by the Spirit into the **wilderness** for **forty days** where he was tempted by the devil.

READ the story in **Luke 4:1-13**

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What was Jesus' reply when the devil asked Him to turn a stone into bread?

Who did Jesus say He would only worship and serve?

What did Jesus say you must not do?

Can you find these words in the word search?

- JESUS • BAPTISED • RIVER • JORDAN • LED
- HOLY SPIRIT • WILDERNESS • DESERT • TEMPTATIONS
- DEVIL • FORTY • DAYS • HUNGRY • ROCK • STONE
- BREAD • WRITTEN • SCRIPTURE • ALL • KINGDOMS • WORLD • GLORY
- WORSHIP • SERVE • GOD • ONLY • JERUSALEM • TEMPLE • HIGH • IF • SON
- JUMP • THROW • DOWN • ANGELS • HOLD • LIFT • FOOT • LORD • TEST





St George's Church Centenary 1920-2020



St George's Church in Heybridge Basin celebrates its Centenary on
4th March 2020.

This fragile building owes its creation to the Bentalls family; an aerodrome from the early days of flight; and the unfortunate death in the Great War of Second lieutenant Ernest Hammond Bentall.

All are welcome to the following special events -
1st March – 8th March 2020

Sunday, 1st March: 5.30pm Taizé Service

5.00pm Pre-service talk by Josephine Wood -The music of
Taizé Songs of Everlasting Praise

Wednesday, 4th March:

7.00pm Rededication Service: Taken by an RAF Chaplin.

5.00pm Pre-service talks with slides:

- A Century of Life in the Basin - Molly Polden
- A Century of Life in St George's - Peter Manley

Friday 6th, March

7.00pm Talk by Professor William (Bill) Tamblyn -

- *A Century of Congregational Singing*

Sunday 8th March

11 am - Rev. Stuart Batten (former resident) –

Communion Service

Commemorative booklet £2 to members of CTiM

Refreshments after pre-talk

Contact: Joy Norman 01621 857004; hjoy_norman@yahoo.co.uk;

Revd Asa Humphreys: asa_humphreys@hotmail.com



Careers

At a recent Sunday morning service, the Gospel was from John chapter 1 and was about the work of John the Baptist. From this Canon Stephen developed his sermon around careers and how some people know very soon in life what their ambition or calling is and for some this is not the case and they may be guided by parental influence or by what friends or family members say or do. When someone decides to go into the church we think of this as a calling, but Stephen argued that this could equally apply to those wishing to be doctors, nurses, teachers or those wishing to be in the emergency services and perhaps many more vocations.

Stephen's words rang a bell with me as I really did want to go into farming when I was a schoolboy and had that ambition for several years until I was about fifteen or sixteen. Then one day I borrowed a book on the subject from our local library and reading it dealt a bitter blow to my ambitions.



The author, who was an authority on farming and a radio celebrity, said quite categorically that to achieve a worthwhile career in farming it was necessary to attend a full time course at an agricultural college first, so therefore it was not an option for poor boys (*this was the early 1950's so would-be farmers would naturally of course be male*)! As my father, a good man, was a poorly paid dock worker and we lived on a council estate in Dagenham I decided that funding such a course was not possible and so never discussed the idea with my father. Note that I said "I". I should of course have talked with my father and he should have made the decision. So farming was lost to me forever. My father did manage to get me a marine engineering apprenticeship in London docks and although I was always a reluctant engineer for the rest



of my life it did take me into many interesting situations and lots of exciting foreign ports so I guess that it was what I was destined to do and overall I have no major regrets. But if only.....!

The real point of this little missive is to enable me to say that in my opinion Canon Stephen obviously had a calling when young and really did follow his heart and 'go into the church'. How glad am I that he did, and so I am sure, are many other folk, or we would not have had the pleasure of being part of Stephen's services, joining him for many happy events in the church and with being able to discuss things with him. Stephen was directly responsible for bringing Joan and me into the family that is All Saints Church and it was a defining moment in our lives when he did. We will always be grateful for this as it changed our lives for the better in many ways. We will never forget Canon Stephen Carter. We wish Stephen and Sue a happy retirement. God bless them both.

Ken Downham

HOLY DAYS

14 February – The very first Valentine card: a legend

The Roman Emperor Claudius II needed soldiers. He suspected that marriage made men want to stay at home with their wives, instead of fighting wars, so he outlawed marriage.

A kind-hearted young priest named Valentine felt sorry for all the couples who wanted to marry, but couldn't. So secretly he married as many couples as he could – until the Emperor found out and condemned him to death. While he was in prison awaiting execution, Valentine showed love and compassion to everyone around him, including his jailer. The jailer had a young daughter who was blind, but through Valentine's prayers, she was healed. Just before his death in Rome on 14 February, he wrote her a farewell message signed 'From your Valentine.'

So the very first Valentine card was not between lovers, but between a priest about to die, and a little girl, healed through his prayers.

Taken from the Parish Pump Website



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Wednesday 1 April 2020 at:
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Thursdays 5, 12, 19 and 26 March, 2 April 2020 at:
St. Paul's Church, Maryland Road, Stratford, London E15 1JL

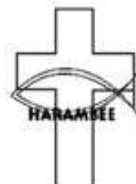


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7th March 2020 @ 2:00 p.m & 7:30 p.m
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Box Office: Harambée c/o 20 Mariners Way, [Maldon, CM9 6YW](#)
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Continuing our correspondence between Eustace, rector of St James the Least, and his nephew.... Taken from the Parish Pump website.



The Rectory
St. James the Least

On why pews are better than chairs

My dear Nephew Darren

While it was good to see you when you visited us last Sunday, your suggestion to our churchwardens that chairs would be far more comfortable than our pews was not well received. You must remember that significant in any congregation firmly believe that the more uncomfortable they are, the holier they must be. Pews, generally designed several centuries ago when legs were shorter and bottoms smaller, are conducive neither to comfort nor sleep – although Colonel Marchington achieves the latter unerringly every Sunday within minutes of arrival.

At least with pews, parishioners can make some pretence at kneeling, adopting that peculiar crouch only ever seen in church life. Attempt that with chairs and you are assured of sending the one in front sliding across the floor with a shriek. Chairs may be all very well in your own church, so you can create space for the delights of liturgical dance and baby clinics, but we prefer something more immovable. Little Miss Thripp has, over the years, created something of a nest where she sits, quietly bringing in cushions, travelling rugs and her own supply of books and peppermints. As for Major Hoare, I suspect he is installing a drinks cabinet in his pew.

Pews, unlike rows of chairs, also create territorial behaviour. If a visitor should sit in a pew where regulars have sat for the last 50 years, it is regarded as if it were the invasion of Poland. One innocent family once chose the pew where generations of the Psmith family have sat since dinosaurs roamed the land. The Psmiths had no intention of ceding territory peacefully and so for the whole of Mattins, one pew which should have held 6 people sat 9. When they stood to sing, the line exploded into the aisles on both sides, returning to their compressed state, necessitating staggered shallow breathing, when re-seated.

I will concede, however, that we made one mistake some years ago when the pews were re-varnished without having been fully cleaned first. The result is that every time the congregation stands, the organ is drowned out by

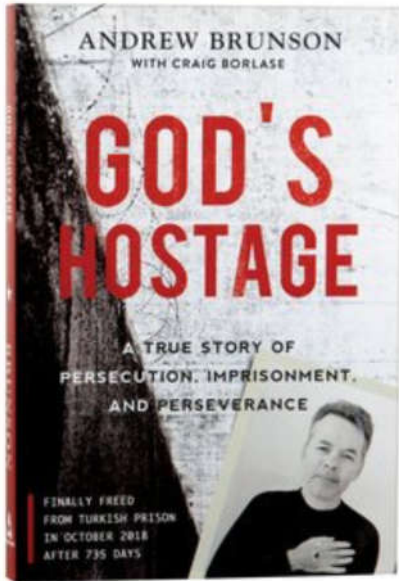


the sound of tearing, while coats and jackets reluctantly part company with wood.

No, your congregation may relax in the luxury of padded chairs, but we will stoutly maintain our holy discomfort.

Your loving uncle,

Eustace



Book Reviews

God's Hostage

By Andrew Brunson, Authentic, £9.99

In 1993, Andrew Brunson was asked to travel to Turkey, the largest un-evangelised country in the world, to serve as a missionary. Though hesitant because of the daunting and dangerous task that lay ahead, Andrew and his wife, Norine, believed this was God's plan for them.

What followed was a string of threats and attacks, but also successes in starting new churches in a place

where many people had never met a Christian. As their work with refugees from Syria, including Kurds, gained attention and suspicion, Andrew and Norine acknowledged the threat but accepted the risk, determining to stay unless God told them to leave.

In 2016, they were arrested. Though the State eventually released Norine, who remained in Turkey, Andrew was imprisoned. Accused of being a spy and being among the plotters of the attempted coup, he became a political pawn whose story soon became known around the world.

This is Andrew's remarkable story of his imprisonment and journey of faith.

Taken from the Parish Pump website.



“The Hiding Place” (the Corrie Ten Boom Story) comes to Maldon.

Oddments Theatre Company are coming to Maldon Town Hall on Saturday 8th February 2020 at 7.30 pm, to perform “The Hiding Place”, the inspirational story of the Ten Boom family, who sheltered Jewish families during the Nazi occupation of Holland in World War Two.

This non-violent resistance was the Ten Booms' way of living out their Christian faith, and by so doing Casper, a watch-maker and jeweller in Haarlem, and his daughters Betsie and Corrie, risked their lives. During 1943 and into 1944, there were usually 5-6 people illegally living in the Ten Boom home above their shop, - some Jews and some members of the Dutch underground. Additional refugees would stay with the Ten Booms for a few hours or a few days, until another 'safe house' could be located for them. Through these activities, the Ten Boom family and their many friends and co-workers of 'the BeJe group' saved the lives of an estimated 800 Jews and other refugees.

On 28th February 1944 the Ten Booms were betrayed and the Nazi Security Service raided their home. Casper, Betsie and Corrie were arrested, together with Corrie's brother Willem, sister Nollie, and nephew Peter, who were at the house that day. The Nazis arrested many visitors, but failed to find six refugees hidden behind a false wall in Corrie's bedroom – two Jewish men, two Jewish women, and two members of the Dutch underground. Although the house remained under guard, members of a local police resistance group were able secretly to liberate the refugees 47 hours later. The four Jews were taken to new 'safe houses' and three survived the war. One of the underground workers was killed later in the war, but the other survived.

Ten days after his arrest, Casper Ten Boom died in Scheveningen Prison. Betsie and Corrie were moved on to camp Vucht, and then to the notorious Ravensbruck Concentration Camp, a women's labour camp in Germany. Life there was almost unbearable, but Betsie and Corrie spent their time sharing Jesus' love with their fellow-prisoners. They held worship services after the hard days at work, using a Bible they had managed to smuggle in, and many women became Christians through Betsie and Corrie's witness to them. Betsie died at Ravensbruck, but Corrie miraculously survived. After the war she travelled around the world to tell everyone that “there is no pit so deep that God's love is not deeper still”, and that “God will give us the love to be able to forgive our enemies”. In more than 30 years Corrie visited over 60 countries to testify to God's love, and to encourage people with the message that “Jesus is Victor”. She told the story of her family members and their work in WW2 in her book “The Hiding Place”, published in 1971. She died in California in 1983, on her 91st birthday.

Oddments Theatre is a full-time professional theatre company known for taking entertaining and thought-provoking Christian theatre to churches, prisons and schools. This show is suitable for ages 12 and upwards. Ticket price £11 online and £13 on the door. Tickets available at www.oddments-theatre.co.uk (See poster)

Susan Frederick

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'The Hiding Place', a riveting Second World War true story of a Christian woman, in Holland, called Corrie ten Boom. Corrie felt she couldn't just watch the devastating circumstances that the Jewish people were in, so she acted and set out on an incredible rescue mission.

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Dates for the Diary

- 27th April Church AGM
- 26th April 10:00 am Archdeacon Elisabeth to officiate at the Eucharist
- 10th May 10:00 am Bishop of Bradwell to officiate at the Eucharist
- 18th July 7:30 pm Concert by men2sing in church
- 4th - 6th Dec Christmas Tree Festival

*Please let me have your dates for future events.
Don't assume that I will know them. Ed.*



Adam and Eve

Adam and Eve had an ideal marriage. He didn't have to hear about all the men she could have married, and she didn't have to hear about the way his mother cooked.



FROM THE REGISTERS

Baptism

- Jan 12th **Nathaniel David Whenman** of Emperor Close
- Jan 19th Theo Andrew James Crozier of Repertor Drive



Funerals

- Jan 7th Patrick John Frederick Cross aged 88 of Plume Avenue



Prayer Diary

February 2020

1	Ven. Elizabeth Snowden, Archdeacon of Chelmsford
2	Presentation of Christ in the Temple and Candlemas Licensed Lay Ministers
3	Sue and Stephen Carter
4	The Ambulance Service
5	Those who are terminally ill
6	All pharmacists
7	The housebound
8	Members of our Mission & Education Committee
9	3rd Sunday before Lent Authorised Local Preachers
10	Churches together in Maldon
11	Residents of Care Homes in our town
12	Hospital Domestic Staff
13	All General Practitioners
14	St Valentine Those struggling to cope with depression
15	Those who lead and attend 'Messy Church'
16	2nd Sunday before Lent Hymn and Worship Song writers and composers
17	Youth Chaplains
18	Those who are persecuted for their beliefs
19	Our Royal Family
20	Our troops serving abroad
21	Members of our Standing Committee
22	Members of our Worship Committee
23	Sunday before Lent Those who teach our Young People in Church
24	Members of our PCC
25	Shrove Tuesday Members of our Estates Committee
26	Ash Wednesday Our observance of Lent
27	All Firefighters
28	Our Police Force
29	Those addicted to drugs

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Ramblers Club		
Prayer Group		
Messy Church	Elaine Brown	

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