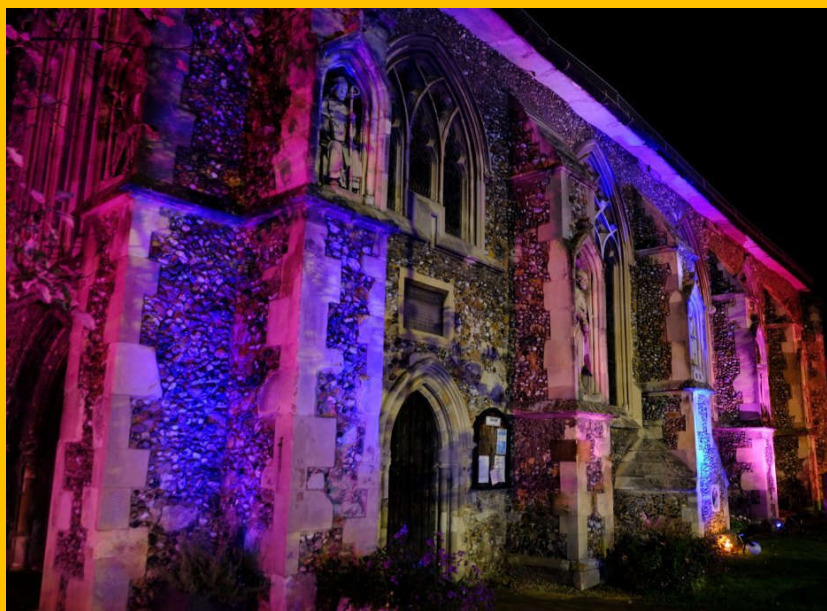


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PARISH NEWS

November 2021

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CHURCH SERVICES

Sunday Services	8:00am Holy Communion (BCP 1662) 09:30 am Sung Parish Eucharist (except first Sunday of the month). 4:00 pm Evensong and Sermon second (and fourth when there are five), Sundays of the month) Starting in the New Year
1st Sunday in the Month	09:30am Short all age service of stories songs and prayers. 6:00 pm Evensong at St Mary's
3rd Sunday	6:00 pm Evensong at All Saints Purleigh
Last Sunday	6:00 pm Prayer and Praise Service (All age service with simpler format)

JUNIOR CHURCH

Sundays at 9:30am.in the D'Arcy Room in Church

WEEKDAY SERVICE

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

1st Thursday 11:00am Holy Communion (BCP 1662) followed by coffee and biscuits

**Cover Picture: The Church lit up for Baby Awareness Week.
Photo: Mike Ovenden.**



THE PARISH LETTER

This month's Parish letter was sent to me by Asa, but was written by a visitor of his. Asa said:

"Please find attached this month's article, written by a guest of ours, Jo, who visited us this week from the Cathedral city of Salisbury. It is a piece of travel writing in that sense, sharing her experiences of her time with us."

A Week in the Life Of...

"Start by doing what is necessary, then what is possible, and suddenly you are doing the impossible."

— St. Francis Of Assisi

Some weeks come along that are special. Some people come along that remind you that you are loved and to keep walking forward. Some places touch your heart in a way that leave a message whispered within your soul to be listened to all the way home.

That was this week with all of you at All Saints and around the beautiful Maldon area. Those people were all of you and my dear friends and family your very own special Rev Asa, Laura & Simone and Abel. That place was you and your Church and community.

What I was blessed enough to see this week was the everyday taking care of what needs to be attended to, with kindness, care and love. Looking after each other and the community and the Church with a heart for God and each other.

Some weeks in our lives are glamorous and spectacular. Some are reminders in the daily walk of the seemingly ordinary - God speaks. I believe this week God was reminding me in Maldon that He loves us all, that He loves it when we cherish each other and His Church family and community. That no matter what we face, or have come through, God is faithful, He never leaves us, no matter how it may look or feel, God is always there.

Yellow weather warnings and a serious amount of rain along with 60mph gusts of wind welcomed the start of my journey to Maldon. Amazing sunshine and warmth not often seen in October greeted me on the way back. A warm and happy welcome awaited me at The Vicarage in Heybridge. A busy family home, full of love for God, each other and life, a family called to serve this beautiful community of Maldon, Essex.

Coming with an open heart and mind I was looking forward to spending time with my friends and being of service while I was here. Sunday morning at All Saints the 9.30am service, a lively play which saw Cain do battle with his brother Abel, songs and play where old met new. Fun in the park



afterwards with a family whose son is soon to be baptised.

This is a wonderful community and it has been a privilege to be part of it for a week. Attending a funeral with Rev Asa and seeing how committed the All Saints community were to making sure the family had the very best opportunity to say goodbye to their dearly beloved. The care and effort you all made in ensuring things were done well was really touching. “You only get one opportunity to say goodbye”.

Learning so much about the gospels from Asa in his great sermons this week bringing the gospel alive. Holy communion services in St Georges about St Francis of Assisi and his call to live simply, humbly and in the service of others. Followed by the recording of a baptism service to help prepare parents embarking on this journey with their child. A great way to see what can be expected of everyone involved and looks out for the unique looking ‘baby’ on camera!

How this amazing family do so much for so many people astounds me. Throughout the week, the Humphreys’ have opened their door and hearts to so many people. Lunch and dinner with many of the community throughout the week, sharing together great laughter and sharing of life’s adventures over the years. Dinner with another of the All Saints community other evenings and hospitality offered in every way. In between the doorbell rings and people come with gifts, support, questions, calls for a myriad of reasons. An open door and open hearts in this house, just as Jesus would have been I am sure of it!

The 850-year of Maldon’s Charter and a special service celebrated by Asa with the Mayor and Deputy Lord Lieutenant. The Harvest Festival celebrations this week also saw services in various Churches looked after by Asa. Along with St George’s Harvest Festival auction at the Jolly Sailor raising £180 for Water Aid – great fun was had by all! So much happened this week and there were so many services, celebrations and prayers that I can hardly list them all!

When we’re called into service of family, friends, the community and Church, it’s a special gift. I thank you all for all you do for each other and to raise up the community. Thank you for each of you that spoke to me and shared your fascinating life stories with me and history of this beautiful place. Oh yes and the beautiful walks I had around the Basin. You are fortunate indeed to be surrounded by such beauty.

Thank you for looking after each other and for looking after and supporting my dear friends Asa and Laura as they serve and love looking after all of you. Thank you. All the little things you do have a huge impact and are noticed and appreciated.



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TEN to TEN RAMBLING GROUP October 2021

For our October walk, seven of us did a walk we have done several times before, a five mile circular route from Hatfield Peverel to Paper Mill lock and back. However, to make a change, we decided to do it the other way round. It's surprising how the scenery looks completely different when viewed from the opposite direction!

Leaving the village hall, we set off through the attractive churchyard across field footpaths and gently down-hill to the ford over the river Ter. Then it was uphill and down the other side towards the Chelmer and Blackwater canal. Crossing the lovely old cast-iron bridge, we continued along the tow path to Paper Mill lock.

After a cup of coffee and a welcome rest, it was back across field paths, through Ewers farm, across the river and back through Nounsley village to Hatfield Peverel.

Next month's walk will start at 'ten to ten' on **Saturday 13th November** and will be from St. Bartholomew's Church car park, Wickham Bishops. The walk will be led by Sue Smith and will be around Wickham Bishops.

Everyone is welcome on the walks. If you have any questions, please contact Sue Smith on 01621 854056.

Peter Holmes

CHRISTMAS & NEW YEAR GREETINGS

Once more we are offering you the opportunity to place your Greetings in the December issue of the magazine. As in previous years, greetings can be 'boxed' or a simple 'line' format.

The donation to All Saints' for these greetings has not increased over the years. Again we are asking for a **minimum** donation of £10 for the box and £5 for the line format, which can be Gift Aided. If you wish to take advantage of this offer please let me have your message (and donation) by Sunday 19th Nov.

Ed.

N.B.

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Deputy Warden's Waffle

I find it very hard to believe that in only a few weeks time it will be Christmas. The start of Advent is fast approaching – so who has bought any Christmas presents yet !!? I expect some of you have nearly finished and others like me have not even thought about present buying. Nevertheless time seems to be flying by, and we are all certainly starting to think about Christmas at church. I am so happy to think that we may actually be able to celebrate this most joyous of occasions in our beloved church again. Information about forthcoming Christmas services is starting to appear and in the Link 24h October Asa has given us a list of proposed services. This can't have been easy to sort out as Asa has four churches to cover. But isn't it exciting to start thinking and preparing for the festive season. Plans are well underway for the magical Tree Festival with a Christingle service held at All Saints at the end of it , at 3pm.

Looking back: on 7th October we held an historic service to commemorate the granting of our Royal Charter by Henry 2nd dates 1171-2021. I love history and I found it thrilling to think back over 850 years to the lives of so many people of those who had worshipped where we do now. We were honoured to welcome The High Sheriff Simon Brice DL, The Vice Lord Lieutenant Mr Vincent Thompson DL MA, the Mayor of Maldon Cll David Ogg, all who gave us splendid Bible readings. Members of the council were of course present. It was a joy to meet the charming head girl and boy, Maisie Shorney and Dominic Mainwaring, from the Plume Academy, who lead us in The Lords Prayer.

With the restrictions of numbers lifted we were able to hold the memorial service for our much loved John Speakman, a fitting tribute. Other memorial services are to follow. These services of thanksgiving are such an important part of our lives and for the collective family of the church.

What seems a small step but again I feel very important, is that we are able to serve tea/coffee in church again after the 9.30 service. I find the chatting and friendship at this time so important, and helps promote the love of a Christian family—we laugh, moan, chat agree to disagree, as all families do—I cherish this 'special' church family –let us strive to work together in assuring the growth and continuation of our 'special' family.

Vicky, Deputy Churchwarden



SHIPS, BOATS ETC.

We recently watched the BBC drama series 'Vigil' featuring a nuclear powered submarine and its crew. Nuclear Submarines being capable of firing nuclear warheads are not in favour with everyone and that premise was partly the reason that the drama was set around the vessel. Having spent my career in the merchant marine industry after having been an engineering officer on board a merchant vessel for five years when young, I am always interested in stories involving ships or offshore rigs and structures. My son also was in the Royal Navy for seven years as a seaman officer and for about half of that time was in the submarine service and sailed on nuclear submarines. I recall that on his first submarine posting which was in an older diesel driven vessel his sleeping accommodation as a junior officer was mounted on the torpedo racks.



Nowhere on a submarine is the accommodation luxurious and even the Captain is in what most of us would consider cramped and basic, certainly compared to what we expect on holiday. It is completely different on Merchant vessels where even the most junior sailor on board would have a spacious cabin and an en-suite bathroom. This is because merchant vessels are big and have lots of room for accommodation whereas Navy vessels have to be compact in size and available space is prioritised for the equipment needed for fighting. Watching the series 'Vigil' we noticed several things and incidents that would not happen on a real vessel, but we decided to ignore these and allow 'poetic licence' and just enjoy the action which we found most gripping and enjoyable. Submarines, by the way, are called 'Boats' and not 'Ships'.

Life at sea on a ship or an offshore structure or rig can be rather hazardous if correct procedures are not carried out as there is no help from land immediately available and dealing with unwanted incidents must be handled



by those on board and with the equipment carried or installed on board. On board fires are the things that all seamen dread as there is no fire brigade to call although all seafarers are given training for fighting fires and lowering lifeboats and other emergency procedures.. I have never been directly involved in such an incident, but I do recall that I was always very apprehensive when it was necessary to transfer from a small vessel to an offshore platform. Usually, we were taken out to the platform by helicopter but on occasion it had to be from a small seagoing vessel to the platform. The transfer was achieved by standing on a wood or metal ring of about three or four metres diameter which had a rope lattice 'basket' attached to it and

with loops on the top of the basket to attach to the jib of a crane installed on the platform. You would then stand on the bottom ring and hold on to the basket whilst the crane lifted you on board. You could not get inside the basket work in case the crane malfunctioned and you might then be dropped into the sea and not be able to escape. I did not like this



method and fortunately nor did the oil company that I worked for, and they banned the procedure. Helicopters also are not my favourite mode of transport. The worst civil helicopter accident I was nearly involved in was in 1986 when a Chinook twin rotor helicopter crashed into the sea just before arrival at Sumburgh from a Shell platform. I should have been on that flight, but a friend and colleague (from Maldon) who had never been in a helicopter undertook the work for me and was lost. I will not mention anymore here as it is still difficult to think about.

To end on a lighter note, I saw this snippet in my Company house magazine recently:

A husband said to his wife "I think you are losing your hearing, can you hear me?"

No reply, so he moved closer and again said "I think you are losing your hearing, can you hear me?"

Again, no reply. He moved closer saying even louder "Can you hear me? I am worried you are losing your hearing". Still no reply. So, standing right next to her he bellowed "I think you are going deaf, can you hear me?"

His wife replied, "I have said 'yes' four times!"

Ken Downham



For a third year, All Saints Church will be holding a

 **Christmas Tree Festival** 

The 2021 festival will take place from
Friday 10th until Sunday 12th December
with a display of Christmas Trees representing organisations
within the church and the town.

Letters have gone to church and local groups inviting them to take part but is there anyone else who would like to provide and decorate a tree for the event? Setting up will take place on Thursday 10th December between 10am and 5pm and the Festival will be open on Friday and Saturday between 9am-5pm and from 11am on Sunday culminating with the Christingle Service at 3pm that day.

Trees, real or artificial, should be between one and six feet tall; please decorate as you wish; battery lights only please as there are only limited electrical sockets.

Please let me know if you will be taking part, the size of your tree and any special requests. Some trees will stand on the floor and some on boarding across the pews.

Please get in touch as soon as possible.

If you are not involved in decorating a tree and would like to make a contribution of money this would be very gratefully received. These donated trees will form a welcoming walkway to the Festival.

Thank you.

Let's hope this event will be the great success it has been in the past and will once again bring us together and help us all to share the joy of Christmas.

Julie Ovenden
01621 858803



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REMEMBRANCE SUNDAY

As you will see on the centre page, it is the turn of St Mary's to host Maldon's Remembrance Civic Service. This service will be held at 10:45 on Hythe Quay below St Mary's and will be led by Father John Dickens and the St Mary's Choir.

I can find no information at all regarding any services at the memorial outside All Saints' church. Perhaps in future, people in the know could pass the information to me for inclusion in the Parish Magazine.

Peter Clark, Magazine Editor.



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**I have managed to glean the following information
regarding future services, from the “Link.” Ed.**

Below is the full-fat version of worship services that we are planning across the churches these coming weeks. Should the Government implement Plan B then restrictions will be reconsidered, but if that means restricting numbers, then I can reheat the booking systems that I used in Heybridge last Christmas; so we’ll keep aiming high until further notice.

My thanks to everyone who has agreed to help out with leading these various services – it is a privilege to serve with you. PCC agreed on Monday 18th October to arrange for every house in the parish of All Saints to send a Christmas Card this year inviting them to worship with us – please be praying for those invitations, the design and funding thereof and that those receiving the invites may come and see the story of Salvation, born into a manger in our midst.

Asa.

All Souls

3pm Saturday 30th October at All Saints - Asa

Remembrance Sunday – 14th November

0930 Said CW Communion at **St Andrew's** - Asa

1030 Civic Service with procession at **Heybridge** – Asa

0930 Said CW Communion at **All Saints'** – Graham Blyth

1045 Civic Service with Choir at **St Mary's** Maldon – Father John Dickens

1045 Service of the Word with act of Remembrance at **Langford** – Paul Barnes

1500 Afternoon Service of Remembrance at **St George's**, Heybridge Basin –
Julia Macgregor

Advent

4pm Sunday 28th Nov Patronal Choral Evensong with Advent Prose at
St Andrew's – Asa

3pm Sunday 12th Dec Christingle Service at **All Saints'** – Asa

3pm Sunday 19th Dec Nine Lessons and Carols at **St Gile's**, Langford – Asa

4pm Sunday 19th Dec Nine Lessons and Carols at **All Saints'**, Maldon –
Adrienne Knight

7pm Thursday 23rd Dec Carol Service at **St Georges**, Heybridge Basin - Asa



Christmas

Friday 24th

3pm Service at **All Saints'** - Asa

4pm Crib Service at **St Andrew's** – Lynne Wood

5pm Service at **All Saints'** - Asa

11.30pm Midnight Mass at **All Saints'** – Graham Blyth

11.30pm Midnight Mass at **St Andrew's** - Asa

Saturday 25th

8am BCP Communion at **All Saints'** – Paul Barnes

0930 Service of the Word at **All Saints'** – Alan Marjoram

0930 CW Communion at **St Gile's** - Asa

1100 Service of the Word at **St George's** – Julia MacGregor

Sunday 26th

0930 CW Communion at **All Saints'** (with St Mary's joining us) - Asa

1115 CW Communion at **St Andrew's** - Asa

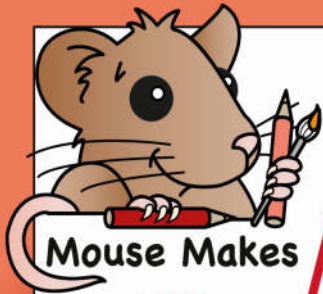
Sunday January 2nd

8am BCP Communion at **All Saints'** – Paul Barnes

0930 CW Communion at **St Gile's**, Langford – Graham Blyth

January 6th

11am BCP Communion at **All Saints'** - *TBC*



I AM

**I AM
THE**



Read John 10:11 and 14



**I AM
THE**

Read John 15:1 and 35



**I AM
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Read John 6:35,51



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Read John 11:25

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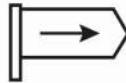
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Read John 14:6



**I AM
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Read John 10:9



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Look up the Bible references, fill in the missing words then look for them in the word search



The tale of the Tower Builder



JESUS OFTEN TOLD STORIES WITH HIDDEN MEANINGS



ON ONE OCCASION JESUS EXPLAINED HOW IT WOULDN'T ALWAYS BE EASY TO FOLLOW HIM.



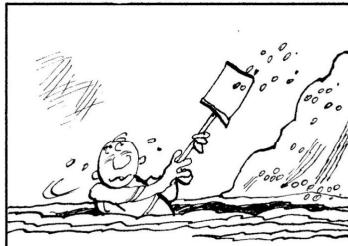
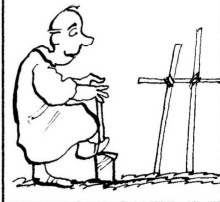
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...YOU'LL FIRST NEED TO WORK HOW MUCH IT WILL COST.



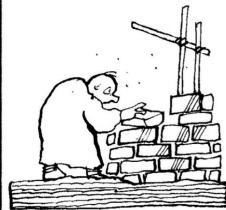
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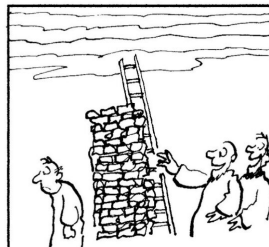
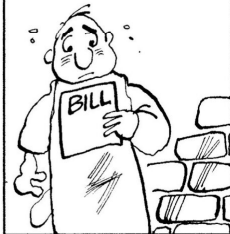


....WORK VERY HARD ON THE FOUNDATIONS.

...THEN START TO LAY THE BRICKS,...



...BUT SUDDENLY RUN OUT OF MONEY!!



THEN PEOPLE WILL LAUGH AT YOU!



WE NEED TO REALISE THAT ALTHOUGH FOLLOWING JESUS IS THE RIGHT THING TO DO, IT'S ALSO A GREAT CHALLENGE.



RICHARD REPRISES BENCH SLEEPOUT FOR THE HOMELESS



On Friday 26th November I will be repeating my garden bench sleepout of 2020 to raise awareness and money to help the homeless. Last year the CHES Homeless charity cancelled their annual organised sleepout due to Covid-19, so I answered the call to do my own thing to fund-raise for CHES. The bench sleepout was born.

This year CHES Homeless held their sleepout event at the Felsted School on 15th October, and I was unable to take part as Adrienne and I were away. It would also be true to say that I believe in order to merit taking the sponsorship of my generous supporters the sleepout has to be a challenge for me. It needs to be cold and it needs to be uncomfortable. It has to be something I don't look forward to, so I am happier doing my sleepout at the more traditional time of year – Winter, on the last Friday in November.

Whilst I remain a supporter of CHES Homeless, this year I am doing the sleepout for Beacon House Ministries www.beaconhouseministries.org.uk who are based in Colchester. Beacon House is a Christian charity that provides a wide range of services to the homeless, those in insecure accommodation, and to people at risk of homelessness. Their services include primary healthcare (they have a nurse on-site), occupational therapies, personal development, referrals to other services (including getting the homeless into accommodation), showering, laundry, and the provision of clothing and toiletries.

Please look out in the Link for details of my online giving page for Beacon House Ministries, and I will have a paper sponsorship form in Church.

Thank You.

Richard Knight 01621 841 329 knight@heybridgeknight.plus.com



WITHAM CHORAL



Press Release

The singers of Witham Choral are absolutely delighted to be back together and working towards a Christmas concert on Saturday 11 December at 7.30 p.m. at Witham United Reformed Church in Newland Street.

“Our concert is very much a celebration of Christmas music,” Musical Director Patrick McCarthy told us. As well as excerpts from Bach’s beautiful Christmas Oratorio, we shall be singing plenty of carols and inviting the audience to join in the well-known ones. It will be a chance for choir members and the local community to raise the roof together and forget all the difficulties we faced during the last Christmas season.”

The performance will feature soloists Gill Wilson (soprano) and Catherine Wood (alto), and members of the Colchester Philharmonic will provide the musical accompaniment. A concert not to be missed!

Tickets are available from Witham Tourist Office in Newland Street CM8 2FE telephone 01376 502674, from the Witham Choral Chairman Revd Stephen Northfield on 01245 380958, from choir members and at the door.

www.withamchoralsociety.org.uk

Can You Help?

We are slowly moving out of all the restrictions that we have been facing during the Covid lockdown. In order to comply with certain rules, we need to have in place a team of people we can call on to make sure we comply with the cleaning regulations put in place to keep us all safe as we open up our church for more services and social gatherings.

It is necessary, in order to do this, that we have regular cleaning teams in place to keep the church as safe as possible. The more people who offer to help the less the burden will be. If you can help by being on a rota to be called on for this please email or phone me as soon as possible.

*Vivien Clark. deputy warden
(email: vivien1942@me.com or Tel: 01621 869667)*

PS I am still waiting hopefully -maybe a team will come forward



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

There are more frightening things than bishops out there....

My dear Nephew Darren,

You really should not worry about having reversed your car into the bishop's gatepost, knocking it over and destroying his rose-beds. It gives him an opportunity to exercise Christian forgiveness. Your real mistake was scribbling a note of apology and pushing it through his letterbox. Far better would have been to have sent an anonymous letter (and to have written it on lined notepaper in capital letters, preferably in green ink, to make it look truly authentic) saying that you had seen the archdeacon do it, and then you had watched him drive off without stopping. That would have taken the minds of the senior clergy away from parish matters for quite some time.

No, never worry about the wrath of bishops; dangers lurk much nearer home. For a start, never incur the displeasure of your flower arrangers. I only crossed their path once – and arrived in church the following Sunday, to see a ten-foot-high floral arrangement at the front of church. I assumed it was by way of making amends, until I discovered it had been placed in front of the pulpit. I was obliged to preach, hidden behind a large multicoloured hedge, while the congregation listened to what were apparently talking chrysanthemums.

A colleague offended his own ladies and arrived to find that the contents of the safe had been removed and replaced with all those exotic pieces of equipment that seem to be indispensable for arranging flowers. He was obliged to administer Communion using a small vase until peace was re-established and his chalice returned to him.

Similarly, organists are a delicate breed. Congratulate him on the anthem, and if it happened to be unaccompanied, he would assume you were implying that the services were better without his playing. Offend your organist and you can be guaranteed that hymns will be played at either half or double speed, stopping one verse short and that the final piece of music as



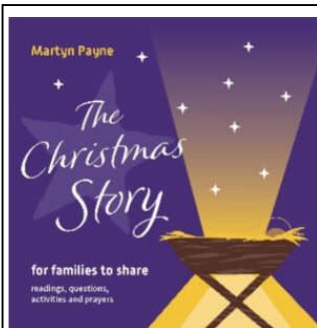
you process out will stop, leaving you and the choir stranded halfway down the aisle.

And finally, never, ever upset your verger. One forgotten Christmas present and you can be sure you will get half-way through a baptism to find he hasn't put water in the font; at marriage services, the sheets for last week's funeral will have been accidentally put out and when you sit in your stall you will discover where he now stores the mop and bucket.

No, bishops are warm, fluffy bunnies; real dangers lurks much nearer home.

Your loving uncle,

Eustace



Book Reviews

The Christmas Story – for families to share
By Martyn Payne, BRF £2.50

Colourful, engaging and deceptively simple, *The Christmas Story* is designed to help parents, grandparents and carers share with their children through a fun and interactive family Bible and prayer time.

Each section contains a key Bible passage, questions to explore, a visual aid to draw people deeper into the story, an activity, a prayer idea, a key verse and a link to the Old Testament narrative. Covering the angel Gabriel's visit to Mary, Mary's visit to Elizabeth and the birth of Jesus through to Simeon in the temple, Herod and the wise men and the escape to Egypt, the book ends with the Lord's Prayer, and the simple graphic of a shining star.

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HOLY DAYS

22nd November: St Cecilia, Patron Saint of Musicians

If you are going to any concerts before Christmas, spare a thought for St Cecilia (2nd century) – the patron saint of musicians.

Cecilia is one of the most famous of the Roman martyrs of the 2nd century. As far as is known, she was born a noble lady of Rome who, despite her vow of virginity, was forced to marry an older pagan nobleman named Valerian. During the wedding, as the musicians played, Cecilia sat apart singing to God in her heart, and for that she was later declared the saint of musicians

When the time came for her marriage to be consummated, Cecilia told Valerian that watching over her was an angel of the Lord, who would punish him if he sexually violated her but would love him if he respected her virginity.

Understandably startled by this, Valerian then asked to see the angel for himself. Cecilia replied that to do so, he must go to the third milestone on the Via Appia and be baptised by the Bishop of Rome. Valerian seems to have been a good-natured husband, because the story goes that he followed her suggestion, was baptised a Christian, and sure enough, saw the angel protecting his wife.

Being a Christian in those days was dangerous, and when the next wave of Roman persecutions began, Valerian and Cecilia were among those arrested. It is said that they died at the hands of the Roman prefect Turcius Almachius, perhaps in Sicily sometime between 176 and 180 AD.

One story goes that Cecilia was struck on the neck with a sword, and as she lay dying, asked that her house be converted into a church. Certainly an early Roman Christian church, Santa Cecilia, was founded in the fourth century in the Trastevere section of Rome, reputedly on the site of the house in which she lived.

In the centuries since then, a number of musical compositions have been dedicated to her, and her feast day has become the occasion for many concerts and musical festivals.

St Cecilia is frequently depicted playing a viola, a small organ, or other musical instrument.

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REFLECTED FAITH SERIES: "THE BREAD WE SHARE" BY JO WHITE

Last month we thought about the bread we share at the Communion table and what we do with any that is left over. Christian beliefs and thoughts about the consecrated bread range from it being a reminder to us of the love that Jesus showed for each of us by and through His death too, at the consecration the bread becomes the literal flesh of Christ that we are invited to consume.

Wherever the church and the people are on that spectrum, the priest is always careful about the way the bread is handled. As we noted last month, this includes which container it is placed in to convey it after the service to those unable to attend. But what happens to any small pieces that may have been broken, like crumbs, upon the altar?

Although the altar is covered with a white cloth, there is another smaller cloth placed on top of it onto which the bread and wine, in their respective containers, are placed. The bread is usually on a plate or bowl-shaped dish called a paten, with 'extra' bread kept on a side table – the Credence Table – in case more is needed to be consecrated.

The smaller white cloth is called a Corporal and is typically 12 inches (30cms) square. The name comes from the Latin corpus meaning body, and this is folded in three in both directions (then sometimes starched) and ironed in such a way that when it is opened onto the altar all the folds are 'downward' so it forms a 'bowl' shape to catch those crumbs.

After the Communion is shared, the cloth is then folded back upon itself and later taken outside the building and shaken to allow any crumbs to return to nature.

This month: Next time you are able to go to a Communion Service, watch as the priest lays up the table for the time of consecration. Perhaps, before the service, the sacristan may open the corporal and place it there. In your own home what is so precious that you try and catch every crumb? How do you do it?

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QUIZ NIGHT

Cold Norton Village Hall

SATURDAY 13th NOVEMBER

8.00pm

Admission: £3.00

Please bring your own drinks and nibbles

**Don't worry if you are on your own, we
make up tables of up to six.**

A good way to meet people!

The After-eight social club holds various events every month
of the year including

quiz nights, meals out, coffee evenings, excursions etc.

For further information call Mike on 01621 856219

We also have a Facebook page

www.aftereightsocialclub.co.uk



After-eight Social Club

Dance Night

**Saturday 20th November
Maldon Town Hall**

Put your glad rags on and dance!

Doors open 7.30 pm

Optional fish & chips can be ordered on the door

Please bring your own drinks

Admission: Members £6, Non members £8

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Dates for the Diary

Thursday 25th November:

Christmas Fayre

Friday 10 - Sunday 12 December:

Christmas Tree Festival

Sunday 12th December:

Christingle

Sunday 19th December:

Nine Lessons and Carols

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Stewardship

Our church launched a new Stewardship Campaign, which instead of holding a series of events, decided to focus entirely on one big fund-raising event. The evening became known as “putting all our begs into one askit.”

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From the Registers



Holy Baptism

17th October 2021 **Hunter John Jackson-Deemer**

Thanksgiving - Memorial Service

15th October 2021 **John Speakman** 3rd April 1930 - 14th October 2020

Funerals

6th October 2021 **Raymond Anderton** aged 73 of Heybridge

8th October 2021 **Janet Collins** aged 70 formerly of Gate Street Mews



Prayer Diary November 2021

1 All Saints	Our Church family
2 All Souls	Our loved ones departed this life
3	Missionaries throughout the world
4	For the poverty stricken
5	All Politicians
6	The Archbishops of Canterbury and York
7 3rd Sunday before Advent	
	John, Bishop of Bradwell
8	All prisoners
9	All Judges and Magistrates
10	The newly elected Mayor of the City of London
11 Armistice Day	Our servicemen and women
12	Churches together in Maldon
13	The work of The Royal British Legion
14 2nd Sunday before Advent Remembrance Sunday	
	All who suffer as a result of war
15	All Members of General Synod
16	Prison Chaplains
17	Residents of the care homes in Maldon
18	Probation Officers
19	Police Community Support Officers
20	Chaplains to the emergency services
21 Sunday before Advent	
	The Mission and Ministry of Churches at home
22	Our Ministry Team as they prepare for Advent and the Christmas Season
23	Those who work in the emergency services
24	Those who live alone
25	General Practitioners and those who work in GP Surgeries
26	Charities working to provide shelter for the homeless
27	All present day hymn and worship song writers
28 Advent Sunday	Those recently ordained as Deacons
29	The Missionary work of the Church
30 St Andrew	Churches dedicated to St Andrew, and especially St Andrew's Heybridge



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Handbell Ringers	Susan Duke	01621 851623
Flower Group	Betty Smith	01621 854143
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Childrens Society	Elaine Brown	01621 850484
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Prayer Group		
Messy Church	Elaine Brown	01621 850484

To register your daughter's interest in joining either:
Rainbows, Brownies, Guides or Rangers
please visit www.girlguiding.org.uk
or call 0800 169 5901.

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Requests for Baptisms and Marriages should be made at the Parish Office situated in the Church - entrance via the main entrance door from the High Street - on 1st and 3rd Wed of the month between 7:00 and 8:00 pm



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