

ALL SAINTS' MALDON



PARISH NEWS

August 2022

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Sunday Services	8:00am Holy Communion (BCP 1662) 09:30 am Sung Parish Eucharist (except first Sunday of the month). 6:00 pm Evensong and Sermon second Sunday	
1st Sunday in the Month	09:30am Short all age stories songs and prayers. 6:00 pm Evensong at St	service of Mary's
3rd Sunday	6:00 pm Evensong at	All Saints Purleigh
JUNIOR CHURCH Sundays at 9:30am.in the D'Arcy Room in Church		
WEEKDAY SERVICES		
Evening	Morning Prayer is usually said in church at 8.30am on Monday - Friday. Prayer is usually said in church at 5.30pm on Monday - Thursday	
1st	Thursday	11:00am Holy
Cover Picture:	At the end of our Pentecost Service, we were invited to colour in the Pentecost Illustration on the back of the service sheet. This is the beautiful picture coloured by Helen Keeble	

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Editorial

My apologies if you managed to see last months magazine as some of last months content is repeated in this edition. Due to one of the Churchwardens objecting to some of the magazine content he had it removed from the website and the church. Therefore, as the July edition was sponsored by Adrienne and Richard in memory of Adrienne's parents I have repeated our thanks and also the article Adrienne wrote. I have also repeated the Parish Letter written by Noelle Taylor which introduced us to her and Paul her husband.

Peter Clark, editor.

Thanks to Our Sponsor

We are grateful to Adrienne and Richard Knight for sponsoring the magazine this month. Adrienne wrote to me saying:-

“Richard and I are sponsoring this edition of the Parish News in memory of my mum and dad – Margaret and George McIntyre. I know many of you remember them, as they would come to All Saints when they stayed with us in Maldon. They found the people of All Saints so warm and welcoming, and always felt at home here - like a second church family. Many of you often asked about them, and they also asked about you and wanted to know how people were getting on.

Mum and dad were married on St Swithin's Day, 1959 in St Swithin's Church Magherafelt, so it is lovely that this is the July edition.

Mum and dad both enjoyed reading the Parish News. Jean diligently posted a copy over to them each month for many years. Latterly, with mum on her own, I would post her a copy and despite her increasing struggles with dementia, she would enjoy at least the photos of a place and people they had both so loved.

Mum died in May and we have been very touched by the cards, prayers, kind words and support shown to us by this church family – which stretches quite widely we note! Thank you. Adrienne “

This was written for the July edition and is repeated here. Ed.



THE PARISH LETTER

How exciting to be asked to write an article for the All Saint's magazine!

I thought I'd take this opportunity to introduce myself and my husband Paul. We have been living fulltime in Maldon since the beginning of May when I retired from fulltime ministry in Chipping Ongar. We have had a home in Maldon for the last 16 years, settling finally in Tenterfield Road about 5 years ago. However, serving as a priest elsewhere has meant that we were only able to attend All Saints about 6 times a year so you could be pardoned for not recognising us!

Paul and I met when we were teenagers singing in the church choir in Old Harlow and we have sung together ever since, so it's perhaps not surprising that Paul has already joined the choir here. I will be somewhat less committed as I need to get reacquainted with sitting in the congregation.



Noelle and Paul

Paul originally hailed from Lancashire and I came from London but apart from 3 years in Cambridge where I trained as a nurse we have lived in Essex for the majority of our lives. Before I was ordained, we lived in Old Moulsham, Chelmsford for 25 years. We have 3 grownup children. 2 boys who are married with a boy each and a daughter who teaches in Harlow and is on a journey towards becoming a foster carer. Paul's working life has been as an accountant in the Construction Industry and before Ordination I was a Practise Nurse in one of the Surgeries in Chelmsford.

Over the years it has been a real joy being able to come and worship with you and I have been blessed as somehow the preaching and music always managed to speak to my deepest need. I have to say you too have been an inspiration to me. I know you have had a rough time over the years with vicars having to care for a very sick spouse or themselves being very ill and



yet you always managed to keep your faith and remain positive. In the light of your experiences, it must seem particularly hard to have Rev Asa go off sick and resign in the way he has needed to do.

But God really does work in mysterious ways and my experience is of a God who wastes nothing and who is able to work well with all the circumstances of our lives even the worst. Our thrifty God uses all the apparent rubbish of our lives to good effect too if we will but allow it.

It is so good being able to be with you full time now, and isn't God's timing interesting bringing us for such a time as this. I don't know when I will be given permission to officiate at All Saints but we are both excited to be able to share this next stage of our journey of faith with you all! All Saints already feels like home, thank you.

Noelle Taylor

The Archdeacon of Chelmsford, the Venerable Elizabeth Snowden, announces her retirement



The Venerable Elizabeth Snowden has announced her retirement after serving as the Archdeacon of Chelmsford since 2016.

Commenting on the announcement, Archdeacon Elizabeth said:

“I felt very privileged to sense a call and be appointed to serve in this diocese as an archdeacon. Despite the many challenges, I have valued the support, encouragement and friendship I have received.

“The last couple of years however, have been challenging for my family and I need to step back from my role in order to give them more support.

Archdeacon Elizabeth's farewell service to take place at Chelmsford Cathedral, Sunday 2 October, 5pm.



Church Warden's Chat

Well, here we are again! I seem to remember that during my previous spell as Churchwarden that when my turn came round to do the monthly chat, I was sometimes hard pressed for something to say. No such problem this time! Our Church, along with most other churches in the country, is undergoing enormous change, probably the biggest for hundreds of years. We seem to be keeping going and I think you are all to be congratulated.

We, like so many other churches have until now enjoyed the services of a full time Priest, and until recently a full time Curate as well. We have taken for granted that there will be a range of different services, and there would always be someone to lead them. Unfortunately, much as we would like it to be otherwise, this is no longer the case. For a variety of reasons we are faced with drastically reduced clergy numbers and are having to take action to streamline our services, and share resources with Heybridge and Langford. You will find that in future the 9.30 service on the third Sunday of the month will be a service of the word rather than Holy Communion. We will keep the 8.00 service as long as possible, but this will only be a communion service on the 1st and 3rd Sunday of the month

This pattern is not only necessary during the current period when we have no full time Priest available, and we are relying on a very small number of retired Priests to take communion services, but will have to continue when we do get a new Priest in order that he or she is not faced with an impossible workload on a Sunday

There may be times when services have to be cut or changed at short notice, but hopefully not too often. This coming August is a case in point. With so many people away or unavailable, on 1st Sunday I will probably have to lead a service of worship myself, which is a scary thought, and on the 4th Sunday there will be no 8.00 service but Adrienne will lead a service of the word at 9.30 for the combined congregations

I would like to pay tribute to the various clergy who are helping us at this time, with special mention for Father John Dickens, who's steady hand and brilliant preaching has literally been a Godsend. We look forward to Sept, when Revd. Noelle Taylor will be given her permission to officiate and has kindly offered to take one 8.00 and one 9.30 communion each month

Of course, in the fullness of time Jordan will also be involved with services throughout the Parishes so, all in all, the outlook is not at all bleak and I am sure there will be good times ahead.

Colin Brown, Churchwarden.



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“... and that lethal forehand on the tennis court!”

A Tribute to Margaret McIntyre, 1937 - 2022

Mum was born and grew up in Magherafelt, a small market town in Northern Ireland. Her father was a bank manager and her mother a teacher and organist and choir mistress at the church. Mum met George (my dad) through the church choir. Romance blossomed and they married in 1959. Dad worked for the Ulster Bank, mum trained as a primary school teacher. Initially they moved around Ireland as dad was posted to various branches, but eventually they settled in Ballymena where my two sisters and I were born, moving to the beautiful seaside town of Portstewart when I was a teenager. Dad changed his job a couple of times, working first for the large livestock market in Ballymena and then for a printing firm in Coleraine.



George and Margaret

For mum, there was only ever one vocation - teaching. She loved working with children, and had a particular ability to support those who struggled most in education. She had a special gift for helping kids learn through play; she had a huge sense of fun herself, so this was just an extension of that. And she got tremendous joy from their successes however small they seemed to others. Enjoying time with children was something which never left her and stood her in good stead with her grandchildren.

In sport she was exceptionally talented in tennis (still with that lethal forehand at 80), played hockey in college, became a swimming instructor, played badminton, took up squash in her 40's, bowling in her 60's. Her love of sport, games and the fun you could have went way beyond the formal: a table tennis net strung across the dining room table (you had to move the mini snooker table to play), a dartboard in the snug, swing ball in the yard, her father's old golf clubs for pitch and putt, and any assortment of bats, balls, body boards ready for a trip to the beach. A tiddlywink forever lost behind the fireplace was a testament to the numerous board games, card games and dice games she had ready to play with children and grandchildren. There was always time for a wee game of something. When I left her and George (her grandson that is) to do some gentle shopping in Chelmsford, after a trip to Waterstones for a few 'essential' books and a "wee cup of coffee" I learned that they'd found an outdoor table tennis and been playing each other, somewhat competitively, for the rest of the afternoon.

She was musical too. She sang in church choirs for more than 70 years (something she passed on to her daughters and granddaughters – the singing at her funeral was marvellous and we did her proud with the alto line in the front 3 rows in the church).



At school she played the piano for assemblies and music classes and found fun songs for kids to sing and move to. I can still sing a verse of “Do your ears hang low?”

And she was artistic; she could paint and draw, and was very gifted at crafts – knitting and sewing (she made a lot of our clothes when we were young). Later she learnt calligraphy, cross stitch, upholstery and many more craft skills.

Her talents were amazing but she also had attributes which made her such wonderful person- gentleness, kindness, patience, integrity, fun, good humour, generosity, love. She loved her family so much and that extended to anyone who was brought into the family – by marriage, birth or friendship. Everyone was wholeheartedly welcomed. She was never angry, rarely even cross. She reckoned that if you’d done something wrong, your own shame was likely to be punishment enough and she wouldn’t add more. If we broke something at home (or flooded the kitchen as I once did) her first question was “Is anyone hurt?” followed by “I’ll come and clear that up in a minute” and then when you were in tears of shame she would hug you and say “Sure, you didn’t do it on purpose”.

Mum had a deep lifelong faith. She was blessed with talents and she used them, not to make herself look better, but for others: to give them fun, joy, to help them learn, to make them laugh, to raise money, to add to the worship in church. I could go on, but as mum would say “I’ve done enough to pass myself” and besides, there is fun to be had out there, so enough of the typing. “How about a wee game of....”

God bless you mum,

Adrienne

This article is repeated from the July Edition.. Ed.



TEN to TEN RAMBLING GROUP

This month’s walk was a 6-mile circular walk starting from the Swan pub in Little Totham. The weather was perfect for walking, a lovely sunny day but not as hot as the day before.

Setting off across the Totham plains, we followed the public footpath through someone’s front garden and continued along farm tracks and across fields to Great Totham. Here there was a short section of road walking before taking the path alongside Forrester’s golf course. Coming to a small lane we followed this to Sheepcoates farm. Passing through the farmyard towards Little Totham church we saw a hare watching us from the adjacent wheat field. This was a repeat of the previous time we came this way when there was a whole family of hares in the same field.

Returning to the pub, we enjoyed a welcome drink and lunch.

Next month’s walk will be on Saturday 13th August and will be around Layer Marney. Everyone is welcome! For more details, please contact Sue Smith on 01621 854056. *Peter Holmes*



LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Dear Editor

I am concerned to find that in this day and age of Free Speech, someone has taken it upon themselves to censor what I or the congregation can read or not read. They have made decisions that affect the people of All Saint's by the removal of the July magazine from in the church and also removing this fantastic magazine from the website. We have the right for the Freedom of Speech; we do not need somebody deciding this for us. I have had members of the congregation asking where the July magazines are.

Several members have written to Bishop Guli with concerns about the situation at All Saint's and because she had so many letters of concern she replied to one or two personally, but then decided to send a letter to our Deputy Church Warden which was then placed in the magazine for people to read which now will not happen because of said removal of the Church Magazine.

I feel the Diocese of Chelmsford have been very short sighted in their perception when employing a "Curate" who has now moved into the Vicarage of All Saint's, but not have a Priest from our church to train him, instead the Revd. Julie Willmot will now have the pleasure of this.

When Canon Stephen Carter left All Saint's it was in very good working order with a good congregation, but now things that have now transpired, unfortunately the status quo has been removed, although Maldon is a growing community, numbers that attend our church on a regular basis is declining where they should be improving with the numbers of new residents moving into Maldon.

If you would like to read the July magazine, I am quite sure one of the wardens will be able to provide you with one, you can then see what all the fuss has been about.

Linda Anthony
"The Rottweiler"



Dear Editor,

I had hoped to pickup the latest copy of the Parish Magazine on Sunday from church, however there were none, I assumed there had been a delay in publishing.. However when I rang you I was extremely surprised to learn that a church warden had removed them all? Was he asked to do this by the Archdeacon, if not on whose authority? My late husband was a church warden and even during an interregnum, he had no authority (as far as I know) to withhold the Parish Magazine.

The Parish Magazine is even more important at the moment with the situation of no Vicar and is the main source of communication for our church.

*Regards,
Anne Newson.*

Hello Peter,

I hope you and Viv are managing to keep cool. I have heard from Alan Robinson, the late Helen Robinson's son, I thought this would be good to put in the magazine as Alan has asked that I let people know.

At the prom recently a bench has been installed in memory of Helen and Dennis (her late husband), it is down near the statue of Bryhtnoth. I will try and get a picture to you, but can't promise ! have to get it off my phone!

Keep cool ,
from Vicky Tropman.

**The Bench on the Prom
with a close-up of the
memorial plaque.**





James Bond, Liparus and Me.

Just recently Joan and I watched again a series of 'James Bond' films. One in particular was meaningful to us and it was called 'The Spy Who Loved Me'. The film was not much different from any other 'Bond' films except that for me it had one important feature. The theme of this film was that nuclear submarines from both Russia and from the West were disappearing without trace whilst at sea. The various Governments of the world of course could not solve the riddle of the disappearances and so eventually James Bond was called in. He, naturally, soon found out what was happening: the submarines were being lured to where a giant tanker was at sea and then they were swallowed up through the bow doors of the tanker into the huge empty oil tanks where they were taken over by the villain and his army of followers. Their plan was to get the nuclear submarines to attack countries such as the USA and the UK and lead them into thinking that it was Russia who had attacked them and so cause conflict at which time the 'bad guys' would take advantage and gain 'world domination'. This was the theme of many Bond films and of course, Commander Bond would always thwart such plans. So why was this film different for me than all the other such capers? The answer lies with the giant oil tanker used in the film. The tanker was named 'Liparus' and was a real ship which was loaned free of charge to the film company by Shell Tankers Ltd. My claim to fame was that I was responsible for the design and installation of the electrical equipment installed on the Liparus during the early 1970's. The vessel was built in Odense Steel Shipyard in Denmark and was completed in 1975. In the film, the vessel was supposed to be capable of carrying 1,000,000 tonnes of crude oil, but in fact Liparus was actually able to carry 315,000 Tonnes which still made it one of the largest vessels ever built, but a million tonner has never been built, the reason being that ships of this size cannot go to most ports in the world. The largest tankers ever built were able to carry around 500,000 tonnes of oil and it depends on their length, breadth and depth as to which claims to be the biggest ever. Shell had two such tankers built in St. Nazaire in France but they were relatively short lived due to their size restricting the places they could trade in. I did visit them in St. Nazaire but had no part in their design or building. Liparus was one of six identical vessels built by The Odense shipyard for Shell during the 1970's and I was fortunate enough to be able to travel to the shipyard about every four weeks over a three-year period for a one week visit. Once completed we then took the vessel to sea to carry out proving trials before the ship entered service. The six vessels were completed in 1975/1976 and were in service for my company for about eight or nine years before they were sold on to other smaller companies as they became less profitable. Insurance on such a vessel could be as much as thirty thousand pounds per week which was a lot of money at that time and even now. Odense has another claim to fame apart from building large ships, and that is the fact that Hans Christian Anderson the writer of such wonderful 'fairy tales' lived there. I always liked to visit the town as it had a sort of fairy tale feel about it with museums and shops always featuring 'H.C. Anderson' (as the Danes prefer to call him).



Apart from my personal involvement with 'Liparus' Joan also has a claim that she is very pleased about. During one of my visits to Odense, Joan accompanied me and was invited by the shipyard to visit the Liparus which was under construction. She toured around the vessel suitably clad in a boiler suit, hard hat, safety shoes, safety glasses and gloves, with a torch around her neck and she actually went into one of the five vast tanks which would carry the oil.

The vessels were so large that those officers responsible for loading and unloading cargo had bicycles to travel along the deck as walking backward and forward many times per day would have taken far too long and be very tiring, as the ship was over a quarter of a mile long. I believe that after about thirty years of service, having been sold by Shell to a Norwegian company after some eight years of service, the good ship Liparus was sent to China for scrap as it gets too costly to renew a lot of steel which would be needed for major repairs and renewal after such time. The Liparus had her moments of glory in the film but was only used for long shots as the film company said that the insurance was too expensive for it to be used for more than a few weeks. For close up work a mock-up of the cargo tanks was made at Pinewood studios and this was also huge as the interior of the dummy tanks could accommodate three life size models of the nuclear submarines of the day side by side. All Saints Church had a further involvement in the building of Liparus, as our friend John Almond in the early 1970's was working for Marconi who supplied much of the nautical and navigational equipment used on the vessel. John was the Marconi representative and was responsible for overseeing the installation and commissioning of all this equipment. John and I met during this time when we were building super-tankers and have been friends ever since.

All those years ago in Denmark, neither Joan, John nor I had any idea that we would one day be associated in some small way with a James Bond film, and certainly none of us ever got rich from it. But ah! The memories.....

Ken Downham

N.B.

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21st AUGUST



August Dates to Note

Maldon Carnival Day. Saturday 6th August.

We are planning to serve drinks and Hot Dogs/ Bacon Rolls , outside the Church between 11.00 am and 2pm.

We need help for this event for cooking and serving. Please speak to Colin Brown with offers of help.

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Sunday 14th August

Afternoon Tea in the D'Arcy Room, in Honour of Ken and Jean Russell, in recognition of their years of service while Ken was Verger of our Church.

Please put your name on the list at the back of church ,if you are planning to attend.

Please speak to Elaine Brown if you are able to help. Thank you.

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Summer Fete. Saturday 27th August..

We are holding our Fete this year in and around the Church, between 10.00am and 3.00pm. Help is needed if only for an hour or so.

We are asking everyone if they can donate one item for the Tombola Stall. eg. Packet of Biscuits, Shower Gel ,box of Tissues, Jar of Jam, Sweets etc.etc, all welcome. Please speak to Colin Brown or one of the Deputy Wardens if you are willing to help.

For a donation of £15 one can have their own table for selling their own items.

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Evensong at St Peter's on the Wall Bradwell 28th August.

Weather permitting, we propose to meet there at 4 o'clock for a Picnic and then join in the Service. If interested please put your name on the list at the back of the church. The Service starts at 6.00pm.



In the midst of this summer heat wave, please make sure these dates are in your diary for this years **ALL SAINTS CHRISTMAS TREE FESTIVAL**



Friday, Saturday, Sunday
9th, 10th, 11th December 2022

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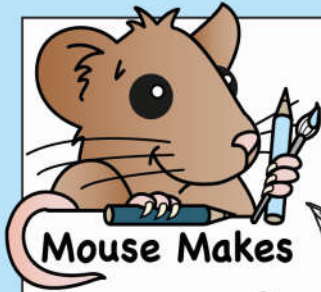
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What swallowed Jonah?
A big _____

How long was he there?
three _____ and
three _____
Jonah 1:17

JONAH'S JOURNEY

Which city did **God** tell **Jonah** to go to?

_____ and why?
Jonah 1:12



Where did Jonah try to go instead?

What did he travel in?

Jonah 1:3



What did God send to stop him?
A great _____

What did Jonah tell the **sailors** to do to make the sea **calm**?

_____ him into the **sea**
Jonah 1:4-16



What did Jonah do?

_____ then what did the fish do?
Jonah 2:1-10

DID YOU KNOW?

In Bible times wearing itchy sackcloth made from goat's hair was a sign of grief and repentance



When Jonah reached Nineveh he proclaimed God's **message**... the city would be overthrown in _____ days
Jonah 2:1-10

What did the people do?
F _____
What did they put on?

Jonah 3:1-9

What did God do?

R _____
Jonah 3:10

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Bible Bite

A short story from the Bible

It can be read in the Bible in Genesis chapter 6:9 to 9:17.

Everywhere God looked, people were hurting others, fighting, lying, cheating and stealing. Only Noah was good.

I'm going to send a flood to get rid of the bad people

You must build a big life raft

So Noah built the life raft to God's plan - a huge box with a roof and a door

He got the animals ready to go on board with all their food.

All the animals, all the food and all Noah's family were packed on board... ..and God closed the door.

The rain began to fall for 40 days and nights

but the life raft floated.

The flood continued for 150 days then began to go down

The life raft grounded near Mount Ararat

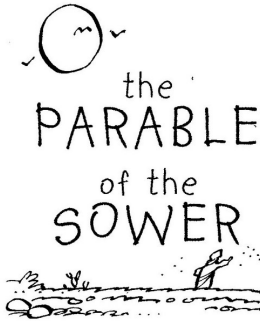
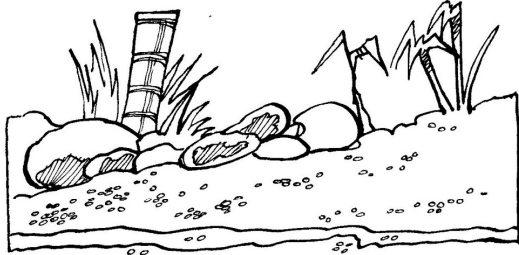
Noah sent a raven to look for dry land, but it came back so he sent a dove to look.

The second time it came back with a leaf. Trees are growing again - we can get out!

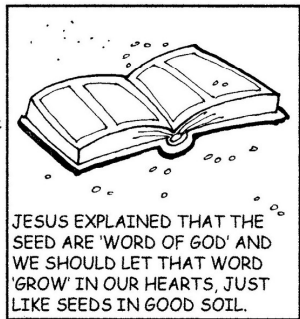
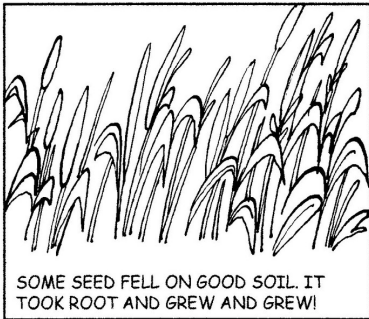
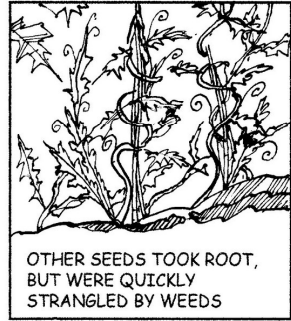
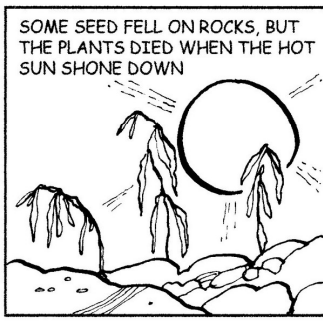
I am your God and you are My people.



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THE FARMER HOPED THEY WOULD TAKE ROOT JUST WHERE THEY LANDED





HOLY DAYS

28th August Augustine of Hippo, the Christian for all seasons

After St Paul, who was the most influential Christian writer ever? St Augustine of Hippo (354 – 430), whose feast-day is on 28th August. He lived and wrote in a time of social and spiritual chaos. The Roman Empire was collapsing, the world was about to slide into the dark ages and the Church was under serious threat from both heresies within and paganism without.

What St Augustine wrote at this time helped the Church both to avoid perversions of Christianity, and to stand strong and unafraid amongst the violent tumult of the times. His writings held sway over Christianity for the next 15 centuries or so, and still influence us heavily today.

Augustine was born at Tagaste, in modern Algeria. His father was a pagan, but his mother, Monica, was a Christian. After studying rhetoric at Carthage to become a lawyer, Augustine instead became a scholar-philosopher. He abandoned Christianity for Manichaeism, and lived with a mistress for 15 years. He moved to Rome and then Milan to teach rhetoric, but slowly grew disenchanted with Manichaeism.

After a long interior conflict, vividly described in his ‘Confessions’, Augustine was converted and baptised a Christian in 386-7. He returned to Africa in 388, and joined some friends in establishing a quasi-monastic life. He was ordained priest in 391, and four years later became coadjutor-bishop of Hippo. From 396 until his death in 430 he ruled the diocese alone.

Augustine had a brilliant mind, an ardent temperament and a gift for mystical insights. Soon his understanding of the Christian Revelation was pouring forth in his many voluminous writings.

So what did he write? Most famous is ‘The Confessions’, the sermons on the Gospel and Epistle of John, the De Trinitate and the De Civitate Dei. This last, ‘The City of God’, tackles the opposition between Christianity and the ‘world’ and represents the first Christian philosophy of history.

Many other works were undertaken in his efforts to tackle various heresies: Manichaeism, Pelagianism, or Donatism, and led to the development of his thought on Creation, Grace, the Sacraments and the Church.

Augustine’s massive influence on Christianity has mainly been for the good. Few others have written with such depth on love, the Holy Trinity and the Psalms. (The preamble to the marriage service in the BCP is closely based on Augustine.) But his views on Predestination and some of his views on sex (that it is the channel for the transmission of Original Sin) have since been mainly ignored by the Church.

As bishop, Augustine fearlessly upheld order as the Roman Empire disintegrated around him. By the time of his death, the Vandals were at the very gates of Hippo.

Taken from the Parish Pump Website



REFLECTED FAITH SERIES: "THE AWESOMENESS OF GOD" BY JO WHITE

Church buildings come in all shapes and sizes, and yet they can all be traced back to one of three basic designs.

They all have a Sanctuary which is the main altar or table area, and a Nave where the people stand or today, more usually sit. (We thought about the nave last month.) The simplest plan will have just these two areas.

The next would have a Chancel which is an area between the nave and the sanctuary, often marked by a step or a wooden screen and most often where the choir sits.

The third basic plan is the shape of a cross – cruciform. These churches often have a tower where the four arms meet, rather than it being at one end. Church plans grew and changed when new worship styles were introduced; e.g. if you want to do processions you will need some space for them, and so aisles were brought about.

Every part of the building reflects something of the faith and thinking about God and the practicalities of worshipping Him.

This month

If you can, have a look around the inside of a church building near you. What shape is it?

In particular go up close to the sanctuary. In a Church of England building this area is likely to be grander, more highly decorated and even carpeted! The only people ‘allowed’ into this area are those directly involved in ‘celebrating’ the Communion or Eucharist.

This remembrance or celebration of Christ’s body and blood taking place here makes it the most ‘holy part’ of the church: hence the area is separated from the chancel by a step or an altar rail to alert everyone that this is ‘holy ground’.

Many years ago, when I was part of a church visit to India, I had the privilege of preaching – translated by the Bishop! – and was invited to act as his deacon in the sanctuary. As such we were the only two people in the building who removed our shoes on entering the building.

What does this space say to you about how awesome God is?

Taken from the Parish Pump Website



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 Lest

My dear Nephew Darren,

Your offer to bring in your team of church members, in order to make a house call on every home in our parish, was most generous. I do understand why you would need us to accommodate your team of 25 visitors, and then hold a residential training weekend for our own members of the team. I accept that we would have to produce a visiting pack listing all our church organisations, giving contact names and numbers and a short resume of what each group did, along with our mission statement and safeguarding policy. I also understand your suggestion that we include a supplement outlining our stewardship scheme.

Your plan that we should then hold an opening Service to which all the newcomers would be invited, and to which we might fly in a world-renowned speaker for the occasion, is understandable. And then of course we would need your help to set up a finance committee with budgets and organised fund raising. But what you seem to have missed is that our entire parish consists of something like 70 homes. They would not feel visited, but invaded.

Instead, I feel it would be best if we attempt something a little more low-key: an invitation to sherry after Mattins, perhaps, where we could find out which of them plays golf and who may like to join the Bridge Club. Gradually, as the sherry flowed, we would also seek to discover who would be prepared to go on the brass cleaning, flower arranging and grass cutting rotas, which are the traditionally recognised signs of committed Christians, at least in this parish.

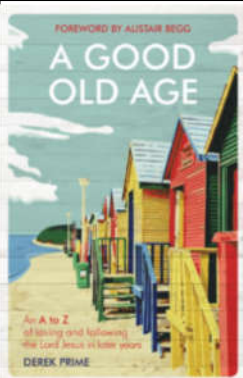
Inevitably, this means that none of our church members will be joining your team as you visit the residents of the new tower block in your parish. Most of our congregation abandoned attempting stairs some years ago and their polite enquiries about which Hunt the residents belong to, and where they stable their horses may lead to a rather stilted conversation.

You are, of course, all prepared to welcome your new residents with enthusiasm, excitement, and frenetic activity; our policy of polite



indifference and brief conversations about the weather should soon help ours to settle in in no time.

Your loving uncle,
Eustace



Book Reviews

A Good Old Age – an A to Z of Loving and Following the Lord Jesus in Later Years. By Derek Prime, 10Publishing, £5.99

Old age is often associated with grumpiness, aches and pains, loneliness, and isolation. Pastor and Bible teacher, Derek Prime shows us that there is another way to view old age. He guides us through 26 Christian priorities that we should hold to in later life. With biblical wisdom and practical advice, he helps us to navigate the unique challenges and joys that old age can bring. This is a book to dip into, meditate on and read prayerfully as you let the truths it contains gently transform the way you live your old age.

Taken from the Parish Pump Website.

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Saturday 10th September 2022

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*Weeks after the Pet's Service, nobody
had claimed the monkey*

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Labels

As part of the admission procedure in the hospital where I work, I ask the patients if they are allergic to anything. If they are, I print it on an allergy band placed on the patient's wrists.

Once when I asked an elderly woman if she had any allergies, she said she couldn't eat bananas. Imagine my surprise when several hours later a very irate son came out to the nurses' station demanding, "Who's responsible for labelling my mother 'bananas'?"

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What will be the global impact of the war in Ukraine?

Find out the impact of the Russia/Ukraine war on the global economy, soaring food and energy prices and poverty around the world.

Over the past month, we have all seen the horrifying scenes coming out of Ukraine, playing out daily across the news and social media. From entire communities shelled to rubble in Mariupol, to the millions of refugees searching for safety, these stories have been shocking and stirring.

An issue we may not yet have reckoned with, though, is the wider impact of the Russia/Ukraine war across the world: the shockwaves it will send in an already-challenging global context.

It's an inconvenient truth: more than a quarter of the world's wheat exports come from Russia and Ukraine. Together, Ukraine and Russia are major exporters of cereals that are crucial for food security globally.

So this coming planting season, the major disruptions to harvests and exports in Ukraine (known as "the breadbasket of the world") won't just affect Ukrainians. They'll affect much of the world.

The Russian blockade of Ukrainian exports through the Black Sea, and the Ukrainian government's decision to stop exporting its staple foods to prioritise feeding its own population, are fuelling much of the crisis.

The impact of the war on the world's poorest countries

Make no mistake, the pain this is likely to cause in countries like the UK is severe. But it will disproportionately affect those already experiencing a humanitarian crisis.

Half of the grains distributed by the World Food Programme (WFP) through its food support programmes come from Ukraine and Russia. African and Middle Eastern countries in particular are major trading partners with Russia and Ukraine for supplies of wheat, sunflower oil and fertiliser.

All of this worsens what is already a growing crisis in the Horn of Africa, where people are currently being pushed to the brink of survival.

The full article by Mike Noyes Head of Humanitarian Response at Action Aid can be read on their website www.actionaid.org.uk.



Could YOU be a *Bloodrunner*?



The Essex Voluntary Blood Service –
or Essex Bloodrunners for short, is a charity
providing medical courier services
to the NHS and our local Air Ambulances.
We are one of 30 such organisations in the UK.



From the NHS Blood Bank at Basildon, our unpaid volunteers deliver blood and blood products to A&E Hospitals in Essex and East London; deliver samples for analysis to a NHS Lab in North London, and via Princess Alexandra Hospital in Harlow, supply blood to the Air Ambulances at Earls Colne and North Weald every night. Amongst many other tasks we also courier breast milk from donors to the Hearts Milk Bank and Addenbrooke's Hospital.

We operate every weekday night, and day and night shifts at weekends and Bank Holidays. Our enhanced support to Hospitals during the Covid-19 pandemic has also introduced a weekday daytime shift. We now need more members. You choose in advance the days and shifts you work. We are looking for reliable and responsible men and women from all backgrounds, employed or retired, with a motorcycle, car or van, a mobile phone and internet access. You will receive training, documentation, full support and a hi-viz uniform jacket.

You will work alone on a delivery run with a typical round-trip distance from home of between 60 and possibly over 120 miles, and be the face of Essex Bloodrunners to the public and NHS staff. The work is not glamorous; can be tiring; you may work unsocial hours in all weathers and you will add thousands of miles to your vehicle. You are unpaid and cover all your own expenses... so not much going for it really!

However, rather like being a First Aider or Blood Donor, this is one of the very few ways that an ordinary member of the public can help **SAVE A LIFE**.

Most of you reading this piece will think "sounds good, but not for me", which we quite understand, but just one of you may wish to enquire further. If so, see our website at:

EssexVoluntaryBloodService.com

AND THANK YOU FOR YOUR KIND ATTENTION



25 YEARS SINCE THE DEATH OF PRINCESS DIANA



Photo by John Mathew Smith & www.celebrity-photos.com

Just 25 years ago, on 31st August 1997, Diana, Princess of Wales, her close companion Dodi Fayed and their driver, Henri Paul, died after a car crash in the Place de l'Alma underpass in Paris.

Fayed and Paul died instantly, but Princess Diana survived for nearly five hours. She was conscious shortly after the crash, and was reported by a firefighter to have said: "My God, what has happened?" She then lost consciousness and was taken to hospital, where she died from internal bleeding after a two-hour operation, having suffered concussion, a broken arm, a cut thigh and massive chest injuries.

The group had left the rear entrance of the Ritz Hotel in a Mercedes limousine and took a circuitous route to shake off paparazzi. They were less than two miles from the hotel when they crashed. The Princess's bodyguard, Trevor Rees-Jones, survived. Diana was sitting in the back seat but not wearing a seatbelt.

The Princess had fitted in well initially with the Royal Family and, according to biographer Andrew Morton, had a "profound sense of destiny". She was raised in the Anglican tradition but seemed to dislike its formality, though her "strong faith" was demonstrated in her many heartfelt actions for others. She was, however, an "unorthodox believer" who also visited astrologers, psychics and new-age thinkers.

The 'people's Princess' was hugely popular with the public, who reacted to her death with an unprecedented outpouring of grief. It was calculated that some 60 million flowers, as well as ten to 15 tons of bouquets, were left in her honour around London, together with candles, flags, photographs, stuffed animals and personal notes. She was 36 when she died.

Taken from the Parish Pump Website



MEN'S BREAKFAST

Men's Breakfast has resumed.
We next meet on **Monday 11th August 9am** at the Rose and Crown (Wetherspoon's) in the High Street. We meet on every 2nd Monday of the month at the same venue.
See you there.

Dates for Your Diary

Please see pages 14 and 15.

From the Registers



Funerals.

7th July **Edna May Hall** of Washington Road aged 87 years
15th July **Dorothy May Surridge** of the Lodge Care Home
aged 97 years
26th July **Jane Cusick** of Heybridge Basin aged 53 years
27th July **Marie Stearn** aged 80 of Shakespeare Drive Maldon

Wedding

8th July **Rosina Farmer and Aaron Clarke** of Bradwell



Prayer Diary

August 2022

1	Peace in Ukraine
2	Victims of drought and famine
3	Workers in the hospitality sector
4	People facing difficult decisions
5	The work of Farleigh Hospice
6 Transfiguration of our Lord	Those in Residential Care
7 Trinity 8	Prison Chaplains
8	Those living with chronic pain
9	All members of The Mothers' Union
10	All Nurses
11	All Health service workers
12	Those who manage and support Food Banks
13	Those who are mentally ill
14 Trinity 9	All Clergy leading Services today
15 The Blessed Virgin Mary	Churches dedicated to St Mary
16	Those who worship at St Mary's Church, Maldon
17	Revd Asa Humphreys and his family
18	Students receiving Examination Results today
19	Students seeking University placement
20	Members of The Salvation Army
21 Trinity 10	All Authorised Local Preachers in the Diocese
22	Churches in our Mission and Ministry Unit
23	The Nurses' Christian Fellowship
24 St Bartholomew	Churches dedicated to St Bartholomew
25	Students receiving Examination Results today
26	St Bartholomew's Hospital in London
27	The work of MIND
28 Trinity 11	All retired Clergy
29	Visitors to our Town today
30	Work of the Citizens Advice Bureau
31	Those seeking employment

**ACTIVITIES**

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Tower Bell Ringers	Peter Chignell	01376 571170
	Dennis Johnson	01621 842410
Handbell Ringers	Derek Hall	01621 741690
Flower Group	Betty Smith	01621 854143
Bible Society	Joan Downham	01621854655
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	1stmaldonallsaintsscoutgroup@gmail.com	
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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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