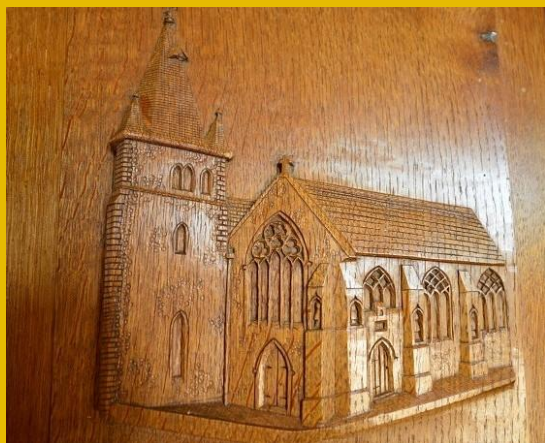


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PARISH NEWS

March 2018

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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). 4:00 pm Evensong and Sermon second and third Sundays of the month
1st Sunday in the Month	10:00am Short all age service of stories songs and prayers. 11:15am Parish Eucharist (CW) 6:00 pm Evensong at St Mary's
Last Sunday	6:30 pm Prayer and Praise Service

JUNIOR CHURCH

Each Sunday at 10:00am.in the D'Arcy Room in Church
4th Sunday Freedom Footsteps in the Vicarage

WEEKDAY SERVICES

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

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

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

Cover Photos: These are photos by Mike Ovenden of objects within the church. Do you know where they are?



FROM THE VICARAGE

THE LENTEN FAST

I am writing this just a few days before Lent begins, whilst looking forward to going to Bruges with the family for a long weekend, and returning on Shrove Tuesday. A few days of sampling the renowned Belgian beers, chocolate and other delights, should set us up nicely for the rigours of Lent.

But if I am honest, I know that my keeping of Lent will be anything but rigorous. The only time I have kept a Lent of real abstinence was totally involuntary: in 2012, following my surgery, when I was being peg fed for several months! I can't describe how wonderful it was to be able to eat again! By the time the magazine has been published, we will have all decided what are we doing (if anything) for Lent. Some of us will have decided to give up biscuits, chocolate, or even booze. Lent is, of course, a good opportunity to shed a few pounds. Many Christians reject the whole idea of fasting altogether, and prefer to do something more "useful" in Lent.

I do wonder if perhaps we have lost something in rejecting the traditional practice of the Lenten fast? The purpose of fasting in Lent was never purely practical: much more than a way of losing weight. The Church in her wisdom, acquired through the centuries, concluded that there are spiritual benefits to fasting. At times of national or personal crisis, Christians have observed days of "prayer and fasting". The Book of Common Prayer provides for every Friday of the year to be a day of abstinence, to commemorate the Lord's Passion. The Eastern Orthodox Churches have the most disciplined approach: with no meat and dairy products during Lent, and some days of total abstinence from food.

When, a couple of years ago, we shared a dialogue with local Muslims in Lent, I was struck by the seriousness with which they practice fasting in Ramadan. From sunrise to sunset there is total abstinence from food and



drink. For most of us, that seems a but "over the top". They think that we Christian just play at fasting.

We forget that Advent is also meant to be a penitential season. But with Christmas celebrations beginning at the beginning of December (or even earlier) the whole month leading up to Christmas is, for many of us, a time of over-indulgence. Perhaps the whole point of fasting is to provide some rhythm and contrast in our spiritual lives. Feasting is preceded by fasting.

If all our life is an unrestrained cycle of feasting and self indulgence, what distinguishes the times of real celebration and makes them special?

Perhaps you can only fully appreciate your Easter wine and chocolate, when you have been deprived of them for the weeks of Lent!

Stephen

MOTHERING SUNDAY – 4TH SUNDAY IN LENT

There is an old Jewish saying: God could not be everywhere, and therefore He made mothers.

Mother Church, Mother Earth, Mother of the Gods - our human mothers - all of them have been part of the celebration of 'Mothering Sunday' - as the fourth Sunday in Lent is affectionately known. It has been celebrated in the UK since at least the 16th century.

In Roman times, great festivals were held every Spring to honour Cybele, Mother of all the Gods. Other pagan festivals in honour of Mother Earth were also celebrated. With the arrival of Christianity, the festival became one honouring Mother Church.

During the Middle Ages, young people apprenticed to craftsmen or working as 'live-in' servants were allowed only one holiday a year on which to visit their families - which is how 'Mothering Sunday' got its name. This special day became a day of family rejoicing, and the Lenten fast was broken. In some places the day was called Simnel Day, because of the sweet cakes called simnel cakes traditionally eaten on that day.

In recent years the holiday has changed and in many ways now resembles the American Mothers' Day, with families going out to Sunday lunch and generally making a fuss of their mother on the day.

Taken from the Parish Pump Website

REV JULIE WILLMOT

Please note that Julie has changed her website address, it is now:-
revjuliewillmot@gmail.com



Milestones!

Dear All

‘Milestone’ Birthdays when we are young are always great fun. Of my seven grandchildren one is 21, two are 18 and two are 16 this year. Great will be the celebrations. ‘Milestone’ birthdays as we get older are not appreciated quite as much, unless family and friends are around to make the occasion special. It was my good fortune to experience this on my 80th birthday. It made me realise what a privilege it is to belong to the Church family at All Saints’. All I can say is thank you for the warm wishes, the cards, and the exceptionally generous Birthday gift.

Jackie and I both agree that Maldon is a great place to live and realise how fortunate we were to find it when we retired from Herefordshire fifteen years ago. Since then we have met many interesting people and have made some much loved friends. The Church family was very welcoming from the start and has continued to be very supportive since. We have especially appreciated the concern and prayers that there have been for our daughter Caroline and her sufferings with Lupus. Your support has been more than ever valued by her and us, particularly during her recent serious operation at Guys Hospital.

So thank you everyone for everything and here’s to the next 15 years!

Paul

CANON DAVID AND WIN HILL

David and Win are remembered with great affection at All Saints. Through the years their lives have touched countless people in the parishes where they served. We were blessed to have them in their retirement years here in Maldon. They are to be commemorated in All Saints with a bookcase, to house the parish library, which has been given in their memory by their family.

It has been made by Tony Smith, who of course made the beautiful nave altar and credence table. It will be dedicated at the Easter Vigil on Easter Eve, Saturday March 31st at 8.00pm. This will be followed by refreshments in the D’Arcy Room.

Stephen

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Scared

Some people are scared of church like they are scared of helicopters – they are frightened of being sucked into the rotas.

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'SHORELINE 5'

All Saints' Church

Wednesday 21st March, 8.00pm

Friday 23rd March, 8.00pm

Shoreline 5 is a modern Mystery Play, set in three alternate dimensions. The name represents an isolated island beach, the final 'safe haven' from radiation following an encroaching nuclear holocaust. This is where a small group of survivors find themselves, under the care of a guardian. The guardian has been placed there by God ('Central Command' of the spiritual dimension) to shepherd these rescued souls.

The opposing dimension to Shoreline 5 is that of the One World Government, the secular powers of destruction known as the Illuminati. They deliberately distort and manipulate dark energies ('powers and principalities') in order to provoke a final conflict which will bring about total annihilation. They even enlist a distorted presentation of the gospel to further their ends.

Most poignant of all are two central figures in the drama, Planet Earth (Gaia) and Josh (Jesus). Their stories link to our own feelings of helplessness about the inexorable forces in charge of our world, and which so often appear to gain the victory over us.

Canon Graham, Director

List of Characters

Narrator A

Narrator B

Central Command

Archangel Raphael ('Rafe'/God's P.A.)

God (Chief Executive Officer)

Gaia (Planet Earth/God's daughter)

Shoreline 5: The Island

Jasper Rosenberg (The Guardian)

Mother Lavinia Harding (a Nun)

Donnie MacFarlane (Holidaymaker)

Marnie (his Wife)

Christian Fairbrother (The Sentinel/
former Waiter)

One World Government – Illuminati

Dagon Powers (World President/
Media Mogul)

Selina Wall (Director of Global Finance)

Jake [Lucifer] (Chief Strategist/
Dana's Agent)

Josh [Jesus] (Data Analyst/
Infiltrator)

Dana Evangelista (Prosperity Gospel
Preacher)

Janie-Lee (Dana's Assistant)

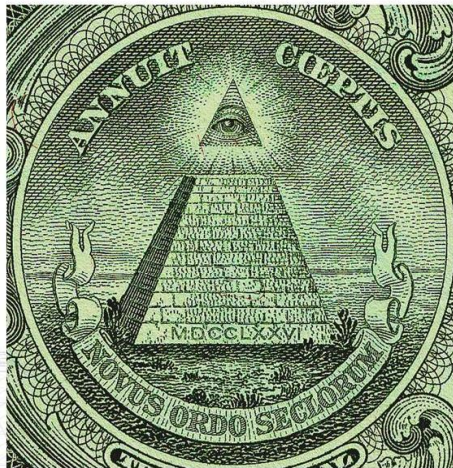
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PREJUDICE - WHAT JESUS TAUGHT

Last month the Open The Book team performed the Bible Story of the Good Samaritan to the Key Stage One children ("Infants" in the "old days"). We were few in number, so David Presswell played all three travellers (with some nifty changes of costume) coming across the man left for dead by robbers on the dangerous road from Jerusalem to Jericho.

You may remember that first a priest, and second a religious Levite, walked by on the other side. It was the Samaritan, from a people shunned and despised by the Jews, who not only stopped and tended to the injured man, but also helped him to the shelter of an inn, and paid the innkeeper for his care. Luke's Gospel records in Chapter 10 that Jesus told this story after a lawyer asked Him what he had to do to inherit eternal life. Jesus asked the man what the scriptures said, and when he answered "Love God and love your neighbour", Jesus said "You have answered right, do this and you will live". The Gospel then tells that the lawyer "sought to justify himself" by asking "And who is my neighbour?"

At the end of the story, and of our Open the Book presentation, Jesus asks the lawyer which of the three men proved to be a neighbour to the man who fell among robbers. The lawyer answers "The one who showed mercy on him." It is almost as if he cannot bring himself to say the word Samaritan, so strong is his prejudice against "those people".

The Lion Storyteller Bible, which is our script for Open The Book, has Jesus then telling the lawyer "That's right. Because my neighbour is anyone who needs my help. Now go and help your neighbour too." I found this a very powerful model of how God wants us to live. In this context the Muslim taxi-drivers of Manchester who gave free rides home to the traumatised attendees of the Ariana Grande concert attack were definitely Good Samaritans.

I would like to comment on Geoff Dickman's mention of Syria in his contribution about the persecution of Christians in last month's magazine. Surely the leaders "depriving its citizens of a reasonable standard of life" are the Syrian President, Bashar al-Assad and the Russian Vladimir Putin, since bombing hospitals must certainly count as depriving citizens in a particularly cruel way. Religious persecution is taking place in Myanmar (Burma) too, where the Rohingya Muslim people are being driven out by Buddhists in an "ethnic cleansing" way. None of this is what God wants.

We all must strive to be channels of His love and close the door to discrimination against those who are different from us, whether by race, creed, sexual orientation or any other cause we might individually have to label others as "those people". To love people will mean getting to know them, because prejudice is fed by ignorance. The word has the same root as prejudging, and none of us are in any position to judge others. So, in the traditional translation of Luke 10, "go and do likewise".



P.S.

I took a photograph, with permission from the Headmistress, in the Foyer at Wentworth Primary School in Maldon yesterday, after we performed "Open The Book".

It is a poster made up of work which the School has been doing on why people move from one country to another.

One of the staff came to England from Canada because there were not enough teaching jobs in the part of Canada where she lived, and also she thought it would be interesting to live in another country.

The poster particularly highlights the plight of Refugees, both now and also going back into history, such as the Pilgrim Fathers fleeing England for America, and the Jews escaping from Nazism in World War Two.

The pupils have shown that they understand that anyone could become a Refugee, and that they have compassion for their situation. The contribution that really struck me was "You do not have to be a Muslim to be a terrorist. There are terrorists in Africa and America and lots of places. It doesn't matter what colour you are."

Sue Frederick.

Sue did send me a copy of her photograph but unfortunately the content was not clear enough to print in this magazine. If you are interested I'm sure Sue will show you her photo. Ed



RAMBLING GROUP

(Ten to Ten)

Saturday walk February 10th

This February walk involved about a dozen hardy souls walking from and to Tolleshunt Knights via Tolleshunt D'Arcy. It included Anita, Brenda and me from All Saints. Fortunately it rained very little, but one ploughed field was especially unpleasant and normal footpaths weren't much better.

We met a few nuns from the Monastery of St. John the Baptist at Tolleshunt Knights and probably an Archimandrite - a priest? Apparently there are about 40 residents at the Monastery.

Leaving Tolleshunt Knights, we crossed the cutting that carried the former Kelvedon/Tollesbury railway line that closed in 1951; 5th May to be precise.

The next walk will take place on Saturday 10th March and will include a walk around Wickham Bishops and Great Totham to be led by Brian Wainwright, when hopefully conditions will be a little better.

Geoff Dickman.



JOHN DORISLAUS 1628(?)–1632

The memorial plaque on the wall in the disabled toilet is to John Dorislaus who died in Maldon in 1632. He was the son of Isaac Dorislaus (1595–1649) of Alkmaar, Holland and Elisabeth Dorislaus nee Pope (?–1634?) of Maldon. They were married by 1622 and for a time resided with Isaac's father in Leiden before coming to Maldon in about 1627. Several family members are recorded in All Saints parish registers under the name of Dorsley, an Anglicization of Dorislaus, including the deaths of John and his mother Elisabeth.

The memorial to John Dorislaus is heavily weathered and not very legible. The wall in which it is inserted dates from 1728 and when it was inserted it would have been external and exposed to the elements, but it must be remembered that it would have been nearly 100 years old when it was placed in its present position. It is not known where in the church it had been placed previously.

In 1627 Isaac Dorislaus (hereafter Dorislaus), who held the degree of Doctor of Law from Leiden University was appointed to the history lectureship in Cambridge University. He moved to Cambridge in the October and, lacking accommodation there, his family settled with his father-in-law in Maldon while he became the houseguest of Samuel Ward, master of Sidney Sussex college.

Dorislaus gave just two lectures on Tacitus's *Annals* before he was silenced by Matthew Wren, master of Peterhouse, who suspected him of teaching republicanism. Other Cambridge heads declined to oppose Dorislaus and the matter was placed before the King who prohibited him from lecturing again.

Dorislaus returned to Maldon where he took up legal advocacy and eventually, as a supporter of Parliament, became an advocate of the army during the civil wars against the king, Charles I. Eventually the king was captured by Parliament and put on trial for treason. In 1649 the commissioners for the trial of Charles I appointed him one of the counsel for the prosecution. He helped to draw up the charge of high treason, in terms which derive from his Cambridge lectures. He did not speak during the trial but said he would have, if Charles had acknowledged the court and answered the charge. This Charles did not do.

After Charles' execution, Dorislaus went to The Hague, on a mission for Parliament. On 2nd May 1649, a group loyal to the crown, led by Walter Whitford, entered his inn and he was stabbed to death. The assassins were never brought to justice. His body was brought back to London and laid in state. After an elaborate funeral paid for by Parliament, he was buried in Westminster Abbey but his body was re-interred in St Margaret's Westminster after the Restoration of Charles II.

Isaac Dorislaus, John's father, was survived by two daughters, Elizabeth and Margaret and a son, also Isaac (d. 1688). He became a translator and intelligence agent for Parliament.

R.A.Doe /13.1.18



PIANO and VIOLIN RECITAL



by
RICHARD BARNES
And
MARK HARTT-PALMER
Friday 13th April

Following their much-enjoyed recital a year ago, Mark Hartt-Palmer (violin) and Richard Barnes (piano/organ) are returning to give another recital on Friday 13th April.

They have chosen this time three main works not perhaps that well known, but highly enjoyable none the less. These comprise a Suite of Dances by Richard Jones (friend of Handel and leader of the Drury Lane Theatre orchestra), Mozart's Sonata in A (K 305), a wonderfully fresh piece - perfect for Spring, and a Sonata by Brahms's only pupil Gustav Jenner - a richly romantic work and an outpouring of melody from start to finish. Between these they will play some better-known shorter pieces (which some might call potboilers!).

Admission will be £10.00 and the ticket price will include interval refreshments. All proceeds will go to church funds. Put the date in your diaries now!

CHANGE IN PATTERN OF WORSHIP FOR APRIL

Because Easter falls on the First Sunday of the month, there will be a change from our usual pattern. The 10.00am service on Easter Day, April 1st, will NOT be worship for all, but Easter Eucharist (There will be NO 11.15am service) There WILL be Evensong on Easter Day at 6.30pm. The usual pattern for the first Sunday will be a week later (April 8th) with Worship for All at 10.00am, said Eucharist at 11.15am and 6.00pm Evensong at St Mary's. Please consult the Diary for full details.



Deputy Warden's Waffle

Unlike my fellow Deputy Warden, I am not soaking up the sun in Tenerife, as I write this month's Waffle! No, I am in chilly old Maldon; however as I walked home from the 10am church service it was really most pleasant., the sky was bright blue, and the first rays of Spring sunshine were making it feel quite warm. I am even thinking I might spend a little time in the garden later, as the promised little green shoots are really springing up all over the place now.

We are now, of course, in the season of Lent, having had our Ash Wednesday service, an event I always find very significant; and it really helps to channel my thoughts in the right direction. This year due to being unwell I had to miss it, and was particularly upset as it was the first time Rev. Julie had led this service, and I wanted to be there to support her. Also Penny Sayer was preaching, and I personally find Penny always interesting to listen to.

No doubt many, if not all of us, have recently over heard some distinctly 'odd' snippets of conversations going on in church; talking about things you would not expect to hear such and such a person say,! Example :

"do you think he would prefer me in a skirt, or tight trousers?"

"Well I am going to cheat!"

"Oh I hope I don't forget God's sherry "

"I'm off to feed the great unwashed!"

Yes, the pace is really hotting up now as the Passion Play/modern mystery play **Shoreline 5** draws nearer and nearer.

I know not everyone is directly involved with this undertaking, but actually that is not quite correct, because we **ALL** are, as we **ALL** prepare for the greatest event in our Christian calendar. The death and resurrection of Jesus Christ. How ever this most amazing and awe inspiring sacrifice is portrayed, be it theatre, or film, music or deeply moving church services, we **ALL** share in the experience of redemption and new beginning.

Along with the theatrical performances of this year, to prepare for Lent we have a series of Lent talks on the subject of prayer, each being lead by a different speaker, and it will be interesting to hear different approaches to prayer.

Some of us will have given something up for Lent, or try to do something a bit different. Pray more, read the Bible more, help others more. However we individually prepare ourselves during Lent, we all are waiting for the joy of Easter Day. Eggs, bonnets, bunnies, and sharing the most important news we will ever hear----Christ is risen from the dead.

Vicky Tropman, Deputy Churchwarden

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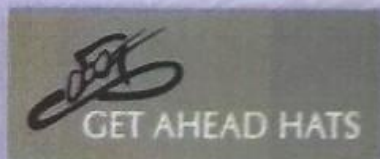


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1st Mar	Thursday St David Patron of Wales 11:00 am Holy Communion (BCP 1662)
4th Mar	3rd Sunday of Lent 8:00 am Holy Communion (BCP 1662) In Church. 10:00 am Lent Worship for All 11:15 am The Eucharist Said 6:00 pm Evening Prayer at St Mary's
5th Mar	Monday 7:00 pm Holy Communion
8th Mar	Thursday 11:00 am Holy Communion (BCP 1662)
11th Mar	4th Sunday of Lent Mothering Sunday 8:00 am Holy Communion (BCP 1662) 10:00 am All Age Eucharist with Blessing of Posies 4:00 pm Evensong and Sermon
12th Mar	Monday 11:00 am Holy Communion at Hailey House
15th Mar	Thursday 11:00 am Holy Communion (BCP 1662)
17th Mar	Saturday St Patrick Patron of Ireland
18th Mar	Passion Sunday 8:00 am Holy Communion (BCP 1662) 10:00 am Parish Eucharist and Junior Church 4:00 pm Parish Eucharist
19th Mar	Monday St Joseph of Nazareth 6:00 pm Holy Communion in St Mary's
22nd Mar	Thursday: 11:00 am Holy Communion (BCP 1662)

**PLEASE SEE SPECIAL FEATURE FOR HOLY WEEK
(25TH MARCH - 1ST APRIL)**

N.B.

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18th March



Services for Holy



PALM SUNDAY (25th March)

8.00 am BCP Holy Communion

10:00 am Procession, Reading of the Passion Play Blessing of Palms and Eucharist

6:30 pm Prayer and Praise (Speaker The Rev. Penny Sayer)

During Holy Week, there will be a series of addresses based around the "I am" sayings of Jesus in St Johns Gospel

MONDAY OF HOLY WEEK

7:30 pm Compline and Address in All Saints'
"I am the Way" (The Reverend Penny Sayer)

TUESDAY

7:30 pm Compline and Address at St Michael's
Woodham Walter
"I am the Truth" (Canon Stephen Carter)

WEDNESDAY

9:30 am All Saints School Service
11:00 am Holy Communion
7:30 pm Compline and Address in All Saints'
"I am the Life" (Canon Graham Blyth).

MAUNDY THURSDAY

11:00 am Chrism Eucharist in the Cathedral
7:30 pm Eucharist of the Last Supper, with foot washing, procession to the Altar of Repose and stripping of the altars
"I am the Bread of Life" (Preb. Paul Barnes).
Followed by the Maundy Watch in the D'Arcy Chapel until 10:00pm



GOOD FRIDAY

9:30 am CTiM Service and Procession of Witness beginning at the Catholic Church, concluding at All Saints'

11:15 am All Age Service (Rev Julie Willmot) Followed by Hot Cross Buns.

2:00 - 3:00 pm The Last Hour (The Vicar)
"I am the Good Shepherd", "I am the Vine",
"I am the Resurrection and the Life".

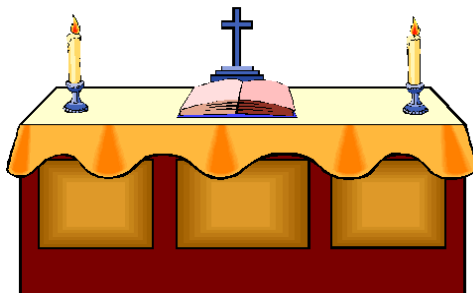


Week and Easter

HOLY SATURDAY

8:00 pm Lighting of the New Fire, Blessing the Pascal Candle and Easter Vigil.

This will be followed by refreshments in the D'Arcy Room



EASTER DAY (April 1st)

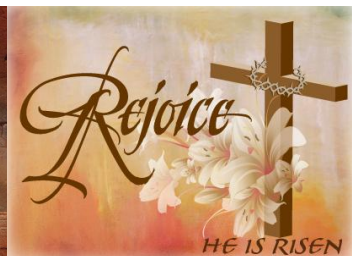
6:00 am Churches Together Dawn Service at St Mary's.

8:00 am Holy Communion (1662).

10:00 am Blessing of the Easter Garden and Festal Eucharist, with special activity for children in the D'Arcy Room.

(This service will be followed by the annual egg rolling in the High Street.)

6:30 pm Evensong and Sermon





DIARY FOR MARCH

Thu 1st Mar	9-15 am Sunshiners 2-4 pm Maldon Ladies 7-00 pm Junior Choir Practice 7-30 pm Choir Practice
Fri 2nd Mar	10:30 am Funeral of Heather Joy Tate
Sat 3rd Mar	1:00 pm Wedding of John Luke Dodson and Lauren Barry
Mon 5th Mar	10 am to 12 noon Maldon Pioneers Drop In 7:00/7:30 pm Holy Communion/PCC
Tues 6th Mar	10 - 12 noon meeting Point 10-00 am Prayer Group 1:30 pm Funeral of Beryl Crosier 8:00 pm Mother's Union
Wed 7th Mar	10:30 - 12 noon Lent Group in D'Arcy Room (Sister Moira) 12 noon - 1:30 pm All Saints' Lunches 7:00 pm Parish Office
Thu 8th Mar	9-15 am Sunshiners 2-4 pm Maldon Ladies 7-00 pm Junior Choir Practice 7-30 pm Choir Practice
Sat 10th Mar	10 am Church Coffee morning 2pm to 4 pm Messy Church
Mon 12th Mar	9:00 am Men's Breakfast (Rose and Crown)
Tues 13th Feb	10 - 12 noon Meeting Point
Wed 14th Mar	10:30 -12 noon Lent Group 4 (Rev Julie Willmot)
Thu 15th Mar	9-15 am Sunshiners 2-4 pm Maldon Ladies 7-00 pm Junior Choir Practice 7-30 pm Choir Practice
Sat 17th Mar	10:00am - 2:00 pm Marriage Preparation Day
Mon 19th Mar	10 am to 12 noon Maldon Pioneers Drop In
Tue 20th Mar	10 am - 12 noon Meeting Point 8:00 pm Dress Rehearsal for Shoreline
Wed 21st Mar	7:00 pm Parish Office (In the Vicarage)
Thu 22nd Mar	9:15 am Sunshiners 2-4 pm Maldon Ladies 7:00 pm Junior Choir Practice 7-30 pm Choir Practice
Sat 24th Mar	10 am Church Coffee morning
Tues 27th Mar	10 - 12 noon Meeting Point
Thu 29th Mar	2:00 - 4:00 pm Maldon Ladies



Celebrating Easter – how do various Christians do it?



Virtually all Christians mark Easter, (the Society of Friends or Quakers is one of a few exceptions); the ways they celebrate it vary.

The week leading up to Easter Sunday is often called Holy Week and Christians focus more deeply than usual on their faith.

It begins with Palm Sunday. Services on this day, seven days before Easter, recall Jesus entering Jerusalem triumphantly, cheered by crowds as He rode a donkey. Palm leaves were waved on that occasion, and are still significant in church worship, often twisted into the shape of a cross.

Four days later is Maundy Thursday, when Jesus' followers remember that on the night before He died He asked them to remember Him by eating bread and drinking wine. Maundy comes from the Latin word for commandment, recalling Jesus' command that day that Christians should love each other in the same way that He loves them.

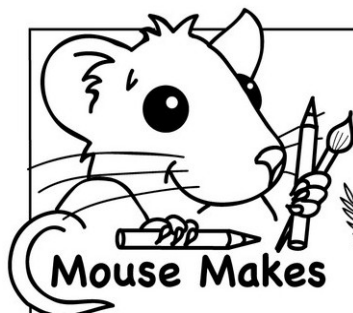
The next day is Good Friday (called Holy Friday in countries with large numbers of Roman Catholic Christians). This is the most solemn day of the Christian year because it is used to recall the appalling death of Jesus. Although it is a public holiday, it is increasingly difficult to distinguish it from other days of the year, so many churches hold processions or open air services in public places to draw attention to its significance. Inside churches there are meditative services in a bare setting. It may be that the day was originally known as God Friday, and the name changed as language developed. Elsewhere in the world, it is called Great Friday or Holy Friday.

Easter Sunday recalls the day when Jesus' followers discovered that His tomb was empty. It is the most important and joyful day of the Christian year. Jubilant music is performed, and flowers and banners fill the churches with colour. The centuries-old cry, 'Alleluia! Christ is risen!' is met with the response, 'He is risen indeed. Alleluia!'

In the first Christian centuries Easter Sunday was the day on which new converts to Christianity were baptised. This tradition continues in some places. More recent, but popular, ways of celebrating include Easter vigils late on Saturday night, which begin in darkness and culminate in the lighting of a fire in the early hours of Easter morning. Since the 18th century there has been a tradition of gathering on the highest local hill for a service of praise to God as the sun rises.

More articles like this can be found at Christianity.org.uk

Taken from the Parish Pump Website



Mouse Makes

Journey to the Cross

Read the Bible - find the answers

READ Matthew 21:1-11

Where did Jesus stop on his journey? vs 1

What did Jesus send his disciples to get? vs 2

What did the crowd spread on the road in front of Jesus? vs 8

What did the people shout? vs 9

What city was Jesus going to? vs 10

READ Matthew 26:17-75

What festival did the disciples celebrate? vs 17

Which disciple denied Jesus? vs 34

Which disciple betrayed Jesus? vs 47

READ Matthew 27

When Jesus was taken to be crucified, what did the soldiers put on him? vs 28-29

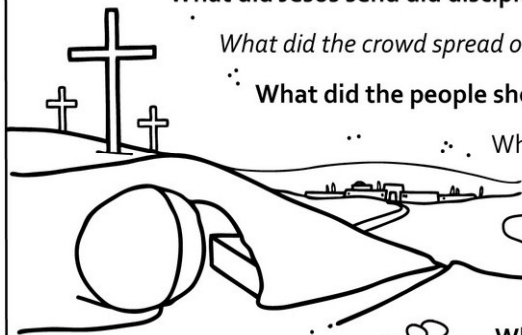
What time did Jesus die? vs 45

Whose tomb was Jesus buried in? vs 57

READ Matthew 28

On the third day who rolled away the stone covering the tomb? vs 2

What had happened to Jesus? vs 6,7



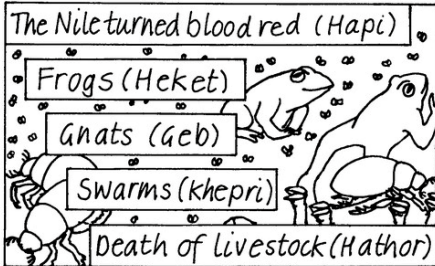


Bible Bite

A short story from the Bible

It can be read in the Bible in
Exodus 7:14-10:29, 12:21-23, 29-33, 14:5-29

God told Pharaoh to let the Hebrew slaves leave Egypt, but he refused. God then showed his power over Egypt (and its gods)...



God told the Hebrews to prepare to leave, and each family to kill and cook a lamb. He told them..



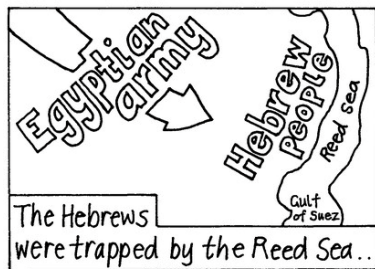
Mark your house door with the lamb's blood.



That night, in each un-marked house, the eldest son died.



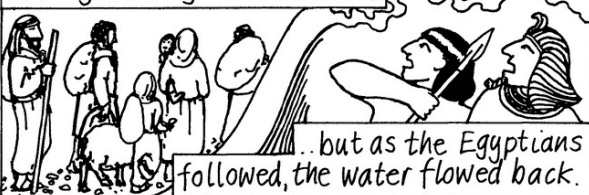
The Hebrews left Egypt...

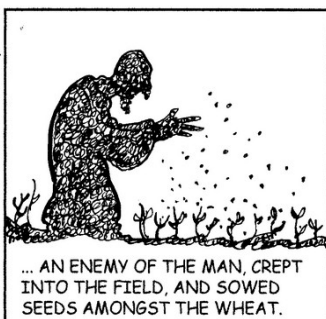


God made a cloud to hide them from the Egyptians..



and sent a wind. By morning the sea bed was dry and they walked across..







AFTERMATH

The build up to Christmas
 And the aftermath
 January -
 The days lighter, lengthening
 And we zoom into March
 Winds - and April
 Showers - and sunshine,
 But the wind in the East
 Grinds down from the North.

The homeless huddled in doorways,
 Another war disturbing the peace
 And blackthorn blazing the hedgerows,
 The promise of bluebells
 In a sunlit dappled wood,
 The scream of a dysfunctional family
 Living in total isolation
 Unable to read or write
 Discriminately -
 An Easter in April
 The man suffering our sins
 On a sinister cross
 While we play at his feet.

"April is the cruellest month."

*Taken from 'Yesterday at Twelve,' a selection of poems by
 Rosemary Pugh, (a member of All Saints' Family).*



OUR NEW ZEALAND ADVENTURE

We returned on Wednesday 24th January from our cruise around New Zealand, which can now be removed from Barry's bucket list.

This holiday started on Sunday 7th January after meeting one part of our cruise family, Mrs Jill Prickett, for an overnight stay (in separate rooms) at a hotel near Heathrow Airport. Our other cruise family the editor and Viv were sunning themselves in Tenerife. The morning flight with Singapore airlines lasted approximately 12 hours before touching down in Singapore before changing aeroplanes and boarding another Singapore airline to take us to Melbourne for an eight hour flight. A pre-arranged taxi took us to our hotel for a two night stay and though we didn't see much of Melbourne before "crashing out" on the first night. Rising fairly early the next morning we all planned our days attack on this city. Botanical gardens, museums, the Eureka Sky Deck 88 southern hemisphere highest viewing platform and a river cruise filled the day. The following morning with time to spare before our taxi took us to the port we took in another museum and a free tram circular ride around the inner city limits.

Now for the cruise. Boarding the ship on the 10th January we spent the next three days at sea before first docking at Auckland (the city of sails) in the north of the north island



on Sunday the 14th January and as our time was now limited because of a change to the original cruise itinerary which was south to north and now north to south we took a Hop-on Hop-off bus to see some of the sites. Early evening we cruised to our second port of call "Tauranga" where we spent a full day, firstly with a 90 minute coach ride to "Rotorua" stopping at the award winning "Agrodome" a scenic and educational sheep and beef farm. In an hour long fun filled tour featuring sheep dogs in action, sheep shearing demo and displays of nineteen breeds of sheep. Boarding our coach we travelled to "Te Puia" thermal reserve where a most enjoyable and delicious lunch was served followed by a lively Maori concert which included the world famous "Haka". Then a walk around the thermal reserve to witness the "Pohutu" geyser and boiling mud pools after which into the national wood carving and weaving school where for the past 45 years visitors have enjoyed this unique journey into the Maori's rich heritage, before boarding our coach back to port.

Tuesday 16th January saw us dock at "Gisborne" approximately half way down the east coast of North Island. Our excursion today was in the afternoon when we boarded our



coach for “Tatapouri Bay”. Then at “Dive Tatapouri”, a family owned operation, we were out fitted in high waistline waders and along with our guides the group waded out in single file along the reef to encounter short tail stingrays, eagle rays and yellow tail king fish. The stingrays were of various sizes and after being encouraged to stroke them we were then encouraged to feed them, but being ever watchful for the extremely fast and voracious king fish. As the tide came in we slowly edged our “conga line” back to shore and having deposited our waders, light refreshments were served before the trip back to our cruise ship. Our last port of call for the North Island was the capital city of Wellington which sits on Cook Strait at the south western tip of North Island just across from south island. In the morning we visited a 550 acre fenced Eco sanctuary called “Zealandia” where our tour guide was able to show us some of New Zealand’s rarest species, as locals call this their own “Jurassic Park” because it’s the only place in the main land where we saw the “living fossil” the “Tuatara” which is a descendant of the Lizard like reptiles that flourished over two hundred million years ago and today over two hundred of these pre historic looking creatures live in this natural environment. Next on to “Otari Wilton’s Bush Reserve” with its canopy walk over 59 feet above the forest floor. This is the only public botanic garden in New Zealand dedicated solely to native plants with its 250 acre of native forest and plants. Just as a foot note there are NO poisonous snakes or spiders in New Zealand.



This Thermal Pool is known as the Blueys due to its Cobalt Blue Colour

From Wilton’s Bush the three of us were met by a resident of Wellington, Mr Gary Murdock whom Barry had the pleasure of previously meeting during a “Palestine” trip to do with a First World War experience. Gary transported us to his home where we were introduced to his Maori wife who had laid on refreshments, after which she had to drive to the airport for the arrival of their Grandsons.

Gary drove us along the coast roads of Wellington stopping on route to the highest point, Mount Victoria for breath taking views over the city, harbour and ocean. All

too soon it was back to the city to catch the shuttle bus for our ship. Who would have thought that a chance meeting of a “Kiwi” in Israel would hopefully be the start of a great friendship all be it one from the other side of the world.

Our penultimate port of call was “Akaroa” on the South Island. This place has a rather unique heritage as both the French and British almost simultaneously founded “Akaroa”. Although in 1838 the French bought the region from Natives for 240 pounds worth of goods the British raised the flag and claimed the settlement a few months later so when the French arrived in 1840 the Union Jack was fluttering. However, on travelling around you can bear witness to the French influence with many street signs as “Rue”. The excursion here was a trip to the international Antarctic centre to witness a Polar room chilled to -5 degrees centigrade, an indoor storm with authentic blizzard conditions



taking the temperature to -30 degrees centigrade, but probably the most bizarre was a ride in the “Hagglund” a tracked and amphibious vehicle used in Antarctica for a bone jarring ride over mounds, up and over a 45 degree hill and across a crevasse. Having endured this experience we were then transported to the city of Christchurch for an independent leisurely walk around the Botanic Garden, on route passing by the “Cardboard Cathedral” and a unique Memorial Area made up of 185 Empty Individual White Chairs in memory of those who perished in the earth quake”. It must be noted that the city is still coming to terms with this earth quake of some years ago.



Our last port of call was “Dunedin” (Port Chalmers) known as the “Edinburgh of New Zealand” founded in 1848 by settlers of the Free Church of Scotland at the head of Otago Harbour. Here we had a full day from 8.30am to 5.30pm. From alongside the ship we boarded one of several carriages pulled by a D.J. Class locomotive to make the impressive train journey known as the “Taieri Gorge Railway”. Travelling the fabled route of pioneers and prospectors though the Taieri river gorge. This historic railway line from the 1870 crosses Wrought Iron bridges and travels through ten mountain tunnels. The journey included crossing the awesome “Wingatui” viaduct a marvel of 1880’s construction that remains the largest wrought iron structure in New Zealand. On board morning tea was served along with lunch and a continuous refreshment service either alcoholic or non-alcoholic as your wish. Open air viewing platforms were available along with a lively on board commentary.

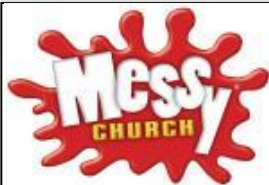
On our return trip we disembarked at the historic Dunedin railway station for a scenic coach drive to “Larnach Castle” which is New Zealand’s only castle being built in 1871 by William Larnach, a merchant Baron and Politician for his beloved first wife Eliza. It took over two hundred workman three years to build the castle shell while Master European craftsmen spent a further 12 years embellishing the interior. Complete with a



3000 square foot ballroom and 35 acres of gardens and ground which at the time evoked the elegant life style of Dunedin elite. Unfortunately the sea mist came in with a vengeance and the view from the castle top outdoor turret was obscured. So then it was back to our ship for departure to “Fiordland”. Saturday January 20th see us cruising first “Dusky Sound” and then onto “Milford Sound” to view waterfalls and where we managed to see Dolphins and Fur Seals at the water’s edge. Fiordland National Park was declared a World Heritage Area in 1986. Cruising the Tasman Sea for our last few days being Sunday and Monday before arriving back in Melbourne port early Tuesday morning where we disembarked at 10am for our pre-arranged taxi to Melbourne airport and our return flight via Singapore back to Heathrow.

It was a long ride!!

Linda and Barry Anthony.



Messy Church at All Saints'



Messy Church on February 10th 2018

The weather was horrible on the Saturday afternoon on which Messy Church took place in February; cold, gloomy and wet, so we wondered how many families would come, especially as it was the start of half-term, and we were also in competition with the Winter Olympics on TV, not to mention the Six Nations Rugby and the Football.

Some of our “regulars” were absent, but in all 16 children came, with parents or grandparents. It was great to have a few new faces to join us and enjoy the activities and the worship time, and most were able to stay for the shared meal at the end (Tomato and Cheese Pasta, with Cake to follow).

The theme this time was Family, and there were some spectacular paintings and clay models made, and gingerbread biscuits iced and decorated, to represent people in our families. The names of those we love were written on colourful paper chains, with the last link being a cut-out anchor representing Jesus holding us safe in His love. We hung these on a tree branch, as well as paper leaves with our own names, as members of God's family tree. Some lovely pipe-cleaner people in many bright colours were made, and then linked together at the end of the worship time, to show that, just as we are linked together by our families, even more so God wants us all to be part of His family, no matter how different we are, linked together by love.

Julie led our worship time, based on Matthew Chapter 12, in which Jesus said that those who follow God become members of His family. Pictures on the screen of a baby, a toddler, young brothers and sisters, a class of school children, and eventually of the Earth, reminded us of Jesus coming at Christmas as a baby and then growing up and showing us how much God loves us all. He wants everyone to know that, whoever they are. A great new song that Julie taught us sums that up well; “The Big Family of God”, by Nick and Becky Drake. (You can find it on the Internet). The ending to each verse is: “That's because we're different, me and you, But God loves everyone He's made. God loves each of us, in a special way”. It's a great message for children and for grown-ups, especially in today's world.

Sue Fredrick

NB The next Messy Church will be on March 10th, followed by 12th April.

Further details from Elaine Brown.



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



On the perils of parish cook books

The Rectory
St. James the Least

My dear Nephew Darren

Thank you for your contribution to our proposed parish cook book, “My favourite weekday dinner at home” – although I have to say that baked beans on a baked potato was a little unadventurous, even if I suspect, sadly, true.

It is remarkable how many of my parishioners, when they know they will appear in print, apparently dine sumptuously every evening in their own homes. I could not help but feel that Miss Carruthers’ “weekday” recipe for “Gratinee de Coquilles Saint Jacques” was taking imagination rather too far, when everyone knows she lives on scrambled eggs on toast on a tray in front of the television.

Asking the bishop to write the preface for our cook book has not turned out entirely successfully, since the greater part of it extolled the virtues of fasting. I suspect this may have something to do with his attraction to lean, muscular Christianity and his disapproval of my ample waistline. And when attending a social occasion at the bishop’s palace, “lean” would definitely be my description of the size of the sherry he pours.

When you buy a copy of the book – which I am sure you will do as an act of solidarity – do not attempt to follow Colonel Humphrey’s recipe for a Madras curry. His father acquired a taste for it when he was serving in India and, regrettably, he brought the recipe back to England. It is guaranteed to reduce the bravest of men to tears; the Colonel’s four pink gins before dinner seem to give him a certain anaesthetic protection.

The editor returned my own recipe, mentioning that the “two large glasses of red wine” specified in the list of ingredients was not mentioned in the recipe. I had thought it was perfectly obvious that they were there to be drunk while making the meal.

The project is to raise funds to repair our medieval tower, which our architect tells us is largely held in place by its own weight. It is rather comforting to think that we shall preserve it for another generation by selflessly eating our way through roast pork, beef Wellington and chicken cooked in a wide variety of unpronounceable French sauces.

Your loving uncle,

Eustace



Book Reviews

Eat, Pray, Tell - a relational approach to 21st century mission

By Andrew Francis, BRF, £7.99

Community theologian Andrew Francis believes that eating together could be what saves the Church from the threat of extinction in one generation. Drawing on the example of Jesus' own mission, Francis says that 'hospitality is central to our committed life together. Welcome and bring-and-share tell much of who we are as Jesus' followers.' Referring to the story where Jesus told his disciples to go to a town and find someone who would receive them, Francis points out that the disciples were directed eat within the community, build friendships, teach the gospel, pray for people and heal them.

Based on the principle of 'no meeting without eating', this book shows how a strong commitment to eating together can build a welcoming, authentic community. 'Eat, pray, tell is not a lightweight commitment,' says Francis, 'but if it becomes rooted in our month-by-month, home-based pattern of mission, it creates a 52/7 agenda.'

Paul: A Biography

By Tom Wright, SPCK, £13.99

One of the world's leading New Testament scholars here tells the story behind the story, the story of the Apostle Paul, whose letters have shaped so much of world history. Tom Wright has drawn on his own decades of acquaintance with Paul, as well as on other Pauline scholarship.

This really excellent book not only brings Paul to life, but then places that life in the complex and overlapping array of Jewish and non-Jewish communities, all set within the Roman empire. The result provides such a helpful picture, both of Paul and of the early Christian communities of which he was so significant a founder and shaper.

Taken from the Parish Pump Website



Bradwell Area Day

St Nicholas Church, Canvey Island

Saturday 10th March 2018

9 am to 3.30 pm

Opportunity to attend two workshops

Course in Christian Studies

Faith In The Workplace

Licensed Lay Ministers

Pastoral Assistants

Locally Authorised Preacher

Evangelism Enablers

Lay Pioneer Ministry

Spiritual Support

Church Army

Chaplaincy

A Workshop for Young People

Ordained Ministry

Also, there will be an opportunity to hear vocation stories.

Lunch will be provided so, to assist with catering please notify:

Mrs Amanda Robinson, PA to the Bishop of Bradwell,

Diocesan Office, 53 New Street, Chelmsford, CM1 1AT

Or e-mail arobinson@chelmsford.anglican.org or call 01245 294466

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After Eight Social Club

Dance! Dance! Dance!



**West Maldon Community Centre
Saturday 17 March**

**Admission: Members £8.00 Non Members £10.00
To include a Ploughmans Supper
Doors open 7.30pm**

*The after eight social club runs various activities every month
of the year.*

*These include quiz nights, meals out, coffee evenings,
excursions etc.*

If you require further information call Mike on 01621 856219

We also have a facebook page

www.aftereightsocialclub.co.uk



CURRY CLUB



. will be at Balti Bhujon, Mill Road, Maldon on
Wednesday 14th March at 7.30pm

Cost £14 (cash payment please)
to include:

Poppadum and pickles

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Mixed Starter

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Main Dish and Side Dish
(King prawn dishes £1 extra)
Choice of Naan Bread or Rice
And will include a tip

Drinks to be ordered separately and paid for
when brought to the table.

Places are limitedto book please contact
Mike and Julie 858803 by Sunday 11th March



Press Release

Contrasting Easter Music, with Witham Choral

After the popular Christmas concert given by Witham Choral in December our thoughts turn to Easter when we will be presenting a concert of contrasting music at Witham United Reformed Church on Saturday 10 March at 7.30 p.m. Members of the Colchester Philharmonic will accompany the choir in a rich treat of seasonal music.

Musical Director Patrick McCarthy told us: "We will be performing Part 2 of Handel's magnificent Messiah which culminates in the famous Hallelujah Chorus. We are also delighted to be presenting a moving version of The Seven Last Words of Christ by local composer, Alan Bullard, entitled Wondrous Cross. Alan has included negro spirituals and familiar hymns in this accessible piece and we are looking forward to bringing it to Witham. I am also very pleased to welcome back mezzo-soprano Elaine Henson as soloist."

Tickets are £10 with £5 for those in full-time education. They are available from the Visitor Information Centre at Witham Town Hall and from choir members. Details from 01376 513713.

www.withamchoralsociety.org.uk

PARISH CHAT



Have you been missing Parish Chat? If so then how about you taking on the role and doing a page of chat/birthdays/anniversaries/gossip just once a month?

Julie Ovenden will be happy to give you more details.



Lunch at All Saints

Soup – hot food- cakes

12:00 to 1:30 pm

**Wednesday
7th March**



FROM THE REGISTERS



FUNERALS

Feb 8th PHYLIS MAY GODFREY (aged 85) of Mundon Road.
Feb 14th ROY HORROCKS (aged 68) of Wood Road.
Feb 20th SHIRLEY MEANEY (aged 83) of Longfields
Feb 27th JESSIE DOROTHY MORGAN (aged 86) of Spital Road



Prayer Diary

MARCH 2018

1 St David	Wales, and churches dedicated to St David
2 Women's World Day of Prayer	Tearfund
3	Paramedics and all Ambulance Staff
4 Third Sunday of Lent	The Healing Ministry
5	The Girl Guide movement throughout the world
6	Missionaries throughout the world
7	Church of England Schools
8	Churches in our Deanery
9	Children in care
10	Those who lead and attend 'Messy Church' today
11 Fourth Sunday of Lent Mothering Sunday	All Mothers and our Mother Church; for the work of The Mothers' Union and Women's Institute
12	Foster Parents
13	Royal School of Church Music
14	Our Choir
15	Christian Booksellers
16	Minority Ethnic Anglican Concerns Group
17 St Patrick	Ireland, and churches dedicated to St Patrick
18 Fifth Sunday of Lent Passion Sunday	All Priests and Ministers of the Church
19 St Joseph of Nazareth	All fathers
20	Our Police Forces
21	Our Archbishop
22	Retired Clergy
23	Christians throughout the world
24	Chelmsford Cathedral Staff
25 Palm Sunday	Peace in Jerusalem
26 Monday in Holy Week	Our Ministry Team
27 Tuesday in Holy Week	Christians in the Holy Land
28 Wednesday in Holy Week	Our Rural Dean
29 Maundy Thursday	Our Diocesan and Area Bishops
30 Good Friday	The Procession of Witness
31 Easter Eve	Those who are newly baptized and confirmed

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Junior Choir (Thur 7:00 pm)	”	”
Junior Church	Elaine Brown	01621853238
Freedom Footsteps	Sue Carter	
Sunshiners (Pre School Group Thursdays 9:15 am)	Gill Nelson	01621 852119
Tower Bell Ringers	Peter Chignell	01376 571170
	Dennis Johnson	01621 842410
Handbell Ringers	Susan Duke	01621 851623
Flower Group	Betty Smith	01621 854143
Bible Society	Joan Downham	01621 854655
Mothers' Union`	Marie Keeble	01621 856354
Childrens Society	Elaine Brown	01621 853238
Beavers, Cubs, Scouts and Explorer Scouts (14-18yrs)	Cliff Hunter	01621 852013
Meeting Point	Barbara Gale	01621 928538
Maldon Pioneers	Mike Frederick	01621 840951
Maldon Ladies Group	Vivien Clark	01621 740374
Ramblers Club		
Prayer Group		

If you require information regarding Rainbows, Brownies, Guides or
Senior Section please visit www.girlguiding.org.uk/interested
or call 0800 169 5901.

PARISH OFFICE

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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