



# Bulletin

20<sup>th</sup> October 2019 - 18<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Trinity

*Welcome to the Parishes of Stansted Mountfitchet,  
Birchanger and Farnham.*

*We hope you enjoy worshipping with us.  
If you are here for the first time or visiting from another church,  
do stay for coffee and introduce yourself.*

## **ALL SOULS' SERVICE, 3<sup>rd</sup> NOVEMBER at 4 PM!**

Please write any names to be read out at this service on the list at the back of St John's Church, or alternatively email the church office [st.johns.church@btinternet.com](mailto:st.johns.church@btinternet.com)

## **'THANK YOU' AFTER HARVEST SERVICES**

CTS Food Bank would like to thank you very much for your generous harvest donations for which we are most grateful. The Food Bank, for residents of Stansted, has been running for several years and all the items donated go to help local people who are in need. The Food Bank can occasionally receive up to 6 requests a week through the Citizens Advice Bureau or local Social Services and we are now well-supplied to meet most needs for the foreseeable future. Your help has been invaluable and it has, along with other donations, enabled our food bank to keep supporting our community.

**CTS Food Bank Team**

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We must not forget to thank all the lovely ladies across the Benefice, who spent hours making the wonderful harvest displays in all three churches! They made the churches feel once again a special place to be in.

We also would like to say 'Thank you' to those, who very kindly made donations towards the flowers.

## **STEWARDSHIP SCHEME**

The new monthly and weekly envelopes for the next year are now at the back of the Church on the Sidesmen's Desk, these are for November 2019 until October 2020. If anyone else requires envelopes either for monthly or weekly giving please let me know as I do have extra envelopes on request. These envelopes are a great way to ensure that if you are a tax payer gift aid can be claimed to the monies you give to the Church. **Julie Lenton, 813208, [julietlenton52@btinternet.com](mailto:julietlenton52@btinternet.com)**

## **MEDITATION GROUP**

Please note that there will be no meetings on Wednesday 23<sup>rd</sup> October or Wednesday 6<sup>th</sup> November.

**CONNECT 120 LAST WEEK:** knitting after school club at Magna Carta, cooking at Roseacres Primary, assembly at Magna Carta Primary, two RE sessions with Year 1 and two with Year 2 at Gt Dunmow Primary School, Social Media Training at Community 360 in Colchester.

## **ST JOHN'S CHRISTMAS MARKET**

We are very pleased to have been invited to organise the Christmas Market this year. Please put the date and time in your diaries – **Saturday, 16<sup>th</sup> November from noon until 3pm.** The market will be held in the church hall, not the church. We are delighted that most of our usual stall-holders will be involved, plus a few new attractions, incl. face painting for the children (or adults if they so wish!). Please look in the bulletin for appeals for help & donations. This year we will be holding a Grand Draw which has some super prizes, including a week's holiday by the sea. So, not only will we be appealing to you to buy some tickets, but please do all you can to persuade friends and neighbours to have a go. Books of tickets will be available in a few weeks' time. This will be the church's main fund raising event of the year, and if we all pull together, we can have a happy day whilst making some much-needed funds for our church.

**Kathy West & Margaret Hill**

## **TOILETRIES STALL**

Dear Friends, I shall once again be running the Toiletries Stall at the Market. I think you can guess what comes next! Please would you check your cupboards, drawers and consider donating any unused or unwanted toiletry gifts to the stall. This includes cosmetics, perfume, bath products, baby toiletries and products for men. Boxed sets are always particularly popular on the day. I can collect donations or they can be left at the back of the Church with my name on. Thank you so much.

**Ann Lee, 01279 813310, [ann@robandann.com](mailto:ann@robandann.com)**

## **BIBLE STUDY GROUP**

Back to normal at my house tomorrow, October 21<sup>st</sup> at 1.30pm. All welcome.

**Kathy West**

## **NOTE FROM THE CHURCH OFFICE**

Please note the church office will be closed on Friday 25<sup>th</sup> October. Please send any materials to be shared in the next Bulletin by 9am on **Thursday 24<sup>th</sup> October.** I apologise for any inconvenience caused.

**Barbora Dragoskova**

## **DATE FOR YOUR DIARY:**

Farnham Christmas Tree Festival on **14<sup>th</sup> December!**

## **20<sup>TH</sup> OCTOBER – 18<sup>TH</sup> SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY**

**Hymns:** 702, 65, 843, 91, 811  
**Anthem:** 'Prayer for peace' Rizza

### **Bible Readings**

**Interceder:** Kathryn West  
**Reading:** Genesis 32.22-31  
**Reader:** Ray Smith  
**Gospel:** Luke 18.1-8

### **Traditional Collect**

Almighty and everlasting God,  
increase in us thy gift of faith  
that, forsaking that which is behind  
and reaching out to that which is before,  
we may run the way of thy commandments  
and win the crown of everlasting joy;  
through Jesus Christ thy Son our Lord,  
who liveth and reigneth with thee,  
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,  
one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

## **27<sup>TH</sup> OCTOBER – LAST SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY**

### **Bible Readings**

**Interceder:** Alan Corbishley  
**Reading:** Jeremiah 14.7-10, 19-22  
**Reader:** Margaret Chastney  
**Gospel:** Luke 18.9-14

## **THE WEEK AHEAD**

### **St John's Stansted**

**Tuesday 9.15am** - St John's Tots  
**Wednesday 9am** - Morning Prayers  
10am - Holy Communion  
**Thursday 10.30am** - Coffee Pot  
**Sunday 8am** - Holy Communion  
9.30am - Sung Eucharist  
3pm - Baptism

### **St Mary's Birchanger**

**Sunday 11.15am** - Holy Communion

### **St Mary's Farnham**

**Saturday 2pm** - Wedding  
**Sunday 11am** - Matins

*Please send any material to be shared in the next Bulletin  
or requests for the prayer list to the Parish Administrator  
by 9am on Thursday 24<sup>th</sup> October.  
Anything coming after this time  
will be forwarded to the next Bulletin. Thank you.*

## **PLEASE PRAY FOR:**

**Evelyn Jane Thomson**

*being baptised in Farnham today.  
Also for her parents and godparents,  
may they help her understand  
how to live the life in a Christian way.*

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**Thomas Price & Charlotte Campbell**

*as they prepare for their wedding in December  
and for **Martin Greenwood & Jessica Porter**  
getting married in Farnham this Saturday.  
May their marriages be life-giving and life-long,  
enriched by God's presence and strengthened by his  
grace; may they bring comfort and confidence  
to each other in trust and faithfulness.*

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**Dawn Venables, Ron Etherington, Kay Everitt,  
Crystal Cock, Veronica Lynch, Annette Warner,  
Georgina Kemp, Robert Stubbings, Gillian,**  
*that they will have God's healing and peace  
as they need it and that their families and friends  
will know God's strength as they support them.*

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*Those who have recently died, especially  
**Duncan MacDonald and Alan Macdonald**  
and for their friends and families,  
and for those whose anniversary of death  
falls at this time,  
especially **Alfred James Gillman** from Farnham  
and **Barry West** from Stansted.*

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**Climate Changes Everything**

**– Now is the time to act.**

*Pray that a time will come when all the peoples  
of the world may be enabled to live together  
in peace, harmony and love.*

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