



Bulletin

The Parishes of Stansted Mountfitchet, Birchanger and Farnham
Sunday 15th April 2018 – Third Sunday of Easter

VISITING CLERGY

We welcome Revd Edward Carter to lead us in worship today at St John's in Stansted and St Mary's at Farnham whilst Paul is away. There will be no 8am Sunday Holy Communion Service until Paul's return, but the 10am Wednesday Holy Communion Service is still on and will be led this week by Revd Lea Williams, who will also lead the next Sunday's Holy Communion Service at 9.30am at St John's and 11.15am at Birchanger.

ST JOHN'S 300 CLUB

The draw for April will be on Sunday the **29th of April** following the 9.30am service. The current 300 Club year will come to an end on Monday **30 April** and I would like to express our very grateful thanks to all those who have supported us. Renewal forms will be sent to everyone who paid by cheque or cash and we hope you will be prepared to sign up for another year commencing on **Tuesday 1 May**. There are still numbers available for anyone who may wish to join and be in with a chance to win one of the 38 prizes totalling £2,500 given away each year. In addition, the Club raises vital money to help cover the heavy maintenance costs and work of St John's Church. Numbers cost £2 each per month with a maximum of 5 numbers per household. Please contact either myself or Katy Dockerill on 812997 for an application form. Thank you. *Ann Lee (813310)*

DEANERY WALKS

SUFFER THE LITTLE CHILDREN COME UNTO ME

Saturday 21st April walk will be hosted by the Takeley/Little Canfield benefice and will start from the car park of The Silver Jubilee Hall in Takeley, CM22 6QT. It will finish at All Saints Church, Little Canfield, CM6 1SU. Walkers may need to make arrangements with friends to organise their transport accordingly. As always, light refreshments will be available after the walk and a short prayer said for the church. The walks do go across fields and open countryside so please stress that suitable footwear should be worn. Dogs on leads welcomed. *Revd Rob Burles (01279 870214)*

NOTE FROM THE CHURCH OFFICE

Please note the church office will be only opened on Wednesday and Friday this week due to me going to an admin meeting. Thank you for your understanding. *BD*



COME TO OUR DEATH CAFE

*Would you like to share your thoughts
About End of Life and Bereavement?*

**Saturday April 21st 11.00 to 12.30 in the Tea Room at
Saffron Walden Quaker Meeting House**

"At a Death Cafe people gather to eat cake, drink tea and discuss death in an accessible, respectful and confidential space. The objective is 'to increase an awareness of death with a view to helping people make the most of their earthly lives'. A Death Cafe is a group directed discussion of death with no agenda, objectives or themes. It is a discussion group rather than a grief support or counselling session."

BIRCHANGER SPECIAL

Saturday 21st April

Courtyard Quartet will perform
a Juke box of music in the church hall
with a fish/chicken/veg chip supper.
£15 / ticket, raffle and drinks available.
Tickets: *Sue (815427) or Elaine (813474)*

FARNHAM BLUEBELL WALK

Sunday 22nd April 2018 at 1.30pm

1 mile walk

will start from Hazel End Farm at 1.30pm.

5-6 mile walk

will start from Thrifts Farm at 12noon.

**BBQ at Thrifts Farm
from 2.30pm onwards**

Cost: Walk £3.00 per head or £10.00/family
BBQ (sausages, roll, tea or coffee) £3.00/person

Parking available at both venues.

Dogs on leads welcome.

Both walks will be led through private woodland
to support the facilities project
of St Mary's Church Farnham.

Contact '*B*' Stubbings on 01279 776168

THIS WEEK CONNECT 120 MEANS:

- * Line Management meeting
- * Emails to schools in preparation for the Summer Term
- * Writing a series titled 'Tara's Top Tips for'
- * Leading the Family Service at St Mary's Birchanger
- * Steering Group meeting

Tara Russell

15TH APRIL – THIRD SUNDAY OF EASTER

Hymns: 760, 721, 150, 631, 839

Anthem: 'O sons and daughters'
Walford Davies

Bible Readings:

Reading: Acts 3.12-19

Reader: Cheryl McGreal

Gospel: Luke 24.36b-48

Interceder: Stella Skingle

Traditional Collect

Almighty Father,
who in thy great mercy gladdened the disciples
with the sight of the risen Lord:
give us such knowledge of his presence with us,
that we may be strengthened and sustained by his
risen life
and serve thee continually in righteousness and truth;
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.**

22ND APRIL – FOURTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

Bible Readings:

Reading: Acts 4.5-12

Reader: Richard Lenton

Gospel: John 10.11-18

Interceder: Alan Corbishley

PLEASE PRAY FOR...

** Scott Langran & Nicola Stamenkovic from Stansted and Charles McKenzie Thomson & Kirsteen McGregor from Farnham as they prepare for their weddings. 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.*

** Those who are sick, especially Eddie Laird, Lily Suckling and Tricia Walters from Stansted, baby Tilly from Birchanger, and Crystal Cock from Farnham, 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.*

** Those who have recently died and for those whose anniversary of death falls at this time, especially Janet Ann Poole-Adams and Huw Martin Johnson.*

** In the Anglican Cycle of Prayer we are asked to pray for followers of other faiths, that there may be discussion and understanding between all of God's people.*

Bible Readings for the Week Ahead

Mon 16 Apr	Psalm 96 Luke 1.1-25
Tue 17 Apr	Psalm 98 Luke 1.26-38
Wed 18 Apr	Psalm 105 Luke 1.39-56
Thu 19 Apr	Psalm 136 Luke 1.57-end
Fri 20 Apr	Psalm 107 Luke 2.1-20
Sat 21 Apr	Psalm 110 Luke 2.21-40

Thoughts to accompany these readings are published as "Reflections for Daily Prayer" available as a book or smartphone app. If you have problems obtaining a copy the Rector would be glad to help.

SERVICES FOR THE WEEK AHEAD

St John's Stansted

Tuesday 9.15am - St John's Tots

Wednesday 10am - Holy Communion

Thursday 10.30am - Coffee Pot

Sunday 9.30am - Sung Eucharist

St Mary's Birchanger

Sunday 11.15am - Holy Communion

St Mary's Farnham

Sunday - No service (Bluebell Walk)

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Please send any material to be shared in the next bulletin or requests for the prayer list to the Parish Administrator by 9am on Friday 20th April. Anything coming after this time will be forwarded to the next week. Thank you.