



# Bulletin

## ***The Parishes of Stansted Mountfitchet, Birchanger and Farnham Sunday 13th May 2018 – Seventh Sunday of Easter***

### **VISITING CLERGY**

We welcome **Revd Robin King** to lead us in worship today at morning services in Stansted and Birchanger and **Revd Caroline Currer** in Farnham. This week's 10am Wednesday Holy Communion Service in St John's will be led by **Revd Rob Burles**. Next Sunday 9.30am Sung Eucharist at St John's and 11.15am Holy Communion Service in Farnham will be led by **Revd Ruth Patten**.

### **ACTS IN THE AFTERNOON**

The *Acts in The Afternoon* Bible Study Group will not meet this week (Monday, 14<sup>th</sup> May). **Kathy West**

### **BOOK OF COMMON PRAYER EVENSONG**

for the Eve of St Barnabas on **Sunday June 10th at 6pm**  
at All Saints, High Roding CM6 1PA  
The joint choirs of the deanery will be singing.  
Please join us. **Cilla Hawkes 01371 856480**

### **MATINS AT ST JOHN'S, TRINITY SUNDAY 27<sup>TH</sup> MAY**

Before Paul started his study leave he arranged for all communion services in the benefice to be covered by clergy from other parishes. However, it was agreed that he would leave two of the 9.30 St John's services uncovered so we could enjoy a different sort of service not involving a Eucharist. The first one of these is going to be a service of Matins on Sunday, 27<sup>th</sup> May. The service will be taken from the Book of Common Prayer and will include sung responses to a setting by Ayleward and the Jubilate setting will be one by Stanford. So for those of us who used to enjoy singing Matins in the "old days", this should be a rare treat. Please do spread the word to anyone who you think would like to worship in this way. Members of the choir are taking responsibility for running the service (including the sermon slot). The other service of Matins will be on Sunday, 8<sup>th</sup> July – so put that one in your diary too. **Kathy West**

### **SAFEGUARDING SESSION**

run by the Diocesan Safeguarding Team

**When:** Saturday 26<sup>th</sup> May, 9.30am to 1pm

**Where:** at All Saints Church, Little Canfield

To book your free place contact **Tara Russell 07378 770 100**

### **DEANERY WALKS:**

### **SUFFER THE LITTLE CHILDREN TO COME UNTO ME**

The walk on **Saturday 19th May** will be start and finish at St Mary's Church, St Mary Road, Little Dunmow, postcode CM6 3HX. As always, light refreshments will be available after the walks and a short prayer said for the host church. The walks do go across fields and open countryside so please stress that suitable footwear should be worn. Dogs on leads are very welcome. If you need any more details please contact **Jo Pratt ([geoffjo.pratt@gmail.com](mailto:geoffjo.pratt@gmail.com), 01371 821620)**.

### **ST JOHN'S 300 CLUB**

Many congratulations to the winners of the April draw:

£100 No: 172 Delia Joyce

£50 No: 209 Brian Quinn

£25 No: 212 Kathy West

The draw for May will be on Sunday **27<sup>th</sup> May** following the 9.30am service. This will be the first draw in the 300 Club's new year May'18/April'19. Numbers are still available for anyone who may wish to join at a cost of £2 per month per number. Please contact me for an application form if you would like to be in with a chance of winning whilst helping to support the work of St John's Church. **Ann Lee (813310)**

### **THIS WEEK CONNECT 120 MEANS:**

- \* *Leading Messy Church in Dunmow*
- \* *Assembly at The Christian School*
- \* *Assembly at Birchanger Primary*
- \* *Reception visit to St John's in Stansted*
- \* *Assembly in Magna Carta*
- \* *Assembly in Farnham Primary*
- \* *Gt Dunmow Board Games and Quilting*
- \* *Planning meeting for Year 6 Transition sessions.*
- \* *Dunmow St Mary's Quilting* **Tara Williams**

### **DEREK HONOUR AND THE BREALE ARBORETUM**

In Hadley Wood on the edge of the former Enfield Chase is West Lodge Hotel. This is a long established business run by the fourth generation of the Beale family. The hotel sits in extensive parkland part of which has been planted with many different varieties of tree, creating a beautiful arboretum. Near the edge of the arboretum is a plaque marking its foundation inscribed with the name of our friend Derek Honour who was Trees Consultant for the Greater London Council. Over the years Christine and I have enjoyed many family occasions at West Lodge and afterwards invariably make a point of strolling through the arboretum marvelling at this wonderful feature that Derek had a hand in creating – truly a lasting legacy to his love and knowledge of trees. We are indeed fortunate that he brought these skills to Stansted Mountfitchet as for many years he acted as the voluntary tree consultant to our own Parish Council, just one of the many interests he had in the local community. He will be missed by all of us. **Bill Stiles**

### **CTS MESSY CHURCH**

The next Messy Church will be on **Sunday 20<sup>th</sup> May** and this will be our last one until October. I would be grateful for contributions for tea as listed below. Please sign up on the list at the back of church (1 block of cheese, cooked cocktail sausages, 1 tub of baby tomatoes, 1 cucumber, 1 box of red or green grapes, 2 cakes, 1 loaf of jam sandwiches, 1 loaf of cheese spread sandwiches). Thank you. **Katy Dockerill**

## 13<sup>th</sup> MAY – SEVENTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

Hymns: 33, 173, 150, 62, 120

Anthem: 'From the rising of the sun'  
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### Bible Readings:

Reading: Acts 1.15-17, 21-26

Reader: Alan Corbishley

Gospel: John 17.6-19

Interceder: Roland Pelly

### Traditional Collect

O God the King of glory,  
who hast exalted thine only Son Jesus Christ  
with great triumph unto thy kingdom in heaven:  
we beseech thee, leave us not comfortless,  
but send to us thine Holy Spirit to comfort us  
and exalt us unto the same place  
whither our Saviour Christ is gone before;  
who liveth and reigneth with thee,  
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,  
one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

## 20<sup>th</sup> MAY – PENTECOST

### Bible Readings:

Reading: Acts 2.1-21

Reader: Roland Pelly

Gospel: John 15.26-27; 16.4b-15

Interceder: Ray Smith

### **Bible Readings for the Week Ahead**

Mon 14 May	Psalm 16
Matthias the Apostle	Acts 2.37-end
Tue 15 May	Psalm 99
	1 Samuel 10.1-10
Wed 16 May	Psalm 29
	1 Kings 19.1-18
Thu 17 May	Psalm 24
	Ezekiel 11.14-20
Fri 18 May	Psalm 28
	Ezekiel 36.22-28
Sat 19 May	Psalm 43
	Micah 3.1-8

*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.*

*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 18<sup>th</sup> May. Anything coming after this time will be forwarded to the next week. Thank you.*

## ***PLEASE PRAY FOR:***

**\* Carl Tony Prime & Anastasia Nichola Perry-Dean and George John Woodhouse & Celia Rose McCorquodale, 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 faithfulness and trust.*

**\* Those who are sick, especially 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, especially Derek Honour and for his friends and family, and for those whose anniversary of death falls at this time, especially Raymond Griffin Sharp and Douglas Patrick Michael Shervington.**

**\* As Christian Aid Week begins, in the Anglican Cycle of Prayer we are asked to pray:**

*'Holy Spirit of God, light a flame within us,  
burning for justice, glowing with kindness,  
shining with hope for the end of poverty*

*and the peace of all people in this ever-turning world.'*  
**Amen.**

## **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** - Matins

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

**Sunday 11am** - Holy Communion

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