



Bulletin

Sunday 20th May 2018 – Pentecost

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, please do stay for coffee and introduce yourself.

VISITING CLERGY

We welcome **Revd Ruth Patten** to lead us in worship at 9.30am Sung Eucharist in Stansted and 11.15am Holy Communion Service in Farnham today. This week's 10am Wednesday Holy Communion Service in St John's will be led by **Revd Lea Williams**.

Please note, next Sunday at St John's at 9.30am, instead of our usual Communion Service there will be a service of **Matins** using the Book of Common Prayer (details below).

ST JOHN'S MATINS, TRINITY SUNDAY 27th 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 next Sunday, 27th 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, 8th July – so put that one in your diary too. **Kathy West**

THIS WEEK CONNECT 120 MEANS:

- * Assembly at St Mary's in Stansted
- * Assembly at Magna Carta
- * An assembly at Farnham
- * Assembly at The Christian School
- * Board Games at Gt Dunmow
- * Quilting at both Dunmow Primaries
- * Line management meeting
- * Assembly at Bentfield
- * Safeguarding Training session

Tara Williams

BRITISH RED CROSS TEA PARTY

Many thanks to everyone who supported the British Red Cross Tea Party last Wednesday 9th May that was held at the Day Centre. It was a full house and the weather was just right. We raised a great total of £529 for the work of the Red Cross. Special thanks also to Audrey Rogers and all the team of helpers who made cakes, scones, sandwiches and lots of tea and worked so hard on the day to make it a success. Thank you everyone. **Christine Stiles**

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

OUR COMMUNITY AND JESUS

If you have a heart for taking Jesus into your community and want to know how to do that in a new, creative way **COME ALONG TO** take part in the discussion with 3 Curates from our diocese who will help us to think strategically about the why, what, how and where of connecting with our communities and our mission to 'share our faith' with our friends, family and neighbours.

When: 2nd June 2018, 10.30-12.30

Where: St Mary's Rooms, Dunmow

REFRESHSKILLS

session for volunteers in church

Do you volunteer with children, youth or family groups for your local church? Then this morning is for you. Our aim is to resource church volunteers so they can confidently plan and deliver high quality, effective and fun sessions in whichever group they are running or want to run. We will have experts on hand to help answer questions and a selection of current resources from a wide range of sources. Sessions will include:

Family Ministry - putting children and youth work in it's rightful place; Linking church and school; Fun worship songs for all ages; Storytelling

What: Refresh Skills Morning

When: 9th June 2018, 9.30am-1pm

Where: St Mary's Church, Dunmow

To book your free place to either of these events
contact **Tara Russell**

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20th MAY – PENTECOST

Hymns: 124, 672, 654, 675, 580

Anthem: 'Veni Sancte Spiritus'
Vogler

Bible Readings:

Reading: Acts 2.1-21

Reader: Roland Pelly

Gospel: John 15.26-27; 16.4b-15

Interceder: Ray Smith

Traditional Collect

God, who as at this time
didst teach the hearts of thy faithful people
by sending to them the light of thy Holy Spirit:
grant us by the same Spirit
to have a right judgement in all things
and evermore to rejoice in his holy comfort;
through the merits of Christ Jesus our Saviour,
who liveth and reigneth with thee,
in the unity of the same Spirit,
one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

27th MAY – TRINITY SUNDAY - MATINS

Bible Readings:

1st Lesson Isaiah 6.1-8 Alastair Bone

2nd Lesson Romans 8.12-17 Sandy Wood

Bible Readings for the Week Ahead

Mon 21 May	Psalm 26 Luke 9.18-27
Tue 22 May	Psalm 132 Luke 9.28-36
Wed 23 May	Psalm 119.153-end Luke 9.37-50
Thu 24 May	Psalm 143 Luke 9.51-end
Fri 25 May	Psalm 144 Luke 10.1-16
Sat 26 May	Psalm 147 Luke 10.17-24

*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 25th May. Anything coming after this
time will be forwarded to the next week. Thank you.*

PLEASE PRAY FOR:

** Carl T Prime & Anastasia N Perry-Dean and
George J Woodhouse & Celia R 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 and for those whose
anniversary of death falls at this time, especially Kate
Hilda Chown and Nigel Frances Holland.*

** In the Anglican Cycle of Prayer we are asked to pray:
'Come, O Spirit of God, and make within us your
dwelling place and home. May our darkness be
dispelled by your light, and our troubles calmed
by your peace; may all evils be redeemed by
your love, all pain transformed through the
suffering of Christ, and all dying glorified by his
risen life.' 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 - Matins

St Mary's Birchanger

Sunday 11.15am - Matins

St Mary's Farnham

Sunday 11am - Matins

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