



Bulletin

3rd June 2018 - First 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, please do stay for coffee and introduce yourself.

VISITING CLERGY

We welcome **Revd Rob Burles** 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**.

Next Sunday services at 9.30am at Stansted and at 11.15am at Birchanger will be led by **Revd Cilla Hawks**.

BIBLE READING FELLOWSHIP NOTES

Several people in our Church are regular users of BRF notes, New Daylight, Every Day with God and others. The BRF team have sent me several free copies of the notes, which I would love to give to anyone who's interested. Then you could just have a look at them and see if they would be helpful. **Stella Skingle**

ST JOHN'S 300 CLUB

Many congratulations to the winners of the May draw:

£100 No: 133 Laura Higley
£50 No: 9 Samantha Longbottom
£25 No: 192 D Salsbury

Next draw will be on Sunday the 24th of June following the 9.30am service. 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**

AGE UK TOE-NAIL CUTTING SERVICE

We will be available to cut toe-nails for people who can no longer cut their own (for £17.50) at St John's Church Hall on Tuesday 12th June from 11am-3pm. Please call for an appointment. **01245 423333**

FRIENDS OF ST MARY'S CHURCH

Tickets have now arrived for *thisismytheatre* which is on **Friday 1st & Tuesday 12th June** for 'A Mid-Summer Night's Dream'. Tickets: adults £12.50, children under 16 £5.00 and Friends of St Mary's Church £10.00. Don't miss out on a fantastic evening of theatre right here on your doorstep. Contact me for tickets.

Lynda Dale 07716099474

BOOK OF COMMON PRAYER EVENSONG

for the Eve of St Barnabas on **Sunday 10th June 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**

BIBLE STUDY GROUP 'ACTS IN THE AFTERNOON'

The bible study group which meets on Monday afternoons has just finished reading and discussing the Acts of the Apostles. So what next? Well, Paul suggested we make a start on the Letters of St Paul and recommended we begin with his letters to the Ephesians. We will be starting that book **this Monday 4th June** using a study guide by Tom Wright. If you are thinking of joining in, that would be a good day to come along. The book is a fairly short one, so it won't be a huge commitment. No need to book your place, please join us from 1.30 to 3pm at my house, 21 Park Road, Stansted. Needless to say we have once again renamed the group. Following on from 'Mark on Monday' and 'Acts in the Afternoon', we now have 'Ephesians for Everyone'!

Kathy West

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 contact
Tara Russell 07378 770 100.

3th JUNE – FIRST SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY

Hymns: 33, 352, 237, 549, 777

Anthem: 'I am the bread of life'
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Bible Readings:

Reading: 2 Corinthians 4.5-12

Reader: John Jaques

Gospel: Mark 2.23 - 3.6

Interceder: Stella Skingle

Traditional Collect

O God,
the strength of all them that put their trust in thee,
mercifully accept our prayers
and, because through the weakness of our mortal
nature
we can do no good thing without thee,
grant us the help of thy grace
that, in keeping of thy commandments,
we may please thee, both in will and deed;
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.**

10th JUNE – 2ND SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY

Bible Readings:

Reading: 2 Corinthians 4.13 - 5.1

Reader: Anthony Minshull

Gospel: Mark 3.20-35

Interceder: Alan Corbishley

Bible Readings for the Week Ahead

Mon 04 Jun	Psalm 30 Luke 12.1-12
Tue 05 Jun	Psalm 36 Luke 12.13-21
Wed 06 Jun	Psalm 34 Luke 12.22-31
Thu 07 Jun	Psalm 37 Luke 12.32-40
Fri 08 Jun	Psalm 31 Luke 12.41-48
Sat 09 Jun	Psalm 42 Luke 12.49-end

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 8th June. Anything coming after this time will be forwarded to the next week. Thank you.

PLEASE PRAY FOR:

** Mark McCraith & Stacey Brown and Sebastian Dixon & Abigail Woolcott 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 Rose Mary White and for her friends and family, and those whose anniversary of death falls at this time, especially Andrew Chastney and George Edward Hollis.*

** In the Anglican Cycle of Prayer we are asked to pray: 'Loving Father, we praise and thank you for the beauty and goodness of creation around us. Over the past century we have noticed the diminution of the living diversity of creation and of the health of the ecosystems that support it; help us to do our part to stop further decline in the health of our planet by the way we live our lives. 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 - Holy Communion

St Mary's Farnham

Sunday 4pm – Family Service

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