



# Bulletin

15<sup>th</sup> July 2018 - Seventh 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.***

## **WELCOME BACK PAUL AND JANET**

We are thankful that Paul has returned safely to us today after three months away on sabbatical/study leave. Supported by Janet, Paul has spent this time travelling, praying, studying, reading - and hopefully finding time for relaxation too. We look forward to hearing about some of his experiences - which no doubt have given him ideas for a sermon or two! While Paul was away we were very pleased to have the opportunity to share worship with clergy from our deanery, Robin, Cilla, Rob, Ruth and Lea. Special thanks to the church wardens from our three parishes for keeping the ship afloat in Paul's absence - not that we were in any way in danger of capsizing! However, it is good to have our skipper back at the helm. **VP**

## **THE GIVING MACHINE**

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**donate to St John's  
at NO cost to you?**

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If you need help with this or have any questions, please email me on [philip.everett5@btinternet.com](mailto:philip.everett5@btinternet.com).

I look forward to being able to let you know how much we have earned!

**Philip Everett, Treasurer**

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

- \* Encouraging Dunmow PCC to think about what the project has done and how it has impacted the churches, schools and community
- \* Scheduling activities for the autumn term
- \* Getting dates from the schools for assemblies and other relevant activities
- \* Working on the Aims and Objectives for Connect 120 for the next 4 years
- \* Saying thank you to the schools for their work with children
- \* Steering Group

**Tara Williams**

## **COFFEE POT NEWS**

There will be no Coffee Pot this Thursday (19<sup>th</sup> July) as we are going on an outing. We are meeting up with Francine at a garden centre near to her home in Wickham Bishops where we will have lunch. After lunch we will go to Maldon for a walk along the prom and an icecream. We will be travelling by Book-A-Ride bus which will leave St John's about 10.30. We should be back in Stansted by 5 pm.

We still have three seats left on the bus, so please speak to me as soon as possible if you would like one of those places.

**Kathy West 816293**

## **EPHESIANS FOR EVERYONE**

Our Bible Study Group will meet tomorrow, Monday, 16<sup>th</sup> July at my house, 21 Park Rd from 1.30 to 3pm as usual. If you haven't been before, this might be a good one to come to as Paul will be back with us. **Kathy W.**

## **BIRCHANGER SPECIAL**

### **Summer Lunch at Moorswood**

Following the service **on Sunday 29<sup>th</sup> July**

we are holding our annual lunch  
at the home of Liz and Pim Godwin.

Come along and join us,  
£12 per person includes main meal, dessert and wine.

### **Family Prize Bingo Night in the Church Hall**

**Saturday 18<sup>th</sup> August at 7pm.**

Tickets adult £10 Children £5 includes ploughmans  
supper. Bring your own drink.

For details please call **Pam Lee 07702 171 744**

## 15<sup>th</sup> JULY – 7<sup>TH</sup> SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY

**Hymns:** 692, 238, 246, 498, 777

**Anthem:** 'The real presence' Rizza

### **Bible Readings:**

Reading: Ephesians 1.3-14

Reader: Ray Smith

Gospel: Mark 6.14-29

Interceder: Alan Corbishley

### **Traditional Collect**

Lord of all power and might,  
who art the author and giver of all good things:  
graft in our hearts the love of thy name,  
increase in us true religion,  
nourish us with all goodness,  
and of thy great mercy keep us in the same;  
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.**

## 22<sup>nd</sup> JULY – 8<sup>TH</sup> SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY

### **Bible Readings:**

Reading: Ephesians 2.11-22

Reader: Cheryl McGreal

Gospel: Mark 6.14-29

Interceder: Roland Pelly

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

Mon 16 Jul	Psalm 1, 2, 3 1 Samuel 10.1-16 Luke 22.24-30
Tue 17 Jul	Psalm 5, 6, (8) 1 Samuel 10.17-end Luke 22.31-38
Wed 18 Jul	Psalm 119.1-32 1 Samuel 11 Luke 22.39-46
Thu 19 Jul	Psalm 14, 15, 16 1 Samuel 12 Luke 22.47-62
Fri 20 Jul	Psalm 17, 19 1 Samuel 13.5-18 Luke 22.63-end
Sat 21 Jul	Psalm 20, 21, 23 1 Samuel 13.19-14.15 Luke 23.1-12

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

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

**\* Isabel Victoria Zigic taking her first holy communion today at St John's Church.** Heavenly Father, we pray that she may always know the peace of Jesus, the light of His love, and the joy of His life within her. We ask Your blessing on her and her family and ask that You would still her mind and quiet her heart as she approaches Your table. Draw her, and each one of us, into ever closer fellowship with You, as we partake together of the bread and wine - in grateful remembrance of what Jesus did for us on Calvary's cross.

**\* Christopher William Bennet & Ashleigh Rose Jones and Graeme John Turner & Lisa Clare Hollingshead** 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 Tricia Walters from Stansted, Tilly from Birchanger, Dawn Venables 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 John Frederick Pearman and Barbara Mercer,** for their friends and families.

**\* In the Anglican Cycle of Prayer** we are asked to give thanks for the men and women of **the RNLI and HM Coastguard**, who risk their lives to protect those who travel the seas around our coast.

## **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 8am** - Holy Communion

**9.30am** - Sung Eucharist

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

**Sunday 11.15am** - Holy Communion

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

**Sunday 6pm** - Evensong

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