



Bulletin

9th September 2018 - 15th 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.*

NOTE FROM THE CHURCH OFFICE

I'd like to thank to all who helped with smooth running of the Benefice and St John's Hall in my absence.
I really appreciate all your hard work and efforts. **BD**

HELEN'S ORDINATION

Helen Flack is to be ordained Deacon on **Sat 15th September at 2pm** in Chelmsford Cathedral. Members of our congregations who wish to attend will be most welcome, but do get there early for a seat!

JOINT BENEFICE SERVICE AT ST JOHN'S

On Sunday 16th September at **10.30am** (note the time change!) we will be joined by members of Birchanger and Farnham congregations **as we welcome our new Curate, Helen Flack**, on the day after her ordination as Deacon.. Please look at the list at the back of the church with some suggestions for the '**bring and share lunch**'.

EPHESIANS FOR EVERYONE

Starting on Monday 17th September at 1.30-3pm at Kathy's house, 21 Park Road. All welcome!

MACMILLAN COFFEE MORNING

We will be holding a Coffee Morning
on **Fri 28th September from 10.30 - 12.30**
in aid of Macmillan Cancer Support
at the Old Lane House, Church Road.
There will be **RAFFLE & CAKE STALL**.
All very welcome - do come.
Enquiries to *Christine and Bill Stiles* Tel. 813172

ST JOHN'S 300 CLUB

Many congratulations to the winners of the August draw:
£100 No: 59 Karen Coulthard
£50 No: 7 Rosalind Francis
£25 No: 119 Brenda Siracusa
Next draw will be on Sunday 30th September following the 9.30am service. Numbers are still available for anyone who may wish to join (£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. Thank you. **Ann Lee 813310**

'PAUL, APOSTLE OF CHRIST' FILM SHOWING IN ST JOHN'S ON SUNDAY 7TH OCTOBER AT 6 PM

Tea/Coffee provided – bring your own popcorn.

PET SERVICE AT ST JOHN'S

SUNDAY 30TH SEPTEMBER AT 4 PM

All Creatures Great and Small welcome – including humans!
The service will take place outside St John's (inside if wet).
Picnic in the church grounds after the service.



WHITECHAPEL MISSION

The long summer is coming to an end and it will soon be time to get out our winter clothes.
But do you really want to pack away those summer outfits? And those winter items, do you really want to wear them again for another year?
Perhaps it's time to refresh your wardrobe?
If so, then the Whitechapel Mission would gratefully receive all those unwanted items to help those sleeping rough on the streets of London. They have a continual need for decent clothing of all types and all sizes - for both men and women - coats, trousers, dresses, shirts, jumpers, hats, shoes, underwear as well as bedding, towels, soap and other toiletries.
Everything can be left in the corner at the back of St John's Church just behind the font. Thank you for your help.

Christine and Bill Stiles

"TOUR DE STANSTED"

By the time you read this our Archdeacon, Robin, will have visited two of our churches, Birchanger and Stansted on his "Ride his Archdeaconry Boundary" challenge, a distance of 155.9 miles. Today he is starting in Great Chesterford and cycling via Saffron Walden, Hadstock, Radwinter, the Bumpsteads, Linton, Pebmarsh, Wakes Colne and Great Tey to the finishing line in Coggeshall. He is raising money for Friends of Essex Churches and for the individual parishes along his route. To support Robin with a donation please visit: www.justgiving.com/fundraising/robin-king3 or, if you prefer, Paul is happy to receive donations in cash and pass them on to Robin. Half the money given can come back to our individual parishes.

THIS WEEK CONNECT 120 MEANS:

- * The First Birthday Celebration for Connect 120 (**Sunday 9th, 4pm at Holy Trinity Takeley, everyone welcome!**)
- * Dunmow Live Nativity meeting
- * Trustees meeting
- * Assembly at the Christian School
- * Assembly at Magna Carta Primary

Tara Russell

9TH SEPTEMBER – 15TH SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY**Hymns:** 582, 324, 382, 598, 834**Anthem:** 'Lord that descendest' Gritton**Bible Readings:**

Reading: James 2.1-10(11-13)14-17

Reader: Stella Skingle

Gospel: Mark 7.24-37

Interceder: Elizabeth Jennings

Traditional Collect

God, who of thy generous mercy didst send the Holy Spirit upon thy Church in the burning fire of thy love: grant that thy people may be fervent in the fellowship of the gospel that, ever abiding in thee, they may be found steadfast in faith and active in service; 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.**

16TH SEPTEMBER – 16TH SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY**Bible Readings:**

Reading: James 3.1-12

Reader: Susan Bone

Gospel: Mark 8.27-38

Interceder: Roland Pelly

Bible Readings for the Week Ahead

Mon 10 Sep	Psalm 27, 30 Acts 16.6-24
Tue 11 Sep	Psalm 32, 36 Acts 16.25-end
Wed 12 Sep	Psalm 34 Acts 17.1-15
Thu 13 Sep	Psalm 37* Acts 17.16-end
Fri 14 Sep	Psalm 2, 8, 146 John 12.27-36a
Sat 15 Sep	Psalm 41, 42, 43 1 Kings 12.1-24 Acts 18.22-19.7

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 14th September.** Anything coming after this time will be forwarded to the next week. Thank you.*

PLEASE PRAY FOR:

** Our new Curate, Helen Flack, being ordained Deacon this Saturday. May God's blessing continue to be with her as she works in our Benefice.*

** 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 and those whose anniversary of death falls at this time, especially **Reginald John Farmer, Lorna Marjorie Snow Hollis and Barbara Lilian Hoffman.***

**** Today is Education Sunday:***

Lord God, we thank you for the education we have received from our teachers and schools, from colleges, academies and universities, from parents and friends. Help us to support those who work in education, to appreciate the important job that they do in shaping the future of our world and to remember them in our prayers.

SERVICES FOR THE WEEK AHEAD**St John's Stansted**

Tuesday 9.15am - St John's Tots

Wednesday 9am - Morning Prayers

10am - Holy Communion

Thursday 10.30am - Coffee Pot

Sunday 10.30am - Joint Benefice Holy Communion Service

St Mary's Birchanger

Sunday – no service

St Mary's Farnham

Sunday – no service

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