



Bulletin

16th September 2018 - 16th 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.

EPHESIANS FOR EVERYONE

Starting this **Monday 17th September** at 1.30-3pm at my house, 21 Park Road. All welcome! *Kathy West 816293*

COFFEE MORNING AT FARNHAM

WEDNESDAY 26TH SEPTEMBER at 10.30 - 12.00 AM
In the Village Hall

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*

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*

STEWARDSHIP SCHEME

One way of giving to St. John's Church is by donating by our monthly or weekly envelope scheme which are collected each Sunday. Each year in the October a fresh batch of dated envelopes are issued and can be collected from the Church. The scheme is administered by me and Philip Everett our treasurer is able to collect the gift aid tax rebates which in turn enables the Church to benefit further. The envelopes are anonymous, and there are also gift aid envelopes in Church for one-off gifts. If you would like to be part of this or would like further information about the Stewardship Scheme, please let me know as there are usually spare numbers on the list throughout the year. *Julie Lenton (julietlenton52@btinternet.com / 01279 813208)*

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.



FILM SHOWING IN ST JOHN'S

ON SUNDAY 7TH OCTOBER AT 6 PM

'PAUL, APOSTLE OF CHRIST'

Tea/Coffee provided – bring your own popcorn.

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 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*

HARVEST SERVICE CONTRIBUTIONS FOR CTS FOOD BANK

The volunteers who run the CTS Food Bank are very grateful for all the kind donations that are received throughout the year which keep it going and enable many people within our community who are facing severe financial difficulty to be provided with basic food items. A boost to supplies at Harvest helps significantly. If you can please continue to support this it would be marvellous and if you are able to bring contributions this year again to your Harvest Festival Service (**Birchanger Sunday 30th September / Stansted & Farnham Sunday 7th October**) it would be much appreciated. The items need to be within 'use by' date and preferably with as long shelf life as possible. The foods which are required to make up the food parcels are listed below.

*Tinned Veg (sweetcorn/potatoes/peas/tomatoes);
Tinned & packet Soup; Tinned Spaghetti in sauce/Baked Beans; Pasta sauce; Tinned meat; Rice Pudding/ custard;
Tinned fruit; Small jars coffee/tea bags; Long life fruit juice; Long life milk; Small bags sugar; Biscuits;
Pasta/Rice; Breakfast cereal*

We also provide toilet rolls and other basic toiletries when possible (ie. toothpaste/shampoo/showergel/soap) which are also gratefully received.

16TH SEPTEMBER – 16TH SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY

Hymns: 243, 91, 413, 743, 337

Anthem: 'God of hope and Lord of healing'
Rizza

Bible Readings:

Reading: James 3.1-12

Reader: Susan Bone

Gospel: Mark 8.27-38

Interceder: Roland Pelly

Traditional Collect

O Lord, we beseech thee mercifully to receive the prayers of thy people which call upon thee; and grant that they may both perceive and know what things they ought to do, and also may have grace and power faithfully to fulfil 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.**

23RD SEPTEMBER – 17TH SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY

Bible Readings:

Reading: James 3.13-4.3, 7-8a

Reader: John Jaques

Gospel: Mark 9.30-37

Interceder: Peter Jones

Bible Readings for the Week Ahead

Mon 17 Sep	Psalm 44 1 Kings 12.25-13.10 Acts 19.8-20
Tue 18 Sep	Psalm 48, 52 1 Kings 13.11-end Acts 19.21-end
Wed 19 Sep	Psalm 119.57-80 1 Kings 17 Acts 20.1-16
Thu 20 Sep	Psalm 56, 57, (63*) 1 Kings 18.1-20 Acts 20.17-end
Fri 21 Sep	Psalm 49, 117 1 Kings 19.15-21 2 Timothy 3.14-17
Sat 22 Sep	Psalm 68 1 Kings 19 Acts 21.17-36

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 21st 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**.*

** In the Anglican Cycle of Prayer we are asked to pray for the **Diocesan Director of Communications, Ralph Meloy, his Communications Team and their work**.*

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 8am - Holy Communion

9.30am - Sung Eucharist

St Mary's Birchanger

Sunday 11.15am - Harvest Communion Service

St Mary's Farnham

Sunday 6pm - Evensong

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