



# Bulletin

30<sup>th</sup> September 2018 - 18<sup>th</sup> 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.**

## PET SERVICE AT ST JOHN'S

**TODAY, SUNDAY 30<sup>TH</sup> 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.



## THIS WEEK CONNECT 120 MEANS:

- \* Roseacres School Harvest Service at Holy Trinity Church in Takeley
- \* Cooking at Roseacres School
- \* Assembly at Magna Carta Primary
- \* Bible Lunch Club at Birchanger Primary
- \* Meetings

**Tara Russell**

## 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, do let me know, there are usually spare numbers on the list throughout the year. **Julie Lenton (813208)**

## CHRISTMAS MARKET

Please make a note of Saturday 17<sup>th</sup> November. Arrangements now fully in hand so we hope and expect for our usual and hopefully some newcomers to be at our annual celebration. We are in the midst of trying to find young and strong helpers for chair and accessory moving on the morning of Friday and have put out requests to various bodies. As yet no positive responses but we will keep behind this and ask everyone who is able and available from 9am to be in the church to help the process. In the meantime if we get a Herculean response we will let you know. Also at around 3pm similar volunteers for moving back the furniture will be appreciated. As well as some outside stands such as woodwork already signed up we would like to appeal to church members to perhaps consider running a stall. Fresh home bread for example or other ideas. Outside stall holders are also welcome if they have products or services non-competitive to our existing outlets. We really need to impart some energy in adding to the traditional stalls so any thoughts and ideas appreciated. Look forward to any questions and hopefully receiving flood of ideas! **Richard Lenton 813208**

## 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 sizes for 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.

## 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 30<sup>th</sup> September / Stansted & Farnham Sunday 7<sup>th</sup> 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 Spaghetti in sauce/Baked Beans**

**Small jars coffee/tea bags**

**Tinned & packet Soup**

**Rice Pudding/ custard**

**Long life fruit juice**

**Small bags sugar**

**Breakfast cereal**

**Biscuits**

**Tinned fruit**

**Pasta sauce**

**Long life milk**

**Tinned meat**

**Pasta / Rice**

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

## FILM SHOWING IN ST JOHN'S

**SUN 7<sup>TH</sup> OCT AT 6PM**

**'PAUL, APOSTLE OF CHRIST'**

Tea/Coffee provided – bring your own popcorn.

**30<sup>th</sup> SEPTEMBER – 18<sup>TH</sup> SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY****Hymns:** 792, 169, 152, 631, 201**Anthem:** 'Oculi Mei' Rizza**Bible Readings:**

Reading: James 5.13-20

Reader: Anthony Minshull

Gospel: Mark 9.38-50

Interceder: Peter Jones

**Traditional Collect**

Almighty and everlasting God,  
 increase in us thy gift of faith  
 that, forsaking that which is behind  
 and reaching out to that which is before,  
 we may run the way of thy commandments  
 and win the crown of everlasting joy;  
 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.**

**7<sup>th</sup> OCTOBER – 19<sup>TH</sup> SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY****Bible Readings:**

Reading: Joel 2.21-27

Reader: Roland Pelly

Gospel: Mark 10.2-16

Interceder: Janet Wilkin

### Bible Readings for the Week Ahead

Mon 01 Oct	Psalm 80 Acts 26.1-23
Tue 02 Oct	Psalm 89.1-18 Acts 26.24-end
Wed 03 Oct	Psalm 119.105-128 Acts 27.1-26
Thu 04 Oct	Psalm 92 Acts 27.27-end
Fri 05 Oct	Psalm 88 Acts 28.1-16
Sat 06 Oct	Psalm 97 Acts 28.17-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 5<sup>th</sup> October**. Anything coming after this time will be forwarded to the next week. Thank you.

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

\* *Emily Charlotte Susan Hitchman getting baptised today in Farnham and for her parents and godparents, may they help her understand how to live her life in a Christian way.*

\* *Those who are sick, especially **Tricia Walters from Stansted, 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 for those whose anniversary of death falls at this time, especially **Richard Frederick Wells and Doris Stiles**.*

\* *In the **Anglican Cycle of prayer** we are asked to give thanks for the work and ministries of our hospices who bring comfort and relief to patients and families in times of physical and spiritual need and stress. Pray for our hospice chaplains.*

### **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 - Harvest Family Communion

6pm - Film showing 'Paul, Apostle of Christ'

**St Mary's Birchanger**

Sunday 11.15am - Matins

**St Mary's Farnham**

Sunday 11am - Harvest Festival

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