



Bulletin

7th October 2018 - 19th 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.**

FILM SHOWING IN ST JOHN'S

TODAY

SUNDAY 7TH OCT AT 6PM

'PAUL, APOSTLE OF CHRIST'

Tea/Coffee provided

Bring your own popcorn.

MACMILLAN COFFEE MORNING

Thank you to everyone who supported our Coffee Morning on 28th September. Again, we had a lovely morning and raised a wonderful total of £740 for Macmillan Cancer Support. Thank you again.

Christine and Bill Stiles

STEWARDSHIP SCHEME

The boxes of envelopes for both the weekly and monthly scheme are now available and can be found on the Sidesmen's Desk at the back of the Church. These are dated from the beginning of November 2018 and enable the Gift Aid to be collected for any donations you may wish to make. I have a number of boxes left over so if you wish to help the Church by giving in this way, and are a tax payer, please let me know and I can add your name to the list.

Julie Lenton 813208/ julietlenton52@btinternet.com

CHRISTMAS MARKET

Please make a note of Saturday 17th 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*

THIS WEEK CONNECT 120 MEANS:

- * Messy Harvest at St Mary's Dunmow
- * Assembly at Birchanger Primary
- * Cooking at Roseacres Primary
- * Assembly at Magna Carta Primary
- * Bible lunch club at Birchanger Primary

Tara Russell

MUSIC@STANSTED

At St John's at 6pm on Sunday 14th October.

**Bishop's Stortford Sinfonia,
conductor Rebecca Miller.**

They will be performing two symphonies, one by Mozart, the other by Beethoven and also Richard Strauss's Oboe Concerto. Tickets are £15, Concessions £12, from Absolute Travel or from *Sonia Levy, Chapel Hill (815282)*.

EPHESIANS FOR EVERYONE

Please note that the Bible Study group will not be meeting tomorrow.

We resume next Monday, the 15th.

Kathy W

HARVEST

Thank you to Jean Robinson and Margaret Hill who spent many hours on Thursday preparing St John's for our Harvest Festival today. I am sure you will agree that the church looks wonderful decked in autumn flowers and foliage (and fruit!). The children from Junior Choir have also been busy. Their harvest-time handiwork can be seen on the board on the north wall – do have a look.

KW

ST JOHN'S 300 CLUB

Many congratulations to the winners of the September draw:

£100	No.124	D. Nash
£50	No.144	Stuart Ayres
£25	No.68	Kathleen Clark

The draw for October will be on Sunday 28th October 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. Thank you.

Jean Newson 819062

7th OCTOBER – 19TH SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY**Hymns:** 801, 753, 780, 578, 144**Anthem:** 'Take my gifts' Farrell**Bible Readings:**

Reading: Joel 2.21-27

Reader: Roland Pelly

Gospel: Mark 10.2-16

Interceder: Janet Wilkin

Traditional Collect

O God, forasmuch as without thee
we are not able to please thee;
mercifully grant, that thy Holy Spirit
may in all things direct and rule our hearts;
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.**

14th OCTOBER – 20TH SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY**Bible Readings:**

Reading: Amos 5.6-7, 10-15

Reader: Alan Corbishley

Gospel: Mark 10.17-31

Interceder: Stella Skingle

Bible Readings for the Week Ahead

Mon 08 Oct	Psalm 98 Philippians 1.1-11
Tue 09 Oct	Psalm 106 Philippians 1.12-end
Wed 10 Oct	Psalm 111 Philippians 2.1-13
Thu 11 Oct	Psalm 115 Philippians 2.14-end
Fri 12 Oct	Psalm 139 Philippians 3.1-4.1
Sat 13 Oct	Psalm 121 Philippians 4.2-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 12th October. Anything coming after this time will be forwarded to the next week. Thank you.

PLEASE PRAY FOR:

** 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, especially **Eileen Armstrong**, for her friends and family and for those whose anniversary of death falls at this time, especially **Doris Stiles**.*

** **Today is the Animal Welfare Sunday.** In the Anglican Cycle of prayer we are asked to pray for the various charities involved in the care and protection of our animals, and for veterinary surgeons and all those who work for the welfare of animals.*

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 - Holy Communion

St Mary's Farnham

Sunday 4pm - Family Service

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