Bulletin

14th October 2018 - 20th 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.

DEANERY WALKS

The last walk of the year, on Saturday 20th October at 9am, will be hosted by **St John's Church.** As always, walkers meet in the church car park for the walk commencing at 9am. Light refreshments will be available after the walks and a short prayer said for the host church, aiming to finish at about 11am. The walks do go across fields and open countryside so please stress that suitable footwear should be worn. Dogs on leads are very welcome.

THANK YOU FROM THE CTS FOOD BANK

A wonderful collection of "Harvest" food has been received by the CTS Food Bank from the congregations at St John's Church and St Mary's, Farnham. Thank you to all who kindly and generously donated to this local cause. It really helps the Food Bank to keep running. **CTS FOOD BANK**

ST JOHN'S 300 CLUB

Many congratulations to the winners of the September draw: £100 No.124 D. Nash

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

The draw for October will be on Sunday 28^{th} 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

ST MARY'S CHURCH BIRCHANGER

Presents **A Fashion show on Tuesday 30th October at 7pm** at the Church Hall with Travelling Trends. High Street clothes, prices slashed, bargains galore

High Street clothes, prices slashed, bargains galore, including a raffle! Help us raise funds for St Mary's Church and a chosen local charity. Tickets £6.00 incl a glass of wine or soft drink For Tickets please contact Elaine 01279-813474/Sue 01279-815427 Email: stmaryschurch.birchanger@gmail.com No ordering, buy on the night – pay cash or card. To book a show call 01737 217220 or visit our website www.travellingtrends.co.uk

CHRISTMAS MARKET UPDATE

We now have a couple of other stalls taken but we still have one or two other places we would like to fill. Also although we have I think volunteers now in place for clearing the church on Saturday after the market closes I am still asking for help on Friday in setting up and again appeal for people willing and able to help so please put the word out. Also support for bottles of all sorts for bottles for this popular stall welcome so please if you can help here contact John Jacques. Many thanks. *Richard Lenton 813208*

CHRISTMAS DECORATIONS

Do you have any old Christmas decorations you are fed up with? Well, buy yourselves some new ones and send the old ones our way!! We are planning to have a CHRISTMAS DECORATIONS stall at St John's Christmas Market in November where we will sell what we can to raise funds for the church. Please bring them to church, or leave them in the porch of 21 Park Road, Stansted. No enormous Christmas trees thank you, but small artificial trees, Christmas ornaments, baubles, tinsel etc. very welcome. THANK YOU. *Kathy West and Margaret Hill*

BOTTLE TOMBOLA

The Christmas Fair is fast approaching and I will need lots of bottles for the Bottle Tombola to be a success. Please search your cellars and if you have anything suitable that you would like to donate please either see me at church or contact me on 01279 656645. Many thanks. John Jaques

THIS WEEK CONNECT 120 MEANS:

- * Assembly at Dunmow St Mary's
- * Assembly at Roseacres
- * RE lessons at Gt Dunmow Primary
- * Cooking at Roseacres
- * Assembly at Farnham
- * A trip to the Christian Resources Exhibition at Sandown Park
- * Assembly at Magna Carta
- * Lunch club at Birchanger

Tara Russell

MUSIC@STANSTED

At St John's at 6pm TODAY - 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 Sonia Levy 815282.

14th OCTOBER – 20TH SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY

432. 382. 379. 458. 221 Hymns:

Anthem: 'As water to the thirsty' Coleman

Bible Readings:

Reading:	Amos 5.6-7, 10-15
Reader:	Alan Corbishley
Gospel:	Mark 10.17-31
Interceder:	Stella Skingle

Traditional Collect

O God, giver of life, whose Holy Spirit welleth up within thy Church: fill us with the gifts of that same Spirit to live the gospel of Christ, and make us ready to do thy will, that we may share with all thy whole creation the joys of eternal life; 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.

21ST OCTOBER – 21ST SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY

Bible Readings:

Reading: Isaiah 53.4-12 Reader: Margaret Chastney Gospel: Mark 10.35-45 Interceder: Alan Corbishley

Bible Readings for the Week Ahead

Mon 15 Oct	Psalm 126
	2 Kings 21.1-18
Tue 16 Oct	Psalm 132
	2 Kings 22.1-23.3
Wed 17 Oct	Psalm 119.153-end
	2 Kings 23.4-25
Thu 18 Oct	Psalm 145
	Isaiah 55
Fri 19 Oct	Psalm 144
	2 Kings 24.18-25.12
Sat 20 Oct	Psalm 147
	2 Kings 25.22-end

Thoughts to accompany these readings are published as "Reflections for Daily Praver" 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 19th October. Anything coming after this time will be forwarded to the next week. Thank you.

PLEASE PRAY FOR:

* Daniel John Edward Carr & Danielle Louise Woolard Gage as they prepare for their wedding. May their marriage 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, 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 Ernest Arthur Robinson, Margaret Patricia Clower, Anne Patricia Wilkinson, Edna Edith Laird and Barry Gordon West.

* 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 Saturday 9am - Deanery Walk from St John's Sunday 8am - Holy Communion 9.30am - Sung Eucharist

St Mary's Birchanger

Sunday 11.15am - Family Service

St Mary's Farnham

Sunday 4pm - Holy Communion

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