Bulletin

21st October 2018 - 21st 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.

BIRCHANGER SPECIAL:

FASHION SHOW - Tuesday 30th October at 7pm

at the Church Hall with Travelling Trends. 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 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 FAMILY PRIZE BINGO EVENING

Saturday 8th December at 7pm in the Church Hall Tickets: £10 per adult/ £5 for children incl supper Contact **Pam Lee on 07702171744**

ALL SOULS' SERVICE/4TH NOVEMBER/5PM

Please write any names to be read out at this service on the list at the back of the church (Birchanger, Farnham, Stansted).

FARNHAM SPECIAL: FARNHAM CHRISTMAS TREE AND TRIBUTES FESTIVAL

Families and businesses in Farnham have been invited to decorate a Christmas tree which will then be displayed in the church on Saturday, 13th December between 11 and 3.30 pm. Father Christmas has promised to attend at 12.30. We look forward to welcoming you to St Mary's Farnham on that day. Bring your friends and families. **B Stubbings**

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**

EPHESIANS FOR EVERYONE

Tomorrow's bible study group will meet at the Rectory at 1.30, and not at Park Road.

Kathy

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 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 & 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 talk to me. Many thanks. John Jaques 656645

TOILETRIES STALL

Dear Friends – I am once again running the very popular TOILETRIES STALL on the 17th November and this is my annual plea to you lovely people for donations. Please, if you have any <u>unused</u> beauty products / bath products / toiletries in general, for women, men or children that you no longer want (perhaps unwanted gifts), do let me know. I will gladly have them. Donations can be left in the Church showing my name or I can very easily call to collect them. With many thanks. **Ann Lee 01279 813310**

<u>21ST OCTOBER – 21st SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY</u> Hymns: 623, 724, 470, 507, 340

Anthem: 'Christ has no body' Ogden

Bible Readings:

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

Traditional Collect

Grant, we beseech thee, merciful Lord, to thy faithful people pardon and peace, that they may be cleansed from all their sins and serve thee with a quiet mind; 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.**

28th OCTOBER – LAST SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY

Bible Readings:

Reading:	Jeremiah 31.7-9
Reader:	Katy Dockerill
Gospel:	Mark 10.46-52
Interceder:	Elizabeth Jennings

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 **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 Tricia Walters, her friends and family; and for those whose anniversary of death falls at this time, especially **Ernest Robinson, Pat Clower, Anne Wilkinson, Edna Laird and Barry West.**

In the Anglican Cycle of prayer we are asked to pray that a time will come when all the peoples of the world may be enabled to live together in peace, harmony and love.

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 26th October.** Anything coming after this time will be forwarded to the next week. Thank you.

Bible Readings for the Week Ahead

Psalm 1
Exodus 22.21-27, 23.1-17
Psalm 5
Exodus 29.38-30.16
Psalm 119.1-32
Leviticus 8
Psalm 15
Leviticus 9
Psalm 19
Leviticus 16.2-24
Psalm 23
Leviticus 17

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.

SERVICES FOR THE WEEK AHEAD

<u>St John's Stansted</u>

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 3pm - Baptism Service

<u>St Mary's Birchanger</u>

Thursday 1.45pm - Memorial service for the late Mr Terence Ginger Sunday 11.15am - Holy Communion

<u>St Mary's Farnham</u>

Sunday 11am - Matins

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