



Bulletin

28th October 2018 - Last 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.*

TEN YEARS OF TOTS

Can you believe it? It is 10 YEARS since our first Tuesday morning Tots service in St John's. Quite a scary thought that some of our first little ones are now teenagers! We are going to be celebrating this milestone at Tots on Tuesday 6th November with a special service. It would be great if some members of our Sunday congregation could join us. We start at 9.30. Tea/Coffee and cake will be served! See you there.

Margaret Hill

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 contact **Elaine 813474/Sue 815427** or
stmaryschurch.birchanger@gmail.com
No ordering, buy on the night – pay cash or card.

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**

BIBLE STUDY GROUP

We have finished Ephesians! From Monday 29th October we will start studying "The Sermon on the Mount". Last Monday we welcomed a new member, but there is still room for more. Why not come along tomorrow? Bring your bible – any version. We meet at 21 Park Road, CM24 8PB from 1.30- 3pm. Please note we will not meet the following Monday, 5th November.

Kathy West

FARNHAM SPECIAL:

**ST MARY'S CHURCH FARNHAM CHRISTMAS TREE
AND TRIBUTES FESTIVAL**

Saturday 15th December 2018 at 11.00am - 3.30pm
Singing by Farnham School Children and led by Isobel Bradshaw. Wood Wind of Bishop's Stortford/Father Christmas at 12.30pm/Refreshments & Raffle.
Details from B Stubbing 776168 or Ann Moore 776220

CHRISTMAS MARKET UPDATE

SATURDAY 17TH NOVEMBER

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. 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.

Kathy West & Margaret Hill

BOTTLE TOMBOLA

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 and this is my annual plea to you lovely people for donations. Please, if you have any unused 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 813310

ALL SOULS' SERVICE IN ST JOHN'S

SUNDAY 4TH NOVEMBER AT 5PM

Please write any names to be read out at this service on the list at the back of any of the three churches or email them to the church office (please see email at the back of the Bulletin). Thank you.

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28th OCTOBER – LAST SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY

Hymns: 349, 238, 454, 600, 798

Anthem: 'Brother James' air McBain

Bible Readings:

Reading: Jeremiah 31.7-9

Reader: Katy Dockerill

Gospel: Mark 10.46-52

Interceder: Elizabeth Jennings

Traditional Collect

Blessed Lord,
who hast caused all holy Scriptures to be written for our
learning: grant that we may in such wise hear them,
read, mark, learn and inwardly digest them,
that by patience and comfort of thy holy word,
we may embrace and ever hold fast
the blessed hope of everlasting life,
which thou hast given us in our Saviour Jesus Christ,
who liveth and reigneth with thee,
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
one God, now and forever. **Amen.**

4TH NOVEMBER – ALL SAINTS DAY

Bible Readings:

Reading: Isaiah 25.6-9

Reader: Alastair Bone

Gospel: John 11.32-44

Interceder: Janet Wilkin

PLEASE PRAY FOR:

Leo Bowen getting baptised in St John's today, for his family and godparent - may they help him understand how to live a life in a Christian way.

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 **Derrick Eady and Tricia Walters**, their friends and families; and for those whose anniversary of death falls at this time, especially **Susan Margaret Berriman**.

In Lord, help us to grow in faith, hope and love as we spend time with you and your Word this coming week. Help us, also, to support others as they grow in their faith.

Bible Readings for the Week Ahead

Mon 29 Oct	Psalm 30 Leviticus 19.1-18, 30-end
Tue 30 Oct	Psalm 36 Leviticus 23.1-22
Wed 31 Oct	Psalm 34 Leviticus 23.23-end
Thu 01 Nov	Psalm 149 Isaiah 35.1-9
Fri 02 Nov	Psalm 31 Leviticus 25.1-24
Sat 03 Nov	Psalm 42 Numbers 6.1-5, 21-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.

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 - Family Service
5pm - All Souls' Service

St Mary's Birchanger

Sunday 11.15am - Matins

St Mary's Farnham

Sunday 11am - Holy Communion

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Office Hours: Monday/Wednesday/Friday 9am – 12noon

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 2nd November**. Anything coming after this time will be forwarded to the next week. Thank you.