



Bulletin

4th November 2018 - All Saints' Day

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? 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 at 9.30am. It would be great if some members of our Sunday congregation could join us. Tea, coffee and cake will be served! Hope to see you there.

Margaret Hill

BIBLE STUDY GROUP

Please note the Bible Study House group will not meet this Monday 5th November. We will be on again on Monday 12th November at 21 Park Rd, Stansted. *Kathy West*

REMEMBRANCE DAY SERVICE

There will be no 9.30am service of Holy Communion at St John's next Sunday 11th November. Instead our service will begin in Church at 10.15 am and we will go out to the War Memorial at approximately 10.45am where the names of those killed in the two World Wars will be read out, followed by the usual two minutes' silence at 11am.

BIRCHANGER CHRISTMAS FAMILY PRIZE BINGO

Saturday 8th December at 7pm in the Church Hall.

Tickets: £10 per adult/ £5 for children incl supper

Contact *Pam Lee on 07702171744*

ST JOHN'S 300 CLUB

Many congratulations to the winners of the October

draw: £100 No.64 Pamela Jackson

£50 No.170 Ray Smith

£25 No.102 June Winter

Next draw will be on Sunday 25th November following the 9.30am service. Numbers are still available for anyone who may wish to join at a cost of £2/month/number. Please ask 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 Johns Church. Thank you, *Jean Newson 819062*

ST MARY'S CHURCH FARNHAM

CHRISTMAS TREE AND TRIBUTES FESTIVAL

Saturday 15th December 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 - SATURDAY 17TH NOVEMBER

We now have a couple of other stalls taken but we still have few places we would like to fill. Also, 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. Many thanks.

Richard Lenton 813208

BOOK STALL: Good condition paperbacks wanted for the book stall please. *Liz Jennings 813270*

GIFT STALL: By massive popular demand the fantastic and famous GIFT STALL will be making yet another amazing appearance at our Christmas Market. But, we do need lots of nice gifts to sell so we would welcome lots of nice donations of articles suitable as gifts. These may be left at the back of the Church clearly marked "Gift Stall" or we can collect - just let us know. Thank You Everyone! *Christine and Bill Stiles 813172*

CAKE STALL: Once again we are having a cake stall at the Christmas Market and would really appreciate any contributions whether they are large cakes, small cakes, jams, breads, anything edible. These can be delivered to the Church on Sat 17th November, or even the day before and left at the back of the Church. I would also willingly collect them from you if that makes life easier. Please let me know if you want me to do this. With many thanks, *Julie Lenton 813208*

CHRISTMAS DECORATIONS STALL: 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! 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 816293*

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, 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), 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*

CONNECT 120 will be holding it's first AGM. We would love you to join us and discover what has been happening over the first year of the project. **Wednesday 7th November, 7.30pm** at The Rectory, Parsonage Road, Takeley, CM22 6QZ.

4TH NOVEMBER – ALL SAINTS DAY

Hymns: 190, 205, 549, 67, 747

Anthem: 'Holy, holy, holy' by Schubert

Bible Readings:

Reading: Isaiah 25.6-9

Reader: Alastair Bone

Gospel: John 11.32-44

Interceder: Janet Wilkin

Traditional Collect

O almighty God,
who hast knit together thine elect
in one communion and fellowship
in the mystical body of thy Son Christ our Lord:
grant us grace so to follow thy blessed saints
in all virtuous and godly living
that we may come to those inexpressible joys
which thou hast prepared for them
that unfeignedly love thee;
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.**

11TH NOVEMBER – 3RD SUNDAY BEFORE ADVENT

Bible Readings:

Reading: Jonah 3.1-5,10

Reader: Sandy Wood

Gospel: Mark 1.14-20

Interceder: Roland Pelly

PLEASE PRAY FOR:

*Those who are sick, especially Georgina Kemp,
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 Ronald
Page, Jim Ward and Derrick Eady, for their friends
and families.*

*In the Anglican Cycle of prayer we are asked to pray
for the ministry of all those who work with young
people, and especially the Diocesan Area Youth
Advisers. We remember St Mark's College, its
Director Peter Hillman, and all who work there. Also
those who minister at the Asheldham Centre and
Barry Howard, the Manager.*

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 9th November. Anything coming after this time will be forwarded to the next week. Thank you.

Bible Readings for the Week Ahead

Mon 05 Nov	Psalm 2, Revelation 1
Tue 06 Nov	Psalm 5 Revelation 2.1-11
Wed 07 Nov	Psalm 9 Revelation 2.12-end
Thu 08 Nov	Psalm 15 Revelation 3.1-13
Fri 09 Nov	Psalm 16 Revelation 3.14-end
Sat 10 Nov	Psalm 18.31-end Revelation 4

*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 10.15am - Remembrance Service

St Mary's Birchanger

Sunday 10.45am - Remembrance Service

St Mary's Farnham

Tuesday 2.30pm - School Remembrance in Church

Sunday 10.45am - Remembrance Service

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