



Bulletin

18th November 2018 - 2nd Sunday before Advent

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,
do stay for coffee and introduce yourself.**

LETTERS TO ST JOHN'S CONGREGATION

On the sidesmen's table at St John's today are individual envelopes addressed to all the members of St John's congregation. Please take yours and, if you can deliver a few in yours or nearby roads, please take those too but it is important that they are delivered without delay. Should there be no envelope addressed to you please have a word with me or Kathy. **Alan Corbishley**

STANSTED MESSY CHURCH

Our final event for this year is on Sunday 25th November 3.30pm-5.00pm at St Mary's School. This relaxed and lively style of church for all ages has activities, celebration and food, and plenty of FUN. Everyone is welcome, particularly families with children aged under 12, and there is no charge. If you're able to help with preparations to this event, contributions for tea will be greatly appreciated. The following items are requested:

One loaf of ham sandwiches cut into quarters

One loaf of egg sandwiches cut into quarters

A packet of cheese

At least 24 cooked cocktail sausages

1 cucumber

1 box of red or green grapes

10 mince pies

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1 bottle of blackcurrant squash (no added sugar)

Please sign the list at the back of church.

Katy Dockerill 812997

CELEBRATION OF CHRISTMAS IN ST JOHN'S

SATURDAY 22ND DECEMBER AT 3 PM

As usual, we are hoping singers from our village community will join the specially formed CTS Celebration choir. Rehearsals will be in the church from 7.15pm-8.00pm on Thursdays 29th November, 6th and 13th December. Please contact me for further details, or just come along to the first rehearsal. Everyone will be welcome. **Kathy West**

CONNECT 120 LAST WEEK:

- * Assembly at Gt Dunmow Primary led by a volunteer
- * Cooking at Roseacres School
- * Assembly at Farnham Primary
- * Assembly at Magna Carta led by a volunteer
- * Lunch club at Birchanger.

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**

FARNHAM SCHOOL CHRISTMAS FAIR

Saturday 24th November 11am - 2pm

MUSIC@STANSTED

The next concert in St John's is on Sunday, 25th November at 3pm. Nicholas Mogg, one of the UK's best young baritones, will be singing songs by three English composers - Gurney, Quilter and Bridge - two French - Faure and Duparc - and four German - Loewe, Schubert, Schumann and Cornelius. The last may be the least familiar name, but everybody will find they know and love his Christmas Carol "Three Kings from Persian Lands Afar". Nicholas will be accompanied by Jâms Coleman, who will also be performing solo piano pieces to complement and enlarge on the songs. Tickets, Adults £15, concessions £12, children under 18 free, are available from Sonia Levy, 31 Chapel Hill, Stansted (01279 815282); or at the door.. **Alan Corbishley**

ALPHA COURSE

The Alpha Course is coming to Stansted from January '19. It is being coordinated by Family Church, with some members of the team coming from other churches as well. Each Alpha session includes a meal, a short DVD and a time of discussion, giving an opportunity for people who don't go to church (or perhaps recently started attending) to explore the basics of the Christian faith. (See www.alpha.org) Several members of our team have run Alpha before and will be leading the sessions but if you would like to be involved in putting on this course there are a number of different roles available - from preparing or serving food on one or more of the sessions, to helping with a discussion, or simply chatting with people to make them feel welcome. We are planning both daytime and evening taster sessions in late January. If you would like to know more, we would love to hear from you. Please contact contactstanfam@yahoo.com / **Ros Page on 810813.**

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**

18TH NOVEMBER – 2ND SUNDAY BEFORE ADVENT

Hymns: 19, 156, 770, 743, 747
Anthem: General Anthem Book 2

Bible Readings:

Reading: Daniel 12.1-3
 Reader: Ray Smith
 Gospel: Mark 13.1-8
 Interceder: Alan Corbishley

Traditional Collect

O God, whose blessed Son was manifested that he might destroy the works of the devil and make us the children of God and heirs of eternal life: grant us, we beseech thee, that, having this hope, we may purify ourselves, even as he is pure, that when he shall appear again with power and great glory we may be made like unto him in his eternal and glorious kingdom; where with thee, O Father, and thee, O Holy Spirit, he liveth and reigneth, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

25TH NOVEMBER – CHRIST THE KING**Bible Readings:**

Reading: Revelation 1.4b-8
 Reader: Cheryl McGreal
 Gospel: John 18.33-37
 Interceder: Kathryn West

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 Kay Jones, Bob Stoddart, John Eaglesfield Follows, Ronald Page and Derrick Eady, for their friends and families, and for those whose anniversary of death falls at this time, especially Priscilla Litchfield Oldfield.

In the Anglican Cycle of prayer we are asked to pray for all those men and women who work in the emergency services providing 24 hour care and protection, both in front line and behind the scenes, and pray, too, for their chaplains.

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 23rd November. Anything coming after this time will be forwarded to the next week. Thank you.

**Bible Readings
for the Week Ahead**

Mon 19 Nov	Psalm 47 Revelation 10
Tue 20 Nov	Psalm 52 Revelation 11.1-14
Wed 21 Nov	Psalm 56 Revelation 11.15-end
Thu 22 Nov	Psalm 62 Revelation 12
Fri 23 Nov	Psalm 63 Revelation 13.1-10
Sat 24 Nov	Psalm 78.1-39 Revelation 13.11-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**

Monday 11am - funeral **Ronald Page**

Tuesday 9.15am - St John's Tots

Wednesday 9am - Morning Prayers

10am - Holy Communion

Thursday 10.30am - Coffee Pot

Saturday 12noon - Christmas Market

Sunday 8am - Holy Communion

9.30am - Sung Eucharist

St Mary's Birchanger

Monday 2.30pm – funeral **John Eaglesfield Follows**

Sunday 11.15am – Holy Communion

St Mary's Farnham

Sunday 11am – Matins

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