

Bulletin

12th May 2019 - Fourth Sunday of Easter

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.*

FUNERAL FOR ANTHONY LUDLOW-ELSTON

The funeral for Anthony Ludlow-Elston will take place on **Wednesday 22nd May at 2pm** at Cam Valley Crematorium, Gt Chesterford with refreshments afterwards at The Chequers, Ugley Green.

REVEALING REVELATION BIBLE STUDY

After a bit of a break we now finally meet again tomorrow, **Monday 13th May** when we will continue our study of Revelation at Christine Stiles' house – Old Lane House, Church Road, 1.30-3pm. Everyone welcome. *Kathy West*

DEANERY WALK SATURDAY 18TH MAY

The walk on **Saturday 18th May** will start and finish at St Mary's Church, Church Street, Church End, Great Dunmow. References postcode CM6 2AE and G/R 629 229. Queries to Marion Tuttlebee on 07773 281286 e-mail marion.tuttlebee@googlemail.com. There is plenty of parking at the church at the end of the drive past the church. As always, after the walks light refreshments will be available followed by a short service when thanks will be given to the host church. Suitable footwear for country walking is advisable and dogs on leads are always very welcome.

MEDITATION GROUP

Our sessions throughout Lent have proved to be popular with many participants saying how helpful they have found it to practice meditation. So, I aim to make our group a regular one, and we will be meeting again on **Wednesday May 15th from 7.00-7.45pm in church**. Even if you didn't get the chance to try this during Lent come and give it a go – beginners are most welcome! If you have been before and would like to continue but can't make it every week, please do still come when you can. *Rev. Helen*

CHILDREN'S SOCIETY COLLECTING BOXES

The total amount collected in boxes over the last year was £357-18. Thank you to everyone who has contributed to this amount. I have recently recruited two new box holders which is wonderful. If anyone else would like a box please let me know.

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WAITROSE, BISHOP'S STORTFORD

At "music@stansted"

*we are delighted that Waitrose have chosen us
as one of their charities for the month of May.*

So, please, if you use Waitrose,
put the green token you can pick up at the till in the
"music@stansted" box on your way out.
Whatever money we receive we shall use
to help defray the costs of our "summer soiree – young
musicians at Stansted" event at St John's on June 23rd.
Even if you don't usually use Waitrose, perhaps you might
consider a visit there this month to help us.

Alan Corbishley

MESSY CHURCH

Our last Messy Church until the autumn will be on **Sunday 19th May**. Can you please sign up on the list at the back of church for food contributions for our tea.

We are always most grateful to those of you who make and buy food for us. Thank you. *Katy Dockerill*

CONNECT 120 NEWS:

PRAYER FOR SCHOOLS FORTNIGHT

Connect 120 is encouraging everybody to pray for their local schools during the national Prayer for Schools Fortnight.

There will be a prayer session on Monday 20th May, 2pm at St Mary's Birchanger. All are welcome. For more information contact Tara on tara@connect120.org.uk

KNITTING CLUB AT MAGNA CARTA

Connect 120 will be running a knitting club at Magna Carta school on [Mondays 3-4pm, starting on the 3rd June](#) for 6 weeks. We need 1 or 2 people to volunteer for this short term project. Please speak to Ann Conroy or Janet Wilkin.

Or email Tara on tara@connect120.org.uk

THIS WEEK Connect120 MEANS:

...a management meeting, Prayer for Schools event in Dunmow, an assembly at Roseacres Primary, a meeting in Lt Canfield, cooking at Roseacres Primary, Lunch Club at Birchanger Primary.

12TH MAY – 4TH SUNDAY OF EASTER

Hymns: 321, 495, 340, 166, 724

Anthem: 'I give to you a new commandment'

Bible Readings:

Interceder: Roland Pelly

Reading: Act 9.36-43

Reader: Stella Skingle

Gospel: John 10.22-30

Traditional Collect

Almighty God,
whose Son Jesus Christ is the resurrection and the
life:
raise us, who trust in him,
from the death of sin unto the life of righteousness,
that we may seek those things which are above,
where he liveth and reigneth with thee,
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

19TH MAY – 5TH SUNDAY OF EASTER

Bible Readings:

Interceder: Peter Jones

Reading: Acts 11.1-18

Reader: Anthony Minshull

Gospel: John 13.31-35

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 2pm - Wedding

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

PLEASE PRAY FOR

Daniel James Fountain & Rachel Laura Smith
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.*

**Veronica Lynch, Annette Warner, Terry White,
Georgina Kemp 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
**Kenneth Sturgeon, Kenneth Brand, Christine Brown,
Anthony Ludlow-Elston, Bryan Smythers
and Ian Cannon,**
for their friends and families;
and for those whose anniversary of death
falls at this time, especially
Douglas Patrick Michael Shervington.*

Christian Aid Week begins:
*God of the impossible, we pray for justice,
peace and reconciliation.
And when the challenges seem too many,
remind us of your resurrection power,
and the miracles of your love
that happen whenever injustice is dismantled
and rebuilt with peace.
Help us to hope that the impossible can happen
and live as if it might do so today. Amen*

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*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 17th May. Anything coming after this time
will be forwarded to the next week. Thank you.*