



# Bulletin

19<sup>th</sup> May 2019 - 5<sup>th</sup> 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 22<sup>nd</sup> May at 2pm** at Cam Valley Crematorium, Gt Chesterford with refreshments afterwards at The Chequers, Ugley Green.

## **MEDITATION GROUP**

On **Wednesday 22<sup>nd</sup> May, from 7.00-7.45pm** in St John's. Even if you didn't get the chance to come last time, 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. **Katy Dockerill 812997**

## **CHURCH FLOWERS**

As was mentioned in the Bulletin a few weeks ago, we were all delighted with the beautiful Easter flowers on display in St John's, thanks to Jean Robinson and her team. However, we mustn't forget that it would not have been possible without the financial support of members of our congregation. Particular thanks go to our Wednesday morning Communion congregation who faithfully donate proceeds from their coffee fund towards the cost of buying flowers for the church throughout the year and all the ladies who help with organising it.

## **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 23<sup>rd</sup>.

Even if you don't usually use Waitrose, perhaps you might consider a visit there this month to help us.

**Alan Corbishley**

## **BIBLE STUDY**

Just a reminder that we meet tomorrow, Monday 20<sup>th</sup> May at my house to continue studying the Book of Revelation. If you haven't been before, you will be made most welcome. Just bring yourself and your Bible (any version – we like a variety). **Kathy, 21 Park Rd, Stansted**

## **TALK AT ST THERESA'S CHURCH**

On **Friday, 31<sup>st</sup> May at 7.30**, David Morson will be giving a talk/meditation focusing on the interplay between Rembrandt's painting *The Prodigal Son* and the book by Fr. Henri Nouwen which is a meditation on the painting and how it affected him. David says it will also be a personal reflection on why he finds Rembrandt the most authentic painter of the Gospel Message.

## **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 20<sup>th</sup> May, 2pm at St Mary's Birchanger.

All are welcome.

For more information contact Tara

on [tara@connect120.org.uk](mailto:tara@connect120.org.uk)

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### **KNITTING CLUB AT MAGNA CARTA**

Connect 120 will be running a knitting club at Magna Carta school

on [Mondays 3-4pm, starting on the 3<sup>rd</sup> 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](mailto:tara@connect120.org.uk)

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### **THIS WEEK Connect120 MEANS:**

... assembly at Dunmow St Mary's, prayer for schools event in St Marys Birchanger, assembly at Birchanger Primary, cooking at Roseacres, staff tea at Roseacres, Steering Group, lunch club at Birchanger Primary, prayer for schools events in Takeley and Dunmow.

## **19<sup>TH</sup> MAY – 5<sup>TH</sup> SUNDAY OF EASTER**

**Hymns:** 14, 110, 839, 430, 223

**Anthem:** 'Lord, be with us on this day'  
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### **Bible Readings:**

Interceder: Peter Jones

Reading: Acts 11.1-18

Reader: Anthony Minshull

Gospel: John 13.31-35

### **Traditional Collect**

Almighty God,  
who through thine only-begotten Son Jesus Christ  
hast overcome death and opened unto us the gate of  
everlasting life:  
we humbly beseech thee that,  
as by thy grace preceding us  
thou dost put into our minds good desires,  
so by thy continual help  
we may bring the same to good effect;  
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.**

## **26<sup>TH</sup> MAY – 6<sup>TH</sup> SUNDAY OF EASTER**

### **Bible Readings:**

Interceder: Kathryn West

Reading: Acts 16.9-15

Reader: Alan Corbishley

Gospel: John 5.1-9

## **PLEASE PRAY FOR**

**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.*

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*Those who have recently died,  
especially **Jacqueline Worthington,  
Kenneth Sturgeon,  
Kenneth Brand,  
Anthony Ludlow-Elston  
and Bryan Smythers,**  
for their friends and families;  
and for those whose anniversary of death  
falls at this time,  
especially **Kate Hilda Chown,  
Andrew David Chastney  
and Nigel Francis Holland.***

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***Please pray for the House of Retreat at Pleshey,  
for all those who work and minister there,  
for the Friends of Pleshey,  
and for those who visit or stay.***

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## **THE WEEK AHEAD**

### **St John's Stansted**

**Tuesday 9.15am** - St John's Tots

**Wednesday 9am** - Morning Prayers

**10am** - Holy Communion

**7-7.45pm** - Meditation Group

**Thursday 10.30am** - Coffee Pot

**Sunday 8am** - Holy Communion

**9.30am** - Sung Eucharist

**3pm** - Baptism

### **St Mary's Birchanger**

**Sunday 11.15am** - Family Service

### **St Mary's Farnham**

**Sunday 6pm** - Rogation Sunday  
at Hazel End Farm

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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 24<sup>th</sup> May. Anything coming after this time  
will be forwarded to the next week. Thank you.*