



Bulletin

26th May 2019 - 6th 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.*

JEHANE DEWAR (NEE NEWBY)

Some of our St. John's congregation will remember John and Doreen Newby who were very closely involved with the church for many years. We have recently heard that their daughter Jehane Dewar has recently died of a brain tumour at the age of 58. We have sent condolences to her sister Kathryn Chatto who has asked that we hold Jehane in our prayers. BD

MEDITATION GROUP

Please note that there will be no meeting this Wednesday 29th May as Helen is on holiday! We will resume on Wednesday 5th June at 7pm. Rev.Helen

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.

BIBLE READINGS NOTES

At the back of church is a pile of BRF booklets. They are sent to me along with the ones I order for members of our church family. Rather than throw them away I am offering them to anyone here who would care to take one or more to test them out. No money required! *Stella*

WAITROSE, BISHOP'S STORTFORD

ONLY FEW DAYS LEFT!!

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

TALK AT ST THERESA'S CHURCH

On Friday, 31st May at 7.30pm, 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

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, Connect 120 means: Knit and Natter after school club at Magna Carta School, cooking at Roseacres Primary, management meeting, assembly at The Christian School, assembly at Magna Carta Primary, Takeley Primary It's Your Move with Year 6, lunch club at Birchanger Primary and Stansted Community Meeting.

HELEN'S ORDINATION AND

1ST CELEBRATION OF HOLY COMMUNION

29TH AND 30TH JUNE 2019

I would like to invite you all to attend my ordination as priest by Rt Rev'd Roger Morris, Bishop of Colchester on **Saturday 29th June at 10am in St Andrew's Halsted, Parsonage Street, Halsted, CO9 2LD.** There will be some light refreshments served in the church following the service. There is only very limited parking available at the church, but Pay & Display car parks can be found at Chapel Street, CO9 2LR (behind Sainsbury's) and in Butler Road CO9 2JN. Car sharing might be a good idea! I am told there is plenty of room for everyone in the church, and you are asked to be seated by 9.40am.

On **Sunday 30th June** I will be celebrating Holy Communion for the first time. This is going to be at a **Joint Benefice Service at St Mary's, Farnham at 10.30am.** This is such a special event in the life of a priest. I really hope that as many of you as possible will be able to come to support me on this occasion. There will be some celebratory refreshments after the service! *Helen*

26TH MAY – SIXTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

Hymns: 840, 743, 491(folders), 670, 541
Anthem: 'God of hope and Lord of healing'
Rizza

Bible Readings:

Interceder: Kathryn West
Reading: Acts 16.9-15
Reader: Alan Corbishley
Gospel: John 5.1-9

Traditional Collect

God our redeemer,
who hast delivered us from the power of darkness
and brought us into the kingdom of thy Son:
grant, that as by his death he hath recalled us to life,
so by his continual presence in us he may raise us to
eternal joy;
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.**

2ND JUNE – SEVENTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

Bible Readings:

Interceder: Janet Wilkin
Reading: Acts 16.16-34
Reader: Katy Dockerill
Gospel: John 17.20-26

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 Eucharist

St Mary's Birchanger

Sunday 11.15am - Matins

St Mary's Farnham

Sunday 11am - Holy Communion

*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 31st May. Anything coming after this time
will be forwarded to the next week. Thank you.*

PLEASE PRAY FOR

*Lily Anne Matthew and Nathan Eric Matthew
getting baptised this Sunday at St John's, and for
their parents and godparents, may they help them
understand how to live the life in a Christian way.*

**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 **Jehane Dewar (nee Newby),
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
**Marion Germaine Johnson,
Andrew David Chastney
and Nigel Francis Holland.***

*Please pray for the ministry of the Actors Church
Union, and everyone involved in the local theatre
and entertainment industry in our Diocese.*

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