



Bulletin

2nd June 2019 - 7th 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.*

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 a
glass of bubbly to celebrate at church after the service and then
Paul will be hosting a BBQ lunch in the rectory garden. *Helen*

HELEN'S ORDINATION: TRANSPORT

It has been suggested that we consider hiring a coach to take members of
our congregations from Stansted, Birchanger and Farnham to Halstead
for Helen's priesting on Saturday, 29th June. I have been in touch
with several coach companies, and based on the lowest quote I
have received so far, the cost would be £12.50 a head, assuming
we can fill the whole coach (this particular one has 29 seats). We
would leave Stansted at 8.30am. If you would like to travel by
coach, please let me know by telephone or email as soon as
possible so I can ascertain how much interest there is. Obviously if
this isn't practical there will be lots of opportunities to car-share,
so anyone who wants to go will be able to. *Kathy West 816293*
(leave a message if I am out) kewest@btinternet.com

ST JOHN'S 300 CLUB

Many congratulations to the winners of the May draw:

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| £100 | No.83 | Bridget Gott |
| £50 | No.205 | L.M.Gascoyne |
| £25 | No.120 | Elizabeth Jennings |

The draw for June will be on Sunday, 30th June following the
9.30am service.

Numbers are still available for anyone who may wish to join at a
cost of £2 per month per number. Please contact 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. John's Church. Thank you.

Jean Newson 819 062

ST MARY'S SCHOOL MUSIC EVENING

At St John's Church on **Friday 21st June at 7pm.**
Everyone welcome.

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

BIBLE STUDY (REVEALING REVELATION)

Tomorrow's Bible Study group (3rd June) will be held in the Rectory
from 1.30 to 3pm. New members always welcome.

Bring your bible.

Kathy West

EVENSONG AT ST JOHN'S

The Royal School of Church Music (RSCM) is celebrating Music
Sunday on **16th June.** St John's are joining in this day of music-
making with a **service of Evensong at St John's 5pm on that day.**
Please come – everyone welcome.

Kathy West

COMMUNITY DISCUSSION FORUM

SATURDAY 8TH JUNE 10am-12noon

Since starting my curacy, I have picked up from conversations with
those who live here is that there is a great sense of community in
Stansted; and that community is highly valued both by long term
residents and newcomers to the village.

I have contacted leaders of the many activities and organisations
who contribute so much to the local community and invited them
to come together and share positive stories about what has been
done in the past to create community, as well as to imagine how
we would like our community to be in 10 years from now. I am
interested to discover what role we as church might have in
enabling our community to flourish.

Any church members who have a passion for this community are
also invited to join us for a **Community Discussion Forum on
Saturday June 8th from 10am-12noon at St John's Church
Hall.** There will be Tea, Coffee and cakes! Please email
revhelenstn@gmail.com by 5th June if you intend to come so that
we can ensure sufficient catering.

Rev. Helen

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, Janet Wilkin or Tara** tara@connect120.org.uk.

2ND JUNE – SEVENTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

Hymns: 33, 352, 237, 549, 273
Anthem: 'As water to the thirsty' Coleman
Bible Readings:
Interceder: Janet Wilkin
Reading: Acts 16.16-34
Reader: Katy Dockerill
Gospel: John 17.20-26

Traditional Collect

O God the King of glory,
who hast exalted thine only Son Jesus Christ
with great triumph unto thy kingdom in heaven:
we beseech thee, leave us not comfortless,
but send to us thine Holy Spirit to comfort us
and exalt us unto the same place
whither our Saviour Christ is gone before;
who liveth and reigneth with thee,
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

9TH JUNE – PENTECOST

Bible Readings:
Interceder: Ray Smith
Reading: Acts 2.1-21
Reader: Alastair Bone
Gospel: John 14.8-17, 25-27

THE WEEK AHEAD

St John's Stansted

Tuesday 9.15am - St John's Tots
Wednesday 9am - Morning Prayers
10am - Holy Communion
7pm - Meditation Group
Thursday 10.30am - Coffee Pot
Sunday 8am - Holy Communion
9.30am - Sung Eucharist

St Mary's Birchanger

Sunday 11.15am – Holy Communion

St Mary's Farnham

Sunday 4pm – Family Service

*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 7th May. Anything coming after this time
will be forwarded to the next week. Thank you.*

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.*

*Those who have recently died,
especially **Jehane Dewar (nee Newby)**
and **Jacqueline Worthington,**
for their friends and families;
and for those
whose anniversary of death falls at this time,
especially*

**Marion Germaine Johnson,
George Edward Hollis
and Lily Margaret Suckling.**

Environment Sunday:

**Loving Father, we praise and thank you
for the beauty and goodness of creation around us.
Over the past century we have noticed the
diminution of the living diversity of creation
and of the health of the ecosystems that support it.
Help us Lord, to respect the earth's rich diversity
and to do our part to stop further decline
in the health of our planet
by the way we live our lives.**

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