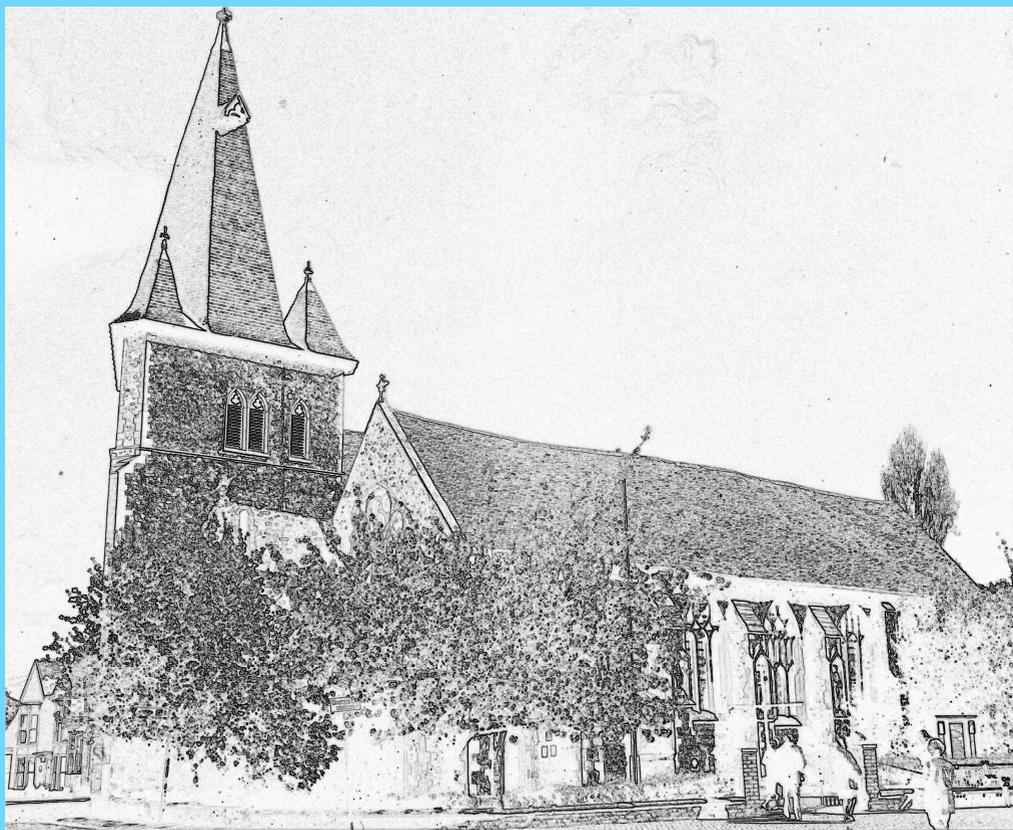


# ALL SAINTS' MALDON



# PARISH NEWS

October 2021

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**CHURCH SERVICES****Sunday Services**

8:00am Holy Communion (BCP 1662)  
 09:30 am Sung Parish Eucharist (except first Sunday of the month).  
 6:00 pm Evensong and Sermon second (and fourth when there are five), Sundays of the month (4:0 pm during GMT)

**1st Sunday in the Month**

09:30am Short all age service of stories songs and prayers.  
 6:00 pm Evensong at St Mary's

**3rd Sunday**

6:00 pm Evensong at all Saints Purleigh

**Last Sunday**

6:00 pm Prayer and Praise Service

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Sundays at 9:30am.in the D'Arcy Room in Church

**WEEKDAY SERVICE**

**Morning Prayer** is usually said in church at 8.30am on Monday - Friday.

**Evening Prayer** is usually said in church at 5.30pm on Monday - Thursday

**1st Thursday** 11:00am Holy Communion (BCP 1662) followed by coffee and biscuits

**Cover Picture:** From the archives



# THE PARISH LETTER

At the time of writing this article, I have a large calendar planner out, taped to the floor behind me, trying to piece together a workable outline for Remembrance and Christmas. The current question I am considering is whether leading 8 services in 48 hours is foolhardy or unavoidable!

It'll come together in due course, I am sure, and I am grateful for the many people who make that which we can currently manage, both sustainable and good. There are pinch points in any church calendar though, which require an especial care and attention. They have a totemic quality, which surpasses the date and time on the diary page.

One such time is the Midnight Mass at St Andrew's, Heybridge. My predecessor decided that he wouldn't do that service and unilaterally ended the most well attended service in the parish calendar. It has been of significant importance to keep that service going, even in the teeth of the Christmas lockdown last year. There are benefits to a small congregation in a big church, it seems!

However, the complexities of having five worshipping communities and several extra congregations is dwarfed by another date looming in our diaries, namely that of COP26 in Glasgow at the end of October.

This international climate conference is another chance for countries around the world to agree to reduce deforestation, phase out the use of coal, introduce electric vehicles more swiftly and – crucially – finalise the rules of the Paris Agreement from 2015.

That this still needs to be done 6 years on is one indicator of the complexity of such negotiations. The recent record temperatures in British Columbia and record rainfall in New York may well focus North American minds this time round, whilst the severe flooding in Germany, Belgium and The Netherlands from earlier this summer has already galvanised EU policy makers.

Our prayers need to be pointed more consistently towards this conference and an amicable and workable outcome that takes action soonest. It may well require a miracle.

It is easy to be dismissive of such gatherings or – worse – cynical about them. Having worked in Westminster I have been guilty of this in the past myself. But, I also know that false hope is no hope at all.

It is that theme that the author Caryl Bray weaves into her recent book 'when the lights go out'. This piece of fiction uses the changing climate as the proverbial straw that breaks the camel's back in the relationship of her



two main protagonists. It is exceedingly well written and uses climate change as the villain of the piece to move the plot along.

The inexorable rise of the sea level in the northern coastal town affects every aspect of their lives together and ultimately brings the story to its crescendo. If you are a member of Maldon Library, I'd recommend borrowing it. Its realistic portrayal of marriage is just one of its strong points; clear eyed yet hopeful.

As such, our prayers for COP26 need to be both clear eyed and hopeful. It is a conference that has taken on totemic qualities to some because of the disappointment of what has gone before. Any provisions that it produces will be seen as foolhardy by some, but unavoidable by others. Whatsoever conclusion you choose to draw about its necessity and scope, please do join me in praying that the outcome may be amicable and workable.

Psalm 24: 1 "The earth is the Lord's and everything in it"

Amen

*Asa*

## JOHN SPEAKMAN

For many years, John Speakman, who was a popular and generous member of All Saints' family, died earlier this year when Covid restricted church services, including funerals. Now that most restrictions have been lifted it is possible to hold a service of Thanksgiving, for the Life of John, which will be held at 2pm on Friday 15th October.

## EVENSONG AT ALL SAINTS'

After a very long wait, we are pleased to announce that Evensong will recommence on **Sunday 10th October** and will be held on every second Sunday of the month. Also when there are five Sundays in the month it will be held on the fourth Sunday as well. Therefore this month, Evensong at All Saints' will also be held on **Sunday 24th October**. These Evensong Services start at 6 pm but in November, after the clocks go back, it will be held at 4 pm.

**NB** Don't forget to put your clocks back one hour on the 30th / 31st October.



## Persecution of Christians set to rise in Afghanistan

As the Taliban tighten their grip on Afghanistan, Release International has warned that attacks on Christians are likely to rise across the region.

One church leader in Afghanistan said Christians were living in great fear. Some who worked for the government now face reprisals, and any identified as Christians could be killed. Christians risk betrayal, even from their own family members.

A Christian contact of one Release International partner describes the situation as ‘dire.’ Says ‘Micah’: “Our brothers and sisters in Christ are telling us how afraid they are. In the areas that the Taliban now control girls are not allowed to go to school and women are not allowed to leave their homes without a male companion.”

The church in Afghanistan already faced sharp persecution, even before the Taliban advance. That church is invisible and must operate underground in this land where Muslims who change their faith are breaking the law and considered to have betrayed their communities.

To be exposed as a Christian is to risk being charged with apostasy, which is punishable by death or imprisonment. There have also been honour killings of Christians by their families.

One of the communities worst affected by the Taliban is the Shia Hazara minority, which has been especially responsive to the Christian message.

In May 2021, the Taliban bombed the Sayed Ul-Shuhada High School in Kabul, killing at least 85, mainly schoolgirls. The previous year the Taliban staged a shooting at a maternity clinic, killing women, children, and babies.

It was the Pakistan Taliban who shot 15-year-old Malala Yousafzai for going to school and telling the world about it in a blog.

Thousands of Afghans, including Christians, are now seeking refuge in neighbouring Pakistan. But the Taliban are growing in influence there, too. Before the Afghan president fled, he accused Pakistan of permitting thousands of jihadi fighters to cross its border to support the Taliban.

Through its international network of missions, Release International is active in some 25 countries around the world, supporting pastors, Christian prisoners and their families.

*Taken from the Parish Pump website*



# TEN to TEN RAMBLING GROUP



4<sup>th</sup> September 2021

This has been a very patchy year for our walking group and we have been planning very much month to month. Our usual date is the second Saturday in the month but because of Heritage Weekend in Maldon our walk was brought forward to the 4<sup>th</sup> September. We had eleven walkers setting off from the village hall car park in Purleigh where we had permission to park for the morning. We took the road up towards the church and off left on the footpath that leads down through the vineyards. At the top of the hill there are wonderful views over to the Blackwater estuary. We walked down the track to the vineyard buildings, across the fields behind and over numerous styles to the stables at Hazeleigh Hall. From there we were uphill through the paddocks, over more styles, to eventually reach the B1010. We turned left here and walked a short way on the roadside to then turn right on the footpath leading to Kent Wood and onto Birchwood Road and Lodge Lane where we pick up the St.Peter's way for a short while. More lovely views across to the estuary as we make our way through paddocks to turn right on the track that leads to Mill Lane and back to the village hall.

If you would like to join the walks please email [sueswaffin@gmail.com](mailto:sueswaffin@gmail.com)

The next walk, subject to confirmation, will be on Saturday 9<sup>th</sup> October 2021. We will meet at the village hall in Hatfield Peverel for a morning walk to be led by Peter.

For further information about the walk please ring 01621 854108

*Sue Smith*

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## What you need

A Sunday School teacher had just concluded her lesson and wanted to make sure she had made her point. She said, "Can anyone tell me what you must do before you can obtain forgiveness of sin?"

There was a short pause and then, from the back of the room, a small boy spoke up. "Sin?"

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## Deputy Warden's Waffle

Life is beginning to have some semblance of normality about it at long last - like meetings to plan the future at All Saints and being able to attend funerals and hopefully soon to be able to resume our weekly Open the Book presentations at our local schools. We hope that we can inspire some of you, our readers, to join our thespian efforts at our local schools for the coming year. Unfortunately we have lost at least five of our longtime members through moving away and ill health. If you or someone you know would like to know more about OTB do speak to me or Jenny. It is great fun.

Since it was last my turn to write 'the chat' Peter and I have lost our dear doggie friend and companion, Spice. She had suffered increasing pain from arthritis in her hind legs due to the extra workload caused by the loss off one of her front legs after a cancer op. You may remember the lovely photo of her in Ken Downham's July article. It is tough to lose such a close companion as many of you will know. We are lucky to have Cassie, our son's dog to care for during the daytime which keeps us taking our daily exercise! We are able to explore the countryside around our new home which is much more accessible than we have been used to, tramping along the sea wall at Tollesbury or following countryside footpaths.

We have also been able to join the local benefice choir for special services. Our new, young, lady vicar has seven scattered parishes to care for! Peter and I are also singing with our newly formed benefice choir here and we all enjoyed the opportunity to sing at St Peters on the Wall at Bradwell a few weeks ago. It would be lovely to have a few more singers join All Saints' choir.

It was lovely to pop in to the Pioneers on Monday morning for a coffee and see them back in All Saints after such a long gap. I hope that our Maldon Ladies meeting on a Thursday afternoon will be able to return soon. This is specifically for any ladies who are feeling lonely or isolated or who have mental health issues, to share an afternoon (with tea and cake!) with each other on a Thursday in the D'Arcy Room. Please do give me a ring if you feel like knowing more or just pop in. Not sure when we can get restarted but watch this space!

Take care, keep smiling and have your booster jab. See you in Church soon.

*Viv Clark, deputy warden*



# ROSEMARY PUGH



**1923 -2021**

After becoming a widow Rosemary moved from Hastings to Maldon to be nearer her family. On moving to Maldon she became a regular member of the All Saints' Family. Sadly, in the past year her health deteriorated and she passed away on 14th September. Her funeral will take place in Hastings so she may rest in peace with her late husband.

The photo of Rosemary was taken to celebrate her 90th birthday when, having written poetry since the age of eight, she also published a selection of her poems, including the following  
*Ed.*

## Daffodils for Cliff

We took the bread and  
    wine today  
Drank the blood  
Ate the flesh:  
Barbaric some would say.  
And one who came  
Bearing daffodils,  
Walked through the fields  
The woods  
On this bitter day  
To be with us.  
To lift to his lips the chalice  
Receive the bread  
To calm his inner spirit.  
The bunch of daffodils

Lay  
Lay in waiting  
On the pew beside him  
And he, distracted, disturbed  
Rose, unable  
Unable to receive the  
    Benediction.  
Tears streaming down his face  
Stumbled from that place.  
The daffodils were for me  
For Cliff  
To dance in golden sunlight  
Upon a grave  
My cherished husband's grave.

*Rosemary Pugh*



# ALL SAINTS CHRISTMAS TREE FESTIVAL



Friday, Saturday, Sunday 10<sup>th</sup>, 11<sup>th</sup>, 12<sup>th</sup> December  
2021

Please keep the dates free!!!!

Planning is already underway  
and groups/individuals are being contacted.

If you would like to display a tree or  
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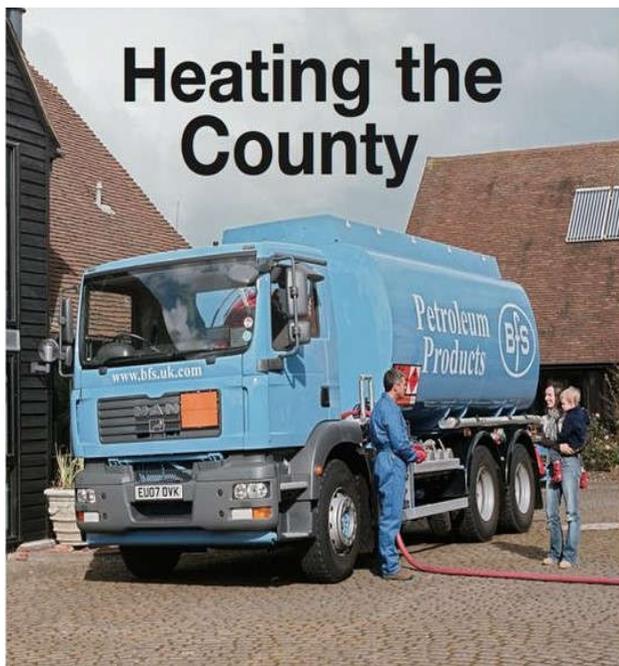
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# Bible Bite

## A short story from the Bible

It can be read in the Bible in  
Mark 6:17-28, Matthew 14:1-11

After Herod Antipator died, the Romans allowed his son Herod Antipas to rule Galilee and Perea. He was hated by the Jews

Herod Antipas divorced his wife and married his brother Herod-Philip's wife, Herodias.



John the Baptist told him he had broken Jewish law by marrying his brother's wife\*



\*Lev 18:19,20:21. She was also his niece.

Herodias hated John and wanted him dead.

Herod was afraid of John and wouldn't kill him but put him in prison.

Herod liked to listen to John.



Finally, Herodias got her chance.

Herod had a big party for his birthday.



(Birthday parties were a new trend from Greece.)

He invited everyone important in Galilee.



Herodias sent her daughter to dance for Herod and his guests.



(No decent girl would do this.)

They were very entertained.



I will give you anything, even half my kingdom



(Which wasn't really his to give.)

Salome asked Herodias, then said

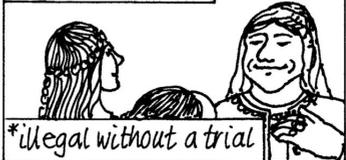


I want John's head on a plate.

Oh, no! But I made a promise in front of everyone!



So John was killed\* and Salome was given his head. She gave it to her mother.



\*Illegal without a trial



# The gardener and the Vine



JESUS OFTEN TOLD STORIES WITH HIDDEN MEANINGS




ONCE HE TOLD HIS FRIENDS ALL ABOUT A GARDENER.

THE GARDENER'S JOB WAS TO CARE FOR THE VINES




HE WOULD LOOK AT EACH BRANCH CAREFULLY..

... AND IF IT WAS PRODUCING GOOD FRUIT, HE WOULD CARE FOR IT AND NOURISH IT.



IF IT WAS PRODUCING BAD FRUIT...




...OR NO FRUIT AT ALL...

...THEN THE GARDENER WOULD CHOP IT OFF, AND BURN IT IN THE FIRE!!



JESUS WANTED HIS FRIENDS TO SHARE THE GOOD NEWS - THAT'S LIKE THE VINE BEARING GOOD FRUIT.




YOU CAN READ THIS SPECIAL PARABLE IN JOHN'S GOSPEL, CHAPTER 15.



*Continuing our correspondence between Eustace, rector of St James the Least, and his nephew.... Taken from the Parish Pump website.*



The Rectory  
St. James the Least

## **When the film makers come to church**

My dear Nephew Darren,

It has all been excitement and activity here this last week, with a period drama being filmed using our church. It was remarkable how many people felt the need to drop in to church to collect magazines, check the reading rota or arrange flowers, just happening to stumble over the film stars en route. If only they were filming every week, then our brasses would be permanently gleaming, woodwork smothered in beeswax and the notice board kept in a state of perpetual tidiness.

Our Ladies Guild was thrilled to be asked to take part in a crowd scene. I saw little point in the wardrobe department taking hours fitting them out with Victorian dresses, as the result was little different from normal. The only awkward moment came after filming, when Mrs Simms was told she could now remove her bustle. She told the girl she already had.

The producer thanked me for taking the trouble of going round church before they arrived, removing all those modern conveniences that would not have been there in the nineteenth century. I hadn't the heart to tell him that nothing was any different from normal.

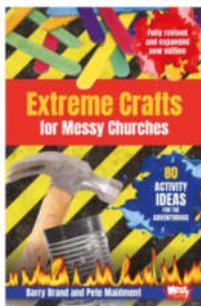
Lord Marchmount was thoroughly miffed that they were not also using his castle for filming, even though the producer explained with exemplary patience that they needed a nineteenth century setting, not one which looked as if the cast had just returned from the Crusades. His revenge, getting the farm staff to spread slurry in all the surrounding fields throughout filming, has apparently meant that film stars now have a clause in their contracts protecting them from rural life.

When all was finished, I thought it only right to invite the film crew and actors to the vicarage for sherry. When the producer left, I was delighted to be told he had just discovered the perfect home for filming his next project – which is about Elizabethan poverty.

Your loving uncle,  
*Eustace*



## Book Reviews



### Extreme Crafts for Messy Churches: 80 activity ideas for the adventurous

By Barry Brand and Pete Maidment, BRF, £9.99

Here is a fully revised and expanded new edition, offering 80 activities for Messy Church sessions. Crafted to appeal to boys as well as girls, the book includes sections on Big Stuff, Construction, Science, Arty and Edible Crafts. If you like doing Messy Church, this book will inspire you.



### Christ, the Cross and the Concrete Jungle

By John Caldwell, 10Publishing, £4.99

Many communities are ravaged by problems associated with poverty, crime and drug and alcohol abuse. Substantial answers to the urban crisis are all but non-existent.

This is the story of a young man's deliverance from a lifestyle of desperation and delinquency to a new life of freedom and hope. It is a remarkable journey of transformation and redemption, only made possible through the gospel of Jesus Christ.

*Taken from the Parish Pump website*

**N.B.**

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# REFLECTED FAITH SERIES: "SACRED THINGS" BY JO WHITE

Last month we thought about the bread we share at the Communion table. But what about any bread that is left over – regardless of the type of bread or wafer used?

During the service the bread and the wine are ‘consecrated’. That is, they are set aside for a specific purpose, in this case to be the body and blood of Christ. Because to Christians this is so very special, indeed ‘sacred’, we treat the unused bread and wine with special care.

No-one leaves very precious things lying around in case of theft, damage, or misuse. And so it is the same with the consecrated elements of bread and wine. When they have not all been consumed by the congregation, it is important that the surplus is dealt with in ways that honour the meaning that we give and receive from them. In most denominations they are consumed immediately, in others they are returned to the earth or given back to nature. Sometimes, at the end of a service, you will see that some bread and wine has been deliberately kept aside to take out to those who are sick, or for use at a service where no priest will be present, and this then must be stored. So, the question arises – what vessels will be used?

The ‘pyx’ – literally a box – is the name for the container for the consecrated bread. Its size depends on the amount that it needs to contain; for taking to individuals in their own homes it is usually small enough to fit in the palm of a hand.

Although these can be especially bought from church suppliers, made in a variety of metals with embellishments, precious stones, enamel work and so on, you can actually use any container that fits the purpose.

*Have a look around your house and ask yourself, ‘What container would I use for a pyx?’ And thinking of containers, how about yourself? Do you and your life need a bit of cleaning and polishing to hold the bread? Are you aware how precious you are in God’s eyes as you receive the bread? The Bible says that we are the temple of the Holy Spirit – an awesome, sacred calling.*

*Taken from Parish Pump website*



# HOLY DAYS

**11th October**

**James the Deacon**

James the Deacon is the saint for any lay person who has stepped in to lead their church when the clergy are far away.

In fact, an historian has called James the Deacon ‘the one heroic figure’ in the Roman mission to Northumbria. No wonder – in a time of political chaos, with the king murdered and even the bishop fleeing for safety, James the Deacon stood firm.

It had begun when Pope Gregory the Great sent Paulinus, Bishop of York, to take Roman Christianity to Northumbria. James the Deacon, almost certainly an Italian, was among those who went with Paulinus.

The mission began well, and Edwin the king of Northumbria was converted. Roman Christianity in Northumbria took root and began to grow. But then in 633 Edwin fell in battle with Penda, the ruthless pagan king of Mercia. A pagan backlash began. The queen and her son fled for Kent, with the bishop Paulinus going south with them.

All that was left of Roman Christianity in Northumbria was James, now a solitary deacon.

But James was made of stern stuff, and despite the danger from Penda, James stayed on at a village near Catterick, often risking his life as he cared for the Christians, and continued to preach the gospel.

His success was discovered when the Northumbrian mission returned five to ten years later, and found an active Christian community still in Northumbria. James had been a faithful servant.

After Penda died, and Christian rule was re-established in Northumbria, James turned to teaching music, especially Gregorian Chant, to the fledgling churches in the region. Bede praised him for his honour and integrity. James was present at the Synod of Whitby in 664, which met to discuss the differences between the Celtic Northumbrian Church of the North, and the Roman Church of the South.

When James died sometime after 671, he was deeply mourned by the ordinary Christians of Northumbria, both Celtic and Roman. He had never deserted them.

*Taken from the Parish Pump website*



## Could YOU be a *Bloodrunner*?

The **Essex Voluntary Blood Service** – or *Essex Bloodrunners* for short, is a charity providing medical courier services to the NHS and our local Air Ambulances. We are one of 30 such organisations in the UK.

From the NHS Blood Bank at Basildon, our unpaid volunteers deliver blood and blood products to A&E Hospitals in Essex and East London; deliver samples for analysis to a NHS Lab in North London, and via Princess Alexandra Hospital in Harlow, supply blood to the Air Ambulances at Earls Colne and North Weald every night. Amongst many other tasks we also courier breast milk from donors to the Hearts Milk Bank and Addenbrooke's Hospital.

We operate every weekday night, and day and night shifts at weekends and Bank Holidays. Our enhanced support to Hospitals during the Covid-19 pandemic has also introduced a weekday daytime shift. We now need more members. You choose in advance the days and shifts you work. We are looking for reliable and responsible men and women from all backgrounds, employed or retired, with a motorcycle, car or van, a mobile phone and internet access. You will receive training, documentation, full support and a hi-viz uniform jacket.

You will work alone on a delivery run with a typical round-trip distance from home of between 60 and 120 miles and be the face of Essex Bloodrunners to the public and NHS staff. The work is not glamorous; can be tiring; you may work unsocial hours in all weathers and you will add thousands of miles to your vehicle. You are unpaid and cover all your own expenses... *so not much going for it really!*

However, rather like being a First Aider or Blood Donor, this is one of the very few ways that an ordinary member of the public can help **save a life**.

Most of you reading this piece will think "*sounds good, but not for me*", which we quite understand, but just one of you may wish to enquire further. If so, see our website at:

**EssexVoluntaryBloodService.com**

And thank you for your kind attention.

*Trevor Wright, EVBS Volunteer.*



Once again we are happy to support this event by illuminating the exterior of All Saints Church in pink and blue in support of Baby Loss Awareness Week, which takes place between 9th - 15th October 2021. For those of you who visited the town in the hours of darkness last year, you would have seen that the Church was a spectacular sight, along with the Moot Hall and local businesses. Other public buildings and landmarks across the UK were also illuminated in pink and blue.

The experience of losing a baby either before or after delivery can feel very isolating for bereaved families as no one expects to leave hospital without their baby following a pregnancy, and bereaved families often don't get an opportunity to talk about their loss, so this week aims to get people talking about something which affects 1 in 4 pregnancies.

Now in its 19th year, Baby Loss Awareness Week is an alliance of more than 100 charities and organisations, aiming to raise awareness of the key issues around pregnancy and baby loss in the UK. Throughout the week, bereaved parents, their families and friends unite to commemorate the lives of babies who died during pregnancy, at or soon after birth, or in infancy. The Week is also a platform to call for tangible improvements in policy, research, bereavement care and support.

For more information about the week, please visit:

[www.babyloss-awareness.org](http://www.babyloss-awareness.org) or email [babyloss@sands.org.uk](mailto:babyloss@sands.org.uk)

*Julie Ovenden*

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**Who'd be a landlord?**

1. The toilet is blocked, and we cannot bathe the children until it is cleared.
2. I request your permission to remove my drawers in the kitchen.

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## Dates for the Diary

**Thursday 7 October:** Civic service in church to commemorate the 850th anniversary of the signing of the Town Charter. More details will follow.

**Friday 15th October 2 pm:**  
John Speakman Thanksgiving Service

**Thursday 25th November:**  
Christmas Fayre

**Friday 10 - Sunday 12 December:**  
Christmas Tree Festival

**Sunday 12th December:** Christingle



*...if you have been affected by any  
of the issues raised in this sermon...*

## From the Registers

Nothing to report this month





## Prayer Diary October 2021

1		Emergency Relief Charities
2		Charities for the homeless
3	18th Sunday after Trinity	Our Church Officers and PCC members
4		Those trying to cope with bereavement
5		Those who do not have enough food and drink
6		Bereavement Counsellors
7		Social Workers
8		Workers in the hospitality industry
9		Youth Chaplains
10	19th Sunday after Trinity	Chelmsford Street Pastors
11		Those recovering from Surgery
12		Those suffering from Diabetes
13		Those fighting drug addiction
14		Those studying for the Ministry
15		People facing redundancy or unemployment
16		Those caring for others at home
17	20th Sunday after Trinity	All who work in Healthcare
18	St Luke	Churches dedicated to St Luke
19		Medical Missionaries
20		All who provide work in our town
21		Local Government workers
22		Age UK
23		Retired Clergy
24	Last Sunday after Trinity	
	Bible Sunday	The Bible Society
25		The work of the United Nations Organisation
26		All School Teachers and other staff
27		Emergency and Rescue organisations
28	St Simon & St Jude	Churches dedicated to St Simon and St Jude
29		Mothers struggling with young children
30		All members of our extended families
31	4th Sunday before Advent	
	All Saints' Day	For all who live in our Parish

**ACTIVITIES**

<b>ACTIVITY</b>	<b>CONTACT</b>	<b>TELEPHONE</b>
Choir Practice (Thur 7:30pm)	Dr. Stuart Pegler	01621 850530
Junior Choir (Thur 7:00 pm)	”	”
Junior Church	Elaine Brown	01621 850484
Sunshiners (Pre School Group Thursdays 9:15 am)	Gill Nelson	01621 852119
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	Dennis Johnson	01621 842410
Handbell Ringers	Susan Duke	01621 851623
Flower Group	Betty Smith	01621 854143
Bible Society	Joan Downham	01621854655
Childrens Society	Elaine Brown	01621 850484
Beavers, Cubs, Scouts and Explorer Scouts (14-18yrs)	Zoe Franklin	Email
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Maldon Pioneers	Mike Frederick	01621 928538
Maldon Ladies Group	Vivien Clark	01621 840951
Ramblers Club		01621 869667
Prayer Group		
Messy Church	Elaine Brown	01621 850484

To register your daughter's interest in joining either:  
Rainbows, Brownies, Guides or Rangers  
please visit [www.girlguiding.org.uk](http://www.girlguiding.org.uk)  
or call 0800 169 5901.

**PARISH OFFICE**

Requests for Baptisms and Marriages should be made at the Parish Office situated in the Church - entrance via the main entrance door from the High Street - on 1st and 3rd Wed of the month between 7:00 and 8:00 pm



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