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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 Sunday
1st Sunday in the Month	09:30am Short all age stories songs and prayers. service of 6:00 pm Evensong at St Mary's
3rd Sunday	6:00 pm Evensong at All Saints Purleigh
JUNIOR CHURCH Sundays at 9:30am.in the	D'Arcy Room in Church
WEEKDAY	SERVICES
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
Cover Picture: Ceremonial Funeral Procession Photo: Aaron Chown/Pool via AP King Charles III and Prince William follow the coffin of Queen Elizabeth II, draped in the Royal Standard with the Imperial State Crown placed on top, during the ceremonial procession from Buckingham Palace to Westminster Hall, London.	

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Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth II

1926 - 2022

The Rt Revd Dr Guli Francis-Dehqani, the Bishop of Chelmsford, has expressed her great sadness at the news that Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth II has died:

"My thoughts and prayers, and those of everyone in the Diocese of Chelmsford, are with the Royal Family, our nation and commonwealth.

At this time of great sadness, we remember with profound gratitude Her Majesty the Queen's contribution as monarch. Her reign included times of great joy and celebration but also many challenges. It has been a time of unprecedented change for this nation and the world but throughout, Her Majesty's faith in God and extraordinary sense of duty helped to guide her.

As we mourn Her Majesty's death, we give thanks to God for her life, her faith and her exceptional devotion to her duty as monarch."

Taken from the Diocese website.



The Archbishop of York, Stephen Cottrell said:

“I join with many throughout our country and beyond as we mourn the death of Her Majesty The Queen. Throughout her long reign, and in all the confusions and challenges of a changing world, Her Majesty has been a constant, faithful presence.

“In 2014, Her Majesty remarked, “Christ’s example has taught me to seek, to respect and value all people of whatever faith or none.”

“The Queen’s gift to engage with everyone whom she met and the ability to make them feel at ease was a remarkable skill and one which showed a deep connection to the people she served and a desire to live out Jesus’ teaching. On the occasions I had the pleasure of meeting Her Majesty, I can testify to the warmth and joy she brought to every occasion. But most of all, it was the resolute reality of her faith that struck me powerfully.

“In Her Majesty’s first Christmas broadcast, ahead of her Coronation she asked the nation, whatever their religion, to pray that God would give her wisdom and strength to carry out the solemn promise she would be making and to faithfully serve God and us all the days of her life.

“That is most definitely a prayer that has been answered. Her service to our nation and Commonwealth has been exemplified by her devotion to her duty, which has always been offered with joy. Underpinning this has been her deep faith in God and in her we have witnessed God’s faithfulness at work.

“Do join me in praying for members of the Royal Family over the coming weeks as the God who sustained Her Majesty throughout her life, guides them and brings them comfort. Above all, we pray also for our new King in the responsibilities that now rest upon him.

“The Queen was not shy in speaking of her faith and the hope and strength she found in Jesus Christ. At the heart of the good news of God is that through the death and resurrection of his son Jesus, the promise of new and eternal life is offered to us all. This belief, this hope, sustained our Queen and as she rejoices in that promise fulfilled so we too can draw comfort and hope from it.

“Many of us will struggle to imagine the life of our nation without the Queen. Her constancy and faithfulness has been deeply reassuring in a world that has changed so much. We give thanks for the Queen’s example, devotion and huge achievements. She found stability, perseverance and confidence in Jesus Christ who was the source of her hope and peace. May that also be true for each of us and for our nation; and may our dearly departed Queen rest in peace and rise in glory.”

Taken from the Parish pump website.



THE PARISH LETTER

This is the first chance I have had to write to you since joining All Saints' Church in December so I would like to take this opportunity of thanking everyone for making me feel so welcome. Most of you will know that I retired as Priest in Charge of St Mary's at the end of November and although I am what is described as a "Locally Deployed Priest", the Bishop felt I should attach myself to a different church to give the new priest at St Mary's, when he/she is appointed, some space. The natural choice for me was All Saints' as I lived in the parish and already had many friends here. Added to that, I knew and respected Asa and felt I would be able to work happily as part of his team.

Unfortunately, of course, things didn't go according to plan. I was saddened as everyone was when Asa decided to resign. We all know he had the potential to be a very good priest and many had appreciated his ministry in the short time he was here. I know he is in our prayers and we wish him and his family well for the future. This development though means that at present there are no stipendiary (that is paid) priests in Maldon and Heybridge. Father Robert Wiggs, who like me is retired, is looking after St Mary's and I am giving ministerial support where I can to All Saints' and Heybridge. The wider Maldon Mission and Ministry unit, consisting of 11 churches, only has one stipendiary priest and that is Revd. Julie Willmott. This is a new situation for the area.

This may all sound very pessimistic, but things are not as bad as they first may seem. The good news is that at All Saints' we have an enthusiastic young curate in Jordan, who by the time you read this will have been ordained Deacon. We also have Revd Noelle Taylor, who has joined us from Ongar and is keen to share her gifts. All Saints' is also very fortunate in having two talented Authorised Preachers in Adrienne and Alan and a team of worship leaders responsible for the All Age Worship. The church also has two experienced churchwardens and a treasurer, an able administrator, a Director of Music and a good choir. Many churches would love to have a team of people like that. Added to that, just look at the back page of this magazine to see how many groups are running in this church.

I feel confident therefore that God has provided All Saints' Church with enough gifted and talented people to move the church forward. We must avoid the temptation to dwell on the past or to speculate on how things might have been, but rather pray for guidance from the Holy Spirit on the way forward. We all have a responsibility to show the people of Maldon what a joyful Christian community is like so they can get a glimpse of God's Kingdom in this place. Yes, this is a challenge but I am sure we are all up for it.

Father John Dickens



Deputy Warden's Waffle

What a range of emotions we have experienced this last month!

We started September with the delight of officially welcoming our new curate, Jordan with his wife Hannah and family, to our four parishes, at a lovely informal garden party at the vicarage. We enjoyed good company, fine weather and great food. The following Sunday I was able to watch the Ordination Service from the cathedral, in my living room on my iPad, due to the wonders of modern science.

On Tuesday the 9th. the country had a new Prime Minister, who has the difficult job of leading the government through a tough winter. Rising inflation is causing great hardships and worries for many families and businesses across the country. The need of Food Pantries, like ours in Maldon, is becoming more necessary, unfortunately.

The very next day came the unexpected and sad news of Queen Elizabeth's death. I think we were all stunned and as I was watching the news and saw the flag lowered to half mast at Buckingham Palace, I found myself crying. During the following days I watched history unfold on the television. From the Proclamation of the new king, Princess Anne travelling with her mother's coffin from Balmoral, to Edinburgh and finally London, the Lying in State and the Vigils, to the funeral this Monday. The composure of the Royal Family during this time was impressive. They carried out their duties while grieving and met with the people at the palaces and in The Queue, sharing with the grief of the nation. The beautiful funeral services at Westminster Abbey and at Windsor gave us all time to reflect on the Queen's life long years of service and dedication to us all. I imagine many of us also had a sense of pride in the pomp and ceremony both within the church and of the armed services as they escorted their 'chief' to her final resting place.

Joy, sadness, grief and pride have been experienced this month, together with uncertainty for the future. The Elizabethan Era is over, we have a new king who will have different ideas of monarchy no doubt, and the major problems of recession, war and climate change are still with us. At All Saints and our fellow churches we are also facing a time of uncertainty and worry about probable changes in the future, but I will finish with a quote from a speech given by Queen Elizabeth in 1992,

'Change is a constant, how we react to it is our future.'

Jenny. Deputy Churchwarden



Vicarage Party

Garden



Photo by Mike Ovenden

Revd's Julie Wilmot and Jordan Palmer photographed at the tea party, hosted by Jordan and Hannah for the three parishes in which he is to serve. This was prior to his ordination at Chelmsford Cathedral on 7th September. Julie is Jordan's mentor during his Curacy training.

Next month we hope to bring you a report, by Jordan of his ordination and what it meant to him.

TEN to TEN

3rd September 2022



This was a lovely day again for walking. The previous month we had to cancel the walk because the weather was so hot! In the end four of us met opposite the Bell in Woodham Walter and had a gentle stroll up to the Warren Golf Club where we had a coffee and a chat. On the 3rd September 11 of us walked from Terling Village Hall led by Kathy. This was a 5-mile morning ramble and we stopped to look around Fairstead church on the way. This church has a surprising number of original wall paintings. After the break, we made our way back to Terling over the fields. Kathy had booked a table for lunch at the Rayleigh Arms so we were able to enjoy some good food and social time together.

Our next walk will be on Saturday October 8th and will be led by Sue, starting from Wickham Bishops Village Hall car park. For more information please ring 01621 854056. An email with further details will be circulated to regular walkers nearer the time.

Sue Smith



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Could you, like David, join our team?

‘Have you thought about volunteering for Maldon Citizens Advice?’ my wife suggested. It was a brilliant suggestion and led me in an unexpected but highly rewarding direction. After comprehensive and thorough training, it was time to go live on the phone. Talking to clients seems initially daunting, but you have the support and incredible knowledge base of the supervisors and specialists. Your role is to put the client at ease, obtain all the facts and ask the right questions. Phone down, now comes the research and picking of the brains of those more experienced. Then with the shape of your advice formed, you can go back to the client. Suddenly it is not daunting, but instead there is a great feeling of helping someone out in their moment of need. As your knowledge and experience grows instead of being daunted you have feelings of anticipation and interest.

Being an advisor is a privileged position where you gain the trust and confidence of clients who let you into their lives in order that you can seek to help them by providing guidance and advice. Going to work is energising as you never quite know what you are going to encounter when picking up the phone or when in a face to face meeting. The variety of cases even within one day can be extraordinary. Some cases can be straight forward but there those that are harrowing but even here offering comfort and advice can improve a client’s position and outlook. At the end of the day you can leave with a skip in your step, given a sense of having made a difference and contributed to making the world a better place, albeit in a very small way.

A further reason for enjoying going to the office is the diverse and interesting team of fellow advisors at Citizens Advice. There is time for a chat and the out of office activities are good fun.

So my wife’s suggestion has helped to provide me with a greater sense of purpose, the ability to help people in need, a sense of being valued, wider interaction with society and a colligate and fun work environment. I cannot thank her enough!

N.B.

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23rd OCTOBER**



AUTUMN PEWS

The pews half fill with folk
In the Autumn of their years.
Like graceful, wise old trees
Some put on a colourful display,
Leaves bronzed and golden
From relentless suns.
Some have been more exposed
To the extremities of life,
Branches bowed and scarred.
Some go unnoticed yet stand
Tall and steadfast through chilling winds.
Others swish and sway
To the rhythms of their fast-paced life.

Each has lived the world's tapestry,
And filled their panel their own way.
So, in the Autumn of their years
Let them help bring Spring to others,
Supporting and sheltering these saplings
Growing beneath their leafy canopies.
Helping them in their turn
To grow straight and be true
In this crooked and deceptive world.
D Trueman

✠ URGENT ✠

As I stated earlier in the year, it is my intention to relinquish the role of Parish Magazine Editor at the end of the year; this means December will be the last edition of the magazine unless someone volunteers to take on the role.

I will be happy to provide any advice that the new editor might require to get started.

If you feel you could perform this role or would like further information then please speak to me or the PCC secretary.

Peter Clark, Editor

PS I am most grateful to Mike Knellor who has offered to edit the November magazine as I will be on holiday. Please send contributions to him by 23rd October. Email <biggleswoth@btinternet.com>



Once again, All Saints is happy to support this event by illuminating the exterior of the church in pink and blue in support of Baby Loss Awareness Week, which takes place between 9th - 15th October 2022. 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 20th 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> or email babyloss@sands.org.uk

Julie Ovenden

..... **Miscellaneous observations on life:**

A lot of people want to serve God, but only in an advisory capacity.
It is easy to do any amount of work – provided it isn't the work you are supposed to be doing.

Anyone who thinks talk is cheap never argued with a traffic warden.

Anything that is good and useful is usually made of chocolate.

One reason why a dog is such a lovable creature is that his tail wags instead of his tongue.

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THE CHRISTIAN'S RESPONSE TO CANCEL CULTURE

What is this modern phenomenon “cancel culture” and what has it to do with religion?

The term refers to a wide range of actions ranging from the repressed minority reacting to their marginalisation, to people using social media to name and shame, to ordinary folk losing their jobs for minor offences, to powerful institutions –both liberal and conservative – silencing dissenting or controversial voices they are unwilling to tolerate or who threaten them.

We inhabit today a culture that has become far more hypersensitive than in the past over a vast range of subjects and issues, from sexuality and politics to religion and race. This mercurial and tetchy ethos has inevitably broadened the scope of opinions and viewpoints that are considered insulting, derogatory or hurtful. Inevitably, therefore, in this current climate virtually all viewpoints or statements are bound to offend someone or other. And, of course, The Internet gives further free range to express this dissatisfaction or anger. For example, some of the content on TV, often comedians’ humour, we laughed at 30 years ago would never even be allowed to be aired today. And 30 years ago, even if we objected to it, there were few avenues to voice our discontent, apart from Letters to the Editor or the TV channels themselves. Nowadays, anyone and everyone has access to a wide range of easily-accessible and promotable platforms.

Cancel Culture neuters freedom of speech and prevents reasoned public debate. We become guilty of the sins of intolerance and ideological despotism. We dare not open our mouths lest we offend someone or give cause to be litigated in court. Politicians, sports commentators, critics, TV judges alike become guilty of “Neutralspeak”, unable to criticise either negatively or even positively. We are now living in a neutralised world. Why, even in official returns we are now allowed to refuse naming our gender and we can use terms such as bi, trans, hetero and the like. Whatever happened to “call a spade a spade” or plain speaking? Cancel Culture is akin to allowing an angry mob decide the fate of a named individual or group. It is a form of both hooliganism and dictatorship where a group accuses, persecutes, terrorises and eventually silences a view with which they disagree. Inevitably it creates a climate of fear leading to unhealthy self-censorship or even mental concerns. As long ago as 1859 John Mill, in his classic essay “On Liberty”, warned that social tyranny is more formidable than political oppression since it leaves fewer means of escape and it penetrates much more deeply into the enslaved soul.

Cancel Culture also hampers the genuine pursuit of Truth. It promotes the few by excluding the many and it polarises society instead of uniting it. It



will signal the end of civil discourse and mark the end of Civility itself. Civility is the exercise of patience, integrity, humility and respect in civil conversation, especially with those whom we disagree. We must cultivate Civility in order to counteract the toxicity and venom that public discourse through Cancel Culture has become, if we are ever to allow debate to be more fruitful and fair.

So how can Christians take the lead at regaining conversational sanity and countering Cancel Culture? Clearly, the virtues of Civility are some of the same Fruit of the Spirit contained in Galatians 5 : 22 – 23. So in displaying patience, humility, integrity and respect towards others Christians recognise the dignity of their interlocutors, who are also, after all, bearers of God’s image and who mimic the grace of God. Christians must never demonise the people who disagree with them; but conversely that does not require Christians to compromise the Truth or dilute it so as to create artificially common ground. Civility does not require them to abandon their theological or moral convictions in order to accommodate the views of the majority or the prevailing sentiments of our culture. Christians must stand firm in the Truth but yet be civil to those who reject their ideas.

Cancel Culture is a social and political pandemic that can destroy the cohesion of Society. But it is not incurable. The antidote is Civility. Christians have a crucial role to play in this. Standing in the light of God’s reconciling Grace, we commend this Grace to the world around us, providing a template for more gracious relations with even our most ardent ideological opponents. It is our Christian responsibility to break down the walls of hostility, bias and fear and to reconcile the world. Demanding Civility from all and an end to Cancel Culture is simultaneously a profound exercise of citizenship and a prophetic act of Christian faithfulness.

[Adapted by D Trueman from an article by Dr R Chia in Pulse]

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Hymn or maths?

A father had taken his small son to church. The boy listened attentively without saying a word until the clergyman announced: “We will now sing hymn two hundred and twenty-two: ‘Ten Thousand Times Ten Thousand’, two hundred and twenty-two.”

Alarmed, the little boy nudged his father. “Do we have to work this one out?”

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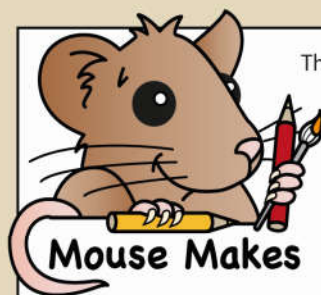
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Mouse Makes

The New Testament has **four gospels**, **twenty one epistles** and the book of Revelation.

The **epistles** are a collection of **letters** that were written by the apostles to the early Christians, they contain teaching, instruction, advice and encouragement.

The Apostle **Paul** is thought to have written **thirteen** of the **epistles**...



Look in your Bible to see who wrote the other eight and who they were written to.

How many people does Paul send greetings to at the end of his letter to the Romans?

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The word **epistle** comes from the Greek word **epistolé** which means **letter or message**

Which are the longest epistles?

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DID YOU KNOW...?
At the time of the New Testament letters were written on scrolls

Which is the shortest epistle?

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How many chapters does it have?

.....

How many chapters do they have?

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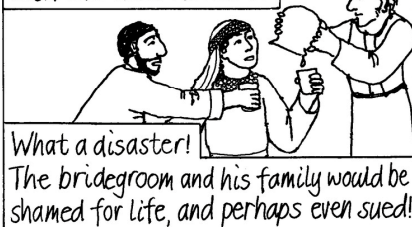
It can be read in the Bible in
John chapter 2 verses 1 to 10

Jesus, his mother, and his disciples were
guests at a family wedding in Cana. The bride-
groom was responsible for the food and drink.

The wedding feasts
went on for days



Then the wine ran out...



Mary noticed...



So why are you telling
me?



But Mary wasn't put off.

She told the servants



Fill those six jars to the top
with water



The water was for the special
washing of hands before meals

and each jar held
about 100 litres



Now take some out and
serve it to the toast-
master



He tried it...



The parable of the Shrewd Manager



JESUS OFTEN TOLD STORIES WITH HIDDEN MEANINGS



ONCE JESUS TOLD A STORY ABOUT A RICH MAN...

...AND HIS SERVANT, WHO MANAGED THE RICH MAN'S PROPERTY.

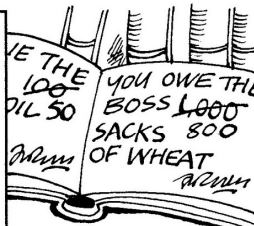


THE RICH MAN HAD HEARD THAT THE MANAGER HAD BEEN WASTING MONEY.

SO HE CALLED THE MANGER TO ACCOUNT FOR HIMSELF!



OH NO! I AM GOING TO GET THE SACK!!

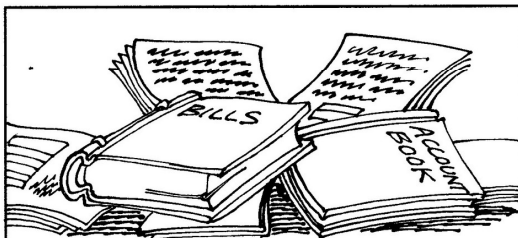
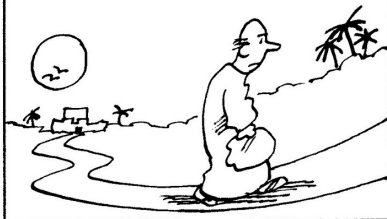


THE MANAGER AGREED TO LET THE RICH MAN'S TRADERS FIDDLE THEIR BOOKS!



SO THEY ALTERED THEIR DEBTS - AND STAYED FRIENDS WITH THE MANAGER.

JESUS EXPLAINED THAT THE MANAGER HAD BEEN WISE IN MANAGING HIS FUTURE... EVEN THOUGH HE WAS BEING DISHONEST.



JESUS WAS TRYING TO ENCOURAGE THE PEOPLE TO THINK ABOUT THEIR OWN FUTURES TOO. BUT IT'S A HARD PARABLE TO UNDERSTAND!



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

Mothers' Union and the UK prison system

Crime hurts many people – including the families of prisoners who have ended up in the UK prison system. They are often the forgotten victims, but not by the Mothers' Union (MU).

Instead, the MU's prison work across Britain is extensive, with the aim of keeping hurting families together. It is not simple work, for as prison governors are replaced and new directives come into force, those who work with prisoners and their families must adapt their approach.

MU members provide support to prison visitors by holding short courses so that visitors can get the most out of their time with the prison residents. MU also holds workshops to introduce many of the services that work with prisoners' families.

MU helps support the Family Days held at one prison, and also provides presents for children of prisoners at Christmas time. MU provides tea and a chat with the inmates of one women's prison, as well going-home packs of essential items for when they leave.

MU also supports prison officers, who as key workers have found the last few months particularly challenging. MU's Thank You Key Workers appeal wants to raise funds to provide families of key workers with short breaks or experience days. If you would like to help, please go to:

<https://www.mothersunion.org/thank-you-keyworker-appeal>

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Henry Ford's Secret

When the late Mr and Mrs Henry Ford celebrated their golden wedding anniversary, a reporter asked them: "To what do you attribute your fifty years of successful married life?"

"The formula," said Ford, "is the same formula I have always used in making cars – just stick to one model."

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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 Lest

On publishing my book

My dear Nephew Darren,

After all these years, who would have believed it: to have my own book printed! I must admit, I had imagined a leather-bound volume with gold leaf lettering on the spine – perhaps even titled ‘Volume One’, implying future delights when further work would appear. A paperback, held together with glue was a slight disappointment. The publisher’s reason for a print run of 50, saying that it meant fewer would have to be dumped in cut-price bookshops, was not what I had expected either.

He seemed to think that my commentary on Eusebius’s tables for cross-referencing the gospels, as explained in his letter to Carpianus, would not have mass interest. While I concede it will be unlikely to dent the sales of Harry Potter, and that I am unlikely to be involved in negotiating the film rights, I had hoped for slightly more enthusiasm for this stride forward in global knowledge.

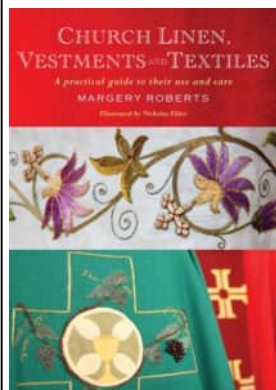
The excitement of the book launch and signing was also tempered when only the bishop arrived, expecting a free copy, so he could mark it for theological errors. My suggestion that he take a copy to colour it in did not go down well. I suspect I will not now be asked to deliver a paper on it at the next clergy conference.

I was briefly excited when several parishioners came into the shop. But it turned out that one wanted to book a baptism with me, and another wanted to complain that at his recent wedding, I had nearly married the best man to the bride. I was tempted to tell him that the time may come when he wished that I had, but decided that would be another sale lost.

I could not even console myself with a free drink. The publisher had only brought two bottles of that particular white wine, of unknown origin, that seems specially reserved for book launches and retirement parties. I suspect it derives less from a vineyard and more from a laboratory. One bottle he kept for himself and the other disappeared after my Confirmation class came in to ask whether the book would be serialised on TV.

In the end, I bought all 50 copies myself, placed a note in the bookshop window saying that, due to exceptional demand, the print run had been entirely sold out. It has also solved the annual problem of Christmas presents; in your case, a second copy will probably arrive for your birthday too.

Your loving uncle,
Eustace



Book Reviews

Church Linen, Vestments and Textiles a practical guide to their use and care By Margery Roberts, Nicholas Elder and Christopher Chessun, Canterbury Press, £2.00

It has been over 60 years since the last guide to the care of church linens and textiles was published and despite being used to a greater or lesser degree in every parish church, popular knowledge of their proper use and care is diminishing.

This welcome and straightforward guide provides practical advice with helpful illustrations on the use and care of all church linen and textiles.

Part One explains the use, care and repair of all the main items of linen used at the altar, including textile coverings, frontals, pulpit and lectern falls.

Part Two describes the use of vestments and garments, how and when they are worn, and their proper storage and care.

Part Three offers a complete guide to cleaning fabrics, natural and synthetic; what to wash and what to dry clean, and how to remove common spills and stains such as candle wax and flower pollen. Part

Four offers a directory of sources and advice on the storage and disposal of church textiles.

Taken from the Parish Pump Website



Please make sure these dates are in your diary for
the **FOURTH**
ALL SAINTS CHRISTMAS TREE FESTIVAL



Friday, Saturday, Sunday
9th, 10th, 11th December 2022

Please keep the dates free!!!!

Planning is well underway.

If you would like to take part,
please get in touch!!

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After-eight Social Club

Dance Night

**Saturday 8th October
Maldon Town Hall**

Put your glad rags on and dance!

Doors open 7.30 pm

Optional fish & chips can be ordered on the door

Please bring your own drinks

Admission: Members £8, Non members £10

The after eight social club runs various activities every week throughout the year including quiz nights, meals out, coffee evenings, excursions etc.

**For further information call Mike on 01621 856219
Find us at www.aftereightsocialclub.co.uk We |
also have a Facebook page**



MEN'S BREAKFAST

The next Men's breakfast will be on Monday
10th October at 9 am at the Rose and Crown on
Maldon's High Street.

All men are welcome.

We regularly meet on the 2nd Monday of each month

Dates for your Diary

9 - 11th December Christmas Tree Festival

Please let me have any dates for me to include.

From the Registers



Funeral. 15th September **Maureen Todd** aged 92 years of Warwick Drive

20th September **Verna Taylor** aged 97 of Blythe Way



Prayer Diary

October 2022

1	Peace in Ukraine
2 Trinity 16	Ven. Elizabeth Snowden on her retirement
3	Emergency Relief Charities
4	Charities for the homeless
5	Those who do not have enough food and drink
6	Bereavement Counsellors
7	Social Workers
8	Youth Chaplains
9 Trinity 17	Chelmsford Street Pastors
10	Those suffering from Diabetes
11	Those fighting drug addiction
12	Those studying for the Ministry
13	People facing redundancy or unemployment
14	Those caring for others at home
15	Those attending Messy Church
16 Trinity 18	Retired Clergy
17	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 Bible Sunday Last	Sunday after Trinity The Bible Society
24	All School Teachers and other staff
25	Mothers struggling with young children
26	The work of the United Nations Organisation
27	Emergency and Rescue organisations
28 Simon and Jude	Churches dedicated to St Simon and St Jude
29	All members of our extended families
30 All Saints' Day 4th	Sunday before Advent For all who live in our Parish
31	Those trying to cope with bereavement



ACTIVITIES

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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
or call 0800 169 5901.

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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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