



ALL SAINTS MALDON PARISH NEWS

March 2023

Church info

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| 1st Sunday 5th (Lent 2) | 08.00 09.30 | Holy Communion Worship for All | Fr John Hannah & Adrienne |
| 2nd Sunday 12th (Lent 3) | 08.00 09.30 16.00 | Morning Prayer Holy Communion Evensong | Adrienne Fr John Alan |
| 3rd Sunday 19th (Lent 4) Mothering Sunday | 08.00 09.30 | Holy Communion Holy Communion | Fr John Rev Noelle & |
| 4th Sunday 26th (Lent 5) | 08.00 09.30 | Morning Prayer Holy Communion | Alan Fr John & Rev Jordan (Preacher) |

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The Parish Letter

As I sit down to write the March Parish letter, it is still only early February, but I could be forgiven for thinking it is spring already. The sun is shining, the days are getting longer, daffodils are poking through, bunches of spring flowers are in the shops and friends are posting cheerful pictures of spring on social media. The warmth of the sunshine might lure us into thinking winter is already over.

The impact of human activity on our climate means seasons seem to be all over the place; the commercial desire to keep selling more 'stuff' means we have Easter treats appearing in shops only a few days after Boxing Day; and we naturally long for lighter evenings and warmer days. All this tempts us to rush into the next season.

But the rhythm of our Church seasons keeps us grounded. We are not propelled headlong into the next season. We can't skip from Christmas to Easter, with just a sprinkling of other occasions - New Year, Valentine's Day and Mothering Sunday – the way we see in the retail world. Instead we move steadily through the church calendar. We are guided in our worship by the lectionary, the music, the seasonal colours, and those who lead our services, to be fully present in each season.

But when you read this, we will just have started our season of Lent. (And the irony of writing the Parish Letter a few weeks in advance and out of season is not lost on me.) Lent is the period of 'self-examination, penitence, self-denial, study, and preparation for Easter' – a season which makes time for reflection, stillness

and being fully present – none of which I am very good at.

I wonder where your preparation for Easter is taking you this Lent. We often factor in self-denial in one way or another, and you might be on a Lent course, undertaking some personal study, or have committed to some other discipline.

To help me in the practice of discipline and preparation through Lent, I am using a book introduced to me in a small study group. You may already know it: "The Cloud of Unknowing". This is a slim book of 75 contemplative chapters (some chapters are less than one page long), written by an unknown author in the latter half of the 14th century. Its purpose is to help the reader / would-be contemplative to let go of trying to *know* God from the outward attributes and actions - such as God the Creator, Father, Judge and so on - and instead learn to accept that we can never know, and perhaps should not try to know, the unfathomable and eternal. And in our unknowing we *might* glimpse the essence of God.

I started this book before, and put it down some 20 chapters in, so we shall see if

the discipline of Lent encourages me to be more patient at being still with God and my unknowing. Contemplation -and its closer relative, meditation – is not for everyone, and maybe it isn't for me. And that's ok too. But if this makes me sit with God, in stillness and being fully present instead of rushing, planning, doing, and

then I hope it will help me prepare for Easter.

Whatever you choose to do in Lent to help you be present this season, I hope you find it helpful and hopeful,

Adrienne

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VIEW FROM A BYSTANDER

What is it with Christians and gays?

As the Church of England enters the next phase of its Forty Years War against homosexuals I thought I would offer some thoughts about why this prolonged fight continues to be so wearing, and tragically has been allowed to damage the mission of the church and a significant minority of Christians in such an irreparable way.

Imagine being a youngster who by the age of twelve is beginning to realise that you are attracted to members of your own sex. And wondering who it might be safe to tell. Especially if you're brought up in a strictly religious household. Or, even if not, you're beginning to think of joining a church in response to a deep call of God from within. Would that church accept you? All these things, coinciding with the maelstrom of coping with the hormonal explosion of puberty, create a perfect storm for you.

The 'perfect storm' seems to be what has obsessed the Church of England and by extension the Anglican Communion for nearly half a century. Yes, think about that – half a century. The intensification of the battle for either inclusion or exclusion has led to the implication that amongst sexual outlaws LGBTI+ believers must be amongst the worst of sinners. You'd be forgiven for thinking that their 'disordered' lives must be more repugnant to a holy God than even the crimes of war, oppression, poverty and financial corruption. Ludicrously the church has talked with more animation about homosexual sex (well, without mentioning the word 'sex' that much, it makes people queasy) than about any other topic within living memory – this clergyman's anyway. How have we

come to this pass? That the Church of England is now viewed by the nation as the institution that takes upon itself the arrogance of proclaiming who it is one may love and express love for, and behaves like the self-appointed policeman/policewoman of the bedroom. Isn't the church's job to proclaim and live the Kingdom of God?

Alongside the eternal debate about the literal or progressive interpretation of the Bible, the church is obviously entrusted with the doctrine of marriage, which in terms of procreation is considered to be a 'creation ordinance'. Companionship too – 'it is not good that the man should be alone' (Gen 2:18). So the complementarity of men and women is generally agreed in Christian theology to be God's design for humanity, a fact which Jesus endorses in his teaching. But what does this say about other complementarities? Jesus doesn't mention them. Are no others ever to be considered?

Homosexuality is as old as the hills, but until the C19 the term did not exist (it was first coined as part of the diagnostics of the psychoanalytic movement). The people of the Bible had no understanding of it apart from an aberration practised by heterosexuals or a feature of temple prostitution in the idolatrous worship of some foreign gods. There was no concept of 'the individual' either as we know it today (again relatively modern, gaining ground since Victorian times); and absolutely no awareness of 'sexual orientation' in the sense of scientific advances made during the twentieth and twenty-first centuries. But if you believe that the Scriptures are immutable, then the six 'clobber texts'

against same-sex relations (Gen 19: 1-11/ Lev 18: 22/ Lev 20:13/ Romans 1: 26-27/ I Cor 6: 9-10/ I Tim 1:10) are sufficient to argue that gay people who wish to be considered truly Christian must submit to a life of celibacy. Being the awkward cuss that I am, I am still waiting to hear whether the New Covenant cancels the ban on men who are castrated or who have crushed testicles ('have you had an accident at work?') attending worship (Deut 23:1).

However, leaving such matters aside, consider this. Does Jesus anywhere recommend that his followers should spend a disproportionate part of their time trying to prove that some of God's children are unworthy of the name? When the Revd Troy Perry founded the Metropolitan Community Church in 1968 specifically to meet the needs of LGBT Christians he asked God: "And can you love me, a practising homosexual?" And he heard God reply "I don't have stepchildren". And in pastoral terms we are not simply talking about the sitting target either. Most of us have gay relatives or friends who are loved and treasured for precisely who they are. Many are in loving relationships. So the 'victims' of conservative Christians extend much wider than we think – parents, grandparents, aunts and uncles, supporters. Meanwhile young gay people continue to be thrown out of their homes by Christian parents or commit suicide because they have been bullied and made to feel worthless. Even in churches that are welcoming there are often unspoken reservations. This cannot go on. When life is difficult enough why heap misery and rejection upon this very vulnerable group? It's something that impacts the clergy and laity in our parishes too. 'A bruised reed he will not break' says Isaiah (Isa 42:3). Or St John: "those who do not love a brother or sister whom they have seen cannot love God whom they have not seen" (I John 4:20). And if we are going to

judge anyone, there is that small matter of "specks and planks" which Jesus mentions in the Sermon on the Mount (Matt 7:3).

We all battle with our inner Pharisee's prejudice and nastiness. But we are called to transcend him and mirror our Saviour's love. Let us hope that the Church of England's commitment to offer same-sex couples a service of blessing after a civil marriage can begin to address some of the long-term damage. For some it won't be enough - too little too late. For other Christians it will be a step too far.

When Christ tells the parable of the Good Samaritan (Luke 10: 25-37) it is his answer to a lawyer who wants to quibble about what it means to love God and one's neighbour. "And who *is* my neighbour?" comes that sneaky question (ie who is it I am expected to love? can I make some exceptions?). Jesus implies that in the person of the Good Samaritan the man set upon by thieves then rejected by his own people is healed of his trauma as well as his wounds. The kindness of the Samaritan unconditionally answers an immediate need (as Jesus does, so many times). The bishops are right to apologise to the LGBTI+ community for having habitually treated them as less than whole people. Whoever demeans others demeans themselves. And if the Church of England cannot ultimately find its way towards accepting gay marriage, at least there are other denominations which can already help: the Methodists and the United Reformed Church in England. And the 'Gretna Green' option of the Church of Scotland and the Scottish Episcopal Church north of the border. Real people, real lives, real faith stories. In order to save lives and often personal faith as well, we need to look deep into our hearts and face up to what we have all been colluding with. It is not a credit to us. At all.

Revd Dr Graham Blyth



Deputy Warden's Waffle

I wonder if I might start my waffle on a personal note. As I am sure many of you will know that very sadly just before Christmas my mother passed away in her care home Firstlings. The love and care she received there was second to none, and in my way I feel the same about my church family. The support I have received, the phone calls – just checking—as it were, not to mention the many thoughtful and touching cards I have received has meant so much to me and is so appreciated, the comfort they gave me really helped me through a difficult time. I have tried to thank you all in person for your kindness but it is possible I may have missed someone, for this I am very sorry, and may I say here a heartfelt thank you to one and all.

So who has noticed those welcome little green shoots popping up in our gardens? I cannot pretend to be much of a gardener, but when I have a little wander in my garden I do genuinely get ever so excited at the sight of burgeoning new growth. A real sign of better times ahead – new life is 'Springing' into being. Also I find myself saying 'well I don't remember that in the garden' and I am loving the discovery of things prodding my memory and helping me to think about warmer days ahead.

Things around and about us can all seem pretty bleak, globally the Ukraine war seems to intensify, the famine is decimating whole populations, and of course the devastating earthquake in Turkey and Syria. Here at home we all face higher and higher bills, but warmer days ARE ahead – no central heating required! Tragedy can bring out the best in all of us, one only has to see the heroic acts of the rescuers, communities coming together to help those in such great need, be it abroad or here at home. It is good to see how we keep topping up the boxes of food etc, at the back of the church for the Food Pantry; something All Saints has been a stalwart of for many years.

We are about to enter the season of Lent and there is hoped to be a Lent course. Lent leads us all on a very dark and difficult journey, initially; but if we hold fast, keep hope and faith within our hearts, we all will be so gloriously rewarded with light, joy and wondrous happiness when we celebrate Easter Day. There are wonders to behold, there is always new life, and of course love, support and friendship in our church family. We all are blessed.

Vicky

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Here Is The News

A very brief look at current Church news, compiled by Parish Pump

Prayer for the earthquake victims

Heavenly Father,

We look on with desperation at the events unfolding in Turkey and Syria and turn our faces towards you, our sovereign Lord.

Your profound and powerful love brings hope, even in the midst of the most devastating circumstances.

While we feel distant and helpless, we know that you are present and able to bring transformation.

Draw near, Father God.

Draw near to those who are grieving.

Draw near to those who are working tirelessly to provide essential aid.

Draw near to Jesus followers who are beacons of your love in the darkness.

Draw near to those in critical roles providing co-ordination, logistical support, and life-saving medical treatment.

Give to the DEC Turkey-Syria Appeal 2023

Devastating earthquakes have recently killed thousands of people in Turkey and Syria. Hundreds of buildings have been destroyed. Survivors are facing freezing conditions and need urgent aid. As we go to press, more than 24,000 people have been killed, and 17 million have been affected. They urgently need shelter, food and medical aid, or they will also die.

Please, if you can help, go to <https://www.dec.org.uk/appeal/turkey-syria-earthquake-appeal> and join the worldwide response to the suffering people of Turkey and Syria.

Prayers for God's blessing for same-sex couples take step forward after Synod debate

The Church of England's General Synod has welcomed proposals which would enable same-sex couples to come to church after a civil marriage or civil partnership to give thanks, dedicate their relationship to God and receive God's blessing.

Synod members also voted to "lament and repent" of the failure of the Church to welcome LGBTQI+ people and for the harm that LGBTQI+ people have experienced – and continue to experience – in churches.

A motion which details and recognises a series of proposals put forward by the bishops on human identity and marriage was agreed by majorities in the Houses of Bishops, Clergy and Laity after a landmark debate over two days.

Earlier this week Synod members also met in small groups to consider and comment on a set of draft texts known as Prayers of Love and Faith, which could be used voluntarily in churches for couples who have marked a significant stage of their relationship such as a civil marriage or civil partnership.

C of E's links to historic transatlantic slavery on display

Enslavement: Voices from the Archives, was recently opened to the public at Lambeth Palace Library, in central London, and will run until 31st March 2023.

Items in the exhibition are from the library's archives, which were studied in detail for research by the Church Commissioners for England into links to historic transatlantic chattel slavery.

Lambeth Palace Library is the historic library of the Archbishops of Canterbury and preserves the national archives of the Church of England. More information at: www.lambethpalacelibrary.org.

Church Commissioners publishes full report into historic links to transatlantic chattel slavery and announces new funding commitment of £100m in response to findings

Back in June 2022 it was reported that the Church Commissioners' endowment had historic links to transatlantic chattel slavery. The endowment traces its origins partly to Queen Anne's Bounty, a fund established in 1704.

In response to the findings, the Church Commissioners' Board has committed itself to trying to address some of the past wrongs by investing in a better future.

The Church Commissioners says it "is deeply sorry for its predecessor fund's links with the transatlantic slave trade."

The Archbishop of Canterbury, the Most Reverend Justin Welby, who is also Chair of the Church Commissioners, said: "I am deeply sorry for these links. It is now time to take action to address our shameful past. Jesus Christ calls us to face our present and future with integrity. It is hard to do this at a time when resources in many parishes are so stretched, but by acting rightly we open ourselves to the blessing of God."

Transform Care through a National Care Covenant, says Archbishops' Commission

The Archbishops' Commission on Reimagining Care has proposed "a radical and inspiring vision" for adult social care in England.

'Care and Support Reimagined: a National Care Covenant for England' calls for a re-thinking of attitudes to care and support; a rebalancing of roles and responsibilities; and redesigning the social care system.

Welcoming the report, the Archbishop of Canterbury, the Most Revd Justin Welby said: "This report gives me hope that we can rise to the challenge of fixing our broken social care system."

Traidcraft goes into administration

Traidcraft PLC – a Christian group that has spent years campaigning for fair trade – has gone into administration.

The brand cited the coronavirus pandemic, the war in Ukraine and soaring energy prices as the reasons behind the severe financial difficulties.

Millions of children starving worldwide

More than 30 million children worldwide are suffering from "acute malnutrition" as the global food crisis persists into 2023.

That's according to international experts, who say that the 15 countries enduring the worst of the crisis are Afghanistan, Burkina Faso, Chad, the Democratic Republic of the Congo, Ethiopia, Haiti, Kenya, Madagascar, Mali, Niger, Nigeria, Somalia, South Sudan, Sudan and Yemen.

In 2022 the key driver of food insecurity was massive inflation, which put even staple food such as bread beyond the financial reach of many. In 2023 there are likely to be increased shortages of food, owing to a global fertiliser shortage.

Natural disasters also have a terrible impact. Seven of the worst-affected countries are East African nations that have suffered several years of failed rainy seasons and droughts.

Now the Barnabas Fund has created food.gives – to supply food aid to needy Christians in many lands and meet this desperate, ongoing need. If you would like to help, please visit: <http://food.gives>

Traidcraft plc – end of an era



TRAIDCRAFT
Fighting poverty through trade

We were very sad this week to receive an email telling us that the Traidcraft plc story appears to be coming to its end. Since 1979 Traidcraft has reimagined the relationships between producers and consumers, putting justice at the heart of trade. It is heart-breaking that this key member of the trade justice movement has to close. The text of their attached letter follows -

Traidcraft plc going into administration

It is with tremendous sadness that we announce that Traidcraft PLC is going into administration.

The business has been in a weak financial position for some years and the Covid-19 pandemic presented a significant new set of challenges. Just as we were emerging from the pandemic, like many other retailers, we faced the combined effects of the war in Ukraine, rising energy prices, and increased transport costs.

Sadly, despite the heroic efforts of our team at Gateshead, low consumer confidence during the critical autumn trading period led to a sales result significantly short of what was required to sustain the operation. December sales were also negatively impacted by the uncertainty created by Royal Mail strikes.

After much deliberation and following advice from external advisors, we have come to the conclusion that the only honourable course of action is to appoint administrators. Our hope is that by doing this in a timely manner, we can minimize the impact on our suppliers and creditors.

It is heartbreaking to bring the Traidcraft plc story to an end in this manner but we can at least take some consolation from the knowledge that we have been a major force for good in the ethical retail sector for over forty years. We have championed the cause of trade justice to the point where we now have better standards and procedures in place to protect the rights and dignity of growers and producers all over the world.

We would like to offer our heartfelt thanks to all those who have journeyed with us as employees, board members, shareholders and suppliers. We would particularly like to thank our loyal band of “Fairtraders”, many of whom have been with us since the very beginning.

The mission to combat trade injustice and poverty is far from complete. It is important to recognise that Transform Trade (previously Traidcraft Exchange, the charity arm of Traidcraft) will continue its vital work supporting producers and fighting for trade justice and people centred trade.

Our hope and prayer is that others will also emerge to pick up the torch that we have carried for four decades.

Board of Directors

Traidcraft plc

Many of you have been part of the Traidcraft story. From the days when David McMinn had a stall at the back of the church to Richard and I running it for many years. We had many loyal customers and knew their favourite regular items, so we always had to have plenty in stock – fruit jellies for Stephen, ginger cookies for Linda, chocolate for Jo, Mike (on the QT) and lots of others, and Peter and Viv, who seemed to do half their weekly shop of staples with us, as well as the tea, coffee and sugar for church supplies. We also had super support from many others who did a lot of their Christmas shopping through the catalogue - cards, gifts, and decorations; and of course our volunteers who kept the stall going week in week out as well as buying goodies. Thank you all so much.

As in the letter, we hope that this vital work will continue. There are now more opportunities to buy fairly traded goods and foodstuffs from regular supermarkets (although it is sad to see some brands already disappearing from our local Tesco). So please do look out for the Fairtrade logo when you do your shopping. Not all labels are equal though so if you have time, try to check how much of the product is actually fairly traded – often it is only a single small ingredient. In this busy world though, it all helps if you can continue to support fair trade for producers across the world. In a global society, dealing fairly with the neighbour who grows our coffee is, in the long run, as beneficial to us as it is to them.

Adrienne and Richard Knight



... you can find the websites of our wonderful suppliers below:

<https://biod.co.uk/>
<https://chooseliberation.com/>
<https://divinecoffee.co.uk/>
<http://fairttrade.com/>
<https://meaningfulchocolate.co.uk/>
<https://pachamamaknitwear.com/>
<https://upcirclebeauty.com/>
<https://wearethought.com/>
<https://www.cafedirect.co.uk/>

<https://www.cycleofgood.com/>
<https://www.equalexchange.co.uk/>
<https://www.jts.co.uk/>
<https://www.made51.org/>
<https://www.mamamzungu.co/>
<https://www.namaste-uk.com/>
<https://www.organicstores.com/>
<https://www.sharedearth.co.uk/>
<https://www.ventforchange.co.uk/>

All Saints Handbell Ringers News

Our handbell ringers had a busy time over the Christmas period playing at various venues in Maldon and raising funds for the Maldon Food Pantry.



As well as supporting the church at the Christmas Tree Festival, we rang at a couple of local Care Homes and outside both Tescos and Morrisons. We are very grateful for their continued support.

This was the first time in 3 years that we had been able to ring without restrictions - although, we were still very careful in the Care Homes to abide by their rules. As well as sharing the Christmas message through our repertoire, we were extremely pleased to raise £646 for the Food Pantry.

On 25 January 2023, we handed our donation to Revd Rob Sefton at the Elim Pentecostal Church in Maldon. See photo above He was delighted with the result; and we are sure that our efforts will continue to help the people in Maldon who are experiencing very difficult times during this difficult period.

Derek Hall



PS: If anyone is interested in playing handbells, then please give me a call – see contacts in the magazine for details. No previous musical experience required. We meet most Wednesday evenings in the D'Arcy room in the church.

Maldon Food Pantry replies

Churches Together in Maldon
Maldon Food Pantry
Elim Pentecostal Church

Dear All Saints Handbell Ringers,

Thank you for your kind donation of £646.01 towards our work in these challenging times. We have now donated over 19,000 food parcels to individuals and families in the Maldon and Heybridge area. We could not have achieved this without the generous support of wonderful people and organisations like yourselves. We pray that you feel part of this wonderful ministry.

With much appreciation/

Yours Faithfully

Rev. Rob. Sefton, Maldon Food Pantry Coordinator
Email: rob_sefton@hotmail.com Tel: 07940830855

TEN to TEN The
RAMBLING GROUP

The Walk 11th February (2023)

Seven of us met at the parking area at Wintersleet Farm and set off from there down London road following Rod, our leader for this walk. We turned left down West Chase and were very interested to have pointed out the blue plaque recently put up by the Maldon Society to commemorate Myra Sadd (1872-1938), daughter of local business man John Granger Sadd who built the house, Mount View in 1880. The house has recently come back into private ownership, having been home to St Francis Convent school for many years.



Our route then took us down Cromwell Hill over the river and left on the seawall by Tesco's to the Chelmer Blackwater Nature Reserve. This area has been saved from development by a non-profit community interest company. From here we took a familiar path onto the old railway track and down to Langford. We had a very pleasant stop for coffee at the Museum of Power and then walked on via Beeleigh Weir up to London Road and back to Wintersleet Farm. This was a very enjoyable and interesting walk followed by a delicious soup lunch provided by Merie.

Our next walk will be on Saturday 11th March starting at 9.50am from Wickham Bishop's Village Hall car park. David will be leading a morning walk around Wickham Bishops.

For more information please ring David on 01621 891248. An email will be sent round to regular walkers nearer the time.

Sue Smith

COMING UP—COMING UP—C

MARCH 3rd

THE WORLD DAY OF PRAYER

(A WOMEN LED, GLOBAL, ECUMENICAL MOVEMENT)

“

I have heard about your faith” Taiwan

The service in Maldon will be at the United Reformed Church, Market Hill—service starts at 10.30am (coffee from 10.00am)

The origins of World Day of Prayer date back to the 19th century when Christian women in the USA and Canada initiated a variety of cooperative activities in support of women’s involvement in mission, at home and abroad. It is from such roots as these that WDP has taken its present shape – a worldwide ecumenical movement of In formed Prayer and Prayerful Action.

It was in **1928**, at an international missionary conference in Jerusalem, that Scotswoman Grace Forgan first learned of the World Day of Prayer and brought the news to these islands.

MARCH 1st

LENT COURSE

Rev Jordan is planning a Lent course commencing Wednesday 1st March for 5weeks. The group will meet on Wednesday mornings in the D’Arcy room at 10.30am. Rev Jordan plans for the group to delve deeper into the Gospel Lectionary readings for each of the upcoming Sun days.

MARCH 13th

Men’s Breakfast at Wetherspoon’s Rose & Crown (from 9.00am)

MARCH 18th

Messy Church D’arcy Room (2.00pm-4.00pm)

APRIL 22nd

Beetle Drive with supper (5.30pm)

MAY 7th

Picnic Brunch in the vicarage garden to celebrate King Charles’ Coronation (10.30am)

COMING UP—COMING UP

THE WALK OF WITNESS

Good Friday—April 7th (CTiM)



Hundreds of Christians together walk up Maldon's High Street in complete silence with only the hammering of the nails echoing as they pass the Methodist Church.

The walk Assembles at The Assumption of our Lady Catholic Church, Victoria Road at **9.30am** for a short service. The procession then makes its way up the High Street at **10.00am**—arriving for a service outside All Saints Church at around 10.30am with refreshments for everyone inside afterwards.

The Walk Of Witness is arranged every Good Friday by Churches Together in Maldon (CTiM).

A number of volunteers are needed to act as marshals to help to keep the route safe as the procession passes. If you would like to volunteer please contact Gordon Aubrey-Jones 07850811314

For God so loved the world that he gave his one and only Son, that whoever believes in him shall not perish but have eternal life. (John 3:16)

BOOK REVIEW for LENT

Dust and Glory – 40 daily reflections for Lent on faith, failure & forgiveness By Emma Ineson, CHP, £1.99

Dust and Glory is the Church of England's Lent campaign for 2023. Offering 40 daily reflections for Lent on faith, failure and forgiveness, it invites you to find God in the mess of everyday life.

Each week it considers the idea of failure from a different angle and explores the difference God's redeeming work in Jesus makes to the struggles and shortcomings of human life. Make sense of life's challenges, and draw closer to God during Lent.

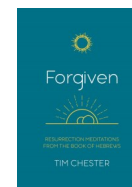
The book will also be the 2023 Big Church Read for Lent.



Forgiveness – resurrection meditations from the Book of Hebrews for Lent By Tim Chester, 10Publishing, £3.99

We live in uncertain times. Our society is changing rapidly and many of us feel left behind. How can we face the future with confidence?

In these resurrection meditations, which go from Ash Wednesday to Easter Sunday, Tim Chester reassures our fearful hearts by pointing us to the Lord Jesus and His finished work. Guiding us through the later chapters of Hebrews, these devotions remind us that, when everything around us is turning and churning, we can rest secure in Jesus and His forgiveness,



More Than Conquerors (new edition) – a call to radical discipleship By Simon Guillebaud, Monarch, £9.99

To follow our Saviour is not about being nice. It's about taking risks. Simon writes: "There's a battle going on for our hearts. What I watch, what I listen to, what I spend my time and money on – all these erode my true sense of identity and worth as a child of God. Where is the vigilance, the discernment, the scrutiny? Our hearts are far too precious to treat with such lax indifference ... I want to play my part in turning the world upside down; I want to be fearless, bold, uncompromising and passionate in reaching out to the lost on behalf of the King of Kings; I never want to get over the grace of God."



From Glory into Glory – 54 devotional readings for Easter and Lent By Tom Parsons, 10Publishing, £4.99

The hour has come for Jesus to return to the Father's heavenly glory. He embarks on the journey ahead, even though it will lead Him through the depths of earthly shame. Crucifixion awaits Him, and what destiny could be considered more disgraceful than to die on a cross? Yet right there, in the indignities of His suffering and death, Jesus will reveal the glory of God.

From Glory Into Glory follows Jesus on this journey from the veiled glory of the cross into the blazing brightness of the resurrection. Our guide is Jesus' beloved disciple, John, and our longing is that the word of Christ will dwell richly within us.



All Saints gets a Spring Clean

Photo's by Vicky
and Ken R.



"Many hands
make ..."



CHURCH SPRING CLEAN

Week commencing Monday 13 February, (half term) there will be a thorough spring clean of the church — the more people who come along to help, the easier the task will be!

Thank you

Gone — the dead flies on the bell tower window sills. Gone the huge cobwebs that hung down the walls and gone the leaves, dirty floor and carpets. The pews have been dusted and the whole church feels fresher—just in time for spring—thanks to all those who helped.



Care in the heart of your own home

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MOTHERING SUNDAY

March 19th



Let's make 19th March a Mothering Sunday

On 19th March most churches will celebrate their 'mothers'. £millions will be spent on Mother's Day gifts and cards, and children will give flowers to women in church. It's a joy to honour mothers for their love and caring, but our blessings are lessened when we forget the Day's original purpose.

The Mother's Day we know today began on 12th May, 1907, in America, when a woman called Anna Jarvis held a service in her late mother's church to honour her work of organising women's groups to promote friendship and health. The idea spread, and in 1914 Mother's Day was declared an official celebration.

But the European Mothering Sunday goes back to the 16th century, and was altogether more faith-based. On the fourth Sunday of Lent people went 'a-mothering', going to their 'mother' church, the main church in the region, for a special service. In those days domestic servants rarely had free days, but they were given a day off during Lent, so they could go along with their mothers and families. Times changed, and by the 1900s Mothering Sunday had largely changed into Mother's Day – a celebration of mothers more than mother churches.

Many Scriptures describe the mothering qualities of God, for example Isaiah 66:13 – 'As a mother comforts her child, so will I comfort you.' We also see it in women without children. I remember a spinster head teacher in a poor district in Wales mothering and bringing the best out of 'her' children. We see it in our housing and care homes, in older women who have never been mothers as well as those who have, as they comfort a carer who has had a miscarriage, or who needs encouragement. We see it in pastors, and in men who nurture others. Let's thank God for His gift of 'mothering', wherever we find it.



Mother swan with her five babies—taken in Maldon's Promenade Park.

These were the last off-spring of the father, who died of a heart attack a year later.

The mother of three difficult youngsters was asked whether she'd have children if she had it to do over again. 'Yes,' she replied. *'But not the same ones.'*

Mothering Sunday is a day of mixed emotions. For many it's a happy, joyous day, but for others it's one of pain and grief. A day to celebrate love, while acknowledging those who cannot have children or have lost them and those who have no relationship with their

In the dying moments of His life, Jesus honored Mary his mother by showing her love and care. He entrusted His mother to John's protection: *'When Jesus saw His mother there, and the disciple whom He loved standing nearby, He said to her, 'Woman, here is your son,' and to the disciple, 'Here is your mother.' From that time on, this disciple took her into his home.'* (John 19:26,27). While affirming the importance of mothers, Jesus reminds us that the love we show on Mothering Sunday is just a token of our continuous appreciation of them.

the **BIG** question

Here are some of our latest big questions
What would your answers be?

Courage

How do we get the courage to try again tomorrow if we fail today?

Courage is a skill we all need and have, it's a very important thing to have and feel. Say for example you tried to sew a piece of clothing and you fail, you would think that you wouldn't be able to do it but a little burst of light comes into your mind and that's the thing that helps you overcome things that are hard in life. - **Nancy**.

Well first off, we all need courage. Otherwise we won't be able to do anything. We can talk to an adult or take a deep breath or you can just get up and try again. But remember you can always try again tomorrow. - **Amalie**

If you fail then it's ok because you learn from your mistakes. If you fail it doesn't matter because if you really want to do it then you will never give up. Courage means that if you are scared to do something then you don't just give up, you keep on trying. - **Eva**

Connecting

Is it important to connect with others? - Why?

Yes it is because if you don't have friends it will affect your mental health. Without friends you will be sad and it will affect your way of approaching life. - **George**

Yes because if you do not connect with people then you will not have any friends and know the experience of having friends. - **Ivy**

other NEWS in school

On Wednesday the 25th of January most of the year 5 pupils went to Flatford on the coach. It took about 45 minutes to get there. I was quite nervous about leaving my parents for three days. When we got there we went into our classroom and decorated plastic bottles like rockets. We also gave them a name. Once they were finished we took them out onto a small field and pumped them up with air. We counted down until they shot off along the grass. After we had finished our bottle rockets, we went outside to set our own mammal traps. After we had eaten dinner, we went out on a night walk. It was quite scary because we were not allowed to turn on our torches. We used all of our senses.

Thursday

On Thursday we got out of our beds (we didn't get much sleep through Wednesday night) as Emily's alarm went off at midnight, it was supposed to be half six in the morning. We got ready and we thought that there was a room inspection before eight but it

was actually after breakfast and lunch making! For breakfast I had sausages, baked beans and a hash brown. We got ready for our room inspection and Mrs Lee-Ranson and Mrs Pond came and said that we would get a 7,8 or a 9 score for how tidy our rooms were. We went outside for our activity with Sam. We opened the mammal traps that we made on Wednesday to let the mammals go, Charlotte and Mason caught a mouse, they named it Bob the Mouse. The next activity was orienteering. I was in Sam's group and Mrs White's group got sweets. I was not happy! The group and two other groups came first



so that was a good thing. I really enjoyed that bit of Thursday, we had a snack of a biscuit and some squash (It was blackcurrant flavour)! Then we went outside to do something else. After that we went to the classroom and had our lunch. We had to make our own lunch as they didn't make it for us. I really liked the fruit. It was an apple and I don't usually like fruit at home but it was very sweet, juicy and yummy! After we had our lunch we went to the woods and we made some dens, we were put into groups and then we had to find lots of sticks to build our dens with and then Mrs White had to throw loads of water on us to see if they were waterproof (luckily it was warm water). We got a bit wet but that is OK as we had our waterproof stuff on! When we had done that we went and made a fire with flint. I was partnered with Bethany. I loved that lesson. We had our dinner. After that we went outside and had a campfire. We stayed up till about 20:00 P.M we had hot chocolate and some people had some of Oliver's birthday cake. People said it was very nice. I felt really happy it was so good.

Friday

On Friday morning, we had breakfast. The food was hash browns, scrambled eggs, beans, toast or cereal. For drink, it was blackcurrant or water. After breakfast we had our first activity, we had to get into partners and look for different types of birds. We had to write down the name of the bird and how many of them we saw. It was really fun! You had to listen too! Not just look. Afterwards, we gathered together and we said how many birds we caught and we added all of our scores, and the bird we saw the most was Canadian geese. It was really fun! We did some acting out about the Dr Seuss book and the Lorax. We all had a different part to act out. Then it was snack time, we had juice and a biscuit. After snack we went on a very long walk but we had to answer questions at the same time. We split into groups, Mrs White's Group, Mrs Pond's Group, Sam's Group and Mrs Lee-Ranson's Group. It was a long walk but it was a nice walk. After the walk, we all had lunch. We had to leave Flatford by 12:30.

So, we had to rush our lunch. If you didn't finish you could eat it when we were back at school. We headed onto the coach and when we got back to school we watched Mr Bean's Holiday. But that was our Flatford experience.

Would you ever go to Flatford Mill? Well now you know all about Flatford. We would really recommend going to Flatford because we learnt a lot. If you ever go to Flatford, then you will have such a good time and you will make lots of happy memories!

This was written by
Susannah, Rubee and Mia

Panathlon

On Monday 6th February six special children got to attend a special swimming Panathlon at the London Aquatics Centre in Stratford. All Saints were lucky to get this amazing opportunity to prove even if we have additional needs that we are a caring, kind and well behaved school with amazing, supportive, enthusiastic children with amazing teamwork and sporting skills.

We took part in lots of swimming races against other schools. The funniest thing about the day was that we got to choose a rubber ducky each because we won the treasure hunt race. What we had to do is quickly, as fast as we could, get all the objects and race them back to the floating platform! We did other races too like relay races and free - style races, it was...Amazing!

At the end we got to have a five minutes free swim after we had finished all the races. We also each got an amazing medal for our hard work, kindness and teamwork! It was an amazing experience swimming in the Olympic pool. By **Oliver**



Year 4 Superstars Festival

When we got to Melbourne stadium we sat in a line and first we did a pledge for All Saints. This is the pledge we wrote with Layla and read out.

It doesn't matter who wins, it's just about having fun. It's also about trying to push yourself and making yourself feel proud of what you have achieved. Be honest, try your best and cheer on other teams. It doesn't matter who wins. We wish you all the best. Good luck and have fun!

Then we got sent to a game they explained really well. They told us we had to spin a ball around our waist then bounce it 5 times. Next we dribbled it to the cone then back then bounced it again 5 times. We took turns then I was quite good at it. I got 10 points.

I liked it a LOT!!!!!!!

After that we started this tennis game where we had a tennis racket and we had a bean bag on top of it. We had to throw the bean bag in the air 5 times and catch it on



the tennis racket. Then we sidestepped these ladders on the floor and we had to tiptoe through the gap in the ladder. Then we ran around a cone and did the same on the way back.

After the throwing we went to this game where there were three small hoops in the pile and we had to take one up to a yellow or blue spot at the end and place that on the spot. We carried on with that until they were all in a pile and then we left them there for the next person to take back.

After that we did this jumping game where there was a mat and a yellow wall in between it. We stepped on one side of the mat and we got timed to see how many jumps we could do in a certain amount of seconds.

We had a fantastic time and we came 4th out of 16 schools. Thank you to everyone who helped us.

By **Jessica and Sky**

Editor: The Rev Dr Gary Bowness continues his tongue-in-cheek letters from 'Uncle Eustace'... If you would like a copy of our published booklet of Uncle Eustace's letters, please email us at: enquiries@parishpump.co.uk

On the perils of moving from city to country

The Rectory

St James the Least

My dear Nephew Darren

Those parishioners of yours who won millions on the Lottery and moved into this parish have created quite a stir. It was perhaps a little unwise of them to tell everyone the reason why they had become so wealthy. While most of our parishioners also do the Lottery, few would ever admit it in public. (Since your friends arrived, the entire PCC is buying ever more lottery tickets, but from the shop in the NEXT village, to try and keep it secret.)

However, your family still has much to learn about our country ways. Buying the old Dower House was impressive; and spending a small fortune re-stocking the gardens was certainly commendable. But someone should have told them about installing cattle grids. It must have been quite a shock for them to wake up one morning and find the thirty sheep from the neighbouring field had wandered in for breakfast.

Their brand-new purple Ferrari has certainly brightened up the country lanes around here. The noise it makes as it roars up behind you quite quickens the pulse. Mrs Beamish had been suffering



with low blood pressure for months; she says she is quite cured now. The Colonel, who is all for the community supporting the church, then asked if the newcomers would drive the bishop around on the day he came to do his tour of the parish. The Colonel thought that an open-topped purple Ferrari would make a great bishop-mobile; and the newcomers were so kind to agree. What a shame that they decided to accomplish the several miles of parish lanes in record time: the bishop barely even saw the several farmers that they nearly ran down. His new nickname in this parish is: The Purple Peril.

The newcomers have installed security lighting, which is understandable. But now I wonder how much sleep they are getting, as the rabbits, foxes, and badgers who live in their grounds keep it flood-lit for much of the night. Meanwhile, the Colonel is grumbling about the effect of light pollution on his young pheasants in the woods nearby.

But these little inconveniences apart, I am sure they will soon feel at home. I feel confident that by the third generation, they will be properly settled in.

Your loving uncle,

Eustace

Honour your father and mother: that your days may be long upon the land which the Lord your God gives to you. – Exodus 20:12

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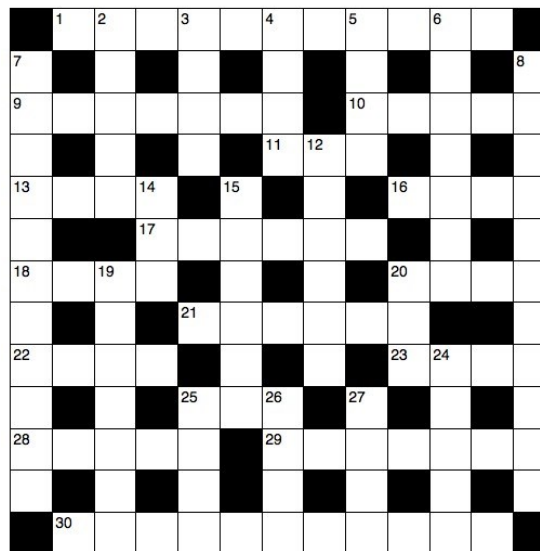
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- 1 These letters come between Romans and Galatians (11)
 9 'You will not — me to the grave' (Psalm 16:10) (7)
 10 King of Moab to whom the Israelites were subject for 18 years (Judges 3:14) (5)
 11 Town possessing mineral spring (3)
 13 Mede (anag.) (4)
 16 High-fidelity (abbrev.) (4)
 17 He succeeded his father Rehoboam as king of Judah (1 Kings 14:31) (6)
 18 A son of Simeon (Genesis 46:10) (4)
 20 Controversial religious book of the 1970s, The — of God Incarnate (4)
 21 'He has received from the Father the promised Holy Spirit and has poured out what you — — and hear' (Acts 2:33) (3,3)
 22 'You — me together in my mother's womb' (Psalm 139:13) (4)
 23 Edit (anag.) (4)
 25 'Who has believed our message and to whom has the — of the Lord been revealed?' (Isaiah 53:1) (3)
 28 Abraham's brother (Genesis 22:23) (5)
 29 'When Mordecai learned of — that had been — , he tore his clothes' (Esther 4:1) (3,4)
 30 Sympathetic (Proverbs 11:16) (4-7)

Down

- 2 'That was why his parents said, "He is — —; ask him"' (John 9:23) (2,3)
 3 Integrated Services Digital Network (1,1,1,1) 4
 4 'Saul has slain his thousands, and David his — of thousands' (1 Samuel 18:7) (4)
 5 Concept (John 8:14) (4)
 6 'Do we, then, — the law by this faith? Not at all! Rather, we uphold the law' (Romans 3:31) (7)
 7 Industrious (2 Timothy 2:6) (11)
 8 'I pray also that the eyes of your heart may be — in order that you may know the hope to which he has called you' (Ephesians 1:18) (11)
 12 'Out of the same mouth come — and cursing' (James 3:10) (6)
 14 This was how many of the Jewish leaders described Jesus (John 10:20) (3)
 15 Vitality (Job 20:11) (6)
 19 He urged David to kill Saul at Hakilah (1 Samuel 26:8) (7)
 20 'So for a whole year Barnabas and Saul — with the church and taught great numbers of people' (Acts 11:26) (3)
 24 'Hear, O Israel: The Lord our God, the Lord — — ' (Deuteronomy 6:4) (2,3)
 25 Parched (Matthew 12:43) (4)
 26 'In the image of God he created him; — and female he created them' (Genesis 1:27) (4)
 27 Disparagement (Psalm 15:3) (4)



THROUGH THE FURNACE

BY F.E. READE

This is the third episode of a story found in an All Saints Parish Magazine dated January 1904—the first can be found in the December 2022 Parish News.

"Do you know who it was who read the funeral service to-day?"

"I think that it must have been Mr. Carlton, the new Vicar of this parish," replied Margaret, indifferently, "but one clergyman is much the same to me as another."

"I liked his voice and manner," said her father; "how long has he been here, do you know?"

"Some weeks, I believe. I hope that he won't take it into his head to come and call upon us."

"I should think not," said Mr. Harvey, as we hardly ever go to church; it will take up all his time to visit the regular churchgoers. But, Margaret," he added rather nervously, "I should not object to seeing him, mind, if he should come. The words of the funeral service were very impressive, and I cannot help wishing—"

"What, father?"

"That we had sent for him to see your dear mother, but her illness was so sudden, and I was so much distracted that I did not think—"

"Dear father, what good could he have done?" said Margaret, in a superior tone; "we have done very well without religion all our lives. I can't see anything in it, myself. I am sure that all the religious people whom I know are just as disagreeable as they can be."

Mr. Harvey shook his head. "Death in the home opens our eyes to many things, my dear, and I believe that I have been as wrong in neglecting religion, as I have been in leading an idle life. Perhaps the two things are more closely connected than I have ever thought. Perhaps if I had served God I might have served my neighbour also. At all events I feel that I need a strength greater than my own to

enable me to lead this new kind of life that lies before me, and to prepare for death, which must come at the end of all."

Margaret looked at her father in a pitying manner. Her unspoken thought was that perhaps he *did* need strength, and if he could find it in religion he would be welcome to seek it there. As for herself, she felt quite able to stand alone.

A few days passed by, during which Margaret, with all the energy of her strong young womanhood, devoted herself to altering the rooms, so as to leave one empty to form the shop, and a carpenter had been engaged to put up the counter and shelves.

One afternoon, while she was busy upstairs, another plan for the future suddenly occurred to her, and she was turning it over in her mind, when a knock came at the front door. She ran down to answer it, and found herself face to face with the new vicar. He was a tall, middle-aged man, with a kind, sensible face. His quick eye noted that a look of vexation passed over her countenance, but nothing daunted, he inquired if Mr. Harvey was at home.

"He has gone out for a little walk, or he would have been glad to see you," replied Margaret, mindful of her father's injunction.

"Then may I come in and wait a few minutes?" asked Mr. Carlton, with a smile, "I should be sorry to miss him."

Margaret invited him to enter, as graciously as she could. The door of the room that was to be the shop stood open, and he noticed that preparations were going on within.

"You are making alterations here?" said he.
 "Yes," replied Margaret, glad to find a subject for conversation, and possibly to secure the vicar's custom, "I am going to



turn this room into an old curiosity shop." The vicar noted the little pronoun "I" and the confident tone in which she spoke, and jumped to the conclusion that this girl was the ruling spirit in the house. "A capital idea," he said, warmly, "and I warn you that you will have to let me poke about in it sometimes; I have a mania for old china, and everything that is curious and ancient, although I have to keep it within bounds."
 "I can show you our stock in hand," said Margaret, eagerly, "if you will take the trouble to come upstairs."

She took him up to the largest room in the house, which had been her mother's bedroom. Her father was sleeping in one of the smaller rooms, and she in the other. The bed had been taken down and placed against the wall, and the floor was covered with quaint and beautiful old things, most of which had been possessed by her mother's ancestors, she having belonged to a good old yeoman's family on her mother's side. Besides china, there were some Chippendale tables and chairs, a valuable old-fashioned bureau, and a wonderfully old grandfather's clock.

The Vicar seemed to be struck dumb with surprise and admiration, and Margaret looked with delight at his astonished face. Then he knelt down on the floor and examined first one thing and then another.

"Do you know how to price all these beautiful things?" asked he.

"I do not, replied Margaret, "but father is pretty well up in such matters, and I am sure," she added, "that we shall be very grateful for your advice."

"We—that is better," thought the Vicar to himself.

"There is father!" exclaimed Margaret, as she heard the click of the latch key in the door, and she ran to the head of the stairs and called in her fresh young voice—

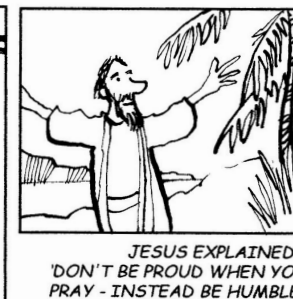
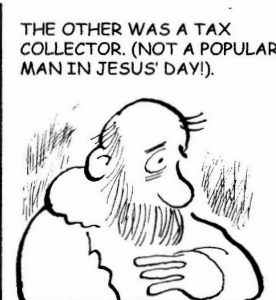
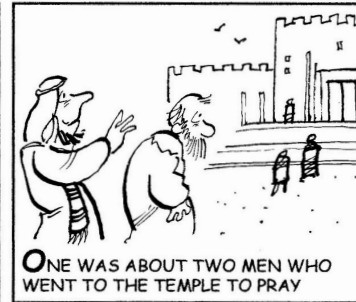
"Father, come up; Mr Carlton is here, and he knows all about old china."

Then she came back with beaming eyes and flushed cheeks and said, in quite a friendly tone, "father will be delighted to talk to you, I know; and I will go down and get tea ready if you can stay to take a cup with us."

The Vicar accepted the invitation, for, although he had intended to pay several visits that afternoon, he saw that he must embrace the opportunity of making friends with these rather out-of-the-way parishioners, and he made up his mind to spend some time with them.

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| 1 | St David | Wales, and churches dedicated to St David |
| 2 | | Tearfund |
| 3 | | Christians throughout the world |
| 4 | | Children in care |
| 5 | 2nd Sunday of Lent | The Healing Ministry |
| 6 | | Missionaries throughout the world |
| 7 | | All teachers |
| 8 | | Church of England Schools |
| 9 | | Care home workers |
| 10 | | Care home residents |
| 11 | | Our Police Forces |
| 12 | 3rd Sunday of Lent | Churches in our Deanery |
| 13 | | Paramedics and all Ambulance Staff |
| 14 | | Christian Booksellers |
| 15 | | The Archbishops of Canterbury and York |
| 16 | | All Priests and Ministers of the Church |
| 17 | St Patrick | Ireland, and churches dedicated to St Patrick |
| 18 | | Children estranged from their parents |
| 19 | 4th Sunday of Lent | Mothering Sunday All Mothers and our Mother Church; for the work of The Mothers' Union and Women's Institute |
| 20 | Joseph of Nazareth | All fathers |
| 21 | | Foster Parents |
| 22 | | Retired Clergy |
| 23 | | All staff employed in the Diocesan Offices |
| 24 | | Chelmsford Cathedral Staff |
| 25 | | The Annunciation All Midwives |
| 26 | 5th Sunday of Lent | Passion Sunday Our Ministry Team as they prepare for Holy Week and Easter |
| 27 | | All employed in Hospices |
| 28 | | Our Parish |
| 29 | | Churches in our Missionary and Ministry Unit |
| 30 | | Those responsible for interviewing for a new Priest in Charge |
| 31 | | Rev Jordan Palmer and his family |

FOR YOUR DIARY

MARCH 2023

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| Third Sunday 19 March Lent 4 Mothering Sunday | Holy Communion Fr John | Holy Communion Rev Noelle | | Holy Communion Fr John | MP&P Lynne | |
| Monday 20 March | | | | | | Holy Communion Fr John |
| Fourth Sunday 26 March Lent 5 Passion Sunday | Morning Prayer Alan | Holy Communion Fr John Rev Jordan (Preach) | | MP&P Gerald & Irene | Holy Communion Fr John Rev Jordan (Preach) | |
| Monday 27 March | | | | | | MP&P Julia |

ACTIVITIES

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| Childrens Society | Elaine Brown | 01621 850484 |
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| Prayer Group | | |
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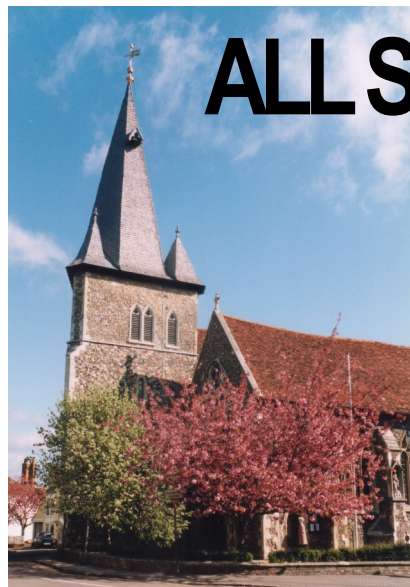
From the Registers

23rd February Audrey Elsie Ellis aged 90 years
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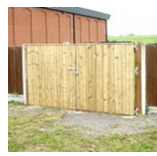
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