
Notices

- **HARVEST GIFTS:** At our Harvest Thanksgiving Service today we will be collecting tinned foods, pasta, rice and toiletries. The donated items will be taken to Norway House in Epping, which provides interim and temporary accommodation for vulnerable homeless families and single people. Thank you in advance for any items that you are able to donate. Lesley Cook (224486).
- **HARVEST 'POT LUCK' LUNCH: SUNDAY, 6TH OCTOBER 2019, ST MARY'S SCHOOL HALL, 12.30 PM - 3 PM.** Just come along with a plate or dish of savoury food, suitable for a main course, e.g. quiche, a salad, cold meat or fish and place it on a long table, where all contributions are shared amongst those present. A free glass of wine is provided, as well as soft drinks. Desserts are provided, and teas and coffee at the end. For **tickets (£5 for an adult and £2 for under 16s) contact** David Brice (221422), Edna Grimble (222353), Audrey Randall (232193), Pat Masters (218218) or Molly Hoyle (226929). **Don't forget your plate, knife, fork and spoon!!!**
- **MOTHERS' UNION:** Corporate Communion at the 11 am service on Thursday, 10th October. Visitors very welcome. Heather Mann.
- **OPEN BRANCH:** The next meeting is on Thursday 10th October at 8.00 pm in the Parish Hall when Colin Anthony will be giving a travel talk on Myanmar. Please remember to bring your donations for our toiletries' stall at the Church Bazaar on the 16th November. I look forward to welcoming new members to join us on the 10th. Helen Dick (Acting President).
- **SAYING GOODBYE SERVICE:** Sunday 13th October, 6pm in Chelmsford Cathedral – A service for anyone who has lost a baby in pregnancy, at birth or in early years.
- **COME AND MEET YOUR BELL RINGERS** at the 9.30am Parish Eucharist on Sunday 20th October for Bell Sunday when we'll be involved in the service. We will update you on what we have been up to and you can visit the belfry after the service to see us in action.
- **CHRISTMAS BAZAAR** (Saturday 16th November, 11am-2pm at the Parish Hall): Collecting items for the Bric-a-Brac nearly new/good condition items only please, Toiletries, Bottles for the bottle tombola, children's books and toys. A great chance to have a clear out at home. Please leave clean items in the box at the back of the church or, if you need collection of items, please contact Anne-Marie Scott dave.annie@hotmail.co.uk
- **MOTHERS' UNION TRAVELLING CRIBS:** Could anyone knit a sheep for the Travelling Cribs please? Please get in touch with me first and I will give you the pattern and correct wool/stuffing to the standards required. Sign up for the Group or Families Crib to visit by e-mailing Fiona McDonagh on mrsfmcdonagh@gmail.com with your name, address and contact telephone number by Sunday 25 November at the latest. Thank you. Molly Hoyle (226929).
- **FOODBANK: URGENT!** Please refer to the notice board at the rear of the church for more information. Supplies are desperately needed at the Foodbank due to the exceptional demand over the summer months. Please keep donating all essential items so that the stock can be replenished and allow the work of the Foodbank to continue. Thank you for your support. Helen Dick.
- **ELECTORAL ROLL FORMS** can only be obtained from Edna Grimble and, on completion, must be returned to her. (The electoral roll form is not the same as the blue 'Welcome' card!) Once you have applied and been added to the roll, you will receive a confirmation email via ChurchDesk.
- **TREKKERS:** We meet in St Mary's School Hall, opposite the church, every Sunday at 9.30 am (**except on First Sundays and in school holidays**). Craft and other fun activities every week. Suitable for school age children. Come and join in. Sally Prince (07585 118188).
- **FOOTPRINTS PLAYGROUP** at Shenfield Parish Hall every Wednesday **during term time** from 1.30pm - 2.30pm, £2 per child and £1 per additional child. Come along for free play, craft activities and refreshments. Gemma Keeling.

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6th October 2019

Week one

Welcome to this Parish Church

You are warmly invited to look around this historic building, to use it for worship, private prayer and quiet reflection. The church is normally open 9.00 a.m. - 5.00 p.m. every day (except Sundays) and you are always welcome to come in.

A very warm welcome to you if you are here for the first time to worship with us. Please do introduce yourself to us, and complete a blue card, which may be found in a box by the main door, if you would like to keep in touch and find out more about the activities of this Christian community.

For the young ...

There is a **CRÈCHE** in the Vestry at the back of the church during the 9.30 a.m. Parish Eucharist. We ask that **only one** parent per family accompany children because space is limited. Please make your way there during the singing of the Gloria.

Small children, who do not want to go into the crèche, may like to borrow a **BOOK** or a **HAPPY BAG** from the box at the back of the church.

Primary school aged children are invited to join **TREKKERS** in the School Hall during school term time.

On the **First Sunday in the month**, the Parish Eucharist aims to be friendly to worshippers of all ages. Children are encouraged to be present for the whole service, taking part in different ways, and giving the opportunity for families to enjoy worshipping together.

Before the service ...

- **Tokens** for use in the collection by PGS and other direct donors are in a bowl by the church door.
- Please prepare for worship **quietly** before the service begins. This is a time when many people like to say their prayers.
- If you have a **prayer request**, please use the prayer tree at the back of the church.
- **Gift Aid envelopes**, for use in the collection by taxpayers, are available in pews. For tax to be reclaimed your details **must** be written on the envelope.
- If you require any assistance, please speak to a Churchwarden or Sidesperson, and they will be very happy to help you.

During the week ...

Thursday 11.00 a.m. Eucharist

The celebration of the Eucharist on Thursday mornings is an established part of the liturgical life of this parish. It is an opportunity to gather around the Lord's Table during the week in a prayerful service which lasts about half an hour. All are welcome.

The Sixteenth Sunday After Trinity (Proper 22)

Harvest Thanksgiving

8.00 a.m. Holy Communion (BCP)

Celebrant	<i>Ven. David Lowman</i>
Server	<i>Archie Nott</i>
Lay Ministers	<i>Canon Paul Betts, Edna Grimble</i>
Epistle	<i>Galatians 6.6-10; Canon Paul Betts</i>
Gospel	<i>John 4.31-36; Ven. David Lowman</i>

9.30 a.m. Parish Eucharist

Celebrant	<i>Ven. David Lowman</i>
Music Setting	<i>Webster</i>
Servers	<i>Lisa Glasscock, Pauline Sweetingham</i>
Lay Ministers	<i>Molly Hoyle, Alan Ward Canon Paul Betts, Ann Plumstead</i>
Processional	290 We plough the fields, and scatter
Psalm	100; <i>St Mary's School</i>
Gradual	284 For the fruits of all creation
Gospel Reading	John 6.25-35; <i>Ven. David Lowman</i>
Presentation	<i>St Mary's School</i>
Intercessions	<i>St Mary's School</i>
Offertory	283 Fill your hearts with joy and gladness
Communion	
Anthem	'Thou visiteth the earth'; <i>M. Greene</i>
Hymns	Give thanks for the harvest 464 Sweet Sacrament divine
Recessional	282 Come, ye thankful people, come

6.30 p.m. Evensong

Books	Book of Common Prayer (page 57) Psalter
Officiant	<i>Canon Paul Betts</i>
Server	<i>Ray Jones</i>
Opening Hymn	290 We plough the fields, and scatter
Psalm	67
OT Lesson	Nehemiah 5.1-13; <i>Gordon Jary</i>
NT Lesson	John 9; <i>Pauline Sweetingham</i>
Anthem	'God that madest earth and heaven' <i>D. Thorne</i>
Intercessions	<i>Canon Paul Betts</i>
Hymn	286 Praise, O praise our God and King
Sermon	<i>Canon Paul Betts</i>
Closing Hymn	282 Come, ye thankful people, come

The Craft Hub

A monthly handcraft group run by St. Mary's Church in support of St. Mary's Charities. Sessions take place between 1.45 pm - 3.00 pm on the second Thursday afternoon in the Shenfield Parish Hall. Bring your project along or try one of our craft packs, or simply pop in for a cup of tea and a chat. £2.50 entry fee (includes refreshments). For more information contact Lesley (224486).

Please remember in your prayers

- Peace in the world.
- Our country and its future.
- The suffering people of the world.
- Relations with Iran and Russia.
- The protection of the natural world, particularly the Amazon rainforest.
- Brentwood Schools Christian Workers Trust: providing Christian learning and support in primary and secondary schools in the Brentwood Borough (our Charity of the Month).
- RCCG Shining Light and its Pastor, Samuel Akpan.
- The local community in Shenfield, especially those who live in Shenfield Place & Hallwood Crescent, and Maureen Watson & Tricia Dyke, who represent us there.
- Young people starting at/returning to university.
- St Mary's School, the pupils, staff and governors.
- The residents and staff of Old Shenfield Place.
- The Foodbank and those who use it.
- The individual prayers from our Prayer Tree.
- The sick & infirm, and those facing or recovering from surgery, especially Sylvia Agate, Sylvia Baylis, Maureen Beaver, Rahil Butt, Marion Cork, Vivien Fowler, Peter Fuller, Doris Gower, Mary Hirst, Georgia Marston, Janet Miller, David Newton, Sonia Triggs, Catherine Wiggins, Marjorie Witham.
- Those who have died, especially Douglas Blair and Elizabeth Frazer, and their families and friends.
- Rita Bradbury and Ann Sanders-Hewett, on the anniversary of their deaths.

Contacts and Information

- **Ministry Team**
The Rev'd Christopher Mann *Rector* 01277 220360
Canon Paul Betts *Licensed Lay Minister* 01277 228497
Barbara Alderton *Pastoral Visitor* 01277 220033
Lesley Cook *Lay Evangelist* 01277 224486
- **Churchwardens**
Ian Eaton 01277 205410
Edna Grimble 01277 222353
- **Baptism and Wedding enquiries**
Please contact the Rector 01277 220360
- **TheLink**
Please give any information in writing to Paul Betts by 12.00 noon on Tuesday for the following Sunday.
- **Website**
Please visit the parish website for further information at www.stmaryschurch-shenfield.org.uk

Open Door (Sunday 13 October, 6.30 pm)

Anita Butt will lead us on "A thing most wonderful!" An opportunity to look at the lives of two 19th century Bishops and sing some of the great hymns they left us. Do come and join us.