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**Notices**


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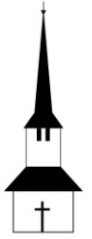
- **TOY SUNDAY** (December 1<sup>st</sup>). Traditionally this is a Service of giving when unwrapped presents are presented in the service and donated to Norway House in time for Christmas. Presents for children of all ages are welcome, but particularly for those between the ages of 11-16. There is a box at the back of the church available for donations throughout November. We look forward to seeing you on Sunday 1st December.' The First Sunday planning team.
- **CAKE SALE AFTER THE TOY SERVICE:** Footprints are holding a cake sale at the end of the Toy Service on Sunday 1st December - all monies from the cakes sold will be put towards Footprints playgroup - Wednesdays 1.30-2.45 at the Parish Hall.
- Join us for a **SPECIAL SERVICE** to celebrate the **First Sunday in Advent** (1st December, 6.30pm). Mulled wine and biscuits will be served after the service!
- **FOOTPRINTS CHRISTMAS PARTY:** Footprints are holding a Christmas Party on Wednesday 4th December 1.15pm-2.45pm in the Parish Hall. Tickets are £4.00 per family. Please contact Gemma Keeling (gemma.keeling@hotmail.com) or Jo Gurney (joannegurney@gmail.com) for tickets.
- **CHRISTMAS EVE SERVICES 2019:** So that everyone can get involved in our highly successful Christmas Eve Nativity Services (this year on a Tuesday, 24th December, at 3pm, 4.15pm & 5.30pm), we are using 'Sign-Up Sheets' again for the different roles, which will be available at the back of the church from Sunday 3rd November. If you are interested, just place your name/your child's name against a role listed. Queries to Charlotte Monk (charlottevmonk@gmail.com).
- **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 24 November at the latest. Thank you. Molly Hoyle (226929).
- **'ACCESSORIES OLD & NEW'** – a new set of anagrams now available from me personally at £1 per copy, still to aid our Church Charities. Please join in again and send a copy to your family and friends. A supply will also be on sale at the rear of the church. Maureen Laming (216230).
- **SERVERS:** We are looking for young people or adults who would like to become Altar Servers. Details from Paul Betts.
- **MAGAZINE DISTRIBUTORS NEEDED:** If you have time each month to pick up and deliver the Parish Magazine please can you contact me as I need some more distributors. Jo Gurney (joannegurney@gmail.com).
- **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. New leaders & helpers also needed. 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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17<sup>th</sup> November 2019

Week three

## 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.

**We are also pleased to welcome Lily Harvey** being **baptised** at 11.15 am today.

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### 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.

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### Before the service ...

- 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.

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### 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.

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**The Second Sunday Before Advent [CW]****The Twenty-Second Sunday After Trinity [BCP]****8.00 a.m. Holy Communion**

<b>Celebrant</b>	<i>The Rector</i>
<b>Server</b>	<i>Archie Nott</i>
<b>Lay Ministers</b>	<i>Canon Paul Betts, Edna Grimble</i>
<b>OT Reading</b>	Malachi 4.1-2a; <i>Canon Paul Betts</i>
<b>NT Reading</b>	2 Thessalonians 3.6-13; <i>Edna Grimble</i>
<b>Gospel Reading</b>	Luke 21.5-19; <i>The Rector</i>
<b>Sermon</b>	<i>The Rector</i>
<b>Intercessions</b>	<i>Edna Grimble</i>

**9.30 a.m. Parish Eucharist**

<b>Celebrant</b>	<i>The Rector</i>
<b>Music Setting</b>	<i>Webster</i>
<b>Servers</b>	<i>Pauline Sweetingham, Shefali Kulkarni</i>
<b>Lay Ministers</b>	<i>Rachel Patel, Edna Grimble</i> <i>Canon Paul Betts, Claire Lorenc</i>
<b>Processional</b>	360 Bring to the Lord a glad new song
<b>NT Reading</b>	2 Thessalonians 3.6-13; <i>Keith Kan</i>
<b>Gradual</b>	740 O changeless Christ, for ever new
<b>Gospel Reading</b>	Luke 21.5-19; <i>The Rector</i>
<b>Sermon</b>	<i>The Rector</i>
<b>Intercessions</b>	<i>Rachel &amp; Ella Patel</i>
<b>Offertory</b>	641 Glorious things of thee are spoken
<b>Communion</b>	
<b>Anthem</b>	'King of all ages'; <i>P. Isom</i>
<b>Hymns</b>	451 Just as I am 439 Dearest Jesu, we are here
<b>Recessional</b>	643 God beyond earth's finest treasures

**6.30 p.m. Evensong**

<b>Books</b>	Book of Common Prayer (page 57) Psalter
<b>Officiant</b>	<i>Canon Paul Betts</i>
<b>Server</b>	<i>Ray Jones</i>
<b>Opening Hymn</b>	595 Be thou my vision
<b>Psalm</b>	96
<b>OT Lesson</b>	Daniel 6; <i>Michael Bloomfield</i>
<b>NT Lesson</b>	Matthew 13.1-9, 18-23; <i>David Brice</i>
<b>Anthem</b>	'Father God in heaven'; <i>arr G. Jackson</i>
<b>Intercessions</b>	<i>Canon Paul Betts,</i>
<b>Hymn</b>	686 Jesu, our hope, our heart's desire
<b>Sermon</b>	<i>Canon Paul Betts</i>
<b>Closing Hymn</b>	654 Hark, my soul, it is the Lord!

**Please remember in your prayers**

- The victims of the recent floods.
- Peace in the world.
- Our country and its future.
- The suffering people of the world.
- Relations with Iran and Russia.
- The Mothers' Union in the Diocese of Chelmsford (our Charity of the Month).
- Our Bell Ringers, led by Beth Johnson.
- The local community in Shenfield, especially those who live in Worrin Close, Worrin Place & 1-30 Worrin Road, and Molly Hoyle & Linda Ward, who represent us there.
- 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, Doris Gower, Mary Hirst, Georgia Marston, Janet Miller, Sonia Triggs, Catherine Wiggins, Marjorie Witham.
- Those who have died, especially Peter Fuller, and their families and friends.
- Bruce Mitchell and Tony Russell 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](http://www.stmaryschurch-shenfield.org.uk)

**Additional Notice**

- **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.