
Notices

- **COME AND MEET YOUR BELL RINGERS** at the 9.30am Parish Eucharist **today** 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.
- **MOTHERS' UNION:** Afternoon meeting on Thursday 24th October, 2pm in the Parish Hall, at which James Davy, the Organist at Chelmsford Cathedral, will talk to us on 'Return ticket to Shenfield'. Visitors very welcome. Heather Mann (220360).
- **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
- **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. Any 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 25 November at the latest. Thank you. Molly Hoyle (226929).
- **£110 & still counting RAISED FOR CHURCH REPAIRS. A BIG Thank You to ALL CYCLISTS, WALKERS & WELCOMERS** who took part and donated at the annual sponsored **RIDE & STRIDE 2019**. Like never before, we've had participants as young as a few months old and those like Barbara and Gillian who have supported R&S for more than 30 years. **MONEY RAISED will go TO REPAIR OUR CHURCH BUILDING. JOIN RIDE & STRIDE NEXT YEAR! your SUPPORT is VITAL!** Tatiana Atalon (**RIDE & STRIDE** organiser).
- **TREKKERS** are looking for new Leaders / Helpers. For more info contact Sally Prince (07585 118188).
- **FOODBANK:** The October notice of requirements for the Foodbank is on the notice board at the back of the church. A request has been made for Christmas items along with the usual essentials. The Foodbank is very grateful to all who responded to their recent urgent appeal for donations. They had fifty-four families in need of their help in one day recently. They hope with Harvest Festival gifts they will build up enough stock for the next few months. Thank you for your continued support. Helen Dick.
- **SERVERS:** We are looking for young people or adults who would like to become Altar Servers. Details from Paul Betts.
- **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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20th October 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.

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 ...

- 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 Eighteenth Sunday After Trinity (Proper 24)**Bell Sunday****8.00 a.m. Holy Communion**

Celebrant	<i>The Rector</i>
Server	<i>Archie Nott</i>
Lay Ministers	<i>Canon Paul Betts, Jennie Webb</i>
OT Reading	Genesis 32.22-31; <i>Canon Paul Betts</i>
NT Reading	2 Timothy 3.14-4.5; <i>Jennie Webb</i>
Gospel Reading	Luke 18.1-8; <i>The Rector</i>
Sermon	<i>The Rector</i>
Intercessions	<i>Jennie Webb</i>

9.30 a.m. Parish Eucharist

Celebrant	<i>The Rector</i>
Music Setting	<i>Webster</i>
Servers	<i>Emily Brooks, Lisa Glassock</i>
Lay Ministers	<i>Molly Hoyle, Edna Grimble Canon Paul Betts, Heather Mann</i>
Processional	771 Ring out the bells
NT Reading	2 Timothy 3.14-4.5; <i>Sue Matthews (Bell Ringer)</i>
Gradual	Fling, ye bells, your songs to heaven
Gospel Reading	Luke 18.1-8; <i>The Rector</i>
Presentation of Teaching Certificates (Bellringing)	
'Ringing Remembers' (Bell Ringers)	
Intercessions	<i>Nicola Stark (Bell Ringer)</i>
Offertory	Unchanging God, who livest
Communion	
Anthem	'Rejoice in the Lord always'; <i>H. Purcell</i>
Hymns	503 Send, O God, your Holy Spirit 248 Holy Spirit, hear us
Recessional	Ring out, glad bells

6.00 p.m. Deanery Choirs Festival at St Thomas', Brentwood

Choirs from churches across the Deanery gather to sing Choral Evensong.

Do come and support our choir on this special occasion!

No evening service at St Mary's today.

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.
- Brentwood Schools Christian Workers Trust: providing Christian learning and support in primary and secondary schools in the Brentwood Borough (our Charity of the Month).
- Heart of Worship Church.
- The local community in Shenfield, especially those who live in Shorter Avenue & Clune Court, and Silvana Morris, who represents 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, Peter Fuller, Doris Gower, Mary Hirst, Georgia Marston, Janet Miller, David Newton, Sonia Triggs, Catherine Wiggins, Marjorie Witham.
- Those who have died, especially Elizabeth Frazer, and their families and friends.
- Thomas Mann, on the anniversary of his death.

Contacts and Information

- **Ministry Team**

The Rev'd Christopher Mann <i>Rector</i>	01277 220360
Canon Paul Betts <i>Licensed Lay Minister</i>	01277 228497
Barbara Alderton <i>Pastoral Visitor</i>	01277 220033
Lesley Cook <i>Lay Evangelist</i>	01277 224486
- **Churchwardens**

Ian Eaton	01277 205410
Edna Grimble	01277 222353
- **Baptism and Wedding enquiries**

Please contact the Rector	01277 220360
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- **TheLink**

Please give any information in writing to Paul 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

Sunday 3rd November – All Saints Sunday**3.30 pm Service of Remembrance and Thanksgiving**

We especially remember those who have died during the last two years, together with members of our church family who have died within the previous ten years. Requests to include other names from the past should be made in writing to Paul Betts (228497) or emailed to bmgardens68@msn.com.