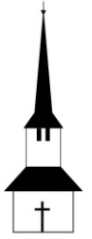

Notices

- **IF YOU LIKE FLOWERS**, come and watch a CHRISTMAS flower arranging demonstration on Monday 11th November 2019 at 8.00pm at the Brentwood Theatre, Shenfield Road, Brentwood. Tickets £14, available at the door or from: Edna Grimble (07985319187) or Janet Sarchet (230343).
- **OPEN BRANCH:** Our next meeting is on Thursday 14th November in the Parish Hall at 8.00 pm, when our speaker, Ian Keable, will be talking about 'Charles Dickens, Conjuror'. We will still be accepting toiletries for our stall at the Christmas Bazaar on Saturday 16th November. I look forward to seeing you on the 14th and to welcoming new members. Helen Dick (Acting President).
- **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
- I'm collecting **ANY OLD KEYS** for a little craft for the bazaar. I can collect them or, alternatively, please leave them in my pigeon hole under (C). I only need about 20 in total. Debbie Catton (225979).
- **'ACCESSORIES OLD & NEW'** – a new set of anagrams on sale at the Bazaar and from me personally thereafter. £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).
- **TOY SUNDAY** (December 1st). 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.
- **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).
- **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).
- **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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10th November 2019

Week two

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 Third Sunday Before Advent (Remembrance)**The Twenty First Sunday After Trinity [BCP]****8.00 a.m. Holy Communion**

Celebrant	<i>The Rector</i>
Server	<i>Pauline Sweetingham</i>
Lay Ministers	<i>Canon Paul Betts, Lesley Cook</i>
OT Reading	Job 19.23-27a; <i>Lesley Cook</i>
NT Reading	2Thessalonians 2.1-5, 13-17; <i>Canon Paul Betts</i>
Gospel Reading	Luke 20.27-38; <i>The Rector</i>
Sermon	<i>The Rector</i>
Intercessions	<i>Canon Paul Betts</i>

9.30 a.m. Parish Eucharist

Celebrant	<i>The Rector</i>
Music Setting	<i>Webster</i>
Servers	<i>Pauline Sweetingham, Ray Jones</i>
Lay Ministers	<i>Lesley Cook, Alan Ward</i> <i>Canon Paul Betts, Linda Ward</i>
Processional	357 All people that on earth do dwell
OT Reading	Job 19.23-27a; <i>Caroline Barratt</i>
NT Reading	2 Thessalonians 2.1-5, 13-17; <i>Giles Drew</i>
Gradual	583 Rejoice, O land, in God thy might
Gospel Reading	Luke 20.27-38; <i>The Rector</i>
Sermon	<i>The Rector</i>
Intercessions	<i>Amelia & Lucy Hall</i>
Offertory	635 For the healing of the nations
Communion	
Anthem	'Lead, kindly light'; <i>W. Harris</i>
Hymns	428 Body broken for our good 425 Be known to us in breaking bread
Recessional	610 Christ is the world's true light

10.50 am Act of Remembrance at the War Memorial

Officiant	The Rector
Server	Ray Jones
Hymn	746 O God, our help in ages past

11.00 a.m. Matins

Officiant	<i>Canon Paul Betts</i>
Server	<i>Ray Jones</i>
Opening Hymn	584 All my hope on God is founded
Psalm	91 vv.1-10
OT Lesson	Isaiah 2.1-5; <i>Sylvia Bridger</i>
NT Lesson	James 3.13-18; <i>Pauline Sweetingham</i>
Anthem	'Once we had dreams'; <i>Sibelius</i>
Intercessions	<i>Canon Paul Betts</i>
Hymn	717 Lord, make us servants of your peace
Sermon	<i>Canon Paul Betts</i>
Closing Hymn	579 I vow to thee, my country
National Anthem	578 God save our gracious Queen

Please remember in your prayers

- Those who have lost their lives in war.
- 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 choirs, led by Suzanna Brooks.
- The local community in Shenfield, especially those who live in Tabors Court, and Lisa Machray, 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, Sonia Triggs, Catherine Wiggins, Marjorie Witham.
- Those who have died, especially David Newton, and their families and friends.
- Bill Anderson, Tony Russell and Betty Weavers on the anniversary of their deaths.

Contacts and Information**Ministry Team**

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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
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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

Additional Notices

- **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).
- **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.