



A weekly newsletter for

## THE PARISH CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS, WRITTLE with ST PAUL'S, HIGHWOOD

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### Sunday 12<sup>th</sup> February 2017 3rd Sunday before Lent

#### THE PARISH CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS

8.00am **HOLY COMMUNION** (BCP p.237)  
President: Rev'd Mike Aston  
Collect and Reading: p. 76

10.45am **PARISH EUCHARIST** (Order One and & CAHO&N)  
Including Baptism of Annabel Scott  
Celebrant: Rev'd Jo Jones  
Hymns: **603, 367, 171 and 552**  
Communion: **625 and 82**  
Anthem: Blessed are the pure in heart – *Walford Davies*  
Readings: Deuteronomy 30:15-20 – Elizabeth Baker p.175 pew bible.  
Gospel: Matthew 5:21-37  
Intercessor: Steven Bright



*After worship, please stay for refreshments and chat at the back of the church*



6.00pm Christians Together at the URC – Speaker, Rosemary Downey from Leprosy Mission

**Collect:** Eternal God, whose Son went before the crowds and brought healing with his touch; help us to show his love, in your church as we gather together, and by our lives as they are transformed into the image of Christ our Lord.

**Post Communion Prayer:** Merciful Father, who gave Jesus Christ to be for us the bread of life, that those who come to him should never hunger: draw us to the Lord in faith and love, that we may eat and drink with him at the table in the kingdom, where he is alive and reigns, now and forever.

#### ST PAUL'S HIGHWOOD

9.30am **HOLY COMMUNION.**

#### UNITED REFORMED CHURCH

10.45am **MORNING SERVICE (Communion)** - Mr Alan Sayles  
(Coffee after the service)

6.00pm Christians Together – Speaker - Speaker, Rosemary Downey from Leprosy Mission

**The Parish Office** is open Monday – Friday 10.00am – 12 noon – Tel: 01245 422846

You can light candles in the quiet of the Carpenter Chapel during office hours

Altar Flowers are given this week by Jeanne Jones in memory of her parents, Clare and Edward Margrain

## DIARY FOR THE WEEK BEGINNING 13<sup>th</sup> February 2017

Monday 13	9.00am	Morning Prayer
	12 noon	Prayers for healing and peace
Tuesday 14	9.00am	Morning Prayer
	10.30am	URC Coffee Morning – short service 11.45am
	6.30pm	Bell Ringing Practice – Young Learners
	7.15pm	Bell Ringing Practice
Wednesday 15	9.00am	Morning Prayer
	10.00am	<b>HOLY COMMUNION</b>
	10.00am	URC Prayer Meeting at 49 Chestnut Walk, Chelmsford
	7.30pm	Choir practice
Thursday 16	7.00pm	Learners Bell Ringing Practice
Saturday 18	10.00am – 3.00pm	– Wedding Preparation Day
	4.00pm – 4.30pm	– Possible wedding rehearsal in church.
<b>Sunday 19</b>		<b>ALL SAINTS - 2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday before Lent</b>
	8.00am	<b>HOLY COMMUNION</b>
	9.30am	All Age Worship – (Worship Team and Overhead Projector)
	11.00am	MATINS
		<b>ST PAUL'S HIGHWOOD</b>
	9.30am	<b>FAMILY SERVICE</b>
		<b>UNITED REFORMED CHURCH</b>
	10.45am	Morning Service – Mr Ronald Bond

### FOR OUR PRAYERS

At church: Sidespersons and Charity Committee.

At home: Baptist church and Rev'd Roger Stark. Reflect on the importance of racial justice.

Abroad: Pray for Christian Solidarity Worldwide as they pray and plan their future work this year to promote justice and support those who suffer for their beliefs.

Those who live outside the village but who worship at All Saints.

The sick: Nicola Owen, Rachel Horsnell, Margaret Underwood, Sonny Arthur, Ann Batt, Penelope Smees [nee.Fulbeck], Violet Weaser, Bishop John Wraw, Laurie Cansdale, Sue Tilley, Ron and Bidy Geary, Ann Coverley and those named in the Book of Prayers.

Those in residential care: Eileen Crabb and Margaret Pedlar

Those receiving Communion at home: Ron Wakeling; Dorothy and Ron Pointer;

RIP: Joan Smith, Joan Day and Anita Bunyard.

Anniversaries of Death: February 17 2015 – Doris Stanley

**WELCOME TO ALL SAINTS:** If you are new to the parish or just visiting, please introduce yourself to the clergy or one of the Churchwardens. A LOOP SYSTEM operates in the church for those with hearing aids. Switch your aid to 'T'. Tea and coffee are served after the service, please do join us.

**BABIES AND CHILDREN:** You are very welcome. There are toys and books at the back of the church in the children's corner. Toilet and changing facilities can be found in the Tower Vestry at the back of the church. Please feel free to move in and out of church during the service.

**HAVE YOU THOUGHT ABOUT BECOMING.....?** The diocese is running an Area Vocations Day on 25<sup>th</sup> February for anyone who thinks God might be calling them to explore a licenced or authorised ministry. See the poster at the back of the church. There are a range of local ministries including being a Licenced Lay Minister, Pastoral Assistant, Locally Deployed Self Supporting Minister, an Incumbent or a Pioneer – might God be calling you? To find out more, please speak to Rev'd Jo when she is back, or to one of the wardens, and Nanette has the application forms.

**ADVENT CHARITY:** Our charity for Advent which was “Embrace the Middle East”; a Christian charity which gives hope and a future to many people who are suffering in the Middle East, raised £335.09. Thanks you very much. *Pauline Montague and the Charity Committee.*

**YOUR CHURCH NEEDS YOU:** Yes, you have heard the cry before and no doubt you will hear it again if not from me from someone else. We are looking for sides persons to cover services at 8.00am, 9.45am, 10.45am, and 11.00 am, all on a Sunday. The more volunteers we have the easier the task becomes – i.e. the fewer the Sundays you have to commit to. We are also looking to appoint a new Verger to the post and this does have a remuneration attached, for this post you would need to be available weekdays and weekends as the job involves attendance at weddings and funerals. We have also been reminded that we need to reappoint our members of The Deanery Synod this year. Are you up for a challenge to help steer the Church through the next period of its growth? Details of the work of the Deanery Synod are available through me or there is a leaflet at the back of the church for your information. Many Thanks, *Allan Ellis*

**SHROVE TUESDAY – PANCAKE SUPPER:** You are invited to come along to the annual pancake supper on Tuesday 28<sup>th</sup> February for 7.00pm at the home of Geoff and Isabel. It is a ‘bring and share’ supper with pancakes made to order for your pudding! If you would like to join this happy gathering, please sign the clipboard on the chest at the rear of the church.

**LENT LUNCHESES:** The Lent Lunches will start on Wednesday 8<sup>th</sup> March, 12.30, in church. Please spread the word and join us for another social event.

**FORWARD PLANNING FOR LENT COURSE:** This year’s Lent Course will be starting on 6<sup>th</sup> March and will run for 5 weeks. It will take place on Monday evenings at 7.00pm for 7.30pm in the Christian Centre. More details will be available in due course. *Allan and Margaret.*

**HOWDEN PRODUCTIONS.....**John’s film show will be on Saturday 11<sup>th</sup> March in church at 7.30pm.

**CHELMSFORD MOSQUE OPEN DAY:** Today there will be an Open Day event in Chelmsford Mosque which is especially aimed at non-Muslims to dispel some of the myths and stigma associated with Muslims, unfortunately, leading to Islamophobia. I will be there to answer any questions too. Registration is not necessary and you can just attend on the day. *Sidra Naeem.*

**WRITTLE SINGERS.** The next Writtle Singers Concert at the church will be on Saturday 4<sup>th</sup> March at 7.30pm. It is “An evening of glorious Parisian music for voices and organ”. Tickets £12 in advance or £14 on the door, £5 full time students and under 16s free. Full details are pinned in the porch and tickets are also available from choir members.

**TRANSPORT:** There are a group of people who will help you get to church by car if you are unable to. *Isabel Clarke 421725*

**FOOD BANK:** The latest foodbank request is for Jam, and long life fruit juice. Thank you, *Isabel Clarke*

**QUARTERLY PLAN:** We are trialling a Quarterly Plan detailing all services with who is doing what, all regular activities and contact details. A copy of the plan is pinned on the notice board at the back of the church. If you are a Reader, Intercessor, Eucharistic Minister or Sidesperson, please look at page 7 for instructions should you be unable to fill your slot on a rota. Thank you. *Allan and Margaret.*

**IPAD TRAINING – ANY LAST MINUTE TAKERS** Before Christmas Writtle Juniors offered training to any of the congregation who'd like to learn a bit (or a bit more) about using an iPad. They provide tea/coffee, iPad (unless you want to bring your own), and expert children. If you'd like to make a last minute request to be included, please let Nanette know asap. (Tel 420268 or Email [nanettewright@gmail.com](mailto:nanettewright@gmail.com))

**THE ANNUAL CHURCH MEETING** will be held on **Monday 24th April** in the Christian Centre (7.00 for 7.30pm). The idea is refreshments from 7.00 so that the meeting can begin proper at 7.30pm.

**FARLEIGH HOSPICE FASHION SHOW – with a difference!** Come and see your friends modelling the latest outfits bought from our local hospice shop. The event takes place on **April 29<sup>th</sup> at 7.00pm** in the **Christian Centre**. Ticket includes Fish and Chips Supper, bring your own drink (BYO), and Raffle in aid of Farleigh. Tickets £7. A fun evening with a short talk from Allie, our hospice shop manager after the fashion parade. Put this date in your diary, tickets on sale soon. *Sue and Committee*.

**GRAVETALK – SUNDAY 19<sup>TH</sup> FEBRUARY.** This is an ecumenical initiative that tackles one of life's taboos - talking about death. Gravetalk encourages conversations about life and death, living and dying, and takes the form of a discussion group over a cup of tea/coffee. The first session was very successful and those attending it found it very helpful. If it's a taboo for you, why not think about going along to the Church of the Ascension in Maltese Road where the session will begin at 4.00pm. For more information see the poster/flyers at the back of the church, or contact [timefortalkingabout@gmail.com](mailto:timefortalkingabout@gmail.com) or (better still) just go along on Sunday 19th.

**BELLRINGING** The bellringers plan to ring a peal on Saturday 18<sup>th</sup> February to commemorate those who died during World War 1 between January and March 1917.

10.01.1917 Edward George Harvey	19.01.1917 John William Little
07.02.1917 Amos Harry Gentry	08.02.1917 Henry George Hart
26.03.1917 Henry Lawrence Jeayes	26.03.1917 Frederick Charles Malyon
26.03.1917 Henry Frederick Perrin	27.03.1917 Joseph Young

**CHEQUES:** For many years the banks have accepted cheques made payable to "All Saints PCC/Writtle". However, they are not now being very helpful and will only accept cheques made payable to "Writtle PCC". Could I please ask that all cheques are now made payable to "Writtle PCC".  
Many thanks, *Pauline Montague*

**THE CHURCH'S FACEBOOK PAGE.** It is of course 'Writtle All Saints Church.' Chanon and I are over- seeing it but, for those of you who wish to, it is free to use, and it would obviously work best if everyone does. I think it's a great way to show what's going on and allows everyone else to see events, even if they have been unable to attend. Any questions please contact either Chanon or myself. *Paul Summerton*

**THE LINK – GOOD NEWS!** My computer problems *appear* to have been sorted. You can again now send notices for inclusion in The Link by email, [thelinkwas@btinternet.com](mailto:thelinkwas@btinternet.com) by Wednesday evening please. If you do not use email, notices may be left in the Link tray or folder in the Church Office, also by Wednesday evening. Please write any names in capital letters to ensure no mistakes! Many thanks *Jo Ellis*

#### **FLAG DAYS FOR FEBRUARY**

Sunday Feb 19                      Birthday of HRH The Duke of York    Union Flag

#### **FORWARD DIARY DATES**

Sunday Feb 19	Gravetalk – at Church of the Ascension, Maltese Road. 4.00pm.(see details above)
Saturday Feb 25	Area Vocations Day (see details above)
Tuesday Feb 28	Pancake Supper (see details above)
Saturday Mar 4	Writtle Singers concert in church (details above and in church porch)
Monday Mar 6	Lent Course begins.
Wednesday Mar 8	First of the Lent Lunches (see details above)
Saturday Mar 11	John Howden's Fim Show (see details above)
Monday Apr 24	Annual Church Meeting – 7.00pm (details above.)
Saturday Apr 29	Farleigh Hospice Fashion Show (see details above)