



# THE LINK

A weekly newsletter for

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

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### Sunday 16<sup>th</sup> April 2017 Easter Day

#### THE PARISH CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS

6.30am Early Morning Service on The Green  
Followed by breakfast at No. 19 The Green.

10.45am **EASTER EUCHARIST** (CAHO&N)  
President: Rev'd Jo Jones  
Hymns: **348, 433, 531 and 672**  
Communion: **305**  
Readings: 1: Psalm 118:1-2 & 14 -24 Sally Cansdale p.519 pew bible  
2: Acts 10:34-43 Laurie Cansdale p.120 N.T. pew bible  
Gospel: Matthew 28 v 1 -10  
Anthem: Christ the Lord is Risen Again *Anthony Foster*

Collect: God of Glory, by the raising of your Son you have broken the chains of death and hell: fill your church with faith and hope; for a new day has dawned and the way to life stands open in our Saviour Jesus Christ.

Post Communion Prayer: God of Life, who for our redemption gave your only-begotten Son to the death of the cross, and by his glorious resurrection have delivered us from the power of our enemy: grant us so to die daily to sin, that we may evermore live with him in the joy of his risen life; through Jesus Christ our Lord.



*After worship, please stay for refreshments and chat at the back of the church and the egg rolling and Easter Bonnet Competition*



#### ST PAUL'S HIGHWOOD

9.30am **FAMILY SERVICE**

#### UNITED REFORMED CHURCH

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

**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



## DIARY FOR THE WEEK BEGINNING 17<sup>th</sup> April 2017

Monday 17	9.00am	Morning Prayer
	12 noon	Prayers for healing and peace
Tuesday 18	9.00am	Morning Prayer
	10.30am	URC - Coffee Morning till 12 noon
	6.30pm	Bell ringing practice – young learners
	7.30pm	Bell ringing practice
Wednesday 19	9.00am	Morning Prayer
	10.00am	URC Prayer Meeting at 49 Chestnut Walk, Chelmsford
	7.00-8.00pm	Baptism preparation.
	7.45pm	All-age Worship committee meeting
Thursday 20	7.30pm	Bell ringing practice – adult learners
Friday 21	12 noon	Internment of Ashes
<b>Sunday 23</b>		<b>ALL SAINTS – Easter 2</b>
	8.00am	<b>Holy Communion</b>
	10.45am	<b>Parish Eucharist</b>
		Gospel Matthew 28:1 -10
	1.00pm	Stations of the resurrection with Easter Feast – bring and share.
		<b>ST PAUL'S HIGHWOOD</b>
	9.30am	<b>Holy Communion</b>
		<b>UNITED REFORMED CHURCH</b>
	10.45am	Morning Service - Mrs Dorothy Dean

### FOR OUR PRAYERS

At church: Our Clergy and Wardens.

At home: St Michael and All Angels, Galleywood; Rev'd Andy Griffiths.

In the news: Those mourning loss of loved ones due to acts of terrorism.

Abroad: Today we pray for all those in Cuba who live out their faith despite the risks from the government. Protect them, fill them with courage & give them a safe places to worship you.

Those living in Cow Watering Lane and Mayfield Road.

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

Those in residential care: Eileen Crabb, Margaret Pedlar, Mildred Bunting and Violet Chapman

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

Anniversaries of Death: April 18 2012 – John Cone April 19 1997 – Alan Smith

**Thinking about.....** Resurrection is always a mystery, always a miracle, but often we don't recognise resurrection when it comes to us. When all that separates and injures and destroys is overcome by that which unites, heals and creates in the ordinary routine of our daily lives, resurrection has taken place. *Dorothy Harvey*

**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.

**EDWARD BEAR** is now on holiday and will be back on 24<sup>th</sup> April.

**CONFIRMATION:** *Good news!* All Saints will be hosting a deanery confirmation service in November this year. Please let Rev'd Jo know if you're thinking of being confirmed so we can arrange preparation sessions.

**ALL SAINTS CHOIR:** The choir has produced some really good singing recently, particularly at the Matins service in March. They were amongst 38 worshippers, an encouraging number. We URGENTLY need more members, particularly Tenors and Basses. It is very frustrating after having planned and rehearsed music, only to find that come the service we have insufficient people to form an SATB Choir. I am looking for singers who have some musical literacy, who will commit themselves to regular attendance and help the choir go forward. *Michael.*

**CONCERT by ALLEGRO:** 7.30 May 20th £10. Allegro is a choir of 16 talented musicians from various musical backgrounds. Their aim is to have fun singing together, perform concerts to a very high standard and raise funds for local charities in the process. More details to follow, please put it in your diaries and come. *Sue*

**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 are **now on sale at £7**. A fun evening with a short talk from Allie, our hospice shop manager after the fashion parade. Put this date in your diary! *Sue and Committee.*

**COFFEE MORNING IN AT BUMPSTEADS FARM:** On **Thursday, May 11<sup>th</sup>** a **Coffee Morning** in aid of **Mary's Meals** is being held at the home of Pam Parr (Bumpsteads Farm, Margaretting Road). The event starts at 10.30am and will include a Bring and Buy Sale and a Raffle. Entry in £5.00. Please come along, bring your friends and help support this most worthy cause. If necessary transport can be arranged. For details call Pam or John on **421297**. *John Parr.*

**CHRISTIAN AID WEEK:** With famine looking for 20 million people in Kenya, Yemen, South Sudan and Somalia, and its growing coverage in the national press, it is vital that we make the most of the fundraising opportunity Christian Aid Week gives us in Writtle. Health problems have led to a few of our regular collectors dropping out this year, and we need some replacements! Please consider 3 things. Would you be willing to 'do' a collection; and/or could you deliver to help someone else who would then collect them; and/or do you have friends or neighbours who you could ask on my behalf? By accident of birth we are not amongst that 20 million. CAW begins on 14th May - please let me know if you can help in any way (**420268** or [nanettewright@gmail.com](mailto:nanettewright@gmail.com)). Thank you *Nanette*

**MORE FAIRTRADE INFORMATION:** Why buy Fairtrade coffee? The livelihoods of 125m people worldwide depend on coffee – the boom and bust commodity. Production varies annually on weather and disease, so the market is inherently unstable and priced fluctuate widely. That volatility impacts directly on growers' incomes for household and farming needs. Fairtrade certification guarantees a Minimum Price to cover production costs and act as a safety net when market prices fall below sustainable levels and a Premium, 25% of which must enhance productivity & quality. In 2015 £38.6m were invested in farmer services and community projects (health, education, housing etc). Please support Fairtrade coffee farming communities by trying Fairtrade coffee. All Saints now uses good quality Fairtrade coffee - why not look for it when next shopping? On Tuesdays, during term time, from 10.30-2.00pm there is a Fairtrade Stall at the Central Baptist Church, Victoria Road South. There is also a catalogue and items can be ordered.

**THE ANNUAL PAROCHIAL 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 proper can begin at 7.30pm. If you are unable to attend, there is an apologies for absence sheet at the back of the church for you to sign if you so wish.

## PREPARATIONS FOR THE APCM (church meeting) 2017:

**THE PAROCHIAL CHURCH COUNCIL** holds meetings six times a year and is a team of people who, with their parish priest, oversee the life of the church to ensure we're focussed on living out the gospel. We aim to seek God's will, work well together, reflect our values and take action for the future. There are currently four vacancies for positions on the PCC as well as vacancies for Churchwardens, their deputies and Deanery Synod Representatives. There is always room for people to join the welcome team (sidespeople). to lead intercessions, read the scriptures and serve at the altar in services. We would love to have as diverse a team as possible to be involved in these essential ministries. If you are over sixteen and a regular communicant please pray and think about whether any of these positions might be your way of serving God. Do speak to Jo if you'd like to know more. And even if you don't feel able to offer yourself for a particular ministry, please pray for the PCC and all those God is calling to serve in public roles. *Rev'd Jo & All Saints PCC.*

**LINK CLUB – SOME DATES FOR YOUR DIARY:** Holy Communion in the Link Club will be celebrated at 11.15am on the following dates: 25th May, 22nd June, 10th August, 28th Sept., 26th Oct. and 30th Nov.

## BELLRINGING:

On Tuesday 4 April, the Bell Ringers held their AGM, postponed from January, at which the following were re-elected as officers of the Tower for the coming year:

Andrew Brewster	Tower Captain, Treasurer, Archivist and Webmaster
Christina Brewster	Ringling Master
Andy Champ	Secretary
Roger Bailey and Steven Turner	Steeple Keepers

**THE LINK:** Please send notices for inclusion in The Link by email, [thelinkwas@btinternet.com](mailto:thelinkwas@btinternet.com) by Wednesday evening. 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*

**THE CHURCH'S FACEBOOK PAGE.** It is of course 'Writtle All Saints Church.' Any questions please contact either Chanon or myself. *Paul Summerton*

**FLAG DAYS FOR APRIL:**

Sunday April 16 – Easter Sunday and following 7 days – Diocesan Flag	
Friday April 21 - Birthday of H.M. The Queen	- Union Flag
Sunday April 23 - St George's Day	- St George

## FORWARD DIARY DATES

Wednesday Apr 19	Baptism Preparation at All Saints, 7.00pm
Sunday Apr 23	Easter Feast – bring and share.
Monday Apr 24	Annual Church Meeting – 7.00pm
Wednesday Apr 26	Highwood APCM at Blossoms, 7.30pm
Saturday Apr 29	Farleigh Hospice Fashion Show
Thursday, May 11	Coffee Morning, Bumpsteads Farm.
Sat May 20th	Concert given by ALLEGRO, in Church 7.30pm
Sunday May 21	Church and churchyard tour 2.00-4.00 pm – date provisional, to be confirmed.

### Psalm 18 v47

The Lord lives, and blessed be my rock!  
Praised be the God of my salvation.