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Welcome to St Albright's

If you are new to the area or a visitor to this Church, please introduce yourself to the clergy or to one of the sidespeople who gave you your hymn books.

Families are very welcome in church. Please speak to a team member about the various services we provide for youth.

A **Hearing Aid Loop** is in operation during the service. Please set your hearing aid to the 'T' setting.

The **Toilets** are situated in the hall next to the church.

Holy Communion - Everybody is welcome to receive Communion, but, if you do not normally receive, we encourage you to come to for a blessing. Please bring a hymn book or order of service with you so we know that you have come for a blessing.

Collections – You can donate to St. Albright's online. There is a dedicated page on the website so as to make giving much easier. If you would like further details about how to give, and there are many ways to do so, then please contact any of the ministry team or churchwardens. We particularly welcome regular giving, however small, either using weekly envelopes or by standing order, and, if you are a taxpayer we can reclaim Gift Aid.

It is also possible to **sponsor a day in the life of the church**. You may wish to make a one-off donation in memory of someone or to celebrate a particular event. Please contact any of the ministry team or Churchwardens.

Pastoral Support Team - If you would like a visit from a member of our Pastoral Team, please speak to one of the clergy.

Bookstall - a well-equipped bookstall may be found by the main door. You are welcome to borrow any books.



PEW BULLETIN

"Seeking to be the transforming presence of God's love in Stanway"

We welcome you to our worship today.

Sunday 31st August – Eleventh Sunday After Trinity

No 09.00am Holy Communion

10.30 am: Joint Parish Eucharist at St. Albright's

Monday 1st September

Giles, hermit, c. 710 09.00am: morning Prayer

Tuesday 2nd September

Martyr of Papua New Guinea, 1901, 1942 1.30pm: Time to Talk Tuesday

Wednesday 3rd September

Gregory the Great, bishop, teacher of the faith, 604

10.30am: Parish Lunch

Thursday 4th September

Birinus, bishop, 650

Saturday 6th September

Allen Gardiner, missionary, founder of the South American Mission Society, 1851

Sunday 7th September – Twelfth Sunday and Trinity

10.00am: Joint Holy Communion Service at St Cedd's

Monday 8th September - Birth of the Blessed Virgin Mary

Accession of King Charles III, 2022

Tuesday 9th September

Charles Fuge Lowder, priest, 1880 10.00am: Ladies Fellowship

Wednesday 10th September

10.30am: Community Coffee Morning

Saturday 13th September

John Chrysostom, bishop, teacher of the faith, 407 09.00am -5.00pm: Ride and stride

Sunday 14th September- Holy Cross Day

103.0am: Joint Holy Communion Service at St Albright's Prayer Requests:

Those who have asked for our prayers:
Karl, Joan Alexander, Carol and Gordon Harvey, Keith,
Penny Miller Daniel Butcher, Ann Booty, Amy, Marcus

Penny Miller, Daniel Butcher, Ann Booty, Amy, Marcus, Mark Claydon, Alison, Sophie, Jo and Richard, Doreen Hales, Jenny Richardson, Brian Greenaway Ann and John, Graham and Viv, Alex, Alexander, Simon, Joshua, Jill Dixon, Mervyn, Antony Watson, Maxine Humes, Jean Needs, Suzannah, Irene Brewer, John & Hazel, Morgan Burgoyne, Ann Adams, Dorothy Williams, John Perfect, Tony Windsor, Vitaly and Rosolaka, Nicola Jones, Ali, Shirley Vaughan, Suvianna, Edwin Lambert

Those to be baptized at St. Albright's –

Joseph Newman, Peace and Joshua Olatunde, Sophia Grace Cattermole, Bodhi Lee David Ross

Those who are getting married - Chris Palmer and Emily Dowrick, Ryan Scot and Gemma Story. Also, those who are having their banns called here this year

The recently departed and their families:-

Robert Radcliffe, Phyllis Evelyn Clark, Richard Ives, Shirley McCormack, Snowy Barron, Stephen Spice, Veronica Morgan, Valeria Florea, Anne Sheekey, Richard Mugford, Ida Totham, Donald Rampton, Virginia Windsor, Damian Taylor, Tom Morgan, Linda Brook, Joanne Marie Doman, Mason Morgan, Jean Gilbert, Babs Baker, Leonard Comben, Tony Momotiuk, Adeleye Adediran Aluko

Other Christian communities in Stanway:

Stanway Evangelical Church, The Kingsland Church, St. Teresa's Roman Catholic Church, Lexden, The Methodist church.

Continue to pray for the Middle East, Ukraine, Sudan and Congo, Refugees who have come to Colchester.
Colchester Foodbank

If you have a particular prayer request you can fill in a card and place it in the box in church. Prayers will be said at services

Collect for Eleventh Sunday after Trinity

O God, you declare your almighty power most chiefly in showing mercy and pity: mercifully grant to us such a measure of your grace, that we, running the way of your commandments, may receive your gracious promises, and be made partakers of your heavenly treasure; through Jesus Christ your Son of our Lord, who is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever.

Collect for the Blessed Virgin Mary

Almighty God, who looked upon the lowliness of the Blessed Virgin Mary and chose her to be the mother of your only Son: grant that we who are redeemed by his blood may share with her in the glory of your eternal kingdom; through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord, who is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever.

Collect for Twelfth Sunday After Trinity

Almighty and everlasting God, you are always more ready to hear than we to pray and to give more than either we desire or deserve: pour down upon us the abundance of your mercy, forgiving us those things of which our conscience is afraid and giving us those good things which we are not worthy to ask but through the merits and mediation of Jesus Christ your Son our Lord, who is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever.

St. Albright's in Vacancy

This rather strange word describes that period during which a parish does not have an incumbent (vicar or priest in charge). It is also known as an interregnum. In this time the persons responsible for the church are the churchwardens, so in our case it falls to Pam and Ravi lead the parish. This most obviously involves finding clergy to preside at Sunday services, but also to chair the PCC and to manage the business of the church. The convention is that no major changes to liturgy or practice take place during a vacancy – the wardens in collaboration with the PCC will "keep the show on the road" as it were. Therefore if you have any questions or queries then please refer them to Pam or Ravi after Tony's departure.

The collaboration with Shrub End continues and it may be that the existing pattern of joint services may have to be altered at times owing to the availability of clergy which is critical at the moment.

The process of selecting a new priest in charge for Stanway and Shrub End is continuing. The Parish Profile, a document which describes the parish for any prospective applicants, was drafted by us in April (many thanks to Ravi and Mark Claydon) and has been approved by Bishop and Archdeacon. Once that is formally in place then the post can be advertised and interviews occur. It can be a lengthy process but it is important to get it right so that the right person is appointed. Please do continue to pray for this and for the wardens and PCC during the vacancy.

Shed

We would like to thank everyone who has helped I erecting the shed in the churchyard, especially Colin and Trevor.

Churchyard

The group for maintaining the churchyard is still happy to have any more volunteers. We now have a faculty to put a shed in the churchyard for all our gardening and flower arranging equipment so it should be possible to have this in place within the next month or so. Further information from Steve s.whitfield07@btinternet.com or 07833472766

This Hall is available for hire

The Hall for St Albright's Church (known as St Andrew's Hall), is next to St Albright's Church, London Road, Stanway, CO3 8LR

We have sessions available Monday to Saturday for regular or occasional bookings.



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The Stanway
Wellbeing Hub
is a place for
people to be
with people.

Meet in St Andrew's Hall next to St Albright's Church, Stanway, CO3 8LR 1:30 - 3:00pm 1st and 3rd Tuesdays Every Month



"Our vision is to help everyone in our community to thrive socially, emotionally, physically, spiritually and economically."





The next meeting will be next term on 16th
September. We look forward to as many of you that can make it.

FIRST READING

A reading from the book of proverbs

Do not put yourself forward in the king's presence or stand in the place of the great, for it is better to be told, "Come up here,"

than to be put lower in the presence of a noble.

This is the word of the Lord

Thanks be to God

(Proverbs 25. 6-7)

PSALM 112

Refrain: Light shines in the darkness for the upright.

Praise the LORD.

Blessed are those who fear the LORD, who find great delight in his commands.

Their children will be mighty in the land; the generation of the upright will be blessed.

Wealth and riches are in their houses, and their righteousness endures forever.

Refrain

Even in darkness light dawns for the upright, for those who are gracious and compassionate and righteous.

Good will come to those who are generous and lend freely,

who conduct their affairs with justice.

Surely the righteous will never be shaken; they will be remembered forever.

Refrain

They will have no fear of bad news; their hearts are steadfast, trusting in the LORD.

Their hearts are secure, they will have no fear; in the end they will look in triumph on their foes.

Refrain

They have freely scattered their gifts to the poor, their righteousness endures forever; their horn will be lifted high in honour The wicked will see and be vexed, they will gnash their teeth and waste away; the longings of the wicked will come to nothing.

Refrain

SECOND READING

A reading from letter to the Hebrews.

Let mutual affection continue. Do not neglect to show hospitality to strangers, for by doing that some have entertained angels without knowing it. Remember those who are in prison, as though you were in prison with them, those who are being tortured, as though you yourselves were being tortured. Let marriage be held in honour by all, and let the marriage bed be kept undefiled, for God will judge the sexually immoral and adulterers. Keep your lives free from the love of money, and be content with what you have, for he himself has said, "I will never leave you or forsake you." So we can say with confidence, "The Lord is my helper:

I will not be afraid.

What can anyone do to me?"

Remember your leaders, those who spoke the word of God to you; consider the outcome of their way of life, and imitate their faith. Jesus Christ is the same yesterday and today and forever. Through him, then, let us continually offer a sacrifice of praise to God, that is, the fruit of lips that confess his name. Do not neglect to do good and to share what you have, for such sacrifices are pleasing to God.

This is the word of the Lord

Thanks be to God

(Hebrews 13. 1-8,15-16)

GOSPEL

Hear the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Luke.

All: Glory to you, O Lord

On one occasion when Jesus was going to the house of a leader of the Pharisees to eat a meal on the Sabbath, they were watching him closely.

When he noticed how the guests chose the places of honor, he told them a parable. "When you are invited by someone to a wedding banquet, do not sit down at the place of honor, in case someone more distinguished than you has been invited by your host, and the host who invited both of you may come and say to you, 'Give this person your place,' and then in disgrace you would start to take the lowest place. But when you are invited, go and sit down at the lowest place, so that when your host comes, he may say to you, 'Friend, move up higher'; then you will be honored in the presence of all who sit at the table with you. For all who

exalt themselves will be humbled, and those who humble themselves will be exalted." He said also to the one who had invited him, "When you give a luncheon or a dinner, do not invite your friends or your brothers and sisters or your relatives or rich neighbors, in case they may invite you in return, and you would be repaid. But when you give a banquet, invite the poor, the crippled, the lame, and the blind. And you will be blessed because they cannot repay you, for you will be repaid at the resurrection of the righteous."

This is the Gospel of the Lord. **Praise to you, O Christ**

PRAYER OF SPIRITUAL COMMUNION

Thanks be to you, Lord Jesus Christ, for all the benefits you have given me, for all the pains and insults you have borne for me. Since I cannot now receive you sacramentally, I ask you to come spiritually to my heart. O most merciful redeemer, friend and brother, may I know you more clearly, love you more dearly and follow you more nearly, day by day. **Amen**

POST COMMUNION

Lord of all mercy, we your faithful people have celebrated that one true sacrifice which takes away our sins and brings pardon and peace: by our communion keep us firm on the foundation of the gospel and preserve us from all sin; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

HYMNS

All hymns are taken from the New English Hymnal.

362 – Glorious things of the are spoken

389 – Jesus, these eyes have never seen

363 – Glory in the highest to the God of heaven

186 – Tell out, my soul

Communion

74 – O for a heart to praise my God