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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 19th April – Third Sunday of Easter

10.30am: Holy Communion at St Albright's

Tuesday 21st April

Anselm, Abbot of Le Bec, Archbishop of Canterbury, Teacher, 1109

10.00am: Albright's Tots

Wednesday 22nd April

10.30am: Community Coffee Morning

Thursday 23rd April

George, Martyr, Patron of England, c. 304

Friday 24th April

Mellitus, Bishop of London, first Bishop at St Paul's, 624

The Seven Martyrs of the Melanesian Brotherhood, Solomon Islands, 2003

Saturday 25th April – Mark of Evangelist

Sunday 26th April

10.30am: Joint Holy Communion with Shrub End 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, 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, Maxine Humes, Jean Needs, Suzannah, Irene Brewer, John & Hazel, Morgan Burgoyne, Ann Adams, Dorothy Williams, Vitaly and Rosolaka, Nicola Jones, Ali, Shirley Vaughan, Arji, Suvianna, Rafael and Rebecca, Joy Sparkes

Those to be baptized at St. Albright's –

Kiana Firdos Kirby, Peace and Joshua Olatunde, Joseph Newman

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:-

Linda Brook, Joanne Marie Doman, Mason Morgan, Jean Gilbert, Babs Baker, Leonard Comben, Tony Momotiuk, Adeleye Adediran Aluko, Alice Bolton, John Cheale, Tony Windsor, Chris Lay

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 THIRD SUNDAY OF EASTER

Almighty Father, who in your great mercy gladdened the disciples with the sight of the risen Lord: give us such knowledge of his presence with us, that we may be strengthened and sustained by his risen life and serve you continually in righteousness and truth; 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 MARK THE EVANGELIST

Almighty God, who enlightened your holy Church through the inspired witness of your evangelist Saint Mark: grant that we, being firmly grounded in the truth of the gospel, may be faithful to its teaching both in word and deed; 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.

Services

Services are now back in the hall until further notice.

Priest in Charge Appointment

We are pleased to announce the appointment of our new Priest in Charge for St Albright's and All Saints with St Cedds. Interview took place on 19th February and Bishop Roger has approved the appointment of Revd. Nikki Horsley who is currently curate at Black Notley Church.

We hope she will be installed on Tuesday, 23rd June 2026.

Pam and Ravi

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.

**For details please contact:
Ivor and Pam Ellis.**

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POST COMMUNION

Living God, your Son made himself known to his disciples in the breaking of bread: open the eyes of our faith, that we may see him in all his redeeming work; who is alive and reigns, now and for ever.

HYMNS

All hymns are taken from BBC Songs of Praise.



Welcomes you to our baby and toddler group

St Albright's Church Hall, London Road, Stanway, CO3 8LR.

Tuesdays 10:00 - 11:30am

Term time except the 2nd Tuesday of the month.



£2 a child and £3 a family - includes a range of snacks for children and hot drink and biscuits for adults.



Onsite parking, Craft activities, Themed weeks

Outside area, Role play, Singing, Baby corner

See you there!

The next meeting will be this **Tuesday, 21st April**. New helpers are always welcome. Please speak to Pam if you are interested or if you know of anyone who might be.

St Albright's Church invites you to our:

COMMUNITY *Coffee Mornings*

Every 2nd and 4th

wEDNESDAY

10.30am - 12noon

St Andrew's Hall opposite
St Albright's Church
Corner of London Road
and Church Lane
Stanway, CO3 8LR



Coffee, tea, home-made cakes
and good company available!

CONTACT: office@stalbrights.org
01206 370387 9.00am - 2.00pm
(Monday, Wednesday and Friday)

You are specially invited to join us this **Wednesday, 22nd April** for a good cuppa, delicious and carefully prepared homemade cake.

FIRST READING

A reading from the Acts of the Apostles.

On the day of Pentecost, Peter, standing with the eleven, raised his voice and addresses the crowd, "let the entire house of Israel know with certainty that God has made him both Lord and Messiah, this Jesus whom you crucified." Now when they heard this, they were cut to the heart and said to Peter and to the other apostles, "Brothers, what should we do?" Peter said to them, "Repent and be baptized every one of you in the name of Jesus Christ so that your sins may be forgiven, and you will receive the gift of the Holy Spirit. For the promise is for you, for your children, and for all who are far away, everyone whom the Lord our God calls to him." And he testified with many other arguments and exhorted them, saying, "Save yourselves from this corrupt generation." So those who welcomed his message were baptized, and that day about three thousand persons were added.

**This is the word of the Lord
Thanks be to God**

(Acts 2. 14a, 36 -41)

PSALM

Refrain: Gracious is the Lord and righteous

I love the LORD, for he heard my voice;
because he heard the voice of my supplication,
because he has inclined his ear to me,
whenever I called upon him

Refrain

The cords of death entangled me,
the grip of the grave took hold of me;
I came to grief and sorrow
Then I called upon the name of the Lord
'O Lord, I pray you, save my life'.

Refrain

How shall I repay the Lord
for all the good things he has done for me?
I will lift up the cup of salvation
and call upon the name of the Lord
I will fulfil my vows to the Lord
in the presence of all his people.

Refrain

Precious in the sight of the Lord
is the death of his servants
O Lord, I am your servant
I am your servant and the child of your handmaid;
you have freed me from my bonds

Refrain

I will offer you the sacrifice of thanksgiving
and call upon the name of the Lord.
I will fulfil my vows to the Lord
in the presence of all his people
in the courts of the Lord's house
in the midst of you, O Jerusalem
Alleluia!

Refrain: Gracious is the Lord and righteous

(Psalm 116. 1 – 3, 10 – 19)

SECOND READING

A reading from the first letter of Peter.

If you invoke as Father the one who judges impartially according to each person's work, live in fear during the time of your exile. You know that you were ransomed from the futile conduct inherited from your ancestors, not with perishable things like silver or gold but with the precious blood of Christ, like that of a lamb without defect or blemish. He was destined before the foundation of the world but was revealed at the end of the ages for your sake. Through him you have come to trust in God, who raised him from the dead and gave him glory, so that your trust and hope are in God. Now that you have purified your souls by your obedience to the truth so that you have genuine mutual affection, love one another deeply from the heart. You have been born anew, not of perishable but of imperishable seed, through the living and enduring word of God.

**This is the word of the Lord
Thanks be to God**

(1 Peter 1. 17 - 23)

GOSPEL

Hear the gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Luke

Glory to you, O Lord

Now on that same day two of them were going to a village called Emmaus, about seven miles from Jerusalem, and talking with each other about all these things that had happened. While they were talking and discussing, Jesus himself came near and went with them, but their eyes were kept from recognizing him. And he said to them, "What are you discussing with each other while you walk along?" They stood still, looking sad. Then one of them, whose name was Cleopas, answered him, "Are you the only

stranger in Jerusalem who does not know the things that have taken place there in these days?" He asked them, "What things?" They replied, "The things about Jesus of Nazareth, who was a prophet mighty in deed and word before God and all the people, and how our chief priests and leaders handed him over to be condemned to death and crucified him. But we had hoped that he was the one to redeem Israel. Yes, and besides all this, it is now the third day since these things took place. Moreover, some women of our group astounded us. They were at the tomb early this morning, and when they did not find his body there they came back and told us that they had indeed seen a vision of angels who said that he was alive. Some of those who were with us went to the tomb and found it just as the women had said, but they did not see him." Then he said to them, "Oh, how foolish you are and how slow of heart to believe all that the prophets have declared! Was it not necessary that the Messiah should suffer these things and then enter into his glory?" Then beginning with Moses and all the prophets, he interpreted to them the things about himself in all the scriptures. As they came near the village to which they were going, he walked ahead as if he were going on. But they urged him strongly, saying, "Stay with us, because it is almost evening and the day is now nearly over." So he went in to stay with them. When he was at the table with them, he took bread, blessed and broke it, and gave it to them. Then their eyes were opened, and they recognized him, and he vanished from their sight. They said to each other, "Were not our hearts burning within us while he was talking to us on the road, while he was opening the scriptures to us?" That same hour they got up and returned to Jerusalem, and they found the eleven and their companions gathered together. They were saying, "The Lord has risen indeed, and he has appeared to Simon!" Then they told what had happened on the road and how he had been made known to them in the breaking of the bread.

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

(Luke 24. 13-35)

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**