

Bulletin for the weeks beginning 30th August to 27th September

Sunday 30th August - Thirteenth Sunday after Trinity

11.00am: Family Communion with Baptism of Brooke Smith and Tyler Chapman

Readings - Jeremiah 15. 15-21; Psalm 26. 1-8; Romans 12. 9-end; Matthew 16. 21-end

Monday 31st August

Aidan, Bishop of Lindisfarne, Missionary, 651

Tuesday 1st September

Giles of Provence, Hermit, c. 710

Wednesday 2nd September

The Martyrs of Papua New Guinea, 1901 and 1942

12.00pm: Parish Lunch

Thursday 3rd September

Gregory the Great, Bishop of Rome, Teacher, 604

Friday 4th September

Birinus, Bishop of Dorchester (Oxon), Apostle of Wessex, 650

Sunday 6th September - Fourteenth Sunday after Trinity

Readings: Ezekiel 33. 7-11; Psalm 119. 33-40; Romans 13. 8-end; Matthew 18. 15-20

3.00pm: Youth at the Farm

Tuesday 8th September

Ascension of King Charls III

10.00am: Ladies Fellowship

Wednesday 9th September

Charles Fuge Lowder, Priest, 1880

10.30am: Community Coffee morning

Sunday 13th September - Fifteenth Sunday after Trinity

11.00am: Parish Eucharist

Readings: Genesis 50. 15-21; Psalm 103. 1-13; Romans 14. 1-12; Matthew 18. 21-35

Monday 14th September - Holy Cross Day

Tuesday 15th September

10.00am: Albright's Tots

Wednesday 16th September

Ninian, Bishop of Galloway, Apostle of the Picts, c. 432

7.30pm: PCC Meeting

Thursday 17th September

Hildegard, Abbess of Bingen, Visionary, 1179

Saturday 19th September

Theodore of Tarsus, Archbishop of Canterbury, 690

Sunday 20th September - Sixteenth Sunday after Trinity

11.00am: Parish Eucharist

Readings: Jonah 3. 10-4.end; Psalm 145. 1-8; Philippians 1. 21-end, Matthew 20. 1-16

Monday 21st September - Matthew, Apostle and Evangelist

Tuesday 22nd September

10.00am: Albright's Tots

Wednesday 23rd September

Ember Day

10.30am: Macmillan Coffee morning

7.00pm: Basic & Foundation Safeguarding Training

Friday 25th September

Lancelot Andrewes, Bishop of Winchester, Spiritual Writer, 1626

Ember Day

Sergei of Radonezh, Russian Monastic Reformer, Teacher, 1392

Saturday 26th September

Ember Day

Wilson Carlile, Founder of the Church Army, 1942

Sunday 27th September - Seventeenth Sunday after Trinity

11.00am: All Age parish Eucharist

Readings: Ezekiel 18. 1-4,25-end; Psalm 25. 1-8; Philippians 2. 1-13; Matthew 21. 23-32

Safeguarding Training

There will be in-person safeguarding training held here at St Andrew's Hall:

- **Wednesday 23rd September at 7pm** - Basic Safeguarding Training
- **Wednesday 7th October at 7pm** - Foundation Safeguarding Training

This training is essential for everyone who has a role within the church, but it is also helpful and relevant for everyone, so please come along if you are free.

The training can be completed individually online, but coming together in person provides a valuable opportunity for group discussion and shared learning.

Please let Pam or Rev Nikki know if you are able to attend. It would be lovely to have as many people as possible join us.

Harvest Festival Service

Everyone is warmly welcome to join us for our Harvest Festival on **4th October**, at 11am as we give thanks for the harvest and celebrate our community. We'll also be collecting donations for **Colchester Foodbank**, so if you're able to bring something along, it would be greatly appreciated. Do sign up for a shared lunch with our friends from Shrub End who will join us in St Andrew's Hall after the service.

Churchyard

The group for maintaining the churchyard is still happy to have any further volunteers. Further information from Steve s.whitfield07@btinternet.com or 07833472766

Children at St. Albright's

Children are welcome at all of our services. There are always crafts and activities available in church.

Youth at the Farm

A welcoming space for young people aged 11+ to be themselves, talk freely and explore faith.

Come and spend time outdoors, make things, laugh, ask questions and have real conversations about the things that matter - friendship, family, school, anxiety, the world around us and the future.

No pressure, no judgement - just space to be yourself, Come and celebrate with us - we'd love to see you!

Community coffee morning

Our community coffee morning is on the 2nd and 4th Wednesdays of the month, between 10.30am - 12 noon. Our next gathering will be on **Wednesday, 9th and 23rd September** for Macmillan coffee morning. Everyone is welcome.

Family Communion

Usually on the fourth Sunday of the month, and sometimes there is a baptism too. The 11.00am Eucharist follows a shorter and simpler form, and families are particularly welcome to this service. The next one will be this **Sunday, 30th August** with Baptism of Brooke Smith and Tyler Chapman.

St Albrights Tots

A great playgroup for younger children which meets every Tuesday, except the 2nd Tuesday of the month, from 10.00 to 11.30 in the hall during term time.

The next meeting will be next term on **15th September**.

New helpers are always welcome. Please speak to Pam if you are interested or if you know of anyone who might be.

Holy Communion at home

If you would like to receive Holy Communion at home, or if you know anyone who might, then please contact Pam or Rev'd Nikki.

Giving and Stewardship

Along with most parish churches, St. Albright's relies almost entirely on voluntary giving. We have received grants for specific projects, such as for the new roof and for our pioneering ministry, along with donations and legacies (some very generous) plus fee income from weddings and the like, but the everyday running of the church and our essential contribution to the wider Church, the diocese, comes from the giving of individuals. There is no state aid or subsidy, something which many find surprising. However, giving to the Church in terms of time and talents as well as money, has always been a fundamental aspect of being a Christian - supporting each other within the Christian community is a firm Biblical principle and one which we achieve at St. Albright's. So giving is not just a worthy and good thing to do, it is an important, vital, part of being Church and of continuing our witness and ministry to the parish.

These days there are many ways to give:

We now have a new card reader in church so that donations may be made using a debit or credit card.

It is also possible to donate to St. Albright's online. There is a dedicated page on the website 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.

Flowers. If you would like to donate towards the cost of providing the beautiful flowers in church, then please speak to any of the ministry team.

Safeguarding

We aim to be a safe and welcoming church community. If you have any worries or concerns, you can speak to our parish safeguarding officer (Pam Higham) at any time (numbers at the end of this bulletin). Alternatively, you can contact the diocesan safeguarding team on 01245-294444

For your prayers

Thirteenth Sunday after Trinity

Almighty God, who called your Church to bear witness that you were in Christ reconciling the world to yourself: help us to proclaim the good news of your love, that all who hear it may be drawn to you; through him who was lifted up on the cross, and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever.

Fourteenth Sunday after Trinity

Almighty God, whose only Son has opened for us a new and living way into your presence: give us pure hearts and steadfast wills to worship you in spirit and in 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.

Fifteenth Sunday after Trinity

Keep, we beseech thee, O Lord, thy Church with thy perpetual mercy; and, because the frailty of man without thee cannot but fall, keep us ever by thy help from all things

hurtful, and lead us to all things profitable to our salvation; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Holy Cross Day

Almighty God, who in the passion of your blessed Son made an instrument of painful death to be for us the means of life and peace: grant us so to glory in the cross of Christ that we may gladly suffer for his sake; who is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever.

Sixteenth Sunday after Trinity

O Lord, we beseech you mercifully to hear the prayers of your people who call upon you; and grant that they may both perceive and know what things they ought to do, and also may have grace and power faithfully to fulfil them; 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.

Lord of creation, whose glory is around and within us; open our eyes to your wonders, that we may serve you with reverence and know your peace at our life's end, through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Matthew, Apostle and Evangelist

O Almighty God, whose blessed Son called Mathew the tax collector to be an apostle and evangelist: give us grace to forsake the selfish pursuit of gain and the possessive love of riches that we may follow in the way of your Son Jesus Christ, who is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever.

Seventeenth Sunday after Trinity

Almighty God, you have made us for yourself, and our hearts are restless till they find their rest in you: pour your love into our hearts and draw us to yourself, and so bring us at least to your heavenly city where we shall see you face to face; 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.

A Prayer for the Middle East:

Almighty God, from all thoughts of truth and peace proceed: kindle we pray in the hearts of all the true love of peace, and guide with your pure and peaceable wisdom those who take counsel for the nations of the earth, that in tranquillity your kingdom may go forward until the earth is filled with the knowledge of your love; 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.

A Prayer for Ukraine:

God of peace and justice, we pray for the people of Ukraine today. We pray for peace and the laying down of weapons. We pray for all those who fear for tomorrow, that your Spirit of comfort would draw near to them. We pray for those with power over war or peace, for wisdom, discernment and compassion to guide their decisions. Above all, we pray for all your precious children, at risk and in fear, that you would hold and protect them. We pray in the name of Jesus, the Prince of Peace.

There are many places in the world that are suffering from conflicts and warfare, in particular the Sudan and the DRC (Congo).

We pray for our King, HM King Charles III, our sovereign and Governor of the Church of England, Our Prime Minister and government, all our elected representatives - our MPs, county, city and parish councillors.

In our church community, please pray for:

Our churchwardens and PCC

All who help lead our worship - especially readers, intercessors, servers and sidespersons

The ministry and pastoral teams as we seek to help those in particular need.

Those who care for the hall.

Our Architect and the building team

All those who are to be baptized and confirmed. Upcoming baptisms: Brooke Smith, Tyler Chapman

Pray for all those who have been baptised and for our continued connection with baptism families.

All those who are getting married: James Dryesdale and Georgia King and all who are having their banns called here.

Our outreach, particularly with young people and to the schools in the parish.

In the diocese of Chelmsford, please pray for the Bishop of Chelmsford, the Rt. Rev. Dr Guli Francis-Dehqani, and for the Bishop of Colchester, the Rt. Rev Roger Morris. Please also pray for our Archdeacon, the Ven. Ruth Patten, and for all the other parishes in the Colchester Deanery.

The diocese of Chelmsford has links with several overseas dioceses in the Anglican communion: in Kenya - Embu, Meru, Mbere and Marsabit; and the diocese of Trinidad and Tobago. There are also links with the diocese of Karlstad in Sweden and the Archdiocese of Lasi in Romania. Please pray for the bishops, clergy and people of these places.

In the Anglican Communion, please pray for Archbishop of Canterbury and Archbishop of York.

In the wider Church, please pray for the Orthodox Patriarchate of Ukraine, for the Church in South Sudan, for Christian communities in Israel and Palestine, and for all Christians persecuted for their faith.

In the wider world, please pray for a better and wiser stewardship of our natural environment.

For the peace of the world wherever there is conflict.
All the nations of the world and their leaders

In our Community

Please pray for : The medical and caring professions, Other Christian denominations - the Tollgate Methodist Fellowship, Stanway Evangelical Church, The Kingsland Church, St. Teresa's Roman Catholic Church, Lexden, Colchester Foodbank, Colchester Debt Centre, Colchester Korban Project, Colchester Engagement and Next Steps, The StanWell Hub, All families with young children, and for all our schools.

The elderly, vulnerable and for all those who support them, especially their families.
Loganberry Lodge - all residents, staff and supporters and all who are in care homes and hospital at this time.

Those who have asked for our prayers: Karl, Joan Alexander, Debra, Daniel, Carol Harvey, Keith, Penny Miller, Daniel Butcher, Ann Booty, Marcus, Mark Claydon, Allison, Sophie, Jo and Richard, Doreen Hales, Jenny Richardson, Brian Greenaway, Ann and John, Graham and Viv, Alex, Alexander, Simon, Joshua, Mervyn, Maxine Humes, Jean Needs, Suzannah, Irene Brewer, John & Hazel, Morgan Burgoyne, Ann Adams, Dorothy Williams, , Vitaly and Rosolaka, Nicola Jones, Ali, Shirley Vaughan, Suviaanna, Arji, Rafael and Rebecca, Joy Sparkes, Claire Jones, John

If you have a particular prayer request there is a box in the church into which you can

place a card writing the request or person's name on it. Alternatively you can send a message to the office.

The monthly prayer diary for **August** is on our website with printed copies in the church and distributed to those without access to the internet.

There is also the Church of England **Prayer Line** which is open 24/7 and is free: **0800 804 804**

RIP

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, Jill Dixon, Sheila Bradfield, Sheila Gibbs, Gordon Harvey

We hope you find this bulletin helpful. If you have any contributions, comments or questions then please contact the office or any of the ministry team.

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