

Bulletin for the weeks beginning 28th June – 26th July.

Sunday 28th June – Fourth Sunday after Trinity

10.30am: Parish Eucharist

Readings: Jeremiah 28. 5-9; Psalm 89. 1-4,15-18; Romans 6. 12-23; Matthew 10. 40-42

Monday 29th June – Peter and Paul, Apostles

Tuesday 30th June

10.00am: Albright's Tots

Wednesday 1st July

Henry, John and Henry VENN THE Younger, Priests, Evangelical Divines, 1797, 1813 and 1873

12.00pm: Parish Lunch

Friday 3rd July – Thomas the Apostle

Saturday 4th July

3.00pm: Wedding of Ryan Stott and Gemma Storey

Sunday 5th July – Fifth Sunday after Trinity

11.00am: Parish Eucharist with Baptism of Eliah-Marie Emma Louise Roberts

Readings: Zechariah 9. 9-12; Psalm 145. 8-15; Romans 7. 15-25a; Matthew 11. 16-19, 25-30

Monday 6th July

Thomas More, Scholar, and John Fisher, Bishop of Rochester, Reformation Martyrs, 1535

Tuesday 7th July

10.00am: Albright's Tots

Wednesday 8th July

10.30am: Community Coffee morning

Saturday 11th July

Benedict of Nursia, Abbot of Monte Cassino, Father of Western Monasticism, c. 550

1.00pm: Wedding of Chris Palmer and Emily Dowrick

Sunday 12th July – Sixth Sunday after Trinity

11.00am: Parish Eucharist

Readings: Isaiah 55. 10-13; Psalm 65; Romans 8. 1-11; Matthew 13. 1-9, 18-23

Tuesday 14th July

John Keble, Priest, Tractarian, Poet, 1866

10.30am: Ladies Fellowship

Wednesday 15th July

Swithun, Bishop of Winchester, c. 862

Thursday 16th July

Osmund, Bishop of Salisbury, 1099

Saturday 18th July

Elizabeth Ferard, first deaconess of the Church of England, Founder of the Community of St Andrew, 1883

Sunday 19th July – Seventh Sunday after Trinity

11.00am: Parish Eucharist

Readings: Isaiah 44. 6-8; Psalm 86. 11-17; Romans 8. 12-25; Matthew 13. 24-30, 36-43

Monday 20th July

Margaret of Antioch, Martyr, 4th century
Bartolome de Casas, Apostle to the Indies, 1566

Wednesday 22nd July – Mary Magdalene

10.30am: Community Coffee morning

Thursday 23rd July

Bridget of Sweden, Abbess of Vadstena, 1373

Saturday 25th July – James the Apostle

Sunday 26th July – Eight Sunday after Trinity

11.00am: Parish Eucharist

Readings: 1 Kings 3. 5-12; Psalm 119. 129-136; Romans 8. 26-39; Matthew 13. 31-33, 44-52

Message from Rev Nikki.

I would like to give my sincere thanks for the warm welcome that I and my family have received.

The licencing service on Tuesday, was an incredible experience and I am STILL buzzing. I appreciate all the hard work that went on behind the scene to make this possible.

I look forward to getting to know each one of you individually.

Services

All Services are now back to the hall until further notice.

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 focused on the theme of the day.

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, 8th and 22nd July**. Everyone is welcome.

Family Communion

Usually on the third Sunday of the month, if there is a baptism, the 10.30 Eucharist follows a shorter and simpler form, and families are particularly welcome to this service.

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 on **Tuesday, 7th July**.

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.

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

Collect for Fourth Sunday after Trinity

O God, the protector of all who trust in you, without whom nothing is strong, nothing is holy: increase and multiply upon us your mercy; that with you as our ruler and guide we may so pass through things temporal that we lose not our hold on things eternal; grant this, heavenly Father, for our Lord Jesus Christ's sake, who is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever.

Collect for Peter and Paul, Apostles

Almighty God, whose blessed apostles Peter and Paul glorified you in their death as in their life: grant that your Church, inspired by their teaching and example, and made one by your Spirit, may ever stand firm upon the one foundation, 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 Fifth Sunday after Trinity

Almighty and everlasting God, by whose Spirit the whole body of the church is governed and sanctified: hear our prayer which we offer for all your faithful people, that in their vocation and ministry they may serve you in holiness and truth to the glory of your name; through our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ, who is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever.

Collect for Thomas the Apostle

Almighty and eternal God, who, for the firmer foundation of our faith, allowed your holy apostle Thomas to doubt the resurrection of your Son till word and sight convinced him: grant to us, who have not seen, that we also may believe and so confess Christ as our Lord and our God; who is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever.

Collect for Sixth Sunday After Trinity

Merciful God, you have prepared for those who love you such good things as pass our understanding: pour into our hearts such love toward you that we, loving you in all things and above all things, may obtain your promises, which exceed all that we can desire; 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 Seventh Sunday After Trinity

Lord of all power and might, the author and giver of all good things: graft in our hearts the love of your name, increase in us true religion, nourish us with all goodness, and of your great mercy keep us in the same; 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 Mary Magdalene

Almighty God, whose Son restored Mary Magdalene to health of mind and body and called her to be a witness to his resurrection: forgive our sins and heal us by your grace, that we may serve you in the power of his risen life; who is alive and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever.

Collect for James the Apostle

Merciful God, whose holy apostle Saint James, leaving his father and all that he had, was obedient to the calling of your Son Jesus Christ and followed him even to death: help us, forsaking the false attractions of the world, to be ready at all times to answer your call without delay; through Jesus Christ your our Lord, who is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever.

Collect for Eight Sunday after Trinity

Almighty Lord and everlasting God, we beseech you to direct, sanctify and govern both our hearts and bodies in the ways of your laws and the works of your commandments; that through your most mighty protection, both here and ever, we may be preserved in the body and soul; through our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ, 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
Our Choir and Choirmaster
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 Novelle Smith, Eliah-Marie Emma Louise Roberts

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

All those are getting married; Chris Palmer and Emily Dowrick, Ryan Scot and Gemma Story 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, Gordon 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, Suvianna, 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 **June** 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

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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