

Bulletin for the week beginning 3rd August

Sunday 3rd August – Seventh Sunday after Trinity

09.00am: No Holy Communion

10.00am: Joint Parish Eucharist with Shrub End at St Cedd's

Readings: Ecclesiastes 1.2, 12-14, 2.18-23; Psalm 49. 1-12; Colossians 3. 1-11; Luke 12. 13-21.

Monday 4th August

Jean-Baptiste Vianney, cure d'Ars, spiritual guide, 1859

09.15am: Morning Prayer

Tuesday 5th August

Oswald, King of Northumbria, Martyr, 642

Wednesday 6th August - Transfiguration of our Lord

09.30am: Holy Communion

Thursday 7th August

John Mason Neale, Priest, Hymn Writer, 1866

Friday 8th August

Dominic, Priest, founder of the Order of Preachers, 1221

10.30am: Holy Communion at Loganberry Lodge

Saturday 9th August

Mary Sumner, founder of the Mothers' Union, 1921

Sunday 10th August – Eighth Sunday after Trinity

No Holy Communion

10.30am: Parish Eucharist

10th August

The 10.30am Parish Eucharist on this day will be Rev Tony's last service at St Albright's. There will be a presentation at the end of the service, followed by a party in the Hall afterwards.

If you would like to contribute to a parting gift for Rev Tony & Morag, LLM & Choir, please donate to a Church Warden, or the person who delivers your weekly Bulletin (Jenny or Colin).

Thank you – Pam Higham and Ravi Natarajan, Church Wardens.

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.

Pam has been working hard at arranging cover for church services during the vacancy and a detailed programme should be available next week. The collaboration with Shrub End continues but it may be that the existing pattern of joint services may have to be altered at times owing to the availability of clergy.

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 is being 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.

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

Books

Next to the main door of the church there is a bookcase with many interesting and useful Christian books on a wide variety of subjects. Do take time to have a look at them and feel free to borrow as many as you like.

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 this **Wednesday, 13th August**. 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 next term on **16th September**. The programme will be available in early September.

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

Stanwell Hub

'Time to Talk Tuesday' meets on the first and third Tuesdays of the month at St. Andrew's Hall 1.30 to 3.00 pm. There will be no meetings during August – next one is **Tuesday 2nd September**.

Holy Communion at home

If you would like to receive Holy Communion at home, or if you know anyone who might, then please contact any member of the ministry team. There is also a Parish Pastoral Support Team whose members are able to visit, help and support those in particular need.

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 Tony or 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 the 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 the Transfiguration of Our Lord

Father in heaven, whose Son Jesus Christ was wonderfully transfigured before chosen witnesses upon the holy mountain, and spoke of the exodus he would accomplish at Jerusalem: give us strength so to hear his voice and bear our cross that in the world to come we may see him as he is; 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

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: Joseph Newman, Peace and Joshua Olatunde, Sophia Cattermole, .

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

All those who have 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. Our Area Dean is Canon Erwin Lammens, vicar of Wivenhoe. The Assistant Area Dean is the Rev. Hannah Cooper, vicar of St. Luke's, Highwoods, and the Lay Chair is Lynne Gettings.

In the Anglican Communion, please pray for The Most Rev, Stephen Cottrell, Archbishop of York and acting Archbishop of Canterbury.

Please also pray for the Provincial Episcopal Visitors - The Bishop of Richborough, the Rt. Rev. Luke Irvine-Capel, the Bishop of Ebbsfleet, the Rt Rev Dr Rob Munro, and the Bishop of Oswestry the Rt. Rev Paul Thomas.

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 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

Our Prime Minister and government.

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.

All our elected representatives - our MPs, county, city and parish councillors.

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, 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, Arji

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 **July** 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

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

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.

With best wishes,

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