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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 8th February – The Second Sunday before Lent

10.30am: Joint Holy Communion at St Albright's

Tuesday 10th February

Scholastica, sister of Benedict, Abbess of Plombariola, c. 543

10.00am: Ladies Fellowship for Candlemas

Wednesday 11th February

10.30am: Community Coffee Morning

Saturday 14th February

Cyril and Methodius, Missionaries to the Slavs, 869 and 885

Valentine, Martyr at Rome, c. 269

Sunday 15th February – Sunday Next Before Lent

10.30am: Joint Holy Communion 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, Edwin Lambert, Rafael and Rebecca, Joy Sparkes

Those to be baptized at St. Albright's –

Peace and Joshua Olatunde, Joseph Newman, Kiana Firdos Kirby

Those who are getting married - Chris Palmer and Emily Dowrick, Ryan Scot and Gemma Story, Elliot and Zoe.

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

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 SECOND SUNDAY BEFORE LENT

Almighty God, give us reverence for all creation and respect for every person, that we may mirror your likeness in Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Almighty God, you have created the heavens and the earth and made us in your own image: teach us to discern your hand in all your works and your likeness in all your children; through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord, who with you and the Holy Spirit reigns supreme over all things, now and for ever.

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)

Our next gathering will be this **Wednesday, 11th February**. You are specially invited to join us for a good cuppa, delicious and carefully prepared homemade cake.

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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POST COMMUNION

God our creator, by your gift the tree of life was set at the heart of the earthly paradise, and the bread of life at the heart of your Church: may we who have been nourished at your table on earth be transformed by the glory of the Saviour's cross and enjoy the delights of eternity; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Services

Please note that Services will now be held in the Hall until further notice.

St. Albright's in Vacancy

The post has been readvertised, and shortlisting took place on 15th January

We pray for the right person to apply. If you need more information, please speak to Pam or Ravi.



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, 24th February 2026.**

FIRST READING

A reading from the book of Genesis.

When God began to create the heavens and the earth, the earth was complete chaos, and darkness covered the face of the deep, while a wind from God swept over the face of the waters. And God said, "Let the earth bring forth living creatures of every kind: cattle and creeping things and wild animals of the earth of every kind." And it was so. God made the wild animals of the earth of every kind and the cattle of every kind and everything that creeps upon the ground of every kind. And God saw that it was good. Then God said, "Let us make humans in our image, according to our likeness, and let them have dominion over the fish of the sea and over the birds of the air and over the cattle and over all the wild animals of the earth and over every creeping thing that creeps upon the earth." So God created humans in his image, in the image of God he created them; male and female he created them.

This is the word of the Lord

Thanks be to God

(Genesis 1. 1:1-2, 24-27)

PSALM 136

O give thanks to the Lord, for he is good, **for his steadfast love endures forever.**

O give thanks to the God of gods, **for his steadfast love endures forever.**

O give thanks to the Lord of lords, **for his steadfast love endures forever;**

who alone does great wonders, **for his steadfast love endures forever;**

who by understanding made the heavens, **for his steadfast love endures forever;**

who spread out the earth on the waters, **for his steadfast love endures forever;**

who made the great lights, **for his steadfast love endures forever;**

the sun to rule over the day, **for his steadfast love endures forever;**

the moon and stars to rule over the night, **for his steadfast love endures forever;**

who struck Egypt through their firstborn, **for his steadfast love endures forever;**

and brought Israel out from among them, **for his steadfast love endures forever;**

with a strong hand and an outstretched arm, **for his steadfast love endures forever;**

who divided the Red Sea^{at} in two, **for his steadfast love endures forever;**

and made Israel pass through the midst of it, **for his steadfast love endures forever;**

but overthrew Pharaoh and his army in the Red Sea,

for his steadfast love endures forever;

who led his people through the wilderness,

for his steadfast love endures forever;

who made water flow from the rock,

for his steadfast love endures forever;

who struck down great kings,

for his steadfast love endures forever;

and killed famous kings,

for his steadfast love endures forever;

Sihon, king of the Amorites,

for his steadfast love endures forever;

and Og, king of Bashan,

for his steadfast love endures forever;

and gave their land as a heritage,

for his steadfast love endures forever;

a heritage to his servant Israel,

for his steadfast love endures forever.

It is he who remembered us in our low estate,

for his steadfast love endures forever;

and rescued us from our foes,

for his steadfast love endures forever;

who gives food to all flesh,

for his steadfast love endures forever.

O give thanks to the God of heaven,

for his steadfast love endures forever.

SECOND READING

A reading from the letter of Paul to the Romans.

I consider that the sufferings of this present time are not worth comparing with the glory about to be revealed to us. For the creation waits with eager longing for the revealing of the children of God, for the creation was subjected to futility, not of its own will, but by the will of the one who subjected it, in hope that the creation itself will be set free from its enslavement to decay and will obtain the freedom of the glory of the children of God. We know that the whole creation has been groaning together as it suffers together the pains of labour, and not only the creation, but we ourselves, who have the first fruits of the Spirit, groan inwardly while we wait for adoption, the redemption of our bodies. For in hope we were saved. Now hope that is seen is not hope, for who hopes for what one already sees? But if we hope for what we do not see, we wait for it with patience.

This is the word of the Lord

Thanks be to God

(Romans 8. 18-25)

GOSPEL

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

All Glory to you, O Lord.

"No one can serve two masters, for a slave will either hate the one and love the other or be devoted to the one and despise the other. You cannot serve God and wealth. "Therefore I tell you, do not worry about your life, what you will eat or what you will drink, or about your body, what you will wear. Is not life more than food and the body more than clothing? Look at the birds of the air: they neither sow nor reap nor gather into barns, and yet your heavenly Father feeds them. Are you not of more value than they? And which of you by worrying can add a single hour to your span of life? And why do you worry about clothing? Consider the lilies of the field, how they grow; they neither toil nor spin, yet I tell you, even Solomon in all his glory was not clothed like one of these. But if God so clothes the grass of the field, which is alive today and tomorrow is thrown into the oven, will he not much more clothe you—you of little faith? Therefore do not worry, saying, 'What will we eat?' or 'What will we drink?' or 'What will we wear?' For it is the gentiles who seek all these things, and indeed your heavenly Father knows that you need all these things. But seek first the kingdom of God and his righteousness, and all these things will be given to you as well. "So do not worry about tomorrow, for tomorrow will bring worries of its own. Today's trouble is enough for today.

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

(Matthew 6. 25 – 34)

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**