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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 22nd March – Fifth Sunday of Lent (Passiontide begins)

10.30am: Joint Holy Communion at St Albright's

Tuesday 24th March

Walter Hilton of Thurgarton, Augustinian Canon
Mystic, 1396

Paul Couturir, Pries, Ecumenist, 1953

Oscar Romero, Archbishop of San Salvador,
Martyr, 1980

10.00am: Albright's Tots

Wednesday 25th March – The Annunciation of our Lord to the Blessed Virgin Mary

103.0am: Community Coffee Morning

Thursday 26th March

Harriet Monsell, Founder of the Community of St
John the Baptist, Clewer, 1883

09.00am: St Mary's Easter Service

Friday 27th March

7.00pm: PCC Meeting

Sunday 29th March – Palm Sunday

10.30am: Palm Sunday Procession and Holy
Communion – Archdeacon Ruth

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, Suviaanna, Edwin Lambert, 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 LENT

Almighty and everlasting God, you hate nothing that you have made and forgive the sins of all those who are penitent: create and make in us new and contrite hearts that we, worthily lamenting our sins and acknowledging our wretchedness, may receive from you, the God of all mercy, perfect remission and forgiveness; 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 FIFTH SUNDAY OF LENT

Most merciful God, who by the death and resurrection of your Son Jesus Christ delivered and saved the world: grant that by faith in him who suffered on the cross we may triumph in the power of his victory; 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 ANNUNCIATION OF OUR LORD TO THE BLESSES VIRGIN MARY

We beseech you, O Lord, pour your grace into our hearts, that as we have known the incarnation of your Son Jesus Christ by the message of an angel, so by his cross and passion we may be brought to the glory of his resurrection; 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

Please note that services are now back in the church 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



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 March.**

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, 25th March** 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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But some of them said, "Could not he who opened the eyes of the blind man have kept this man from dying?" Then Jesus, again greatly disturbed, came to the tomb. It was a cave, and a stone was lying against it. Jesus said, "Take away the stone." Martha, the sister of the dead man, said to him, "Lord, already there is a stench because he has been dead four days." Jesus said to her, "Did I not tell you that if you believed you would see the glory of God?" So they took away the stone. And Jesus looked upward and said, "Father, I thank you for having heard me. I knew that you always hear me, but I have said this for the sake of the crowd standing here, so that they may believe that you sent me." When he had said this, he cried with a loud voice, "Lazarus, come out!" The dead man came out, his hands and feet bound with strips of cloth and his face wrapped in a cloth. Jesus said to them, "Unbind him, and let him go." Many of the Jews, therefore, who had come with Mary and had seen what Jesus did believed in him.

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

(John 11. 1 - 45)

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**

POST COMMUNION

Lord Jesus Christ, you have taught us that what we do for the least of our brothers and sisters we do also for you: give us the will to be the servant of others as you were the servant of all, and gave up your life and died for us, but are alive and reign, now and for ever.

FIRST READING

A reading from the book of the Prophet Ezekiel

The hand of the LORD came upon me, and he brought me out by the spirit of the LORD and set me down in the middle of a valley; it was full of bones. He led me all around them; there were very many lying in the valley, and they were very dry. He said to me, "Mortal, can these bones live?" I answered, "O Lord GOD, you know." Then he said to me, "Prophecy to these bones and say to them: O dry bones, hear the word of the LORD. Thus says the Lord GOD to these bones: I will cause breath to enter you, and you shall live. I will lay sinews on you and will cause flesh to come upon you and cover you with skin and put breath in you, and you shall live, and you shall know that I am the LORD." So I prophesied as I had been commanded, and as I prophesied, suddenly there was a noise, a rattling, and the bones came together, bone to its bone. I looked, and there were sinews on them, and flesh had come upon them, and skin had covered them, but there was no breath in them. Then he said to me, "Prophecy to the breath, prophesy, mortal, and say to the breath: Thus says the Lord GOD: Come from the four winds, O breath, and breathe upon these slain, that they may live." I prophesied as he commanded me, and the breath came into them, and they lived and stood on their feet, a vast multitude. Then he said to me, "Mortal, these bones are the whole house of Israel. They say, 'Our bones are dried up, and our hope is lost; we are cut off completely.' Therefore prophesy and say to them: Thus says the Lord GOD: I am going to open your graves and bring you up from your graves, O my people, and I will bring you back to the land of Israel. And you shall know that I am the LORD when I open your graves and bring you up from your graves, O my people. I will put my spirit within you, and you shall live, and I will place you on your own soil; then you shall know that I, the LORD, have spoken and will act, says the LORD."

This is the word of the Lord

Thanks be to God

(Ezekiel 37. 1 - 14)

PSALM 130

Refrain: With the Lord there is mercy and plenteous redemption

Out of the depths I cry to you, O LORD.
Lord, hear my voice!

Let your ears be attentive
to the voice of my supplications!

If you, O LORD, should mark iniquities,
Lord, who could stand?
But there is forgiveness with you,
so that you may be revered.

Refrain

I wait for the LORD; my soul waits,
and in his word I hope;
my soul waits for the Lord
more than those who watch for the morning,
more than those who watch for the morning.

Refrain

O Israel, hope in the LORD!
For with the LORD there is steadfast love,

and with him is great power to redeem.
It is he who will redeem Israel
from all its iniquities.

Refrain

SECOND READING

A reading from the letter of Paul to the Romans

To set the mind on the flesh is death, but to set the mind on the Spirit is life and peace. For this reason the mind that is set on the flesh is hostile to God; it does not submit to God's law—indeed, it cannot, and those who are in the flesh cannot please God. But you are not in the flesh; you are in the Spirit, since the Spirit of God dwells in you. Anyone who does not have the Spirit of Christ does not belong to him. But if Christ is in you, then the body is dead because of sin, but the Spirit is life because of righteousness. If the Spirit of him who raised Jesus from the dead dwells in you, he who raised Christ Jesus from the dead will give life to your mortal bodies also through his Spirit that dwells in you.

This is the word of the Lord

Thanks be to God

(Romans 8. 6 – 11)

GOSPEL

Hear the gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ
according to John

Glory to you, O Lord

A certain man was ill, Lazarus of Bethany, the village of Mary and her sister Martha. Mary was the one who anointed the Lord with perfume and wiped his feet with her hair; her brother Lazarus was ill. So the sisters sent a message to Jesus, "Lord, he whom you love is ill." But when Jesus heard it, he said, "This illness does not lead to death; rather, it is for God's glory, so that the Son of God may be glorified through it." Accordingly,

though Jesus loved Martha and her sister and Lazarus, after having heard that Lazarus was ill, he stayed two days longer in the place where he was. Then after this he said to the disciples, "Let us go to Judea again." The disciples said to him, "Rabbi, the Jews were just now trying to stone you, and are you going there again?" Jesus answered, "Are there not twelve hours of daylight? Those who walk during the day do not stumble because they see the light of this world. But those who walk at night stumble because the light is not in them." After saying this, he told them, "Our friend Lazarus has fallen asleep, but I am going there to awaken him." The disciples said to him, "Lord, if he has fallen asleep, he will be all right." Jesus, however, had been speaking about his death, but they thought that he was referring merely to sleep. Then Jesus told them plainly, "Lazarus is dead. For your sake I am glad I was not there, so that you may believe. But let us go to him." Thomas, who was called the Twin, said to his fellow disciples, "Let us also go, that we may die with him." When Jesus arrived, he found that Lazarus had already been in the tomb four days. Now Bethany was near Jerusalem, some two miles away, and many of the Jews had come to Martha and Mary to console them about their brother. When Martha heard that Jesus was coming, she went and met him, while Mary stayed at home. Martha said to Jesus, "Lord, if you had been here, my brother would not have died. But even now I know that God will give you whatever you ask of him." Jesus said to her, "Your brother will rise again." Martha said to him, "I know that he will rise again in the resurrection on the last day." Jesus said to her, "I am the resurrection and the life. Those who believe in me, even though they die, will live, and everyone who lives and believes in me will never die. Do you believe this?" She said to him, "Yes, Lord, I believe that you are the Messiah, the Son of God, the one coming into the world."

When she had said this, she went back and called her sister Mary and told her privately, "The Teacher is here and is calling for you." And when she heard it, she got up quickly and went to him. Now Jesus had not yet come to the village but was still at the place where Martha had met him. The Jews who were with her in the house consoling her saw Mary get up quickly and go out. They followed her because they thought that she was going to the tomb to weep there. When Mary came where Jesus was and saw him, she knelt at his feet and said to him, "Lord, if you had been here, my brother would not have died." When Jesus saw her weeping and the Jews who came with her also weeping, he was greatly disturbed in spirit and deeply moved. He said, "Where have you laid him?" They said to him, "Lord, come and see." Jesus began to weep. So the Jews said, "See how he loved him!"