

Bulletin for the week beginning 11th May

Sunday 11th May – Fourth Sunday of Easter

09.00am Holy Communion

10.30am: Parish Eucharist

(Celebrant and Preacher – Rev. Tim Platts)

Readings: Acts 9. 36-43; Psalm 23; Revelation 7. 9-17; John 10. 22-30

Monday 12th May

Gregory Dix, priest, monk, scholar, 1952

09.15am: Morning Prayer

Tuesday 13th May

10.00am: Ladies Fellowship

Wednesday 14th May - Mathias the Apostle

09.30am: Holy Communion

10.30am: Community Coffee Morning

Friday 16th May

Caroline Chisholm, social reformer, 1877

10.30am: Holy Communion at Loganberry Lodge

Sunday 18th May – Fifth Sunday of Easter

No 9am Holy Communion

10.30am: Parish Eucharist Patronal Festival (Preacher, the Ven. Daren Miller, Archdeacon of Ashford)

1.00pm: Picnic Lunch (in the churchyard or in the hall if wet)

5.00pm: Sung Evensong (with the Kelvedon Singers)

ST. ALBRIGHT'S DAY



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(Preacher, the Ven. Daren Miller, Archdeacon of Ashford)

1.00pm: Picnic Lunch

5.00pm: Sung Evensong

(with the Kelvedon Singers)

A very important day in our church year. Do come along and celebrate and bring your picnic for afterwards in the churchyard or in the hall if wet.

The name Albright may well refer to St. Ethelbert, a Saxon king of the East Angles, who died on 794. His feast is on 20th May.

The Rev. Tony Bushell

After ten and a half years as priest in charge of Stanway, I have decided to retire on 10th August this year. A difficult decision but I believe that the time is right to be moving on - not so much retirement as a change of direction. I have hugely enjoyed my time as your priest and the support I have received from so many people has been wonderful.

Stanway Parish

As you know I have always been an SSM (Self-supporting minister) on a part-time, unpaid basis. It will not be possible to continue that arrangement here after I leave in August so the idea is that the parish of Stanway will be served by the same full-time priest as the parish of Shrub End. They have not had an incumbent for over five years and the process of recruitment and appointment involving the PCCs of both parishes has now begun.

With that in mind there is going to be a regular pattern of joint services in our respective churches, so that we can get to know each other better. This will begin in May with a service at Stanway on the first Sunday of the month and at Shrub End on the fourth. In the meantime do pray for our friends at Shrub End and for the future closer working together.

Churchyard shed

We are hoping to install a shed in the church yard to store gardening equipment. We have to apply for a faculty and the legal notice about this is in the church. 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.

Church Gardeners

The group for maintaining the churchyard is still happy to have any more volunteers. Please contact Steve Whitfield on 07833-472766 or s.whitfield07@btinternet.com

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, 14th May**. Everyone is welcome.

Children at St. Albright's

Children are welcome at all of our services. There are always crafts and activities available in church focussed on the theme of the day.

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



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!

If you are able to help, please speak to Tony or Pam or if you know any family who may be interested, please let them know. The next one will be on **Tuesday, 20th May**, on the theme of "Bubbles".

Stanwell Hub



The Stanway Wellbeing Hub is a place for people to be with people.

Meet in St Andrew's Hall
next to St Albright's
Church, Stanway, CO3 8LR
1:30 - 3:00pm
1st and 3rd Tuesdays
Every Month

 StanWellHub
office.stanwellhub@gmail.com
07818 424114

"Our vision is to help everyone in our community to thrive socially, emotionally, physically, spiritually and economically."

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The next one will be on **Tuesday 20th May**.

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.

There is now a clear shortfall between our giving and our outgoings and there will be a circulated shortly to everyone on the electoral roll setting out our financial situation and the importance of Christian stewardship.

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.

St Andrew's Hall

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.

**For details please contact:
Ivor and Pam Ellis.
Email: ivorellis@btinternet.com**

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For your prayers

Collect for Fourth Sunday of Easter

Almighty God, whose Son Jesus Christ is the resurrection and life: raise us, who trust in him, from the death of sin to the life of righteousness, that we may seek those things which are above, where he reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever.

Collect for Matthias, the Apostle

Almighty God, who in the place of the traitor Judas chose your faithful servant Matthias to be the number of the Twelve: preserve your Church from false apostles and, by the ministry of faithful pastors and teachers, keep us steadfast in your 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.

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 especially for the preparations for our APCM in April.

Our director of music and the choir

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.

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.

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 **May** 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.

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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