



PEW BULLETIN

"Seeking to be the transforming presence of God's love in Stanway"

We welcome you to our worship today.

Sunday 27th September – Seventeenth Sunday after Trinity

11.00am: All Age Parish Eucharist

Monday 28th September

Aidan, Bishop of Lindisfarne, Missionary, 651

Tuesday 29th September – Michael and all Angels

10.00am: St Albright's Tots

Wednesday 30th September

Jerome, Translator of the Scriptures, Teacher, 420

Thursday 1st October

Remigius, Bishop of Rheims, Apostle of Franks, 533

Anthony Ashley Cooper, Earl of Shaftesbury, Social Reformer, 1885

Friday 2nd October

Birinus, Bishop of Dorchester (Oxon), Apostle of Wessex, 650

Saturday 3rd October

George Bell, bishop of Chichester, Ecumenist, Peacemaker, 1958

Sunday 4th October – The Eighteenth Sunday after Trinity

11.00am: Harvest Festival followed by a shared lunch

Prayer Requests:

Those who have asked for our prayers:

Karl, Joan Alexander, Carol 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, Maxine Humes, Jean Needs, Suzannah, Irene Brewer, John & Hazel, Morgan Burgoyne, Ann Adams, Dorothy Williams, Vitaly and Rosolaka, Nicola Jones, Ali, Shirley Vaughan, Arji, Suvanna, Rafael and Rebecca, Joy Sparkes, Claire Jones, John

Those to be baptized at St. Albright's –

Those who are getting married - James Drysdale and Georgia King

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, Jill Dixon, Sheila Bradfield, Sheila Gibbs, Gordon Harvey

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 Seventeenth Sunday after Trinity

Gracious God, you call us to fullness of life: deliver us from unbelief and banish our anxieties with the liberating love of Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Contact us

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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 sides people 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 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.

www.colchesterdeanery.org.uk/deaneryday

Deanery Day

MISSION

Saturday 10th October 2026
9:30am – 3:30pm
St. John's Church & Community Centre, CO4 0HP

Sign up in Church now!

A day to encourage everyone in every Church
Urban, rural; young, working age, third age
and whatever your interest

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SATURDAY 14 NOVEMBER 2026
7.30PM
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(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:
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FIRST READING

A reading from the book of the Prophet Ezekiel.

The Lord spoke his word to me. He said: "What do you mean by using this saying about the land of Israel: 'The fathers have eaten sour grapes. And that caused the children to grind their teeth from the sour taste'? "As surely as I live, says the Lord God, this is true: You will not use this saying in Israel anymore. Every living thing belongs to me. The life of the father is mine. And the life of the son is mine. The person who sins will die. "But you say, 'What the Lord does isn't fair.' Hear now, people of Israel. I am fair. It is what you do that is not fair! A good person might stop doing good. He might do wrong and die because of it. He will die because he did wrong. An evil person might stop doing the evil things he has done. And he might do what is fair and right. He will save his life. He thought about it and stopped doing all the sins he had done. He will surely live. He will not die. But the people of Israel still say, 'What the Lord does isn't fair.' People of Israel, I am fair. It is what you do that is not fair. "So I will judge you, people of Israel. I will judge each person by what he does, says the Lord God. Change your hearts. Stop all your sinning. Then sin will not bring your ruin. Get rid of all the sins you have done. And get for yourselves a new heart and a new way to think. Why do you want to die, people of Israel? I do not want anyone to die. So change your hearts and lives so you may live.

(Ezekiel 18. 1-5, 25- 32)

GOSPEL

Hear the gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ
according to Matthew

Glory to you, O Lord

Jesus went to the Temple. While he was teaching there, the leading priests and the elders of the people came to Jesus. They said to him, "Tell us! What authority do you have to do these things? Who gave you this authority? Jesus answered, "I will ask you a question too. If you answer me, then I will tell you what authority I have to do these things. Tell me: When John baptized people, did that come from God or from man?" The priests and the leaders argued about Jesus' question. They said to each other, "If we answer, 'John's baptism was from God,' then Jesus will say, 'Then why didn't you believe John?' But if we say, 'It was from man,' we are

afraid of what the people will do because they all believe that John was a prophet." So they answered Jesus, "We don't know." Then Jesus said, "Then I won't tell you what authority I have to do these things! "Tell me what you think about this: There was a man who had two sons. He went to the first son and said, 'Son, go and work today in my vineyard.' The son answered, 'I will not go.' But later the son decided he should go, and he went. Then the father went to the other son and said, 'Son, go and work today in my vineyard.' The son answered, 'Yes, sir, I will go and work.' But he did not go. Which of the two sons obeyed his father?" The priests and leaders answered, "The first son." Jesus said to them, "I tell you the truth. The tax collectors and the prostitutes will enter the kingdom of God before you do. John came to show you the right way to live. And you did not believe him. But the tax collectors and prostitutes believed John. You saw this, but you still refused to change and believe him.

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

(Matthew 21. 23-32)

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, we pray that your grace may always precede and follow us, and make us continually to be given to all good works; through Jesus Christ our Lord.



St Albright's 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!



JOIN US FOR A

HARVEST

Festival Service

FOLLOWED BY A SHARED LUNCH

Sunday 4th October 11am Service at St Albright's followed by lunch in St Andrew's Hall next to the church at 12.30pm

Donations welcome to cover the costs

Everyone is warmly welcome to join us for our Harvest Festival on **4th October**, at 11am as we give thanks for the harvest and celebrate our community. We'll also be collecting donations for **Colchester Foodbank**, so if you're able to bring something along, it would be greatly appreciated. Do sign up for a shared lunch with our friends from Shrub End who will join us in St Andrew's Hall after the service. A suggested donation of £5 is asked to cover the cost please.



There will be confirmation taking place on **Sunday, 22nd November** at St Leonard's. if you would like more information, please speak to Rev Nikki.