

Bulletin for the weeks beginning 1st March – 29th March.

Sunday 1st March – Second Sunday of Lent

10.00am: Joint Holy Communion at St Cedd's

Monday 2nd March

Chad, Bishop of Lichfield, Missionary, 672

Tuesday 3rd March

10.00am: Albright's Tots

1.00pm: Tony Windsor's Funeral – followed by wake in the hall

Wednesday 4th March

10.30am: Parish Lunch

Saturday 7th March

Perpetua, Felicity and their Companions, Martyrs at Carthage, 203

Sunday 8th March – Third of Lent

10.30am: Joint Holy Communion at St Albright's

Readings: Exodus 17. 1-7; Psalm 95; Romans 5. 1-11; John 4. 5-42

Tuesday 10th March

10.00am: Ladies Fellowship

Wednesday 11th March

10.30am: Community Coffee Morning

Friday 13th March

1.30pm: St Mary's School Mothering Service

Sunday 15th March – Mothering Sunday

10.30am: Family Communion

Readings: 1 Samuel 16. 1-13; Psalm 23; Ephesians 5. 8-14; John 9

Tuesday 17th March

Patrick, Bishop, Missionary, Patron of Ireland, c. 460

10.00am: Albright's Tots

Wednesday 18th March

Cyril, Bishop of Jerusalem, Teacher, 386

Thursday 19th March – Joseph of Nazareth

Friday 20th March

Cuthbert, Bishop of Lindisfarne, Missionary, 687

Saturday 21st March

Thomas Cranmer, Archbishop of Canterbury, Reformation Martyr, 1556

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

10.30am: Joint Holy Communion at St Albright's

Passion Reading

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

Services

We hope to hold services in church during March until 12th April.

St. Albright's in Vacancy

The post has been readvertised, and shortlisting has taken place. If you need more information, please speak to Pam or Ravi.

Churchyard

The group for maintaining the churchyard is still happy to have any further volunteers
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 on **Wednesday, 11th and 25th March**. 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. Our next one will be on **Sunday, 15th March** for Mothering Sunday.

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 this **Tuesday, 17th and 24th March.**

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

Holy Communion at home

If you would like to receive Holy Communion at home, or if you know anyone who might, then please contact Pam.

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 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 First Sunday of Lent

Almighty God, whose Son Jesus Christ fasted forty days in the wilderness, and was tempted as we are, yet without sin: give us grace to discipline ourselves in obedience to your Spirit; and, as you know our weakness, so may we know your power to save; 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 Second Sunday of Lent

Almighty God, you show to those who are in error the light of your truth, that they may return to the way of righteousness: grant to all those who are admitted into the fellowship of Christ's religion, that they may reject those things that are contrary to their profession, and follow all such things as are agreeable to the same; through our Lord Jesus Christ, who is alive and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever.

Collect for Third Sunday of Lent

Almighty God, whose most dear Son went not up to joy but first he suffered pain, and entered not into glory before he was crucified: mercifully grant that we, walking in the way of the cross, may find it none other than the way of life and peace, 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 Mothering Sunday

God of love, passionate and strong, tender and careful: watch over us and hold us all the days of our life; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

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 Blessed 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.

Collect for Palm Sunday

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.

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, Our Prime Minister and government, all our elected representatives - our MPs, county, city and parish councillors.

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:, Peace and Joshua Olatunde, Joseph Newman, Kiana Firdos Kirby

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

All those 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.

The diocese of Chelmsford has links with several overseas dioceses in the Anglican communion: in Kenya - Embu, Meru, Mberere 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 Anglican Communion, please pray for The Most Rev, Stephen Cottrell, Archbishop of York and acting Archbishop of Canterbury.

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

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.

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, , Vitaly and Rosolaka, Nicola Jones, Ali, Shirley Vaughan, Suvianna, Arji, Edwin Lambert, Rafael and Rebecca, Joy Sparkes

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 **March** 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

Linda Brook, Joanne Marie Doman, Mason Morgan, Jean Gilbert, Babs Baker, Leonard Comben, Tony Momotiuk, Adeleye Adediran Aluko, Alice Bolton, John Cheale, Tony Windsor

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.

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