

## **Bulletin for the week beginning 16<sup>th</sup> June**

### **Sunday 16<sup>th</sup> June – Third Sunday after Trinity**

9.00 am: Holy Communion

10.30 am: Parish Eucharist

**Readings: Ezekiel 17. 22-end, Psalm 92. 1-4, 12-end, 2 Corinthians 5. 6-10, Mark 4. 26-34**

5.30pm: Place for Grace

### **Monday 17<sup>th</sup> June**

Samuel and Henrietta Barnett, social Reformers, 1913 and 1936

09.15am: Morning Prayer

### **Tuesday 18<sup>th</sup> June**

Bernard Mizeki, Apostle of the MaShona, Martyr, 1896

10.00am: Albright's Tots

12.45pm: Time to Talk Tuesday

6.00pm: Exploring Faith – Meet at The Princess Charlotte

### **Wednesday 19<sup>th</sup> June**

Sundar Singh of India, Sadhu (holy man), Evangelist, Teacher, 1929

9.30am: Holy Communion

7.00 pm Archdeacon's Visitation service, St. Nicholas, Witham.

### **Friday 21<sup>st</sup> June**

Richard Baxter, Puritan Divine, 1691

09.30am: Prayer Walking

10.30am: Holy Communion at Loganberry Lodge

### **Saturday 22<sup>nd</sup> June**

Alban, first Martyr of Britain, c. 250

### **Sunday 23<sup>rd</sup> June – Fourth Sunday After Trinity**

09.00am: Holy Communion

10.30am: Parish Eucharist

### **Archdeacon's Visitation**

On Wednesday 21<sup>st</sup> June the annual Visitation service takes place at St. Nicholas church in Witham, presided over by the Archdeacon of Colchester. This is when our newly-elected churchwardens make their oaths and are formally appointed to their role. Everybody is welcome to attend this service and do please pray for Pam and Steve in this very important ministry.

### **Pray your Part**

As you all know a general election has been called for 4<sup>th</sup> July and it is our Christian duty to vote. There are various resources published by the Church of England to help us to decide, and in particular an invitation from the bishops to encourage us to pray and to participate in the life of our nation and community. It is called Pray Your Part and is a 21 day journey of prayer and reflection from Friday 14<sup>th</sup> June until election day . Each day explores a different theme with a short bible reading, reflection and prayer for a different aspect of our common life. You can sign up for

this on the Church of England website [here](#) and via other media and we will have some printed booklets available in church. I would strongly urge you to make use of this. As it happens the first service in church after the election is the Mayor's Civic Service at 11.00 am on Sunday 7th July. An opportunity then to give thanks and to pray for all those who serve our community in public office."

### **The Rev. Wendy Pagden**

Wendy will shortly be leaving us and her final service at St. Albright's will be the Parish Eucharist on Sunday 30th June at 10.30. There will be a light lunch in the hall afterwards to which all are welcome.

If you would like to contribute to a gift for Wendy, please speak to Tony or the churchwardens or David Kent.

### **Exploring Faith**

The final session will take place this **Tuesday, 18<sup>th</sup> June 6.00 to 7.00 pm** at the Princess Charlotte. If you would like to join us, contact Rev'd Wendy.

### **Mayor's Chaplain**

Lesley Scott-Boutell began her year of office as Mayor of Colchester on 22nd May and Tony is her chaplain. The Mayor's Civic Service will therefore be at St. Albright's on **Sunday 7th July at 11.00 am** and the Mayor's Carol Service on **15<sup>th</sup> December**. More details about these anon.

### **Roof Works**

The final part of the repairs to the church roof have now been completed with the removal of the old chimney which had to be taken down because it was dangerous and in danger of collapse. Praise God for the successful completion of all these works, and many thanks to our excellent builders, John and Ian, and our architect, David. The next project is a new heating system for the church and having a proper disabled access to the building.

### **Church Heating etc**

There is a committee of the PCC looking at the question of energy use and how we as a church can reduce our carbon footprint. This involves a better, greener heating system but is much wider than this. The Diocese of Chelmsford is proposing to nominate the Parish Church to receive funding from the Church of England to explore how to do this and to find improvements – it is called the Net Zero Carbon Demonstrators Project, and we are one of only 6 parishes in the diocese who will be nominated. This is an exciting opportunity and follows work that we as a church have already been doing, for example in having green sourced electricity supplied. If you have any ideas or expertise on this subject, do get in touch with any member of the committee – Morag Bushell is the chair with Wendy Pagden, Tony Bushell and our wardens, Pam Higham and Steve Whitfield.

### **St Albright's Gardeners**

We have been blessed over the last few years to have had Snowy Barron dedicate so much of his time to looking after our wonderful church grounds. We now must act to continue his work and dedication. I know others have always been there too to help and support which has been much appreciated.

Now is the time of year where things begin to need doing to keep on top of it. You will have noticed no doubt all the rain and the growing sun strength and long daylight hours will make things happen.

My proposal is to assemble a team of keen people, St Albright's Gardeners, to help maintain the outside space in a way that glorifies the best of our grounds. This is an opportunity to enjoy the pleasures of being outside whilst enjoying the nature on our 'church step'.

If you'd like to be part of this please send me a text or email and I will add you to our WhatsApp group. With the longer evenings, we can meet at any time across a week.

There is no experience needed- if you can push a mower that will be amazing, if you can make a cup of tea and give words of encouragement, that too, is often what will be needed.

Please contact Stephen (Churchwarden) on 07833472766  
or s.whitfield07@btinternet.com

### **Open the Book – Stanway Primary School**

This is proving to be a great success. Our final assembly this term will be on 1st July on the theme of the Flood. If you would like to be involved in the team then you would be more than welcome. Please speak to Wendy or Tony for more details.

### **Stanwell Hub**

'Time to Talk Tuesday' is on the first and third Tuesdays of the month at the Stanway Lakelands Centre, Western Approach CO3 8WD at 12.45pm – 2.00pm. Our next meeting will be on **Tuesday, 18<sup>th</sup> June**. Greg Coper (St Helena's Hospice) and Cerrie Doyle (CCC) will tell us a bit about compassionate communities Colchester.

For further information, please contact Rev. Wendy. You can also find details of what is happening at Time to Talk Tuesday and other wellbeing matters on StanWell Hub Facebook page [here](#).

Reflex-18 in collaboration with StanWell Hub, has a new Stanway walking group: 'Walk with a Physio'. This takes place on Fridays between 12-1.00pm, beginning at the Stanway Lakeland Centre and finishing at the Café with the option of staying to socialise over a cup of tea or lunch.

For more information, call 01206 616 989, or go to the StanWell Hub Facebook page [here](#).

### **Community coffee morning**

Our community coffee morning takes place every 2<sup>nd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> Wednesday of the month, between 10.30am - 12 noon. Our next gathering will be on **Wednesday, 26<sup>th</sup> June**. Everyone is welcome.

### **A Place for Grace**

Our intergenerational All Age worship service, 'A Place for Grace', usually takes place on the first Sunday of every month from 5.30 to 7.00 pm, with a meal and various activities. The next one will exceptionally be taking place this **Sunday, 16<sup>th</sup> June**. Contact Wendy or Tony for more details.

### **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, the 10.30 Eucharist follows a shorter and simpler form, and families are particularly welcome to this service. Baptisms usually take place on this day too. The next Family Communion will be on 21st July.

### **St Albright's Tots**

A great playgroup for younger children which meets every Tuesday, except the 2<sup>nd</sup> Tuesday of the month, from 10.00 to 11.30 in the hall during term time.

The next gathering will be on **Tuesday, 18<sup>th</sup> June**.

There is an opportunity available to join the Tots leadership team. Please contact Rev Wendy if you are interested.

### **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.

**Thought for the week** written by members of the ministry team and others is available [here](#)

### **Giving**

We now have a 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.

### **For your prayers**

#### **Collect for Third Sunday After Trinity**

Almighty God, you have broken the tyranny of sin and have sent the Spirit of your Son into our hearts whereby we call you Father: give us grace to dedicate our freedom to your service, that we and all creation may be brought to the glorious liberty of the children of God; 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.

We pray for peace in 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.

We continue to pray for the people and nations of Ukraine and Russia. For peace and for the relief of suffering. The prayer tree will be remaining in the church until the conflict is over.

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.  
Amen

*Archbishop Justin Welby, Archbishop Stephen Cottrell*

### **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  
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

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

All those who are to be married in St. Albright's in 2024 and all who will have 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 was recently made a Canon of Chelmsford Cathedral, so he is now Canon Erwin Lammens, vicar of Wivenhoe. The Assistant Area Dean is the Rev. Hannah Cooper, vicar of St. Luke's, Highwoods.

**In the Anglican Communion, please pray for** our Archbishops, the Most Rev Justin Welby, Archbishop of Canterbury and the Most Rev, Stephen Cottrell, Archbishop of York.

Please also pray for the Provincial Episcopal Visitors - The Bishop of Richborough, the Rt Rev Norman Banks, and 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, 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 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 CAP Debt Centre

Colchester Koban Project

The StanWell Hub

All families with young children, and for all our schools.

The elderly, vulnerable and those who have to isolate, 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, Sheila Bradfield , Joan Alexander, Debra, Daniel, Carol Harvey, Gordon Harvey, Keith, Ida Totham, 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

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**

Emma O'Connell, Sylvia Bannister, John Currell, Eileen Spurgeon, Richard Van Aswegen, Robert Radcliffe, Phyllis Evelyn Clark, Richard Ives, Shirley McCormack, Snowy Barron, Stephen Spice, Veronica 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.

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