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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 10<sup>th</sup> May – Sixth Sunday of Easter**

10.30am: Joint Holy Communion with Shrub End at St Albright's

12.00pm: APCM – in the hall

### **Monday 11<sup>th</sup> May**

Rogation Day

### **Tuesday 12<sup>th</sup> May**

Rogation Day

Gregory Dix, Priest, Monk, Scholar, 1952

10.00am: Ladies Fellowship

### **Wednesday 13<sup>th</sup> May**

Rogation Day

10.30am: Community Coffee Morning

### **Thursday 14<sup>th</sup> May – Ascension Day**

### **Friday 15<sup>th</sup> May – Matthias the Apostle**

### **Saturday 16<sup>th</sup> May**

Caroline Chisholm, social Reformer, 1877

### **Sunday 17<sup>th</sup> May – Seventh Sunday after Easter**

10.30am: Holy Communion at St Albright's

### 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, Suviana, Rafael and Rebecca, Joy Sparkes

#### **Those to be baptized at St. Albright's –**

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 SIXTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

God our redeemer, you have delivered us from the power of darkness and brought us into the kingdom of your Son: grant, that as by his death he has recalled us to life, so by his continual presence in us he may raise us to eternal joy; 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 ASCENSION DAY

grant, we pray, almighty God, that as we believe your only-begotten Son our Lord Jesus Christ to have ascended into the heavens, so we in heart and mind may also ascend and with him continually dwell; who is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever.

### COLLECT FOR MATTHIAS THE APOSTLE

Almighty God, who is the place of the traitor Judas chose your faithful servant Matthias to be of 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.



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 2<sup>nd</sup> 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 on **Tuesday, 19<sup>th</sup> May**. New helpers are always welcome. Please speak to Pam if you are interested or if you know of anyone who might be.

### **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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## POST COMMUNION

God our Father, whose Son Jesus Christ gives the water of eternal life: may we thirst for you, the spring of life and source of goodness, through him who is alive and reigns, now and for ever.

## HYMNS

All hymns are taken from New English Hymnal.

## Services

Services are now back in the hall 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 19<sup>th</sup> 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, 23<sup>rd</sup> June 2026.

**Pam and Ravi**

## NOTICES FOR YOUR DIARY

**APCM** is taking place today, immediately after the service.

Could we ask as many of you that can make it, to wait behind.

Thank you.

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 on **Wednesday, 13<sup>th</sup> May** for a good cuppa, delicious and carefully prepared homemade cake.

## FIRST READING

A reading from the Acts of the Apostles.

Paul stood in front of the Areopagus and said, "Athenians, I see how extremely spiritual you are in every way. For as I went through the city and looked carefully at the objects of your worship, I found among them an altar with the inscription, 'To an unknown god.' What therefore you worship as unknown, this I proclaim to you. The God who made the world and everything in it, he who is Lord of heaven and earth, does not live in shrines made by human hands, nor is he served by human hands, as though he needed anything, since he himself gives to all mortals life and breath and all things. From one ancestor he made all peoples to inhabit the whole earth, and he allotted the times of their existence and the boundaries of the places where they would live, so that they would search for God and perhaps fumble about for him and find him—though indeed he is not far from each one of us. For 'In him we live and move and have our being'; as even some of your own poets have said, 'For we, too, are his offspring.' "Since we are God's offspring, we ought not to think that the deity is like gold or silver or stone, an image formed by the art and imagination of mortals. While God has overlooked the times of human ignorance, now he commands all people everywhere to repent, because he has fixed a day on which he will have the world judged in righteousness by a man whom he has appointed, and of this he has given assurance to all by raising him from the dead."

This is the word of the Lord

**Thanks be to God**

(Acts 17. 22-31)

## PSALM

**Refrain: All the earth shall worship you, O Lord.**

Bless our God, O peoples;  
let the sound of his praise be heard,

Who has kept us among the living  
and has not let our feet slip.

For you, O God, have tested us;  
you have tried us as silver is tried.

You brought us into the net;  
you laid burdens on our backs;

You let people ride over our heads;  
we went through fire and through water;  
yet you have brought us out to a spacious place.

**Refrain**

I will come into your house with burnt offerings;  
I will pay you my vows,

Those that my lips uttered  
and my mouth promised when I was in trouble.

I will offer to you burnt offerings of fatted calves,  
with the smoke of the sacrifice of rams;  
I will make an offering of bulls and goats.

**Refrain**

Come and hear, all you who fear God,  
and I will tell what he has done for me.

I cried aloud to him,  
and he was extolled with my tongue.

If I had cherished iniquity in my heart,  
the Lord would not have listened.

But truly God has listened;  
he has heard the words of my prayer.

Blessed be God,  
who has not rejected my prayer  
or removed his steadfast love from me.

**Refrain: All the earth shall worship you, O Lord.**

(Psalm 66. 8-20)

**SECOND READING**

A reading from the second letter of Paul.

Who will harm you if you are eager to do what is good? But even if you do suffer for doing what is right, you are blessed. Do not fear what they fear, and do not be intimidated, but in your hearts sanctify Christ as Lord. Always be ready to make your defence to anyone who demands from you an accounting for the hope that is in you, yet do it with gentleness and respect. Maintain a good conscience so that, when you are maligned, those who abuse you for your good conduct in Christ may be put to shame. For it is better to suffer for doing good, if suffering should be God's will, than to suffer for doing evil. For Christ also suffered for sins once for all, the righteous for the unrighteous, in order to bring you to God. He was put to death in the flesh but made alive in the spirit, in which also he went and made a proclamation to the spirits in prison, who in former times did not obey, when God waited patiently in the days of Noah, during the building of the ark, in which a few, that is, eight lives, were saved through water. And baptism, which this prefigured, now saves you—not as removal of dirt from the body but as an appeal to God for<sup>[1]</sup> a

good conscience, through the resurrection of Jesus Christ, who has gone into heaven and is at the right hand of God, with angels, authorities, and powers made subject to him.

This is the word of the Lord

**Thanks be to God**

**(1 Peter 3. 13-22)**

**GOSPEL**

Hear the gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to John.

**Glory to you, O Lord**

Jesus said: "If you love me, you will keep my commandments. And I will ask the Father, and he will give you another Advocate, to be with you forever. This is the Spirit of truth, whom the world cannot receive because it neither sees him nor knows him. You know him because he abides with you, and he will be in you. "I will not leave you orphaned; I am coming to you. In a little while the world will no longer see me, but you will see me; because I live, you also will live. On that day you will know that I am in my Father, and you in me, and I in you. They who have my commandments and keep them are those who love me, and those who love me will be loved by my Father, and I will love them and reveal myself to them."

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

(John 14. 15-21)

**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**