

Bulletin for the weeks beginning 26th July to 30th August

Sunday 26th July – Eighth Sunday after Trinity

11.00am: Parish Eucharist

Readings: 1 Kings 3. 5-12; Psalm 119. 129 – 136; Romans 8. 26 – 39; Matthew 13. 31-33, 44-52

Monday 27th July

Brooke Foss Westcott, Bishop of Durham, Teacher, 1901

Wednesday 29th July

Mary, Martha and Lazarus, Companions of our Lord

Thursday 30th July

William Wilberforce, Social Reformer; Olaudah Equiano and Thomas Clarkson, Anti-Slavery Campaigners, 1883, 1797 and 1846

Friday 31st July

Ignatius of Loyola, founder of the Society of Jesus, 1556

Sunday 2nd August – Ninth Sunday after Trinity

11.00am: Parish Eucharist

Readings – Isaiah 55. 1-5; Psalm 145. 8-9,15-22; Romans 9. 1-5; Matthew 14. 13-21

Tuesday 4th August

John-Baptiste Vianney, Cure d'Ars, Spiritual Guide, 1859

Wednesday 5th August

Oswald, King of Northumbria, Martyr, 642

Thursday 6th August – Transfiguration of our Lord

Friday 7th August

John Mason Neale, Priest, Hymn Writer, 1866

Saturday 8th August

Dominic, Priest, founder of the Order of Preachers, 1221

Sunday 9th August - Tenth Sunday after Trinity

Mary Sumner, founder of the Mothers' Union, 1921

11.00: Parish Eucharist

Readings: 1 Kings 19.9-18; Psalm 85.8-13; Romans 10.5-15; Matthew 14.22-33

Monday 10th August

Laurence, Deacon at Rome, Martyr, 258

Tuesday 11th August

Clare of Assisi, Founder of the Minoreesses (Poor Clares), 1253

Wednesday 12th August

10.30am: Community Coffee Morning

Thursday 13th August

Jeremy Taylor, Bishop of Down and Connor, Teacher, 1667

Florence Nightingale, Nurse, Social Reformer, 1910

Friday 14th August

Maximilian Kolbe, friar, martyr, 1941

Saturday 15th August - The Blessed Virgin Mary**Sunday 16th August – Eleventh Sunday after Trinity**

11.00am: Parish Eucharist

Readings – Isaiah 56. 1, 6-8; Psalm 67; Romans 11. 1-2a, 29-32; Matthew 15. 21-28

Thursday 20th August

Bernard, Abbot of Clairvaux, Teacher, 1153

William and Catherine Booth, founders of the Salvation Army, 1912 and 1890

Sunday 23rd August

11.00am: Parish Eucharist

Readings – Isaiah 51. 1-6; Psalm 138; Romans 12. 1-8; Matthew 16. 13-20

Monday 24th August – Bartholomew, the Apostle**Wednesday 26th August**

10.30am: Community Coffee Morning

Thursday 27th August

Monica, Mother of Augustine of Hippo, 387

Friday 28th August

Augustine, Bishop of Hippo, Teacher, 430

Saturday 29th August

The beheading of John the Baptist

Sunday 30th August – Thirteenth Sunday after Trinity

11.00am: Family Communion with Baptism of Brooke Smith and Tyler Chapman

Readings – Jeremiah 15. 15-21; Psalm 26. 1-8; Romans 12. 9-end; Matthew 16. 21-end

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

Children at St. Albright's

Children are welcome at all of our services. There are always crafts and activities available in church.

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, 12th and 26th August**. Everyone is welcome.

Family Communion

Usually on the fourth Sunday of the month, and sometimes there is a baptism too. The 11.00am Eucharist follows a shorter and simpler form, and families are particularly welcome to this service. The next one will be on **Sunday, 30th August** with Baptism of Brooke Smith and Tyler Chapman.

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 next term on **15th September**.

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 or Rev'd Nikki.

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 Eighth Sunday After Trinity

Almighty Lord and everlasting God, we beseech you to direct, sanctify and govern both our hearts and bodies in the ways of your laws and the works of your commandments; that through your most mighty protection, both here and ever, we may be preserved in the body and soul; through our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ, who is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever.

Collect for Ninth Sunday after Trinity

Almighty God, who sent your Holy Spirit to be the life and light of your Church: open our hearts to the riches of your grace, that we may bring forth the fruit of the spirit in love and joy 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 the Transfiguration of our Lord

Father in heaven, whose son Jesus Christ was wonderfully transfigured before chosen witnesses upon the holy mountain, and spoke of the exodus he would accomplish at Jerusalem: give us strength so to hear his voice and bear our cross that in the world to come we may see him as he is; who is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever.

Collect for Tenth Sunday After Trinity

Let your merciful ears, O Lord, be open to the prayers of your humble servants; and that they may obtain their petitions make them to ask such things as shall please you; through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord, who is alive with you, and reigns in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever.

Collect for the Blessed Virgin Mary

Almighty God, who looked upon the lowliness of the Blessed Virgin Mary and chose her to be the mother of your only Son: grant that we who are redeemed by his blood may share with her in the glory of your eternal kingdom; 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 Eleventh Sunday after Trinity

O God, you declare your almighty power most chiefly in showing mercy and pity: mercifully grant to us such a measure of your grace, that we, running the way of your commandments, may receive your gracious promises, and be made partakers

of your heavenly treasure; 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 Twelfth Sunday After Trinity

Almighty and everlasting God, you are always more ready to hear than we to pray and to give more than either we desire or deserve: pour down upon us the abundance of your mercy, forgiving us those things of which our conscience is afraid and giving us those good things which we are not worthy to ask but through the merits and mediation of 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 Bartholomew the Apostle

Almighty and everlasting God, who gave to your apostle Bartholomew grace truly to believe and to preach your word: grant that your Church may love that word which he believed and may faithfully preach and receive the same; 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 Thirteenth Sunday After Trinity

Almighty God, who called your Church to bear witness that you were in Christ reconciling the world to yourself: help us to proclaim the good news of your love, that all who hear it may be drawn to you; through him who was lifted up on the cross, 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

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: Brooke Smith, Tyler Chapman

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

All those who are getting married: James Dryesdale and Georgia King 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, 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 Anglican Communion, please pray for Archbishop of Canterbury and Archbishop of York.

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, 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, Mervyn, Maxine

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

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 **June** 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, Chris Lay, Jill Dixon, Sheila Bradfield, Sheila Gibbs, Gordon Harvey

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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