

Bulletin for the week beginning 29th September

Sunday 29th September – St. Michael and All Angels

No 9am Holy Communion

10.30am: Parish Eucharist

Readings: Revelation 12. 7 - 12, Psalm 103. 19 - 22, Hebrews 1. 5 - 14, John 1. 47 - 51

12.00: Baptism of Indie Parkes

Monday 30th September

Jerome, Translator of the Scriptures, Teacher, 420

9.15am: Morning Prayer

Tuesday 1st October

Remigius, Bishop of Rheims, Apostle of the Franks, 533

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

10.00am: Albright's Tots

1.30pm: Time to Talk Tuesday

Wednesday 2nd October

10.00am: Lunch Club

2.30pm: Funeral of Donald Rampton

6.30pm: PCC Meeting with Holy Communion

Thursday 3rd October

George Bell, Bishop of Chichester, Ecumenist, Peacemaker, 1858

Friday 4th October

Francis of Assisi, Friar, Founder of the Friars Minor, 1226

10.30am: Holy Communion at Loganberry Lodge

Sunday 6th October – Harvest Celebration

09.00am: Holy Communion

10.30am: Parish Eucharist

4.30pm: Songs of Praise at Place for Grace (Harvest theme)

Harvest at St. Albright's

Our harvest celebration this year will be on **Sunday 6th October** with parish eucharist at 10.30 am and a Songs of Praise service on a harvest theme in church at 4.30 pm, followed by tea in the hall. We donate our gifts of produce to Colchester Engagement and Next Steps (formerly known as the Night Shelter) so do please bring them along on the Sunday, or you can leave them in the church during the week before.

Terrific Tuesdays

Tuesday is a busy day for our hall. Last Tuesday Albright's Tots started a new term with 12 children and their carers hugely enjoying their time and the facilities which we provide. If anyone would like to volunteer to help out with this flourishing group then please speak to Tony or Pam, both of whom are there every Tuesday.

Also, on the first and third Tuesdays of the month there is Time to Talk. This is a great opportunity for people to come and have a chat over a cuppa and to hear visiting speakers talk about facilities and events taking place in and around Stanway which are of benefit to the community. Subjects include health and welfare, benefits and grants, help with transport and technology, heating, money management and many more. Come along and share your experience and find out about what is going on locally.

And on the second Tuesday of the month there is the St. Albright's Ladies' Fellowship. If you are interested in this then do come along or contact Penny.

Votive Candles

Many people light candles on our votive candle stand before worship or on visits to the church at other times. It is a very powerful way of marking particular prayers - often for particular people either in need or deceased - and is much used by churches and cathedrals everywhere. (Votive simply refers to giving or a gift). In St. Albright's we have been carrying out a mini consultation recently as to the best location for the candle stand itself. In the past it has been at the entrance to the chapel, in the chapel, in the south aisle, and next to the lectern. Most people feel that the latter is best as it incorporates those prayers which the candles represent into the service, and they are more obvious.

Church Heating

After a lengthy period of research the PCC have decided upon a phased programme to restore the heating in the church. The details will be available shortly and a note will be sent out giving all the details. Our application to be a National Demonstrator Church for Net Zero will be considered in September. This should generate considerable funds to help us continue the objective of being net zero with the next two years or so. Part of this programme involves the removal of the old oil boiler and the tank

Church Gardeners

The group for maintaining the churchyard is still happy to have any more volunteers. Please contact Steve Whitfield on 07833-472766 or s.whitfield07@btinternet.com

Stanwell Hub

'Time to Talk Tuesday' now meets on the first and third Tuesdays of the month at St.

Andrew's Hall 1.30 to 3.00 pm. The next will be this **Tuesday, 1st October**. You can find details of what is happening at Time to Talk Tuesday and other wellbeing matters on StanWell Hub Facebook page [here](#).

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, 9th October**. 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. The next one will be on **Sunday, 6th October at the earlier than usual time of 4.30 on the theme of Harvest Thanksgiving**. There will be a Songs of Praise service in church with crafts and other activities simultaneously in the hall followed by tea. Further details from Tony.

Looking ahead, we are planning our usual Light Bulb event for Hallowe'en on **Thursday 31st October** from about 5.30 pm. We will be giving out packets of bulbs with special lights and providing light refreshments - a Christian perspective on Trick or Treat! It is always very popular and we will need lots of people to bring it about. If you can help with this then please contact Tony.

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

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.

St Albright's 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 one will be this **Tuesday, 1st October** on the theme of harvest.

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 is now thought for the month, but still written by members of the ministry team and others is available [here](#)

Giving

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.

For your prayers

Collect for Eighteenth Sunday After Trinity

Almighty and everlasting God, increase in us your gift of faith that, forsaking what lies behind and reaching out to that which is before, we may run the way of your commandments and win the crown of everlasting 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 St. Michael and all Angels

Everlasting God, you have ordained and constituted the ministries of the angels and mortals in a wonderful order: grant that as your holy angels always serve you in heaven, so, at your command, they may help and defend us on earth; 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. Upcoming baptisms: Indie Parkes,

Joseph Newman, Willow Woodward.

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

All those who have been married at 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, and the Lay Chair is Lynne Gettings.

All those who are to be ordained priest on 28th September.

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, 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 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 CMA Debt Centre

Colchester Korban 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, 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

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 **September** 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 8044**

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, Valeria Florea, Richard Mugford, Ida Totham, Donald Rampton.

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.

With best wishes,

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