

Bulletin for the weeks beginning 31st May – 28th June.

Sunday 31st May – Trinity Sunday

10.30am: Joint Holy Communion at St Albright's

Readings: Isaiah 40. 12-17,27-31; Psalm 8; 2 Corinthians 13. 11-13; Matthew 28. 16-20

Monday 1st June – The Visit of the Blessed Virgin Mary to Elizabeth

Christina Rossetti, Poet, 1894

Tuesday 2nd June

10.00am: Albright's Tots

Wednesday 3rd June

The Martyrs of Uganda, 1885-87 and 1977

12.00pm: Parish Lunch

Thursday 4th June – Day of Thanksgiving for Holy communion (Corpus Christi)

Petroc, Abbot of Padstow, 6th Century

Friday 5th June

Boniface (Wynfrith) of Crediton, Bishop, Apostle of Germany, Martyr, 754

Saturday 6th June

Ini Kopuria, Founder of the Melanesian Brotherhood, 1945

Sunday 7th June – First Sunday after Trinity

10.00am: Joint Holy Communion at St Cedd's

Readings: Hosea 5. 15-6.6; Psalm 50. 7-15; Romans 4. 13-25; Matthew 9. 9-13, 18-26

Monday 8th June

Thomas Ken, Bishop of Bath and Wells, Nonjuror, Hymn Writer, 1711

Tuesday 9th June

Columba, Abbot of Iona, Missionary, 597

Ephrem of Syria, Deacon, Hymn Writer, Teacher, 373

10.00am: Ladies Fellowship

Wednesday 10th June

10.30am: Community Coffee Morning

Thursday 11th June – Barnabas the Apostle

8.00pm: Churchwarden service at St Stephen

Sunday 14th June – Second Sunday after Trinity

10.30am: Joint Holy Communion at St Albright's

Readings: Exodus 19. 2-8a; Psalm 100; Romans 5. 1-8; Matthew 9. 35-10.8

Monday 15th June

Evelyn Underhill, spiritual Writer, 1941

Tuesday 16th June

Richard, Bishop of Chichester, 1253

Joseph Butler, Bishop of Durham, Philosopher, 1752

10.00am: Albright's Tots

7.00pm: Induction Rehearsal

Wednesday 17th June

Samuel and Henrietta Barnett, Social Reformers, 1913 and 1936

Thursday 18th June

Bernard Mizeki, Apostle of the MaShona, Martyr, 1896

Friday 19th June

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

Sunday 21st June – Third Sunday after Trinity

10.30am: Holy Communion at St Albright's

Readings: Jeremiah 20. 7-13; Psalm 69. 8-11,18-20; Romans 6. 1b-11; Matthew 10. 24-39

Monday 22nd June

Alban, first Martyr of Britain, c. 250

Tuesday 23rd June

Etheldreda, Abbess of Ely, c. 678

10.30am: Albright's Tots

6.00pm: Installation of Rev Nikki Horsley

Wednesday 24th June – The Birth of John the Baptist

Ember Day

10.30am: Community Coffee Morning

Friday 26th June

Ember Day

7.00pm: PCC Meeting

Saturday 27th June

Ember Day

Cyril, Bishop of Alexandria, Teacher, 444

Sunday 28th June – Fourth Sunday after Trinity

10.30am: Parish Eucharist at St Albright's

Readings: Jeremiah 28. 5-9; Psalm 89. 1-4,15-18; Romans 6. 12-23; Matthew 10. 40-42

Services

All Services are now back to the hall until further notice.

****Priest in Charge installation****

The Churchwardens and Parochial Church Councils of St Albright's, Stanway and All Saints with St Cedd, Shrub End, Colchester invite you to the Licensing by the Bishop of Colchester, The Rt Revd Roger Morris and the Installation by the Archdeacon of Colchester, The Ven. Ruth Patten of

The Revd Nikki Horsley

As Priest-in-Charge of the Parishes of St Albright's, Stanway and All Saints with St Cedd, Shrub End

Tuesday 23rd June 2026

at 7.30pm

at St Albright's Church, London Road, Stanway, CO3 8LT

Light Refreshments will follow the service

Clergy, Readers and LLM's are invited to robe in St Andrew's Hall, next to the church. (Choir Dress). Please let us know in your response if you plan to robe.

RSVP (by 14 June) to
St Albrights (office@stalbrights.org)
Churchwarden (pam@stalbrights.org)

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 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, 10th and 24th June**. 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.

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 on **Tuesday, 2nd, 16th, 23rd and 30th June**.

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 Trinity Sunday

Almighty and everlasting God, you have given us your servants grace, by the confession of a true faith, to acknowledge the glory of the eternal Trinity and in the power of the divine majesty to worship the unity: keep us steadfast in this faith, that we may evermore be defended from all adversities; 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 Visit of the Blessed Virgin Mary to Elizabeth

Mighty God, by whose grace Elizabeth rejoiced with Mary and greeted her as the mother of the Lord: look with favour on your lowly servants that, with Mary, we may magnify your holy name and rejoice to acclaim her Son our Saviour, who is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy spirit, one God, now and for ever.

Collect for Day of Thanksgiving for Holy communion (Corpus Christi)

Lord Jesus Christ, we thank you that in this wonderful sacrament you have given us the memorial of your passion: grant us so to reverence the sacred mysteries of your body and blood that we may know within ourselves and show forth in our lives the fruits of your redemption; for you are alive and reign with the father in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever.

Collect for First Sunday after Trinity

O God, the strength of all whose who put their trust in you, mercifully accept our prayers and, because through the weakness of our mortal nature we can do no good without you, grant us the help of your grace, that in the keeping of your commandments we may please you both in will and deed; 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 forever.

Collect for Barnabas the Apostle

Bountiful God, giver of all gifts, who poured your Spirit upon your servant Barnabas and gave him grace to encourage others: help us, by his example, to be generous in our judgements and unselfish in our service; 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 after Trinity

Lord, you have taught us that all our doings without love are nothing worth: send your Holy Spirit and pour into our hearts that most excellent gift of love, the true bond of peace and of all virtues, without which whoever lives is counted dead before you. Grant this for your only Son Jesus Christ's sake, 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 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.

Collect for The Birth of John the Baptist

Almighty God, by whose providence your servant John the Baptist was wonderfully born, and sent to prepare the way of your Son our Saviour by the preaching of repentance: lead us to repent according to his preaching and, after his example, constantly to speak the truth, boldly to rebuke vice, and patiently to suffer for the truth's sake; 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 Fourth Sunday of Trinity

O God, the protector of all who trust in you, without whom nothing is strong, nothing is holy: increase and multiply upon us your mercy; that with you as our ruler and guide we may so pass through things temporal that we lose not our hold on things eternal; grant this, heavenly Father, for our Lord Jesus Christ's sake, 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:, Brooke Novelle Smith, Elish-Marie Emma Louise Roberts

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, 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, 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, Mervyn, 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, 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 **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

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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