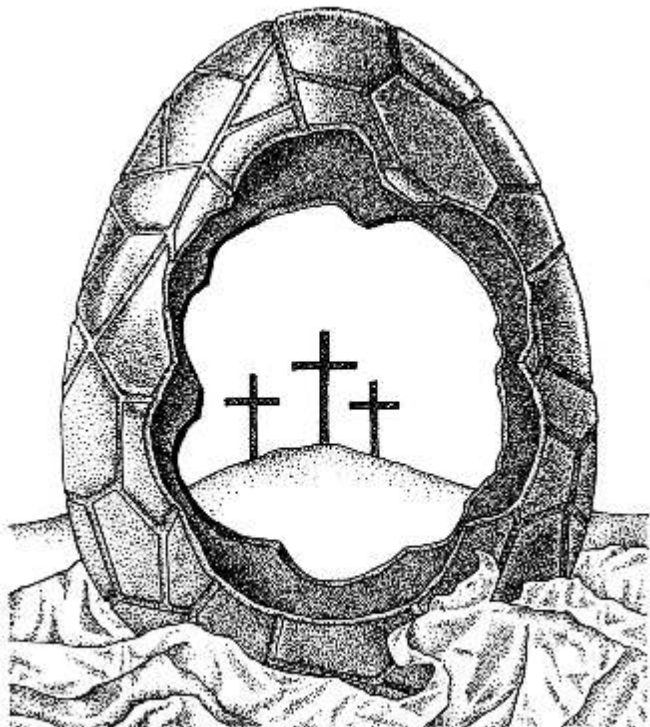


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EAST & WEST TILBURY AND LINFORD PARISH MAGAZINE

Parish web site: www.stcatherinesthurrock.org.uk

BITS AND PIECES

Its that time of year and if you gave a **Childrens' Society** collecting box then June Schroeder would like it returned to her for emptying so that the money can be passed on to the society. Thank you

100 Club

Archdeacon Mike Lodge made the draw on February 25th. I did announce that there would be a stewards enquiry if Joan Dighton won the money. Joan didn't win but believe it or not her son who lives in East Tilbury village was the winner.

Perhaps Joan's son who lives in Linford might win in March. The Dighton's should do the Lottery.

The winner drawn by Revd. Linda Peall on Palm Sunday was Julia Crone from Chadwell St. Mary. Good to see a new winner. Remember the £50 winner will be drawn at the Summer Fete. *Norman*

Our second austerity LENT lunch took place on Palm Sunday. Some 25 sat down for a meal of homemade soup and bread. The donations to Bishop Stephen's Lent appeal on the day were £80 - a terrific response..

On Friday 23rd March the Rayleigh Grange U3A visited St. Catherine's to hear about and see for themselves the work that had been done to bring the building into the 21st century.

Jean Atherton, the Senior Steward at the Linford Methodist Church sends the following Easter Greeting.

"Linford Methodist Church would like to wish our friends at St Catherine's a very happy, blessed Easter as we rejoice in

the resurrection of Jesus, our Lord and Saviour."

If you have children or grandchildren to entertain over the Easter holiday there are lots of activities at Coalhouse Fort and the Wildlife Centre at Mucking. They are too many to list here but details are available on their websites and locally.

The Easter weekend sees the start of the St. Catherine's open afternoons with tea and homemade cakes available on Easter Sunday and Bank Holiday Monday. Do remind friends and neighbours and lets hope that the weather is fine. We will also be open on Sunday 29th April..

Our church annual meetings are at St. Francis on 10th April at 7.30 pm and will be chaired by the Area Dean, Canon Darren Barlow. This is the annual opportunity to hear something of the work and finances of the parish as well as electing the Church Wardens and P.C.C. Members for the next year. Please do try a get along if you can.

Elsewhere in this edition of Pewtalk there are advertisements for our Quiz night on April 7th and a concert given by the "Essex Music Man" on 5th May. Please promote these events amongst your friends and family.

From the Prime Minister's office on 9th March 2018



The Queen has approved the nomination of the Venerable Dr John Perumbalath, BA, BD, MA, MTh, PhD, Archdeacon of Barking, in the Diocese of Chelmsford, to the Suffragan See of Bradwell, in the Diocese of Chelmsford in succession to the Right Reverend John Michael Wraw, BA, who died on 25 July 2017.

The Venerable Dr John Perumbalath (52) hails from the ancient Syrian Christian community in Kerala, India, and trained for ministry at Union Biblical Seminary, Pune. Before his ordination he worked as a youth worker among university students for two years and as a theological educator for three years. He was a parish priest in the diocese of Calcutta (Church of North India) from 1995 to 2001. He served on the General Synod of CNI and on its Theological Commission. Since his move to the United Kingdom, he served in the diocese of Rochester as Associate Priest at St George's Beckenham (2002-05), Team Vicar in Northfleet & Rosherville (2005-08), Vicar of All Saints, Perry Street & Diocesan Urban Officer (2008-13) before he was appointed the Archdeacon of Barking in 2013.

John also holds a wider role locally and nationally. He chairs the Committee for Minority Ethnic Anglican Concerns (CMEAC) and London Churches Refugee Network. He is a member of the General Synod and sits on the Appointment Committee of the Church of England, Mission & Public Affairs Council, and the trustee board of Westcott House, Cambridge.

John is married to Jessy, a Mathematics teacher and they have a daughter, Anugraha, a medical student. John has contributed reflections for Church House Publishing and has taken up speaking engagements in various provinces of Anglican Communion. He holds postgraduate degrees in Philosophy and Biblical studies and a doctorate in hermeneutics

The new Bishop will be consecrated on 3rd July and formally installed as the Bishop of Bradwell at Chelmsford Cathedral on Sunday 22nd July.....Ed

St. Paul's Shipwreck

A bit fed up with the snow and cold Sheila and I booked a few days in Malta. I knew very little about the island. A number of young people from Malta came to work at Bata during the 60's and the island was awarded the George Cross for valour during the Second World War. The Island is however mentioned in the Bible. St. Paul was shipwrecked on February 10th (my birthday). Acts ch27 v39.

"When day broke they could not recognise the land, but they noticed a bay with a sandy beach, on which they planned, if possible, to run the ship ashore. Once we had made our way to safety we identified the island as Malta".

The bay is now known as St. Paul's bay and the visit is celebrated in Church In Valletta. The story goes that Paul lit a fire and a snake driven out by the heat hung on his hand. The locals took this as a sign that he was a murderer and divine justice would not let him live. Paul however shook the snake in to the fire and was none the worse. Paul suffered no ill effects and was then considered a God and Malta is free from snakes.

Norman

Thurrock Homeless - a Christian response

At a recent gathering of church leaders at their Thursday morning prayer meeting (which happened to take place at our St. Francis Centre) they were joined by two representatives of the St. Mungo's charity. St. Mungo's works with Thurrock on homeless issues and at this meeting they spoke about the issue of "rough sleepers" in our borough. Last year we had direct experience of the issue with campers in St. Catherine's churchyard who, in one case, were significantly helped to get back on their feet by St. Mungo's. At the prayer meeting we were told of the work which had been done in Basildon to establish a "night shelter" during the winter months. It was explained that in 2016/7, their first year of operation, they were open for 3 nights a week and this year for 5 nights.

As a result of this meeting, at which many of those present felt particularly challenged to try to do something, it was decided that an open meeting should be arranged for members of Thurrock churches to learn more about the work in Basildon and see if a similar project might be possible in Thurrock. On 23rd March, Ashley Lovett who is the minister at Sockets Heath Baptist church chaired a well attended meeting in his church, to be addressed by the Revd. Esther McCafferty, Rector of St. Martin's in Basildon who was heavily involved in the setup of their night shelter.

Apart from folk from several churches and Esther, there were three people from the council, all of whom were involved in housing in one way or another. Ashley invited them to give the meeting an overview of the situation in Thurrock. Apart from explaining the rather complex rules that govern when and how they can intervene in a homeless situation (and it is not always possible) they told us that these will change at the beginning of May. With regard to rough sleepers they explained that they and St.

Mungo's were involved in recording the scale of the issue. Their analysis was that they had identified 4 people in autumn 2016 and 9 in autumn 2017 although it was accepted that these were probably underestimates.

Rev. McCafferty was then invited to explain to the meeting how the Basildon night shelter came into being. It took several years to set up and involved a number of the interested agencies working together. The result was a number of individual churches that together provided overnight accommodation and meals for the homeless. She spoke of the problems that they had encountered as well as the successes. She also explained that they had used the resources of the charity "Housing Justice" which had developed "Shelter in a Pack" to help set up a night shelter project. After she had spoken there was a time for questions both to her and to the council representatives.

The next stage is to see if there is sufficient interest to set up a project group in Thurrock. If you are interested please speak with Chris, Kim, David or Sandra who were at the meeting and we could put you in touch with Ashley.

Chris Ford



The poster features a yellow smiley face logo with 'BBC NEWS' text in the top left and bottom right corners. The main text is centered and reads: 'Fundraising Quiz' in red, 'in aid of' in black, 'St Catherine's Church East Tilbury' in red, 'at' in black, 'St Francis Centre, Linford, corner of Somerset Rd and Lower Crescent SS17 0QA' in red, 'on' in black, and 'Saturday 7th April, 7pm for 7.30' in red. Below this, it says 'Please bring your teams of up to 4 people at £5 each person', 'Please feel free to bring your own drinks and nibbles', 'Refreshments will be available', and 'to book your table or for further contact'. At the bottom, it lists 'Free Publicity at £100', 'Free Flyer at £100', 'Free copy of our book page 100', 'to contact Gordon call 0330 454422', 'www.stcath.net', and 'www.stcath.net'. A small version of the smiley face logo is in the bottom right corner.

London Marathon



Paul Ruskin has been in touch to say that he is running in the London Marathon for the 3rd and

(he says) the last time this year. As in previous years, he is running for "The Neuro Foundation" which is the charity that supports people like Paul's wife Hollie who suffer from Neurofibromatosis. There is a internet site for donations. It is :-

uk.virginmoneygiving.com/PaulRuskin

Bonhoeffer and the Nazis



The renowned German theologian and anti-Nazi Dietrich Bonhoeffer was arrested by the Gestapo 75 years ago this month, on 5th April 1943, at the age of 37. He was executed in April 1945.

Born to a distinguished family in Breslau, now part of Poland, Bonhoeffer was strongly influenced by time in the United States, where he was associated with a church in Harlem and formed a lifelong love for African-American spirituals. It was here that he began to see things from the perspective of those who suffer oppression.

Offered a parish post in Berlin in late 1933, he refused it in protest at the nationalist policy, and accepted a two-year appointment as a pastor of two German-speaking Protestant churches in London, aiming to obtain support for the Confessing Church in Germany, which resisted the Nazis and aimed to preserve traditional beliefs. His success was limited.

During the war Bonhoeffer was harassed by the Nazi authorities and forbidden to speak in public, to print or to publish. He joined the Abwehr, and under cover of this served as a courier for the German resistance movement, trying to gain support for it abroad. He was ignored by the UK government.

Bonhoeffer's famous quotations include:

'In a world where success is the measure and justification of all things the figure of Him who was sentenced and crucified remains a stranger and is at best the object of pity. . . . The figure of the Crucified invalidates all thought that takes success for its standard.'

'The Church is the Church only when it exists for others . . . not dominating, but helping and serving. It must tell men of every calling what it means to live for Christ, to exist for others.'

'The ultimate test of a moral society is the kind of world that it leaves to its children.'

His Letters and Papers from Prison and Cost of Discipleship have become landmark books.

Billy Graham - godly man with a simple message

Billy Graham, the renowned American evangelist, was remembered with great fondness by Christians the world over when news of his death was announced on Wednesday 21st February. He died peacefully in his sleep, aged 99.

Billy Graham leaves a unique legacy: he preached to more people in live audiences than anyone else in history - nearly 215 million of them, in 185 countries and territories. Hundreds of millions more were reached through television, video, film and webcasts.

Born William Franklin Graham on 7th November 1918, four days before the Armistice ended World War I, Billy Graham was reared on a dairy farm in Charlotte, North Carolina. He grew up during the Depression, working hard on the family farm.

In late 1934, when he was 15, Billy Graham was converted to Christianity through the ministry of Mordecai Ham, a travelling evangelist, who visited Charlotte for a series of revival meetings. He was ordained in 1939 by Peniel Baptist Church in Palatka, Florida (a church in the Southern Baptist Convention) and studied at Florida Bible Institute (now Trinity College of Florida) and Wheaton College Illinois, before going into the ministry. He also married a fellow student, Ruth McCue Bell, daughter of a missionary surgeon to China.

Billy Graham's gift of evangelistic preaching was evident early on, but it was the 1949 Los Angeles Crusade which vaulted him into the public eye. He astonished the churches and people of Los Angeles by drawing 350,000 people over eight weeks, and leading 3,000 of them to make decisions for Christ. In the nearly 60 years of ministry that followed, Billy Graham preached the gospel in nearly every corner of the world. His last 'crusade' was at Flushing Meadow in New York in 2005.

Many Christians in the UK can trace their own faith in God back to Billy Graham's crusade to Harringay in 1954, or Earls Court in 1966 or 1967, or to Mission England, in 1984, as well as other, shorter visits. Hundreds of men went for ordination because of his preaching.

Billy Graham's son, Franklin, writes: 'My father's journey of faith on earth has ended. He has been reunited with my mother and has stepped into the eternal joy of Heaven in the presence of his Saviour, in whom he placed his hope.'



Thurrock Gospel Choir present an

Inter-Church CELEBRATION

For Easter 2018

Featuring the audio-visual worship musical

GLORIOUS DAY

At

The Salvation Army, Clarence Road on 30th March at 4.30pm

Sockets Heath Baptist Church, Premier Ave. on 1st April at 6.30pm

St. Mary & St. Peter, Wennington Rd, Wennington on 7th April at 7.30pm

St. Cedd's, Crammavill Street on 8th April at 6.00pm

Community Church, Defoe Parade, Chadwell on 11th April at 7.30pm

FROM THE MARCH MEETING OF THE P.C.C.

The PCC met on Monday 26th March in St. Catherine's at 7.30pm.

David Gunn was welcomed to the meeting as our newly commissioned Pastoral Assistant

Under matters arising from the previous minutes, Colin reported that he had provided all requested information to the Diocesan Registrar with regard to the faculty request for the Billinghurst memorial. It was noted that the WW1 exhibition of composers was poorly attended and not at all advertised by the organisers.

Under correspondence it was noted that the Diocese have arranged PCC training days for 16th June and 8th September. These were designed to cover many of the roles and responsibilities of PCC members.

Colin had had a request from Michelle Savage at Coalhouse Fort to see if the church could be used as an indoor space for a "toddler" group that she was thinking of starting. It was agreed that this was something worth supporting.

The PCC agreed the latest version of the "Parish Profile" which now seeks a Priest in Charge for the parish rather than an Associate Priest as was the case when the plan was for Revd. David Rollins to assume the role of Priest in Charge. The profile is now available on our website.

Colin reported that all services for April were now covered and he was now working on May. However he was awaiting a conversation with the Archdeacon to see whether he has been able to arrange more regular cover before dealing with June. He had spoken with Bob Magor and suggested that Bob get in touch with him if / when he

feels well enough to provide Wednesday cover again.

Colin also told the meeting that, as far as the occasional water ingress in the kitchen was concerned, he had asked our architect to seek a guarantee from Bakers that should this happen again they would immediately investigate; rather than Bakers open up the ceiling now to see what evidence they could find; at a possible cost of £500.

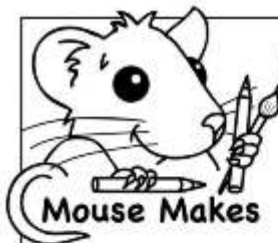
Sue explained that she had made enquiries about the Diocesan course dealing with the new data protection requirements, set to become law in May. She had been told that no trainers were available as they were all committed to other organisations already.

After Norman had reviewed the accounts for 2017 the "Annual Report and Financial Statements of the Parochial Church Council" was approved unanimously as was the "Report of the work and activities" and the Electoral Roll. An honorarium was also agreed for the Independent Examiner of our accounts.

Norman reminded the meeting that we had had considerable help from the Mardyke team none of whom had claimed any expenses. It was agreed to give £250 to the team in lieu of these costs.

Pam Painter reported on the recent Social Committee meeting and as the March cake sale had raised some £155 it was agreed to continue with this event next year. The advertising of the April Quiz night and May concert was discussed and arrangements are in hand to do a certain, amount of leafleting for the concert.

The meeting ended at 9pm.



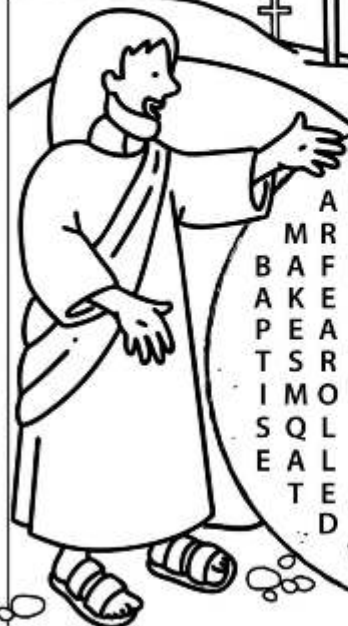
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Read the account of Jesus' resurrection in *Matthew 28:1-20*

JESUS IS ALIVE!

After Jesus had been raised from the dead He met Mary and Mary Magdalene "Greetings," He said, "Do not be afraid. Go tell my brothers to go to Galilee. They will see me there."

When the disciples met Jesus in Galilee He said to them, "All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me. Therefore go and make disciples of all nations, baptising them in the name of the Father and the Son and the Holy Spirit, teaching them to obey everything I have commanded you. **And remember I am with you always, to the end of the age.**"



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PARISH DIARY FOR APRIL

Our Sunday services are at St. Catherine's



1 Apr	EASTER DAY Parish Communion <i>Church open for tea and cake</i>	10am 2pm
2 Apr	Easter Bank Holiday <i>Church open for tea and cake</i>	2pm
4 Apr	Holy Communion (St Francis) Drop In at St Francis	10am 10.30am - noon
5 Apr	Foodbank at St. Francis	11am - 1pm
7 Apr	Quiz Night at St. Francis, in aid of parish funds	7pm
8 Apr	2nd Sunday of EASTER Parish Communion	10am
10 Apr	** Parish Annual Meetings at St. Francis **	7.30pm
11 Apr	Holy Communion (St Francis) Drop In at St Francis	10am 10.30am - noon
12 Apr	Foodbank at St. Francis	11am - 1pm
15 Apr	3rd Sunday of EASTER Parish Communion and Sunday School	10am
18 Apr	Holy Communion (St Francis) Drop In at St Francis	10am 10.30am - noon
19 Apr	Foodbank at St. Francis	11am - 1pm
22 Apr	4th Sunday of EASTER Parish Communion Baptism of Charlie Paul Crickmay	10am 12.30pm
25 Apr	Holy Communion (St Francis) Drop In at St Francis	10am 10.30am - noon
26 Apr	Foodbank at St. Francis	11am - 1pm
28 Apr	Church cleaning - help needed	10am
29 Apr	5th Sunday of EASTER Parish Communion Church open for tea and homemade cakes	10am 2pm

Please note: The WELCOM forum meeting for April is apparently still to be decided. It is likely to be dealing with an update on the Thames crossing and at the time of writing date, time and venue are to be determined.....Ed.

FROM ST CATHERINE'S PARISH REGISTERS

Baptisms

18 Mar Luna Alana Churchman

Funerals

15 Mar Dorrie Crisp (postponed from 28th February due to snow)

Internment of Ashes

15 Mar Dorothy Colbert

Jazz

Classical

An evening with

The Essex Music Man

Angelo Tsocos

with

Sarah Deller on Saxophone

at

St Catherine's Church East Tilbury

Saturday 5th May 7 for 7.30pm

Tickets are now available, refreshments during the break

Contact Pam Painter on 02075 843018

email p.painter@essexmusic.com

you can apply on our Facebook page St Catherine's Church, East Tilbury

or contact Geraldine on 02027 404493

email geraldine_cdd@essexmusic.com

www.essexmusic.co.uk

POP



What happened to our shoeboxes?

Norman and Sheila received the following message some time ago:-

"Dear Norman and Sheila,
It was nice to chat with you both on the phone today. Many, many thanks to you both and your church family at St.Catherine's for all of the Shoeboxes filled and sent. It was lovely to hear of the lady who did Shoeboxes with her grandchildren and then received a video. What a blessing it is to know of the joy these gifts bring. The UK total was 678,942 plus 8,000 to Ukraine and a lorry load to Belarus, both leaving the Harlow warehouse in the last few weeks. Worldwide total was 11,012,840+ At our Rayleigh warehouse, we increased our total to 6,156. God bless you both, Best wishes from Diane"

The Parish

The Priest in charge

The Parish is without a priest at the present time.

All enquiries should be made to Churchwarden, Colin Strong:

Telephone: 07591 708955

E-mail: warden.colin.stcatherines@gmail.com

The Services

Sunday 10.00 a.m. Holy Communion service at St. Catherine's
Except 1st Sunday of the month when we have
"The Family Service"

Wednesday 10.00 a.m. Holy Communion at St. Francis
For Baptisms, Weddings or Funerals please contact Colin Strong in the first
instance.

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regular events when not used by
the Church. To check availability
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