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# BITS AND PIECES

Our Rector, Canon Paul leaves the parish at the end of August and we will be formally saying farewell on Sunday 28<sup>th</sup> August at 5.30pm. Everyone is welcome.

At their meeting on 19<sup>th</sup> July the Church Council began thinking about the social events for the autumn. It was agreed to have a meeting of the Social Committee on 16<sup>th</sup> Tuesday 16<sup>th</sup> August at St. Catherine's at 7.30pm. If you are interested in helping with the planning and organisation of the social side of the church please come and help the discussions.

While on the social theme we have our annual parish picnic at St. Francis in Linford on Sunday 21<sup>st</sup> August. The morning communion service will be at St. Francis and the picnic will start soon after. Everyone is welcome to join us even if you cannot be at church first. Just turn up at about noon with your food and picnicking paraphernalia.

There is no Bible Study during August and so our next meeting will be on 16<sup>th</sup> September at the Linford Methodist Church.

You may have seen either at St. Francis, St. Catherine's or elsewhere in the parish "flyers" for a relaxation class to be held in St. Catherine's. The first session was held on Tuesday 26<sup>th</sup> July. For more information please contact

Veronica on 01375-859844 or 07940 566981

We held our annual Summer Fete on Saturday 26<sup>th</sup> June and because there was some doubt about the likelihood of rain, most of the stalls were inside the church. However the Grays Town Band together with the book stall, plant stall and barbeque in the churchyard ensured that passers by knew what was going on. In total the day raised over £1,000 for church funds but much more importantly it was a lovely, friendly event and our refurbished building was greatly admired. The result of the raffle was:-

- 1<sup>st</sup> prize to Lynda Day
- 2<sup>nd</sup> prize to David Reynolds
- 3<sup>rd</sup> prize to Alan Knight
- 4<sup>th</sup> prize to Susan Oldfield

Many years ago Archbishop William Temple said "The Church is the only organisation that exists for the wellbeing and fraternity of its non-members". This is very true for the Church of England with its parish system of providing Christian support in every corner of the country. Recently our Local Area Co-Ordinator, Karen Dobson took the opportunity to show two new Police Officers around her (and our patch). They were very impressed with the community support that we and our Methodist friends provide.

During the 1960's, the era of the "Cold War", some western leaders thought that the Russian President's (Nikita Krushchev) willingness to talk and trade signaled Russia was moving away from Communism. Krushchev's sharp reply was memorable – "Russian will only abandon Marx and Lenin when shrimps begin to whistle"! By the end of the 20<sup>th</sup> Century, the Berlin Wall was down and Russia was singing the virtues of capitalism, no doubt accompanied by choirs of whistling shrimps.

Musical shrimps or not, barricades against change always fall, and only rarely can we predict how those changes will turn out. Christians believe that change is a central part of God's plan, supremely seen in how the world was changed forever by the life, example, teaching, death and resurrection of Jesus. We can also see the God-createdness of change in the patterns of the seasons, in the natural world, in our own experiences of developing maturity and getting older, and most of all in the power of God to make a radical difference to our lives, renewing and re-energising us. Not that the God-giveness of change means we won't be disturbed by changes when they happen.

It is often Christians and other religious people who fight against change both in society and in the church. And the pleading, "Everything else in the world has changed, Vicar, please keep the church the same" comes from those not hearing the shrimps. It is comfortable that way. But the Christian use of the word "comfort" goes back to Jesus describing the Holy Spirit he gives to all his followers, as the "Com**forter**" and with the meaning we still use, for example, in Coalhouse "**Fort**" and its "**fortifications**". Comfort is all about God giving us strength to make changes, and to live with changes.

We and many others find St Catherine's and its churchyard to be a wonderful oasis of peace. Yet this seems to be more so *because* of, rather than *despite* of, all the changes made over the past year. God is with us when things change, he is the God who can change us, and the creator who is always creating or making things new, and making things different for us. We praise God for all that, whether or not the shrimps join in the chorus.

*Paul*

## **100 Club**

The 100 Club was drawn on Sunday in the presence of Cardboard cut outs of Her Majesty the Queen and Prince Harry. Road Closures meant a small congregation. The winner of £10 was Hazel Green from the village.



The draw for £50 was made at the Summer Fete and the £50 was won by David Kay Pam Painters Son - In - Law who has supported the 100 Club from the beginning. David is a keen football man and whilst I'm sure the £50 was welcome I don't think it will help core the pain of Arsenal coming second in the league and England's terrible Euro performance.

Thank you to everyone for their support this year which raised over £200 for Church Funds.

The new 100 Club years starts in August. If you would like to join please let me have your £10 .The earlier I have the money the more chance you have of getting your money back and of course if I have the money before Christmas you could, like David, win £50.

The more 100 Club members the more money raised relatively easily for Church funds. Your support would be very much appreciated.

### **A SLICE OF SUMMER**

#### **THE ICE CREAM PRAYER**

For home-made lollies, cheap but good  
that find us in a thirsty mood;  
For ices made of milk or cream  
that slip down smoothly as a dream;  
For cornets, sandwiches and pies,  
that make the gastric juices rise;  
For ices bought in little shops  
or at the kerb from him who stops;  
For chanting of the sweet refrain –  
“With sprinkles, “99”, or plain?”  
We thank you, Lord, who sends with heat  
this cool deliciousness to eat. Amen



## FROM THE JULY PCC MEETING

The July PCC in St Catherine's was on one of the hottest days of the year, but our PCC are all "cool" and the friendly discussions were all low temperature too.

Drinks from our **new coffee machine** are very popular – helped by the wonderful coffee aroma drifting into church. We are getting a second flask so we can keep up with the demand.

### Having **lay people leading the first part of our Sunday**

**Communion** services has been welcomed and works well. We welcome more people from the congregation to join the team leading services. See the Paul or the Wardens to find out more.

A member of the congregation asked the PCC to explain why we had introduced the non-Communion Family Service on the first Sunday each month.

### **Some reasons are practical -**

1. With an unknown length of time ahead without our own Parish Priest, the PCC are determined there will **always** be a service every Sunday morning at St. Catherine's.

2. From September clergy from other parishes will take Communion services but it helps them if one service a month won't need clergy.

### **Some reasons are about the mission of our church**

1. We all want our church to grow and to remain open. People who start to come to church have little experience of church worship or all that Christianity is about and of course, we are here to welcome them and encourage them. Which is why for 400 years Church of England's pattern of Sunday services always has been a mixture of both Communion and non- Communion services.

2. The Family Service, is just that. It isn't a children's service, but inclusive for everyone, for all members of the Family of God. So though there were no young children at our second Family Service - as there aren't always children and young people present when any family meets – it still was a Family service.

A meeting of a new Social Committee was fixed for Tuesday 16<sup>th</sup> August at St Catherine's. Already in the diary is the annual Parish Picnic (and highly fought over boules competition!) on Sunday 21<sup>st</sup> August. On that day we will be also holding our Sunday Parish Communion at St Francis' too.

Following the popularity of the pensioner's afternoon tea celebrating the Queen's 90<sup>th</sup> birthday in June, we plan a similar afternoon for pensioners from our parish nearer Christmas.

## **Community First Responders**

We have had community first responders in our parish for some years and the St. Francis Centre has been used by them to train people in the “Heartstart” techniques. We have also seen emergency defibrillators installed at the Linford shops, the East Tilbury Post Office and the “Ship” public house in East Tilbury Village. I thought that it might be of interest to read a little about the CFR programme. For more information the website is [www.eastamb.nhs.uk](http://www.eastamb.nhs.uk)

### **What is a community first responder**

Community first responders (CFR) are volunteers with life-saving skills who attend medical emergencies where they live or work on behalf of the ambulance service. Because they volunteer in their community, they often can reach a patient before the arrival of an ambulance or response car.

### **Why do we need your help?**

Every second counts when someone is in cardiac arrest. It is not always possible to get an ambulance to a patient in under eight minutes in remote parts of the East of England. However, immediate cardiopulmonary resuscitation (CPR) and early use of a defibrillator greatly increase the chances of survival. The East of England Ambulance Service NHS Trust (EEAST) provides CFRs training to be able to save lives when someone's heart has stopped.

### **Who can become a CFR?**

Anyone can become a CFR but you must:

- \* be physically fit.
- \* be aged between 18~70.
- \* agree to a disclosure and barring service check (DB5).
- \* have a sympathetic, caring nature
- \* agree to undertake training, which is provided by the service.

### **What training is provided?**

The course aims to provide you with the knowledge and skills to act as an agent of EEAST and to be able to attend life-threatening medical emergencies such as cardiac arrests, diabetic emergencies, allergic reactions and patient with chest pain or breathing difficulties. It will give you the knowledge and skills to deliver emergency first aid and resuscitation to a patient prior to the arrival of a health care professional. The programme will also train you in necessary health and safety

requirements, and in communication and risk assessment to enable you to operate in a safe and ethical manner in line with ambulance service policies and procedures. It will incorporate an induction to the NHS to ensure every volunteer understands their role within the NHS and the ambulance service.

### **How are CFRs dispatched?**

When we receive a 999 emergency call, the call is prioritised to establish if it is suitable to send a community first responder. If so, the nearest available group is notified to alert them to a call within their area. An ambulance will always be mobilised at the same time. The responder travels under normal road conditions. Being in the community, the average time to reach the patient should not normally exceed three to four minutes, depending on location. Once an ambulance arrives on scene, the responder hands over to the crew and maybe asked to assist. First responders are not able to claim any exemption under the Road Traffic Act and are therefore obliged to adhere to all road traffic regulations. The use of audible or visual devices, i.e. blue lights/sirens is strictly prohibited.

### **The Best Ever?**

The WELCOM Forum have been organising the Community Fun Day for a number of years now. It is what it claims to be a Fun Day for all members of the family for as little cost as possible.

We hire a stage and sound system for the younger generation to perform and show as the amazing amount of talent we have in this community.

Free inflatables for all the children and as many stalls as we can get for adults to browse and see again how many small family run local business are available for us to support. Plus of course uniform organisations and local charities.

Of course over the years it has evolved we quickly learnt that you couldn't have a rock group on the stage and Tilbury band playing in another part of the park that just did not work! In the past we have had to contend with high winds which had gazebos flying through the air and of course torrential rain.

I think I can safely say that the 2016 Fun Day has been the best ever. Perfect weather, great inflatables and rides, the most stalls we have ever had and of course **YOU** the local residents who came out to support us in such numbers.

Many thanks to all the organisers and supporters for making these events possible

Marian Kuyper (Secretary WELCOM Forum)

## The Thurrock Art Trail

St. Catherine's provided one venue for the Thurrock Art Trail this year and we estimate that during the fortnight at least 250 people will have viewed the pictures on display. The pictures and the building were very much appreciated with one comment in the visitor's book reading:-



*"The best venue yet and by far, my favourite exhibition."*

With financial help from the Coalhouse Fort project the church has purchased a system for hanging pictures and photographs and in future we are thinking of making this available for local artists and photographers to show their work during our open afternoons.

## An appeal for help!

For many years our neighbourhood was spoiled by the operations at the refuse tip operated by Cory Environmental with all the inconvenience of the many lorry movements and the, often very pungent, smell.

However since the Essex Wildlife Trust opened the Thurrock Thameside

Nature Park the former eyesore is being transformed into a very real local, regional and national amenity.

### *Essex Wildlife Trust*

**Thurrock Thameside Nature Park**

Thurrock Thameside Nature Park, Station Approach, Thurrock, Essex, S17 1JL  
Tel: 01702 643342



## **VOLUNTEERS NEEDED**

Do you have a few hours per week/fortnight to spare?

Would you like to meet new people, gain or develop new skills and help our Wildlife?

We are currently in need of volunteers in the following areas:

- Meet and Greeters
- Retail Assistants
- Café Assistants
- Education and Events Assistants
- Membership Recruitment
- Assistant Rangers
- Administration

No experience needed as training will be given.

If you are interested, please come in and speak to us or contact Leanne on 01375 643342 or [leannec@essexwt.org.uk](mailto:leannec@essexwt.org.uk) for more information.

The location is not only a splendid place to observe wildlife but also an ideal vantage point for "ship spotting" and viewing the activity at DP World's "superport".

Although the site is managed by staff of the wildlife trust, the scale of the undertaking means that it has to rely heavily on volunteers to keep it running smoothly. As you can see from the poster supplied by the Centre Manager, Leanne Clayton, there are lots of openings for volunteers. If you or someone you know might be interested, contact Leanne.



## THE BIG CATCH OF FISH

The disciples had spent all night out on the lake fishing. As the sun rose a man on the shore asked them, "Have you caught anything?" They answered, "Not a thing". He said to them "Throw your net out on the right side of the boat and you will catch some."

### Mouse Makes

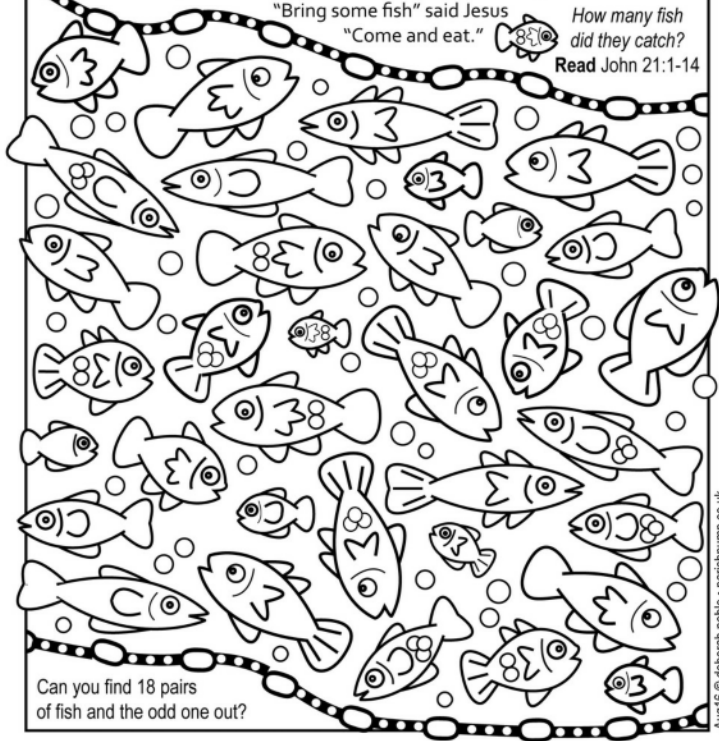
So they threw the net out and could not pull it back in because they had caught so many fish.

Then John recognised the man and said, "It is the Lord" When they reached the shore there was a fire burning and some bread.

"Bring some fish" said Jesus  
"Come and eat."

How many fish  
did they catch?

Read John 21:1-14



Can you find 18 pairs  
of fish and the odd one out?



## PARISH DIARY FOR AUGUST

*Our Sunday services are at St. Catherine's*



3 Aug	Holy Communion (St Francis) Drop – in (St Francis)	10 am 10.30am – noon
4 Aug	Foodbank at St Francis	11am – 1pm
5 Aug	Parish Office	6.30pm -7.30pm
7 Aug	<b>11<sup>th</sup> SUNDAY after TRINITY</b> The Family Service	10am
10 Aug	Holy Communion (St Francis) Drop In at St Francis	10am 10.30am – noon
11 Aug	Foodbank at St. Francis	11am - 1pm
12 Aug	Parish Office	6.30pm -7.30pm
14 Aug	<b>12<sup>th</sup> SUNDAY after TRINITY</b> Parish Communion Baptism of Aaliyah Grace May Gaut Baptism of Leo Joseph Charlie Krasner	10 am 12 noon 1pm 7.30pm
16 Aug	Social committee at St. Catherine's	7.30pm
17 Aug	Holy Communion (St Francis) Drop In at St Francis	10am 10.30am - noon
18 Aug	Foodbank at St. Francis	11am - 1pm
19 Aug	Parish Office	6.30pm -7.30pm
20 Aug	Baptism of Elsie Robyn Draper Baptism of Bella-Rose, Maelie & George Flack	1pm 3pm
21 Aug	<b>13<sup>th</sup> SUNDAY after TRINITY</b> Parish Communion (at St. Francis) <b>followed by Parish Picnic</b> Baptism of Macie Anne May Walsh	<b>10 am</b> 12 noon
24 Aug	Holy Communion (St Francis) Drop In at St Francis	10am 10.30am - noon
25 Aug	Foodbank at St Francis	11am - 1pm
26 Aug	Parish Office	6.30pm -7.30pm
28 Aug	<b>14<sup>th</sup> SUNDAY after TRINITY</b> Parish Communion & Baptism of William John Allan Baptism of Jack Burton OPEN DAY Farewell to Canon Paul	10 am 12 noon 2pm - 5pm 5.30pm
29 Aug	BANK HOLIDAY OPEN DAY	2pm – 5pm
31 Aug	Holy Communion (St Francis) Drop In at St Francis	10am 10.30am - noon

## **FROM ST CATHERINE'S PARISH REGISTERS**

### **BAPTISMS**

- 10 July Daisy Harriet, daughter of Holly and Lee Gisby  
10 July Macey Ella, daughter of Magdalena Wolkaniac  
& Mikolaj Nelder  
17 July Ralph John Stanley, son of Emma Clark & Grant Wylde

### **WEDDINGS**

- 2 July** Liam Paul Gurnham and Alexandra Jordan Eastoe  
**16 July** Owen Christopher Ward and Suzanne Emma Howells

### **FUNERALS**

- 14 July** Edith Dorothy Pitcher  
**15 July** Elizabeth Ann Cunningham  
**22 July** Mary Wolski

### **BURIAL OF ASHES**

- 28 June** Bayleigh Ruskin  
**18 July** John William Lewis  
18 July Charles William Cable

### **Norman's thoughts on:-**

#### **The Queen's 90<sup>th</sup> birthday celebrations**

Over the weekend on June 11-12 two celebrations took place in St. Catherine's. Afternoon Tea for the Senior Citizens on Saturday and a Family celebration on Sunday the 12th. hence the cardboard cut outs of Her Majesty and Prince Harry. Our Rural Dean Darren Barlow preached at the service on Sunday mentioning that he had never preached in front of Royalty. It was however most appropriate that we should celebrate in St. Catherine's as the Queen is our Patron through the Lord Chancellor Office. A number of our incumbents have therefore been invited to Garden Parties at The Palace.

#### **The Family Service**

Our second family service was a Songs of Praise service Members of the congregation chose a favourite hymn and gave a brief explanation for their choice which was followed by a few words from Paul about the writer and the meaning of the words we were about to sing. It was a very pleasant and different Sunday morning service.

I hope that we repeat the Songs of Praise format as Sheila and I are particularly fond of How great thou art which we heard in a Church in North Conway New England and the Cathedral in Hamilton Bermuda on a special Silver Wedding Holiday. Give some thought to a favourite hymn and alternative formats for our Family Service

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## The Services

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

Wednesday 10.00 a.m. Holy Communion at St. Francis  
The Parish Office is held at 6.30 p.m. every Friday at which time  
Baptisms, Confirmations and Marriages may be arranged.

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The centre is available for hire for regular events when not used by the Church. To check availability please contact:

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