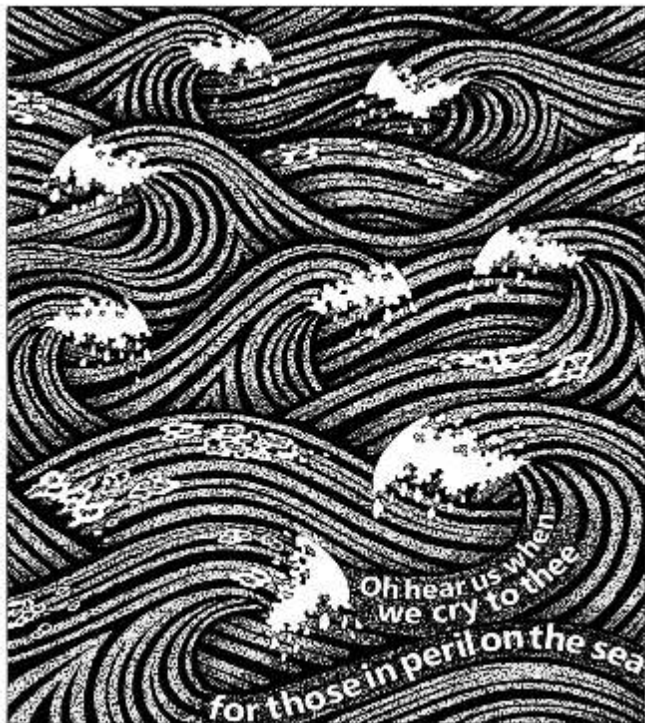


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BITS AND PIECES

100 Club

The Revd. Laurie Blaney made the draw following the Communion service on May 27th. The winner was Linda Mulley from Linford a regular at our Open Days. Hope that you had an extra cake Linda.

Norman

The June (Fete) draw was made on Sunday 17th June by the presiding priest, the Revd. Andrew Griffiths and the ticket he picked belonged to Pat Doyle. Pat and his wife Valerie are regular members of the Wednesday morning congregation at St. Francis and great supporters of the church. When told of his win, and knowing that the 100 club year starts each July, Pat used some of his winnings to re-join for 2018-19.

For those that don't, know our 100 club costs £10 per year, there is a monthly draw for a £10 prize except in June and December when the prize is £50. Our Treasurer, Norman King, has said how much he hopes that parishioners and friends will continue to support this fund raiser by letting him have their £10 "investment" as soon as possible.

Sadly our 3rd advertisement for a Priest in Charge (house for duty) failed to attract any response. With the imminent appointment of the new Bishop of Bradwell it will probably be some time before we can report on any development although we know that the Archdeacon of Southend is very well aware of our situation. We have, of course, now been in an interregnum for nearly two years.

As from the end of June Samson is no longer the Local Area Coordinator for

East and West Tilbury and Linford. He is taking up the same role but in the West of Thurrock where he will be working with Karen Dobson (who was our LAC before Samson). I guess that it just shows how well we train them! As Samson leaves we welcome Rachel Farmer to the role. Rachel was previously an LAC in Stifford Clays and takes up this new role after taking maternity leave. She is looking forward to meeting us.

With the Summer holidays approaching there will be no Bible Study or Sunday School in July or August. Watch out for the September dates!

The Seamen's Centre in Tilbury Dock had a successful open afternoon in June and several members of the congregation visited. Work starts on the outdoor space that we had been told about on 23rd July and is expected to take 3 weeks. The centre has been given £25,000 towards the cost but they still need another £11,000. Gifts of cash or "items in kind" would be much appreciated.

For some time the church has had a "faculty" (Diocesan permission) to repair the exterior of St. Catherine's. Plans are now being laid to get this work done on the assumption that we are able to get a Lottery Heritage Grant which, we are advised, is a distinct possibility.

It was pointed out to me that the article on "Rogue Traders" in last month's PEWTALK was actually headed "Rouge Traders",. Well done if you spotted it!

July - a month heralding change.....

The month of July sees a couple of changes with regard to the care of the parish and our parishioners.

The first is the news that Archdeacon Mike Lodge has asked Rev. Barry Johnson, who has taken many of our services while we are without a priest, to provide some pastoral oversight to the parish. In general terms this means that Barry will more often than not be taking our Sunday and Wednesday services as well as dealing with weddings, funerals etc. He will also be available for visiting folk who would like to meet with a priest. As Barry has other duties within the Diocese there is a limit to the amount of time that he can give to us but it is great news that we have his support.



The second change is that Samson Odubanjo, our Local Area Coordinator for the past 11 months, is moving into a new position. He writes:-



"I started work at East Tilbury as a new Local Area Coordinator (LAC) in August 2017, taking over from Karen Dobson. One of the first places I visited was the coffee morning at Linford where I met the lovely volunteers there. I built a relationship with everyone there and they helped provide a safe haven for the individuals I worked with.

Local Area Coordination is a new way of supporting people who may feel vulnerable due to age, frailty, disability or mental needs. Local Area coordinators will take time to get to know the people they support, those closest to them and their community.

Local Area Coordinators approach to working is strength based, in that each community has its own assets. Examples of community Assets are the Coffee morning at St. Francis and the Food Bank which operate from the same venue. Furthermore each person has their own strengths and networks no matter what stage they are in their lives, this provides the foundation of support for Local Area Coordinators work with. The support provided is owned and managed by the individual supported and the journey is dictated by them and done at their own pace as Local Area Coordinators do not take over but rather build a relationship of trust with the people they work with.

I have enjoyed my work tremendously with a few positive outcomes, and will miss the different pockets of assets and connectors in East, West Tilbury and Linford. It is time to say goodbye as I venture into pastures new however another LAC, Rachel Farmer will be taking my place. You will love Rachel, I promise you.

Adieu"

From Rosemary in Burkina Faso - (Many of us will remember Rev. Rosemary Pritchard who was, for many years, the Minister at the Linford Methodist Church)



It's nearly two years now since I arrived in Burkina Faso to start work in Bible Translation. I'm astonished how 'normal' everything has become, from the bustling markets, the cows, goats and chickens that cross the dirt roads everywhere, the motors 8 deep at every traffic light, the heat and the need.

I quickly learnt that there are far more needs than I can possibly respond to. Wisdom suggests I help those I know and their families, and perhaps clearly defined needs in local churches. For example, when a pastor died, I ensured his widow could pay her children's school fees. Those children lost their daddy – but I could make sure they didn't lose their education too.

Water supplies are scarce in much of Burkina. Earlier this year my colleague Raphael had alerted me to an area where some of our village church members live, where it was even more difficult to find water supplies than usual. In May he wrote telling me how desperate the situation was. I promised to pray, but I felt quite overwhelmed by the size of the need. Drilling a new well – what the villagers are hoping for – would cost £0000s, we felt sure.

As I prayed, though, several things came together. A number of people at two meetings I spoke at during my final weeks in the UK were stirred by the need. Already three are doing a 10k sponsored run, and others are looking for ways to raise funds. Then I realised I actually know two well-drillers in the church I attend in Ouagadougou. They belong to Friends in Action, a charity in Northern Ireland.

The great news is that the costs of this experienced team are LOWER than national teams, because their own salaries are met from supporters' gifts. So they have a better success rate (because they do careful geological surveys) AND they are cheaper. Usually they can drill a good deep water well that will serve up to 500 people for £5000. £10 a head for health-bringing safe water! Currently, people from this village of Kapté walk or cycle 2 miles for every 20 litre can of water, for drinking, cooking, or bathing their children. Their lives would be transformed if this well can be dug for them – AND we also pray that it would be a very tangible sign of the love of God, who freely gives living water to those who come to Him. For us as Christians to be providing a well would surely reinforce the testimony of that handful of Christians in Kapté.

SO – will you 1. PRAY!

Pray that God sustain these villagers in these months of hard labour seeking water, and give them hope that help is coming.

Pray that the funds we need will be raised in time for the team to drill during a scheduled visit to the region in November.

As you pray, consider whether God is prompting you to ORGANISE an event to raise funds – it could be a coffee morning, a concert, a sponsored event – or perhaps you could get your friends to donate 10p every time they have clean water for brushing their teeth?

Or can you consider 2. GIVING!

If 500 people gave £10 each the money will be there. In fact, with Gift Aid, each person would only need to give £8. As a registered charity, Friends in Action can claim back the tax you have paid on amounts donated. All the details are on their website <https://www.friendsinaction.org.uk/donate>

On the website you will find a number of ways to give.

Please mark your donation **Kapté well (Loropéni)**

The Summer Fete

This year's Summer Fete was held on Saturday 16th rather than the following Sunday which is what has been done in the past. The change of date was made to avoid the Hordon Feast and Fair and to give more time to set up on the day. Whether the change of day and / or date was the reason or not, the attendance was somewhat lower than in past years. However it was a very enjoyable occasion with the Grays Town Band providing the traditional musical backdrop to the event. At the last count just over £600 was raised - a very welcome addition to Parish funds. It is customary to publish the winners of the main raffle in PEWTALK and so.....

1st prize went to Pam Atkins, 2nd to Veronica T, 3rd to Bob Hutson, 4th to Dave Bowling, 5th to Patricia Strong, 6th to Kim, 7th to Julie (Cubs), 8th to Margaret and 9th to Linda Mulley

Say a prayer

Young Brian and his family sat down to Sunday dinner at his grandmother's house. When Brian received his plate, he started eating right away. 'Brian! Please wait until we say our prayer,' said his mother.

'I don't need to,' the boy replied.

'Of course, you do,' his mother insisted. 'We always pray before eating at home.'

'That's at our house,' Brian protested. 'This is grandma's house, and she can cook!'

Summer at St. Peter's Chapel Bradwell

During July and August, evening services are held in St Peter's Chapel, at the place where the land meets the sea and the sky comes close. A place where the distance between heaven and earth is tissue thin.

All services start at 6.30 pm.

Come at any time and enjoy the deep peace of the running wave, the flowing air and the gentle earth. Come and worship at the oldest church in England, founded by St Cedd in 654. Why not bring a picnic and enjoy the peace and beauty of this ancient holy place? Toilets, meeting and refreshment facilities are available at the Othona Community by prior arrangement, Tel 01621 776564.



JULY

- 1st Evening Worship with the parishes of Bradwell; St Lawrence; Tillingham & Dengie
- 8th Evensong Led by Camerata.
Music by Martin Taylor
- 15th "A feather on the breath of God".
Reflections from Hildegard of Bingen
- 22nd The music of silence
- 29th The poetry of healing

AUGUST

- 5th Mindfulness for the soul
- 12th Music & Healing
- 19th Healing the land
- 26th A celebration of Wholeness

Sea Sunday



When Julie Hobby from the Seafarers Centre in Tilbury Docks, spoke at our May family service she mentioned that Sunday July 8th had been nominated as "Sea Sunday" - which is why I have included this item. If you would like more information the Sea Sunday website is:- <https://www.seasundayhero.org> - Ed

Sailors' Society chaplains provide a lifeline for seafarers and their families, often helping them through loneliness, poverty and trauma. Here are just a few of their stories:

RUSSIA: Chaplain Nikolay Motrenko and his wife Svetlana have been supporting the wife of an imprisoned seafarer. She has lost her job and has a small child; Nikolay and Svetlana have been helping the family for more than a year.

BRAZIL AND THE PHILIPPINES: A Filipino seafarer, who was told he could not go to sea because of a heart condition, was given an emergency welfare grant by Sailors' Society.

Anxious about his and his family's future, Diosdado Bantiad sought help from one of Sailors' Society's chaplains in Rio, Regina Borges de Paula, who had often visited his ship while it was in Brazil.

Regina put him in touch with our chaplain in Manila Nic Tuban, who gave him the support he needed. Nic said: "He was getting restless and felt hopeless, then he remembered Regina."

INDIA: Our Crisis Response Network supports seafarers and their families in times of need, including families affected by the loss of the MV Emerald Star. Emerald Star sank in the Pacific in October and 10 members of its Indian crew are still missing. Our Chennai port chaplain Manoj Joy, who has been supporting those affected by the tragedy, said: "With professional psychologists, Sailors' Society's crisis response team has been tasked with counselling the families and survivors."

THE PHILIPPINES: Chaplains Rev Jasper del Rosario and Rev Nic Tuban held a 30th anniversary memorial service at sea for those lost in the worst peacetime maritime disaster. An estimated 4,386 perished when the MV Doña Paz collided with an oil tanker, with only 24 people surviving. The vessel was making its last journey before Christmas and Nic remembers the tragedy well.

He said: "People in Manila were excited to celebrate Christmas but instead mourned. They waited at the city's North Harbour, hoping that their loved ones were still alive. So many never saw their loved ones again."

WALES: Bridgend-based chaplain Rev Phil Denyer dared to face his fear of heights and take on Britain's highest freefall abseil from the UK's tallest structure to raise money for our work.

Phil took on the ArcelorMittal Orbit abseil in London and raised more than £1,500. He said: "I've been terrified of heights all of my life, but was keen to face my fear! People have always been so good at supporting us and I wanted to get involved and do something to help our cause."

All in the month of JULY - it was.....

200 years ago, on 30th July, that Emily Bronte, the British writer, was born. She was best known for her novel, *Wuthering Heights*.

175 years ago, on 19th July that the British steamship SS Great Britain, was launched. Designed by Isambard Kingdom Brunel, it was the longest passenger ship in the world at the time. It is now a museum ship and visitor attraction in Bristol Harbour.

100 years ago, from 15th July to 6th August that the WW1 Second Battle of the Marne took place. It was the last major German offensive on the Western Front. Allied victory.

90 years ago, on 2nd July 1928 that all women aged 21 and over were granted the right to vote in the UK, when the Representation of the People Act (Equal Franchise) came into effect. This Act made men and women's voting rights equal.

80 years ago, on 9th July, 1938 that 35 million gas masks were issued in Britain, in anticipation of the Second World War.

75 years ago, on 24th July to 3rd August that WW2 Operation Gomorrah saw the Allies carry out a massive eight-day-round-the-clock bombing of the city of Hamburg.

70 years ago, on 5th July 1948 that Britain's National Health Service began operating.

65 years ago, on 27th July 1953 that the Korean War ended. A peace treaty was signed and the 38th parallel became the official boundary between communist North Korea and anti-communist South Korea. (Tensions continued unabated.)

50 years ago, on 1st July 1968 that Britain, the USA, the Soviet Union and 58 other nations signed the Nuclear Non-Proliferation Treaty. It came into effect in March 1970.

40 years ago, on 25th July 1978 that the birth of the world's first test-tube baby, Louise Joy Brown, took place in Oldham, UK.

30 years ago, on 6th July 1988 that the Piper Alpha oil rig disaster took place. An explosion and fire on the North Sea oil rig Piper Alpha killed 167 people. It was the world's worst offshore oil disaster.

20 years ago, on 5th to 12th July 1998 that the Drumcree conflict in Northern Ireland took place when Protestants rioted after security forces prevented the annual Orange Order march through Portadown from taking place. There were around 550 attacks on security forces and Catholic civilians.

15 years ago, on 27th July 2003 that a team from the BBC reported that the Loch Ness Monster did not exist. They had combed every inch of the loch using 600 sonar beams guided by satellite navigation and found nothing. The search operation was covered in their documentary *The Search for the Loch Ness Monster*.

10 years ago, on 28th July 2008 that the Grand Pier fire in Weston-super-Mare took place. The pavilion was completely destroyed, but then rebuilt and reopened in October 2010



PARISH DIARY FOR JULY

Our Sunday services are at St. Catherine's



- 1 July 5th **Sunday after Trinity**
Family Service - Speaker **Joanne Phillips** from
St. Luke's Hospice 10am
Baptism of **Matilda Rose York** 1pm
- 2 Jul PCC meeting at St. Catherine's 7.30pm
- 3 Jul The Consecration of the Venerable Dr John Perumbalath
as Bishop of Bradwell at St. Paul's Cathedral 11am
- 4 Jul Holy Communion (St Francis) 10am
Drop In at St Francis 10.30am - noon
Deanery Synod meets at St. Nicholas, South Ockenden 7pm
- 5 Jul Foodbank at St. Francis 11am - 1pm
- 7 Jul Baptism of **Charlie Paul Woodham** 1pm
- 8 Jul 6th **Sunday after Trinity - (SEA SUNDAY)**
Parish Communion 10am
Baptism of **Stanley Jarmyn** 1pm
- 11 Jul Holy Communion (St Francis) 10am
Drop In at St Francis 10.30am - noon
- 12 Jul Foodbank at St. Francis 11am - 1pm
- 14 Jul Marriage of **Bradley Bower & Fern Smith** 2pm
- 15 Jul 7th **Sunday after Trinity**
Parish Communion 10am
Baptism of **Anaya Elizabeth Garrod** 1pm
- 18 Jul Holy Communion (St Francis) 10am
Drop In at St Francis 10.30am - noon
- 19 Jul Foodbank at St. Francis 11am - 1pm
- 22 Jul 8th **Sunday after Trinity**
Parish Communion 10am
Baptism of **Marnie Rose Whyman** 1pm
- 25 Jul Holy Communion (St Francis) 10am
Drop In at St Francis 10.30am - noon
- 26 Jul Foodbank at St. Francis 11am - 1pm
WELCOM forum meeting at Linford Methodist Church 7pm
- 28 Jun Church cleaning - volunteers needed 10am
Marriage of **Paul Watson & Lisa Ann Simpkins**
- 29 Jul 9th **Sunday after Trinity**
Parish Communion 10am
Church open for tea and homemade cakes 2pm - 5pm

FROM ST CATHERINE'S PARISH REGISTERS

Baptisms

10 Jun Sienna Luna Basile

17 Jun Eva Rose Patrick

24 Jun Miley Bell Peters

Funerals

5 Jun Marie Joyce Avery

Interment of Ashes

8 Jun Anna Louise Hicks

St. Catherine's Churchyard

The churchyard at St. Catherine's is still a "working" burial place and as such is frequently both for burials or the interment of ashes. The maintenance of the churchyard is the responsibility of the church and there is no help from local or national government.

In preserving the appearance the Churchwardens have to follow the regulations laid down from time to time by the Chelmsford Diocesan Registrar. These essentially cover the details of memorials (headstones to most of us) and any fixtures. One example would be our oak ashes memorials. Although the parish does receive a fee for a burial or interment of ashes the cost of the continuing maintenance has to be met from parish funds. Largely for this reason the grass cutting and general maintenance is carried out by volunteers from the congregation - the usual pattern being for the work to be done on a monthly basis on the last Sunday afternoon while St. Catherine's is open for teas. Last year our volunteer efforts were supplemented by "Community payback teams" but this year Colin Strong has been unable to get a response from them.

It is therefore disappointing when the Churchwardens receive complaints about the state of the grass which can grow at a considerable rate when the weather is as it was this spring.

However, in response to an appeal on Facebook, it was very encouraging to have a number of extra volunteers arrive for our session at the end of May and a considerable amount of work was done in preparation for our Fete. In June we also had an extra volunteer but with England playing in the World Cup, England playing Australia in the cricket and a Formula 1 race it was hardly a surprise that there was only the one. Perhaps there will be more in July. If you are prepared to lend a hand just let Colin Strong know.

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:

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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
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St. Francis Centre

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

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23rd August 2018

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