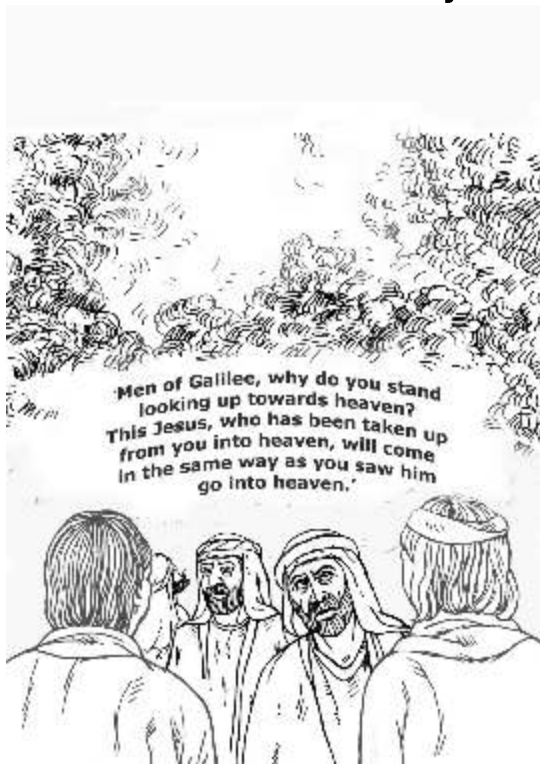


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BITS AND PIECES

The Children's Society. Just a reminder that it is time to open and count the money in the Children's Society Boxes. Time goes so quickly, It doesn't seem like a year since I last did it. So, time to top up your boxes and let me have them.

Thank you.

June Schroeder.

About 30 people attended our 2nd Lent Lunch on 2nd April, a good mixture of adults, children and families who all enjoyed the five or six homemade soups with bread, some homemade, there was plenty and all enjoyed second helpings and even thirds. The donations received amounted to £68 add this to the £45 from the first lent lunch and £73 from the pancake evening a total of £186 for the Bishops lent appeal for a hospital in Kenya was raised - well done all concerned!

This year our Methodist

friends are holding their "Christian Aid" coffee morning and **granny**

attic sale on Saturday 6th

May from 10am. Christian Aid does an enormous amount of good work in the world and deserves our support. If you are unable to be at the coffee morning, donations can be made via the charities website.

On Sunday May 7th our Family Service will be led by **Canon Paul** who has kindly offered to take the service.

Rogation Day this year falls on Sunday 21st May and as in previous years we will

be processing through West Tilbury village in the company of Grays Town Band. For those who have never been to this event, it is an ancient tradition whereby the church uses the occasion to pray for and bless the sea, the land and all those who live and have their livelihood. We make our way from West Tilbury churchyard, where we pray over the river, to the village hall, for refreshments, by way of several village locations. If you would like to join with us we meet at the lychgate of the old St. James church.

It was in the April 2016 edition of Pewtalk that we first mentioned the idea of a new "Lower Thames Crossing" being built in our parish. We have recently had confirmation from the Minister for Transport that this route is the one to be built. There may still be a "slip betwixt cup and lip" but whatever the future holds one way to keep abreast of things is to attend the WELCOM forum meetings at the Linford Methodist Church on the evening of the last Thursday in the month (25th in May).

If you have been supporting the Thurrock foodbank during Lent and now have either food or cash to donate this can be brought to the St. Francis Centre in Linford on either a Wednesday between 10.30am and noon or a Thursday between 11am and 1pm. Alternatively please check the foodbank website for details of collection points and how to make a financial donation.



From the Editor May 2017

Here is a thought for this month.....

Thy Kingdom Come

The Archbishops of Canterbury and York are calling Christians of every denomination to join in with Thy Kingdom Come, a prayer initiative between Ascension and Pentecost (25th May to 4th June), to pray for the nation to know Jesus Christ. It is a time to seek the empowering of the Holy Spirit, that we may be effective witnesses to Jesus Christ.

Praying for others to know Jesus is one of the most powerful things we can do. Persistent prayer for others brings transformation to their lives. As Paul writes: 'Devote yourselves to prayer, being watchful and thankful. And pray for us, too, that God may open a door for our message, so that we may proclaim the mystery of Christ, for which I am in chains. Pray that I may proclaim it clearly, as I should.' (Colossians 4: 2-4).

As Paul says, consistent praying for others involves discipline ('be devoted') and responding to what God is already doing in people's lives ('being watchful and thankful'). We can pray for 'open doors' to point people to Jesus and what He can mean in their lives. We all have opportunities to do this, as even Paul prayed as a prisoner in chains!!

The Archbishops are encouraging us to choose five people who we can pray for regularly. Why not ask God to guide you, as you settle on five names and commit to praying for them daily, perhaps by using the following prayer:

'Loving Father, in the face of Jesus Christ your light and glory have blazed forth.

Send your Holy Spirit that I may share with my friends the life of your Son and your love for all.

Strengthen me as a witness to that love as I pledge to pray for them, for your name's sake. Amen.'

Chris

Linford Methodist Church May Events

A busy month for us all at the Methodist Church, hope you can join us for all or some of these events.

Thursday 4th May, 4.30 – 6.00 Yippee Club Ages 5 – 11.

Come and hear bible stories told through craft & games.

Saturday 6th May, 10.00 – 12.00. Christian Aid Coffee Morning and Granny Attic Sale. (That basically means used books, DVD's, Toys and anything else we can find to sell).

Friday 12th May, 2.00 – 4.00 Sing-a-long. Following on from our successful event last year another chance to air your vocal cords with the help of tea/coffee and lots of cakes. Come and join us and local singer Angela Gilbey for a selection of songs old and new.

Sunday Service 14th May 10.30 – 11.30 is our Church Anniversary when our building will be 117 years old. Service led by Steve Burton.

If you would like any further information on any of these events then please email me on marian.kuyper@btconnect.com or phone 01375 851989.

Marian



And from our local Women's Institute.....

Linford & District Women's Institute



On Thursday 6th April at the St. Francis Centre Members of Linford WI invited guests to celebrate Linford and District's 89th Birthday and Centenary of Essex WI.

Members welcomed sixteen members from other Thames group Institutes to partake in a scrumptious High Tea. After Tea members and guests took part in Quizzes Raffle and Chat with friends from the other Institutes. A very pleasant afternoon was had

We meet on the First Thursday of each month at St Francis Centre starting at 7.15p.m.

Visitors and new members are always welcome to Join us

Pam Painter (President)

The100 Club.

John Blackbond drew the 100 Club at the Family Service on 2nd April. Amazingly the winner was Joan Dighton who won in March. Well Done Joan it's the first time that the same person has won in successive months. Remember if you join

now you will be entered in May and the June draw for £50 at the Summer Fete. *Norman.*



News of the Interregnum

April marked a significant milestone in our quest for a new priest to minister in the parish. After a considerable amount of time spent on thinking through the needs of the parish over the next few years and the ministerial skills that might prove useful, it was time to get it all down in writing. With the help of Canon Martin Wood (who has responsibility for such matters in our part of the Diocese) and several meetings to review progress, the document was finally approved at the March PCC meeting after comments from Bishop John and the new Archdeacon Mike. Once the profile was complete it, together with an advertisement for the vacancy were added to the Diocesan website. I have added a link to the profile on the parish website if you would like to read our description of the parish and its needs. If you would like to read the advertisement, this is the web address to use:- <http://www.chelmsford.anglican.org/vacancies/clergy/EW-Tilbury-and-Linford>. The closing date for applications is Wednesday 21st June. If you know of anyone that you think might be interested and suitable please do point them to the advert.

Holy Week and Easter at St. Catherine's

Although currently without a priest, with the help of clergy from the Diocese and members of our congregation, we were able to maintain our normal pattern of worship and events for the Easter season. Our Palm Sunday communion service was celebrated by Graham Hamborg who is the Continuing Ministerial Development Adviser for the Diocese and travelled some distance to be with us.

On Maundy Thursday Canon Martin Wood led our service which included the traditional washing of feet, a reminder of our Lord's doing the same for his disciples.

On Good Friday we remembered Christ's journey from the point where Pontius Pilate condemned him to death right through to his eventual crucifixion with a selection of bible readings, meditations and prayers. At 3pm St. Catherine's was the venue for some 45 souls from the Grays and Sockets Heath Baptist churches, who had been for a walk along the river, for a time of reflection followed by refreshments. It was good to see the church used in this way and several of our visitors much admired the building.

The Saturday before Easter saw a team of parishioners cleaning and decorating the church with masses of flowers after the austerity of the Lenten season.

All of this preparation culminated in our Easter Day celebrations which were led by Fr. Justin Hutcherson from Corringham and Fobbing in great style and included the blessing of our "Easter Garden", lovingly prepared by Carol and John Bell. The afternoon saw the church open for tea and cakes with a display of art by Bob and June Hutson. An event that was repeated the next day as it was a Bank Holiday.

Deadline for cashing in your old £1 coins

Dig into the pockets of your coats, rummage down the backs of your chairs and couch, empty your piggy bank, look in your car – do whatever it takes, but **FIND** all those old £1 coins that may lurk around your house – before it is too late.



For this autumn, the little round £1 we have known since 1983 will become worthless. The Treasury has just brought out a new 12-sided £1 coin. The change to the new silver and gold dodecagon is the largest to affect the UK's currency since 1998, when the old 50p coin was abandoned for a smaller, shiner version.

The face side of the new £1 coin features the Queen, while the tail side features four emblems: the English rose, the leek for Wales, the Scottish thistle and the shamrock for Northern Ireland – all emerging from a single stem within a crown.

P.S. Don't forget any charity boxes that you have.....Ed

You and your ageing parents

Do you or your partner have elderly parents? How involved are you in their lives and care? Do they live with you? Or do you visit them each day? Or only at weekends? Or perhaps only when you can't avoid them?

It's curious: we would never see our children less, just because they had great need of us. So why do we do it to the other side of our family, the older generation? It is because we always assumed that growing up was all about US preparing for OUR lives, instead of preparing to take our place of responsibility and care for ALL the lives in our immediate family?

These are uncomfortable questions, but they need to be faced, because, as one Local Government Association has warned: the UK's social care system is in 'grave danger of falling apart'. Many senior citizens are really struggling.

When you care for your older parents, however trying they might be, and however time-consuming, consider this: you are training your own children in how to care for YOU – when the time comes. As it will.

Ephesians 6:2&3 urges us to: "Honor your father and mother"—which is the first commandment with a promise— "so that it may go well with you and that you may enjoy long life on the earth." When we take care of our parents, God's blessing is upon us.

The day the King of England and the BBC made history

The coronation of King George VI and Queen Elizabeth took place at Westminster Abbey 80 years ago this month, on 12th May 1937 – the date that had been set for the coronation of his brother Edward, until he abdicated.

The occasion marked the BBC's first official TV outdoor broadcast and the first use of an outside broadcast van. However, the service was not televised – just the procession to and from the Abbey.

The BBC Television Service had only been operating since the previous November. Eight miles of television cables were laid across central London so that the images could be sent to the transmission centre at Alexandra Palace. Commentary was by Freddie Grisewood, who was at Hyde Park Corner.

But it was the first coronation to be filmed: the 40-strong camera crew inside the Abbey had to wear evening dress. The film was later shown in edited form as a newsreel in cinemas across the British Empire.

It was also the first coronation to be broadcast on radio: 28 microphones were placed around the Abbey. There was no commentary, but the Rev Frederic Iremonger, Director of Religion at the BBC and Honorary Chaplain to the King, read from the service book. During the consecration and the Holy Communion, the microphones were turned off.

The Archbishop of Canterbury, Cosmo Lang, saw the coronation as an opportunity for the spiritual renewal of the nation and on 27 December 1936 he launched a campaign of evangelism called Recall to Religion, with an address on BBC radio.

As recounted in the film *The King's Speech*, there was concern about the King's stutter, but he delivered his speech without a problem. He later wrote to the Archbishop, thanking him for his support through the "ordeal", adding: "I felt I was being helped all the time by Someone Else, as you said I would."

This made me chuckle..... **Just Pretend**

Although the married couple enjoyed their new fishing boat together, it was the husband who always took the wheel. But then he became concerned about what might happen in an emergency. So one day out on the lake he said to his wife, 'Please take the wheel, dear. Pretend that I am having a heart attack. You must get the boat safely to shore and dock it.' So she drove the boat to shore.

Later that evening, the wife walked into the living room where her husband was watching television. She sat down next to him, switched the TV channel, and said to him, 'Please go into the kitchen, dear. Pretend I'm having a heart attack and set the table, cook dinner and wash the dishes.'

FROM THE MARCH PCC MEETING

The PCC last met on the 28th March, just too late for a report of its proceedings in the April edition of PEWTALK which is why it is here.

Under "matters arising", Colin reported that he had attended Canon Mike Lodge's installation at Chelmsford Cathedral as the new Archdeacon of Southend, succeeding Revd. Mina Smallman in this post. Canon Mike has already visited St. Catherine's on two occasions: at our Christmas carol Service and, with the Diocesan Advisory Committee, to see our ideas for an ashes plot in the churchyard.

It was noted that, between meetings, members had agreed that our representatives in the selection process for a "House for Duty" associate priest would be Colin Strong and Sheila King. This had been advised to Canon Martin Wood.

We had been asked when we planned to be open for viewing during the Thurrock Art trail which is from the 8th - 23rd July and the meeting decided that we would try to man the church from 3 - 7 pm each day.

The main business of the meeting was to consider the annual accounts for 2016 as prepared by our treasurer, Norman King, and examined by Mr. Peter Chandler. Our accounts, this year, did not need to be audited to the same degree as last as our income and expenditure was significantly less than in 2015 when the majority of the recent works were done.

Norman went through the figures in his usual, thorough way and highlighted several points. Thinking about our income,


both the planned giving (donations through the weekly envelopes) and our fundraising was an increase over 2015 but in neither case was it at the same level as 2014. However, overall, our income was holding up. Our expenses for the year, on an ongoing basis, were much as expected although, being in interregnum, there were some savings. One item of particular interest was that, although St. Catherine's is much warmer, the switch from electric to gas heating appears to have saved on our fuel costs. The figures for 2016 are still affected by the recent building works as at the year end we had a significant sum of money on hand to cover the final invoices. Having dealt with questions raised by members, the accounts were adopted unanimously for presentation to the annual meeting.

The meeting agreed the final version of the parish profile, which had been seen by the Bishop and Archdeacon, and agreed that when advertising our vacancy in the "Church Times" we would use the "until filled" option.

The arrangements for the annual meetings were discussed.


It was agreed that on Palm Sunday we would not meet in the fort car park before the service. It was also agreed that we would have the Stations of the Cross" at 1.30pm on Good Friday.

The meeting agreed to the appointment of David Gunn as a pastoral assistant. David had done his training in his previous diocese and had offered his services to us.



Mouse Makes

S E E K L O S T S
I G F O Z H M S A V E
N I O T A X H A L F
N V U T C G O D V A J
E E R I C H U Z A D E
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READ
Zacchaeus'
story in
Luke 19:1-10

Can you find these
words from the story
in the word search above?

JESUS • ZACCHAEUS • TAX
RICH • TREE • DOWN • HOUSE
SINNER • HALF • POSSESSIONS
GIVE • POOR • FOUR • TIMES • GOD
SALVATION • SEEK • SAVE • LOST

The Man in the Tree


With Jesus passing through the town
A crowd of people gathered round,
But as Zacchaeus could not see,
He ran ahead and climbed a tree.

Jesus stopped as he passed by,
And saw Zacchaeus there up high,
Said, "Dear Zacchaeus, come with me,
I'm going to your house for tea".

Zacchaeus climbed
down to the floor,
And walked with Jesus
to his door,
Amazed the Lord would
want to be
With such a liar and
cheat as he.

Zacchaeus, sorry for
all he had done,
Said, "Lord, I'll pay
back everyone,
Half I own I give
to the poor,
Those I've cheated get
four times more."

Jesus said,
"Today you're saved!"
Zacchaeus replied,
"May God be praised!"





PARISH DIARY FOR MAY
Our Sunday services are at St. Catherine's



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| 1 May | CHURCH OPEN AFTERNOON | 2 - 5pm |
| 3 May | Holy Communion (St Francis) Drop In at St Francis | 10am 10.30am - noon |
| 4 May | Foodbank at St. Francis | 11am - 1pm |
| 6 May | Christian Aid Coffee Morning at Linford Methodist Church | 10am - noon |
| 7 May | 4th Sunday of Easter "The Family Service" led by Canon Paul Robinson Baptism of Harry Ellis White Baptism of Jude Arthur Peters | 10am 12noon 2pm |
| 10 May | Holy Communion (St Francis) Drop In at St Francis | 10am 10.30am - noon |
| 11 May | Foodbank at St. Francis | 11am - 1pm |
| 14 May | 5th Sunday of Easter Parish Communion | 10am |
| 17 May | Holy Communion (St Francis) Drop In at St Francis | 10am 10.30am - noon |
| 18 May | Foodbank at St Francis Visit of Essex Society for Archaeology and History to St. Catherine's | 11am - 1pm 3pm |
| 21 May | 6th Sunday of Easter - ROGATION SUNDAY Parish Communion Baptism of Jessie Mountain Rogation Procession at West Tilbury Village | 10am 2pm 3pm |
| 24 May | Holy Communion (St Francis) Drop In at St Francis | 10am 10.30am - noon |
| 25 May | ASCENSION DAY Foodbank at St. Francis WELCOM forum meeting at Linford Methodist Church | 11am - 1pm 7.30pm |
| 28 May | 7th Sunday of Easter Parish Communion CHURCH OPEN AFTERNOON | 10am 2 - 5pm |
| 29 May | CHURCH OPEN AFTERNOON | 2 - 5pm |
| 31 May | Holy Communion (St Francis) Drop In at St Francis | 10am 10.30am - noon |

FROM ST CATHERINE'S PARISH REGISTERS

BAPTISMS

2 APR Esmé Alice Haughton-Gordon

What is the "Parish Share"?

A major item of expenditure for the Parish is the Parish Share formerly known as the Family Purse perhaps an easier and more appropriate name. The Family Purse is the amount of money that the Parish is asked to contribute to support the mission and ministry of every parish in the Diocese of Chelmsford. Without it we would not be able to support our clergy and the mission and ministry of the church. For every £1 contributed in this way some 90p comes directly back to the parish. The costs of mission and ministry are initially budgeted at the Diocesan level and then the Thurrock Deanery is asked for a share of this. This deanery share is then further divided among the parishes and benefices using a formula which seeks to recognise the need for some churches to be supported by others. This then gives each parish its "share".

Recently Natasha Keeble popped into the St. Francis Centre to tell us something of the "Shared Lives" scheme and sent this in for PEWTALK

Everyone has the right to choose where they live. ategi Shared Lives offers a community based alternative to other forms of support. The Shared Lives scheme arranges accommodation and support to vulnerable adults in the homes of carefully chosen and trained carers.

The service will suit adults who need support from another person in their day to day lives and who choose to have that support within an ordinary household as an included member of the family. This can range from people who need constant support to people who just need to know there is someone around. They could be an older person, someone with mental illness, someone who is physically or learning disabled or someone with a brain injury or a history of substance misuse. ategi Shared Lives offers arrangements for short or long term support.

We are looking for people who are interested in becoming Shared Lives Carers. For more information on Shared Lives contact:

T: (01375) 802050

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www.ategi.org.uk

ST. CATHERINE'S

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 and Weddings please contact Chris Ford in the first
instance.

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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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