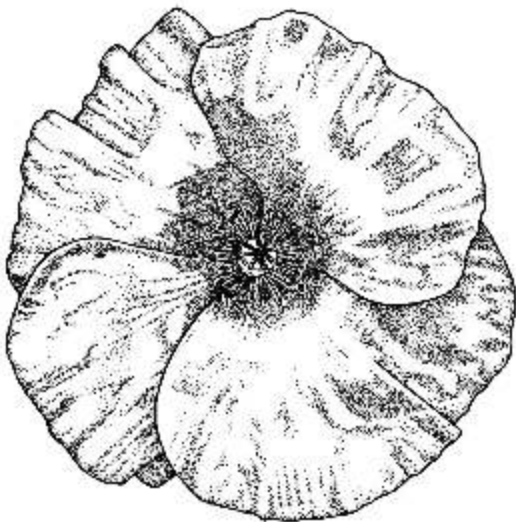


# *PEWTALK* 40<sub>P</sub>

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# BITS AND PIECES

## **100 Club**

The September winner, drawn in Church by Revd. Austin Uzoigwe, the curate from the Mardyke Team Ministry who was presiding at the communion service, was Sue Philpott. Well done Sue - another winner from Tilbury. The re-launch of the 100 club has proved very successful and we have 62 members. Thanks to everyone and there is still time for 38 more subscribers before the first big draw at our Bazaar.

## *Norman*

**The Harvest supper**, held in St. Francis was attended by members of St. Catherine's and the Linford Methodist congregations for the usual spread of home cooked food and was enjoyed by everyone. Although numbers were down this year for a variety of reasons £50 was raised by way of the donations made on the day. Our Harvest Festival the next day was held in a beautifully decorated church and a considerable quantity of food was given for the use of the Thurrock foodbank.

**Claire Frend organised** her annual coffee morning in aid of the MacMillan nurses on 29<sup>th</sup> September. By all accounts it was very busy and a great event. Financially it was also a great success as £1,126 was raised. Well done Claire and everyone involved!

**In last month's PEWTALK** there was a short article about a group meeting at St. Francis for people who are carers to get together, do some craft activities and have a chance to share their experiences away from their caring commitments. The group's first meeting at St. Francis was

on 3<sup>rd</sup> October and it meets every Tuesday afternoon. If you would like more information you need to contact Patricia Webb on 01375-841936 or 07803-135482

**The Diocese continue** to seek a priest for the parish and the vacancy will be advertised again in the Church Times on December 1<sup>st</sup> with interviews of any candidates taking place in January. In the meantime the Rectory in Somerset Road has, once again, be rented out on a short term let.

**Revd. Ian Herbert** who was the Team Vicar of All Saints Chafford Hundred and took several of our Wednesday communion services recently, has now moved from Thurrock to take up the position of Team Rector of the Woughton Ecumenical Partnership in Milton Keynes. He will be formally Inducted to the post on 13<sup>th</sup> November. At his last Wednesday Communion with us he was presented with a lovely cake by Carol Bell by way of a thank you for the help he had been to us.

**It seems that we cannot escape** Christmas whenever we go in a shop (particularly garden centres) and so it is perhaps a good time to remind everyone that our Christmas Bazaar will be held as usual on the first Saturday in December and as has been the case recently, at St. Catherine's.

**We are planning** to have all our usual Christmas services both at St. Catherine's and St. Francis although Colin Strong is still in the process of finding priests to take the services.

**You will see in the PCC** report that it has been decided to increase the cover price

## **Women and the priesthood – 25 years on**

On 11th November 1992, millions of people were watching the unfolding events at Church House, Westminster. The General Synod of the Church of England was in session, and, after 20 years of debate, here was another chance for the Synod to allow women in the priesthood. The BBC were there to broadcast the debate to the nation.

There were crowds outside: plenty supporting the legislation, plenty opposing. During one debate, a small procession had borne a black coffin into Dean's Yard proclaiming the death of the Church of England, should it ordain women as priests.

Chairing the Synod, the Archbishop of York, Dr John Habgood, invited the Bishop of Guildford, the Rt Revd Michael Adie, to propose the motion. The Ven David Silk, Archdeacon of Leicester, stood to oppose the motion, only to be interrupted by a fire alarm.

The Archdeacon started again and the debate continued, one speech for, one against, for five hours. Synod sat in silent prayer before casting their votes: House of Bishops 39 'for' and 13 'against', House of Clergy 176 'for' and 74 'against', and House of Laity 169 'for' and 82 'against'. That was two-third majorities in each House, as required: just two Laity votes the other way would have halted the legislation.

On 12th March, 1994, at Bristol Cathedral, the first women were ordained into the Church of England's priesthood. Many reports sought to name the 'first woman priest' but none were accurate. Most chose the first name alphabetically but actually all the candidates are ordained simultaneously, so there were, in fact, 32 'first women priests'.

But it wasn't that simple. Parliament had insisted the Church of England make provision for those opposed: 1000 clergy had threatened to leave. The Act of Synod, passed in 1993, allowed parishes not to accept ordained women and to seek oversight from a Provincial Episcopal Visitor (flying bishop) if their own bishop ordained women. The legality of ordaining women was even challenged in civil courts.

Today, of 19,550 clergy in the Church of England, more than a quarter, 5,690, are women. Of 7,790 stipendiary (paid) clergy, 2,160 are women. Of 544 future clergy beginning training this autumn, 274 are women. And, in November 2014, 22 years after that historic vote, the Synod voted for women as bishops. The Rt Revd Libby Lane, Bishop of Stockport, was the first to be consecrated. Canon Dr Guli Francis-Dehqani, as the first Bishop of Loughborough, will be the eleventh.

## **William Temple: Archbishop of Canterbury**

During the Second World War, Winston Churchill was Britain's Prime Minister. At the same time, William Temple was Archbishop of Canterbury. While Churchill led the country against Germany, Temple encouraged the British people to trust the Lord for their deliverance and strength. Like Churchill, Temple was a great leader, a gifted orator and a prolific writer. He was also a theologian and social activist.

Temple was born on 15th October 1881 in Exeter, Devon. He was educated at Rugby School and Balliol College, Oxford, from 1900 to 1904. He loved the music of Bach; the poetry of Browning and Shelley, and Shakespeare. He was an avid reader and possessed a near-photographic memory.

He became president of the Oxford Union and after graduation, was a lecturer in philosophy at Queen's College, Oxford. He was a member of the debating society and was a skilled and balanced debater. Following his ordination in 1909, and priesting in 1910, Temple was headmaster of Repton School for four years. He married Frances Anson in 1916. They were childless.

From 1921-29 Temple was Bishop of Manchester. During this time he was seen as a pioneer of the Ecumenical Movement and gradually became a national figure. In 1926 he urged the British government to seek a negotiated agreement to the General Strike. Temple excelled as a moderator; a teacher and a preacher and his appointment as Archbishop of York (1929-40) was a popular one. His influence also led to the formation of the British Council of Churches and the World Council of Churches. During the 2nd World War he jointly founded the Council of Christians and Jews to combat anti-Semitism and other forms of prejudice in Britain.

As Archbishop of Canterbury (1942-44) Temple became an outspoken advocate of social reform and became involved in the campaign against unemployment, poverty and poor housing. He believed in the rights of all people, whether rich or poor, and was a leading force for social justice. He was grounded in the problems of the working man and in his book *Christianity and Social Order* (1942) he shared his vision for all to have access to healthcare, education and decent housing. His radical thinking and activism played a foundational role in the formation of the British Welfare State.

Temple died aged 63 at Westgate-on-Sea, Kent on 26th October 1944. He was the first Primate of All England to be cremated and his ashes were buried in the cloister garden of Canterbury Cathedral. He is the last Archbishop of Canterbury to have died while in office.

### **Guy Fawkes – an early terrorist**

Back in 1605 Guy Fawkes managed to stow a good few barrels of gunpowder under the House of Lords without anybody noticing. He was part of a Roman Catholic plot to murder James 1 of England and his parliament at the state opening. Fortunately, Guy Fawkes was found - and stopped - in time.

## Shoebox Appeal – Samaritans Purse

Sheila and I are delighted with the generous response to the Shoebox Appeal.

Following a brief presentation at our October Family service 48 of the easily assembled boxes have been handed out.



At the service I explained that during my time at Sunday School the parable of the Good Samaritan was one that really registered with me-helping somebody that you don't know and may never meet who is having a bad time.

That is the idea behind the Samaritans Purse Shoebox Appeal. Sending a small present to a child for whom the box may be there only Christmas Gift. Sheila then explained the few restrictions there are on what can be included in the boxes but they can be put together for a few pounds. There is a charge for the checking and delivery of the boxes. Pam England has knitted hats and gloves and donated the money received to St. Catherine's and we had wind up torches available . If you prepare a box and would like to know where it went a code can be included.

At the family service on November 5<sup>th</sup> prepared boxes will be received in Church. If you are unable to be at the service please let me know or give the box to a member of our Church Family by November 12<sup>th</sup>.

Last year some 70,000 boxes went from Essex.

Thank you on behalf of the children.

*Norman and Sheila*

### Angel Quiz

1. Who said, I'm no Angel
2. Where is the town of Archangel
3. "Angels and Ministers of grace defend us" comes from which play.
4. What is the Angelus ?
5. What society has a Flying Angel as it's badge ?
6. What is an "Angel on Horseback"
7. Who saw a vision of angels ascending and descending on a ladder set up between heaven and earth ?

***Answers on the inside back page.***

### The Natives seem friendly

Hopefully by the time you read this we will be standing amongst a pile of boxes in our new home in Chalgrove, Oxfordshire. We did a few weeks ago visit what will hopefully be our new church St Marys Church Chalgrove. Unfortunately the Methodist Church closed down last year so the Methodist congregation has been greeted with open arms by the parish Church.



The day we visited was the autumn flower festival and there were 40 magnificent flower displays depicting different countries around the world. As we walked around we noticed that every display had been submitted by different parts of the community. Doctors surgery, school, nursery, shops, pubs and of course all the village clubs. Choir (Bob may join), W.I. (Marian may join), Healthy walking (we must join), Scrabble Club (a definite NO).

At the refreshment area we indulged in large scones with fresh cream and jam plus tea and coffee. When we asked how much we owed we were told it was all by donation, as much as we could afford, just put our contribution in the very large glass bottle at the end of the counter if we had no pennies then so be it we could enjoy our afternoon tea for free. A very clever strategy really as all the money could then be declared GASDS (Gift Aid small donations scheme) and an extra 25% could be claimed back from the Government. By the time we left the jar seemed to be full of five and ten pound notes plus a few coins. You can visit the Church website and find out more about this historical Church <http://chalgrovechurch.org/>

Of course we introduced ourselves and were made, like everyone who came into the Church, to feel very welcomed and special. One very interesting piece of information we came away with is the Church owns one of the local Pubs which just happens to be about 50 yards from our new home. We could be visiting Church every day in our new life.....

*Marian and Bob*

### Green Pastures

In the past we have mentioned "Transformation Thurrock" and recently its re-launch as a fully fledged charity. One of its principle aims is to get the churches in Thurrock (and there are well over 60 of them) to work together to make Thurrock a better place. Amongst other things they do this by encouraging fellowships to support each others events.

One such event is a meeting at Grays Baptist church on 10<sup>th</sup> November at 7.30pm at which the speaker will be from Green Pastures which is a charity with a vision to end homelessness in the UK. There is an issue with homelessness in the borough which is

why Pastor Colin Baker of the Grays Baptist Church is so keen to see how or if churches in Thurrock could partner with Green Pastures and make a difference in Thurrock. To give an idea of the charity started and developed, their history, taken from their website reads:-

"In 1997 we started providing temporary accommodation in our church building (Southport) for homeless individuals and families. We used our fellowship room, a garage that we had converted, a caravan on the church site and the church cellar. All these places we had sought to make as pleasant as possible, but the local environmental health department informed us that, though we were providing a valuable service, it was contravening the law. So in March 1999 when a young family stood on the steps of our small church, we decided to purchase two flats and Green Pastures was born. The years since then have been some of the most wonderful that we have experienced in the service of God.

Our first resident, a single mother aged 21, had been living in one room with her baby. What a joy it was to be able to help her and to fulfill God's word. In Galatians 2:10 Paul writes: 'They desire only that we should remember the poor: the very thing that I was also eager to do.' It had appeared to us that the 21st Century church was not so eager to help the poor as the early church had been. Perhaps through Green Pastures we shall be able to encourage that eagerness to return. In 1995 we started our first partnership outside Southport and started housing the homeless in Manchester. Today we have partners all over the UK who are housing hundreds of formerly homeless people. We have seen some amazing changes in people just because we have been able to give them a key to their own home. Alcoholics are now free from their alcohol addiction; drug addicts are now free from their drug addiction; unemployed young people with life skills problems are now working. Mothers who had been brutally beaten are now housed with their children in secure accommodation; people with mental health problems are housed and cared for. But most wonderful of all is the number of people who have come to Christ, not through our preaching of the Gospel, but by our doing the Gospel.

We dream of homelessness ending in the UK. Through our partners we aim to soon be housing more than 1,000 people (*currently 900*) and we dream of every church in the UK having one house to house the homeless. That would mean an additional 100,000 people would be housed and cared for."

If you would like to attend please let Grays Baptist Church know either by email [pastacolin@blueyonder.co.uk](mailto:pastacolin@blueyonder.co.uk) or 'phone: 07846-434245.

## FROM THE OCTOBER MEETING OF THE P.C.C.

The PCC met at St. Catherine's on 16<sup>th</sup> October and after approving the minutes of the September meeting and dealing with one or two matters arising from them, dealt with the following matters.

Colin Strong had received correspondence about the show "Heaven on Earth" and encouraging us to advertise it. The next performance in this part of the country is 9<sup>th</sup> - 12<sup>th</sup> May next year at the Wembley Arena. For more information there is a website: [heavenonearththemusical.co.uk](http://heavenonearththemusical.co.uk).

He had also received a letter advising us that St. Catherine's is now listed on the National Churches Trust web site [explorechurches.org](http://explorechurches.org). Having looked at the entry for the church it is a little out of date as it doesn't mention the recent works. However there is a good photo, plenty of information and a link to our website. We will have the information updated when time allows.

In the Churchwardens' report Colin advised that our advertisement for a House for Duty Assistant Priest is scheduled to be back in the Church Times on 1<sup>st</sup> December. Chris mentioned that the vacancy was still listed on the Diocesan website. He was also able to report that Bakers (our building contractor) would be in church on 23<sup>rd</sup> October to start dealing with the "snags" including modifications to the controls on the high level fans. AS far as the external painting at St. Francis this should start in March when the weather is more predictable. As far as cover for services is concerned Colin was making arrangements for November and trying to obtain cover for Christmas. The Christmas Eve midnight service being the most problematic..

Kim gave her report on the recent meeting of the Deanery Synod. Unfortunately the speaker from the Childrens' Society was unable to attend the meeting and give her talk. The business part of the meeting had an update on "Transforming Presence" with a reminder of the "Time to Talk" event on 20<sup>th</sup> November at All Saints, Belhus Park with the Archdeacon. There was also a review of the Orsett Show and it was hoped that another year the Deanery would not be placed next to the chain saw area. There was the usual report from the treasurer on the position with the Parish Share payments and an update on the various Mission and Ministry Units conversations. The representatives were reminded that the deanery are still looking for a "Youth Champion" and Rev. Andy Higgs was at last able to report that St. Mary's had been able to dispose of their redundant organ.

Norman, in his treasurer's report confirmed that the gas supply at St. Catherine's would be transferred from EON to Contract Natural Gas (CNG) when the present contract expires at the end of November. He also told the meeting that the re-launch of the "100 club" had resulted in an increase of members and it would contribute £420 to parish funds this year.

Having discussed the arrangements for the "St. Cedd's / Back to Church" weekend at the end of October the meeting went on to discuss whether the price of PEWTALK and the St. Francis Hall rates should be increased along with the fees for weddings, funerals etc. Although Norman had not seen the new rates for these services yet it was agreed that we should increase the cover price of PEWTALK to 50p and the St. Francis rates should be increased by 5%.







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



1 Nov	<b>All Saints Day</b>	
	Holy Communion (St Francis)	10am
	Drop In at St Francis	10.30am - noon
2 Nov	Foodbank at St. Francis	11am - 1pm
5 Nov	<b>4<sup>th</sup> Sunday before Advent</b>	
	<b>Family Service</b>	10am
	Baptism of Lunah Marlie Rawe	2pm
7 Nov	Social Committee meeting at St. Catherine's	7.30pm
8 Nov	Holy Communion (St Francis)	10am
	Drop In at St Francis	10.30am - noon
9 Nov	Foodbank at St. Francis	11am - 1pm
10 Nov	<b>"Green Pastures"</b> at Grays Baptist Church	7.30pm
12 Nov	<b>3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday before Advent and REMEMBRANCE SUNDAY</b>	
	<b>Parish Communion</b>	9.45am
	<b>REMEMBRANCE SERVICE at the BATA MEMORIAL</b>	10.50am
14 Nov	Bible Study at Linford Methodist Church	8pm
15 Nov	Holy Communion (St Francis)	10am
	Drop In at St Francis	10.30am - noon
16 Nov	Foodbank at St Francis	11am - 1pm
19 Nov	<b>2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday before Advent</b>	
	<b>Parish Communion (with Sunday School)</b>	10am
	Baptism of Henry Jay Down	2pm
20 Nov	<b>"Time to Talk"</b> at All Saints, Belhus Park	7.30pm
22 Nov	Holy Communion (St Francis)	10am
	Drop In at St Francis	10.30am - noon
23 Nov	Foodbank at St. Francis	11am - 1pm
	WELCOM forum meeting at Linford Methodist Church	7.30pm
26 Nov	<b>Sunday next before Advent / Christ the King</b>	
	<b>Parish Communion</b>	10am
27 Nov	PCC meeting at St. Catherine's	7.30pm
29 Nov	Holy Communion (St Francis)	10am
	Drop In at St Francis	10.30am - noon
30 Nov	Foodbank at St. Francis	11am - 1pm
2 Dec	<b>Christmas Bazaar at St. Catherines</b>	11am - 2pm

FROM ST CATHERINE'S PARISH REGISTERS


**Baptisms**

1 Oct Oliver James Dearly

15 Oct Vinnie Ray Brockis


**Internment of Ashes**

21 Nov Michael John Catton  
Jonathan Peter James Catton



St. Catherine's CHURCH  
**CHRISTMAS BAZAAR**  
at  
St. Catherine's Church  
Saturday December 2nd  
11 a.m. - 2 p.m.

TEAS, CAKES,  
PICKLES & PRESERVES,  
TOMBOLAS & RAFFLE  
WHITE ELEPHANT, BOOKS  
GAMES, etc.



St. Catherine's church can be found adjacent to Coalhouse Fort at  
Princess Margaret Road, East Tilbury Village, Essex  
www.stcatherinechurch.org.uk

1. Mae West 2. North Russia 3. Hamlet 4. A Church Bell calling people to Church (Memorial of the Annunciation) 5. Missions to Seafarers 6. A savoury snack sardines, bacon etc. on toast 7. Jacob (Genesis 28:12) Jacob's Ladder

# ST. CATHERINE'S

## The Priest in Charge

The Parish is without a priest at the present time.

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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  
For Baptisms and Weddings please contact Colin Strong in the first  
instance or come to St. Catherine's at 6.30pm on a Friday

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*Copy Dates for Pewtalk*

*22<sup>nd</sup> November 2017*

*18<sup>th</sup> December 2017*

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