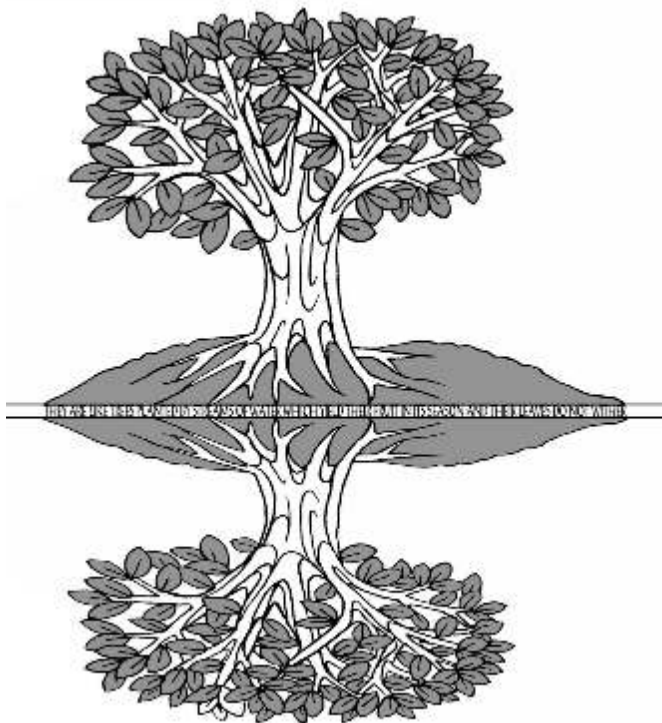


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The **October edition** of PEWTALK has been produced a little earlier this month as I am taking a few days holiday at the Wigtown Book Festival. This means that there is no report on the September PCC meeting as this took place after publication.

100 Club

Due to Norman forgetting to take the tickets to Church the draw for August was delayed. The winning ticket was drawn at the Family Service by Janice's granddaughter. Congratulations to the winners Veronica and John Minns. Remember there is still time to join the 100 Club as the first £50 draw is at the Bazaar in December.

The Class of 2018

What do a professor of biostatistics, a district nurse, a youth worker, a special constable, a psychotherapist, a banker, a postman, an airline pilot, a midwife, a physiotherapist, a sheet metal worker, a maths teacher and a TV producer all have in common?

They are among our 31 new Deacons who will be ordained by Bishop Stephen at Chelmsford Cathedral on Saturday 15 September. Many congratulations to them all!

Bakers, our contractors, have been back to check on the kitchen roof after the recent evidence of another leak. They have found two or three issues which need some attention and will be returning to deal with them in the near future. Although the problem only occurs during

periods of heavy rain and high winds, it clearly needs to be resolved.

Our vacancy for a priest was re-advertised in the Church Times during September with a closing date for applications of 1st October. It is fair to say that the Diocese has a number of vacancies at present - Essex does not seem to be popular with priests looking for posts!

The next Chief Executive and Secretary of Chelmsford Diocese will be Joel Gowen.

Joel is currently Director of Church Planting Projects for the diocese. Welcoming this appointment the Bishop of Chelmsford, Stephen Cottrell, has said: "Although Joel has only been working for the diocese for less than a year, he has proved himself to be someone with energy, vision and capacity. The church planting project is going extremely well. "Joel brings great experience from his previous career in strategy development with M&G Investments. As we move into this next phase of our life together I feel very confident that Joel is the right person at the right time to help take us forward. Joel replied: "Over the past year I have begun to learn about the extraordinary diversity of Chelmsford Diocese, a region where God is doing fantastic things through some amazing people. I look forward to working with our clergy, our staff, our volunteers and our local communities as we journey together and seek to be a transforming presence everywhere and for everyone."

Bishop John visits St. Catherine's

On Sunday 16th September the Right Revd. Dr John Perumbalath, the recently consecrated Bishop of Bradwell, presided at the 10am service of Holy Communion at St. Catherine's.

In his sermon which was based on the Gospel for the day (Mark Chapter 8 verses 27 to the end of the chapter) he said that he wanted to make three points.



1. To the question "Who is Jesus?" he suggested that we humans are inclined to create our own image of Jesus instead of understanding who he really is from our reading of the Bible. This was true of the apostle Peter who expected Jesus to be a "political" Messiah which was the expectation of the Jews. Peter – just like us - couldn't accept that Jesus said that he was different. Often, we take the view that when we pray, Jesus should answer and solve all our problems. Even our artistic representations of Jesus are often wrong. He is rarely depicted as being from Palestine. The Bishop continued by saying that Jesus expects a lot of us and, that if we accept this, we will find Christ in unexpected places.
2. His second point was that we should not try to "secure" our life for if we do we will surely lose it. The more of ourselves that we give away and share with others the more we will live. Opening ourselves to others is the way to lead a more secure life. Regarding security of our life he suggested that:
 - a) Young children wonder about everything around.
 - b) Teenagers lose their sense of wonder and instead want to know the truth.
 - c) In our 20s / 30s there is a need for love and affirmation.
 - d) As we get older we become more concerned and worry about security. Instead of worrying it is better to give of ourselves for a better life.
3. We are all accountable to God for what we do with our lives. Every day is given by God and we should use them to serve others. There is a tendency for us to despise the world as we become more spiritual, but God expects us to live a life worthy of our calling. After all, "God so loved the World" and so must we. Our prayers are so often self-centred, and perhaps we should be thinking much more of others.

After the service Bishop John stayed for refreshments and chatted with members of the congregation. He was also interested to understand just what impact the new Thames crossing would be have and recalled that when he was a Priest in Gravesend several years ago the crossing was a hot topic even then.

Creationtide



At the September Family Service we celebrated the fact that the period from 1st September to 4th October is thought of in the Christian church as "Creationtide".

Creationtide is a concept introduced by the late Ecumenical Patriarch, Demetrios I, in 1989.

Since then, September 1 (chosen because it is first day of the Orthodox ecclesiastical year) has been adopted as the start of *Creationtide*. This is the season, running to St Francis day on October 4, when churches and congregations are called to pay special attention to the responsibility of humanity for the Earth and for all that lives upon it. Its start and end dates reflect that it is a shared idea between Western and Eastern Christianity.

Churches Together in Britain and Ireland adopted the concept in 2008. In 2016, Pope Francis declared 1 September an annual World Day of Prayer for the Care of Creationtide.

While its adoption was in part driven by the complex environmental crises the human race faces, Creationtide draws on much deeper roots in Scripture and in older Christian traditions of the relationship between God, humanity and the created order.

The timing of *Creationtide* means it is an excellent way of rooting traditional harvest festivals in wider issues and firm theological ground.

As part of the talk two short videos were shown. The first was a short address by the Archbishop of Canterbury and the second showed two examples of Anglican churches reducing their carbon footprint by embracing sustainable solutions to their problems. At Gloucester Cathedral they have installed a sophisticated array of photovoltaic panels on the roof of the nave to provide some 25% of the electricity needed to power their lighting, catering equipment and even their organ. At Holy Trinity Church in Tulse Hill they needed a new church hall and, because they wanted to be as environmentally friendly as possible they used some unusual building materials. The foundations were constructed from used car tyres filled with clay and the walls were built using straw bales. The roofing is made of recycled plastic and lime plaster was used as the render for the walls. If you would be interested to view the video it is available on Youtube at <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Pi8YVmKaEHM> or ask me and I can let you have a copy.

Having seen the videos we then thought about the many ways that, as individuals, we can do our bit to reduce our impact on our world and increase the sustainability of the planet. We should of course recycle as much as possible and to reduce our reliance on plastics. One way to do this might be to replace our plastic milk bottles by the good old glass ones which can be washed and re-used by the dairy. Sadly, the supermarkets find it easier to stock milk in plastic rather than glass but we are fortunate in our parish that we have two doorstep milk delivery dairies – "Milk and More" (part of the Müller

multinational) and "Ecofresh" which is based in Stanford le Hope. Either one will supply your doorstep pint in glass bottles first thing in the morning.

Quite by chance and subsequent to the Family Service I came across "The secret life of landfill: A rubbish history", a programme on BBC4 and available on the BBC iplayer. The programme uses the examination / excavation of a number of landfill sites dating back to the 19th century to investigate how our "throwaway" society has developed over the years and it really makes you think about how blasé we have been / are about our rubbish disposal. One part of the investigation is of our own tip at West Tilbury which is shown to be slowly depositing its lethal cocktail of toxins into the Thames. It has certainly encouraged me to think very seriously about the legacy that I am leaving for my children and grandchildren.

Chris Ford

Postscript:

More than 5,500 churches and 15 cathedrals, including Salisbury, Southwark, Liverpool and St. Alban's, have converted to using 100% renewable energy. The Church of England has said that the issue was "one of the great moral challenges of our time".

With an average annual church electricity bill of around £1,000, it is estimated British churches have diverted more than £5m from fossil fuels to clean energy providers.

The number of cathedrals running on 100% renewable electricity has been boosted by the Church of England's procurement initiative Parish Buying changing its bulk energy purchase to 100% renewables.

Sporting Summer

In last month's Pewtalk I included a few memories of Sport when I was growing up in East Tilbury. You know that I didn't grow much and unbelievably I didn't mention West Ham. I have been a supporter since 1964 when the team prepared at East Tilbury for the Cup Final. I had an autographed copy of the team brochure. West Ham had for many years played against Bata Sports and in 1966 all the World Cup stars turned out. Bobby Moore and Martin Peters exchanged passes and Peters cross was met on the volley by Geoff Hurst everybody shouted for the Bata goalkeeper to get out of the way. The net burst and the goalkeeper survived.

One of the tennis team was "Micolacek" not the correct spelling but that is how it sounded and everybody called him Mick. He was I think a Polish Davis Cup player. He would put a coin on the court and hit it with is service regularly. Mick would always help the youngsters and one Charles Novotny played in Junior Wimbledon.

Norman

Operation Christmas Child

Tea Party 8th September 2018



Join in the worlds largest children's Christmas project, Through Operation Christmas Child, needy children are shown Gods love in a tangible way.

Jeannie and I had the privilege of representing St. Catherine's, at an afternoon updating us on the work that is carried out for the shoebox appeal.

We enjoyed refreshments of homemade cakes and tea at Holy Trinity Church, Rayleigh. Thank you all for your hospitality and hard work.

There were displays for us to look at and inspire us with innovative suggestions of toys and box fillers.

They had one lady who knitted the children's hats who also knitted a hat in the same wool to fit a Barbie sized doll in her shoebox. (A matching pair)

A travel sewing kit (which I thought was a brilliant idea)

Balls of string because, boys will be boys

And craft bags of rounded end scissors, card, glue sticks and pictures to decorate the cards.

Just a few ideas, which has aided my shopping this year.

The warehouse team gave a presentation and video tour of the warehouse, how they checked the shoeboxes and shipped them out. All our shoeboxes are opened, and if any items are seen that are on the do not include list they are removed. But..... The warehouse team collect fillers throughout the year and for any item that is removed they replace it with another one.

This is the last year that the two senior warehouse co-ordinators are able to continue..... So operation Christmas Child is looking for other volunteers to replace them. Is anyone offering??

Clemy is our Regional Manager and gave a heartrending presentation about her trip to Macedonia in January. She visited halls and churches while shoeboxes were given to children. Many of the children are 'street kids' their families homeless due to closed borders following the break up of Yugoslavia.

We had the opportunity to ask her questions, I asked 'did the children receive a shoebox every year or was it a once in a life time gift.' Clemy said that there are so many hundreds of thousands of children in need that unfortunately a shoe box is a once in a life time. So folks let's make each shoebox count.

On Sunday 7th October 10.00 am during Family Service, at St. Catherine's Church, East Tilbury we have Diane Nicholson from Operation Christmas Child coming to speak. It would be lovely to see as many people as possible to support the Shoebox appeal.

On Sunday 4th November 10.00 am during Family Service at St. Catherine's Church we will be taking our filled boxes for collection by Sheila and Norman who arrange transfer to the warehouse

You can find more information at samaritans-purse.org.uk

Kathy

Don't miss the Anglo-Saxon Kingdoms! (19 October 2018 – 19 February 2019)

This month, the British Library is opening a landmark exhibition on the history, art, literature and culture of Anglo-Saxon England. It spans six centuries, from the eclipse of Roman Britain to the Norman Conquest. The exhibition will even feature the Domesday Book, one of the most iconic manuscripts in English history

Overall, highlights from the British Library's outstanding collection of Anglo-Saxon manuscripts will be presented alongside a large number of exceptional loans. Some of the manuscripts have not been in the British Isles for over 1,000 years, some are of the earliest writing in English, and some are recent discoveries such as the Staffordshire Hoard.

Among 'must-see' displays are the Codex Amiatinus, one of three giant single-volume Bibles made at the monastery at Wearmouth-Jarrow in the north-east of England in the early eighth century. It was taken to Italy as a gift for the Pope in 716, and is now returning to England for the first time in more than 1300 years (on loan from Biblioteca Medicea Laurenziana in Florence). It will be displayed with the St Cuthbert Gospel, also made at Wearmouth-Jarrow around the same time, and acquired by the British Library in 2012.

The exhibition will also display a number of major objects from the Staffordshire Hoard, found in 2009. These include the pectoral cross and the inscribed gilded strip, on loan from Birmingham and Stoke-on-Trent City Councils.

Bringing together the four principal manuscripts of Old English poetry for the first time, the British Library's unique manuscript of Beowulf will be displayed alongside the Vercelli Book on loan from the Biblioteca Capitolare in Vercelli, the Exeter Book on loan from Exeter Cathedral Library, and the Junius Manuscript on loan from the Bodleian Library.

Dr Claire Breay, curator of *Anglo-Saxon Kingdoms*, says:

'The Anglo-Saxon period saw the formation of the kingdom of England and the emergence of the English language and English literature. *Anglo-Saxon Kingdoms* will be the most spectacular exhibition to date of manuscripts and related objects covering the whole Anglo-Saxon period.'

October - such a busy month

October is going to be very busy this year with a number of events planned.

October 6th

This is the date for our Harvest Supper at the St. Francis Centre in Linford. The evening starts early, at 6pm, so that anyone with young children can still feel able to join us. Everyone is welcome and if you would like to come please just let Colin Strong, Sue Spiers or Pam Painter know to assist with the catering. After the meal there will be time for games and "chat".

October 13th

This is the evening for our fundraising "Quiz Night" organised again by Geraldine Riddles and family. The last one was so popular that the St. Francis Centre was not really big enough. This time we will be using St. Catherine' where there is more room. The fun starts at 7 for 7.30pm and the cost is £5 per person with teams of 8. For more information or to obtain tickets please contact Geraldine on 07919 484440 or e-mail her at geraldine.riddles.events@btinternet.com.

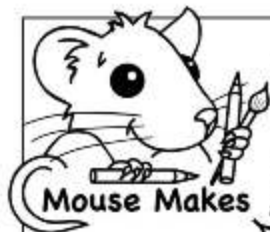
October 14th

Sunday 14th at 10am is when we will be holding our Harvest Festival service at St. Catherine's. As in previous years we will be supporting the Thurrock Foodbank with our donations of **non-perishable** food and / or cash. The summer holidays have seen a reduction in donations to the foodbank and harvest is an annual reminder of all that we have to be thankful for. For details of what food is most needed nearer the date check out the foodbank facebook page, their website <https://thurrock.foodbank.org.uk/>, or have a word with Kim or Chris Ford.



October 27th & 28th

This is the weekend when we remember the fact that St. Cedd came to this place in the 7th Century to re-ignite the Christian faith. St. Catherine's will be open on both Saturday and Sunday afternoons for visitors to find out a little more about our church and the life of St. Cedd. There will also be craft activities for young and old alike. Do come and pay us a visit.



READ the whole story
in 1 Kings 18:16-40

God's prophet **Elijah** built a big bonfire and had the prophets of the god **Baal** build one too. Elijah said "Call on Baal to light the fire and burn the sacrifice" ... but Baal did not answer because he was just an idol made of stone. Elijah had his bonfire drenched in water then he called on the Lord God. The fire of the Lord fell and burned up the sacrifice, the wood, the stones and the water around it. All the people saw

this and cried:
"The Lord -
He is God!"



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How many stones did Elijah use to build the altar?

How many jars of water were poured on the altar?

Can you find these words from the story in the word search?
ELIJAH • ISRAEL • PROPHETS • BAAL • CARMEL • GOD
BULL • WOOD • LORD • TEST • ALTAR • SHOUT • STONES
WATER • POUR • FILL • FIRE • SKY • CONSUMED • DIRT



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



3 Oct	Holy Communion (St Francis) Drop In at St Francis	10am 10.30am - noon
4 Oct	Foodbank at St. Francis	11am - 1pm
6 Oct	Harvest Supper at St. Francis	6pm
7 Oct	19th Sunday after Trinity Family Service with Diane Nicholson speaking about the Christmas "Shoebox" appeal	10am
9 Oct	Bible Study at Linford Methodist Church	7.30pm
10 Oct	Holy Communion (St Francis) Drop In at St Francis	10am 10.30am - noon
11 Oct	Foodbank at St. Francis	11am - 1pm
13 Oct	Quiz night at St. Catherine's	7pm
14 Oct	20th Sunday after Trinity and Harvest Festival Parish Communion Baptism of Georgia Alice Higgins and Kai Henley Gates	10am 12noon
17 Oct	Holy Communion (St Francis) Drop In at St Francis	10am 10.30am - noon
18 Oct	Foodbank at St. Francis	11am - 1pm
21 Oct	21st Sunday after Trinity Parish Communion Baptism of Freya Rosina Deana Mc Kay Browning	10am 12noon
24 Oct	Holy Communion (St Francis) Drop In at St Francis	10am 10.30am - noon
25 Oct	Foodbank at St. Francis WELCOM forum meeting at Linford Methodist Church	11am - 1pm 7pm
27 Oct	Celebrating St. Cedd church open for visits, refreshments and children's activities.	2 - 5 pm

***** **CLOCKS GO BACK TONIGHT** *****

28 Oct	Last Sunday of Trinity Parish Communion Celebrating St. Cedd church open for visits, refreshments and children's activities. Volunteer gardeners also welcome Celtic Evening Service	10am 2 - 4 pm 4.30pm
31 Oct	Holy Communion (St Francis) Drop In at St Francis	10am 10.30am - noon

FROM ST. CATHERINE'S PARISH REGISTERS

Baptisms

23 Sep Rosie Eve Merchant

30 Sep Freddie Michael Sherwood

Weddings

None

Funerals

None

Did You Know - Essex

The Dunmow Flich is the Oldest Recorded Competition in England. A side of Pork is awarded to the couple who can best convince the Judge and Jury that they "Having been married for at least a year and a day, have never once, sleeping or waking, regretted our marriage or wished ourselves single again"

Any couple considering entering ???

Norman

National Grandparents Day – 7th October

Parents may have to wait a few years to become grandparents, but it is definitely worth it. Spending time with your grandchildren nourishes both your body and soul: the physical energy you use to keep with them keeps you healthy, and your emotional bonds with them will reinforce your own emotional well-being.

Grandparents can do SO much for their grandchildren: giving them time and attention, as well as providing them with a strong sense of belonging to the family. This all helps build emotional security for their future.

Tell your grandchildren their family heritage – reminisce about your family's events and history. Where did your parents and grandparents come from? What did they do? Did they fight in the World Wars? Do you have old photos to show them?

Tell your grandchildren about what it was like going to school when you were young. Tell them stories about raising their mum or dad. Show them pix from the family album, sing the same songs to them that you sang to their mum or dad; read them the same favourite stories. Tell them of your family traditions, from everything about the best way to make tea to how you always decorate the Christmas tree. By doing so, you link your past to their future, and greatly enrich them.

Grandparents can really be God's special gift to children.

The Parish

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 1st Sunday of the month when we have
"The Family Service"

Wednesday 10.00 a.m. Holy Communion at St. Francis
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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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Copy Dates for Pewtalk

20th October 2018

23rd November 2018

18th December 2018