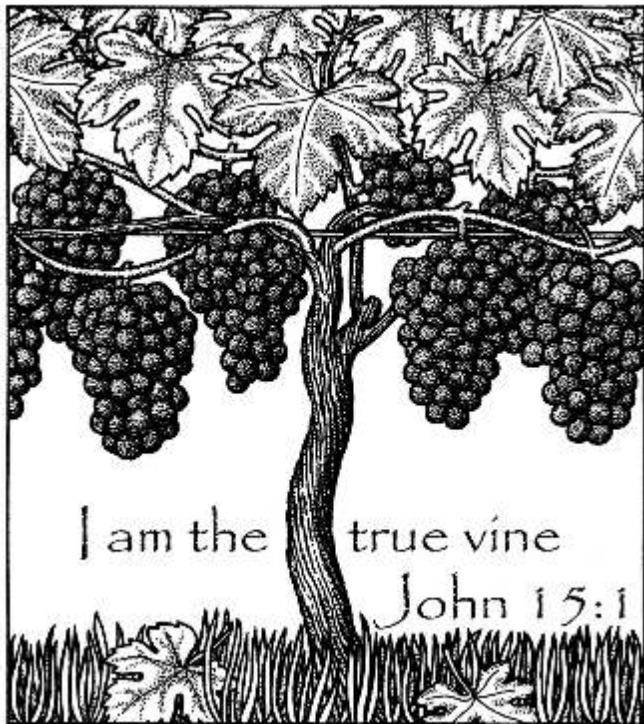


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# BITS AND PIECES

**Recently we have** had issues with a smoke detector at St. Francis. Those of us that used the building had to endure a “bleep” about every 45 seconds. This indicated a flat battery in the device but as it was in the ceiling of the main hall it was not really a “DIY” proposition. Our contractor had to use a tower to get to the alarm and replace the battery. While they were on site they changed all the smoke alarm batteries and also the 6 fluorescent tubes in the hall. Hopefully this bit of maintenance won't be needed in a hurry! All is now “bleep” free.

## **The Children's Society.**

The total raised this year in the boxes was £110. Well done everyone, a brilliant effort greatly appreciated by the Children's Society.

Money raised from the boxes is vital in helping towards their mission of supporting disadvantaged children and young people. Last year the Children's Society worked with over 18,000 vulnerable children and young people, bringing life changing support through their services around the country. This includes helping families trapped in poverty and debt, providing support to young carers and combating the evils of child sexual exploitation.

The donations from the boxes enables the Children's Society to make it possible for these children to escape from potentially harmful surroundings and lead the happier lives that they deserve.

Thank you for being a part of their continued mission for change and helping

thousands of children and young people look forward to a brighter future. If anyone would like to have a box to fill with loose change please see me in Church?

*Jane Schroeder.*

## **From Claire Frend**

This year the **Macmillan Coffee Morning** is on Friday 28th September between 10:00am and 12:00pm at the St Francis Centre in Somerset Road, Linford. Please come along and join us for a cuppa, a piece of cake and a chat to support this very worthwhile cause. There will be raffle and a tombola on the day, which have got some great prizes.

Hope to see you there!

**The Bible Study** group will restart its meetings on September 11<sup>th</sup> after its Summer break. If you would like to join us (all are welcome) we meet at the Linford Methodist Church at 7.30pm.

## **100 Club**

Lindy Blackman (Daughter of John and Gena) was the first winner in this year's 100 Club. Congratulations a new winner for the Blackbond family who have supported the 100 Club generously from the start. Remember will still have 11 draws two of which are for £50 Your support for our Fund Raising efforts is very much appreciated Norman.

**The next edition of PEWTALK** will not be available until the first week of October. However please have any contributions to the editor by “close of play” on the 23<sup>rd</sup> September.

**Editor: The Rev Paul Hardingham considers what God wants of us.**

### **Back to School – and daily life**

*'Most Christians don't really believe that the ordinary things they do every day have anything much to do with God's purposes in time and eternity. But the reality is that God can and does work through His people... among the people they naturally meet, doing the things they normally do.'* (Mark Greene).



September is the time when we get back to our normal routines after the summer break. It's a good opportunity to ask how God wants us to make a difference in our workplace, school, family or with friends. Paul writes:

*'And whatever you do, whether in word or deed, do it all in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks to God the Father through him.'* (Colossians 3:17).

As disciples, we are called to do the ordinary things in the name of Jesus, i.e. *act in the way Jesus would in our situation.*

*'WHATEVER you do'*: God is at work in every aspect of our lives. He can use whatever we do to make a difference to those around. Do we believe this? Our lives shouldn't be like an orange, segmented into the sacred and secular, but more like an apple, in which the whole is available to God.

*'Whatever YOU do'*: God wants to use us to make a difference to the people and places where we spend time. We can trust Him for the resources we need hour by hour, day by day, year by year. What do we need from Him?

*'Whatever you DO'*: Our work is for God alone, out of gratitude for God's love for us. How does this perspective make a difference when what we do seems hard, unrewarding, or unappreciated by others?

*'Work doesn't take us away from God; it continues the work of God.'* (Eugene Peterson).

### **Parish Picnic**

The weather was a bit windy therefore after the service around 25 of us enjoyed a lovely buffet spread in Church. Barry Johnson stayed and there was a wide range of ages from the Church Family which included Colin and Patricia's children grandchildren and this year his great grandson Billy at 2. The chat was lively and the youngsters enjoyed a run in the Churchyard whilst us oldies chatted over tea and coffee. After the rhubarb crumble (made from David's Rhubarb) and a very tasty apple pie everybody pitched in and the washing up/tidying was completed in no time. We look forward to next year

## From the ROH Thurrock Community Chorus

We're singing; and you're invited to join in. Are you known for your love of song? Have you always wondered if you have a hidden singing talent? Would you like to discover and develop your unique voice? Then you are all invited to a special evening to meet and sing with the Royal Opera House Thurrock Community Chorus on Monday 10<sup>th</sup> September or Monday 24<sup>th</sup> September at Palmer's College, Chadwell Road, Grays at 7.15pm. Meet Chorus members, sing with them, and find out how you could join them at this exciting time with performances planned in Thurrock, in London and even at the Royal Opera House. If you are over 8 years old and live, work, study or volunteer in Thurrock, we'd love to meet you and add your voice to our amazing Chorus. No experience necessary, no need to be able to read music but both are most welcome too. This is not an audition and there is no requirement for you to sing alone. Come to one open evening or both and give it a try. Please register to attend by emailing:- [getinvolved@roh.org.uk](mailto:getinvolved@roh.org.uk) or by calling 01708 891200. You don't only sing when you're winning!

### A message from Marian Kuyper

Facebook is many things to different people my favourite feature is the memories. In July I received the message 'one year ago you said goodbye to Linford Toddler Group', this month the memory jogger will be 'house hunting in Chalgrove Oxfordshire'.

At the end of September it will be a year since Bob and I left Linford and all our friends to embark on a new life in Chalgrove. Closer to the grandchildren so we can have them stay for a few days every week in the school holiday and pick them up from school if necessary during term time.

Our new village is very friendly Bob has joined the Church Choir, Chalgrove Brass Band and Springs Golf Club. I have joined the WI, Healthy Walking group and Local History Club. Our new Church St. Marys which incorporates the Methodist community in the village is friendly, very involved in all the village groups and puts on lots of events all year round.

Yes we do miss you all in Thurrock but again Facebook is marvellous for keeping in touch. Our biggest problem now is to remember all the names of our new friends!!

*Marian Kuyper*



### Sporting Summer

I have always been keen on many sports. This year with the World Cup, Indian Tourists, European Games etc. I have had a great time watching on TV. Whilst watching I thought how fortunate I was to be growing up in East Tilbury in the 1950s.

We had excellent sporting facilities and a number of good sportsmen. Bata always had a good football team and I enjoyed my time as ball boy (paid one shilling). My favourite player was Johnnie Evans who signed for Charlton, was transferred to Liverpool and played for England Under 23s. Later Keith Morton joined Sunderland and he sent me all the players autographs.

Every Saturday a Harris's coach from the Hotel went to the football. One week Arsenal and the following week Spurs. Mr. Henderson (Ken) and Mr. Stanley (also Ken) arranged the coaches. Recently I met Ken Henderson's grandson who was helping with grass cutting in the Churchyard and recently Ken Stanley was on "Match of the Day" at Spurs last match of the season when, as Spurs longest regular supporter, Delli Alli presented him with his boots. Not sure at over 90 what Mr Stanley will do with the boots but it was a nice gesture.

In summer Bata regularly played cricket and had a few special cricketers even a Test Match player Khalid Hassan who was at the College about the same time as John Blackbond and a Pakistan player Sam Karanjia. I loved watching and putting the scores up - no pay but good sandwiches.

On the Sportsday in addition to children's races a few good athletes competed and one of the good throwers was Mr. Paveska who arranged for us to go to the White City to watch England v Czechoslovakia. Emil Zatopek who won three Gold Medals at the Melbourne Olympics and worked for Bata in Zlín came to see the coach party.

I haven't mentioned tennis.

It was a good time to be interested in sport and live in East Tilbury.

*Norman*

### **From Michelle Savage, Education Officer at Coalhouse Fort**

Due to building works at Coalhouse Fort our usual education rooms were unavailable and I was at a loss as to how to accommodate my summer school groups. St. Catherine's church very kindly opened their doors to Stifford Clays Primary's year 6 pupils and we had a terrific day of cross-curricular fun: We studied the artist Andy Goldsworthy's natural art and produced some of our own outdoor art exhibitions taking inspiration from Coalhouse Fort's Parkland area. Pupils also learned how to use a compass and used this new skill to guide them to various points of historical interest around the outside of the fort. One pupil commented that although she didn't think she would, she really enjoyed herself. Thank you to St. Catherine's for allowing the school to use the church as a much - needed base for the day!





## **St Catherine's Fundraising Quiz**

to be held at:

**St Catherine's next to Coalhouse Fort**

on

**Saturday 13<sup>th</sup> October, 7pm for 7.30**

Please bring your teams of up to 8 people at £5 each person

Please feel free to bring your own drinks and nibbles

Raffle tickets will be on sale

All tables must be booked in advance to avoid disappointment

Tickets will be available at the church on Sunday mornings or any open days

or from

Geraldine on 07919 484440

email Geraldine.1ddles.events@btinternet.com

Facebook page is St Catherine's Church, East Tilbury

Web address [www.stcatherineschurch.org.uk](http://www.stcatherineschurch.org.uk)

Please note the change of venue is due to large numbers last time, you can still fetch your drink etc even though it is in the church. We look forward to seeing you there



**From Victorian times at St Mary's Chalgrove  
(Marian Kuyper's new church)**

"Hints to those who worship God in this Church:-

1. Be in Time
2. Go straight to Church
3. Kneel down on your knees
4. Do not look round every time the door opens
5. Join in all the Prayers and the Singing and the Amens
6. Stand up directly the Hymns are given out
7. Do not whisper to your neighbour
8. Keep your thoughts fixed
9. Bow your head at the Most Holy Name of JESUS
10. If you bring your children, see that they kneel too
11. Make Almsgiving a regular part of your Worship
12. Pray for those who Minister

When the CHOIR and CLERGY enter, or leave, the CHURCH, then STAND up in a body. When they have passed by, kneel down in Prayer for them and for yourselves."

These days we have a much more inclusive approach to our worship, which is expertly captured in this notice to be found by the door of St. Bartholomew's Church, Yarnton.

**Beware!**

Here we practice the inclusive Gospel of Jesus Christ

This means that you may be mixing with tax-collectors, sinners  
Adulterers, hypocrites, Greeks, Jews, Women as well as men, children,  
Female and male priests, all sexualities, the disabled, the dying,  
Thieves and other sinners, all colours and creeds.

Bishops, bigots, people of other faiths, strangers from Rome and  
Nigeria, heretics and yes....

Even you, dear guest

Are most welcome, in fact anyone like those with whom Jesus mixed.

So beware, this is NOT a private members club!

WELCOME TO ALL.

**Dates for your Diary**

Saturday 6th October - Harvest Supper at St. Francis at 6pm

Sunday 7th October - Family Service at 10am with a talk about the "Shoebox" appeal.

Saturday 13th October - Quiz Night at St. Catherine's at 7pm

Sunday 14th October - Harvest Festival Communion at 10am

## FROM THE AUGUST MEETING OF THE PCC

The Parochial Church Council met on 15<sup>th</sup> August in St. Catherine's with apologies from Janice and Geraldine.

The minutes of the previous meeting on 2<sup>nd</sup> July were approved without alteration.

Under "matters arising from the minutes" it was noted that the notes of the "Safeguarding" course were still outstanding from the Diocese.

Colin Strong had been asked by RWE (who are planning the Tilbury Energy Centre on the former power station site) to use the church for a public presentation on 6<sup>th</sup> November from noon to 8pm. The PCC agreed for this to go ahead given a sensible donation to church funds. Sue Spiers advised that Canon Paul had been in touch with the Rochester Bridge Trust, who had historically owned land in East Tilbury, to see if a grant might be available for church repairs. They now only give grants to projects in Kent.

Regarding the appointment of a priest, Colin advised that when he and Sue met with the Archdeacon in July it was agreed that our advert in the Church Times would be repeated on 31<sup>st</sup> August with applications required by 1<sup>st</sup> October.

The Churchwardens reported that:-

1. We await our Architect's plans for the repairs to St. Catherine's. 2. The Childrens' project run by the Coalhouse Fort project had been very successful with some 60+ children visiting the church on each occasion for project work. 3. The War Graves sign for the gate was in the hands of the "fitter" to be fitted as and when. 4. A temporary repair would be made to the broken Chancel window as there was difficulty finding a repairer who didn't want to remove the complete

window. 5. Recent wind and heavy rain had allowed water into the kitchen. Colin will contact the architect for his thoughts.

In his report Norman advised that we had now had the final invoice from our project Quantity Surveyor and he was finalising matters with the Listed Places of Worship over VAT repayments. He also said that he had received a refund from our gas supplier.

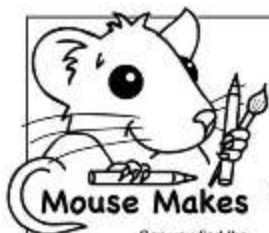
David Gunn, our Pastoral Assistant reported on his recent visiting.

Arrangements for the Bishop's visit on Sunday 16<sup>th</sup> September were discussed and it was agreed that instead of biscuits, small cakes (as at the recent concert), would be provided and that the form of the service and leadership would be as any other Sunday.

Patricia provided the meeting with a schedule of the current use of the St. Francis Centre. Colin advised that he had been approached by a group supporting Down's syndrome children about storing some equipment in one of the St. Francis sheds. The meeting agreed that he should explore further their requirements. He had been approached about the use of St. Francis by another church on Sunday mornings. It was agreed that we would not want to do this.

In a discussion of forthcoming Social events it was noted that the Harvest Supper was on the 6<sup>th</sup> October and a Quiz Night on the 13<sup>th</sup>. Norman and Sheila advised that they had arranged for a speaker from the Samaritans' Purse to speak about the "Shoebox" appeal at the October Family Service. It was therefore decided that our Harvest Festival would be on Sunday 14<sup>th</sup> October.





Mouse Makes

Can you find the mouse?

## A HARVEST PUZZLE

Change each letter to the letter *before* it in the alphabet to see how QSPWF SCT 3:9 says we can give thanks to God.



IPOPVS



UIF MPSE



XJUI



ZPVS



XFBMUI



BOE UIF



GJSTU



QBSU PG



ZPVS



IBSWFTU

Which two boxes have the same harvest food?



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



2 Sep	14 <sup>th</sup> <b>Sunday after Trinity</b> <b>Family Service</b>	10am
5 Sep	Holy Communion (St Francis) Drop In at St Francis	10am 10.30am - noon
6 Sep	Foodbank at St. Francis	11am - 1pm
9 Sep	15 <sup>th</sup> <b>Sunday after Trinity</b> <b>Parish Communion and Sunday School</b>	10am
11 Sep	Bible Study at Linford Methodist Church	7.30pm
12 Sep	Holy Communion (St Francis) Drop In at St Francis	10am 10.30am - noon
13 Sep	Foodbank at St. Francis	11am - 1pm
16 Sep	16 <sup>th</sup> <b>Sunday after Trinity</b> <b>Parish Communion</b> <b><i>Celebrant: The Ven. Dr. John Perumbalath, Bishop of Bradwell</i></b>	10am
17 Sep	<b><i>Open meeting with Bishop John at St. Peter &amp; St. Paul Grays Town Centre</i></b>	7.30pm
18 Sep	Social committee meeting at St. Catherine's	7.30pm
19 Sep	Holy Communion (St Francis) Drop In at St Francis	10am 10.30am - noon
20 Sep	Foodbank at St. Francis	11am - 1pm
23 Sep	20 <sup>th</sup> <b>Sunday after Trinity</b> <b>Parish Communion</b> Baptism of <b>Rosie Eve Merchant</b>	10am 12noon
26 Sep	Holy Communion (St Francis) Drop In at St Francis	10am 10.30am - noon
27 Sep	Foodbank at St. Francis WELCOM forum at Linford Methodist Church	11am - 1pm 7pm
28 Sep	<b>MacMillan</b> coffee morning at St. Francis Centre, Linford	10am - noon
29 Sep	Church cleaning - volunteers needed	10am
30 Sep	21 <sup>st</sup> <b>Sunday after Trinity</b> <b>Parish Communion</b> Baptism of Freddie Michael Sherwood Church open for tea and homemade cakes	10am 12noon 2pm - 5pm

FROM ST. CATHERINE'S PARISH REGISTERS

**Baptisms**

5 Aug Harrison Simon Joseph Burton  
12 Aug Raye Ann Grace Dannielle Hollington &  
Bethany Marie Jean Hollington

**Weddings**

17 Aug Anthony Stephen Ager & Amy Emily Parrott

**Funerals**

None

Did You Know - Essex

In 1696, an energetic, non-conformist minister arrived in Maldon and built a new chapel on the site where he preached to crowds of 400 or more. His sermons were fervent full of gusto, impassioned and long. His name was Joseph Billio, and such was his enthusiasm that his name passed into our language "To do something - go like Billio"



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HAPPY NEW YEAR TO ALL  
Toddlers is **BACK** 11th September  
Normal hours,  
Tuesday 9.30am - 12.00pm  
Thursday 9.30am - 12.00pm

# 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:

Telephone: 07591 708955

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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, Weddings or Funerals please contact Colin Strong 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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## *Copy Dates for Pewtalk*

*23<sup>rd</sup> September 2018*

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