

WELCOME to ST CATHERINE'S EAST TILBURY

If you are visiting or new to St Catherine's, please introduce yourself.

Please stay for refreshments after the service.

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21st October 2018 – 21st Sunday after Trinity

Modernise the church - or close down – from “Parish Pump”

Parish church buildings must modernise or risk being closed, according to a Church of England judge. Chancellor June Rodgers was warning traditionalists and heritage groups that church buildings must stay relevant to the needs of their communities.

In a ruling published earlier this month, she said: "If people disagree with sensible and necessary re-ordering of an existing church building to keep it in use, then they should think what redundant churches have been turned into: a supermarket, climbing walls, dance studios, or even demolition."

Thus, she has recently ruled that a Grade II listed Mariners' Church in Gloucester could install a kitchen, new lighting system, sound system and monitors, and remove pews, as part of an overhaul to help it accommodate a growing congregation. 'The church needs people (and money) to survive unless it is to become an empty un-used shell.'

Her comments came as the bishop in charge of cathedrals recently warned that parish churches were becoming "mausoleums" which were no longer at the centre of communities.

Dr John Inge, the Bishop of Worcester, told the national cathedrals conference in Manchester: 'Far too many churches remain locked, despite the advice of the Ecclesiastical Insurance Company that they should remain open, and stand like mausoleums except when they open for worship, and have become increasingly marginal to the life of the communities they exist to serve.'

'Traditionally, churches have been at the heart of the communities in which they stand, in both a human and geographical sense. It is well known that in the medieval period much of what we would now term secular activity would have taken place within churches and cathedrals.'

'Over the years, particularly during Victorian periods, a piety crept in which tended to exclude everything but public worship from them, all other activities being transferred to other places, halls and community centres.'

COLLECT for 21st Sunday after Trinity

Almighty God, in whose service lies perfect freedom: teach us to obey you with loving hearts and steadfast wills; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen**

Sun	21st October 21st Sunday after Trinity	
	10.00am	Parish Communion celebrated by Revd. Barry Johnson
	12noon	Baptism of Freya Rosina Deana McKay Browning
Wed	10.00am	Holy Communion at St. Francis with Revd. Barry Johnson
	10.30am-noon	Drop In (St. Francis)
Thur	11am – 1pm	Foodbank at St. Francis
	7pm	WELCOM forum at Linford Methodist Church
Sat	2pm – 5pm	“St. Cedd’s” afternoon of activities and teas.
Sun	28th October Last Sunday after Trinity – Bible Sunday	
	10.00am	Parish Communion celebrated by Revd. Barry Johnson And Sunday School
	2pm – 4pm	“St. Cedd’s” afternoon of activities and teas
	4.30pm	Evening Service in the Celtic tradition

THE BIBLE READINGS at OUR SERVICES

Sunday 21st October 21st Sunday after Trinity

10 am Isaiah 53. 4 - end **(OT 694)**
 Hebrews 5. 1 - 10 **(NT 217)**
 Mark 10. 35 - 45 **(NT 45)**

Sunday 28th October Last Sunday after Trinity – Bible Sunday

10 am Isaiah 55. 1 - 11 **(OT 696)**
 2 Timothy 3. 14 – 4. 5 **(NT 210)**
 John 5. 36b - end **(NT 95)**

DAILY BIBLE READINGS

Mon 1 Timothy ch6 v1 - 10
Tue 1 Timothy ch6 v11 - end
Wed 2 Timothy ch1 v1 - 14
Thur 2 Timothy ch1 v15 – ch2 v13
Fri 2 Timothy ch2 v14 - end
Sat 2 Timothy ch3

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 Please let Colin know of people in hospital, to visit, or who would like Communion at home.

This, Sunday our 10am service is our usual Parish Communion service which will be presided over by Revd. Barry Johnson. The service will be followed by refreshments and a chance for conversation as usual. At 12 noon Barry will be baptising Freya Rosina Deana McKay Browning. Please pray for her, her family and friends.

On Wednesday we have our usual mid-week Communion service which will be celebrated by Revd. Barry Johnson. It will be followed at 10.30am by our “drop-in” for refreshments and “chat”. If you know anyone who might need some company do encourage them to come along.

Next Sunday our Parish Communion, will be celebrated by Revd. Barry Johnson and Kim is having a **Sunday School** session. The service will be followed by refreshments and a chance for conversation as usual. **At 4.30 (after our St. Cedd tea afternoon)** Canon Paul Robinson will lead an evening service in the Celtic Tradition to round off the weekend celebrations.

Last Sunday's Harvest food donations for the Thurrock foodbank amounted to just over 30 kilos – a wonderful effort.

For those that do not already know it, the Quiz Night raised a total of £404 for parish funds – thank you Geraldine and family.

Next weekend (27th / 28th) St. Catherine's will be open on both afternoons for teas, visits and an opportunity for children (and adults) to take part in some craft activities. If you are able to make cakes or help in any way please let Colin or Sue know.

Sunday 4th November is All Saints Day and as well as the November Family Service in the morning, we will be holding a “Memorial and Thanksgiving Service” at 4pm led by Revd. Barry Johnson. If you have someone that you would like particularly remembered at that service write their name clearly on the sheet at the back of the church. Everyone is welcome to attend so do let others know.

The following Sunday (11th) is Remembrance Sunday and 100 years since the end of the 1st World War. We will have our usual service of Holy Communion at 9.30am so that we can be at the Memorial gardens for 10.45am. Once again, do let friends and neighbours know. In the afternoon and evening there are events at St. Catherine's and Coalhouse Fort including lighting the beacon.

	21st October	28th October	4th November
Sunday	21st Sunday after Trinity	Last Sunday after Trinity and Bible Sunday	All Saints Day
Service	HOLY COMMUNION	HOLY COMMUNION	FAMILY SERVICE
Leader	Chris	Norman	Sheila
Celebrant / Speaker	Rev. Barry Johnson	Rev. Barry Johnson	
Prayers	Norman	Chris	Geraldine
Readers	Janice & Geraldine	Pam & Chris	Kathy & Pat
Sides-people	John & Joan	Pam E & June C	Colin & Patricia
Offertory	Gena & John	Kim & Chris	
Communion Assistants	Barry & Brenda	Kim & David	
	Patricia	Kathy	Pam E

******* REMEMBER THE CLOCKS GO BACK *******
******* ON SATURDAY NIGHT (27th) *******