

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 January 2018 3rd Sunday of EPIPHANY

25th January The Conversion of St Paul

January is a month of the beginning of great things! As well as the naming of the Son of God, we celebrate the conversion of the greatest ever apostle of the Christian faith. Many books have been written on Paul, and here is the briefest of introductions.

He was a Jew, born as 'Saul' at Tarsus, and brought up by the rabbi Gamaliel as a Pharisee. A devout, fanatical Jew, Saul persecuted the Christians, and watched with satisfaction the first Christian martyrdom, the stoning of Stephen. Then on his way to Damascus Saul had a vision of Christ that stopped him, literally, in his tracks. He realised that this Jesus whom he was persecuting was in fact the Messiah for whom he had longed.

Saul changed overnight. He took a new name, Paul, and became an evangelist for the cause of Christ. He became a leader in the early Church, and his special calling was as an apostle to the Gentiles. He wrote many epistles to the young churches he founded - and thus, inadvertently, wrote a great part of the New Testament.

Life as the greatest apostle was hardly full of perks: he was stoned, beaten, mobbed, homeless, hated, imprisoned, and finally martyred. Tradition has it that he was beheaded in Rome during the persecution of Nero in AD 64, and buried where the basilica of St Paul 'outside the walls' now stands. His mighty faith in Christ has kindled similar belief in many hundreds of millions of people down the centuries.

COLLECT for The 3rd Sunday of EPIPHANY

God of all mercy, your Son proclaimed good news to the poor, release to the captives, and freedom to the oppressed: anoint us with your Holy Spirit and set all your people free to praise you in Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen**

Sun	21st January 3rd	Sunday of Epiphany
	10.00am	Holy Communion led by Revd. Austin Uzoigwe
Tue	7.00pm	Briefing meeting for PCC members at St. Francis
	7.30pm	Social Committee at St. Francis – all welcome
Wed	10.00am	Holy Communion led by Revd. Bob Magor
	10.30am- noon	Drop In (St. Francis)
Thur	11am–1pm	Food Bank at St. Francis
	7.30pm	“ Welcom ” forum meeting at Linford Methodist Church
Sat	4.00pm	Holy Baptism
Sun	28th January	Candlemass
	10.00am	Holy Communion led by Revd. Laurie Blaney

THE BIBLE READINGS at OUR SERVICES

Sunday 21st January 3rd Sunday of Epiphany

10 am Genesis 14; 17 – 20 **(OT 11)**
 Revelation 19; 6 – 10 **(NT 255)**
 John 2; 1 - 11 **(NT 89)**

Sunday 28th January Candlemass

10 am Malachi 3; 1 - 5 **(OT 904)**
 Hebrews 2; 14 – end **(NT 216)**
 Luke 2; 22 - 40 **(NT 56)**

DAILY BIBLE READINGS

Mon Matthew Ch26: v1 to 16
Tue Matthew Ch26: v17 to 35
Wed Matthew Ch26: v36 to 46
Thur Matthew Ch26: v47 to 56
Fri Matthew Ch26: v57 to end
Sat Matthew Ch27: v1 to 10

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

This Sunday our service of Holy Communion is celebrated by Revd. Austin Uzoigwe once again. Austin is one of the curates ministering in the Mardyke team ministry with their Rector Tara Frankland.

Wednesday will see the return of Revd. Bob Magor who will be celebrating our mid-week communion once again – he seems to have become our “midweek” Vicar recently! As usual the service will be followed by our “drop-in” coffee morning from 10.30am

Next Sunday, our 10am service of Holy Communion will be celebrated by Revd. Laurie Blaney who has been a bit of a regular recently.

On Tuesday evening we now have two meetings at St. Francis. At 7pm there will a short meeting to brief PCC members on the discussions that our Churchwardens and PCC secretary have recently had with the Archdeacon and the Area Dean. This means that **The Social Committee meeting** will now start at 7.30pm. Anyone that is interested in the social and fundraising side of parish life is very welcome – just bring your ideas!

This month’s “WELCOM” forum meeting is on Thursday evening at 7.30pm at the Linford Methodist Church. Anyone with an interest in local matters is welcome to attend.

The Thurrock Foodbank is looking for an additional van driver. Helen

Watts, who looks after the van and drivers has provided this information:

“Van Driver - sadly Len who was to come on board as a van driver is suffering from ill health at the moment and is unable to take up the position. This leaves us still needing another driver. The requirements are a willingness to work every other Wednesday, drive our Vauxhall Vivaro short wheelbase van, be able to lift boxes and food and a sense of humour. A good working knowledge of the roads around Thurrock would be useful as pick ups are mainly from shops, schools and businesses. Please share this with your congregation and email me if you know anyone who would be interested. If anyone wants to discuss requirements etc please ring me at the warehouse on Mondays and Wednesdays 10am - 3pm on 01375 416200.”

The church rotas for the next 6 months have been completed and e-mailed to those for which we have an address. There are also copies at the back of church. Please let Chris know of any errors or omissions.

Finally, just a reminder that the last day for copy for the February edition of Pewtalk is this Monday the 22nd January.

OUR WEEKLY SERVICE TEAMS

	21st January	28th January	4th February
Sunday	3rd Sunday of EPIPHANY	Candlemass	2nd Sunday before LENT
Service	HOLY COMMUNION	HOLY COMMUNION	FAMILY SERVICE
Leader	Kathy	Norman	Kathy
Celebrant	Revd. Austin Uzoigwe	Revd. Laurie Blaney	
Prayers	Kim	Kathy	Geraldine
Readers	Norman & Pam	Sheila & Chris	Janice & Pam
Sides-people	Gena & John	Sue S & Hazel	Pam P & June S
Offertory	June C & Pam E	John & Carol	
Communion Assistants	Chris & Pam	Kim & John	
Teas	Joan	Hazel	Gena
Cleaning	Chris & Kim, Paul & Hollie		