

## **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.

***You can take this Newsletter home.***

### **15<sup>th</sup> July 2018 – 7<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Trinity**

#### **St Swithun (or Swithin) – saint for a rainy day – remembered today**

St. Swithun is apparently the saint you can blame for rainy summers. It is said that if it rains on his special day, 15<sup>th</sup> July, it will then rain for 40 days after that. It all began when Swithun was made Bishop of Winchester in 852 by King Ethelwulf of Wessex. It was an important posting: Winchester was the capital of Wessex, and during the 10 years Swithun was there, Wessex became the most important kingdom of England.

During his life, instead of washing out people's summer holidays, and damping down their spirits, Swithun seems to have done a lot of good. He was famous for his charitable gifts and for his energy in getting churches built. When he was dying in 862, he asked that he be buried in the cemetery of the Old Minster, just outside the west door.

If he had been left there in peace, who knows how many rainy summers the English may have been spared over the last 1000 years. But, no, it was decided to move Swithun. By now, the 960s, Winchester had become the first monastic cathedral chapter in England, and the newly installed monks wanted Swithun in the cathedral with them. So finally, on 15 July 971, his bones were dug up and Swithun was translated into the cathedral.

That same day many people claimed to have had miraculous cures. Certainly everyone got wet, for the heavens opened. The unusually heavy rain that day, and on the days following, was attributed to the power of St Swithun. Swithun was moved again in 1093, into the new Winchester cathedral. His shrine was a popular place of pilgrimage throughout the middle ages. The shrine was destroyed during the Reformation and restored in 1962. There are 58 ancient dedications to Swithun in England.

#### **COLLECT for the 7<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Trinity**

Generous God, you give us gifts and make them grow: though our faith is small as mustard seed, make it grow to your glory and the flourishing of your kingdom; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen

**Sun 15<sup>th</sup> July 7<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Trinity**  
**10.00am Holy Communion** led by Revd. Barry Johnson  
**1.00pm** Baptism of **Anaya Elizabeth Garrod**

**Wed 10.00am Holy Communion** at St. Francis led by Revd. Barry Johnson  
**10.30am-noon** Drop In (St. Francis)

**Thur 11am – 1pm** Foodbank open at St. Francis

**Sun 22<sup>th</sup> July 8<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Trinity**  
**10.00am Holy Communion** led by Revd. Barry Johnson  
**1.00pm** Baptism of **Marnie Rose Whyman**

### THE BIBLE READINGS at OUR SERVICES

**Sunday 15<sup>th</sup> July 7<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Trinity**

**10 am** Amos 7. 7 - 15 **(OT 870)**  
Ephesians 1. 3 – 14 **(NT 189)**  
Mark 6. 14 – 29 **(NT 39)**

**Sunday 22<sup>nd</sup> July 8<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Trinity**

**10 am** Jeremiah 23. 1 - 6 **(OT 736)**  
Ephesians 2. 11 – end **(NT 190)**  
Mark 6. 30 – 34 & 53 - end **(NT 39)**

### DAILY BIBLE READINGS

**Mon** Luke ch22 v24 - 30  
**Tue** Luke ch22 v31 - 38  
**Wed** Luke ch22 v39 - 46  
**Thur** Luke ch22 v47 - 62  
**Fri** Luke ch22 v63 - end  
**Sat** Luke ch23 v1 - 12

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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 will be celebrated, as is becoming the norm, by Revd. Barry Johnson. At 1pm Barry will be baptising Anaya Elizabeth Garrod. We welcome Anaya's friends and family to St. Catherine's

**On Wednesday our mid-week** service of Holy Communion will be led by Revd. Barry Johnson. As usual it will be followed by our "drop-in" for refreshments and "chat". If you know of anyone that could do with a bit of company do let them know.

**Next Sunday**, our service of Holy Communion will be presided over by Revd. Barry Johnson and he will be taking another service of Holy Baptism at 1pm. On that occasion Marnie Rose Whyman will be baptised.

**A 100 club reminder** that the new subscription year starts in July. If you wish to remain in the draw please get your £10 to our treasurer, Norman King, as soon as possible. And, of course, feel free to encourage any others to use this way to support the local church and its ministry.

**Next Sunday is** the closing date for copy for the August edition of Pewtalk. As Chris has written many times before if something interests you it will probably interest others. If you have doubts about your writing

skills he is always ready to edit your copy. It helps greatly if you can email your article to [pewtalk@talktalk.net](mailto:pewtalk@talktalk.net) but this is not an essential requirement – any form will do!

**The service rotas** for the period August 2018 to January 2019 have now been prepared and are on the table at the back of church. They have been e-mailed to those that Chris has contact details for.

**And a future date for our diaries**, the parish picnic will be at St. Catherine's after the service on Sunday August 19<sup>th</sup>. Everyone is welcome to come and share food and fellowship so do think about inviting any friends or neighbours that you think might be interested.

	<b>15<sup>th</sup> July</b>	<b>22<sup>nd</sup> July</b>	<b>29<sup>th</sup> July</b>
<b>Sunday</b>	<b>7th Sunday after Trinity</b>	<b>8th Sunday after Trinity</b>	<b>9th Sunday after Trinity</b>
<b>Service</b>	<b>HOLY COMMUNION</b>	<b>HOLY COMMUNION</b>	<b>HOLY COMMUNION</b>
<b>Leader</b>	Sheila	Kathy	Sheila
<b>Celebrant</b>	Revd. Barry Johnson	Revd. Barry Johnson	Revd. Barry Johnson
<b>Prayers</b>	Kathy	Carol	Norman
<b>Readers</b>	Geraldine & David	Norman & Sheila	John M & Kim
<b>Sides-people</b>	Pam P & June S	June C & Pam E	Colin & Patricia
<b>Offertory</b>	Colin & Patricia	Gena & John	June C & Pam E
<b>Communion Assistants</b>	Pam & Kim	Brenda & Barry	John & Kathy
<b>Tea</b>	Kim	Pam E	Joan