

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.

19th November 2017 2nd Sunday before ADVENT

17th Gregory of Tours (539 – 94)

Danger of torture, assassination, lootings, floods, famines and epidemics... life in France in the 6th century was as turbulent and violent as many of the world's hot spots are today. In the midst of all this Gregory was born into a senatorial family who lived in the Auvergne. He grew up seeing how the Church responded to all this social chaos at first hand: his family numbered several bishops, as well as saints (the two are not necessarily the same thing!). In due course Gregory decided to devote his life also to the Church, and was ordained deacon in 563 and elected bishop of Tours in 573.

Gregory should be the patron saint of anyone who climbs to a powerful and privileged position – and then uses it in order to do great good. As a bishop of Merovingian Gaul, he became an expounder and defender of the Christian faith and of public morality. He practised charity and compassion on a large scale. He repaired churches, including the great Tours cathedral, destroyed by fire, and built new ones. He restored the tombs of martyrs and saints. He visited monasteries and nunneries, and founded schools.

In addition to all this, Gregory was a prodigious author of books. His ten volume History of the Franks is his most famous work, but he wrote on saints as well. He had an advantage on other medieval historians such as Bede in that he had first-hand experience of the court-life of his time. Courts were treacherous places, and Gregory had to deal with four civil rulers of Tours during his 21 years as bishop. He must have earned their respect: he was sent on diplomatic missions to other Frankish kings.

Gregory made the most of every opportunity he had to bring Christian standards of living into those dark days in France. He was greatly loved, and long remembered.

COLLECT for 2nd Sunday before ADVENT

Heavenly Lord, you long for the world's salvation: stir us from apathy, restrain us from excess and revive us in new hope that all creation will one day be healed in Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen**

Sun	19th November 2nd Sunday before ADVENT	
	10.00am	Holy Communion celebrant Fr. David Rollins <i>and Sunday School</i>
	2.00pm	Baptism of Henry Jay Down
Mon	7.30pm	"Time to Talk" at All Saints Belhus Park
Tue	8.00pm	Bible Study at Linford Methodist Church
Wed	10.00am	Holy Communion led by Revd. Darren Barlow
	10.30am- noon	Drop In (St. Francis)
Thur	11am-1pm	Food Bank at St Francis
	7.30pm	WELCOM forum at Linford Methodist Church
Sun	26th November Sunday next before ADVENT	
	10.00am	Holy Communion, celebrant Fr. Justin Hutcherson

THE BIBLE READINGS at OUR SERVICES

Sunday 19th November 2nd Sunday before ADVENT

10 am Zephaniah 1; 7,12 – 18 (OT p889)
1 Thessalonians 5; 1 – 11 (NT p202)
Matthew 25; 14 – 30 (NT p27)

Sunday 26th November Sunday next before ADVENT

10 am Ezekiel 34; 11-16,20-24 (OT p817)
Ephesians 1; 15 – end (NT p189)
Matthew 25; 31 – end (NT p27)

DAILY BIBLE READINGS

Mon Matthew Ch7: v1 to 12
Tue Matthew Ch7: v13 to end
Wed Matthew Ch8: v1 to 13
Thur Matthew Ch8: v14 to 22
Fri Matthew Ch8: v23 to end
Sat Matthew Ch9: v1 to 17

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

This Sunday our morning service of Holy Communion will be at its usual time of 10am. It will be celebrated by Fr. David Rollins who is the Rector of the United Benefice of Corringham and Fobbing. Kim has also arranged a Sunday School session for those children / grandchildren that would like to join her.

This Wednesday our service of Holy Communion at St. Francis will be led by our Area Dean Revd. Darren Barlow and be followed by our usual “drop in”.

Next Sunday our morning service of Holy Communion will be led by Fr. Justin Hutcherson also from Corringham and Fobbing.

Our Christmas Bazaar is on 2nd December – *just a fortnight away*. If you have ideas and / or can run a stall on the day please put your name on the list at the back of church and / or speak to Colin or Sue. We will need items for the tombola as soon as possible.

Our Bible study with our Methodist friends is at their church in Linford this Tuesday (21st) at 8pm (or a little earlier for tea /coffee). Everyone is welcome whether you have been before or not!

The Thames Crossing Action Group have a meeting at the East Tilbury Primary School on Sunday 26th November at 3pm. More details are on the flyer at the back of church.

Our next PCC meeting is on Monday November 27th at St. Catherine’s. The agenda is on the porch noticeboard and has been emailed to members. The Area Dean, Canon Revd. Darren Barlow hopes to be with us at the meeting.

The foodbank CDOT Concert was a great success and raised an amazing £614. Our thanks go to CDOT for their performance, to Socketts Heath Baptist Church for the lovely venue and to everyone who came along and helped raise such a wonderful sum. We have booked CDOT to sing again for us next year on Friday 9th November at Socketts Heath Baptist Church so please put the date in your 2018 diary.

A reminder that Chris will be looking for articles for the December Pewtalk by Tuesday 22nd November.

On Monday at 7.30pm at All Saints Belhus Park the Archdeacon is leading another session in the series “Time to talk Session” for the Deanery.

The next meeting of the WELCOM forum is on Thursday at 7.30pm at the Linford Methodist Church.

OUR WEEKLY SERVICE TEAMS

	19 th November	26 th November	3 rd December
Sunday	2nd Sunday before ADVENT	Sunday next before ADVENT	1st Sunday of ADVENT
Service	HOLY COMMUNION	HOLY COMMUNION	The Family Service
Leader	Sheila	Kim	Janice
Celebrant	Fr. David Rollins	Fr. Justin Hutcherson	
Prayers	Carol	Kathy	Kim
Readers	Jessica & Chris	Janice & David	Kathy & Sheila
Sides-people	Gena & John	John & Carol	Sue S & Hazel
Offertory	Hollie & Paul	Sheila & Pam	
Communion Assistants	Chris & John	Kim & Pam	
Teas	Hazel	Gena	Sue S
Cleaning	John & Joan with John & Carol		