



*In Christ, loving and serving God's world*

13<sup>th</sup> May 2018 7<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Easter

**ALLELUIA! ALLELUIA! HE IS RISEN  
INDEED! ALLELUIA!**

Welcome to our 10.00 am service today. If you have a hearing aid, please select the 'T' switch position and benefit from our deaf loop, which is directly linked to the microphones. Please join us for tea/coffee in the school hall after the service.

Readings: Acts 1: 15-17, 21-end, John 17: 6-19

Prayers Roger Partridge

Hymns A&M 223 (Omit \* verses 2 and 5), 236, 489, 507

*Intercessions may be written in the blue folder (on the pulpit before service starts). The folder will be placed on the altar during the service. If you have a prayer request to be read aloud during the Sunday 10.00 am service, write it clearly on a piece of paper and hand it to whoever is listed above as leading the prayers.*

**Birthdays this week - Happy birthday to:**

**Alicia Benjamin (11) on 16<sup>th</sup> May**

**Terry Collinson on 16<sup>th</sup> May**

**Jean Knights on 19<sup>th</sup> May**

**From All at Holy Trinity**

**This week at Holy Trinity**

**(See separate leaflet for ALL regular services)**

**Services this week**

Thurs 8.30am Morning Prayer Meeting at Danbury

Thurs 10.00am Joint service led by Fr James McShane followed by coffee in the meeting room,

Thurs 11.00am Prayer Meeting – Methodist led

Sun 10.00am Eucharistic Service

**VIEW FROM THE VICARAGE** Our readings today are about the lives of the disciples. In Acts, Peter explains that Judas' role in betraying Jesus was foretold by scripture, and then the disciples set about filling the gap that Judas has left in their number. The role of a disciple is tough, so it is with much prayer that they make their decision, asking for God's will to be done and then casting lots to elect Matthias. As if to underscore how tough the job is, we have our gospel reading, where Jesus is praying for his disciples and asking God to protect them. I am sure all of us have experienced times when our faith has given us great strength, but also times when our faith has challenged us. Illness in the family (Why, God, why?), dealing with someone who is difficult to love (God, give me strength!), ethical dilemmas (I know the right thing to do, but do I HAVE to go to church when the weather is so nice? Yes, I do – I am the vicar!). The job of disciple has never been easy – but the rewards are amazing! God's love, the love of other Christians, eternal life. If you have been feeling the burden of discipleship recently you are not alone. It was ever thus. Let us continue to follow Jesus' example, not only in loving one another as he has loved us, but also continue praying for one another as he prayed for his disciples. Judas had one of the toughest jobs in God's plan, betraying the man he had come to love, but look at the result. Jesus death and resurrection has given us the wonderful assurance that we have a place in God's kingdom. Sometimes the challenges we face will reveal God's purpose. Let us face and overcome our demons, and we too will share in the amazing rewards. **Reverend Carol Ball**

**100 Club Winners for April**

- 1<sup>st</sup> Sarah Presley
- 2<sup>nd</sup> Bob Hemmings
- 3<sup>rd</sup> Angela Tuff

**DATE FOR THE DIARY SATURDAY 23<sup>RD</sup> JUNE:**

We are planning a Parish Awayday on Saturday 23<sup>rd</sup> June, between 10am and 3pm. At this day we will think about how we are doing and things that we could do in the future. Aside from the thinking, it will also be a chance for us to socialise together, and lunch will be provided. All are welcome! Please keep the date free, and more details will follow.

## "CHARITY CONCERT"

Peter Taylor, one of our parishioners, has organised an evening of musical entertainment which includes his ukulele band, to raise funds for the Alzheimer's Society on Saturday 19th May at 7pm prompt until 11.30m. To be held at Village Hall where Bar available but take own nibbles.

**HELP WANTED!!!** We need some extra people to act as sides persons and to make coffee (not at the same time!) Sides persons greet people as they arrive at church, hand out service books etc. and generally be a friendly and welcoming presence, as people arrive. Coffee makers provide that welcome cuppa at the end of the service. Both roles are on a rota, so its not every week, but both roles are a valuable part of our Sunday morning service and a great way for you to support the church. We will show you what to do, so don't worry if you are unsure. If you are interested or would just like to know more, please contact Margaret, Gill or Janice.

### Compass Churches

**Wednesday 16<sup>th</sup> May** – Deanery Confirmation Service for Bradwell / Chelmsford South to be led by Bishop Stephen at 7.30pm in St Margaret's, Downham

**Monday 21<sup>st</sup> May & 4<sup>th</sup> June** – Sandon Choir meets every other Monday in St Andrews Church, Sandon at 7.30pm. It covers many music genres, is open to all ages and requires no previous experience.

**Saturday 26<sup>th</sup> May** – Open Gardens in Little Baddow.

**Saturday 2<sup>nd</sup> June** – A 'Quiet Day' is to be held at The Orthona Community, Bradwell-on-Sea from 10.00am – 4pm, with all refreshments provided. Cost approx. £20.00. To reserve a place contact Canon Christine Horton on 01245 466534 or e-mail [horton.20@btinternet.com](mailto:horton.20@btinternet.com)

**Sunday 3<sup>rd</sup> June** – 'Open Church' at St Mary's Woodham Ferrers between 2.00 and 5.00pm, with homemade refreshments available throughout the afternoon.

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**Personal items needed:** Ladies deodorants; Washing up liquid; washing liquid (small)'; Washing Powder (small); Shampoo – ladies/gents; Nappies all sizes especially 1/3.

**Saturday 19<sup>th</sup> May 7.30pm** Spring Charity Choral Concert at Chelmsford Cathedral with MEN2SING and New City Voices. Funds raised in support of Farleigh Hospice and Broomfield Hospital. Tickets are £10 (16 and under £5) contact the organisers Rotary Club of Chelmer Bridge on 01245 467335 or 01245 603305, Allegro Music, 95 High Street, Chelmsford, or David Watts 01245 321360

**MORE HELP WANTED!!!** The Christian Council is a meeting of representatives from all the churches in South Woodham Ferrers, to discuss future joint projects and share news. We desperately need a secretary. It's not too onerous. The Council meets 3/4 times a year and the secretary supports the chair to issue the agenda and take notes during the meeting and circulate them. Occasionally the secretary may be asked to write a letter behalf of the Council (e.g. a letter of thanks). If you are interested, please contact Reverend Carol Ball.

### CONTACTS

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