



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

27th May 2018 Trinity Sunday

**We welcome Reverend Michele to
our service this morning. Reverend
Carol will be at Woodham Ferrers
and Bicknacre**

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: Isaiah 6: 1-8 John 3: 1-17

Prayers Sheila Jenkins

Hymns A&M 630, 810, 713, 279

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: Ferdinand Obong (3) on 29th May
Geoff Benjamin on 31st May
Rev Carol Ball on 31st 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
South Woodham Ferrers

Thurs 10.00am Joint service lay led by followed
by coffee in the meeting room,

Thurs 11.00am Prayer Meeting – Methodist led

Sun 7.45 Holy Communion (on 1st Sunday of
the Month)

10.00am All Age Service

VIEW FROM THE VICARAGE Today our service and our newsletter are brought to you by the number 3. Three blind mice, three wise monkeys, three's a crowd. Bad luck comes in threes (as do buses!), there are three lions on the England shirt, three bears, three wishes, three musketeers. The number is also important in the Christian tradition: Christ was visited by the three wise men and 33 years later - when Peter disowned him three times - rose on the third day after the crucifixion (he died at 3pm). There were also 12 disciples, which is a multiple of three. Today our main concern is that our God is represented by the number 3 – the Trinity, the Father, Son and Holy Ghost. We know that there are three persons in our God, as Jesus (the Son) spoke of the Father and then promised to send the Spirit. But it has caused much debate over the years as to what it means in practice. I have read lots of accounts about all of this – how God is simultaneously one and three, but for all the explanations offered, it remains a mystery. The nature of God is complex, but it offers something for all. Let us not dwell too much on its complexity – but look at the fruit. Our God created us, died for us and continues to inspire us. We rejoice in all three persons of our wonderful God. **Reverend Carol Ball (with thanks to Simon Jeffrey of the Guardian for some of the facts about the number three)**

New Website

I am pleased announce the new website is now live. The main address is <http://www.holytrinityswf.org.uk/>

with the Anglican section being <http://www.holytrinityswf.org.uk/anglican/>

If you have any information that you wish to be placed on the website please forward to me.

Don Wragg, Webmaster

**DATE FOR THE DIARY PARISH DAY
SATURDAY 23RD JUNE AT DANBURY
CHURCH MEETING ROOM.** 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! We will organise lifts for those who need transport. Please keep the date free, more details will follow.

Reflective Service Please note there will not be a reflective service or lunch in June as it will be the Parish Away Day.

Compass Churches

Monday 21st May & 4th 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 2nd 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

Sunday 3rd June – ‘Open Church’ at St Mary’s Woodham Ferrers between 2.00 and 5.00pm, with homemade refreshments available throughout the afternoon.

Saturday 9th June – Patronal Festive at St John the Baptist Church, Danbury; where amongst other things, there will be a bouncy castle as well as an open Church Tower!

Saturday 9th June – 10am – 12 noon coffee morning at St Mary’s Church, Ramsden Bellhouse.

Sunday 10th June – Pet Service at All Saints Church, East Hanningfield at 10am

WE HAVE MANY OPPORTUNITIES FOR YOU TO BECOME MORE ACTIVE IN OUR CHURCH AND COMMUNITY:

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.

SECRETARY TO THE CHRISTIAN COUNCIL.

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.

SCHOOL PASTORS IN WILLIAM DE FERRERS.

This is a new initiative to support Willy D. School Pastors will provide a listening ear for the students and staff and refer them to expert support if needed. The scheme is being co-ordinated by the New Life Church in association with the Ascension Trust. The Ascension Trust is the organisation which has established street pastors in town centres, such as Chelmsford. Full training will be given. If you can spare a few hours during the day and would like to know more, please contact Reverend Carol.

SWF Foodbank open Wednesdays, 1000-1200 at New Life Church, Clements Green Lane. Donations welcome; please put in labelled box on round table in HT’s meeting room. Many thanks to donors. Peter Blackman, HT Coordinator; peter@blackmanservices.co.uk or 01245 322079.

Urgently needed items: Jam; Biscuits; Meat (tinned); Tinned Potatoes; Pasta Sauce; Breakfast Cereals; Sponge Puddings; Potato Mash (pkts); Tinned Rice Puddings; Snacks – chocolate/other; Fruit Juice (long life); Milk (long life/UHT); Custard Powder (pkts); Coffee (small/medium); Tea bags – 40 packs;
Personal items needed: Washing up liquid; Washing Powder & liquid (small/medium); Ladies/Gents Toiletries; Nappies all sizes especially 1/3.
Extras: Dog & Cat food

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