

South Woodham Ferrers



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

6<sup>th</sup> May 2018 6<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Easter

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

### **All Age Service**

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.

Hymns A&M 223 (*Omit \* verses 2 and 5*),  
358, 238, 227

*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:**

**Alan Pearson On 6<sup>th</sup> May**

**Neil Benjamin on 7<sup>th</sup> May**

**Reno Jaconelli on 11<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  
Downham

Thurs 10.00am Holy Day of Obligation for  
Ascension. Fr James holding Catholic Service

Thurs 11.00am Prayer Meeting – Methodist led

Sun 10.00am Eucharistic Service

**VIEW FROM THE VICARAGE** The word  
'abide' is not commonly used these  
days. We may refer to our humble

abode, we may sing 'Abide with me' occasionally, but you don't often extol the virtues of abiding. But I think it is one of those words that that conjures up a feeling. Synonyms of this word are words quiet negative: stand, bear, tolerate, put up with, but I see much more in this word. When Jesus says, 'abide in my love' he does not mean 'put up with my love'. Abiding is more active than that, it makes me think of dwelling, being nourished, feeling safe. It involves a decision to live in Jesus' love, to accept the strength that this provides, to trust in him. And in response to our decision Jesus protects and nurtures us and enables us to remain in his love for all of our lives. And he says that he will abide in us, and that as a result – we will go and bear fruit. Do we protect and nurture him as he protects and nurtures us? Where do we start? Well we start by obeying the new commandment that he gives us: 'love one another as I have loved you'. How many conflicts and tragedies could have been avoided if everyone practiced that commandment? Let us abide in him, and allow him to abide in us, and we may find that the world would be a better place. **Reverend Carol Ball**

**WOMENS'S WORLD DAY OF PRAYER,  
TUESDAY MARCH 8<sup>TH</sup> 2PM AT THE  
EVANGELICAL CHURCH.** This was

cancelled back in March due to snowy weather and has now been re-arranged. If you would like to hear about the lives and worship of women in Suriname – please do try and go along.

**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.

**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

**Monday 7<sup>th</sup> & 21<sup>st</sup> May** – Sandon Choir meets every other Monday. It covers many music genres, is open to all ages and requires no previous experience.

**Thursday 10<sup>th</sup> May** – 10.30am Holy Communion Service for Ascension Day is to be held at St Mary's Church, Ramsden Bellhouse: 7.30pm at Sandon; 8.00pm at Stock.

**Saturday 12<sup>th</sup> May** – 10-00am to 12 Noon Coffee Morning at St Mary's Church, Ramsden Bellhouse.

**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

**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)

### Coffee Morning

Help is needed at the Coffee Morning on Saturday 12<sup>th</sup> May as both Janice and Sue are unavailable. If you think you can help for a couple of hours (10.30am – 12.30 pm) making coffee/tea, please speak to Margaret. Thank you.

**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.

### Donations to Windle Court

Windle Court are looking for donations of bedding plants, bulbs, seeds or rattan hanging baskets to kick start a gardening club. They are also hoping to paint the shed and fence and would appreciate any outdoor paint. If you have an hour to spare, you would be received with open arms. For any info speak to Jain or Nicola, Activity Coordinators at Windle Court 01245 425980

**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](mailto:peter@blackmanservices.co.uk) or 01245 322079.

**Urgently needed items:** Jam; Meat (tinned); Sponge Puddings; Potato Mash (pkts); Snacks – chocolate/other; Fruit Juice (long life); Milk (long life/UHT); Custard Powder (pkts); Tea bags – 40 packs; coffee – small/medium;

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

### CONTACTS

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