

South Woodham Ferrers



In Christ, loving and serving God's world

22nd July 2018 Mary Magdalene

We Welcome Reverend Michelle who will lead our service today.



Welcome home Roger and Margaret

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: Song of Solomon 3: 1-4 John 20: 1-2, 11-18

Prayers Sheila Jenkins

Hymns A&M : 223 (Omit verses 2 and 5), 383 , 794, 609

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.

Happy Birthday to
Ashley on 22nd July
George on 23rd July
From all at Holy Trinity

N.B. due to new data protection rules full names are no longer published

This week at Holy Trinity
(See separate leaflet for ALL regular services)
Services this week

Thurs 8.30am Morning Prayer Meeting at Little Baddow

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

10.00am Eucharistic Service

VIEW FROM THE VICARAGE . As I read the gospel for Trinity 8 this week (Mark 6: 30-34, 53-end), the news was reporting that Sir Cliff Richard has won his privacy case against the BBC. Obviously in Sir Cliff's situation the breach of his privacy led to unfounded allegations and detrimental publicity, but the case highlights our right to privacy. No matter who we are, we do not have to live every aspect of our lives in the public eye. Jesus appreciated this. At the start of our gospel reading, he takes the disciples away to a place they can be by themselves. But the crowd have other ideas – they follow Jesus, so he doesn't get his downtime. When he moves on – yet another crowd appears. He does not have the protection of privacy laws, but he knows that his time is limited, so he uses each gathering as an opportunity to teach. It must have been exhausting. Our gospel jumps from verse 34 to verse 53. A lot happens in the missing passage – Jesus feeds the five thousand and walks on water. It is little wonder that people from the whole region of Gennesaret rush to seek him out. And Jesus responds with acts of healing. I often meet people who say that their faith is a private matter. But it shouldn't be. Jesus did wonderful things – the people want to see this man, to touch him. No doubt they told their friends who went with them. They all want to share in the life of this special man, they cannot be deterred. We have benefited from Jesus' life, and we too should want to tell our friends, to bring them along with us, so share our faith, not hide it. The laws that protect our privacy, also protect our right to speak freely about our love of God. No matter who we are, one aspect of our lives that should be lived fully in the public eye, is our faith. **Reverend Carol**

The winners of the 100 Club are as follows;

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| June | |
| 1 st | Don & Gill |
| 2 nd | Barbara |
| 3 rd | Edward & Eliot B. |
| July | |
| 1 st | Mr P Taylor |

2nd Alicia & Ella B.
3rd A Gillingham

**You are invited to a Parish Meeting
Sunday 5th August 2018 11.30am in the
school hall after the service.**

This meeting is to look at current activities and plan for the future. In preparation for the meeting please complete your questionnaire and hand to Revd Carol or one of the wardens by 29th July (even if you are not planning to attend the meeting).

Lunch will be provided, and we will finish at 2.30pm If you are joining us, for catering purposes please add your name to the list.

Decaffeinated Tea/Coffee

We now have decaffeinated tea and coffee available after the 10.00am Sunday service. If you would like decaff tea or coffee just ask.

Reflective Service Saturday 28th July

at 11.30 followed by a shared lunch (cost £3.00) at 12 noon. We invite you to this service of quiet prayer and reflection in the company of God. It provides a space for contemplation and the opportunity to light a candle in memory of loved ones

Quiz Night

Saturday 27th October Quiz Night.

WE NEED SOME EXTRA PEOPLE TO ACT AS SIDES PERSONS AND 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.

We are also looking for people to do intersessions. Prayers can be read out of a book, so you don't have to write them yourself.. If you feel that you may be able to do this please speak to Revd. Carol or church wardens.

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. Over the summer attention is on giving clients nutritionally balanced food.

Priority items in most needed order: Tinned meat; Milk (Long-life); Packets of mash; Breakfast cereal (not porridge); **Then** Fruit juice (long life); Squash; tinned fruit; Tinned rice pudding; Small jars of coffee; Biscuits.

Other items needed: Washing up liquid; Washing Powder & liquid (small/medium); Ladies deodorants

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swfangnews@googlemail.com or phone Sarah 325049. Deadline is Wednesday 5pm.

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Web site :

<http://www.holytrinityswf.org.uk/anglican/>

Compass Churches

Monday 23rd July & 13th August -Sandon Community Choir meets every other Monday in St Andrew's Church, Sandon CM2 7RQ at 7.30pm. Open to all ages and requires no previous experience. £5.00 – pay as you go!

Summer Concert by 'Men in Harmony' at St. Mary's Church, Ramsden Bellhouse on **Saturday 28th July** starting at 7.30 p.m. Tickets are £10 to include a Cheese and Wine Supper and are available from Audrey (01268 710757) or Beryl (01245 601298). In aid of St. Mary's Church Restoration.

Open afternoon at St Mary's Church Woodham Ferrers on the 1st Sunday of the month – **5th Aug, 2nd Sep 2.00- 5.00pm** with homemade refreshments available throughout the afternoon and finish with a Service of Evensong at 5.30pm

Sunday 5th August – Tea on the Green at Sandon 3.00 to 5.30pm, with guest speaker Nigel Bolitho. As last year, we will be on The Green from 3pm when tea, coffee and cake will be served. At 4pm we will be joined by the Chelmsford Salvation Army Band for a Songs of Praise. Do join us and make something to sit on. Please book this date in your diary so you do not miss it!