



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

2nd September 2018 Trinity 14

**Welcome to our all-age worship service
today**

**For hymns and songs – please see your
service sheet**

Happy Birthday to

Paul K on 2nd September

Shelly on 2nd September

Debbie on 3rd September

Oscar (5) on 4th September

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 Sandon

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 When I was young(er) a popular programme on television was 'That's Life' with Esther Rantzen. One feature of the show was the 'jobsworth' award – given to people and organisations that stuck to the rules in the face of common sense. In our gospel reading today, Jesus is giving out 'jobsworth' awards to the Pharisees and the Scribes. They note that the disciples are flaunting the strict Jewish hygiene rules, not observing the traditions of the elders, and they take Jesus to task on this. Jewish law gets a bit of a bad press in the new testament. In fact, to the Jews, the observance of the law was originally a loving response to God's deliverance of the people of Israel. Many of the hygiene rule were

actually quite practical and prevented the spread of disease. But to many, this original meaning was lost, and the law was just a set of instructions that could be used to point out the failings of others. Some people who cling to the rules are insecure. Rules are a safe place, and any deviance from them leads to uncharted and uncomfortable territory.

Others use the rules as a way of exerting power when all else fails. Jesus bought a new way, the rules could be broken, and for the Pharisees and the Scribes this was uncharted territory and undermined their power. Sometimes rules are good, and Jesus adhered to many of the Jewish traditions of his elders. But he was not constrained by them, sometimes he did things differently. We sometimes need to do things differently to make our faith relevant in our generation. New ways of worship, new ways of spreading the word. We should be open to these new horizons and embrace them, even if that make us uncomfortable. As Jesus brought a new way – we should be willing to try new things too. Let's not be in the running for Jesus' jobsworth award!

Reverend Carol

On Saturday 8th September it is our monthly Coffee morning. Unfortunately, Alan and myself cannot be there the whole morning and I am asking if there is someone who could help Sue Burford with making coffee etc. and someone to sell the books and clear away at the end. If you think you can help please let me know. Tel No. 320071 or by email. Thank you..

URGENT PLEA: it is that time of year when we start thinking about our Christmas Bazaar! I have already received a letter from the Town Council regarding the day (which is Saturday 17th November) to discuss arrangements. I urgently need to put a team together who can help me with organising the bazaar. For various reasons the fundraising team has depleted quite considerably, and I cannot organise this on my own. We will need an initial meeting to decide how we are going to run the bazaar and probably a couple more to organise publicity etc. Maybe you have some new ideas that we can use to make the bazaar a success. I really need to get this going asap as I am holiday last 2 weeks in September and also unavailable 2

weeks in October. Please if you think you can help contact me on 320071 or email ap6550@aol.com. This is our biggest fundraising event, please consider helping. Many thanks Janice.

Children's Society

During the month of September there will be a second collection for The Children's Society. Christine Hardy will also be taking in the collection boxes. If Christine is not at church please leave your old boxes in the vestry..

Reflective Service Saturday 22nd September

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

Harvest Festival 30th September

This will be a joint service with our Methodist friends at **10:30am**. . Donations to CHES (Charity for the homeless) will be gratefully received during the service.

Suitable donations to CHES are as follows: Coffee, tea, sugar, cooking-sauces, rice, tomato sauce, semi-skimmed long-life milk, fruit squashes, tin Spaghetti, cooking oil, soap powder, toilet rolls, kitchen rolls, black bin bags, dish clothes, scouring pads, washing up liquid, air freshener, shampoo, deodorant, shower gel, anti-bacterial hand wash, anti-bacterial work surface cleaner, shaving foam, bleach, toilet cleaner, tin foil, cling film and sandwich bags. Gifts will be placed around the Alter and following the service will be transported via volunteers to CHES.

Salvation Army 125 Years Celebration.

As part of their 125th Birthday celebrations on **Saturday 29th September 10am to 5pm** The Salvation Army are holding a flower festival at the Salvation Army Hall, Jersey Gardens, Wickford SS11 7AE, As well as floral displays there will also be a display of historical photographs and refreshments. Everyone would be warmly welcomed.

Would you Adam & Eve it, 7.00pm

16th September @ William de Ferrers

Would you Adam & Eve it? Shows what happens if you tell two chaps who like to make

people laugh to dramatise all 90 chapters from the first two books of the Bible.

With a few strategic speedy bits to help achieve a 90 minute running time – it has amazed audiences around the world for the last 9 years, including last year's Edinburgh Festival where it received 5 stars.

Suitable for anyone aged over 9 it is to be sponsored by the South Woodham Ferrers Christian Council and The Bible Society on 16th September at the William de Ferrers School, opposite the Holy Trinity Church in Trinity Square.

Tickets are £10 with a limited number of FREE Tickets for children from 01245 329535 or www.searchlighttheatre.org

Quiz Night

Saturday 27th October Quiz Night.

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 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 it's 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. Emergency food for people in crisis, without which family cupboards would be empty! 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.

Priority items : Tinned Rice Pudding; Tinned vegetables; Sponge Puddings; Tinned Potatoes; Large Coffee; tinned fruit; Fruit Juice; Squash; Jam; Toilet Rolls.

Other shortages: Packets of Powdered Potato; Tinned Spaghetti; Tinned Meat; Tinned Fish.

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Web site :

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

Compass Churches

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

**Fridays 7th, 14th, 21st and 28th
September** – Choir (Practice) at St
Andrew's Church, Sandon @19.30pm –
“We need new members!”.

Saturday 8th September -Friends of
Essex Churches 'Ride & Stride'!

Sunday 9th September – Everyone is
invited to a 'Compass Churches Group'
Picnic to be held from 1.00pm at St
John's Church, Danbury CM3 4NG; with
a 'Songs of Praise' Service to be held at
2.30pm

Sunday 28th October at 5pm – St John the
Baptist Church, Danbury will be holding a
sung communion service of Requiem led by
the choir to the setting of Gabriel Faure.
If you are a singer and would like to join the
choir for this service, please speak to Paul
Hagger on 01245 400079 **before 1st
October**. Names of loved ones and friends
who have died can be added to the list which
will be read out at this service. Please email
Sue Ferguson

(suefergies@btopenworld.com) with their
names for inclusion or pop into church
anytime to leave a name.

Come and be welcomed into the peace, calm
and tranquility of St John's cradled in
candlelight