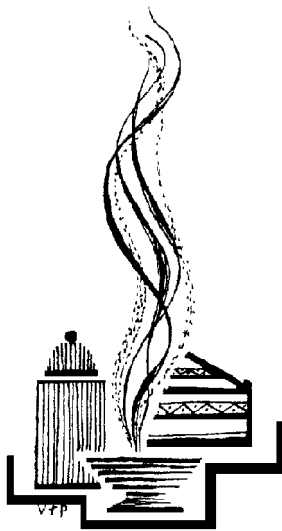


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JANUARY 2018

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Our regular monthly events include:

Every week:

Tuesday Meet and Make 2 - 4 pm St Andrew's Centre
Saturday Coffee Morning at St Andrew's Centre

First week of the month

Thursday Mothers Union - Quiet time (from 11.45 am) followed by lunch and meeting
Saturday Coffee Morning in St Catherine's Hall

Second Week of the month

Wednesday Coffee Morning in St Mary's Church Hall 10 am - 12 noon

Third week of the month

Wednesday Mothers Union - 7:30 pm Meeting at St Catherine's Hall
Thursday Prayer and Meditation - 2 pm St Catherine's Church

Fourth week of the month

Wednesday Coffee Morning in St Mary's Church Hall 10 am - 12 noon
Thursday House Group - 10 am at 2 Adam Way

SUPPORTING BASILDON WOMEN'S REFUGE

Female hygiene products, new briefs, hair brushes and shampoo for the women and for the babies and children nappies, wipes, clean bed and cot linen.

Due to lack of space: please only take items to St. Andrew's Church on the last FRIDAY (or as near as possible) of each month; then they can be taken to the refuge. If you are unable to take our offering to St. Andrew's then please do pass it to one of your Church Wardens or your Priest.

100club winners

1st. S. Lissenden, 2nd. Sue Hine. 3rd. M. Cardnell

Movement

I happen to be writing this piece of article a week before Christmas in Advent season which for us has been a time of 'waiting' and 'preparing' for the coming of the Kingdom of God in the person of Jesus Christ. We have done this not just externally but also where it truly matters; in the very depths of our souls. So in some sense we have been looking inwards (inner searching) to find Christ and the kingdom within ourselves, for the more we search for this inner Kingdom the more we will know and appreciate its expression out there as well as the role we play in its expression.

By the time you are reading this article we will already be in the early days of the New Year 2018. This time of the year is a good opportunity for us to begin to look outward into the immediate future and become aware of how and where our plans and goals may fit into the expression of this Christ Kingdom.

One thing that caught my attention in this process of inner searching is the number of times I have moved from place to place in my short lifetime, and then choosing one way of life then another. I have questioned whether it has something to do with this Christ Kingdom. Some people may refer to this situation simply as 'unsettled life', and maybe it is, as opposed to being settled in one place. But this is not entirely what I am thinking about. I am broadly thinking of the time I have spent so far in my existence moving from the place where I am (not necessarily physical but also mentally and spiritually), or from goal to goal, or from this way of life to another until I discovered a kind of steadiness or a stability of mind and heart that I finally decided to embrace.....at least for now!

Then came those occasions and circumstances in life that made me to change my mind and begin to perceive my future differently, even following a new way without knowing completely where I was actually going. I really want to believe all these may have had something to do with the Kingdom.....a 'sacred search', a quest of the Kingdom.

As I cast my inner eye into the future I am becoming more aware again of this fact of a 'sacred search' in all the plans and goals I have in mind for 2018. I am aware that in order for me to make sense of all what this future may hold for me I will have to take the risk of leaving behind the place where I am again, so that the yet unknown future will become more discernible and worthy of my choice in the hope that it will be part of the unfolding of the Christ Kingdom even as unclear and undefined this future may be at the moment. After all, unlike the idea of mathematics or music or any of the exact science, the idea of a perfect plan for my future life to fit into the Kingdom may not be realistic or even exist. It might be that I will have to see life in all its uncertainties as part of the mystery of the expression of the Kingdom.

A blessed New Year
Norbert

St. Augustine of Hippo — *'You have made us for yourself, O Lord, and our heart is restless until it finds its rest in you.'*



The Naming of Christ

1st January 2018
12 noon

Celebration Eucharist

followed by a walk along the river in South Woodham (lifts available)

to return to

a bring and share of any leftover stuff

and coffee or tea back in

St Mary's Church Hall

Geoff Baines

Helping to teach and equip church leaders in Guatemala

The Coffee Morning on **January 6th at St. Catherine's Church Hall** will be in aid of Geoff Baines who is currently a missionary working with Latin Link in Guatemala.

Some of you will probably remember him at Edward Bear Club in St Catherine's around 25 years ago with his grandmother Jeannette Cardnell.

He works as a teacher and also studies part-time so as to better equip himself as a Bible teacher. Geoff's work is with all ages; some afternoons he works with children who live on Guatemala City's rubbish dump and other days he works training pastors both in a seminary and soon in parts of rural Guatemala. So, do join us and support him so that he is able to carry on sharing the love of God with the people of Guatemala.

The Gateway Project

The foodbank is in need of the following:

Sugar
Biscuits
Custard
Coffee

This coming week is our last one before Christmas and we are closed on Thursday 28th December. After this Thursday (21st) any donations are kept at your church and delivered to us anytime the first week of the new year.

FILMS AT ST ANDREW'S

COME AND JOIN US TO WATCH



A nativity story for sometime in the future.

5.30 pm 7 January 2018 at St Andrew's

WICKFORD AND RUNWELL TEAM MINISTRY

CHRISTMAS ELVES VISIT MEET AND MAKE



A wonderful spread (thank you, Marjorie and helpers) and presents for all were followed by carols, a version of the Twelve Days of Christmas which revealed that some people claimed not to have birthdays, and a riotous sing-song led by Eileen. What *did* they put in the punch?

Wednesday Cuppa and Chat

On the **second** and **fourth** Wednesdays of each month St Mary's Church hall will be open from 10 am to 12 noon.

In January that will be 10th and 24th



Please pop in for a tea or coffee and a chat!

The Week of Prayer for Christian Unity

St Andrew's Church
CAP "Christians Against Poverty"
presentation
21st January
3pm

We welcome our friends from across all the other Churches in Wickford and Runwell as we join us to hear about this amazing work!

Men's Breakfast Club

May I take this opportunity on behalf of all of you to express gratitude to Steve for the hard work he has put over the last five years in organizing the Men's fellowship breakfast. One of the greatest challenge in organizing such an event is to get the monthly guest speakers. Steve has done this so well. I can only recall once or twice we didn't have a guest speaker. We have enjoyed our monthly get-together over cooked breakfast and diverse/broad spectrum of talks. THANK YOU Steve for creating this opportunity for us.

Steve has not just taken this responsibility single-handedly. He has had a very supportive team around him - Damian et al.....who made sure we had a fry-up and the dishes were cleaned and put away. Thank you too for your supportive role.

Steve we wish you well in your ongoing training to ordained ministry.

Norbert



WICKFORD & RUNWELL MOTHER'S UNION

Our branch is part of a movement of over 4 million Christians in 83 countries around the world who are putting their faith into action.

They carry this out in their parishes and communities here, in the U.K, and overseas.

There are many projects in different parts of the world, like, "Away from it all Holidays" for families under stress "Parenting" courses, working in prison visitor centres, and the very successful "Literacy and development programme" which has, so far, benefited 165,000 people, transforming their lives in a sustainable way. This is just a few examples of faith in action, there many more.

We were delighted when Marjorie Stanford decided that she would like to become a member. Wednesday, November 29th Saw members gathering at St. Andrew's to welcome Marjorie into our branch as she was enrolled by Canon Jane. Marjorie we wish you a long and happy membership .Just as we go to press we have news that our branch has been linked with a branch in Jamaica. We should have more news about that next month.

We wish everyone a Happy New Year.

Thursday 4th 12 noon, Quiet time
 12.30pm Shared lunch with homemade soup
 1.30pm "Winter Warmers"

Wednesday 17th 7.30pm Fr. Jo "Healing and Deliverance"

Branch Leader: **Mrs Jeannette Cardnell –01268 452309**

The Parish Carol Service

There was the usual clamour of excitement on 17th December at St Andrew's Church.

The service pulls us through some of the many traditional carols and Christmas hymns with the strong Christmas narrative. Each biblical reading is supported by a poem that draws us to a new view, a different understanding.

The music, well-coordinated by Matt, saw the piano accompanied by flutes, sax, French horn and trombone. And two amazing children soloists (well done Martha and Jimmy) made the history of Silent Night sparkle.

It was so good to see a mixture of those who regularly attend and new faces and members of the wider community drawn in.

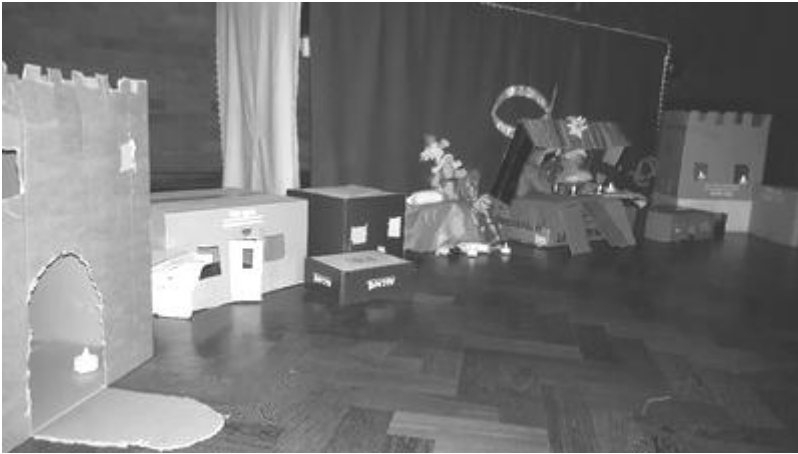
Many thanks to Jane for her excellent organisation, to all the readers and refreshment specialists!



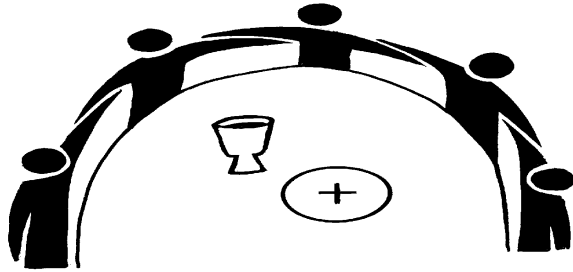
Anticipation as the service is about to start

MESSY NATIVITY built

Bethlehem.....



WORSHIPPING TOGETHER



Over the last few years we have drawn together as a parish, worshipping together on particular Sunday's in the year, during Holy Week and at that great service when we greet both the resurrection and the dawn of Easter morning. We have experienced and appreciated the particular gifts and characters of our three churches and their congregations, and, perhaps even more significantly, by coming together even in these small ways have helped ourselves to understand that we are part of something much greater than the life of our individual churches and services.

The pattern, however, hasn't always worked easily: late November, with the feast of Christ the King, Patronal Festivals, and the rapid approach of Advent, can feel overloaded, and remembering which church is hosting which festival can tax even the compiler of the parish calendar.

At a recent PCC meeting we discussed ways of building on what we value in the times we worship together, while making the pattern of joint services rather simpler. The outcome was an agreement that each church should regularly host a certain

service during the year, and that we should replace shared worship on the feast of Christ the King with a joint Harvest Festival.

For 2018, therefore, the pattern will be:

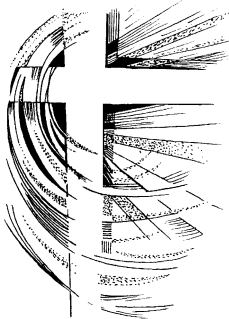
28 January Candlemas at St Andrew's

27 May Trinity at St Mary's

14 October Harvest Festival at St Catherine's

As before, the services will begin at 10.30 am, there will be no other morning service in the parish, and each will be followed by lunch (for details of the Candlemas fundraising lunch for Positive Life Kenya, see the poster in this magazine).

As before, lifts will be available between churches, and the clergy will be very willing to offer home communion for anyone unable to attend who wishes to receive the sacrament.



Our Holy Week services will continue to rotate between the churches: in 2018 Monday Compline and Maundy Thursday's service will be at St Andrew's, Tuesday and Good Friday at St Mary's, and Wednesday and the first Eucharist of Easter at St Catherine's. Put the dates in your diaries now!

Jane

WICKFORD AND RUNWELL TEAM MINISTRY

CANDLEMAS



A JOINT SERVICE FOR THE WHOLE PARISH

10.30 am 28 JANUARY 2018
ST ANDREW'S CHURCH

This will be the only Sunday morning service in our three churches that day – all are welcome, as we celebrate young and old coming together at the Feast of the Presentation.

After the service you are invited to share in a simple lunch of soup and bread, and to make a donation to Positive Life Kenya.

ENGLISH FOR WOMEN



Way back in the summer Sarah Carter, (Wife of Canon Edward Carter, our diocesan chaplain) came to speak to us about “English for Women” as reported at the time in this magazine. Here is an update.

“English for Women” was started 2 years ago and was run by the cathedral to provide help with English speaking for a group of Afghan wives who had arrived in England with nothing.

Its aim was to aid long term integration of migrant and refugee families by providing a free drop-in centre offering English classes for women and a positive play environment for their pre-school children, it also raises awareness of British culture, nutrition and practical life skills. It is informal and women learn through conversation and so they grow in confidence. It also helps children as they are not kept off school to translate for their mothers if they need to go to the doctors etc.

It started with just 3 Afghan women and now has 40 women and their children, speaking 24 languages. This all takes place in the Y.M.C.A. premises in Chelmsford with a nursery plus 60 volunteers and is open 3 days a week. Volunteers must be English speaking women, not necessarily teachers, they work to themes each week which are taught through conversation. They do receive safeguarding training.

“English for Women” is not a school or college but an informal drop-in centre for conversation and language practice. At the Chelmsford Diocesan Mothers’ Union Council it was announced that the trustees had agreed to take on the project from 1st. January 2018. Members voted unanimously to set up a restricted fund for this project

From our registers:

NOVEMBER

St Catherine's Church

Baptisms

8th

Amelia Nott

12th

Dylan Hodgeson

19th

Louella Robbins

Emelia-Rose Jamnitzky

St Mary's Church

Baptisms

5th

Bobby Cowell

19th

Toby King

Weddings

13th

Natalie and Dean

17th

Jennifer and Patrick

For the many people who have asked - a contact for John and Janet Trimmer:

c/o 8 le Capiol , Domme 24250, Dordogne, France.



A cartoon for the season

SHROVE TUESDAY

13TH FEBRUARY 2018

Do you like pancakes but can't be bothered to make them?

If so, come along to St Catherine's Hall on Shrove Tuesday afternoon for a Pancake Party

Drop in between 2-4pm and enjoy

2 Pancakes and tea or coffee only £3

Sign up sheets at the back of the church



Ash Wednesday
14th February



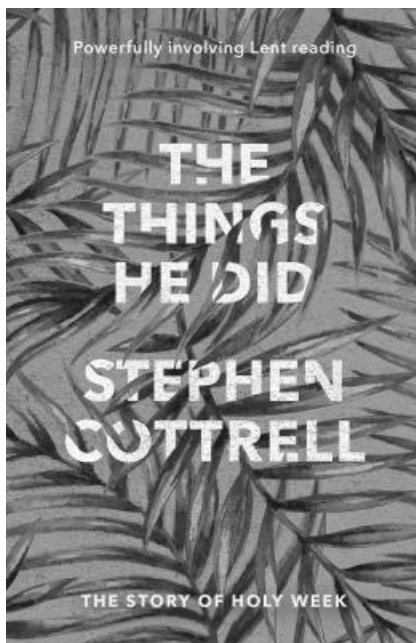
Eucharist with imposition of ash

St Catherine's Church at 9:30 am

St Andrew's Church at 10:30 am

St Mary's Church at 8 pm

LENT



This Lent we will be using "The Things He Did" by Stephen Cottrell.

This is a follow on to the short reflective Lent/Easter books that we have used before.

There will sign up sheets and the organisation of discussion groups in the early New Year (and how to get a copy of the book!).

For those of you wondering why Easter moves around all the time - it is always the first Sunday after the first full moon after the spring equinox!

WARY

If your question is WHO? Then let me introduce you to **Wickford and Runwell Youth!** A group of young people between the ages of 10 – 14 years who get together usually on the 2nd Sunday of the month to talk about topical issues, go out on activities and just generally HAVE FUN!!!!

The young people do not all regularly attend a church or even belong to one. We do talk about scripture and read the bible and pray, but everyone participates as they feel comfortable.

If you would like to find out more or know of a young person who may like to join us, please feel free to talk to Marina or Mike at St Andrew's. The meeting point for activities and venue for Bible study sessions will be **27 Blake Hall Drive, Shotgate, SS11 8XA** unless alternate arrangements are made prior to an event. **Contact:** Marina Bailey - 078007 60975

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CHRIS BEAUCHAMP ON **762205**.

SUNDAY SERVICES

<u>St Andrew's</u>	9:30am 6:30pm	Sung Eucharist Healing Eucharist (<i>on 3rd Sunday</i>)
<u>St Catherine's</u>	8:00am 9:30am 11:00am 6:30pm	Holy Communion Family Worship Sung Eucharist Evening Prayer (<i>Sung Evensong 4th Sunday</i>)
<u>St Mary's</u>	9:30am 6:30pm	Sung Eucharist Taizé (<i>2nd Sunday</i>)

WEEKDAY SERVICES

Monday	9:00 am	Morning Prayer at St Catherine's
Tuesday	9:00 am 7:30 pm	Morning Prayer at St Andrew's Eucharist at St Mary's
Wednesday	9:00 am 9:30am 10:30 am	Morning Prayer at St Catherine's Eucharist at St Catherine's Eucharist at St Andrew's
Thursday	9:00 am 10:00 am	Morning Prayer at St Mary's Eucharist at St Mary's
Saturday	9:30 am	Morning Prayer at St Catherine's (<i>1st Saturday of the month</i>)

OFFICE HOURS

St Andrew	Saturdays	11:00 - 11:30am	in the Church
St Catherine	Mondays	7:00 - 8:00pm	in the Church
St Mary	Mondays	7:00 - 7:30pm	in St Mary's Hall

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