

Parish Magazine

May 2018



50p

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 Cuppa and chat at St Mary's Hall

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 Cuppa and chat at St Mary's Hall
Thursday House Group - 10 am at 2 Adam Way

Supporting Basildon Women's Refuge

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.

The Gateway Project - Foodbank

Coffee
Tinned Meat
Tinned Fruit
Rice Pudding

THEM AND US

The red and white flags are out: it's St George's Day. The day we celebrate our nation and, of course, our national saint, according to the legend a Roman soldier born in Turkey or Syria of Greek parents, who was martyred for his Christian faith.

It's also the day when a memorial service is being held to commemorate the 25th anniversary of the murder of Stephen Lawrence. Another anniversary fell a few days ago: 50 years since Enoch Powell's 'rivers of blood' speech.

Attitudes are different now, of course. There are laws against discrimination and 'hate speech'. Members of the royal family attended the Stephen Lawrence commemoration, and the prime minister announced an annual day in his honour. Replaying Enoch Powell's words on the radio brought widespread condemnation.

But the news stories of the last week or so still made very uncomfortable reading. The headlines were dominated by tales of the 'Windrush generation', people who arrived in what they knew as their mother country from the Caribbean islands as children and discovered, after a working lifetime, that they have been judged illegal immigrants, and in some cases denied access to jobs, health care, and even faced deportation.

In Radio 4's Thought for the Day, the former chief rabbi reflected that the anti-Semitism he and his generation, the sons and daughters of Holocaust survivors, believed that the world had finally set aside is once again creating fear and suspicion of the Jewish community.

At the heart of the hostility towards people who are not like us (whoever we are) is so often fear, fear of difference, fear of what we do not understand, fear that we might lose out. And yet some of the words we most often read, from God, from the prophets of the Old Testament, from Jesus, are 'do not be afraid'.

'Do not be afraid', because each of these people, including our legendary Syrian/Greek/Turkish patron saint, is, like every one of us, made in the image of God, and precious in God's sight.

May we live as those who are not afraid of difference, willing to learn about what we do not understand, and recognising that we live not with scarcity but with abundance. And living so, may we begin to see, and help others to see, each human being as they are seen and loved by God.

Jane

From our registers in March 2018:

St Mary's Church

Baptism	4th	Olivia and Chloe Baggott
Funeral	9th	Lillian Dutton

St Catherine's Church

Baptisms	8th	Noah Calladine Jensen Pennycook
Funeral	20th	Doris Brown

BASED ON THE #1 BEST SELLER

FILM SHOW
ST. CATHERINE'S HALL

2 pm

31st May

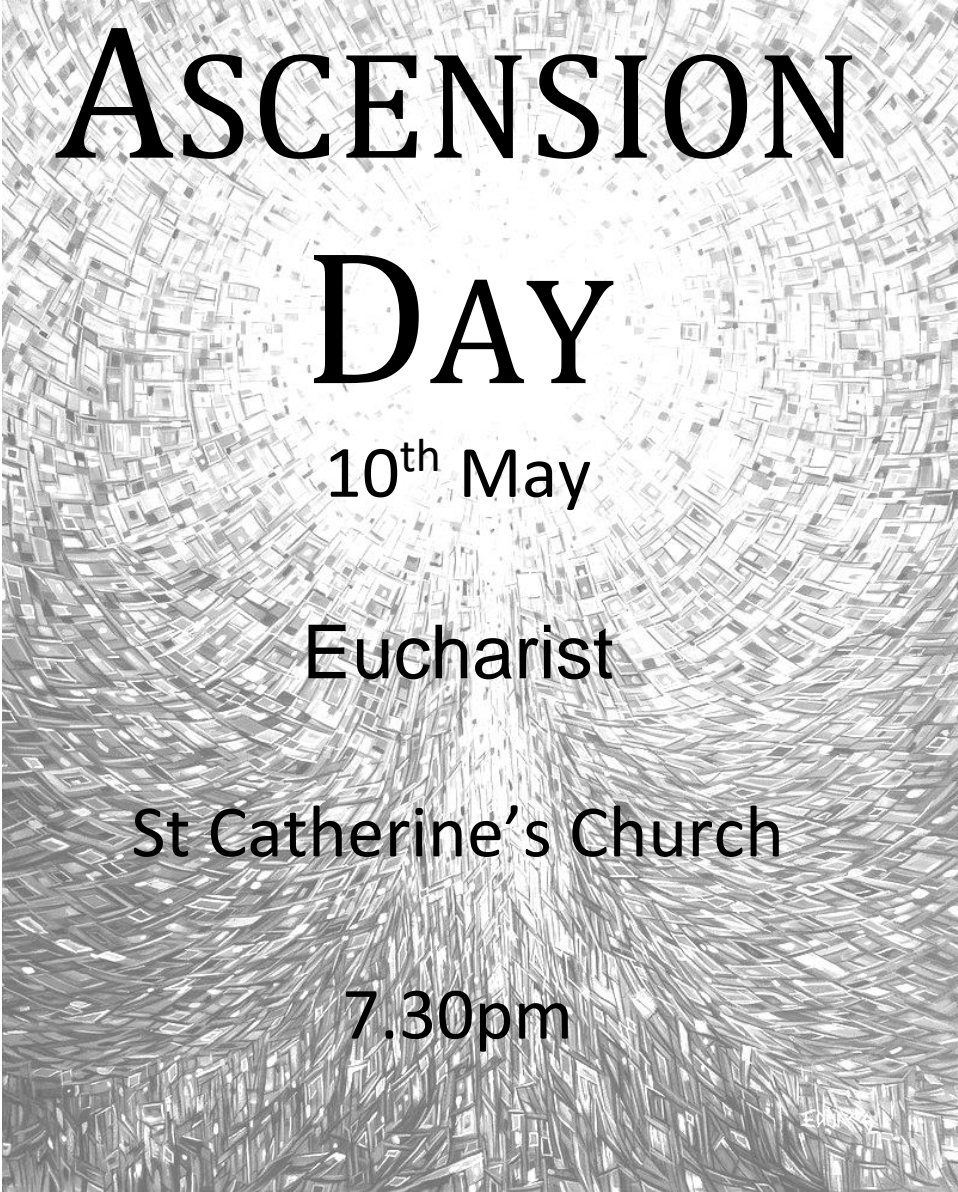
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THE SHACK

ONE MAN'S JOURNEY BACK TO FAITH

WATCHING TOGETHER - FILMS IN THE PARISH

Thank you to everyone who came along to our film evenings at St Andrew's and joined in discussions afterwards. We won't be holding any more for the moment, but opportunities to watch together haven't ended. Keep a lookout for notices about a programme of afternoon showings in St Catherine's Hall. There will be offers of transport if needed, but I'm not sure whether there will be popcorn!



ASCENSION DAY

10th May

Eucharist

St Catherine's Church

7.30pm

A Messy Ascension

12th April - St Andrew's Church
2 - 4 pm



Tom Britt, the ordinand from Cuddesden who was on placement with us is to take up the post of curate at St Mary's, Wanstead

He is to be made deacon on 15th September. Please hold him in your prayers.

Bettie's Tea Rooms



and



St Andrew's Church and Centre



APCM



It's probably not the highlight of anybody's year, but our annual meeting is a very necessary part of our official life as a parish.

At this year's meeting, on 15 April, as well as bringing together reports of what has been going on over the past 12 months and the very necessary business of receiving our (properly examined) accounts, we, as always, elected our churchwardens, Parochial and District Church Council members, and sides people; we also elected two deanery synod members to fill vacancies for those roles.

Perhaps more importantly, it was an opportunity to thank everyone who takes a part in the life of the parish, in whatever way - the people we see up front, and the very many whose contributions are often hidden, but without whom we would be much the poorer.

Our congratulations (!) and our gratitude go to all those who were elected this year.

Church Wardens

DCC

St Andrew's Church

Marina Bailey

Valerie Bryan

St Andrew's Church

Angela Wagstaff

Janet Lane

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Alison Davies

Fred Towler

St Catherine's Church

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St Catherine's Church

Sarah Randall

Stephen Talbot

Margaret Small

Barry Pocock

St Mary's Church

Lyn Gordon

Lisa Griffiths

PCC

Mike Tricker

Mike Gibson

Pam Petra

Steve Lissenden

Bob Peall

John Skinner

St Mary's Church

Linda Payne

Alan Jones

Marian Hurst

Chris Carter

Christopher Salt

Roger Tyler

Our especial thanks to Val Harris for her great service as Church Warden at St. Mary's Church.

TRINITY SUNDAY

A Team Service at St. Mary's Church

Sung Eucharist

27th May

10.30 am

followed by lunch!



The logo for Christian Aid, featuring the words "christian" and "aid" in a bold, lowercase, sans-serif font. The text is white and is set against a dark grey, arrow-shaped background that points to the right. The entire logo is centered within a solid black rectangular box at the top of the page.

Christian Aid Week

Together we're stronger than the storms

In Haiti, Marcelin raised his three daughters alone. They've endured some of the worst natural disasters on earth. They're not just survivors. They're fighters. But they're only so strong. They won't survive the next hurricane without your help.

This Christian Aid Week, you can be in their corner. You can help them build a home that will weather the next storm, so they won't need to fight to survive anymore.

Christian Aid Week unites kingdom builders like you from all walks of life. We step out in mission for our neighbours like Marcelin, because we believe in life before death. We believe God's kingdom is stronger than the storms.

Join us

This Christian Aid Week, 13-19 May, our church is collecting in Wickford and Runwell

Will you join us?

If our church can raise £210, we could pay for two days' construction training for a local builder in Haiti.

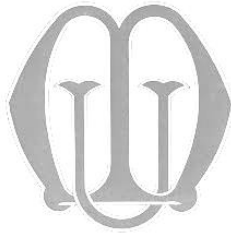
The builder could then build secure, comfortable homes for people like Marcelin, giving them a safe place to weather the next disaster, and a fighting chance to build a better life.

Speak to Richard Feldwick tel: 01268 733362

Together we can be stronger than the storms.

Christian  Aid
We believe in life before death

Wickford and Runwell Mother's Union



After our “Quiet Time” and shared lunch on Thursday, April 5th we had to work out “Who do we think HE was”? After some questions we found out who HE was Joseph.

Joseph does not take centre stage, he is very much a background figure. There is no record in the Scriptures of words that he spoke, yet he did play a very important role, so we looked at this in depth followed by a lively discussion.

We welcomed Emma Doe to our evening meeting on April 18th. She told us about her work “Holy Space in Church schools”. The method they use in teaching the Christian Faith and getting the children to explore it is by encouraging them to use their imaginations and think things through.

We were able to see some of the children’s work books. It is always amazing how children can get straight to the point with their answers. Thank you, Emma, for coming to speak to us, it is good to know the Christian Faith is being passed on to the next generation.

Meetings for May

Thursday 3 rd	12 noon	quiet time
	12.30 pm	shared lunch
	1.30 pm	‘Pleshey Retreat House’ Stewart McCredie

Wednesday 16 th	7.30pm	‘Pig’s Ears’ Tony Wagstaff
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“POTHOLES”



We start at A and end at B, through rough and smooth we travel.
Sometimes the road is hard and tough, sometimes it is but gravel.

But now and then we hit a place where obstacles are rife,
Where stumbling blocks and pitfalls can lead to only strife.

AND NOW our roads have POTHOLES, too numerous to count.
To have them mended, we are told, will cost a large amount.

Please let me tread on even roads, with smooth and solid ground,
Not those awful holey roads where we have to swerve around.

If I could have an easy ride through the trials of each day,
Then how much more could I get done without the need to pray?

But life's not like that, as we know, not every path is sound.
We have to beat each obstacle to get where we are bound.

So each day pray to have the strength to do what must be done,
And avoid all the POTHOLES, because they really AREN'T MUCH FUN!

Sue, April 2018

PS.

Now it seems that car parks also have this awful blight,
And there they are harder to avoid – especially at night!!

The Poppy Café

Having a spare moment, I went into St Andrew's Centre last Friday. I was welcomed by a very polite young man who asked me whether I was stopping for a tea or a coffee. I had arrived about 1 o'clock, the time they might be forgiven for winding down (as it finishes at half past).

The Centre was bedecked with poppy table cloths with matching cups and mugs. Far better value than most of our town centre coffee shops, I was asked which table I might want to sit at and it would be brought over.

I was then served with a personal cafetiere, small milk jug as well as a tall mug. Good coffee!

I then spent some time chatting with Louise, the Castledon Sixth Form College. Castledon is a school that caters for those with different abilities – learning disabilities (or LD) as they are known in the education, social care and health worlds. There is a specific diagnosis and can range from complex autism to Downs syndrome.

To see the students work so carefully and professionally was inspirational and very moving (and I really don't mean that in a patronising way). They checked if my coffee was ok. No – it was fabulous (that took a while for my humour to register).

One young man had finished his work and asked, very politely, if he could join us. He told me about his desire to start a Youtube channel focussing on super-cars (Ferraris and Lamborghinis). He

wasn't too impressed with my suggestion of Minis. His aspiration is to send his mum to Florida using the money he would make. Louise and I joked with him about it being a one-way ticket. Who would clean his room and do the washing? The answer was obvious – he'd pay someone.

I was truly touched by the dream and the optimism. In fact, after a morning of funerals and funeral visits, I was feeling a tad full of emotion and he really helped me laugh.

Louise and I talked as he was called away to carry on cleaning the tables. Sadly, in this peculiar time of anxiety, only a small number (less than 1 in 10) young people with a learning disability are able to find employment. The enthusiasm and joy at being useful may well come to nothing. Lots of employers who would have simpler and safe jobs for these youngsters and the older members of our society with needs, now do not.

Some employers are beginning to find apprenticeships for those young people with LD. They are being challenged to have more 'variety' in the workforce. Sadly, it seems to take outside intervention to make changes in our society but at least there is a drive to change.

May I encourage you. Go to the Poppy Café on a Friday! The quality of service, cakes and coffee (or tea) is better than anywhere else round here AND you can encourage a group of students that our society seems to forget.

I really, really, really enjoyed – I'm sure you will!

June 9th

Parish Quiet Day

venue and time tbc

To be led by Rev Jo Jones

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COMING SOON

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“Hymns Ancient and Modern”

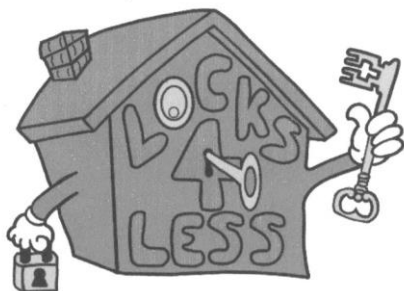
All exhibits welcome – all media welcome!

If you create something that reflects upon the hymns we share – then please let us know and drop it in on Monday 25th

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SUNDAY SERVICES

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

WEEKDAY SERVICES

Monday	9:00 am	Morning Prayer at St Catherine's
Tuesday	9:00 am	Morning Prayer at St Andrew's
	7:30 pm	Eucharist at St Mary's
Wednesday	9:00 am	Morning Prayer at St Catherine's
	9:30am	Eucharist at St Catherine's
	10:30 am	Eucharist at St Andrew's
Thursday	9:00 am	Morning Prayer at St Mary's
	10:00 am	Eucharist at St Mary's

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

Articles for the next Magazine to the Editor by 15th of the month

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