

# Parish Magazine

August 2018

The Church of England serving the people of Wickford and Runwell



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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 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**

**We are in need of:**

Tinned potatoes - Tinned fruit - Tinned spaghetti  
Biscuits – Cereals – Milk – Sugar

Donations have been slower recently .....



“Cone but not forgotten”  
or  
How I learned to be a priest



Shortly after we arrived in Wickford, the hard shoulder of the A130 was converted into a third lane. Ever since, that third lane has been coned off, of course! In the morning rush hour, its pristine tarmac is tantalising to those drivers unfortunate enough to be crawling to work in the other two lanes.

To my great amusement (given that I travel down that road at least three times a week) it looks as though the opening of the third lane has been carefully timed to coincide with our leaving the area!

The experience of keenly awaiting the opportunity to fly off down the third lane, is not entirely dissimilar to the final months of being a curate. Over the last three years I have been trained by you, by my clergy colleagues, and those I’ve met in the community. I have learned something of what it means to be a deacon, to be a priest, to be a chaplain, to be a curate, - and what it might mean to be a Priest-in-Charge. The road has been carefully prepared, the road surface looks inviting, I’m already familiar with the sign posts, and – frankly – I’m now itching for the cones to be removed!

Yet, of course, our zooming off into the new lane will mean leaving Wickford and Runwell behind. So, our excitement is tempered with real sadness. Sadness because our time in Wickford and Runwell has been one of deep contentment and joy - along with challenge, of course.

Thank you sincerely for the love and friendship you have shown Sian, Martha, James and me. It has been a wonderful privilege to work alongside you all in the service of the God of love. It has been a blessing to become part of the community of Wickford and Runwell.

We leave with many stories, many happy memories, many lasting friendships, and – most of all - a deeper appreciation of the grace of God. Grace which has reached us so powerfully: through you.

May God continue to bless you, protect you, and keep you always in his love.

With love,

Matt, Sian, Martha and James



# A Farewell to Matt



There was dancing in the aisles, clapping and tears as Matt celebrated for the final time as Assistant Curate in the Wickford and Runwell Team.

It was a farewell that was anticipated but none the less difficult. Leaving is never easy and more so when the person/family has engaged so readily and given so much. You will be sorely missed.

Lexden is fortunate to receive the Simpkins family and Matt's excellent skills as a priest and pastor. Our loss is certainly their gain.

Thank you for sharing these last few years with us!

# A Messy Mary!!



11<sup>th</sup> July - St Andrew's Church  
2 - 4 pm

## Confirmation

21<sup>st</sup> October at St Andrew's Church, Basildon

Preparation 6<sup>th</sup> October

For more information  
please speak to one of the clergy.

# St. Catherine's Bumper Coffee Morning

September 1<sup>st</sup>

9.30 am until 12 noon

in St. Catherine's Hall

bric-a-brac  
homemade cakes  
refreshments  
books  
tombola  
and more .....

We look forward to seeing you there

# Pilgrim

A course will run in September and October on a Monday evening and Thursday afternoon – week beginning 10<sup>th</sup> September.

More details to follow

## Weekday Pilgrim

A new Pilgrim course will be starting in September, taking place on Monday evenings, as before.

There may be some of you thinking, 'I wish there was another day', or 'I wish it was during the daytime then I'd be able to go'. With that in mind, we are offering Thursday afternoons as an alternative, for the same course.

This could be held at St Andrew's at 3pm, or we could meet in someone's home, if there is anyone who feels able to offer us hospitality.

If you are interested, in joining or even hosting a small group then please speak to me. If there are enough people to make it viable, which could be as little as 2 or 3, plus me, we will make the necessary arrangements.



# PILGRIM COURSE MAY – JUNE 2018

## THE BEATITUDES

**P**eople  
**I**llumination  
**L**earning  
**G**roup  
**R**eceive  
**I**nspire  
**M**otivate

I attended the Pilgrim Course for six weeks with a group of people from all three churches.

We had three facilitators, Mike Tricker, Steve Lissenden, and Emma Doe, who were exceptional.

We studied the Beatitudes and started to understand the meaning of Christ Jesus' words. The six weeks were informative, enlightening and lively, and learning within a group was excellent. We all hope for further Bible study in the future; do come and join us when the next course begins.

L. Merrill

The Beatitudes – God's word – how to live our lives in the Light of Christ.

'In the beginning was the Word and the Word was with God and the Word was God.' John 1

## Val 'the Pal' Harris



It was with great sadness that we said farewell to lovely Val. Her death in July saw the end of a long journey with cancer. It also marked a part of her incredible faithful path, in which her faith in God's grace and love inspired us all.

Whilst it was painful to see her decline, the many visitors she received and the ministry she offered, not only as Warden at St Mary's Church and across the Team, lifted and encouraged so many.

Val's sometimes impish and quick sense of humour was balanced by her deep care of those she was with, not only here in Runwell and Wickford but also through her work as a midwife.

It was spectacular to see so many who came to her funeral and to see the varied parts of her world merging together and meeting one another.

The final part of her physical journey will be when her ashes are interred with Ann, her partner for many years, on August 6<sup>th</sup> (a rather fitting day!).



Please continue to hold her brother John and all her family and friends in your prayers.

**May she rest in peace and rise in glory.**

## BILLY AND ROCKET

The story of Billy and Rocket was written by Tito Abiodun, aged 7, during a service at St Andrew's. We read it out at the end of the service – and wanted to share it with you.

Once upon a time, in a far, far away galaxy, there was a ..... rocket!

But the astronaut had left the rocket to spacewalk. So, the rocket prayed to God to help him find his astronaut and a few minutes later..... he found his astronaut friend, Billy.



When they had gone back to earth, the two of them had a huge party with their friends and family and God had a feast too! At Billy's bedtime he read the Bible and read the story of Abraham and Sarah. The next day, Billy got dressed really quickly because today was Rocket's birthday and he was going to be 5 years old. God came to his party too. And they had so much fun that there were more than 1,000 chairs and even the prime minister came. After that, everyone went home.

And a week after Billy started to make a diary of when God had come. So, six weeks later.... God had come every Monday of the six weeks.

When he was 30 years old, Billy died of asthma. But when he went to heaven, God said he will give Billy another life, and he was so overjoyed, and the first person he met was 5-year-old Rocket, and just as normal they sat down together on the carpet.

The End

## **MEDAL WINNER – AGAIN!**

Congratulations to Tony Wagstaff and his colleagues from the Southend Young Offenders team who won a silver medal for their garden at the RHS Hampton Court Flower Show with a beautiful space, designed to be safe, relaxing and a place for contemplation and study.



And the bench Tony is pointing to is a replica of the organ bench from St Andrew's: Tony dismantled the organ and has taken the wood to add to the resources the team use for working with young people who have been in trouble.

## Film afternoon at St Catherine's

Probably the coolest place in Wickford on Thursday 26<sup>th</sup> July. What joy to be able to relax in good company and enjoy watching an interesting and challenging film about Mother Theresa and how she started her work and encouraged other people to help too.

Thank you, Arthur for arranging the showing and the film. Thanks to Carol and Richard for proving the iced drinks (ice-cream?) - certainly better than the 'Saturday Morning Pictures'.

Kitty

# STEVE AND BETH

MARRIED AT ST ANDREW'S

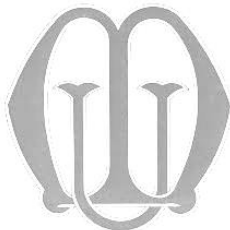


St Andrew's has a new role – as a wedding venue!

It was a great joy to be with Steve and Beth as they made their commitment to each other, and a delight (if a little warm) to continue celebrating with them as afternoon turned into evening. Our warm thanks to everyone who tidied gardens, planted tubs, decorated, arranged flowers, food and furniture.

And our prayers for Steve and Beth in their new life together.

## WICKFORD AND RUNWELL MOTHER'S UNION



Wickford and Runwell It was with great sadness that we learnt of the death of Elsie Salmon. All through her illness she had such a positive outlook. She was an active member of our Branch and her homemade rolls for lunch were legendary.

She was also a Diocesan Speaker and visited many branches speaking on "Autism" and how it affected the family. Many of our members attended the celebration of her life in St. Catherine's Church on July 10<sup>th</sup>.

We continue to pray for Jimmy, Sandra and Amanda at this sad time. Elsie will be sadly missed by so many people.



Strangely, the following day, July 11<sup>th</sup> at Christchurch, Billericay, there was a special service to dedicate the new Deanery Banner which Elsie had been so involved with from the start. Sadly, it had been completed by someone else as her illness had meant that she was unable to finish it. It is a fitting tribute to her memory and creativity. Thank you, Elsie, for all that you have given us.

For our afternoon meeting on July 5th. We travelled to the Cliffs Pavilion in Westcliff for afternoon tea. It was a gloriously sunny day, the restaurant overlooks the river and there was a full tide, we all had a most enjoyable afternoon.



Enjoy the August break and see you on September 6th. When Molly Hoyle will be with us bringing her card stall





## CAP Money Course

Christians Against poverty was founded in 1996 in Bradford by John Kirkby which he states he started with



a small donation and big faith! He believed God was calling him to sacrifice his career in finance and use his knowledge of the industry to help the poor.

This belief has grown from one man helping people in need to 624 church-based projects in the UK and has been replicated in Australia, New Zealand and Canada.

Some months ago, Margaret, Sian and I travelled to Brighton to complete the training. It focusses on money management and teaches budgeting skills and a simple cash-based system which they have proven works!

The facilitators delivering the training were certainly enthusiastic about how it has helped many people. What they have also particularly learned along the way is that the system works for anyone! Whatever the financial position the principles of the model can support those already in debt, those who may be experiencing financial hardship and difficulties as well as preventing money problems in the future by supporting individuals to be in control of their finances.

We have been privileged recently to have put into practice what we have learned with a small group of individuals at Brockfield

House. The engagement and feedback were positive with participants stating that the model was clear and easy to follow and understand. It was great to see it at work and the immediate impact and benefits it could have as two of the participants were at the point of moving on to independent living.

This is, however, a model we are not only hoping to continue to deliver but to live by as well and play our small part in the Christians Against Poverty vision which is to bring freedom and good news to individuals in every community through 1,000 CAP projects by 2021.

## **The Wickford Flood Exhibition: WE NEED YOU!**

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### **WEEKLY PEW SHEET**

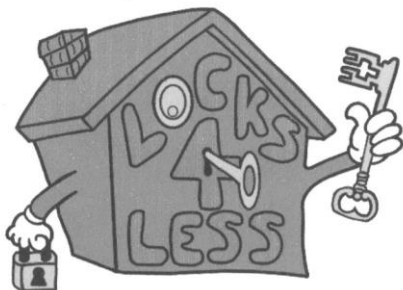
Our weekly sheet is one of the principal ways we share information about the life of the parish, and especially about forthcoming events. If there is something you would particularly like to highlight, please email [linda.boar@yahoo.co.uk](mailto:linda.boar@yahoo.co.uk).

And please, everyone, do read the sheet!

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## WICKFORD AND RUNWELL TEAM MINISTRY

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	Hall Lettings - contact 766749		

<u>St Catherine's</u>	Churchwarden	Richard Feldwick	733362
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	D.C.C. Secretary	Sarah Randall	
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**Mothers' Union Enrolling Member: Jeannette Cardnell**

**FOR INFORMATION ON GIFT AID AND PLANNED GIVING PLEASE CONTACT  
CHRIS BEAUCHAMP ON 762205.**

## SUNDAY SERVICES

<u>St Andrew's</u>	9:30am 6:30pm	Sung Eucharist Healing Eucharist ( <i>on 3<sup>rd</sup> 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 4<sup>th</sup> Sunday</i> )
<u>St Mary's</u>	9:30am 6:30pm	Sung Eucharist Taizé ( <i>2<sup>nd</sup> 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

## 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 15<sup>th</sup> of the month**

**Thank you - email: [delfgou@live.co.uk](mailto:delfgou@live.co.uk)**

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