

Parish Magazine

September 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

We are in need of:

Tins of spaghetti – Jars of jam – Milk – Jars of coffee
Jars of marmalade – Tins of fish – Toiletries

Donations have been slower recently

What next, Lord?



I was doing a bit of tidying recently and came across an old church magazine from my Rochford years. I wondered why I had kept it, but then I noticed the 'Reader's Reflections' that I had written for that particular month. This was the first paragraph.

'A friend of mine, being under a lot of pressure, recently exclaimed, 'Stop the world, I want to get off!' It made me think about the number of times I have said or thought that. I have, as she did, frequently found myself with so much to do that it has been difficult to know what to do first. However, there have also been times when there was so much going on, and mostly changing, that I could do nothing about, and that was what was so scary!'

How that resonates at the moment! I went on to talk about things like the pace of change in technology and the coming of the new rector. I reflected on the changes I had negotiated to get there, as I must have done again when I came here. I thought about how change can happen overtime, and also how it is,

ultimately, inevitable; how we have to take up the challenge and move forward. Doing this, some might take big steps, and for others, they might be smaller. They feel quite big at the moment.

Matt, Norbert, and Jo have taken GIANT steps and triggered new challenges in new places. What exciting times they have ahead, and we wish them every blessing in their new parishes.

For those of us left, there will be different challenges. I wrote this back in 2014 and it rings true now.

'For all those who are worrying, do try not to! This is a topsy-turvy world we live in and sometimes it seems like there is no plan. I choose to believe that God knows what he is doing and in the long run everything has a purpose.'

As we look forward to welcoming new people to the team there will be a time when the gifts of others will be needed to sustain the life of the parish, helping the remaining clergy 'survive' and the parish to continue to 'thrive'. It may be that some may have the opportunity to take on roles that they never thought of before. God, as the potter, can shape and reshape the clay in whatever way it is needed to fill its function. It may be that some will have new ideas, may dare to dream, and it's right that we do. That doesn't mean that everything else is thrown away. The message we are proclaiming hasn't changed after all. It's the gospel.

We step out in faith to face the challenge and that is just what Christian life can be like. Remember that Jesus Christ came to change the world. He did things in ways that people found challenging, and only a few were able to make the break to begin with. Look at how the disciples were changed, first following, then through the power of the Holy Spirit. Think how their

witness impacted on the world, even when Christ had 'moved on', and how it continues to do so.

Christ came to change the world, to turn it upside down. One of my favourite hymns says so:

*'O Lord, all the world belongs to You
And You are always making all things new.
What is wrong, You forgive,
And the new life You give
Is what's turning the world upside down.'*

Or was He turning it the right way up? Now, there's a thought.

So, don't be afraid of 'change' because the world still needs it, and we still have our part to play in that in Wickford and Runwell. It's just that we will walk beside some different people and that's really nothing unusual after all. We can look forward with faith and enthusiasm to whatever is next.

Sue

Elsie Hilda Salmon

Thank you to everyone who supported and prayed for Elsie, me, Sandra & Amanda during her long illness.

In Elsie's memory donations given at the church and by others have been sent to The Heart Foundation, Cancer Research, St. Luke's Hospice and Marie Curie Nursing, each receiving the sum of £300-00.

God bless and thank you all again.

James Salmon

A farewell to the Mutuku family!



This Sunday, 2nd September, sees our farewell to Norbert, Mercy, Stephen and Trisa.

For the last seven years we have been blessed by their presence here with us. We have so enjoyed their generosity, kindness and thoughtfulness.

We have loved seeing Stephen and Trisa growing both in confidence and relationship. Mercy's loving nature has enriched St Catherine's Community and played a rich part in the life of the Parish.

Norbert has offered his deeply spiritual and creative talents, a steadfastness (even at times when he might not have felt very steadfast!), a great insight and gentle humour.

We thank God for the blessings they have bestowed upon us and we hope that, as they move on, they will be able to rest in the deep affection, gratefulness and prayers that accompany them as they move on. Deus gratis

FILM SHOW

ST. CATHERINE'S HALL
27th September at 2 pm

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***'A TESTAMENT TO THE UNDYING STRENGTH OF THE
HUMAN SPIRIT'***

Wickford and Runwell Mothers' Union

We have had our summer break in August and, hopefully, have survived the very hot temperatures of July.

We start our Autumn programme on Thursday **September 6th** with our lunchtime meeting in **St Andrew's Church** at **12 noon** with mid-day prayers followed by a short, led time of prayer and quiet, then in to the centre for our shared lunch when we welcome Molly Hoyle who will be speaking to us on the theme "In the footsteps of Mary Sumner". Molly will be bringing with her a selection of cards and next year's diary. This is a chance to stock up as the cards are very reasonably priced.

On Wednesday **September 19th** at **7.30pm** we once again welcome Father Jo to St. Catherine's Hall, he will be speaking to us about "The Writer Within". Father Jo is a lively speaker and keeps us amused and edified at the same time, this, sadly, is the last time that he will be with us, so make sure that you have the date in our diaries. Finally, the things that are happening in early October to bring to your attention.

October 1st, 1.30pm at Emmanuel Church, Billericay, a Deanery get together of our branches, when Judith Meadon, our Diocesan President, will be with us to talk about "M.U. Listening, Observing and Acting"

October 4th. The most IMPORTANT day for our branch, our Triennial meeting when we elect a new branch leader and committee, and thank our retiring branch leader and committee for all their work for us and the Mothers' Union, See you there

A Crazy Casino

October 6th
at the Village Hall

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Tickets available from Linda Payne and the Wardens

Coming soon

6th September: Matt Simpkins to be licenced as Priest-in-Charge at Lexden, Colchester. If you would like to attend please sign your name on the sheet in church.

8th September: Wickford Carnival – all help welcomed (please contact Jane or Jo)

13th September: Vacancy Meeting for the PCC (please hold them, Archdeacon Mike and especially Sue and Jane in your prayers)

25th September: “Open the Book” at Runwell School (thespians required)

6th October: Casino!!

14th October: Harvest Festival (Team Service at St Catherine’s Church)

Confirmation

21st October at St Andrew’s Church, Basildon

Preparation 6th October

For more information
please speak to one of the clergy

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.

And please, everyone, do read the sheet!

100 club winners

1st. P.Petts 2nd. L. Irving 3rd. J. Radley



“To see hopeful families living with dignity in a positive environment free of HIV and AIDS”

There are collection points in each church for your loose change as we try to change the future for these women and children in Kenya.

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From Kenya:

“Hello Everyone, we have exciting news! Thanks to all of your efforts and donations, we are happy to announce that we have successfully reached our goal for Mary’s knitting machine. We have received donations from so many of you and have raised over 70, 000 KSH (700 USD).

We are on our way to the market now to pick out the new machine for Mary. Everyone here in the LPK family are very excited about this. We will use any left-over funds from the fundraiser to help Mary afford some knitting material and begin to rent a small shop to showcase her products; as a result, Mary will be able to enter the market with some security and support from all of you.

Although many of you are so far away, we just want to thank you for believing in Mary’s vision as passionately as we do. Pictures of the knitting machine and Mary will come along shortly in the next few days.

Big thanks from all of us here at Living Positive Kenya.”

Why not follow Positive Life Kenya on facebook?



Many thanks to the group in the Parish who have taken on Norbert and Val's excellent work in creating this link.

We can learn so much about generosity and determination from our partners.

We look forward to hearing more about our partners when Steve and Beth Lissenden return from their honeymoon

“In out”

Please remember to breathe.

I was sitting outside St Andrew’s Church one Tuesday morning on the solid bench that was offered in memory of Pauline Warne, ex-warden and cake-maker.

Having arrived early and waiting for Jane to arrive for morning prayer (and not having thought to bring my keys), I busied myself in working out which psalm and day and saint it would be. I checked my phone to ponder why no one had wanted to text me or call me

Then I paused. Hold on. Breathe. Just stop.

There is so much to reflect upon at the moment – change is happening. August is over. New paths lie ahead. A mind filled with possibilities, probabilities, complexities, anxieties.

Hold on. Breathe.

In my inward breath I thought of peace. My outward breath, love. Intangible, maybe, largely inaccessible, but still a deep desire. Peace. Love.

And as I breathed in, so the smell of rosemary filled my senses. I was aware of my physical self. I acknowledged the hardness of the bench, the ache of my shoulder, the sounds of the cars, the coolness of the air, the existence of me, of others.

There is something extremely liberating to acknowledge our self in the moment we are in, the emotional place we are in, to be present to who we are, what we are. And then begin to reflect upon others, to slowly draw in all that we are, who we relate to.

Finally, to find a compassion for ourselves. This compassion is unbiddable and will draw us foolishly and magnificently into compassion for others.

So, when Jane arrived with her smile and keys, I was ready to enter the cadences of our mutual prayer and to be alongside one another again.

Evelyn Underhill, the reflective woman who had a part in founding Pleshey, once said: “To pray is to breathe the very air of eternity”.

So many cartoons and so little time to share them:



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Mothers' Union Enrolling Member: Jeannette Cardnell

<p>FOR INFORMATION ON GIFT AID AND PLANNED GIVING PLEASE CONTACT CHRIS BEAUCHAMP ON 762205.</p>
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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

Thank you - email: delfgou@live.co.uk

And our website: <http://wickfordandrundwellparish.org.uk/index.php>