

# Parish Magazine

November 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 need:**

Milk - Cooking sauces - Tinned fruit  
and we are running low on most things except soup!

***Donations have been slower recently .....***

## Pole-Pole

As we start to draw the church year to an end and start thinking towards advent and what it means has left me thinking of the year I have had.

As most of you will know Beth and I were married in July and we went on the most incredible honeymoon to Kenya.

In the build up to our wedding, time seemed to absolutely fly by, we kept a clock that counted down to our big day. At first it seemed an eternity away but we kept counting, 100 days to go, then it was 50 and before we really knew where the time had gone it was tomorrow. We had done all we



could but it was a bit hectic at times and the deadline of 3pm on the 14<sup>th</sup> July kept getting closer and was not going to change.

Then our wedding day arrived and we had the most wonderful day getting married at St Andrews, led by Canon Jane, but tinged with sadness as we look back now, it was the last time we had all 5 of our parish priests working together. A day we and all those who shared it with us will never forget.

But we kept counting down to our honeymoon and again before we knew it the bags were packed and we were on a plane heading south.

One of the first words we were introduced to was Pole-Pole or Slowly-Slowly and that was exactly how we spent most of our 3 weeks. It was something wonderful, we had arrived in Kenya and we met Pole-Pole time, or as it became affectionately known to us Kenya time.

It didn't seem like it at first but we got used to it. It first happened on our second day, we will be there to pick you up at 2:30 but be patient in case we're not. Well 4:45 they arrived smiling and greeting us as if they had arrived at exactly the right time; there was a party going on, don't worry we were told, it will be over early by 6pm, I think we saw the last set of people leaving at about 10:30pm. 9 really meant see you about 9:30. So there is time and there is Pole-Pole or Kenya time.

It was such an alien concept but it quickly became a very good model for us as we enjoyed our honeymoon and it is something we are striving for now we are home. We still did lots and lots, we saw an enormous amount but we did it slowly-slowly, we didn't rush, it still all happened, and amazingly we didn't panic, well until it was time to leave and we were waiting for the taxi....

Yes, we still have deadlines but seeing how important it is to not "kill" yourself in order to meet them is a very liberating feeling.

I think this is a valuable lesson for us all, as advent draws ever closer and we start the rush towards Christmas remember that one word, Pole-Pole, slowly-slowly, in other words slow down and take it easy, it will still come, the shopping will get done, the presents will be bought and wrapped, Christ will be born afresh on 25th December whether it's in a mad panic or in Kenya time, it will come.

Thank you, Kenya, for a valuable lesson.

**Steve**

## To lose a curate:

Many congratulations to Sue! She has now been officially signed off as our Assistant Curate.

Don't Panic! Sue will be licenced as Associate Priest in the Wickford and Runwell Team on 18<sup>th</sup> December at 7:30 at St Andrew's Church.

Although it will be business as normal as Sue continues her priestly ministry in our Parish, we would urge you to take the time to mark this subtle but important change in her offering to God in this place.



On a personal note, as Sue's Training Incumbent, I cannot really put into words how excellent it has been to step alongside, mentor, be challenged by and challenge, this thoughtful, considerate and hard-working priest.

I will be sad not to be able to be at the service but will be holding her and the Team in my prayers that day.

**Fr Jo**

## A Crazy Casino

What a spectacle! The Village Hall was buzzing as the punters arrived, laden with hope and expectation. Jim Sloane and his crew had arrived set up, Linda Payne had mobilised the rest and we settled into an evening of fun and chaos.



Fortunately, nobody takes the evening too seriously as some lost it all on the ruthless roulette table and others won it all on the purposeful pontoon station.



**She may look benevolent but when that wheel's spinning ....!**

What does need to be said was that we were able to gain some cash for St Mary's Church fund and offer a good donation to a head injury charity that Jim Sloane advocates.



We believe the winner had managed to accrue billions (English billions at that!). Many, many thanks to Linda for her organisational skills and to all those who came.

# A Messy St Peter!!!

10<sup>th</sup> November - St Andrew's Church  
2 - 4 pm



**100 club winners**

**1<sup>st</sup>. J. Whyte 2<sup>nd</sup>. M. Beauchamp, 3<sup>rd</sup>. S. Morl**

## **“16 DAYS OF ACTION AGAINST GENDER BASED VIOLENCE”**

This is a world-wide campaign, running from November 25<sup>th</sup> to December 10<sup>th</sup>, to break the silence surrounding gender-based violence, lift the shame which is often placed unfairly on survivors, and shift the blame from victim to perpetrator.

See the Mothers' Union News report for details of the meeting on November 21<sup>st</sup>, when a speaker from our local refuge will be telling us about the work they do in this field.

## **Congratulations to SUSAN DENFORD on her recent Confirmation.**

Susan, who regularly attends the Wednesday Eucharist at St Andrew's, was confirmed by The Bishop of Chelmsford, Stephen Cottrell, on Sunday 21st October at St Andrew's Basildon.

It was a lovely service, although rather longer than usual. The church had a new set of sanctuary furniture to be consecrated and it was interesting to see the beautiful new altar being blessed, anointed with oil, honoured with incense, wiped clean and then dressed for the first time.

This was before we got to the people!

Susan was baptised first, and then there was one person making an affirmation of baptismal faith, two being received into the Church of England, and then the dozen or so confirmations, before celebrating the Eucharist together. The service was followed by the obligatory 'photo with the bishop' session and a lovely selection of cakes provided by the church.

It was a joyous occasion, with so much going on, and everybody was moved by the occasion.

Please join us in welcoming Susan to Holy Communion and wishing her every blessing.

Revd Sue



St Mary's Church

# Christmas Bazaar

at

Runwell Village Hall

24<sup>th</sup> November

2 pm (closing at 4 pm)



Don't forget to buy and sell raffle tickets – available from all reputable members of St Mary's congregation

**ST. CATHERINE'S HALL  
FILM SHOW**

**29<sup>th</sup> November  
2pm**

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DENCH                  COOGAN  
IN  
PHILOMENIA**



**'WONDERFULLY MOVING AND FUNNY'**

## **Wickford and Runwell Mothers' Union**

There was a good attendance at our Triennial meeting on October 4th. at St Andrew's following our fish and chip lunch. Our special guests were Canon Jane, who chaired the meeting, and Pauline Randall, our Deanery Leader.

Canon Jane expressed her thanks to Jeannette for all her hard work and dedication over the past 3 years and also the officers and committee. Reports were then received from the Branch Leader, secretary and treasurer on the affairs of the branch.

Those elected for the next 3 years are as follows.

Branch Leader	Lilian Irving
Assistant B.L.	Caroline Wheeler
Secretary	Janet Radley
Treasurer	Caroline Wheeler

Committee members:

Carol Feldwick, Christine Jackson, Marjorie Dalby,  
Angela Wagstaff, and Marjorie Stanford.

Under A.O.B, Pauline Randall reported on The Annual Meeting at Swansea on September 18th. They heard that the Mothers Union had touched 750,000 lives around the world in 2017.They also heard that M.U. would be involved in 2 major government consultations:

- 1) sex education
- 2) relationships.

Lynne Tenby finishes her term as World Wide President at the end of the year.

“Breaking News” (as they say), we have since heard that Mrs. Sheran Harper from Guyana has been elected as the new president.

The M.U. making history by appointing a W.W.P from outside the UK. Interesting things to come.

Other news:

In connection with “16 days of Action against gender-based violence” a speaker from the Basildon Women’s Refuge will be at St. Catherine’s Hall on Wednesday November 21st. Everyone is welcome to come and hear about the work of our local refuge, which this Parish supports.

The 16 days is something the M.U. supports worldwide and runs from November 25th.to December 10th.

Meetings for November

Thursday	12 noon	quiet time
	12.30pm	shared lunch
	1.30pm	crafts with Caroline

Wednesday 21st. 7.30pm St. Catherine’s Hall. Basildon Women’s Refuge.

Praying, campaigning, enabling

# The Gateway Project

**Our joint churches' foodbank offering to those in need in our community**

We will do the same as we have for the past few years asking people to provide a 'Christmas goodie' bag. However, the bag this year will contain fewer items as last year it was felt there was too much. If needed extras can be provided to larger families.

Please look out for leaflets in the Churches about how you can help.

It is hoped that on Thursday 6th and Thursday 13th December we will provide a Christmas breakfast for those attending, bacon rolls, sausages in a roll etc.

Although pleased to be able, with our fellow churches, to help provide a foodbank, it is with a deep sense of horror that we, in our affluent country, find that those on low income, including many of our public service workers (nurses, teachers etc.) are finding it impossible to survive without our generosity.

Other stuff that's coming soon .....

December

1<sup>st</sup>  
10<sup>th</sup>/17<sup>th</sup>

St Catherine's Christmas Bazaar  
Advent Quiet Times

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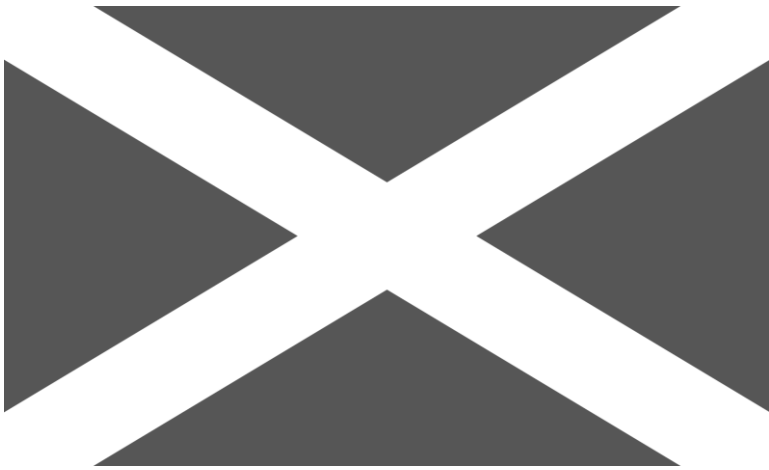


**6.30 pm Sunday 4 November**  
**2018**

**WICKFORD AND RUNWELL**  
**TEAM MINISTRY**

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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 by the 15th of the month - Thank you  
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