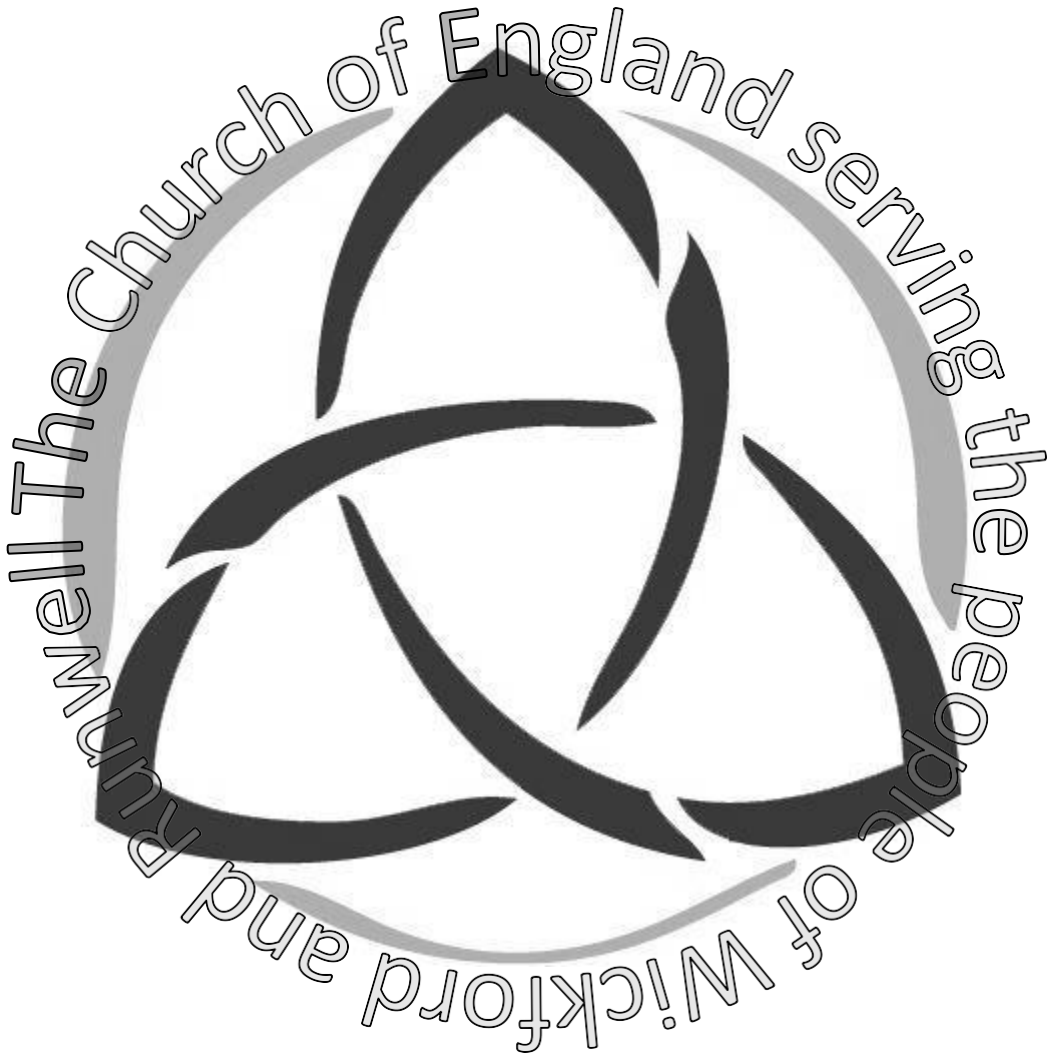


# Parish Magazine

June – July 2019



**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 - Sugar – Coffee – Toiletries – Toilet Rolls

***More and more people are using the foodbank – please add your contributions in the churches or the Co-op***

## Two Lives, Two Legacies

May this year saw the deaths of two extraordinary people, one in her 30s and one at 90. You may have heard of them, but perhaps you have not.

The younger was Rachel Held Evans, American, born into a very conservative evangelical tradition, who found ways of exploring her faith which took her a long way from the home churches of her childhood. Of her time and her generation, she was a great user of social media, and that became one of the main ways in which she opened the door a more generous and inclusive understanding of Christianity for many of her contemporaries. One of her most striking comments remains a challenge to any worshipping community:

‘Imagine if every church became a place where everyone is safe, but no one is comfortable. Imagine if every church became a place where we told one another the truth. We might just create sanctuary.’

The pursuit of a deep truth which did indeed create sanctuary, in a place which was truly safe but not perhaps necessarily comfortable. That, surely, was what Jean Vanier, who died at 90, began to bring into being when he stepped out of his academic career to live alongside two men with profound learning disabilities. From that first home grew the L’Arche communities in which the ‘able’ and those with disabilities live and share together. Seeing the absolute value of each human being, Vanier was to discover, and to make it possible for so many others to discover, that in such a life he became a recipient as much as a giver, and a participant in the joy of those he lived with rather than a consoler for their limitations.

May they each rest in peace and rise in glory.

Jane



*In response to our latest contributions we received this lovely email*

Appreciation for the Continuous Support.

Receive greetings and best wishes from Positive Life Kenya

We are writing to appreciate the support that you have given to our project. We acknowledge receipt of the funds for this duration. The children from Tumaini and Kiotani Schools are very happy and are sending love and blessing.

Your support always comes in when we need it most especially at this time when Kenya is experiencing drought and there is no food. We have really struggled to feed the children. The grandmothers taking care of orphans are always knocking our door for support. With your support we will ensure that the children will remain in School.

We will continue updating you on the progress of activities.

Warm regards,

Mary.

*Please keep saving the pennies, and raising the funds. Even the small amounts we can give make such a difference.*

# BRADWELL PILGRIMAGE AND GATHERING



SATURDAY  
6TH JULY 2019  
10:30AM - 3:45PM

A free day of pilgrimage, worship, activities  
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*With guest speakers:*



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Alan Williams  
Bishop of Brentwood



The Venerable  
Ruth Patten  
Archdeacon of  
Colchester



The Rt Revd  
Peter Hill  
Bishop of Barking

## Programme

- \* 10:45am – Commissioning outside St Thomas' Church
- \* Pilgrimage Walk to Bradwell Chapel
- \* Opening Worship on Arrival
- \* Lunch break (*Bring a picnic or buy some food on site*)
- \* 1:45pm Optional Sessions:
  - Eucharist
  - Talk: *History of the chapel*
  - Messy Church Activities
  - Guided walk and wildlife talks
  - Forest Schools Session
- \* 3:15 - Closing worship
- \* 3:45 – Finish



Note: Parking is available from Bradwell Village Hall (CM07QJ) & a shuttle bus will operate between the hall and the chapel throughout the day.



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## ONE VOICE CHOIR

On April 26<sup>th</sup>. The “One Voice Choir”, from the Grange Care Home , put on a wonderful concert in St. Catherine’s Hall for their families and friends. The Mayor of Basildon was an invited guest and he presented each member of the choir with a commemorative plaque at the end of the concert. The members of the choir love singing and that was obvious as the evening progressed. The repertoire included some wonderful old favourites, among them ‘Tie a yellow ribbon round the old oak tree’, ‘Save your kisses for me’, ‘Heart of my heart’, ‘I

believe for every drop of rain that falls’ and several more.

Catherine , the activities co-ordinator, and her band of helpers worked so hard to make the afternoon a success and it was a privilege to be there and share it with them.

**Publication Dates.** Our Parish Magazine will be appearing every two months for the foreseeable future, due to pressure on the Team Rector’s time. Apologies to all those eager readers for whom its arrival at the beginning of every month is such a treat!

## **'Breakfast with Our Lord'**

I have never been an early bird, more of a night owl. My body copes with Midnight Mass at Christmas far better than the Dawn Service of Light at Easter. That said, why would I not want to get up *before* the crack of dawn and come together with fellow worshippers to greet the sun rising as we celebrate that the 'Son is Risen'?

Having enjoyed three evenings of quiet contemplation for the first part of Holy Week; having had my feet washed and recalled the Last Supper on Maundy Thursday; having walked (limped) in witness with members of all the churches in Wickford and sat at the 'Foot of the Cross' on Good Friday; well, I was exhausted. All the emotions of that week, with the ups and downs that come with it, were bubbling around inside me ready to explode. Then there came *the* morning.

There is something about the Dawn Service - with the light gradually breaking through the darkness, with the quiet of the church and a few muted voices of those gathered there in expectation - that is awesome and special. The new fire lit in our small brazier, the first 'Alleluia!', readings by candlelight, bells to announce the Gloria, Baptismal Vows reaffirmed and new Paschal Candles held high, are all part of the glorious welcome to the Risen Christ in what has always been my favourite service of the Church year.

Then you get breakfast too! More breakfast than I would normally eat but so very appreciated, not least because of the fellowship involved. It really feels that Jesus is present with us on that day, as we call to mind the first witnesses who saw him and began to truly understand his victory over sin and death.

Which takes my mind to the stories we hear through the Easter season as the disciples encountered Our Lord at different places and times. Jesus shared breakfast on a beach with a few of them too, in a way that echoed their first calling by the Sea of Galilee, with a wonderful *dawn* catch and a call to 'Follow'. They shared bread and fish cooked on a bonfire. Peter received forgiveness as he declared his love three times. He also received his threefold command, to tend the flock that Jesus had gathered. The flock has grown since then, as they did as they were commissioned, but the work continues. Wouldn't it be lovely if next year we had more hear the call and come to breakfast with us to celebrate the feast, and to shout 'Alleluia!!'?

Sue

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## The kindness of strangers

There was a grand clear-up of the High Street, and two lovely women noticed that the area around the porch at St Andrew's Centre still needed attention. So they came back one evening, and the weeds disappeared!

Thank you so much, Laura and Jill. And, if you would like to be part of caring for our local environment, why not get in touch with the amazing Wickford Wombles, [wickfordwombles@gmail.com](mailto:wickfordwombles@gmail.com)?





## Changing Times

Anyone who was present at a recent Basildon Deanery Synod will know that a shortage of clergy is not just a challenge for Wickford and Runwell. With curates and assistant priests moving to new posts and a number of clergy vacancies across the deanery, it is becoming increasingly difficult to organize 'cover'. In the circumstances we as a parish have begun to think about how we can do things a little differently, recognising that we are still fortunate in having two priests, that they are fairly stretched, and that other local parishes are also struggling to maintain familiar patterns.

So we are making two changes for the foreseeable future. The small and faithful congregation who have been attending the 9.30 am service at St Catherine's on a Wednesday morning have been gracious and generous in accepting the request to suspend that service: we very much hope that they will feel able to join the larger congregation which gathers at St Andrew's at 10.30 that morning, not only for worship but also for refreshments and company after the service, or to attend St Mary's on Tuesday evenings or Thursday mornings.

The second change is for the summer, as we hit holiday times for clergy in and beyond the parish. On the first Sunday of July, August, and September there will be just one morning service in the parish, a sung eucharist at 10.30 am. On 7 July it will be at St Andrew's, on 4 August at St Mary's, and on 1 September at St Catherine's. I hope each church will be offering their usual post-service refreshments but we will not be having a shared lunch.

Please do make a note of the changes; we will make sure that they are well and truly flagged up in the weekly notice sheet and elsewhere. And please do come and share with friends old and new in the each of the churches which are not 'yours': all of them are 'ours'!

And don't forget our regular joint service for Trinity Sunday, 10.30 am on 16 June, when we will be joined at St Mary's by Bishop John.

Jane

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

**14.00hrs 27 June 2019**

**Dave Johns and Haley Squires**

**IN**

***I, DANIEL BLAKE***

*A STORY OF TRIUMPH AND ADVERSITY IN MODERN BRITAIN*



**14.00hrs 27 July 2019**

**Emily Watson & David Wenham**

**IN**

***ORANGES AND SUNSHINE***

*'A FORGOTTEN GENERATION'*

*Based on a true story.*

# ***Our Next***



## ***Messy Lost Coin***

***Saturday 8 June***

***2 - 4 pm***

***St Andrew's Church***



*And in May, we shall be finding out about the*  
***Messy Traveller***

*13 July 2- 4 pm at St Andrew's*

*Children and parents/carers all welcome for fun, crafts,  
singing, mess ..... and food*

# EASTER CONFIRMATIONS

On Easter Eve, the service at Chelmsford Cathedral began with Bishop Stephen lighting the great paschal candle from a new fire outside the west door. And then we went inside for music, and light, and splendour, and prayer, and some laughter and mild chaos. At the heart of the service was the confirmation of some 30 candidates from across the diocese, among them our own Robson, Louisa, Louise, Marykate, and Rianna.



Our warmest congratulations to them all: please pray for them as they continue on the next stages of their journey.



## Wickford and Runwell Mothers' Union

The Lent Course, exploring the spirituality of St Ignatius Loyola, was very well attended this year and very well received. We had lots of positive feedback. It was found to be extremely helpful and thought provoking; several people said that they got a lot out of it. Thank you to the 6 members who put so much time into the preparation of leading the sessions

On May 2<sup>nd</sup> Margaret Maguire spoke to us about her work as a volunteer at Hyde Hall. Margaret has been a volunteer there for 20 years, something she obviously loves doing. She told us about all the changes and improvements that have taken place over the years and are still happening, and illustrated her talk with lots of photos. Thank you, Margaret, for a most informative and enjoyable afternoon. We welcomed the Revd Sue Mann to our evening meeting on May 15<sup>th</sup>. Sue led a Quiet Hour in St. Catherine's. The prayers and meditations were linked to Christian Aid Week, it was lovely to share this quiet time with Sue in the peace of the church. Thank you Sue

Our meetings for June and July

Thursday June 6<sup>th</sup>, 12.30pm is our Garden Party at Muriel and John Knowles, please bring lunch to share and an item for the Chinese Auction

Wednesday June 19<sup>th</sup>. 7.30pm in St. Catherine's Hall, Lucy Bubb will be speaking about the Wave of Prayer and her visit to Myanmar

July 4<sup>th</sup>. 12 noon quiet time

12.30 lunch please note DO NOT BRING LUNCH TO SHARE

1.30 "Stars and Stripes", bring something with an American Theme

## **Appointing our new priests.... an update**

*This is what I wrote in April .....*

Sadly, even after two rounds of advertisements, there was no applicant for the post of Team Vicar in Wickford and Runwell. At a meeting with the archdeacon, we decided to move from seeking a new Team Vicar, to looking to appoint a successor as Team Rector to step into place on my retirement: he or she will then be in a position to recruit another colleague. This will mean several more months when Sue and I will be the only priests in the parish and we may need to think about the pattern of parish life during that time. In the meantime, we continue to be very grateful for all of you who pray for us, and support us in so many ways during this time of change. And pray too for our next Team Rector!

*We are now advertising for our new Team Rector, and will renew advertisements for the Team Vicar's post so that the Team-Rector-to-be can take part in the new appointment.*

Jane

*And on the subject of prayer.....*

### **Parish Prayer Circle.**

In times of particular need or trouble, please contact Jeannette Cardnell on 01268 452309, and members of the circle will offer their prayers for the situation or person concerned.

# A Different Kind of Angel

We were going to the theatre in Birmingham, but there was a bit of time to spare, so we walked down to the main square. And this is what we saw.



The 'knife angel', otherwise known as the National Monument against Violence and Aggression, was designed by artist Alfie Bradley and created at the British Ironwork Centre in Shropshire. Knives and weapons were collected by all 43 police forces in the UK from 'amnesty containers'. What arrived at the centre (sometimes under police escort) were kitchen knives, flick knives, Samurai swords, machetes and more. Some still carried traces of blood: all were blunted and sterilised. If you get close enough, you can see that the angel's body is made of blades and handles: blades alone form his wings. And in his face and his outstretched hands are sorrow for all the lives lost, and a plea to end the violence on the streets of so many towns and cities.

Instruments of destruction transformed into a symbol of both mourning and hope.

Jane

**Welcome .....**

*to new churchwardens Seye Abiodun (St Andrew's) and Alan Jones (St Mary's) and warmest thanks to all those who continued in or took up new roles at our Annual Meeting in April.*

*Thanks, too, to Marina Bailey and Lyn Gordon, retiring wardens, for all they have given to the churches and the parish. We wish Lyn well in her new home.*

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***A message from Ron Shine***

*Ron said 'thank you' for his birthday cards from the churches. He was delighted to hear from St Catherine's and sends his love. He always asks after old friends and would be very pleased to see visitors: best days to call are Thursday, Friday, or Saturday.*

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***Parish Magazine***

*Do you have news to share? Noticed something worth a comment? An event to publicise?*

*Please send any contributions for the next edition to [canjanefree@gmail.com](mailto:canjanefree@gmail.com) preferably before 15 July.*



## Coffee, cake, and plants galore.....



May's 'Bettie's Teashop and Plant Sale' was a roaring success.

Much helped by Fred's amazing market stall in front of the church (and his

equally amazing sale-or-return deal on plants, and Margaret's green fingers), old friends and new visitors stocked their gardens, and then restored themselves with tea, coffee and cake. The raffle, as ever, had an abundance of prizes: Meet and Make's stall showed off the skills of the Tuesday crafters, the waiters were both charming and efficient, and the cake table positively groaned under the weight of bakers' generosity.

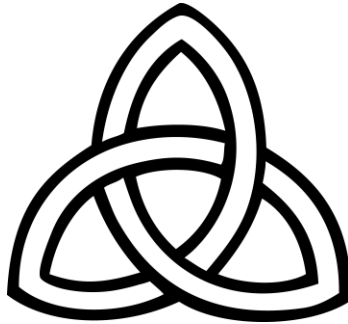


Thank you to everyone who made the morning such a success and raised a record figure of nearly £680.

Jane



# *Trinity Sunday*



*Joint service for the whole parish  
led by Bishop John  
16 June 2019 10.30 am at St Mary's  
followed by lunch*



*A reminder that this will be the only service in the parish that morning: please sign up at St Catherine's or St Andrew's if you need transport.*

## ***Building the Church***

*Parish Quiet Day at Pleshey, 29 June*



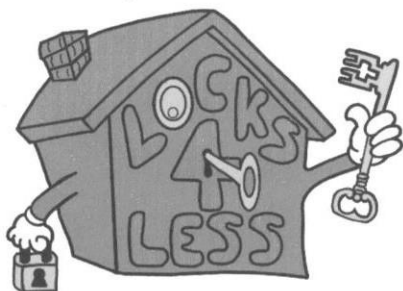
*Following the our 'dreaming' parish day, we will be thinking about 'foundations' and 'scaffolding' .....*

*And there will be plenty of time for quiet contemplation in the house and gardens.*

*Bring a packed lunch: and there will be a small charge towards the cost of the day.*

*Look out for sign-up sheets in the churches.*

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<u>CLERGY</u>	Jane Freeman	Team Rector	01268 734077
	Sue Wise	Associate Priest	07941506156

(Sue is available Sunday, Tuesday, Wednesday, and Thursday)

<u>P.C.C.</u>	Vice-chair	Pam Petts	01268 734183
	Secretary	Bob Peall	
	Treasurer	Yvonne Branson	
	Electoral Roll Officer	Bob Peall	

<u>St Andrew's</u>	Churchwarden	Valerie Bryan	01268 561446
	Churchwarden	Seye Abiodun	
	D.C.C. Secretary	Marina Bailey	
	D.C.C. Treasurer	Mike Gibson	
	Hall Lettings - contact 01268 766749		

<u>St Catherine's</u>	Churchwarden	Richard Feldwick	01268 733362
	Churchwarden	Andrew Morl	
	D.C.C. Secretary	Sarah Randall	
	Hall Lettings – contact .01268 735458		

<u>St Mary's</u>	Churchwarden	Alan Jones	01268765360
	Churchwarden	Lisa Griffiths	
	D.C.C. Secretary	Coral Upham	
	D.C.C. Treasurer	John Skinner	
	Hall Bookings - contact either 01268765360 or 01268732033		

**Mothers' Union Branch Leader Lilian Irving, Assistant Branch Leader Caroline Wheeler**

<p>FOR INFORMATION ON <b>GIFT AID AND PLANNED GIVING</b> PLEASE CONTACT  <b>CHRIS BEAUCHAMP ON 01268762205.</b></p>
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## 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 11:15am 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 Reflective Prayer ( <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 Vestry
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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