

Parish Magazine

SEPTEMBER 2017



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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 Coffee Morning in St Mary's Church Hall 10 am - 12 noon

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 Coffee Morning in St Mary's Church Hall 10 am - 12 noon
Thursday House Group - 10 am at 2 Adam Way
Saturday Men's Breakfast - 8:30 am (always last Saturday of the month)

SUPPORTING BASILDON WOMEN'S REFUGE

Female hygiene products, new briefs, hair brushes and shampoo for the women and for the babies and children nappies, wipes, clean bed and cot linen.

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.

100 CLUB WINNERS

1st C. Fenn 2nd F. Bristow. 3rd L. Irving

Back to School!!

September has arrived and a new school year begins. Parents of school-age children breathe a sigh of relief after the long six weeks of trying valiantly to occupy their offspring. Teachers devotedly put the finishing touches to their plans for the coming term. (The Open the Book Team brushes up its resources and acting skills.) Children look forward with anticipation or nervousness to new challenges and re-joining their fellow students. Or something like that.....

Those involved in any aspect of education can't help thinking of the year that starts in September. There are other 'new years' of course; Advent for the church; the calendar date, depending on your roots; the tax year (say no more); the day after your last birthday. We do like to divide our time up so we can measure its passage and our progress in a given span. We look at life in stages and our school years we might consider to be the foundation of our education and formation for the future, where we became skilled in the three Rs - Reading, 'riting and 'rithmetic and numerous other subjects. However, we don't *ever* stop learning, do we? So here are three 'Ls' for life, the result of a recent session with my Spiritual Director, who helps me learn about and cope with *me*.

Learning:

Life's experiences help us to continue learning even as we get older. I certainly learnt much during Jo's recent sabbatical - about the people around me, about the ashes plot, and "never put off till tomorrow what really ought to be done today," to name but a few. I have also found that I never stop learning new things about our loving God. As a disciple of Jesus Christ, I hope I never do.

Bishop Stephen introduced the School for Disciples this year. The diocese wants 'every church to be a place where people discover how to be a missionary disciple, learning from Jesus and being sent out by him to serve the world.' They want us to be thinking about

how we learn to be followers and bear fruit, nurturing people, so we can all be disciples of Christ throughout the week and not just Sunday. So, look out for ways to learn more and let us know what you think would help you!

Listening:

When we want to learn something, we really need to be listening well. This means giving our full attention to what we are hearing, or seeing or even feeling. It's not just about 'information' either, its about really concentrating on what is going on around us and the person in front of us. Only by allowing our own needs to take a back seat can we really know what it is we are called to do for God – be it in the community, for our church, for an individual or even for the world.

Loving:

A fellow student at St Mellitus said something that has always resonated with me. She said that, the more she learned about Christ, and the deeper she came to understand and love Him, the easier she found it to love others. I couldn't agree more. I may not always get it right, or even find it easy, but I do try to look on those around me as fellow children of God, like me, made in His image and loved by Him.

So if we learn about those around us, listening to their needs and beginning to understand them, we will learn to love them. If we learn more about our faith, our God, about Jesus Christ, listening to what He says to us in the scriptures, in the examples of others and in our hearts, we will learn to love Him that much more. Not just this year, but next year too, and for the rest of our lives.

Sue

PARISH DAY - 14th October

St Andrew's Church



Taking the long view

Where and how is God calling us into the times to come?

TAKING THE LONG VIEW: OUR PARISH DAY IN OCTOBER

Our annual parish study day will take place this year on Saturday 14th October at St Andrew's.

As always, it will be an opportunity for everyone in the parish to come together, to share in thinking about our faith and our lives, as individuals, as communities, as part of the body of Christ - and as people who live, work, and worship in Wickford and Runwell.

Many of you will know that there has been much discussion over the last few years across the diocese, and indeed across the whole Church of England, about the shape of the church of the future.

This year we hope to bring that discussion firmly down to the grass roots; by reflecting on all we value from the past, on the joys and challenges of the present, and our hopes and even fears for the future, to begin to tease out how best we can plan for worship, mission, and service in this parish.

Where and how is God calling us into the times to come?

This won't be a day for decisions, or grand schemes, but the beginning of a conversation: we need to hear as many voices as possible, old and young, long-standing and newcomer, insider and outsider. So please, put the date in your diary, come, share, learn, teach, observe, argue - and contribute to an understanding of our part in God's presence in this place.

Jane

It's that time again

October 9th at the Village Hall

**An opportunity for crazy
gambling and extortionate(?)
laughter**

(in a safe money-free environment)



Tickets available from Linda Payne and the Wardens



"Tumaini" - Our Kenyan Link

Spanning several years, the Parish has been involved with Kenya Link as part of our outreach beyond our own shores. The nature and projects being supported have changed over time and in more recent months the PCC have been looking at potential new endeavours.

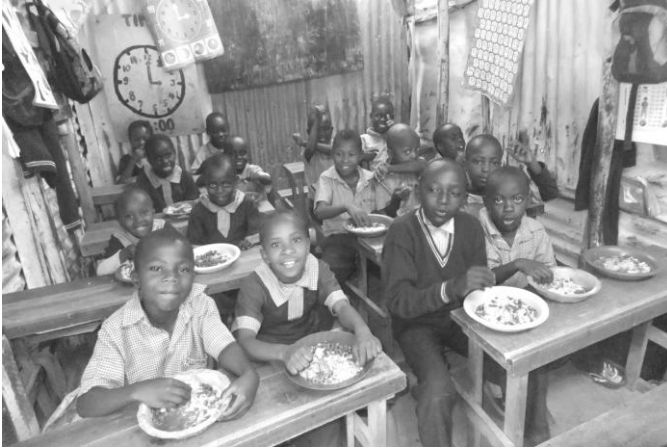


This has led us to the Tumaini Education and Nutrition Centre in the Kicheko slum areas of Mlolongo. It is a project that Father Norbert is familiar with and has himself visited. The project is run by **Positive Life Kenya** which is a non-government organisation. Their mission:

Positive Life Kenya aims to break the cycle of poverty and reduce the impact of HIV and AIDS in families by providing education opportunities for vulnerable children, empowering caregivers and working on community support and outreach.

Tumaini is Swahili for *hope*. The project aims to provide education and nutrition on a daily basis for more than 100 vulnerable children between the ages of 3-12 years old. The children in many circumstances would be

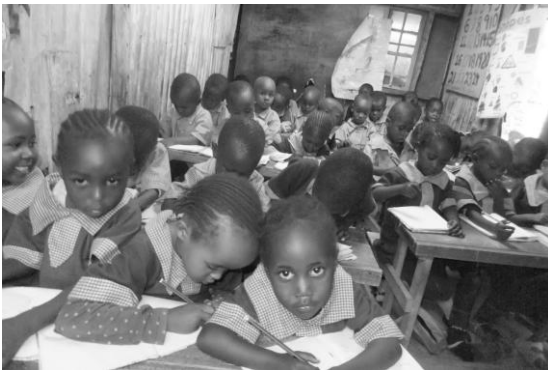
left on their own during the day as their parents and caregivers try to find work.



They often cannot access other schools as there is no money for fees, uniform and other costs, as up to 90% of the family income is spent on food. Even then, for many of the children the food provided at the Centre is their only hot meal for the day.

This is a project where every bit we give could make a big difference. We would like to make a regular donation to the project, so any fundraising ideas are most welcome. If you would like to find out more about Positive Life Kenya and Tumaini in particular, details are available at www.positivelifekenya.org

Marina





To begin our adventure with this amazing project, as a Parish, as Christians, as brothers and sisters of our fellow human beings, we shall be offering our financial help.

If you would like to begin 'fundraising' for Tumaini and the link we will be sharing with these generous people, then why not embark on our 'Loose Change' project.

Basically, find a container, any container, and fill it with your loose change!

When it is full, then empty it into a bag, pass it across to one of our lovely wardens (marking it carefully for Tumaini) and then start filling your pot again.

It is amazing how much you can gather in one place - and how little we miss it!

Also:

Please nag those who are enabling us to help for news and ideas that they might be able to offer us in our living life more fully.

Thanks!

PILGRIM COURSE

“Turning to Christ”

We will be running a 6 week course starting Monday
2nd October 19:30
at St Andrew’s Church

Exploring the heart of our Christian belief through the six questions candidates are asked at baptism.

Session One: Do you turn to Christ?

Session Two: Do you believe and trust in God the Father?
Session Three: Do you believe in his Son Jesus Christ?

Session Four: Do you believe in the Holy Spirit?

Session Five: Do you repent of your sins?

Session Six: Do you renounce evil?

This is open to everyone, new members of our congregation, those exploring confirmation, thinking of coming to church or you if you would like to explore your faith a little further.

If you would like to know more please speak to me or a member of clergy.

It would help if we knew the likely numbers as we will need to order the books so would you please sign up on the sheets in church



Many Thanks, Steve Lissenden

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Wickford and Runwell Youth

Our parish youth group meets every month. We enjoy a variety of activities ranging from visiting Base Jump at Rayleigh, going ten pin bowling, to enjoying a South African style BBQ. Every other month we meet for "Bible & Crisps" an opportunity to reflect on the Bible while we share crisps and snacks. The group is open to anyone aged from 9.

The meeting point for activities and venue for Bible study sessions will be **27 Blake Hall Drive, Shotgate, SS11 8XA** unless alternate arrangements are made prior to an event. **Contact:** Marina Bailey - 078007 60975

Saturday 16th September
St Andrew's Church, 2 - 4 pm

Messy Daniel



ALL WELCOME!

A stylized logo for 'Messy News' featuring the word 'MESSY' in large, bold, white letters with a black outline, set against a grey, splatter-like background. Below it, the word 'NEWS' is written in smaller, white letters on a grey rectangular base.



WICKFORD & RUNWELL MOTHER'S UNION

I hope our members have enjoyed the summer break, catching up with family and friends or having a well earned holiday.

I trust you are suitably refreshed and ready for our autumn and winter programme which starts at 12 noon in St. Andrew's church with communion followed by our shared lunch and branch review, looking at our work over the past year and looking forward to the year ahead, we need your feedback and ideas (It's YOUR branch!)

On Saturday **September 16th** we will be hosting a coffee morning in St. Andrew's Hall and looking for cakes and your help on the day, put the date in your diary so that you do not forget!

Another date to remember is the deanery coffee morning, Monday **September 11th** in St. Mary Magdalene Hall, Great Burstead

A special invitation to anyone in the Parish:

To come and hear Jo talking about his recent sabbatical (study leave)

"Teach us to sit still"

Wednesday 20th. September
St. Catherine's Hall 7.30pm

Branch Leader: Mrs Jeannette Cardnell –01268 452309

From our registers:

JULY

St Catherine's Church

Baptisms

16th Cooper Aspinell
Henry Whitely

Funerals

13th Marilyn Chamberlain

31st Ray Gotham

St Mary's Church

Baptisms

23rd Sophie Durussel
Molly Bright

Weddings

1st Paul Lovelock and Tracy Salt
Jack Wheelwright and Kirsty Scolah

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 CHRIS BEAUCHAMP ON **762205**.

SUNDAY SERVICES

<u>St Andrew's</u>	9:30am 6:30pm	Sung Eucharist Healing Eucharist (<i>on 3rd 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 4th Sunday</i>)
<u>St Mary's</u>	9:30am 6:30pm	Sung Eucharist Taizé (<i>2nd 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
Friday	8:30 am	Morning Prayer at St Andrew's
Saturday	9:30 am	Morning Prayer at St Catherine's (<i>1st Saturday of the month</i>)

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

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