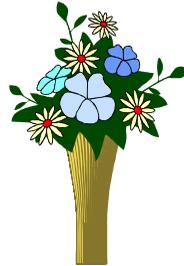


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Whatever you do, whether in word or deed,
do it all in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving
thanks to God the Father through Him.

Colossians 3 : 17

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10 April, please, to Kath Dunstan.
New contributors will be welcome.*

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magazine is delivered to you.**
Details from
Brenda Sheppard
(See inside back cover.)

Reflecting on a recent happening

(not by Rev'd Peter, because he is otherwise occupied)

by Fiona Begley

Church Work Party report

About 9 of us gathered for nearly three hours, with tools and equipment, to tackle some of the grounds and interior of the church on Saturday 12th March. The weather was just about perfect for working outdoors: quite sunny yet not too hot; not nearly as windy as it had been, and dry! Fantastic! Grass was mown in extremely gorgeous stripes, a country-house-type path was mown in to down near the side gate; with much shifting of very-well-cut-back shrubs taking place and weeding of the small flower beds next to the main door... well, they LOOK small but bend down to weed them and they feel fairly huge! The last of the Mother's Day primroses were popped into these beds too, and have been looking very pretty. The path edges were cleared and cut, and after a few more sessions the whole area will look even more lovely than it does now.

Inside, much dusting of huge cobwebs took place, tho' one of our number did object to being lifted up high and her hat being used as the duster!! Can't think why though, it was only about 20 feet in the air!? And the lovely hat? Well, we could have washed it out in a bit of water and nothing would have been lost..... tee hee..... The same end-result was achieved, in the end, by a fairly tall 'someone' up a ladder with a kind ladder-watcher in the very important bottom-of-the-ladder support role.

There were cupboards cleared and dusted, toys cleaned out and old ones disposed of, shifting and clearing and much good natured chat covering it all! All in all, we actually achieved approximately 27 hours of work, and it really showed! A very nice cup of coffee (made using the fantastic new plumbed-in water boiler) was much enjoyed and appreciated, and we also had the opportunity with chat to two or three visitors into the church building, and a fair amount of chat to folks walking by was enjoyed.

After a lovely time of prayer, we all gathered our bits up and wandered off home. Very satisfying to see our lovely house of God looking even more lovely after the generous efforts of the party. It was really great fun and a pleasure to be with one another: hope to see a few more at the next one.... more company much appreciated to tackle some more jobs.

Thanks everyone for your good company and for all your hard work.

A Word from the Vicar as well

This has been an exceptionally busy few weeks and although I do spend time reflecting on what God is doing among us, putting all those thoughts into print in order to catch the deadline for the magazine has proved impossible. However, an important thing for me to say is that Fiona and I send you all a sincere Easter greeting.

APCM

This year's Annual Parochial Church Meeting will be held in the chapel following the 10.45 service on Sunday 10th April.

We shall begin with the election of two churchwardens for the coming year. Everyone from the parish is welcome to attend and to vote.

We shall then proceed with the Church Council part of the meeting. Everyone is welcome but only registered members of the church electoral roll may speak and/or vote.

There will be lots of reports to receive - many of which have been available in print for members to read in advance. We trust that the prayer backing for all those holding office and for the plans being made for the future will enable this meeting to be one which brings glory to God and hope for us all for the future.

Another Report: St Leonard's Church Work Party 12th March

A normal response to a church event is that a good time was had by everybody. Well it was certainly true of the work party.

Around a dozen church members arrived to carry out a number of tasks highlighted by the fabric committee.

It was unfortunate that we were unable to carry out the planned work on our trees. This was due to a hold up with the faculty by those in Chelmsford.

We were however able to trim and prune the shrubs and bushes in the south of the churchyard adjacent to the Porch and Vestry doors. It is hoped this will reduce the dampness to the church wall.

The grass was cut in the south churchyard and weeding carried out. Flowers were planted in the flower beds either side of the porch gates.

Whilst carrying out this work a large number of car body parts were discovered, having been dumped over the wall. It is assumed these parts came from an accident local to the church. The church wardens would like to thank the person(s) responsible! These parts had to be transported to the waste disposal unit in Burnham.

We made a number of visits to the tip as we cleared a large amount of rubbish from within the church.

Hooks have also been installed just outside the kitchen to hang the safety helmets and fluorescent safety vests.

We were all thankful for the refreshments provided and the good weather that we experienced.

There is still much work to be done and a series of further work parties is planned..We are planning to paint the porch gates , carry out remedial work on the timber doors, clean and clear out the boiler room and carry out the required tree work when the faculty arrives.

Thanks to all who attended see you next time
..... oh and bring your friends.

***Phil Richards** (Churchwarden)*

I can do all things?

In St Paul's letter to the Philippians chapter 4 verse 13 he quotes "I can do all things through Christ who strengthens me" (NKJV). So can we really do all things if Jesus gives us the strength? Sometimes people have taken this quote as meaning they can literally do anything even if it isn't within their capability or their gifting and have been disappointed and disillusioned when it doesn't work out!

When we look at this statement in the context of the Bible reading Paul was thanking the Philippians for their gifts and their concern for him in his travels and work for the Lord for which he was really grateful. But he stressed how content he was whether in need or to have plenty, to be content in any and every situation, well fed or hungry and believing that whatever situation he was in he could do and cope with everything through Christ who gave him strength.

Following Jesus is a challenge to us all, He likes to take us out of our comfort zone at times and stretch us in our faith so that we rely on him and his strength. We often don't try different challenges that we feel are from the Lord because of fear and inadequacy or we are put off by others. At other times we launch out into ventures without consulting the Lord or seek wisdom from other believers and these situations are often not right for us.

So we need to listen to God and His leading, to seek wisdom and Godly advice if we feel led into perhaps new ways to serve Him in our lives and if we are walking in God's will we be able to do all these things through Christ who strengthens us!



Those who
walk with God,
always reach
their destination

Brenda Sheppard

FROM THE ARCHBISHOPS OF CANTERBURY AND YORK

All Church of England clergy are being encouraged to respond to a Call to Prayer within their parishes in the week leading up to Pentecost 2016. (May 8th - 15th). Rev'd Peter has requested that this be flagged up in advance so that when plans are made for our involvement we shall be aware of it and open to it.

The Archbishops wrote:

Our hope is

for all Christians to deepen their relationship with Jesus Christ
for all of us to have confidence to share the Gospel

for all to respond to the call of Jesus Christ to follow Him as
disciples, to live out the Gospel and to seek God's Kingdom
from day to day.

At the heart of our prayers will be the words "Thy kingdom come, thy will be done." It is impossible to overstate the life-transforming power of the Lord's Prayer..... When we pray it with sincerity and with joy, there is no imagining the new ways in which God can use us to his glory.

CHELMSFORD DIOCESE NEWS

During Lent several of us attended various courses and were moved by our experiences. In particular the Tuesday Lent Lectures in the cathedral, by our four Bishops, were challenging but very enjoyable. The April issue of "The Month" includes the text of Bishop Stephen's talk. Do read it - and note that all the talks will be available on the appropriate website (listed at the end). They are also available to be down-loaded as audio files. They are worth listening to. Speak with me if you need further information.

Kath Dunstan

Women's World Day of Prayer Service in Southminster

"Receive Children, Receive Me"



The first Friday in March every year is the Women's World Day of Prayer and this year was no exception. The Southminster Churches met together in Christchurch and enjoyed the Service that the Christian women of Cuba had put together for countries all over the world to take part in.

There were symbols - a Bible, to show the women's faith; a bowl of provisions, to show that the women have several roles in job, church and family and the different flavours involved in everyday life; a diary, to show the diversity of the jobs available to women; a candle, to show the hope that the younger generation will be a light in the future of Cuba; a musical instrument, to show the joy and rhythm of their worship in church; and some sugar to represent the sweetness of love with friends and neighbours. We greeted each other as the Cubans do, in Spanish.

As usual we had some good hymns that we knew and some new ones which we appreciated learning, as well as some Cuban music which was very lively! There were many prayers for the life of the people of Cuba in particular, but they applied to all of us as well.

The Bible readings were Isaiah chapter 11, verses 1-10 and Mark chapter 10, verses 13-16. Isaiah prophesies a time when people, and all creation, will live together in peace, harmony and safety - a time when the Messiah will arrive. Mark tells of the time when the women brought their children to Jesus for a blessing and Jesus had to rebuke the Disciples for trying to stop them from coming to him. Jesus, the Messiah, valued everyone - men, women

and children - and even said we should be like the children. He said we ourselves should approach him with childlike attitudes of acceptance, faith and trust - a simple faith.

Jesus was often criticised for spending time with the so called 'wrong' people. But he knew that God wanted him to speak to those people who needed him most.

Then during a quiet time we wrote our names and a prayer or word of encouragement on a sticky note which we put inside a simple paper Butterfly Jasmine flower. These were collected and before we left we each took one home with us to continue the prayer.

This question seems relevant, "Do we feel challenged today to think, speak and act differently as Jesus shows us?"

Jacky Griffiths



FAREWELL VAL

As we announced last month, Rev'd Val White will be conducting her last service at Trimley St Martin on Easter Sunday. She, and her husband David, will be licensed on 4th May to five parishes to the north of Stowmarket. We remember Val with great affection so we pray for their house move and their future ministry together. It's good to see that her parish has already given her a good send-off.



Monday 11th April

Guardians of the Kingdom

starts at 3.30 pm

Age range aimed especially for children at

Primary School with Parent or Carer

Bring all the family along and join in the fun!

Next one:

Monday 9th May

Guardians of the Earth

ROTA REPLY SLIP YOUR AVAILABILITY FOR 2 MONTHS

Please cross out the dates when you are **not** available and return this slip to **Paul Lucas** by 10th April

June 5 12 19 26

July 3 10 17 24 31

Name

PLEASE REMEMBER THAT IF YOU ARE UNABLE TO FULFIL YOUR DUTY YOU SHOULD CHANGE WITH SOMEONE AND INFORM THE WARDENS OF THE ARRANGEMENT.

SANCTUARY FLOWERS:

If you would like to be involved with the providing and/or arranging of flowers in church during the year - especially at the major festivals - please contact the churchwardens who will advise you. There is a rota which has been produced in conjunction with the Dengie Hundred Flower Club which will ensure that there are 'altar flowers' every week. Speak with Kathy Pegg if you need further information.



We express our sincere thanks to all the flower arrangers who got together to decorate the church ready for Easter Sunday. The final effect was, as usual, amazing. Do spend some time enjoying the beauty - and note the names of people's loved ones recorded on the Memorial Scroll and marked with Easter lilies.

PRAY FOR SOUTHMINSTER:

w/b	3 April	Central - South
w/b	10 April	South - South-West
w/b	17 April	North - East
w/b	24 April	Central-North-West

ROTA FOR APRIL 2016

Date **3 April**

Second Sunday of Easter

08.00 Holy Communion(BCP)

Col: White

Leader/President/Preacher

Rev'd Peter

Acts 5 : 27 - 32

Dick Dulude

John 20 : 19 - end

Celebrant

Sidesman/ Communion Asst.

Tom Fogg

10.45 Holy Communion with Baptism

Leader/Preacher

Rev'd Peter

Acts 5 : 27 - 32

Mike Bikhazi

John 20 : 19 - end

Mike Bikhazi

Intercessions

Kath Dunstan

Communion Assistants

Sylvia Adams & Mike Bikhazi

Prayer Ministry Team

Brenda Sheppard & Fiona Begley

Projectionist

Christine Lucas

Sidesperson

Gwyneth Iffland

Refreshments

Sally Culff & Tom Fogg

Date **10 April**

Third Sunday of Easter

08.00 Holy Communion (BCP)

Col: White

Leader/President/Preacher

Rev'd Peter

Acts 9 : 1 - 6

Sheila Wright

John 21 : 1 - 19

Celebrant

Sidesman/ Communion Asst.

Paul Lucas

10.45 Morning Worship

Leader/preacher

Rev'd Peter

Acts 9 : 1 - 6

Christine Lucas

John 21 : 1 - 19

Christine Lucas

Intercessions

Jenny Pratt

Prayer Ministry Team

Christine Lucas & Tom Fogg

Projectionist

Sylvia Adams

Sidesperson

Lynda Hedges

Refreshments

Bob Perry & Viv Perry

This service will be followed by the APCM. See page 5 for details.

ROTA FOR APRIL 2016

Date **17 April**

Fourth Sunday of Easter

08.00 Holy Communion(BCP)

Col: White

Leader/President/Preacher

Rev'd Peter

Acts 9 : 36 - end

Sheila Nicholson

John 10 : 22 - 30

Celebrant

Sidesman/ Communion Asst.

Phil Richards

10.45 Holy Communion

Leader/President/Preacher

Rev'd Peter

Acts 9 : 36 - end

Kath Dunstan

John 10 : 22 - 30

Kath Dunstan

Intercessions

Jacky Griffiths

Communion Assistants

Phil Richards & Tom Fogg

Prayer Ministry Team

Jacky Griffiths & Viv Perry

Projectionist

Christine Morgan

Sidesperson

Tom Fogg

Refreshments

Linda Payne & Margaret Curtis

Date **24 April**

Fifth Sunday of Easter

08.00 Holy Communion

Col: White

Leader/President/Preacher

Rev'd Peter

Acts 11 : 1 - 18

Kathy Pegg

John 13 : 31 - 35

Celebrant

Sidesman/ Communion Asst.

Phil Richards

10.45 Holy Communion for Easter Day

Leader/Preacher

Rev'd Peter

Acts 11 : 1 - 18

Linda Payne

John 13 : 31 - 35

Linda Payne

Intercessions

Fiona Begley

Prayer Ministry Team

Sylvia Adams & Brenda Sheppard

Projectionist

Mike Bikhazi

Sidesperson

Sylvia Adams

Refreshments

Paul Lucas & Christine Lucas

APRIL SERVICES AT STEEPLE

Sunday	3 rd	9.15 am	Morning Prayer
Sunday	10 th	9.15 am	Holy Communion
Sunday	17 th	9.15 am	Morning Prayer
Sunday	24 th	9.15 am	Holy Communion

Fiona Begley writes:

We had a fabulous evening at the Steeple Quiz Night held in the Village Hall on Friday 18 March in aid of the Cystic Fibrosis Trust. Well over 40 folks were able to be there and Peter Marshall was the very competent and fun Question-Master. The questions were really good ones: testing but not unachievable with a bit of thought. Lots of different themes ranging from History to Music; Science and General Knowledge and a Guess the Object photo round, a Guess-by-feeling object, and another sheet of photos with questions from recent news on them in a Guess-the-Person or Reason-for-their-photo type of questions. Much hilarity ensued as we all tried our best to come up with answers. Team names included: "I have no idea" and "Dumbos" (they weren't tho') and a good age-range mixed throughout meant lots of laughs around all the tables. Very decent nibbles were provided by some of the table members: thanks ever so much, very tasty, much enjoyed. The overall winners were given a bottle of wine each : gratefully received.

After costs for the evening had been taken off, a final total raised from entry and raffle of just over £330 was achieved. Another evening was requested, such was the fun atmosphere and good natured banter had all around (and the hall was nice and warm too which was appreciated on the chilly night). We who attended were very grateful, too, to the organisers for their huge efforts to both raise funds and give us all a jolly good evening: a real success on both counts – well done all of you, and thank you. It is such a worthwhile cause to support, amongst the many that vie for our time and money; the folks who have to live with this ghastly on-going and sometimes *extremely* debilitating condition really *are* the bravest of brave: they keep amazingly cheerful and seem gifted especially to carry on regardless. We salute you and want to keep on supporting you: you are truly amazing people.

REGULAR MIDWEEK ACTIVITIES

PCC meetings and related committee meetings are usually on Monday evenings.

The **Music Group** meets in church on Fridays at 7.45 pm & occasional Wednesdays. See Hazel Richards for details.

Bellringers meet occasionally in the tower.

See Allan Pye for details, since this is not a regular activity.

Henry Club - Church Cleaning Team - meets twice a month at 9.30 am (normally on Fridays)

The April dates are Friday 1st, 15th & 29th

Flower arranging is usually on Fridays or Saturdays.

Please see churchwardens and booking list at back of church.

Working Parties happen on Saturdays, as required.

See Paul Lucas or Phil Richards for details.

★ **CHURCH GROUNDS WORKING PARTY** ★

Look out for the next date in church.

As many helpers as possible will be welcomed.

More details will be available from the churchwardens.

Appropriate refreshments will be available.

Midweek Prayer services (Mon., Wed. and Fri.)

8:00 am (about half an hour) in the chapel.

HOME GROUPS

Normally they are Mondays at 10 am and Thursdays at 7.45 pm for 8 pm



Young people and children are always welcome. especially at 10.45 services, and age-appropriate activities are available at the back of church if required.

Messy Church is once a month on Mondays. See page 10.

Next one April 11th

Weekly bulletins and church notice boards list any other events in the Church.

What's On in the Local Area: April 2016

Arrangements in St Nicholas, Tillingham

Sunday 3rd 10.00 am Sunday Morning Worship (Laity)

Wednesday 6th 9.15 am Morning Prayers (Laity)

Sunday 10th 10.00 am Holy Communion (*Canon John Brown*)

Wednesday 13th 9.15 am Morning Prayers (Laity)

Sunday 17th 10.00 am Sunday Morning Worship (Laity)
11.15 am APCM and APM (St Nicholas)

Wednesday 20th 9.15 am Morning Prayers (Laity)

Sunday 24th 10.00 am Sunday Morning Worship (Laity)

Wednesday 27th 9.15 am Morning Prayers (Laity)

Services for St James, Dengie

April 3rd. Holy Communion 8am. *Rev. K. Dunstan.*

April 10th. AGM of PCC 3 pm

*All are welcome at
all these services.*

April 17th. No Service.

April 24th. **Celebration Service 3 pm - 3.30 pm**

of the Queen's 90th birthday

with Cream Tea Party @ Asheldham & Dengie Village Hall 4 pm

For tickets for the tea party please contact:

Lyn Mole - 779455 or Ann Reed - 779540

All are welcome. Please join us.

COMMUNITY EVENTS: Past and future

Southminster W.I.

April 5th

Margaret Smith - Burnham Museum

Competition - An old Household object

THE COMMUNITY LUNCH CLUB

Mondays at 12.30 pm in

THE MEMORIAL HALL

Please book in by noon
on the previous Friday.

The **SOUTHMINSTER HARBOUR** Group meets in the Memorial Hall (main hall, side entrance) on Thursday mornings from 10 am until noon. Drop in; you are welcome.



Olive Branch Opening Hours

Mon - Sat 10 am - 1 pm

ALSO Mon, Wed. & Thurs. 1 pm - 4 pm

The Bereavement Group meets monthly
on 1st & 3rd Thursdays at 11am

See the café window for special events.

MEMORIAL HALL QUIZ



Saturday 23rd April at 7.30 pm

Bring your own drinks and nibbles.

Teas and scones will be available.

Teams of up to 8

Admission £3 per person



Child Slavery and Trafficking

How things are changing Harry Payne

When I first became involved with the Anti Slavery movement it was through a Stop The Traffik session at Spring Harvest in 2007. My interest, and involvement, has grown since then. At the time I was unaware of Slavery presenting any kind of problem in the 21st Century. I viewed slavery as a historical event. My perception of the problem has since been changed. In 2007 I took that initial idea, 'that slavery was problem', into Rotary. The timing must have been right, for with others, we have continued to expand on our ideals. We now work inside of Rotary together with numerous other NGO's around the world in creating awareness and combating this evil crime. Last month on these pages I spoke about the problem NOT being solely a Developing World Problem. What follows this opening paragraph is from just one of our associate organisations, this one in the USA. Not the only one working against slavery by any means, nor is what is presented, the whole picture. I have, as I write, had notification from Polaris that an enhanced Modern Slavery Helpline and Resource Centre is being set up in the UK. More of that later, but read on, discover what are daily occurrences in the 'land of the free'.

What we've learned from 6,000 Human Trafficking Cases in 2015

by Megan Fowler, Polaris

Every day, my colleagues answer about 100 calls on the National Human Trafficking Resource Centre (NHTRC) hotline. They respond to dozens of texts, emails, and tips through our online reporting form. It doesn't matter if it is 3:00 a.m. Or Christmas Day. Or during a blizzard. The hotline does not close.

Because someone needs to be there to help the young man who was just abandoned far away from home by his sales crew. Or the teenage girl who learned her friend is being forced to sell herself for sex online. Or the local police officer who got word of a trafficking situation outside of his jurisdiction, and needs us to alert the anti-trafficking task force in that county.

We work closely with thousands of service providers around the country to connect survivors with the right local resources to get help and stay safe. But each of those calls also gives us crucial data -- data that we can analyze to gain a clearer picture into how and where traffickers operate. Only then can we know what it will take to stop them from harming more people.

We released our 2015 Hotline Statistics from the NHTRC hotline and Polaris's BeFree Textline, so that we can provide you with some of the top trends we are learning. Nearly 6,000 cases of human trafficking were reported in 2015. And 24% more survivors reached out for help this year compared to 2014. That means more and more people were able to get the help they needed to escape their traffickers and rebuild their lives.

These people were victims of a crime that affects every state in the USA. Over the past eight years, the National Human Trafficking Resource Centre and Polaris's BeFree Textline have learned of more than 25,000 cases of human trafficking across the United States. Almost 1,000 cases were reported in California just in 2015. But cases were also reported last year in more rural states like Maine or South Dakota. We simply can't write this crime off as something that happens "somewhere else."

continued overleaf

Each of us has to become part of the solution to end trafficking. We need to learn how to recognize the signs of trafficking in our communities. We need to share this data with our friends and family. (It's easy -- share our posts on Facebook and Twitter!) We need to urge Congress to take the fight against human trafficking to the next level.

And we need to understand the many manifestations of this crime. Only then, can we develop the right strategies to eradicate human trafficking and make freedom happen now.

Memories from childhood

Immediately after the 10.45 service on Palm Sunday I was chatting with David Johnson who attends our services regularly. Somehow we reached a point in the conversation about what the Bible can say to us - and not just on Sundays but in our daily lives.

David recalled his time when as a child he attended Sunday School (as so many of us did). He then started to recite to me several Bible texts and indicated that the first letter of the text was important. It appears that one of the things his Sunday School class was challenged with was to find a text for every letter of the English alphabet. Obviously some were easier than others, but David still has lots stored in his brain and is able to quote them as required. I wondered, with David, how many of the rest of us could do something like this - and how, if we could find the texts, they might make a difference to our lifestyle.

With David's permission I hereby challenge you, our readers, to see how you can get on with this. Do let me know.

Kath Dunstan



We have had a detailed newsletter from Steve and Johanna Pillinger, which will be on display in church. A brief indication of Steve's Bible Translation work is below:

During and between all the family visits, I've been working on our international **online Maps & Illustrations Repository**, and preparing to **train** two new **Scripture typesetters**, who will be working in French-speaking countries of West Africa. (Fortunately for me, they both speak good English!) I'm excited about the latest development with the online repository, which is that at last, thanks to a new understanding with the copyright holders, we are able to include *all* our scripture pictures in the repository. This is a major step forward. Until now, apart from one new picture set that we have recently put online, typesetters and translation team members worldwide have had to refer to multiple different CDs — a slow, cumbersome process when you're quickly wanting to find a picture of an ox treading grain to illustrate 1 Cor. 9:9!

ADVANCE NOTICE



Christian Aid Week needs our support.
The WEEK is from 15 - 22 May

We usually manage to have a successful house-to-house collection during this week so we're hoping to repeat that this year. Any other ideas for fundraising or offers of help with the collection will be greatly appreciated.

Kath Dunstan

A NOTE FOR YOUR DIARY

**A spectacular Live double bill with
Comedian Jimmy Cricket & Rich Clifford & The Young Once.**

Come along and 'Rock with Laughter'
at The Tractor Shed Theatre, Latchingdon, Essex
on Saturday the 25th of June 2016.

Tickets £15 info@themaysband.co.uk Or call 779560
or from The Maldon District Tourist Information Centre.
Tel : 01621 – 856503 : TIC@maldon.gov.uk.

Children's Society Dinner

On Saturday 19th March we were pleased that 22 people gathered (some appropriately dressed for the Cowboys & Indians theme) for dinner in the church. The food was delicious (soup, bangers & mash with beans, apple pie & cream) and well-served. The atmosphere was great - assisted by appropriate 'Western' music which prompted a couple of people to dance afterwards.

Sincere thanks were, and still are, expressed to the team who did the shopping, the cooking, the serving and of course the clearing up afterwards. The amount of money raised for the Children's Society was about £230. As we go to press the final details are not quite ready, but the whole event was a success.

ANNE CHURCHILL'S LATEST AMAZING PLAN with ALZHEIMER'S SOCIETY in mind

Anne Churchill won't be running a marathon this year - but, yes, she'll still be doing something very difficult to raise money for the Alzheimer's Society. She has booked herself in for a sky dive on 6th August at 09.30. This will happen after an hour's training.

Obviously Anne is a bit nervous but very determined. So, as she has said when people have commented or questioned:
"YOUR SPONSORSHIP WOULD BE LOVELY."

I'm sure she'll give us further details very soon but in the meantime I agreed to publicise what she's doing so that all of us can be prepared to sponsor her at some stage. Look out for that information in church and/or in our next magazine. Thank you.

Editor

WHO'S WHO

Vicar	Rev'd Peter Begley	772300
	The Vicarage, Burnham Road	
Licensed Reader	Mr Norman Pratt	
Pastoral Assistant	Mrs Linda Payne	
Pastoral Assistant (& i/c Magazine distribution)	Mrs Brenda Sheppard	
Evangelism Enabler (Children's Work Co-ordinator and Child Protection Rep.)	Mrs Jacky Griffiths	
Young People's Work	Mrs Jenny Pratt	
Churchwarden	Mr Phil Richards	
Churchwarden (& Transport to services)	Mr Paul Lucas	
PCC Secretary	Mrs Sylvia Adams	
PCC Treasurer	Mr Michael Bikhazi	
Deputy Churchwarden	Mr Dick Dulude	
Deputy Churchwarden	Mr Pete Adams	
Music Co-ordinator	Mrs Hazel Richards	
'Henry' Club (& church bookings)	Mrs Jacky Griffiths	
Electoral Roll Officer	Mrs Gwyneth Iffland	
Lending Library	Mrs Christine Lucas	
Bookstall Payments (& Bible Reading notes)	Ms Sarah Prendergast	
Magazine Editor (& Community Liaison)	Mrs Kath Dunstan	
Bellringing: Tower Captain	Mr Allan Pye	

WHAT'S WHAT

Mission Statement

"To be a people offering praise and worship to God and serving him by being the Good News by our words and actions"

Web Site www.stleonardsouthminster.org.uk

Contact: vicar@stleonardsouthminster.org.uk

Sunday Services - normal pattern

8:00 am Holy Communion (Book of Common Prayer 1662)

10:45 am Holy Communion or Morning Worship

(Prayer ministry for any needs is available during the communion service or after the Morning Worship.)

Light refreshments are served after the 10.45 services.

Children and Young people are always welcomed (*See page 15*)



MESSY CHURCH is held monthly on Mondays at 3.30 pm in church. The next one will be on **Monday 11th April**

Midweek Prayer times (Mon., Wed. and Fri.)

8:00 am (about half an hour) in the chapel

THIS MONTH at St Leonard's

Sunday 3rd 10.45 am Holy Communion with Holy Baptism

Other Sundays follow our normal pattern. (*See pages 12-13*)

Pray for Southminster (five regions on five-week rota) *See p.11*

HOME GROUPS: *See page 15 and weekly bulletins for details*

United Service for the Elderly at 4pm - (*Date to be confirmed*) at **Southminster Residential Home** Contact Rupert Killick

and at **Squeaks House** (contact Norman Pratt or Jacky Griffiths)

Rev'd Peter visits the Residential Home and Squeaks House regularly for Holy Communion services. Details are in church.