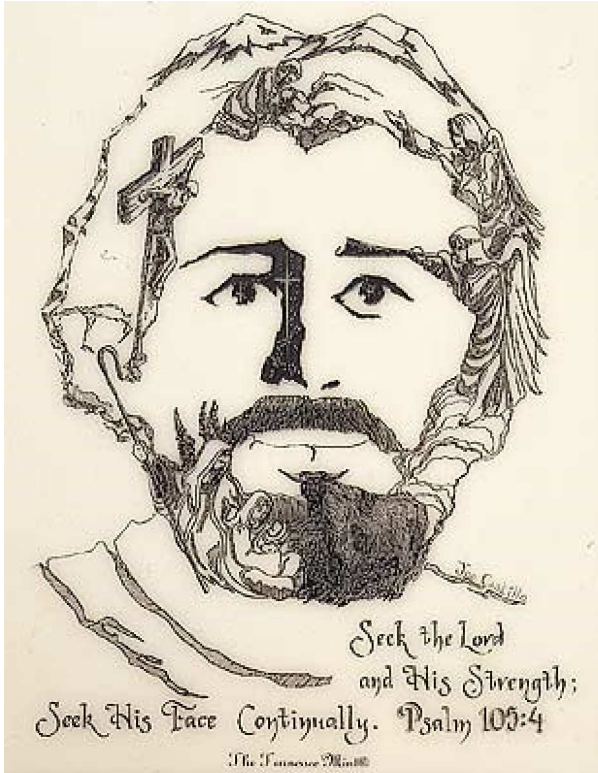


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Seek the Lord  
and His Strength;  
Seek His Face Continually. Psalm 105:4

The Farnesio Mill

**APRIL 2017**

I have come that they may have life,  
and have it to the full.

John 10 : 10

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*Although this issue is smaller  
than usual we imagine that the  
next one should make up for it.  
We need contributors!*

This magazine costs 50p.  
Please pay in church.

*Articles for the May magazine  
by **Sunday 16 April** please, to  
Kath Dunstan.  
New contributors will be  
welcome.*

### COVER PICTURE

The gentleman who drew this is Joe Castillo. He went to Asbury Theological Seminary. He did this during a chapel service. It was fascinating - he told the Gospel story - each part of Jesus' life - and he was drawing the story as he told the story.

The 'longer' you look at this picture, the 'more' you see. Look at the lines the artist used to draw this picture of Christ... It is of scenes from Christ's life.

*This was shared on the internet.*

## Reflections

**John 10:10** *I have come that they may have life, and have it to the full.*

Easter is such a wonderful time of the year, the clocks have ‘sprung’ forward and the evenings are a little longer and we can appreciate the world around us developing and changing. In our garden we have a few bird feeders and the goldfinches, chaffinches, sparrows, blackbirds and starlings come each day to take their fill ready for the work of creating their own homes (nests) and their families. It is a time of readiness for the new life that is going to come so the birds nourish themselves to be the fittest and the best that they can in order to be good ‘parents’. The blossom on the trees reminds us of the fruit to come in the early summer and throughout the sunny days. Fruit that can be used for all manner of things – but mostly just to be enjoyed.

I guess that some of the fruit will fall off the tree before its due time and will not be used in quite the same way that our God designed it, but most will go on to full fruit, looking good and tasting delicious.

When God created the world and all that is in it the plan was that everything should be good and come to full fruition, fulfilling the design and will of the creator God. When God had finished creating He looked on what He had made and declared it to be ‘good’ and He blessed His creation.

Yet, as we know, man and woman spoiled the creation and curbed the ‘Good’ that God had made, and corruption came to creation. The things that God had created became tarnished and man and woman could not come to their full potential in the way God had planned.

So, as the Easter story reminds us, God sent His son to claim back that which was lost to enable them to be and do the will of God in good relationship with God again. Jesus coming into the world means that we can enjoy again, fellowship and favour of God and walk with Him each day in conversation and in friendship.

As we accept Jesus and all that He has done for us, so we allow the life that God intends for us to flow again. The words from John 10:10 suggests that before Jesus came to earth we did *not* have life in its fullness; but now we are able to have life in *all* its fullness.

We often hear testimony from people who have been searching for 'something' in their lives and have never been sure what it is, yet coming back into relationship with Jesus means that they are able to say that the 'hole' that they had inside had now been filled; that void that they wanted filled through material things, leisure activities, positions of power or other things is actually a 'God' shaped hole that can only be filled by Him. We can only have life to the full with Him.

So as we come to Easter and consider the real reason for the holiday, and for the eggs etc., and as we see creation developing and changing to come to its full potential; let us consider our own lives; do we have life to the full, or are we searching for something to fill a void.

Jesus said "I have come (into the world) that they (you and I) may have life (into everlasting) and have it to the full (abundant and overflowing)." That is what is there for us: abundance and overflowing fullness. It really and truthfully is.

*Peter*

## PARISH NOTICES

### A.P.C.M.

The Annual Parochial Church Meeting will soon be upon us ( April 9<sup>th</sup> immediately after the 10.45 service) and reports of the work that has been carried out by the church family during the past year will be available.

We welcome new members of the Electoral Roll and everyone who comes along to discover more about us all.

Thank you to all those who have organised and run events and activities during the year. We look forward to increasing the number of people in our various teams so that the work can be shared more widely and the rejoicing about what God is doing in Southminster can be really exciting - even more than it is already.

Whether or not you can make it to the meeting, please hold it up to God in prayer.

### **REAL EASTER EGGS**

are available for sale at the back of church  
These are fairly traded and include "The Easter Story"  
They're an ideal gift for a child at this time.  
Adults can enjoy them too, of course!

**Deanery News:** Rev'd Canon Sandra Manley (Althorne) has retired from her position as Rural/Area Dean and will be succeeded by Fr. Mark North (Burnham-on-Crouch). He will be commissioned on 2 April. Our thanks and prayers are expressed to Canon Sandra and our prayers will be there for Fr Mark of course as he takes on his new responsibilities.

# Am I being Unfair to You?

Jacky Griffiths

This was the theme for the Women's World Day of Prayer and, as mentioned before, the Service was prepared by the Christian women of the Philippines. As you can see from the picture, we had several items on the table as symbols of what is going on in the Philippines.



The Service was based on the Bible reading, Matthew chapter 20, verses 1-16, which is Jesus telling the parable of the landowner and the workers in the vineyard.

The workers are invited to work in the vineyard at different times of the day, so they work for different lengths of time. However, they are all paid the same wage. Those who had been working for longer expected to be paid more but in fact they had agreed to work for a certain wage regardless of any other people's agreement. On the face of it, this seems unfair. It makes us think about whether we think it unfair if all people are entitled to receive the same as we have – in all things. But most of all, it refers to all Christians, Believers, entitled to receive the same Salvation from God through Jesus Christ's sacrifice on the cross, however long or short a time they have been Believers.

We are all loved by God exactly the same, He doesn't have favourites. We all have our place with Him for eternal life – we just have to ask!

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## **Thinking about people from other countries...**

There are various crises happening at the moment - including the drought and famine in Somalia, South Sudan, Ethiopia, & Kenya and floods with mudslides in Peru.

At this time of year we can support charitable organisations who are trying to help suffering people everywhere. As individuals we can respond to these needs and as a Church we can play a vital role with teamwork.

Since Christian Aid Week will be starting on Sunday 13th May we hope that our normal house-to-house collection can prove valuable. If you are willing to be a collector please contact me. If you have collected before - I shall be contacting you!

*Kath Dunstan*



Because of the school holidays  
coming before Easter this year  
April's Messy Church was on

Monday 27th March

A new Start in the Spirit

The next one is

Monday 8th May

Bible Mountains

All start at 3.30 pm

Age range aimed especially for children at  
Primary School with Parent or Carer.

It's a family afternoon of fun and messiness.



## 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 16th April

June                    4      11    18    25

July                    2      9      16    23    30

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:

For more details about sponsorship speak with Kathy Pegg and fill in form at back of church for dates throughout 2017.



**THIS EASTER**, as in previous years, there will be a Memorial Scroll with the names of remembered loved ones. Should you wish to donate towards the cost of Easter Lilies and Flowers and have your loved one's name entered on the Memorial Scroll, please give your donation to one of the church wardens and complete the form at the back of the church.



It will be lovely to see the Easter flowers.

### PRAY FOR SOUTHMINSTER:

w/b	2 April	North - East
w/b	9 April	Central - North-West
w/b	16 April	Central - East
w/b	23 April	Central - South
w/b	30 April	South - South-West

## ROTA FOR APRIL 2017

Date	<b>2 April</b>	<b>5th Sunday of Lent</b>
<b>08.00 Holy Communion (BCP)</b>		Col: Purple
Leader/President/Preacher		Rev'd Peter
Ezekiel 37 : 1 - 14		
<i>or</i> { Romans 8 : 6 - 11		Paul Lucas
Matthew 5 : 9 - 10		Celebrant
Sidesman/ Communion Asst.		Paul Lucas

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### 10.45 Holy Communion

Leader/Preacher	Rev'd Peter
Readings as at 8 am	Phil Richards
Intercessions	Kath Dunstan
Prayer Ministry Team	Fiona Begley & Tom Fogg
Communion Assistants	Paul Lucas & Mike Bikhazi
Projectionist	Christine Lucas
Sidesperson	Gwyneth Iffland
Refreshments	Viv Perry & Bob Perry

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Date	<b>9 April</b>	<b>Palm Sunday</b>
<b>08.00 Holy Communion (BCP)</b>		Col: Red
Leader/President/Preacher		Rev'd Ken Dunstan
Isaiah 50 : 4 - 9a		
<i>or</i> { Philipians 2 : 5 - 11		Sheila Wright
Matthew 27 : 11 - 54		Celebrant
Sidesman/ Communion Asst.		Paul Lucas

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### 10.45 Morning Worship followed by A.P.C.M. (See page 5)

Leader/preacher	Rev'd Peter
Readings as at 8 am	Jenny Pratt
Intercessions	Fiona Begley
Prayer Ministry Team	Jacky Griffiths & Brenda Sheppard
Projectionist	Sylvia Adams
Sidesperson	Mike Bikhazi
Refreshments	Sally Culff & Maureen Smith

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## ROTA FOR APRIL 2017

Date **16 April**

**Easter Sunday**

### **08.00 Holy Communion (BCP)**

Col: White

Leader/President/Preacher  
Acts 10 : 34 - 43  
John 20 : 1 - 18  
Sidesman/ Communion Asst.

Rev'd Peter  
Sheila Nicholson  
Celebrant  
Phil Richards

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### **10.45 Holy Communion**

Leader/Preacher  
Readings as at 8 am  
Intercessions  
Projectionist  
Communion Assistants  
Prayer Ministry  
Sidesperson  
Refreshments

Rev'd Peter  
Fiona Begley  
Jacky Griffiths  
Christine Morgan  
Phil Richards & Sylvia Adams  
Jacky Griffiths & Christine Lucas  
Paul Lucas  
Eira Hagger & Tom Fogg

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Date **23 April**

**2nd Sunday of Easter**

### **08.00 Holy Communion (BCP)**

Col: White

Leader/President/Preacher  
Acts 2 : 14a, 22 - 32  
John 20 : 19 - end  
Sidesman/ Communion Asst.

Rev'd Peter  
Kathy Pegg  
Celebrant  
Phil Richards

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### **10.45 Morning Worship**

Leader/Preacher  
Readings as at 8 am  
Intercessions  
Projectionist  
Prayer Ministry  
Sidesperson  
Refreshments

Rev'd Peter  
Sylvia Adams  
Jenny Pratt  
Mike Bikhazi  
Brenda Sheppard & Tom Fogg  
Sylvia Adams  
Christine Lucas & Linda Payne

**TURN TO PAGE 12 FOR DETAILS OF 30 APRIL SERVICES**

## APRIL SERVICES AT STEEPLE

Sunday	2 <sup>nd</sup>	9.15 am	Family Worship
Sunday	9 <sup>th</sup>	9.15 am	Holy Communion
Sunday	16 <sup>th</sup>	9.15 am	Morning Prayer
Sunday	23 <sup>rd</sup>	9.15 am	Holy Communion
Sunday	30 <sup>th</sup>	10.30 am	United Service here

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## St Leonard's Rota continued

Date **13 April**

**MAUNDY THURSDAY**

**20.00 Holy Communion**

Col: White

Leader/Preacher

Rev'd Peter/ Norman Pratt

*or* { Exodus 12 : 1 - 4; 11 - 14  
1 Corinthians 11 : 23 - 26

Warden

John 13 : 1 - 17 ; 31b - 35

Celebrant

Sidesman/ Communion Asst.

Warden

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Date **14 April**

**GOOD FRIDAY**

Col: Red

**10.15 Meet at ChristChurch** for March of Witness to St Leonard's.

**10.30 United Reflective Worship at St Leonard's**

Leader/Preacher

Rev'd Peter/ Rev'd Jon Morgan

Readings

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Date **30 April**

**3rd Sunday of Easter**

**08.00 Holy Communion (BCP)**

Col: White

Leader/President/Preacher

Rev'd Peter

Acts 2 : 14a, 36 - 41

t.b.c.

Luke 24 : 13 - 35

Celebrant

Sidesman/ Communion Asst.

Warden

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**10.30 United Service at Steeple**

(Readings as above; other details will be available in good time.)

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**18.30 Informal Evening Worship**

## **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 7th and Friday 21st

**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.

### **CHURCH GROUNDS WORKING PARTY**

**Next one will be in May; details nearer the time.**

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

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

**Tuesdays 8:30 am "Just Prayer"**

### **YOUTH CHURCH**

meets bi-monthly at the Vicarage. See bulletins.

### **HOME GROUPS**

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

Full details will be published in church bulletins.



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 8

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

## What's On in the Local Area: April 2017

### Arrangements in St Nicholas, Tillingham

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Sunday 2nd	10.00 am	Sunday Morning Worship (Laity)
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Wednesday 5th	9.15 am	Morning Prayers (Laity)
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Sunday 9th	10.00 am	Holy Communion (Rev. Canon John Brown)
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Wednesday 12th	9.15 am	Morning Prayers (Laity)
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Thursday 13th	11.00 am	Blessing of Oils Chelmsford Cathedral
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Friday 14th	GOOD FRIDAY	No service at Tillingham
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Sunday 16th	09.00 am	Holy Communion (Rev. Paul Haworth)
EASTER SUNDAY	10.00 am	Easter Celebrate Service (Laity)

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Wednesday 19th	9.15 am	Morning Prayers (Laity)
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Sunday 23rd	10.00 am	Sunday Morning Worship (Laity)
	11.15 am	Annual General Parish Meeting

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Wednesday 26th	9.15 am	Morning Prayers (Laity)
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Sunday 30th	10am	United Service St Lawrence (Rev. Canon Martin Wood)
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### April Services for St James, Dengie

**April 2nd** : Holy Communion 8am Rev. Ken Dunstan  
3pm 'Harmony Choir' Concert

**April 9th** : 3pm Evensong Palm Sunday Laity

**April 14th** : 2pm 'Pause for Thought' Readings, Music & Mindfulness  
Light refreshments to follow

**April 16th** : 3pm "Easter Sunday Songs of Praise' Refreshments to follow

**April 23rd** : No service

**April 30th** : 10 am 5th Sunday Joint Service (See above)

# COMMUNITY EVENTS

Southminster W.I.

We meet regularly at Southminster Memorial Hall.

April 4th - Steve Beechey  
Talking about Bees

*Competition - Flowers from my Garden*

## THE COMMUNITY LUNCH CLUB

Mondays at 12.30 pm  
in  
THE MEMORIAL HALL

Book by noon previous  
Friday

01621 927669

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.  
Check posters for details of  
special talks/activities

## BEREAVEMENT SUPPORT GROUP

If you've lost a loved one you  
can meet for friendship and  
chat with others in a similar  
position on 1st & 3rd  
Thursdays of each month at  
the Memorial Hall.  
More details: 01621 772751

**Memorial Hall  
Wishing Well Club**  
2nd Tuesday of each month  
Next one 11th April 1pm

**Light lunch, games  
and good company.**  
Phone K.S. on 07434915467  
or just turn up.

## MEMORIAL HALL BINGO

**Wednesdays 5th and 19th April**

**Doors open 7.00 pm      Eyes down at 7.45 pm**

**Bring your own drinks and nibbles.**

**Tea / coffee and scone will be available.**

**Entry (+ 1 book) £3. Further books @ 50p each**

## **A VERY WORTHWHILE PROJECT**

### **THE DENGIE PROJECT TRUST**

needs our support

as they have to move their Day Care Centre from Knightswood to new premises at Asheldham Hall Farm.

The Trust over the years has, through this Centre, provided wonderful, Day Care for many of our local people. Considerable funds are essential to cover the refurbishment of the farm premises so that it becomes appropriate quickly. The whole process is in very early stages but supporters are working hard and our prayers will be appreciated too.

As we go to press the Coffee Morning at 10 Kings Road has just happened. We are pleased to announce that £410 was raised at that Coffee Morning. What a good start! Thanks are expressed to Paula and Ken Neall for their hospitality. The atmosphere was wonderful.

We are planning to hold a fund-raising event in church soon so we hope you will support it. Details will be publicised when we have a date fixed.

We hope there will be even more opportunities for the community to support the Trust. Please tell people about the Centre and the commitment of the trustees, staff and volunteers.

**DON'T FORGET to bring your used postage stamps to church and place them in the green box at the back. Farleigh Hospice are always very grateful for them.**



## **OUR CHURCH AND OUR COMMUNITY**

Some events in our Church diary - and now for your diary

### **A Variety Show**

will be held at

### **West Maldon Community Hall**

Sunbury Way, Keeble Park, Maldon

**on Saturday 10th June**

**7.30 pm - 10.30 pm**

Proceeds will go to **REPLENISH**

a Christian Charity which helps people with mental health problems and addictions.

**Tickets are £8 each.**

Please bring your own drinks and nibbles

Tea and coffee will be available.

Contact Viv and Bob Perry

or phone 01621 773813

### **AN OUTREACH CONCERT**

at St Leonard's Church with

### **MARILYN BAKER**

A Christian singer and songwriter

**on Saturday 19th August**

**3pm - 5pm**

Tickets will be available soon.

Proceeds will be for church funds.

For further details please speak with Rev'd Peter

## THIS MONTH - AND NEXT!

### POSTPONEMENT

Because of inappropriate weather conditions on 12th March the Sky Dive that Anne Churchill was planning to do had to be postponed. Better safe than sorry, obviously!

Anne hopes that it will be in early April. Final date details will be announced in church when it is clear. In the meantime, if you would like to encourage Anne and be ready to sponsor her in aid of the Alzheimer's Society you can do this in church. This is certainly a very worthwhile cause for us to support and we pray for Anne as she bravely plans to go ahead with the dive.

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### FOR YOUR DIARY

Bishop Stephen's **SCHOOL FOR DISCIPLES**

As we were reminded in the February issue of "The Month" "Every church can be a place where people discover how to be a missionary disciple."

Our deanery meeting on this theme will be on Thursday 4th May at St Mary's Church, Burnham-on-Crouch.

Gather for refreshments at 7 pm for a 7.30 pm start.

However confident (or not) we feel, we are encouraged to attend. Speak with Rev'd Peter about your possibilities.

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All future dates, birthdays and notices to be included in the weekly Bulletin should be sent to Christine Morgan,

## 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](http://www.stleonardsouthminster.org.uk)

**Contact:** [vicar@stleonardsouthminster.org.uk](mailto: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 13*)



**MESSY CHURCH** is held monthly on Mondays at 3.30 pm in church. The next one will be on  
**(See page 8)**

**Midweek Prayer times (Mon., Wed. and Fri.) 8:00 am** (about half an hour) and **Tuesdays at 8.30 am** (Just Prayer) in the chapel

**THIS SPECIAL MONTH at St Leonard's**

**PALM SUNDAY (9th) A.P.C.M. in church after 10.45 service**

**MAUNDY THURSDAY (13th) Service at 8 pm**

**GOOD FRIDAY (14th) 10.30 here 'Reflections at the Cross:  
Meet at ChristChurch 10.15 for a Walk of Witness.**

**EASTER SUNDAY (16th) 10.45 Holy Communion as usual**

**SUNDAY 23rd ; 10.45 Morning Worship & PCC Commissioning**

**SUNDAY 30th United service at Steeple at 10.30 and  
Informal Service at St Leonard's at 6.30 pm**

**Everyone is welcome at all our services.**

**United Services for the Elderly** at 4pm - Thursday 20th April at  
**Southminster Residential Home**

and at **Squeaks House** (contact Norman Pratt or Jacky Griffiths)  
on Wednesday 12th April at 3.30pm