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**May you be richly rewarded by the Lord,
the God of Israel, under whose wings you
have come to take refuge.'**

Ruth 2:12

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magazine by **Sunday 13 August**
please, to Kath Dunstan.
New contributors welcome.*

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Details from Brenda Sheppard
(See inside back cover.)

Reflections

May you be richly rewarded by the Lord, the God of Israel, under whose wings you have come to take refuge.’ Ruth 2:12

As you read this reflection there may be some who have been able to go away on holiday and others who are able to look forward to that well-earned break away from the busy-ness of daily life. Our times of rest are most beneficial, not only in the physical sense but also mentally and spiritually.

As I write, Fiona and I have returned recently from a two week holiday in the same place that we have visited for the last few years. For us, returning to the same location means that we can visit, in peaceful anticipation, the places that we know are places of rest and quietness; visit the cafés or restaurants that are in some lovely locations and which serve good food; and we know where we can go to sit in the shady places to read books or just have a good think. We do not need, now, to find those places: we already know where they are. Of course, we still really enjoy to make some lovely new discoveries too. Treating ourselves this way is good stewardship of what God has given to us; eating good food nourishes the body, resting physically relaxes the muscles and eases tension, and reading (depending on the author) will feed our mind and spirit. Finding time and spending time in a restful way will benefit our own lives but also the lives of those around us.

The fourth commandment of God is that we remember “*the Sabbath by keeping it Holy*” Exodus 20, and the final part of that commandment says:

“Therefore the Lord blessed the Sabbath day and made it holy”.

Our times of refreshing are times of blessing also, of times spent on Holy-Days (holidays) and giving time to renewing our

energies and relationships, especially when we all give much and are much needed by our families, our friends and contacts. These times of refreshing are especially beneficial when we spend some quiet moments reflecting on what God has done and what He is saying to us, or what He is doing; how He is developing us and how He has changed us. We are always thankful for the positive words that are spoken to us in warm encouragement by Christian brothers and sisters, and we need to know how we are going to appropriate those words in the future. Our times away are the ideal opportunities to seek where God would have us in the future and where He wants to develop our lives. We are not created to be a 'standing still' people... God continually draws us onwards, but rest and recovery really are very important parts of our lives: time spent ceasing our busy-ness...recharging ourselves... allowing God time to show us things, to bring back some peace and balance within us...

I really like the quote from the book of Ruth where Boaz, the landowner, allows Ruth to gather some of the harvest from his field. Ruth and Naomi have returned to a place where they know that they can find sanctuary, a place of safety and a place where they know they can find good food and rest. Boaz, for his part, knows that all he has belongs to God, and he is willing to share and give of the good things that he has. He does not stop Ruth from gleaning the field, rather he blesses her and takes responsibility for her. Boaz passes on what God has given to him, and knows that there is a lot more that God would want to give, so he says to Ruth "May you be **richly** rewarded by the Lord, the God of Israel, under whose wings you have come to take refuge.'

As we take our break, our Holydays, seeking our place of refuge, may we too be richly blessed by the Lord: our ever-loving, ever-giving, always desiring to bless His children, Heavenly Lord and Father.

Peter

CHURCH MAINTENANCE

Over the last two years our church members have contributed to and appreciated the work on the church building and grounds. In the coming months a new quinquennial report is due. This report, carried out by the Chelmsford Diocese, indicates the state of the church building and necessary remedial work. This will require us to undertake even more work which will undoubtedly be financially difficult.

Since the previous quinquennial report we have undertaken much work both to the building and its contents. Much of this work has been apparent to both church members and visitors. You may be aware that we have a number of projects in place to carry out further work, e.g. the renewal of the church path because of health and safety requirements and some internal redecoration.

More importantly, we have to carry out substantial remedial work on the South-East corner of the church because of storm damage. This is work that simply must be carried out and we have had quotations for the work. The expected cost is in the region of £28,000.

Obviously we need to obtain this money as soon as possible. We are investigating obtaining finance from a number of grant aiding trusts. Whether we can obtain the required amount remains to be seen, so we are informing you and other friends of Southminster Church to give everybody an opportunity to contribute financially. If you have any questions about all this please don't hesitate to contact either of the church wardens who will gladly chat with you.

The Humble Bumble Bee

I've not always been humble, in fact I was a very jealous and envious bee for a long time. I've spent so much of my short life of only a few months comparing myself to the honey bee. I, unfortunately, am fat and furry and the human's dictionary describes me as a large hairy bee with a loud hum! It also says the word Bumble means to act in an awkward or confused way!



Doesn't make me sound good does it? On the other hand the honey bee is smaller than me and slim and makes lots of honey which gives human beings so much pleasure to eat. I'm told also that honey is good for medicinal purposes too! I, on the other hand, only make small



amounts of a honey like substance to eat myself. One of my saving graces is that I am more efficient at pollinating than the honeybee. I can also sting more than once but only if I am

aggravated; the honey bee dies after one sting!

So, what changed from me being a jealous, feeling inferior, always comparing bumble bee to the humble, modest, meek, gentle bee I am today?

Well, I overheard one day a human person say that my species are declining mainly due to a shortage of flowers to feed from and places to nest in the countryside.

The honeybees are declining also, mainly from diseases and mites. The human person seemed really sad about this which made me feel valued and that somebody really cared that we survived and can live together in harmony, thus fulfilling our particular roles in the world.

I also saw on my travels a human Bible and I read that love is patient, love is kind, it does not envy, it does not boast and it is not proud. We are called to a life of humility and not self seeking, looking only to the welfare of others, even, in my case, the honey bee!

This made me realise that although I am still fat and furry and have a loud hum I am accepted and loved by my creator just as I am and I am so glad this little story ended on a happy, positive note and not with an unexpected, negative, "Sting in the tail"!!



Brenda Sheppard

Vicar's Note about the Summer Preaching Theme

The readings are listed on the centre-page rotas but the titles of the four week's themes are:

- Creation 1: 'In the beginning....and it was good'
- Creation 2: 'In His image; our identity in God'
- Creation 3: 'Life in the garden: our responsibility'
- Creation 4: 'God has a plan!'

PARISH REGISTERS to May 2017
BAPTISM and WEDDING at St Leonard's Church

We rejoiced with
parents **Andrew and Amy** on Sunday 14th April as they brought
Ava Lily-Ann Lewis (d.o.b. 18.06.16) to be baptised
Daniel and Sandra Lee as they were married on 27th May.

FUNERALS (B burial; C cremation)

We remember in our prayers those who died and we support in
prayer their families and friends in their loss

18th Jan. Mark William Julian who died on 20th Dec. (B Althorne)

27th Feb. Leonard William Rumsey who died on 4th Feb. (B Burnham)

14th Mar. Charles Richard Norton who died on 8th Feb. (B)

15th Mar. David George Copsey who died on 9th Feb. (C)

13th April Robert William Boutwell who died on 20th Mar. (B)

18th April Leslie Eric George Barnard who died on 27th Mar. (C)

9th May Joan Marsh who died on 15th April (B)

17th May Horace James Matthews who died on 14th April (C)

A Smile to share: contributed by Kathy Pegg



A Sunday School teacher decided to have her young
class memorize one of the most quoted passages in the
Bible – Psalm 23. She gave the youngsters a month to learn the
chapter.

Little Rick was excited about the task but he just couldn't
remember the Psalm. After much practice, he could barely get
past the first line. On the day that the kids were scheduled to
recite Psalm 23 in front of the congregation, Ricky was so
nervous. When it was his turn, he stepped up to the microphone
and said proudly, "The Lord is my Shepherd, and that's all I need
to know."

Church Porch Gates

Following on from last month's article, the wardens would like to thank those people who have taken time to respond. It was a great help. However, we would appreciate any further responses with regard to the colour of the church gates. We realise that, to many people, this may not be a problem but it has become apparent that a number of our congregation would like to investigate the coloration further, bearing in mind the reasoning behind the original design of the gates. Please take a moment to let us, the churchwardens, know your views, positive or negative, on our Church porch gates. Thank you.

Phil Richards and Paul Lucas

Another Smile

from Harry Payne



An elderly gentleman was very proud of his garden spending most of his spare time tending it. The vicar of the village church walked by most days nodding politely or waving on his way to the church.

One morning the garden was radiant, edges trimmed and banks of flowers all straining to be more attractive than its neighbour. As the vicar drew level, he stopped to admire the sheer beauty of it all. He called over to the gentleman working diligently on the flower beds. "It really looks beautiful Tom. It is amazing what the Lord can do."

Tom straightened up and leaned on his hoe. "Yes Vicar," he said. "But you should have seen it when He had it to Himself!"



There is no Messy Church
in August because of the
Holiday Club, Pyramid Rock,
for the children during the
last week of July.

Next Messy Church
Monday 11th September
Moses

All start at 4.00 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 13th August

October 1 8 15 22 29

November 5 12 19 26

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

The July flowers were sponsored by Dorothy Buck in loving memory of her mother Florence Wagstaff.



If you would like special flowers on a particular day in memory of someone you have lost please fill in your name on the form at the back of church and be ready to contribute towards the cost. For more details about any of this please contact Kathy Pegg or a churchwarden.

Money should be handed to churchwardens or treasurer for this purpose.

AND DON'T FORGET the new "Garden Fund" which will provide for the flower-beds in the grounds (as described in June by Fiona Begley).

PRAY FOR SOUTHMINSTER:

w/b	6 August	Central-South
w/b	13 August	South-South-West
w/b	20 August	North - East
w/b	27 August	Central - North-West

ROTA FOR AUGUST 2017

Date **6 August**

8th Sunday after Trinity

08.00 Holy Communion (BCP)

Col: Green

Leader/President/Preacher

Rev'd Peter

Genesis 1 : 1 - 25

Paul Lucas

Luke 9 : 28 - 36

Celebrant

Sidesman/ Communion Asst.

Paul Lucas

10.45 Holy Communion

Leader/Preacher

Rev'd Peter

Genesis 1 : 1 - 25

Phil Richards

Luke 9 : 28 - 36

Phil Richards

Intercessions

Kath Dunstan

Prayer Ministry Team

Viv Perry & Brenda Sheppard

Communion Assistants

Phil Richards & Sylvia Adams

Projectionist

Christine Lucas

Sidesperson

Gwyneth Iffland

Refreshments

Eira Hagger & Tom Fogg

Date **13 August**

9th Sunday after Trinity

08.00 Holy Communion (BCP)

Col: Green

Leader/President/Preacher

Rev'd Ken Dunstan

Genesis 1 : 26 - 2 : 3

Sheila Nicholson

Matthew 14 : 22 - 33

Celebrant

Sidesman/ Communion Asst.

Paul Lucas

10.45 Morning Worship

Leader/preacher

Norman Pratt

Genesis 1 : 26 - 2 : 3

Christine Lucas

Matthew 14 : 22 - 33

Christine Lucas

Intercessions

Jenny Pratt

Prayer Ministry Team

Jacky Griffiths & Christine Lucas

Projectionist

Christine Morgan

Sidesperson

Paul Lucas

Refreshments

Sally Culff & Maureen Smith

THROUGHOUT AUGUST THE SERVICES WILL HAVE A CREATION THEME

ROTA FOR AUGUST 2017

Date **20 August**

10th Sunday after Trinity

08.00 Holy Communion (BCP)

Col: Green

Leader/President/Preacher

Rev'd Peter

Genesis 2 : 15 - end

Phil Richards

Matthew 15 : 21 - 28

Celebrant

Sidesman/ Communion Asst.

Phil Richards

10.45 Holy Communion

Leader/Preacher

Rev'd Peter

Genesis 2 : 15 - end

Christine Morgan

Matthew 15 : 21 - 28

Christine Morgan

Intercessions

Jacky Griffiths

Projectionist

Sylvia Adams

Communion Assistants

Paul Lucas & Jacky Griffiths

Prayer Ministry

Fiona Begley & Brenda Sheppard

Sidesperson

Tom Fogg

Refreshments

Linda Payne & Christine Lucas

Date **27 August**

11th Sunday after Trinity

08.00 Holy Communion (BCP)

Col: Green

Leader/President/Preacher

Rev'd Peter

Romans 8 : 18 - 39

Kathy Pegg

Matthew 16 : 13 - 20

Celebrant

Sidesman/ Communion Asst.

Phil Richards

10.45 Morning Worship

Leader/Preacher

Norman Pratt

Romans 8 : 18 - 39

Jacky Griffiths

Matthew 16 : 13 - 20

Jacky Griffiths

Intercessions

Fiona Begley

Projectionist

Christine Lucas

Prayer Ministry

Sylvia Adams & Tom Fogg

Sidesperson

Jacky Griffiths

Refreshments

Bob Perry & Viv Perry

THROUGHOUT AUGUST THE SERVICES WILL HAVE A CREATION THEME

AUGUST SERVICES AT STEEPLE

Sunday	6 th	9.15 am	Family Worship
Sunday	13 th	9.15 am	Holy Communion
Sunday	20 th	9.15 am	Morning Prayer
Sunday	27 th	9.15 am	Holy Communion

Steeple Vintage Vehicle Gathering
Sunday 13 August at Grange Farm
A great afternoon out for individuals and families

Southminster Flower Show on 15 July

was blessed with fine weather (just a few sprinkles of drizzle) and a large crowd attended.

They enjoyed the activities, the refreshments, the exhibitions of Art & Craft, flowers, vegetables - and spending time at our church stall too.

Several church members won prizes for their exhibits including Harry Payne for his beautiful photographs. The Thursday Harbour Group had produced a lovely "Tree" which won first prize and is pictured on the cover of this magazine. Well done Harbour!

Some visitors to Southminster spent a while within the church building and appreciated the welcome. Thanks go to the church members who provided that welcome.

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

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 August dates are Friday 4th and Friday 25th

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
The next one will be publicised on notice boards.

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 (Summer Break possible)

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 10
Next one September 11th (August holiday!)

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

What's On in the Local Area: August 2017

Arrangements in St Nicholas, Tillingham

Wednesday 2nd 9.15 am Morning Prayers (Laity)

Sunday 6th 10.00 am Sunday Morning Worship and Baptism
(Rev'd Ken Dunstan)

Every Sunday: 6.30 pm Service at St Peter's Chapel, Bradwell

Wednesday 9th 9.15 am Morning Prayers (Laity)

Sunday 13th 10.00 am Holy Communion (Rev. Canon John Brown)

Wednesday 16th 9.15 am Morning Prayers (Laity)

Sunday 20th 10.00 am Celebrate Service (Laity)

Wednesday 23rd 9.15 am Morning Prayers (Laity)

Sunday 27th 10.00 am Sunday Morning Worship (Laity)

Wednesday 30th 9.15 am Morning Prayers (Laity)

August Services for St James, Dengie

6th : Holy Communion 8am Rev'd Ken Dunstan

13th : No Service

20th : Evensong 3 pm (Laity)

30th : No Service

"DENGIE HOPES & DREAMS" **Dengie Village Hall**

Friday August 11th First Evening Performance.

Saturday August 12th Second Performance - Matinee.

Saturday August 12th Third Performance - Evening.

COMMUNITY EVENTS

Southminster W.I.

We meet regularly at Southminster Memorial Hall,
but this month is different.

Everyone is welcome to join us on

Tuesday August 1st 2pm - 5pm

Garden Party at 10 Kings Road

Proceeds to Knightswood Day Care Centre

**Memorial Hall
Wishing Well Club**

**has its Summer Break during
August but will meet again on**

Tuesday 12th September

1pm - 3pm

and every second Tuesday

**THE COMMUNITY
LUNCH CLUB**

at

THE MEMORIAL HALL

will be having its
Summer break during
August.

It should open again on
4th September.

The **SOUTHMINSTER
HARBOUR** Group
meets in the Memorial Hall
on Thursday mornings
from 10 am until noon.

Drop in; you are welcome.

Check posters for details of
special talks/activities

The **Bereavement Group**
meets there also on the
1st and 3rd Thursdays
of each month - so it's
3rd and 17th August

NOTE

**Southminster
Residential
Home
in Station Road
has a Fete on
August 12th
at 2pm.**

MORE DISTURBING FACTS

Harry Payne

Slaves are rarely valued as a commodity, when the slave is a child, value is really scraping rock bottom.....Charges have been levied at several United Nations Peacekeeping forces over the years, of the exploitation of children for sex purposes. Rotary International has been urged to use its vast influence with the United Nations, to put a stop to the evil being done by UN “peace” keeping forces in various war zones.

Are the charges true or false? Well, an investigation by Associated Press (AP) found that these ‘peacekeeping’ troops have faced some 2,000 allegations of rape, paedophilia, and sexual abuse of civilians in a little over a decade. Many of the victims were just young children. Haiti has been especially hard hit, following many years of UN military occupation. The AP investigation reported on a child sex ring operated by 134 UN peace troops from Sri Lanka; they gruesomely exploited at least nine children for years. In the wake of the report, 114 peacekeepers were sent home. None were ever imprisoned. The UN’s responses to these crimes has been consistently disappointing. Last year, the Security Council passed its first ever resolution to tackle sexual abuse by its peacekeepers. This resolution stated that military or police units should be repatriated ‘where there is credible evidence of widespread or systematic sexual exploitation and abuse’. Just repatriation! No punishment for the perpetrators, or justice for the victims! Is this really the UN’s best response? The real problem is that the UN has no jurisdiction over peacekeepers, leaving punishment to the countries that contribute the troops! In such circumstances, someone should be exerting pressure on those countries which supply the peacekeeping forces with a view to punishing these militarised predators who inflict atrocities on civilians across the globe. But who?

Unless the rules are changed, it is unlikely to be Rotary International. According to Article 2 090 of RI's Code of Policies, 'RI and its member clubs must refrain from issuing partisan political statements. Rotarians likewise are prohibited from adopting statements with a view to exerting any corporate pressure on governments or political authorities'. So whilst we adhere to the tenets of the 4-Way Test, two of which ask 'Is it FAIR to all concerned', 'Will it be BENEFICIAL to all concerned', we are obliged to do and say nothing, because it is a political issue. We have recently been questioned regarding the tone of one of our articles.

In such circumstances, how can we follow former Rotary International President, Kalyan Banerjee's exhortations about our responsibilities as Rotarians. At the RI Convention in New Orleans in May 2011, Kalyan asked the delegates the question – "Why are we in Rotary? He answered his own question. He said 'I believe we are here because we care and because we see both what's wrong in the world and what's right....we are not here to listen to the naysayer, the doom mongers, those who say the world can be no better than it is so why even try to change it? We are here because we believe in change'.

Mahatma Gandhi said 'If I seem to be political, it is only because politics encircles us today like the coils of a snake from which one cannot get out no matter how much one tries. I wish therefore to wrestle with the snake'.



This annual event will be held as usual early in September
Full details will be on posters and in church.
It is organised by the Friends of Essex Churches.

"Thank you" for all the recent support received for the relocation of the **Knightswood Day Care Centre**.

The afternoon concert on 25 June in church raised £400 and we thoroughly enjoyed the music of **Terry Duffy** and **'Stuck in the Middle'**.

Thank you everyone who came along and all who helped with providing /serving the beautiful refreshments.

A special 'Thank you' for their generous support goes to the **Golden Platter Bakery in Mayland**.

The Knightswood Day Care Centre

has been successfully opened at Asheldham Hall Farm and we pray that their wonderful caring work will be continued even more effectively than ever before.

They still need financial support - so if you are feeling generous please get in touch with them.

SOUTHMINSTER SCHOOL NEWS

The School Leavers' service at St. Leonard's on Wednesday 19th July was enjoyed by school years 3,4 and 5 along with the parents of our year 6 children who now move on to their next phase of school life.

The Head of school (Ola Laniyan) opened proceedings and year 6 told the gathering about their special memories of Southminster school.

The school were in fine voice as they sang a few songs, including one learnt from their recent iSingPop concert.

The service finished with prayers of commending and blessing along with a presentation of Bibles and Holding Crosses to give them something to hold on to in their future life.

Summer Services at Bradwell St Peter's Chapel

Each one starts at 6.30 pm

Music for the Soul

Music flows from heaven to the soul

St Thomas' Church

Music for the Soul : 13 August 3pm Tickets/Entry £10

Soprano, Trumpets, Strings & Organ

introduced by David Hooke

Concert supported by the Asaph Christian Trust

Contact Rev'd Brigid Main 01621 776438

FOR YOUR DIARIES

Our Annual Art & Craft Exhibition
will be held on September 16th and 17th in church.

If you would like to exhibit something - or you know
someone else who might do so - please ask Christine Lucas
for an entry form. There are some at the back of church.

Marilyn Baker

Christian singer/songwriter will be holding a
concert in St. Leonard's Church
on Saturday August 19th from 3-5pm.

See www.mbm-ministries.org

Entry £5 at the door including light refreshments.

Proceeds will go into church funds.

Enquiries to Viv on 01621 773813



A new Alpha course will be starting mid-September on Thursday evenings.

The course is ten sessions in total and will finish at the beginning of December. We begin the evening by eating together, so you can come straight from work if necessary; we then have a themed introduction followed by group discussion.

It is a great way to learn and many people have benefitted from attending such a course. Why not try an Alpha course this year and ask all the questions that you have about Christianity.

For more information please ask one of the assistants at the Sunday morning service, or if you would like to attend, please fill out a form which is available at the back of the church.

We look forward to this new Alpha course and hope that you will come and enjoy it with us. Start date: **14th September 2017.**

Please put it in your diaries.

Peter

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

THIS MONTH at St Leonard's

Our Sunday services follow their normal pattern,

Everyone is welcome at all our services.

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.

During the month of August, as a break from the Trinity season, we will be having a short sermon series on Creation.

It will include themes of “our Identity in creation” and “Our responsibility in creation” I hope this series will be of interest to many of you over the coming weeks. See page 7 Peter

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



MESSY CHURCH is held monthly on Monday afternoons but because of the Holiday Club this month the next one will be Monday 11th September (See p 10)

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

Saturday 19th August 3pm Marilyn Baker concert See p. 21

United Service for the Elderly at 4pm - Thursday 17th August at **Southminster Residential Home**

and at **Squeaks House** (contact Norman Pratt or Jacky Griffiths) on Wednesday 9th August at 3.30pm

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