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“The virgin will conceive and give birth to a son, and they will call him Emmanuel. ”

(which means 'God with us')

Matthew 1:23

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*Articles for the January magazine
by **Sunday 11 December**, please,
to Kath Dunstan.
New contributors will be welcome.*

Because of inevitable
printing costs' increase
this magazine will cost 50p
from January 2017.
Please pay in church.
**Or pay in advance if your
magazine is delivered to you.**
Details from
Brenda Sheppard
(See inside back cover.)

Reflections

Matthew 1: 23 “The virgin will conceive and give birth to a son, and they will call him Emmanuel” (meaning “God with us”).

During the last few days we have seen the dew on the grass in the mornings; the trees are losing their leaves, and the gardens are heading toward ‘hibernation’. All are telling signs that the winter season is approaching and with it comes the expectations of what?

When I went out the other morning first the frost, and then the dew, had highlighted the cobwebs in the grass; tiny little webs that the dew had brought to light and they were visible for a short while. We often miss what is going on around us because we cannot see the ongoing work of, say, the spiders each day in the secret place of the grass. When I looked more closely at the cobwebs, the intricate beauty of them, it made me think of God working all around us, still creating things of beauty that we often miss. Yet the work of God carries on throughout the year, day after day, week by week without fail, continuing and sustaining creation; and we carry on unaware of what has occurred in our midst. We become caught up in the rush, rush, rush of the world that we forget to take in the surroundings and appreciate what is right on our doorstep... or in our back garden.

The month leading up to Christmas sometimes causes us to start becoming anxious about all the preparations that are needed in order to have a peaceful and restful Christmas when, in actual fact, it appears sometimes, for some, to be the opposite: Christmas becomes the busiest time of the year. How are we to overcome those feelings of stress when it should be, and is, the season of Peace?

I am sure that at some time during the next two months we shall either listen to or sing the 23rd Psalm, that well known and loved Psalm of David, who understands that the journey through life is not going to be without trial. We cannot be complacent, says David, about our future, but we need to be ready and equipped to deal with what will come our way in this life. The realisation for David is that “You are with me, your rod and staff they comfort me”. David had been a shepherd at one time in his life, and knew exactly what a shepherd used these pieces of kit for: looking after sheep which had gone astray, hooking them out of trouble with the staff as well as directing them along their path, and protecting them from danger with the long rod. He knows the presence of God with him at all times and draws from God’s strength to find his own strength. The knowledge that God was always with David also brought him an inner peace, a foundation in his life that was sure and steady, he knew that God was greater than any man or any circumstance that would come his way, David would handle it because “God is with me”; and all of this long, long before Jesus had come! Jesus, whom we know also as the Good Shepherd. Jesus, Who said also, by referring to shepherding a flock, that “**My** sheep *will* know **My** voice”.

Which brings us to our text for this month and the emphasis on Emmanuel – God with us. We look forward to celebrating the fact of Jesus entering the world to show us the way of the Kingdom of God, but most of all He came to show us His love and assure us of His presence with us, at all times and in all places: He **is** with us. We may not see Him every day, but at certain times we might get a glimpse of the evidence of His presence... similar to seeing the spider-webs, but the *promise* is that He is with us. Our knowing and believing that God is with us at all times will help us to know

peace in the most busy and stressful times: He is walking with us, and will bring us peace. His absolute promise is that He will never leave us or forsake us. May you know and experience personally the Lord Emmanuel this Christmas.

Peter

“Christmas... a very special time of worshipping our Lord & King. May the wonderful blessing of really knowing Christ for yourselves, enrich your lives in the year 2017...”

Peter and Fiona

Light up a Life

Many of us appreciate the wonderful support that is given to people by Farleigh Hospice.

Each year we enjoy this special service which enables us to be thankful and to remember lost loved ones in a celebratory atmosphere before Christmas.

Come and join us at 7 pm on Wednesday 7 December outside the church (weather permitting) or inside if necessary

CHRISTMAS TREE FESTIVAL

This will be in church on Saturday 17th December from 2 pm.

Come and enjoy the decorated trees, the stalls, the refreshments and the music.

See posters for further details nearer the date.

Department of Health and Safety

Bethlehem

Luke 2: 1 - 20

26.12.0000

Dear Sir,

It has come to our attention that your wife has recently given birth to a baby boy. Congratulations. However, we would like to point out a few health and safety concerns.

Firstly, was there a midwife present?

It is essential that any child being born into this world gets the right care and attention.

Was there a sterile environment? Did the child have adequate warmth and clothing?

It would appear that the child was actually born in a stable. This is not the correct environment. It would have been draughty and certainly not clean. The child would have certainly been exposed to all sorts of bacteria and viruses.

Where did the child sleep?

We have it on good authority that you actually put the child in a manger. May I point out to you that this is in fact a feeding trough and totally unsuitable. The child could have got many splinters.

I understand that you had some trouble finding somewhere to stay. Perhaps with a little foresight you should have booked ahead, after-all, you did know that your wife was already pregnant.

Secondly, there is the issue of your celebration.

I understand that you had visitors, shepherds who were total

strangers. May I point out how dangerous it is to invite gate-crashers into any party. There have also been some complaints about noise and bright lights. I would like to remind you that all loud noise, including singing, must be finished by 11pm. Any disco lighting must be approved beforehand.

Thirdly, you may also be getting a letter from the RSPCA. I am sure that due to your irresponsibility, all the animals in the stable were terrified with that noise and light.

And lastly, have you had the child registered? I know it is a Bank Holiday, but you must get him registered as soon as possible. It is very important that we all know who he is.

Yours sincerely,



Department of Health and Safety.

READ ON....

Editor's Comment

We are pleased to be able to share this chapter of a book which is being written at the moment by
Surprise! Surprise! Jenny Pratt.

As is normal when Jenny has something to share - we are amused - but also challenged and taught.

Her book will be called "Just One of the Crowd".

We look forward to reading the whole book.

In the meantime, we hope you have a really happy Christmas and that 2017 will be really blessed by our Lord for you and your loved ones.

PARISH REGISTERS ... to November 2016

BAPTISMS AT ST LEONARD'S CHURCH

We rejoiced with

parents **Matthew and Kate** on **Sunday 24 July** as they brought **Freddie Davies** (d.o.b. 24.3.16) to be baptised.

parents **Tristan & Rebecca (Becky)** on **Sunday 14 August** as they brought **Rhys Pippin** (d.o.b. 18.9.15) to be baptised

FUNERALS AT ST LEONARD'S CHURCH

5th July Gillian Agnes Cooch who died on 8th June age 83

21st July Percy Denis Jackson who died on 4 July age 85

21st Sept Eva Anne Rumsey who died on 8th Sept age 93

FUNERAL AT ST LAWRENCE, STEEPLE

9th Nov. Cicely Grace De'ath who died on 23 October age 95

FUNERALS AT A CREMATORIUM

15th June Derek Padbury who died on 17th May age 90

17th June Susan Roper who died on 1st June age 60

5th July Malcolm Robert Smith who died on 2nd June age 74

21st Oct Winifred Lilian Stanford who died on 24 Sept age 95

INTERMENT OF ASHES AT ST LAWRENCE STEEPLE

15th Oct Alan George Pursey who died on 16 Oct 2014 age 62

INTERMENT OF ASHES AT ST JOHN THE BAPTIST, DANBURY

16th Nov Gerald Arthur Wodhams who died on 13 Feb age 74

WEDDINGS IN OUR LOCAL AREA

Our supporting prayers follow these marriages in local churches:

at St Lawrence **2nd July : Steven John Baily to Tracey Fox**

at Dengie **9th July : Bradley Graham Lacey to**

Alexandra Vanessa Burnett

at Bradwell **27th August : Iain Donald Baker to**

Kirsty Anne Reynolds

Toy Service Donations - Jacky Griffiths

The annual Toy Service

is on

**Sunday, 4th December, 10.45 am,
and all are welcome.**

Please bring donations of new, unwrapped children's toys (no guns or violent games please) and pamper gifts for the ladies to the church. Loose Christmas wrapping paper is also welcome. These can be brought on the 4th or during the week before - please let me know if you are unable to get them there so I can arrange to collect them (see back page).

Thank you for your generosity again this year and we hope to see you on the 4th December.

Memory Tree

Kathy Pegg

Christmas is a time of great blessing and its good to remember people and times that brought love and joy into our lives. With this in mind there will be a Memory Tree again this year at St Leonard's Church Festival of Trees. (See page 5 for details.)

White stars will be in a basket on the table at the back of the church. Please write the names of loved ones you would like to remember on a star, together with a message if you wish, and it will be hung on the tree. If you feel you would like to make a small donation a box will be provided but please do not feel this is compulsory. When the tree is taken down in the New Year, the names will be included in prayers and the stars will be left at the back of the church for two weeks should you wish to collect your memory star.



Monday 5th December

"Messy Christmas"

Starts 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.

The next one is

Monday 9th January 2017

"Creation"

More details will be in church.

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 11th December

February 5 12 19 26

March 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 church was very beautifully decorated with flowers for Remembrance Sunday on 13 November and we thank all who contributed money or time (or both) to this.



Thank **you**, too, for your financial donations towards the provision of flowers. Such giving would be appreciated throughout the year so that we can always have flowers. Money should be handed to the churchwardens or treasurer for this purpose. 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.

PRAY FOR SOUTHMINSTER:

w/b	4 December	Central - South
w/b	11 December	South - South-West
w/b	18 December	North - East
w/b	25 December	Central-North-West

ROTA FOR DECEMBER 2016

Date	4 December	Second Sunday of Advent
08.00 Holy Communion (BCP)		Col: Purple
Leader/President/Preacher		Rev'd Peter
Romans 15 : 4 - 13		Dick Dulude
Matthew 3 : 1 - 12		Celebrant
Sidesman/ Communion Asst.		Paul Lucas

10.45 Holy Communion	TOY SERVICE
Leader/Preacher	Rev'd Peter
Romans 15 : 4 - 13	Linda Payne
Matthew 3 : 1 - 12	Linda Payne
Intercessions	Christine Lucas
Communion Assistants	Paul Lucas & Tom Fogg
Prayer Ministry Team	Viv Perry & Sylvia Adams
Projectionist	Mike Bikhazi
Sidesperson	Gwyneth Iffland
Refreshments	Tom Fogg & Linda Payne

Date	7 December	Light up a Life Service for Farleigh Hospice
19.00	Leader	Rev'd Peter

Date	11 December	Third Sunday of Advent
08.00 Holy Communion (BCP)		Col: Purple
Leader/President/Preacher		Rev'd Ken Dunstan
James 5 : 7 - 10		Sheila Wright
Matthew 11 : 2 - 11		Celebrant
Sidesman/ Communion Asst.		Paul Lucas

10.45 Morning Worship	
Leader/preacher	Norman Pratt
James 5 : 7 - 10	Sylvia Adams
Matthew 11 : 2 - 11	Sylvia Adams
Intercessions	Jenny Pratt
Prayer Ministry Team	Brenda Sheppard & Jacky Griffiths
Projectionist	Christine Lucas
Sidesperson	Sylvia Adams
Refreshments	Eira Hagger and Sally Culff

ROTA FOR DECEMBER 2016

Date **11 December** (continued from previous page)

18.00 Service with Christingles

Leader	Rev'd Peter
Reader	Kath Dunstan
Sidesmen	Wardens
Refreshments	t.b.a.

Everyone is welcome - all ages!

Date **18 December**

Fourth Sunday of Advent

08.00 Holy Communion (BCP)

Col: Purple

Leader/President/Preacher	Rev'd Peter
Romans 1 : 1 - 7	Kathy Pegg
Matthew 1 : 18 - end	Celebrant
Sidesman/ Communion Asst.	Phil Richards

10.45 No morning service today

18.30 Community Service of Nine Lessons and Carols

Leader	Rev'd Peter
Readers	Group representatives
Projectionist	Christine Morgan
Sidesmen	Wardens
Refreshments	t.b.a.

Date **24 December**

Christmas Eve

23.30 'Midnight' Holy Communion

Col: Purple - White

Leader/President/Preacher	Rev'd Peter/Rev'd Ken Dunstan
Isaiah 9 : 2 - 7	Phil Richards
Luke 2 : 1 -20	Phil Richards
Intercessions	Fiona Begley
Communion Assistants	Phil Richards & Norman Pratt
Sidespersons	Phil Richards

For Christmas Day please see overleaf.

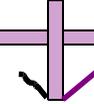
DECEMBER SERVICES AT STEEPLE

Sunday	4 th	9.15 am	Family Service
Sunday	11 th	4.00 pm	Service with Christingles
Sunday	18 th	9.15 am	Morning Prayer
Saturday	24 th	6.00 pm	Service of Readings and Carols
Sunday	25 th	No service today at Steeple. Everyone is welcome at Southminster.	

Date **25 December**

09.00 Holy Communion (BCP)

Leader/President/Preacher
Isaiah 52 : 7 - 10
John 1 : 1 - 14
Sidesman/ Communion Asst.



Christmas Day

Col: White

Rev'd Peter
Paul Lucas
Celebrant
Paul Lucas

10.00 Family Morning Worship

Leader/Preacher
Isaiah 52 : 7 - 10
John 1 : 1 - 14
Intercessions
Sidesperson

Rev'd Peter
Paul Lucas
Paul Lucas
Jacky Griffiths
Paul Lucas

Looking forward to Christmas Dinner?

Just as we did last year, we shall be enjoying a 'belated' Christmas Lunch in the New Year.

We shall meet on Sunday 22nd January at 2 pm at the Annley Tea-rooms in Althorne.

There are a limited number of places so you will need to book early with Phil or Hazel Richards who will show you the menu and explain the necessary payment procedure. Price £21.95 - deposit £10 is to be paid by Christmas Eve please and the total amount to be paid by 8th January.

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 December dates are Friday 9th and Wednesday 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 early 2017;
date to be arranged. **AND SEE PAGE 20**
FOR FURTHER IMPORTANT INFORMATION



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

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

Tuesdays 8:30 am "Just Prayer"

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 10.

Next one December 5th

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

What's On in the Local Area: December 2016

Arrangements in St Nicholas, Tillingham

Sunday 4th	10.00 am	Sunday Mourning Worship (Laity)
Wednesday 7th	9.15 am	Morning Prayers (Laity)
Sunday 11th	10.00 am	Holy Communion (Rev. Canon John Brown)
Wednesday 14th	9.15 am	Morning Prayers (Laity)
Sunday 18th	10.00 am	Traditional Nine Lessons & Carols (Laity)
Wednesday 21st	9.15 am	Morning Prayers (Laity)
Saturday 24th <i>Christmas Eve</i>	6.00 pm	Christmas Celebrations : Family Christmas Carols and Nativity (Laity)
Sunday 25th <i>Christmas Day</i>	10.00 am	No Service
Wednesday 28th	9.15 am	Morning Prayers (Laity)

Services for St James, Dengie

- December 4th : Holy Communion 8am Rev'd Ken Dunstan
3pm Carol Concert (Southminster Flower Club with
Harmony Choir + Handbells)
- December 11th : Carol Service 3 pm Laity
- December 18th : No Service
- December 25th : **Christmas Day** Service 10am Rev'd Ken Dunstan

The Parishes of Tillingham, Dengie, Bradwell and St Lawrence have our prayers as they seek the appointment of a Priest in charge.

COMMUNITY EVENTS

Southminster W.I.

December 6th MDC Recycling

December 20th Christmas Party with Rick Christian
Competition - Secret Santa wrapped gift (Max. cost £3)

THE COMMUNITY LUNCH CLUB

Mondays at 12.30 pm in
THE MEMORIAL HALL

Book by noon previous Friday
01621 927669

Christmas Lunch will be at
1pm on 11 Dec. Then there
will be a break 'til Mon 9 Jan.

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 Christmas break.



The Olive Branch

Sadly, the café has had to close but there will be occasional special events happening

on the premises. Look out for the programme in the window.

THE
OLIVE BRANCH

Memorial Hall Wishing Well Club
2nd Tuesday of each month
starting 13th December

**Light lunch, games
and good company.**

Phone K.S. on 07434915467
or just pop in.

MEMORIAL HALL BINGO

The last one for this year. January date t.b.a.

Wednesday 14th December at 8.00 pm

Bring your own drinks and nibbles.

Tea / coffee and scone will be available.

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

**As we approach Christmas and think of gifts,
spare a thought along these lines.**

This was submitted to us from a friend who found it on the 'Bible Belt' website, so it is acknowledged as 'anonymous'.

A young man was getting ready to graduate from college. For many months he had admired a beautiful sports car in a dealers showroom, and knowing his father could well afford it, he told him that was all he wanted.

Things aren't always as they appear.....a little food for thought.....

As Graduation Day approached, the young man awaited signs that his father had purchased the car. Finally, on the morning of his graduation, his father called him into his private study, told him how proud he was to have such a fine son, and how much he loved him. He handed him a beautifully wrapped gift box.

Curious, but somewhat disappointed, the young man opened the box and found a lovely, leather-bound Bible, with his name embossed in gold.

Angrily, he raised his voice to his father and said, "With all your money you give me a Bible?" He stormed out of the house, leaving the Bible behind.

Many years passed and the young man was very successful in business. He had a beautiful home and wonderful family, but realised his father was very old. He thought perhaps he should go to him. He had not seen him since that graduation day. But before he could make arrangements, he received a telegram telling him his father had passed away, and willed all of his possessions to him. He needed to come home immediately and take care of things.

When he arrived at his father's house, sadness and regret filled his heart. He began to search through his father's important documents and saw the Bible, new just as he had left it years ago. With tears, he opened the Bible and began to turn the pages. His father had carefully underlined a verse, Matt 7:11, "And if ye, being evil, know how to give good gifts to your children, how much more shall your Heavenly Father which is in Heaven, give to those who ask Him?"

As he read those words, a car key dropped from the back of the Bible. It had a tag with the dealer's name, the same dealer who had the sports car he had desired. On the tag was the date of his graduation, and the words... PAID IN FULL.

How many times do we miss God's blessings because they are not packaged as we expected?



This year on November 20th
we celebrated

Shoe-box Sunday

Thanks to the generosity of so many local people we were able to receive and later send 90 shoe-boxes from Southminster and Steeple. When we discover exactly where they have been delivered to we will update everyone.

BEREAVEMENT SUPPORT GROUP

Have you lost a loved one? There is an informal group in Southminster that meets for support, friendship and chat with other people in the same boat. It is held on the 1st and 3rd Thursdays of each month. For further information, please call: Chris - 01621 772751

CHURCH GARDENS UPDATE

Bob, Viv and a team of kind folks - including our payback crew who have been simply wonderful in their concerted efforts in some of the heavier jobs - have been working away for some months at getting the church grounds and garden areas looking really quite lovely now. We should be so grateful for all the effort that lots of people have willingly put in to mowing, strimming, weeding, scraping, edging, clearing and planting up, as well as removing moss from the walls and clipping back shrubs to form a more shapely and pleasing view.

For the summer we tried a newly-cleared bed around the Kemp memorial filled with bedding begonias in all sorts of flower-colours and differing foliage colours. They look rather nice but we know they could look much better. Fortunately we were given a piece of hose, just about long enough to reach the vestry tap, by Rev Peter and with it we were able to organise reasonably regular watering of that bed and the circular memorial bed too, which was also planted up with the bedding begonias and some gazanias and some poppies which happily ping up wherever they feel like it, bringing a burst of extra colour to their surroundings. The little beds by the front porch also looked rather lovely over the summer and we really appreciated the efforts made by folks to keeping them looking nice and more-or-less weed free.

When Viv and Fiona were planting up the front-porch beds, they found STACKS of large red and white bricks buried about 6 – 7 inches down which really jarred the old trowels they were wielding. With a lot of trowel-effort quite a few were lifted – there are still lots more – and the holes they left behind rather nicely yielded quite soft soil and enabled deeper holes to be created to take some nice narcissus bulbs around the violas, primulas and dahlias. They also bought and planted some crocuses in groups of 5 or 7, and a few little clumps of snowdrops too. These little white jewels are the first to dare to push their pretty heads up, emerging in late winter/early spring and we hope they will spread a little.

When we lifted the bedding begonias at the end of the season we found the soil in the bed to be quite depleted and dry, which explained why these stunning little workers weren't really able to show off to their best. We were kindly offered some very well-rotted 'horsh' which is like

black gold for getting soil back to condition; Rev Peter, Bob and Fiona went and dug it... and it actually smelled quite 'sweet' and clean... no nasty niffs in the cars on the way back! But, still not the most glamorous job in a garden. It was forked in and left for about 6 weeks before Rev Peter and Fiona planted up the wallflowers which are now hoping to make their home there for the next spring showing. The rest of that bed where it looks empty will be filled with tulips and probably edged with crocuses or the little 10" yellow tete-a-tete narcissus/daffs., 'cos they withstand the wind so very well at their tiny height.

We've been donated a most generous amount of crocus bulbs by Rotary and we are so grateful. If anyone would like to be involved in planting over 400 of them to make a naturalised planting, please contact Bob or Fiona who think they have a 'cunning plan'!!

The point of the foregoing is to say that we're working on making the approach to the church an attractive and welcoming sight for anyone who comes in; if it appears there are gaps to be filled with more greenery between these plants... there aren't: there're lots of bulbs in there nestling away ready to come up in spring to delight the eye. We aim to put the bulbs in deep enough to allow for summer planting to go on top without disturbing the bulbs, then we get better shows in the next few years.

We have other plans for making our church grounds look more pleasing to the eye of passers-by, church guests at weddings and baptisms and celebrations, and would be so very grateful to receive, via Church Wardens, any small financial donations towards that end.



New Year's Day ICYCLE RIDE

will happen as usual.

Cyclists and supporters will be welcomed at church ready for the 'start' which will be at about 11.30.

They will be welcomed back again afterwards to receive their certificates (and some refreshment). This is all about providing safer cycling from Southminster to Burnham.

**Southminster Operatic & Choral Society
presents**

"If Music be the Food of Love"

(a salute to Shakespeare on his 400th anniversary)

Saturday 3rd December

at St Leonard's Church at 2.30 and 7.30

Tickets Matinee £6.50 evening £8.50 available on line:

www.socs.me.uk (booking fee applies)

Enquiries 01621 773010



COMMUNITY CAROL SERVICE



Sunday 18 December at 6.30 pm

If you would like to join the choir for this special event
please come to a rehearsal on

4 December at 3.30 pm

and again on 18 December at 3.30 pm

(ready for the actual service of
Nine Lessons and Carols at 6.30 pm)

Quiz Night Report

Our Quiz Night back in November was attended by six local teams who managed the different topics differently - depending on their particular interests. What they did agree about was how to moan at Jenny's jokes. They enjoyed the fish/chicken & chip supper. The event raised, after expenses, £68 for church funds

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

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 5th December

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 MONTH at St Leonard's

Saturday 3rd 14.30 & 19.30 S.O.C.S. Concert (See page 22)

Sunday 4th 10.45 Toy Service (See page 9)

Wednesday 7th 19.00 Light up a Life (for Farleigh Hospice)

Sunday 11th 18.00 Service with Christingles

Saturday 17th 14.00 Christmas Tree Festival (see posters)

Sunday 18th 18.30 Community "Lessons & Carols" Service

Saturday 24th 23.30 Christmas Eve Holy Communion

Sunday 25th 09.00 & 10.00 Christmas Day services (See p 14)

United Service for the Elderly at 4pm - Thursday 15th Dec. at **Southminster Residential Home** Contact Rupert Killick

and at **Squeaks House** (contact Norman Pratt or Jacky Griffiths) on Wednesday 14th December at 3.30pm