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**I am the Light of the world.
John 8: 12**

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**God bless
you all
this
Christmas**

*Articles for the January
magazine to Kath Dunstan by
Sunday 10 December please,
New contributors welcome.*

This magazine costs 50p.
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Details from Brenda Sheppard
(See inside back cover.)

Reflections

I am the Light of the world. John 8: 12

Many of you know that we have recently heard the patter of tiny feet in the vicarage; 12 tiny feet to be precise as our dog Minnie managed to give birth successfully to three lovely pups.

The miracle of new birth is fantastic, we watched as these three bonny pups made their entrance into the world, struggled and wriggled and then mum sorted them out, cleaned them up and started feeding them. It has amazed me how naturally everything has been for our dog; an inbuilt desire, love and nurturing care that helps the puppies to thrive. Two of the puppies have already gone to new homes and the third will be a companion for Minnie, and she is still in caring mode watching that her puppy learns to do the right thing and know her place in the 'pack'. The arrival of puppies into the home changes the routines that have been in place for a few years, there is great disruption as the daily agenda is interspersed with trips into the garden and extra feeding times. A change that is welcome yet at the same time a change that needs to be made.

We are moving swiftly through the year now and Advent is upon us once again, a time when we move from Harvest celebrations through All Saints Day and Remembrance into Advent. We have reflected the horrors of war through Remembrance Sunday, and now look forward, in this season, of welcoming The Light into the world. I like the phrase used by Jesus in the gospel of John where he says

“I am the light of the world. Whoever follows me will never walk in darkness, but will have the light of life.’

The promise to those followers of Jesus Christ is that whatever the circumstance, whatever situation has arisen around us, whatever trial we may be going through at the moment it is not darkness, but moving towards greater light. “Never will you walk in darkness” says Jesus “but *will have* the light of life”.

Advent is the season to celebrate the fact that Jesus came into the world to bring the light of hope to everyone. Advent focusses our eyes on the birth of Jesus and his early life; it reminds us that God the Father sends us a gift of love and life in the Jesus child, and a way of hope for our today as well as for our tomorrow. Advent looks forward to welcoming Jesus the Light into the whole world yet also into our own individual lives. Christmas also brings us a message of peace and joy, a certain hope that will be fulfilled when Jesus comes again into the world.

This magazine has the time and dates of services over the Advent season and we trust that you will be able to come and celebrate with us the joy of Christmas as we worship together, remembering the real reason for the season, and joining with others in thanksgiving for Jesus entering our world.

When we allow new birth into our homes, when we desire to have a new way of life for the future it means that there will be adjustments to be made in the house, new routines and a new focus, and there needs to be a willingness on our part for that new life to begin. Are we willing, this year, to welcome Jesus to be born into our lives?

May you all have a blessed Christmas and joyful New Year.

Peter

Bishop Stephen's Christmas Message 2017

Venting his fury at a potential rival, Herod plays a percentages game: he spreads the net of his anger widely; kills every boy under two in order to ensure he kills just one. He fails. Fury and anger usually do - though that is scant consolation to the mourning families of the innocent who suffer. Meanwhile Jesus, the Saviour who is saved, is visited by unlikely people: in this case, shepherds and foreign rulers.

The shepherds, virtual outcasts in their own society and looked upon with grave suspicion, hear a song of peace. It is deeply attractive, and it sends them to Bethlehem.

The wise men have followed a hunch in the form of a star. They are about to learn that all their maps are wrong. They will return by a different route.

Tyrants like Herod still strut about the world today, their vanity and hubris still causing havoc and misery. But the door of the stable at Bethlehem still stands open for those who long for peace and those prepared to have their lives redirected.

Might you be one of them?

Have an interesting Christmas!

Rt Revd Stephen Cottrell
Bishop of Chelmsford

Editor's comment

You will realise, when you read the December issue of "The Month" that it is the last one. It doesn't mean that the Diocese will cease to publicise what is happening. It will continue to link with parishes and will seek new ways of communicating Jesus' news. We intend to be involved in whatever arrangements will emerge in 2018.

Dogs, Dancing and Delight

Viv Perry

I have just come back from a Marilyn Baker retreat in West Sussex. I went as a volunteer helper for my friend Kathy who is now registered blind. This centre is a haven for people with sight loss and is Christian run.

Some of you know that I love dogs, and I miss mine when I am away. On the first night Marilyn said "Is there anyone here who could walk some of our guide dogs?" I put my hand up, but said that I hadn't any wellington boots. Someone said "You can borrow mine" and they fitted me perfectly. So at half past seven every morning I walked with four other sighted people and five wonderful, totally loyal guide dogs.

The second night Marilyn said that she was going to play a medley of Christian Rock 'n' Roll songs that she had written. She said "Is there anyone here who likes dancing?" My hand shot up again - and so did the lady's next to me. She had been blind from birth. So we boogied together at the back each night.

I can honestly say I have never felt so humbled as to be able to serve these lovely people. They never complained and were full of love for each other. One blind lady had travelled from

Edinburgh by train, just with her guide dog. She also said she loves Jesus and always lives in the LIGHT. AMAZING!!!

God truly knows me and knows what I love - dogs, dancing and the delight of being a servant to Jesus' people.

I'm going again!

Editor's note

We at St Leonard's were treated to a wonderful afternoon of Christian music and witness by Marilyn Baker in August this year. As someone who has been completely blind since childhood she is an amazing pianist and singer who shares her story of Jesus' presence in her life. We, the audience, were entertained but also challenged to consider our personal relationships - with our Lord and with one another. If she is able to come again, we hope for an even larger gathering than last time.

COMMON GROUND Coffee morning



(Good things happen over coffee)

A place in our community to meet with friends, old and new

Open every Tuesday 9 am - 11.30 am
at St Leonard's Church, Southminster

EVERYONE WELCOME

(Toys available for children)

A great way to start Tuesday morning!

Come and join us for a break, a chat,
support, friendship and a cuppa!



SPONSORSHIP

Jenny and Beth Pratt are Swimming the Channel
(a few miles at a time!) and would appreciate sponsorship
in aid of **ASPIRE**

a charity supporting people with spinal injuries.

Their team is "SquidsIn". Speak to Jenny if you can help.

WALK FOR CHILDREN IN NEED

Bob, Leon and Paul's prayer triplet (together with Viv,
Karen and Christine!) recently competed a ten mile
circuit and would like to thank those who supported them,
either by donating or by sharing the pub lunch!

£50 was raised and has been sent to the appeal.

The Festival of Christmas Trees

Saturday 16th December 2pm - 4pm

If you wish to sponsor a tree please contact Sylvia Adams.
adams.pands@sky.com

The School will sing at 3pm. There will be stalls & 'food'.

SOCS present

A Christmas Cracker

a seasonal music delight with readings and poems
produced by Laurie and Brigid Main

at Southminster Memorial Hall
on Saturday 2nd December at 7.30 pm

Tickets on line from

<http://www.socs.me.uk/next-concert.html>

or telephone 01621 787473

November Highlights

The annual Service of Remembrance

held at St Leonard's on Sunday 12th November drew its usual large crowd of people and it was good to have so many local groups represented. Several wreaths are still on the memorial; the weather hasn't destroyed them! It was appreciated that the collection for the Royal British Legion on that day was higher than usual. Thank you everyone who contributed. Keep praying for the good work the Legion carries out when it is required.

Another 'remembrance' service was on Friday 17th November:

The funeral of the late David Fisher OBE, JP, Hon. Ald (Essex)

The 94 year old had meant so much to people in Southminster and in the wider area of Essex. His family of course shared lovely personal stories and appreciated the support they were receiving. The church was packed - with over 400 people. An outdoor gazebo was set up with sound links to the service. As we give thanks for David, we pray for his family as they adjust to their new situation.

Now we need to remember the December programme:

Dec 3rd At 10.45 we have the Toy Service

There will be a guest speaker from the 'Safer Places' Refuge which we support with Christmas gifts for women and children.

Dec 8th The Civic Carol Service will be at 16.30

This is held at different venues each year and so it is 'our turn'. Come early if you need a seat! There will be refreshments afterwards.

Dec 17th 18.30 Service of Nine Lessons & Carols

Community Groups participate; refreshments too!



Messy Church

Monday 4th December

Messy Animals

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.

Next Messy Church

Monday 8th January 2018

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 December

February 2018 4 11 18 25

March 2018 4 11 18 25

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



We are grateful to the flower arrangers for the lovely displays they produced during the Remembrance season last month. We look forward to their displays as part of the Christmas Tree Festival this month.

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, Gill Pankhurst or a churchwarden.

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

PRAY FOR SOUTHMINSTER:

w/b	3 December	Central - West
w/b	10 December	North East
w/b	17 December	Central - North-West
w/b	24 December	Central - East
w/b	31 December	Central - South

ROTA FOR DECEMBER 2017

Date **3 December**

1st Sunday of Advent

08.00 Holy Communion (BCP)

Col: Purple

Leader/President/Preacher

Rev'd Peter

Isaiah 64 : 1 - 9

Paul Lucas

Mark 13 : 24 - 37

Celebrant

Sidesman/ Communion Asst.

Paul Lucas

10.45 Holy Communion

Leader/Preacher

Rev'd Peter

Isaiah 64 : 1 - 9

Sylvia Adams

Mark 13 : 24 - 37

Sylvia Adams

Intercessions

Christine Lucas

Prayer Ministry Team

Fiona Begley & Tom Fogg

Communion Assistants

Paul Lucas & Mike Bikhazi

Projectionist

Christine Morgan

Sidesperson

Gwyneth Iffland

Refreshments

Bob Perry & Viv Perry

Date **8 December 16.30 CIVIC CAROL SERVICE (See p 9)**

Date **10 December**

2nd Sunday of Advent

08.00 Holy Communion (BCP)

Col: Purple

Leader/President/Preacher

Rev'd Ken Dunstan

Isaiah 40 : 1 - 11

Sheila Nicholson

Mark 1 : 1 - 8

Celebrant

Sidesman/ Communion Asst.

Paul Lucas

10.45 Morning Worship

Leader/preacher

Rev'd Peter

Readings as above

Mike Bikhazi

Intercessions

Jenny Pratt

Prayer Ministry Team

Brenda Sheppard & Viv Perry

Projectionist

Christine Lucas

Sidesperson

Mike Bikhazi

Refreshments

Sally Culff & Maureen Smith

ROTA FOR DECEMBER 2017

Date **17 December**

3rd Sunday of Advent

08.00 Holy Communion (BCP)

Col: Purple

Leader/President/Preacher

Rev'd Peter

Isaiah 61 : 1 - 4, 8 - end

Phil Richards

John 1 : 6 - 8, 19 - 28

Celebrant

Sidesman/ Communion Asst.

Phil Richards

There will be no 10.45 service today

18.30 Community Service of Nine Lessons & Carols

Community Groups will be represented through the readings.

Refreshments will be served by the Church Social Committee.

Date **Saturday 23 December: 16.00 Service with Christingles**

Everyone is welcome - particularly children with their families

Date **24 December CHRISTMAS EVE 4th Sunday of Advent**

08.00 Holy Communion (BCP)

Col: Purple

Leader/President/Preacher

Rev'd Peter

2 Samuel 7 : 1 - 11, 16

Anne Wodhams

Luke 1 : 26 - 38

Celebrant

Sidesman/ Communion Asst.

Phil Richards

There will be no 10.45 service today

23.30 'MIDNIGHT' Holy Communion

Leader/Preacher

Rev'd Peter

2 Samuel 7 : 1 - 11, 16

Mike Bikhazi

Luke 1 : 26 - 38

Mike Bikhazi

Intercessions

Fiona Begley

Communion Assistants

John Hedges & Norman Pratt

Sidesperson

Mike Bikhazi + 1 t.b.a.

DECEMBER SERVICES AT STEEPLE

Sunday	3 rd	9.15 am	Family Service
Sunday	10 th	10.30 am	Holy Communion
Sunday	17 th	9.15 am	Morning Worship & 4pm Christingles
Sunday	24 th	6.00 pm	Christmas Carols & Readings
Sunday	31 st	10.30 am	United Worship at Southminster

St Leonard's Rota (Continued)

Date **25 December**

CHRISTMAS DAY

09.00 Holy Communion (shortened)

Col: White

Leader/President/Preacher	Rev'd Peter
Isaiah 9 : 2 - 7	Paul Lucas
Luke 2 : 1 - 20	Celebrant
Sidesman/ Communion Asst.	Paul Lucas

10.00 Family Worship to celebrate Christmas Day

Leader/President/Preacher	Rev'd Peter
Readings as above	Paul Lucas
Intercessions	Jacky Griffiths
Sidesperson	Paul Lucas

Date **31 December**

1st Sunday of Christmas

08.00 Holy Communion

Col: White

Leader/President/Preacher	Rev'd Peter
Isaiah 61 : 10 - 62:3	Warden
Luke 2 : 15 - 21	Celebrant
Sidesman/ Communion Asst.	Warden

10.30 United Worship at St Leonard's

Leader/President/Preacher	Rev'd Peter/ Rev'd Jon Morgan
Readings as above	Kath Dunstan
Intercessions	Brenda Sheppard
Projector	Christine Lucas
Prayer Ministry team	Brenda Sheppard & Fiona Begley
Sidesperson	Jacky Griffiths

REGULAR MIDWEEK ACTIVITIES

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

The **Music Group** meets on Fridays at 7.45 pm & occasional Tuesdays. 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 8th & a day in w.b. 18th t.b.a.

Flower arranging is usually on Fridays or Saturdays. Please see churchwardens and booking list at back of church.

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"

and **9 am - 11.30 am** "Common Ground" Coffee morning

HOME GROUPS will have a Christmas Break

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.

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

Next one December 4th

Weekly Bulletin information should be sent to Christine Morgan,

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

What's On in the Local Area: December 2017

Arrangements in St Nicholas, Tillingham

Sunday 3rd	10.00 am 6.00 pm	Sunday Morning Worship Service of Light
Wednesday 6th	9.15 am	Morning Prayers (St Nicholas' Day)
Sunday 10th	10.00 am	Family Service & Baptism
Wednesday 13th	9.15 am	Morning Prayers
Sunday 17th	10.00 am 6.30	Family Service (Laity) Nine Lessons and Carols
Wednesday 20th	9.15 am	Morning Prayers
Sunday 24th	6.00 pm 11.30 pm	Family Service for Christmas Eve Midnight Communion at St Thomas Bradwell
CHRISTMAS DAY	No service at St Nicholas 9.30 am	Service at St James
Wednesday 27th	9.15 am	Morning Prayers
Sunday 31st	10.30 am	Four Parishes Holy Communion at St Thomas

December Services for St James, Dengie

Services are led by Rev'd Steven Poss unless stated otherwise.

- Sunday 3rd : 8 am Holy Communion
Sunday 10th : 3 pm Carol Service (Mulled wine & mince pies after)
Sunday 17th : 8 am Holy Communion
Sunday 24th : No Service
Christmas Day : 9.30 am Christmas Day Service
Sunday 31st : 10.30 am Four Parishes Holy Communion at St Thomas

COMMUNITY EVENTS

Southminster W.I.

We meet regularly at Southminster Memorial Hall

Tuesday 5th December

Jane and Janet : Something for Christmas

Competition: Home made door wreath

Memorial Hall Wishing Well Club

**Tuesday 19th December
12 noon**

**Normally every second Tuesday
at 1 pm**

Light lunch, games & good company.

Phone K.S. on 07434915467
or just turn up.

THE COMMUNITY LUNCH CLUB

at

THE MEMORIAL HALL

Please note that 11th
December (12.30 pm) is the
last lunch before the

Christmas Lunch

which will take place on

**Sunday 17th December
at 1pm**

It is normally on
Mondays at 12.30 pm and
will resume on 8th January

*2 course meal with
tea/coffee to follow*

£5 per head

Please book by noon on the
previous Friday by phoning
Kath S on 07434915467

**Volunteers are needed to
assist with serving the
meals, on a rota basis.**

Please phone Kath S to offer.

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. Regular activities
include Jigsaws, Knitting,
Crochet, other crafts

The **Bereavement Group**
meets there also on the
1st and 3rd Thursdays
of each month

A Joy in the Journey

From the cradle to the grave we are on a journey. Life has its ups and downs and can be really difficult at times. As a song written by Christian singer/songwriter Michael Card in the 90's said "We belong to eternity stranded in time and are weary of struggling with sin". Life can be hard but it can also be joyful as we do have a light we can love on the way that is Jesus and a freedom and hope as we trust and in obedience follow Him.

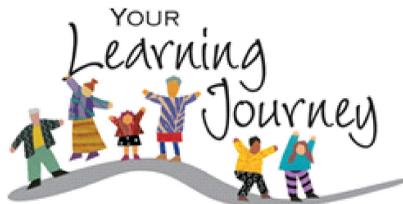


Life is a Journey

On November the 6th we held our Monday morning fellowship in the church to commemorate St Leonard's Day, our patron Saint. St Leonard is mainly known as the patron Saint of prisoners but we learned he is much more than that. We focussed on the prisoner aspect which we realised encompasses much more than being in actual prison for a crime committed, it includes being trapped in pain, mental illness, poverty, being housebound, loneliness, drug addiction; the list goes on. So many people imprisoned who long for freedom.

St Paul shares these wonderful words in the Bible "For me to live is Christ and to die is gain" Paul was imprisoned at the time for his faith but still had that joy and hope in Jesus and he desired to depart and be with Him but also wanted to stay on earth to do God's work in helping others to find that joy that following Jesus brings.

So when we go through tough times and are weary of the battle to keep going, let's remember that we are on a journey of learning and helping each other along the way and by putting our hope and trust in Jesus we have that assurance and joy of knowing He's with us always and giving us strength to face each day as we journey toward eternal life with Him.



Brenda Sheppard

Another aspect of journeying together.....

QUIZ NIGHT at St Leonard's Church

SATURDAY 4 NOVEMBER at 7.30 pm

We had several teams of enthusiasts who were all ready to answer the questions and cope with Jenny's jokes (remembering last year's quiz).

However, the correct answers were sometimes a bit absent and the teams had to cope with Peter's jokes instead of Jenny's this year!

Overall, the evening was thoroughly enjoyed and the food arrived on time to sustain everyone. The team which won the 'wooden spoon' were amazingly happy. The winning team felt particularly proud of their efforts. Well done all!

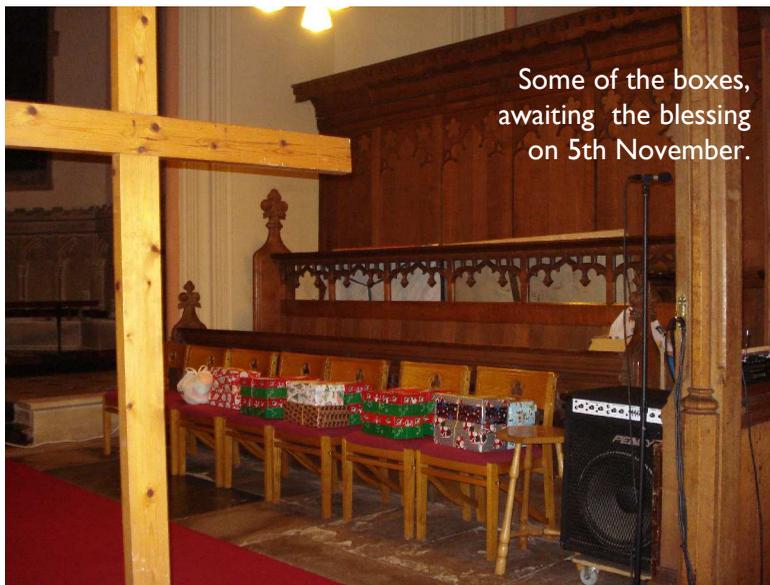
We REMEMBER during November!



Leading up to Sunday 5th November our generous Southminster people worked hard to remember children worldwide who would not be able to celebrate Christmas without help. Lots of shoe-boxes were filled with appropriate gifts for boys and girls, and gathered together in church. The boxes were blessed on 5th November ready to be collected and distributed by the Samaritan's Purse charity who organise "Operation Christmas Child".

Some boxes arrived later than this date, but they were collected again so they were not lost! In all, 52 boxes were filled and sent this year and the certificate of thanks for them is on view in church.

Thank you all contributors, and thank you Lily Sage for being a useful 'collecting point' for the boxes as usual. Thank you, Norman, for your careful organising of the event.



Some of the boxes, awaiting the blessing on 5th November.

When we learn exactly where the boxes have been sent we shall inform you.

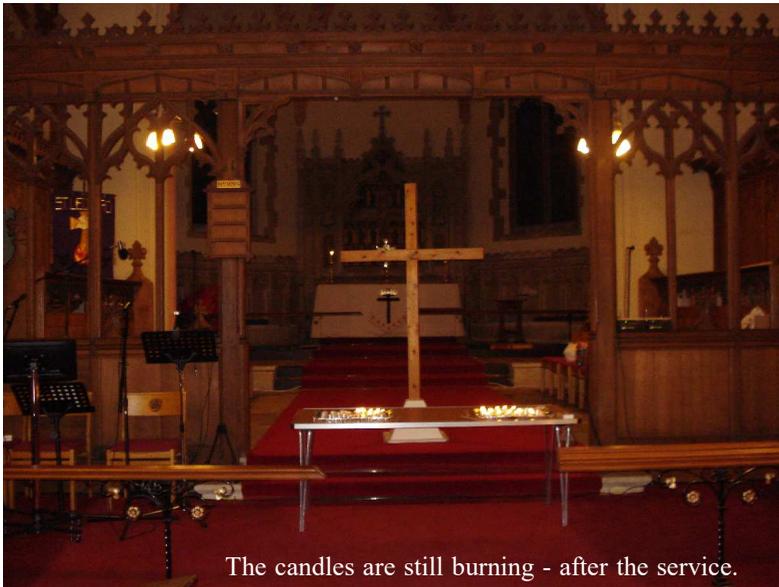
We remember people who are no longer with us.

On 5th November, the Sunday nearest to All Souls' Day, we held a Memorial Service in church at 4 pm.

Several people responded to the personal invitations to join us because they had lost loved ones during the year. Those who came said that the experience was helpful and that they had appreciated being able to light a candle in memory of someone and place the person's name on a card in a basket which was placed at the foot of the cross.

It is always possible to light a candle in church to remember someone. If you missed the service and would appreciate some prayer support - or just a chat - please feel free to contact Rev'd Peter or our Pastoral Assistants, Linda Payne and Brenda Sheppard (Details on page 23.)

Just remember that our loving heavenly Father, God, knows exactly how we feel and what our needs are.



The candles are still burning - after the service.

NEXT CHURCH EVENTS COMING UP



On New Year's Day
we hope to be hosting, as usual,
the **ICycle Ride.**



Normally the cyclists leave St Leonard's for their ride at about 11.30 in the morning and return to us for refreshments and certificates after completing the route.

Full details will be available on posters, but if you need information early please speak with Tom Fogg or Mike Bikhazi.

It is all concerned with improving and making safer the route for cyclists from Southminster to Burnham.

We're nearly into 2018

A note from the magazine distribution team.

As we begin to plan for 2018 we shall need to arrange for the correct number of monthly magazines to be printed each month. If you are a regular reader please will you let us know if you wish to continue receiving this magazine.

If it is delivered to you, please inform the person who delivers. If you collect it from the back of church when you come to a service, please fill in the 'order form' which will be placed near the wire rack by the church door.

We shall assume that 2018 will be the same as 2017 unless we hear to the contrary. Thank you for your support over the year(s). Your feedback is always welcomed.

Brenda Sheppard and Kath Dunstan

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, except for the Sundays closest to Christmas.

Details are given on pages 12 - 14

Special services are listed on page 9

(Light up a Life; Civic Carol Service; 9 Lessons & Carols)

Don't forget the Tree Festival : 16th - 17th December

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.

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



MESSY CHURCH is held monthly on Monday afternoons so the next one is Monday 4th December starting at 4pm (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 followed by **COMMON GROUND** (coffee & chat) See page 7

United Service for Elderly at Southminster Residential Home on Thursday 21st at 4pm

and at **Squeaks House** (contact Norman Pratt or Jacky Griffiths) on Wednesday 13th at 3.30pm

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