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What has the Lord God in store for us this month? *We wait patiently.*



MAY 2016

On You I wait all the day.

Psalm 25:5

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

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Details from
Brenda Sheppard
(See inside back cover.)

Reflections

On You I wait all the day. Ps. 25:5

I hope that you all had a very good Easter, and some time together as family to enjoy the celebration that the Easter brings. It is a wonderful time of the year when we can think about and appreciate what God has done for us in Jesus Christ. As a church we moved from the cheers of the crowd on Palm Sunday to the jeers of the crowd on Good Friday, and reflected on the misery of the cross and the sacrifice that Jesus made for us. Then on Easter Sunday the amazing, wonderful joy of the resurrection was evident as we gathered together to say our own “thank you” to God for the new life that Jesus has bought for us all. We now enter that period of waiting for Pentecost and the promises of the Holy Spirit anointing.

The Psalms of the Lent season give us some really good insight into the nature of God and His willingness and patience to bring us into good relationship with Him and with those around us:

Lead me in Your truth and teach me,
For You *are* the God of my salvation;
On You I wait all the day. Psalm 25:verses 4 & 5

Patience is one of the virtues that has been given to us as a gift from God; it mentions in Galatians 5: 22 that the “fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, patience, kindness etc. etc. (read it yourselves for more!) And the thought of patience is something that God is teaching us (Fiona and I) about at the moment. The problem is that we live in a culture of instant results. We send an email and expect a

speedy response; we go to the supermarket for our weekly groceries and are disappointed when they have run out of our favourite things; we want them now! We can talk to our relatives around the world on the computer, no longer using telegrams or letters, and all this means is that we get accustomed to obtaining what we want in an instant. The practice of waiting and anticipating the arrival of some goods or a letter no longer helps us to develop our patience. Even where God is concerned we ask Him and petition Him in our prayers and yet we want the answer now. Jesus says to his disciples in the upper room “Stay in the city until you have been clothed with power from on high” (Luke 24: 49)

If the disciples, who were with Jesus the Son of God, could not obtain the resources that they needed to carry out their ministry immediately, why should we expect anything different? God clearly wants us to be patient so that we can enjoy the gift of patience; how else are we going to practise the gifts unless we exercise them? Our prayers may not always be answered straight away – but they **are** heard!

Our requests to God are made on the understanding that He is God and will carry out His will in His time, which is always the best timing. Jesus did not say to the disciples that “...in 50 days there will be an outpouring of the Holy Spirit’ He said “wait until.....” Then the expectation on our part is that God may give today, he may give tomorrow; but He **will** give, it is in His nature. “God loved the world so much that he gave.....” As we wait on the Lord in our requests, may it be in patience and with faith in His absolute promises.

Peter

APCM

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

We began with the election of two churchwardens. Phil Richards and Paul Lucas agreed to continue their valuable service for another year.

We then proceeded with the Church Council part of the meeting, which included the election of deputy wardens. Dick Dulude and Pete Adams will continue this year.

Gratitude was expressed to all office holders for their hard work during the year. There were no major changes to roles for this year.

There were lots of reports to receive - many of which have been available in print for members to read in advance. Various points came up for discussion and were noted for the agenda of future PCC meetings.

Rev'd Peter and his wife, Fiona rejoiced at their first year with us and our gratitude to them was enthusiastically expressed. We look forward, prayerfully of course, to the coming year - its challenges and its blessings from the Lord.

New Informal Worship

**This will be at 6 pm in the church
on a Sunday in May (t.b.a.)**

Please feel free to come along.

This is not a planned liturgical service
but a time to worship, pray and listen to God.

We expect that this service will finish around 7.30pm.

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

Anne Churchill is always doing amazing things in support of people in need locally. As if that weren't enough, she will be doing something very difficult to raise money for the Alzheimer's Society. She has booked herself in for a sky dive on 6th August at 09.30. This will happen after just an hour's training.

Sponsor forms are at the back of church so please plan to be generous. The Alzheimer's Society works hard in many ways and several of us have been aware of their support. Thank you.

Editor



**Christian Aid Week needs our support.
The WEEK is from 15 - 21 May**

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

Meet your neighbour Morsheda

As Jesus explains in his parable of the Good Samaritan, our neighbours aren't just the people who live next door or down the street. Every one of us is a neighbour – loved by God and to be loved by his followers.

Morsheda comes from Bangladesh and has been suffering massive flooding. But a Christian Aid Home Safety Package could change her life. Just £250 is enough to raise her home above the floods and give her a goat, seeds and a wormery to produce compost so she can earn a long-term income, free from fear. Let's do what we can to help her and others.

Kath Dunstan

Desert Island Discs

Do you remember this radio programme where a person could choose which 8 records they would like to take if marooned on a desert island? This programme came to my mind when playing a CD I discovered on the Church bookstall by Susan Boyle called “The Gift” which I have been reluctant to return as yet as I play it all the time as it is the most amazing CD I’ve heard for a long time with a lot of Christian content. A huge thankyou to whoever gave it!



I have often found that when I’ve needed a physical or spiritual boost that God gives me a relevant book to read, a person to come alongside me, a message on Christian television or music to listen to that speaks into my situation. This was the case with the CD which was indeed a “Gift” from God as I have been doing a lot of driving visiting hospitals for a number of weeks and I play the CD in the car all the time.

I was looking at the scripture reading in Matthew 7 verse 11 where it says that our Father in heaven will give good gifts to those who ask Him (I’m sure this is only if our motives are right!), how true and even more amazing when He gives us gifts that we haven’t even asked for but He knows we need for a particular time! What an amazing, loving God we have.

I will return the CD (eventually!) and urge you all to borrow it and see if it gives you the pleasure it has given me and who knows you may find a little gem on the bookstall too which may help you when you need it most in perhaps a ‘Desert’ time.

Brenda Sheppard

Church Flowers

Kathy Pegg

Over the last year I have been acting as the Church Flowers Co-ordinator. I volunteered for this role as I felt the Lord was calling me to it and it has been such a joy to me. However, I know that the Lord may very well have someone else lined up to take over and so I see my part as a temporary one...but one that I am happy and privileged to do.

As I prayed about the flowers for this Easter I had a picture of the Cross and chains being burst apart and the words from Charles Wesley's hymn "My chains fell off, my heart was free. I rose, went forth and followed thee". This has been a rather difficult time for me and mine this year and I know that the Lord has carried us through it, so the words really spoke to me. The truth is that Jesus' death on the Cross broke all the chains that bind us up, chain us to the past, to fear, to despair. Christ's death and resurrection sets us free! It's one thing to know something with your head but it is so much deeper and profound when you actually experience it.



*Photos Ken
Dunstan*

I usually order the church flowers about a month before we need them but this year, because of all that was going on at home, I thought I'd arranged for someone else to order the Easter Lilies – the most important and significant part of decorating our church. On Easter Saturday, when the Flower Team were about to arrive, I found that there'd been a communication breakdown and the lilies hadn't been ordered. PANIC! Where could I get enough lilies to fill our church? Would I have to drive all round Essex to find some? What about the precious time the Flower Team ladies were giving up? I needed the lilies right then and I needed them to be ready to use (you usually have to prep lilies a few days beforehand to get the buds to open). But this is when the power of the Cross works best – when we can see no answer, when we beat ourselves up about getting things wrong or making mistakes – Our God is greater than anything of this world and Christ never lets us down! Trust in Him and you are set free!

So, a quick prayer, 'Lord HELP!'

A wise friend suggested Jacaranda in Burnham and even though I didn't think they'd have any, certainly not as many as we'd need, I set out in faith. Not only did they have the lilies, they were really helpful about how to get them to open and they gave the church a 10% discount and two extra stems! How Great is Our God! The Flower Team ladies each used what they needed to make their individual arrangements and we were all blessed by how it had all come together.



This is a truth, we give what we have and it's made so much more by God's grace. The ladies of the Flower Team use the same flowers and foliage yet each arrangement is unique. Much like us, God gives us the resources and we make of it what we will, unique and wonderful for His glory!



Monday 9th May

Guardians of the Earth

starts at 3.30 pm

Age range aimed especially for children at

Primary School with Parent or Carer

Bring all the family along and join in the fun!

Next one:

Monday 6th June

Guardians of Hope

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 15th May

July 3 10 17 24 31

August 7 14 21 28

Name

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

SANCTUARY FLOWERS:

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



See page 8 for some words from Kathy.

SPECIAL PERSON - SPECIAL DAY

Chelmsford Cathedral is holding a special Choral Evensong on 15 May at 3.30 pm to celebrate Her Majesty The Queen's 90th birthday. All are welcome.

PRAY FOR SOUTHMINSTER:

w/b	1 May	Central - East
w/b	8 May	Central - South
w/b	15 May	South - South-West
w/b	22 May	North - East
w/b	29 May	Central-North-West

ROTA FOR MAY 2016

Date **1 May**

Sixth Sunday of Easter

08.00 Holy Communion(BCP)

Col: White

Leader/President/Preacher

Rev'd Peter

Acts 16 : 9 - 15

Dick Dulude

John 14 : 23 - 29

Celebrant

Sidesman/ Communion Asst.

Tom Fogg

10.45 Holy Communion

Leader/Preacher

Rev'd Peter

Acts 16 : 9 - 15

Christine Morgan

John 14 : 23 - 29

Christine Morgan

Intercessions

Christine Lucas

Communion Assistants

Paul Lucas & Mike Bikhazi

Prayer Ministry Team

Christine Lucas & Fiona Begley

Projectionist

Sylvia Adams

Sidesperson

Gwyneth Iffland

Refreshments

Sally Culff & Tom Fogg

Thursday 5 May is ASCENSION DAY Details of service are overleaf.

Date **8 May**

Sunday after Ascension

08.00 Holy Communion (BCP)

Col: White

Leader/President/Preacher

Rev'd Ken Dunstan

Acts 16 : 16 - 34

Sheila Wright

John 17 : 20 - end

Celebrant

Sidesman/ Communion Asst.

Paul Lucas

10.45 Morning Worship

Leader/preacher

Norman Pratt

Acts 16 : 16 - 34

Jenny Pratt

John 17 : 20 - end

Jenny Pratt

Intercessions

Jacky Griffiths

Prayer Ministry Team

Jacky Griffiths & Tom Fogg

Projectionist

Christine Lucas

Sidesperson

Lynda Hedges

Refreshments

Paul & Christine Lucas

ROTA FOR MAY 2016

Date **15 May**

Pentecost Sunday

08.00 Holy Communion(BCP)

Col: Red

Leader/President/Preacher

Rev'd Peter

Acts 2 : 1 - 21

Sheila Nicholson

John 14 : 8 - 17

Celebrant

Sidesman/ Communion Asst.

Phil Richards

10.45 Holy Communion

Leader/President/Preacher

Rev'd Peter

Acts 2 : 1 - 21

Sylvia Adams

John 14 : 8 - 17

Sylvia Adams

Intercessions

Kath Dunstan

Communion Assistants

Jacky Griffiths & Tom Fogg

Prayer Ministry Team

Brenda Sheppard & Viv Perry

Projectionist

Christine Morgan

Sidesperson

Tom Fogg

Refreshments

Linda Payne & Margaret Curtis

CHRISTIAN AID WEEK STARTS TODAY

Date **22 May**

Trinity Sunday

08.00 Holy Communion

Col: White

Leader/President/Preacher

Rev'd Peter

Romans 5 : 1 - 5

Kathy Pegg

John 16 : 12 - 15

Celebrant

Sidesman/ Communion Asst.

Phil Richards

10.45 Morning Worship

Leader/Preacher

Rev'd Peter

Romans 5 : 1 - 5

Jacky Griffiths

John 16 : 12 - 15

Jacky Griffiths

Intercessions

Jenny Pratt

Prayer Ministry Team

Sylvia Adams & Jacky Griffiths

Projectionist

Mike Bikhazi

Sidesperson

Sylvia Adams

Refreshments

Paul & Christine Lucas

MAY SERVICES AT STEEPLE

Sunday	1 st	9.15 am	Family Service
Sunday	8 th	9.15 am	Holy Communion
Sunday	15 th	9.15 am	Morning Prayer
Sunday	22 nd	9.15 am	Holy Communion
Sunday	29 th	10.30 am	United Service at St Leonard's

St Leonard's Church Rota continued

Date **Thursday 5 May**

20.00 Holy Communion

Ascension Day

Col: White

Leader/President/Preacher

Rev'd Peter

Acts 1 : 1 - 11

Fiona Begley

Luke 24 : 44 - end

Fiona Begley

Intercessions

Rev'd Peter

Sidesman/ Communion Asst.

Wardens

Date **Sunday 29 May**

08.00 Holy Communion(BCP)

First Sunday after Trinity

Col: Green

Leader/President/Preacher

Rev'd Peter

Galatians 1 : 1 - 12

Warden

Luke 7 : 1 - 10

Celebrant

Sidesman/ Communion Asst.

Warden

10.30 United Morning Worship

Leader/Preacher

Galatians 1 : 1 - 12

t.b.a.

Luke 7 : 1 - 10

t.b.a.

Intercessions

Fiona Begley

Prayer Ministry

Tom Fogg & Fiona Begley

Projectionist

Sylvia Adams

Sidesperson

Jacky Griffiths

Refreshments

Bob & Viv Perry

**TODAY SEES THE VISIT OF THE BISHOP OF CHELMSFORD
TO SOUTHMINSTER. MEET HIM ON HIS TRAVELS.**

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 May dates are Fridays 13th & 27th

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

Working Parties happen on Saturdays, as required. See Paul Lucas or Phil Richards for details.

★ **CHURCH GROUNDS WORKING PARTY** ★
Next date is 14 May from 09.30 - 12.00

As many helpers as possible will be welcomed.
Appropriate refreshments will be available.

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

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

HOME GROUPS

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



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

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

Next one May 9th

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

What's On in the Local Area: May 2016

Arrangements in St Nicholas, Tillingham

Sunday 1st 10.00 am Sunday Morning Worship (Laity)

Wednesday 6th 9.15 am Morning Prayers (Laity)

Sunday 8th 10.00 am Holy Communion (t.b.a.)

Wednesday 13th 9.15 am Morning Prayers (Laity)

Sunday 15th 10.00 am Sunday Morning Worship (Laity)

Wednesday 20th 9.15 am Morning Prayers (Laity)

Sunday 22nd 10.00 am Sunday Morning Worship (Laity)

Wednesday 27th 9.15 am Morning Prayers (Laity)

Sunday 29th 10.00 am Service t.b.a.

Services for St James, Dengie

May 1st Holy Communion 8 am. *Rev. K. Dunstan.*

May 8th Evensong 3 pm (Laity)

May 15th No Service.

May 22nd. Evensong (Laity)

May 29th Evensong (Laity)

*All are welcome at
all these services.*

St Lawrence Newland Heritage Church

Annual Art Exhibition

Saturdays, Sundays & Bank Holidays 2 pm - 4.30 pm

from Saturday 21 May to Sunday 26 June

COMMUNITY EVENTS: Past and future

Southminster W.I.

May 3rd AGM - WIA Shirley Perkins

Resolutions - Sheila Wright

Competition - 5 Cheese Straws

THE COMMUNITY LUNCH CLUB

Mondays at 12.30 pm in

THE MEMORIAL HALL

Please book in by noon
on the previous Friday.

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



Olive Branch Opening Hours

Mon - Sat 10 am - 1 pm

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

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

See the café window for special events.

MEMORIAL HALL FORTNIGHTLY BINGO

Wednesdays 4th and 18th May at 8.00 pm

Bring your own drinks and nibbles.

Tea / coffee and scone will be available for £1.

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

Education, Education, Education! Harry Payne

An essential in getting by in today's world is an education. In parts of the world lack of education, particularly for girls, can be a recipe for disaster. Not everybody agrees of course, and there are elements who go out of their way, to keep education from lots of people. Malala Yousafzai experiences being a prime example. An education, at times, even quite a basic one, plus the ability to read can reduce the risk of slavery considerably. Linda and I have a friend Carol Metzker. I have known Carol for a number of years through Rotary. We met up with her in Sydney at the Rotary Convention of 2014. Carol is from Philadelphia and spoke to us enthusiastically about a project she was working on. It is coming to fruition at the present. The report below shows a little of the end game, basically proving that an education even though basic, can be sufficient to enable a group to stand against injustice. They will have the knowledge to argue against the injustices they and earlier generations of their families have lived with.

The ABC's of Freedom

by Carol Metzker

In 2010 and 2011, a few members of the Rotarian Action Group Against Child Slavery visited projects, sites and grassroots organizations—all helping survivors of modern slavery—in India. One of our biggest questions was how to reverse the cycle of illiteracy and poverty that leave people vulnerable to slavery—how to bring families out of exploitation and into freedom forever, thus preventing injustice, violence and exploitation of children and generations to come.

Over the past year-and-a-half, Rotarian Action Group members and others have provided moral and monetary support for the Rotary School4Freedom project. We've asked more questions and communicated with partners Voices4Freedom and MSEMVS. Thanks to donations totalling US \$36,000 from 12 individual Rotarians, 13 Rotary clubs, one Rotaract club and additional donors, the groundwork is laid to do the heavy work of freeing a village.

Fundraising is complete, the village to come out of slavery has been chosen, and assessments have been completed.

Information about the selected village:

* The hamlet is outside of Varanasi, in the state of Uttar Pradesh, India.

* Of the 400 villagers, 132 are in debt bondage slavery, working in slaveholders' brick kilns, farm and construction projects. Others are at risk of enslavement because of abject poverty, illiteracy and lack of knowledge of their human rights. That will change.

* Currently only two or three villagers are able to write their own name.

* 75 children will attend this School4Freedom. They will be their family's first generation to attend school.

In the next few months, a very basic school with roof and supports will be built. Our funds (\$36,000) will provide 2 teachers, school supplies and furnishings, plus hot lunches for students. A solar lamp will be installed to allow students to study at night, this will also help reduce snakebites and violence. Over the next three years, students will receive an education, women and youths will learn vocational skills to generate income, and adults will learn that they too have human rights. At the end of the process, the village will be organized to come out of debt, demand their own freedom and will have the strength, ability and stability to sustain it. Nothing holds them, just their debt, illiteracy and lack of education.

Come along and 'Rock with Laughter'
at The Tractor Shed Theatre, Latchingdon, Essex
Comedian Jimmy Cricket & Rich Clifford & The Young Once
on Saturday the 25th of June 2016.

Tickets £15 info@themaysband.co.uk Or call 779560
or from The Maldon District Tourist Information Centre.

Tel : 01621 – 856503 : TIC@maldon.gov.uk.

Evangelism and the Third Age - A course of 5 sessions exploring
the special role of Seniors in our Churches
in the work of Evangelism
(in the cathedral Chapter House)
led by Rev'd Canon Hugh Dibbens,
Evangelism Adviser for the Barking Episcopal Area

Report by Jacky Griffiths (Feb - March 2016)

Evangelism in an Age of Change

"The Church works best as a counter-cultural movement rather than a centre of secular power". It is the responsibility of Seniors to ensure that older people are not overlooked in the work of the Church, because younger people can often dismiss the value of their potential and experience. There has been a huge amount of change in the world since the second World War but what does not change is God, the Gospel message, people's needs and relationships. God is the great Evangelist! We should, all of us, ask God to show us His plans for our life. Seniors should not sit back but engage in Evangelism and Mission.

Christian Grand-parenting

Psalms 78:1-8 Teaching and handing on the good things of God.
Psalm 71:14-19. Psalm 89:1-2. Do we hide the Gospel? From children, from grandchildren? From children we come across in everyday life? Do we talk to each other about God and what He is doing in our lives? Think about our role as grandparents.

Inter-Generational Evangelism

Luke 1 and 2 - Zechariah and Elizabeth, Simeon and Anna. The Christmas Story is filled with older people - including Simeon and Anna. They placed Jesus in his position in the world; so much would have been lost without them. God has not abandoned his Church. A well-equipped Senior Team who proceed prayerfully can engage across the generations. Young people communicate through technology now, they multi-task. Do we prevent people coming to church by expecting them to be like us?

Shaping-up and Living Well

Matthew 28:16-20 - Go! John 15:4,5 - Stay connected.
Colossians 4:2-6 - Observe the ground rules. To live long and joyously, we need to live purposefully. Do we use the green channel, nothing to declare? Or do we use the red channel, declaring what we have, i.e. the Gospel? Use holidays as part of the 'Go'!

Stepping Out

Joshua 14:6-14 - Caleb said to Joshua that he was 85 years old and just as vigorous as 40 years before - he followed the Lord God wholeheartedly! Luke 10:1-9 - the harvest is plentiful. Job 14:7-9. John 7:37-39.

The elderly are God's gift to the Church at this time. Look at what we do. Give some things up?

PRAYER Prayerful Evangelism. Meet with others to work with, pray and reflect together - Evangel group. Where does God want us to go? Encourage each other with Bible teaching, doctrine, discipleship.

1 in 5 people are open to God. Who will go to them? Listening skills are critical - listen to people and to God. Say, "God Bless You" to 3 different people each week.

P A R I S H R E G I S T E R S

Funerals:

7th January; Gwendoline Annie Minett
7th January; Sherie Ann Maher
11th March; Gerald (Gerry) Arthur Wodhams.

Weddings:

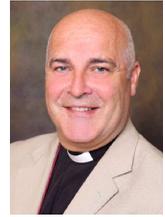
21st February Blessing of Marriage David & Jill French
(St. Lawrence Newland)
27th February Marriage Roy Burnett & Sheila Wade
(St. Lawrence Newland)

Baptisms:

28th February; Erin Carpenter
3rd April; Emily Abarno

Bishop's Visit on Sunday 29th May

He will arrive after visiting St Lawrence and proceed to Burnham after being with us.



Bishop Stephen wants to meet the people of Southminster - residents from all areas, but we have had to arrange a planned walk for him in a limited time. Just turn up and join the other people present - and chat with him as he walks, and as he hesitates in some places of course. Particular local groups are being asked to join him at 'appropriate places' for them, but here is the plan anyway. The timings may change but the start and finish are fixed!

11.45 West roundabout near Barley Meadows He will be guided up the bypass to **Seasons Wood** (just glance here unless he wants to brave the wood) the **Orchards** and across **Neall's Meadow** to the **Play Area**. He will cross the **rugby / football pitches** to the bottom of **Lavender Drive** and then walk past the **allotments**. The footpath will lead him to the High Street opposite **Chapman's Store**, where he will turn right to hesitate (at about **12.15**) **near the Village Sign**. He will walk down the High Street with possible brief hesitations outside the restaurants and near the church (United service will have finished by noon).

At 12.30 He will start to walk down Station Road past the **Residential Home** to the **King George V Field** where he hopes to meet people who frequent that area - and people from the Industrial Estate and residents from near the Station.

The Bishop will then walk back past the rear side of the Primary School through the churchyard to **the Memorial Hall for Lunch at 13.20**. The Bishop will leave the Hall before **14.00** to walk down Burnham Road past the **School** and **leave Southminster on special transport from South roundabout at 14.15** in order to arrive at **Mangapps Farm by 14.30**.

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 9th May**

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

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

THIS MONTH at St Leonard's

Thursday 5th : Ascension Day 8pm Holy Communion

Saturday 14th: Churchyard Working Party (*See page 15*)

Sunday 29th : Visit of the Rt Rev'd Stephen Cottrell, Bishop of Chelmsford to the streets of Southminster (*See page 22*)

Sunday services follow our normal pattern. (*See pp 12-13*)

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

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

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

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

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