



# Inspire

**August 2018**

Dear Friends,

I wonder what your favourite stories were as a child? In recent years storytelling has seen something of a resurgence and children and young people today have a wonderful variety of stories and means of hearing them to choose from.

In the first week of August we are holding our annual children's Holiday club 'Showstoppers'. Through the material we will explore God's work in creation and humankind's rebellion, through to the life of Jesus and his resurrection.



Today the task of passing on God's story to the next generation is more important than ever. In the Old Testament Psalm 78 retells the story of God's working in the lives of the Israelites, from their slavery in Egypt to his faithful servant David through some five centuries.

It is a story of a God who is faithful and who acts and speaks to his people.

But this Psalm is not a mere historical ramble. Nor is it a history lesson in the normal sense, the introduction makes this clear. The psalmist's reflection states that it is a matter of discovering things hidden, proverbs and riddles, that require interpretation and understanding.

The Psalmist's aim is to challenge successive generations who read these words to grasp the ever-fresh truths that they should *put their trust in God*, and *not forget his deeds*, but *keep his commands*.

Back in the book of Exodus, God's people were encouraged to pass on the stories of God's working in their lives to the next generation. Psalm 78 encourages us to do the same...

*'We will not hide them from their descendants; we will tell the next generation the praiseworthy deeds of the LORD, his power, and the wonders he has done.'*

*Psalm 78:4*

As I look back on my life I am grateful for those who told me the story of Jesus Christ and his saving act of love upon the cross, so that I could hear of his great love and provision.

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As I look forward to Holiday club with eager anticipation, I am trusting God for what he will do through us. God has given us the means, but we need him to take our words and conversations so that His love and power can be revealed to the next generation.

With love and prayers,

Revd Matt Houghton  
*Assistant Curate, Gt. Baddow team*

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## **‘There But Not There’**

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This is the 2018 Armistice project for the Charity Remembered which has the following aims:

- To inspire communities to purchase and install silhouettes of their local Fallen for the Armistice Period in 2018.
- To educate all generations about why they made the ultimate sacrifice.
- To raise very substantial funds to help heal those suffering from the hidden wounds of war through the sale of the commemorative ‘Tommies’.



It is proposed that St Mary's buys a number of Silhouettes of 'Tommies' (at least 10) which are life-sized and may be fixed to chairs.

They will commemorate the men from Great Baddow remembered in the church and in the graveyard, who gave their lives in World War I.

They will be placed around St Mary's in the period before Remembrance Sunday with details of the individual soldier's service.

They will be a very powerful reminder of those men who did not return.

It is proposed that local schools will be invited into St Mary's for Services to remember these men.

The seated silhouettes cost £42 each. They will also be available for use in future years around the time of Remembrance Sunday.

Donations of £200 towards the cost of 5 silhouettes have already been received.

The PCC has agreed to underwrite the purchase costs, but it is hoped that members of the church family may be willing to donate towards the cost of the silhouettes.

If you are willing to donate, please pass your donations to John Ansell, Treasurer or to Stephen Foakes.

For further information about this charity, please visit:  
[www.therebutnotthere.org.uk](http://www.therebutnotthere.org.uk) or speak to Stephen Foakes.

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## Philip's Study Leave

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A reminder that our Team Rector Philip will be on study leave during the autumn. Philip will be away from his parish responsibilities between **17<sup>th</sup> August and 12<sup>th</sup> November** and will be in Kenya from **8<sup>th</sup> October to 5<sup>th</sup> November**.

During this time our Churchwardens Kay and Richard will be responsible for matters relating the parish, our Associate Minister Sue will be overseeing worship and pastoral matters, while Team Vicar Tim Ball will be holding the brief for the wider team ministry.

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## Congratulations!

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Congratulations to Joel Gowen following his appointment as Chief Executive and Diocesan Secretary for the Chelmsford Diocese. Joel has been serving as Director of Church Planting Projects since last summer and now takes over from John Ball in this pivotal role in the diocese. Please pray for Joel, Kate, Rose and Sam over the coming months as Joel prepares to take on his new responsibilities on 1<sup>st</sup> October.



**Congratulations** also to Muriel and Nigel Clifford who celebrated their Golden Wedding anniversary in July and to Tim and Sheila Pigrem who will be celebrating their Golden Wedding anniversary in August.

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## Ordination Training

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Steve and Beth Finch will be moving to Oak Hill Theological College in the summer where Steve will begin his training for ordination and Alex Podd will be starting her ordination training at Trinity College Bristol at the same time.

Please pray for them and for all those beginning training this summer that they would continue the journey of formation and training for the ministries to which God has called them.



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## Home Communion Assistants

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At the July PCC the following members of St. Mary's were approved to join our Home Communion team: Marion Angold; Lynsey Crisp, Fiona Scott and Anne Worley.

Please pray for them and the rest of our team involved in this important ministry amongst those who are unable to join us in worship at St. Mary's but are still a very important part of our church family.

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## MAC

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Mid Africa Concern (MAC) are in urgent need of the following lightweight clothing for children, especially girls 2-10yrs to pack and send to Uganda:

- T-shirts,
- Shorts,
- Dresses,
- Skirts
- Crocs.

They also need girls and ladies underpants, all ages.

Please contact Kari Speed-Andrews on 01245 225969 if you can help. Thank you.



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## September Dates for your Diaries

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**Tuesday 4<sup>th</sup> September** – 9.00am Meditation group re-starts in the Prayer Chapel.

**Saturday 8<sup>th</sup> September** – 'Ride and Stride' event (see article)

**Monday 10<sup>th</sup> September** – 8.30am Morning Prayer re-starts in the Prayer Chapel  
- 7.00pm Prayer for the Church & the World re-starts

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## Day of Prayer Ministry

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On **Saturday 8<sup>th</sup> December** we will be holding a day on prayer ministry led by the Christian Healing Mission.

This is a Great Baddow Team day and anyone who would be interested in coming along is welcome.

The day is particularly for those involved in prayer ministry in our three churches and will help us to reflect on how we develop this important area of ministry.

Please put the date in your diary and there will be further information nearer the time.

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# Tiny Church

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**Tiny Church is moving to meeting FORTNIGHTLY from September 13<sup>th</sup>!**

For pre-school children, our first fortnightly meeting for the Autumn Term will be on **Thursday 13<sup>th</sup> September** in the Church Centre between 1.45pm and 2.45pm for a time of singing, Bible story, craft activity and refreshments all aimed at pre-school children.

If you would like to find out more about coming along or helping, please speak to Sue Finch (473143) or Kirsty Houghton (475724).

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## Ride and Stride

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**Saturday 8<sup>th</sup> September - A Note for your diaries!**

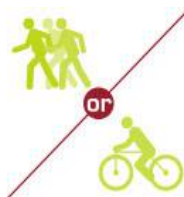
“Ride and Stride” is an event in aid of Friends of Essex Churches which involves walking or cycling to as many Churches as possible in Essex on a sponsored basis.

Half of the funds raised by members of our Church come back to St Mary’s to pay for repairs and maintenance. The other half goes to the Friends to help other Churches in Essex.

It doesn’t matter how many Churches you visit as long as you get plenty of sponsorship money!

We hope that as many people as possible will get on their bikes or on their feet to take part in 2018.

Please note the date in your diaries and, although it is just over a month away, please start getting sponsors lined up.



Stephen Foakes is coordinating “Ride and Stride” for St Mary’s. He will have sponsorship forms available and is very happy to answer any questions about the event.

For further information and sponsorship forms, contact Stephen on:

Tel: 01245 603292

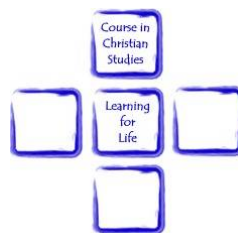
Email: [Stephen\\_foakes@btinternet.com](mailto:Stephen_foakes@btinternet.com)

# Course in Christian Studies

The Course in Christian Studies is a two-year course exploring the Christian Faith with others, delivered weekly in local centres around the diocese. CCS has a foundational first year and a more flexible second year and leads to the Bishop's Certificate.

Since it began in 1987, over 2500 lay people from Essex and N.E. London have joined the Course in Christian Studies.

What has it given them? What could it give you?



- The **excitement** of discovery and learning together: members bring their own varied stories and experiences and share them, finding new truth in themselves and in each other through lively discussion.
- **Knowledge** of the Bible and of the huge riches of Christian tradition, nurtured by tutors and textbooks, and whetting members' appetite for more knowledge - but not providing all the answers.
- **Delight** in that biblical and Christian tradition, finding in it a field for imaginative and practical exploration, for wonder and worship and decision.
- Constructive **Reflection** on the Bible and tradition and on the contemporary world: The Course does not shirk the hard questions posed by the Church's history or by believing in God and seeking peace and justice today.
- **Spiritual Formation** of both the local group and its individual members: the Course does not set out to convert or evangelise, but it is concerned with the whole life of prayer and activity and relationships - not just with the mind.
- For those who desire it, the Course also provides a **foundation** for further education or training. This could be other local courses; it could be a degree or diploma. Or it could be training for a specific ministry in the Church including the ministry of: Reader, Pastoral Assistant, Lay Evangelist or Priest.

**There are two ways in which you can take the CCS:** in local, face-to-face groups or online in an interactive, password-protected group.

Interested?

You can find out more from students and tutors at a taster event for Chelmsford which will be held in the Diocesan Office **Wednesday 18th July** 10.00am – 12.00 noon. Other event dates are detailed on the poster at the back of church.

Please visit: <http://www.chelmsford.anglican.org/discipleship/online-ccs> for more details.

For further information contact: Diane Hardy, Administrator, Course in Christian Studies, Diocesan Office, 53 New Street, Chelmsford, CM1 1AT

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# Church Diary for August

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| Wednesday 1 <sup>st</sup>  | 9.30am  | 'Showstoppers' Holiday Club                 |
|  | 10:00am | Coffee Pot in Bell Street Hall              |
|  |         | <b>NO Holy Communion</b>                    |
| Thursday 2 <sup>nd</sup>   | 9.30am  | 'Showstoppers' Holiday Club                 |
| Friday 3 <sup>rd</sup>   | 9.30am  | 'Showstoppers' Holiday Club                 |
|  | 7.00pm  | Bellringing in Church                       |
| <b>Sunday 5<sup>th</sup> August – The Tenth Sunday after Trinity</b>       |         |   |
|  | 8.00am  | Holy Communion                              |
|  | 10.00am | 'Showstoppers' Holiday Club Closing Service |
|  | 6.30pm  | Meditative Holy Communion                   |
| Monday 6 <sup>th</sup>   | 10.00am | MAC pack in Bell St Hall                    |
| Tuesday 7 <sup>th</sup>  | 8:30am  | Morning Prayer in Prayer Chapel             |
|  | 9:30am  | Meditation Group in Prayer Chapel           |
| Wednesday 8 <sup>th</sup>  | 8:30am  | Morning Prayer in Prayer Chapel             |
|  | 10:00am | Holy Communion                              |
|  | 10:00am | Coffee Pot in Bell Street Hall              |
| Thursday 9 <sup>th</sup>   | 11:30am | Church Open until 2:00pm                    |
| Friday 10 <sup>th</sup>  | 11.30am | Church Open until 2:00pm                    |
| <b>Sunday 12<sup>th</sup> August – The Eleventh Sunday after Trinity</b>   |         |   |
|  | 8.00am  | Holy Communion                              |
|  | 10.00am | Morning Praise                              |
|  | 6.30pm  | Meditative Communion                        |
| Monday 13 <sup>th</sup>  | 1.30pm  | Funeral of Terence Meredith in Church       |
| Wednesday 15 <sup>th</sup>   | 10:00am | Holy Communion                              |
|  | 10:00am | Coffee Pot in Bell Street Hall              |
| Thursday 16 <sup>th</sup>  | 11.30am | Church Open until 2.00pm                    |
| Friday 17 <sup>th</sup>  | 11.30am | Church Open until 2.00pm                    |
| <b>Sunday 19<sup>th</sup> August – The Twelfth Sunday after Trinity</b>    |         |   |
|  | 8.00am  | Holy Communion                              |
|  | 10.00am | Holy Communion                              |
|  | 6.30pm  | Meditative Service                          |
| Weds 22 <sup>nd</sup>  | 10:00am | Holy Communion                              |
|  | 10:00am | Coffee Pot in Bell Street Hall              |
| Thursday 23 <sup>rd</sup>  | 11:30am | Church Open until 2:00pm                    |
| Friday 24 <sup>th</sup>  | 11.30am | Church Open until 2.00pm                    |
| <b>Sunday 26<sup>th</sup> August – The Thirteenth Sunday after Trinity</b> |         |   |
|  | 8.00am  | Holy Communion                              |
|  | 10.00am | Family Service with baptisms                |
|  | 6.30pm  | Meditative Holy Communion                   |
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| Wednesday 29 <sup>th</sup> | 10:00am | Holy Communion                 |
|                            | 10:00am | Coffee Pot in Bell Street Hall |
| Thursday 30 <sup>th</sup>  | 11.30am | Church Open until 2.00pm       |
| Friday 31 <sup>st</sup>    | 11.30am | Church Open until 2.00pm       |

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## Chelmsford Heritage Open Days

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Heritage Open Days is an annual festival organised through The National Trust celebrating the nation's heritage and culture and across the country over 4,500 free events take place highlighting all the wonderful places and stories on our doorstep.



This biggest free festival runs **6<sup>th</sup> – 9<sup>th</sup> September 2018**.

On **Saturday 8<sup>th</sup> September** in conjunction with Ride and Stride (see article), St Mary's Church will also be open from 10.00am – 4.00pm as part of this national festival, to all visitors who may wish to come in and look around St Mary's Church.

Go to <https://www.nationaltrust.org.uk/features/heritage-open-days-2018> and see what other venues are open for free during this period.

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## The Church Office

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### Hours of Opening:

Monday, Tuesday and Thursday: 9:30am to 12:30pm, 1:45pm to 3:00pm  
 Wednesday & Friday 9:30am to 12:30pm  
 Tuesday evenings 7:00pm to 8:00pm

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