



# Inspire

**October 2018**

Dear friends,

*The heavens declare the glory of God; the skies proclaim the work of his hands.  
Psalm 19:1*

Autumn is one of my favourite times of year. The changing colours of the leaves on trees, the richness of variety in plants and trees speak of the care of a creator and one who has designed good things. Harvest is a time for celebrating the goodness of the land and this reminds us of the need to give thanks and not take the food we eat for granted.

But in recent years there have been worrying signs that all is not well in our climate. The summer heatwave we experienced back in June and July and scenes of plastic filling the oceans reminds us of the fragility of our world and the responsibility on human beings to care for it.

The Church of England's fifth mark of mission is 'to strive to safeguard the integrity of creation and sustain and renew the life of the earth.' This is the 'Season of Creation', the period in the annual church calendar dedicated to affirming God as Creator and sustainer of all life.



In the Bible, from the book of Genesis and the creation of the world there is a clear command to be good stewards of the resources God has given us. The Israelites are to look after the land, which is a gift and not to abuse it, but later in the Bible there is a recognition of the brokenness of creation and the guilt of mankind (Jeremiah 4, Romans 8:19-22).

Paul (the writer of Romans in the New Testament) points to Jesus Christ who paid once and for all on the cross the cost for the brokenness of our world. This amazing act of love looks forward to the day when God will free the created world from this bondage to decay, bringing it into glorious freedom.

The Bible assures us of God's good plan for us as individuals and for his whole world, Isaiah 65:17-21 and Revelation 21 speak of God creating a new heaven and new earth when Christ returns.

In the meantime, while we eagerly await his return, we are tasked to play our part in caring for and sustaining our world. As we consider the impact the resources we consume have on the environment and our neighbours around the world, let's all do our bit, so the fruits of God's good world can be enjoyed for generations to come!

*Revd Matt Houghton, Assistant Curate, Great Baddow team*

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## Mission Focus: CHESSE

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### **CHESSE Homeless** ***Opening Doors to Independence***

CHESSE Homeless seeks to relieve homelessness and related hardship amongst single homeless adults in Chelmsford and Essex, through the provision of support services and temporary accommodation that helps them move on in their lives.

With increasing numbers of homeless people in our local community some of whom are living on the streets, it is vital that we can continue to provide the necessary housing and support.

Everyone's story for becoming homeless is very different and there are many contributing factors as to why this may happen. Many individuals have a range of complex needs and may have come from chaotic backgrounds, often stemming back to childhood from abuse and resulting in mental health and/or addictions. This can then lead to trauma which has a knock-on effect on the way that someone functions in society. Relationship breakdowns and loss of employment is another factor.

In 2016 CHESSE purchased a new facility, the Hub on New London Road and during 2017 we started renovating this project to turn it into a new 9-bedroom night shelter, including confidential therapy rooms, hygiene facilities and a therapeutic green space. This facility is now operational and has become the Hub for CHESSE's support services, training, administrative operations and employment with our Social Enterprise Wingspan Works. By bringing these activities under one roof CHESSE provides an end to end service of support and training to assist clients from the streets to independent living.

CHESSE can accommodate up to 32 individuals at any given time throughout the charity's night shelter, annex and move on properties.

The charity also offers an outreach service to those who are rough sleeping in the areas of Chelmsford, Maldon and Epping Forest District.

Wingspan Works provides short term work opportunities for those who have either been through the CHESSE Programme of Change, those who have been long term unemployed and those who may have been through the judicial system. Wingspan Works undertakes small building projects, landscape gardening, tree felling, fencing and patios. The enterprise gives those individuals the opportunity of gaining new skills and experience to enhance their CV for further long- term employment opportunities.

For further information on Wingspan Works visit [www.wingspan.works](http://www.wingspan.works) or contact the CHESSE office. Further information about the charity can be obtained from our website: [www.chesshomeless.org](http://www.chesshomeless.org)

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## Admission of children to Communion

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We are offering an Admission to Communion course for children of Junior School age or above for them to take their first Communion in the 10am service on **2<sup>nd</sup> December**.

This is an important step in your child's faith journey and we will seek to explore with them about Communion and its significance within their Christian journey.

Whilst Communion is in part a mystery to us all, we would ask that children be old enough to have some understanding of the importance of this step and that they have a child's faith of their own.

The course will be run over 4 sessions on a Tuesday evening between 6pm and 7pm in the Prayer Chapel in St Mary's Church.

The dates are **30<sup>th</sup> October, 6<sup>th</sup>, 13<sup>th</sup> and 20<sup>th</sup> November** and Sue will be leading the course.

It is important for the child to attend all 4 sessions.

If you feel that your child is ready to take this step in their journey of faith, please speak to Sue.

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## Prisons Week 14<sup>th</sup> – 20<sup>th</sup> October

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**PRISONS WEEK - A WEEK OF PRAYER: 14<sup>th</sup> - 20<sup>th</sup> OCTOBER 2018**

**Prisons Week prayer leaflets** with prayer topics for each day of the week are now available in church.

Each day of the week, a new prayer brings into focus a different group affected by prison or criminal justice. Churches and individuals are also asked to reflect on what they might do or offer as part of their response, through the range of Christian agencies and charities involved in supporting Prisons Week.

### ***The Prisons Week Prayer***

*Lord, you offer freedom to all people. We pray for those in prison. Break the bonds of fear and isolation that exist. Support with your love prisoners and their families and friends, prison staff and all who care. Heal those who have been wounded by the actions of others, especially the victims of crime. Help us to forgive one another, to act justly, love mercy and walk humbly together with Christ in his strength and in his Spirit, now and every day.*

*Amen.*

***There are several Christian organisations that minister to prisoners and their families and more information is available at the following websites:***

<http://prisonswweek.org/>

<http://www.daylightcpt.org/>

<http://www.prisonfellowship.org.uk/>

<https://caringforexoffenders.org/>

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## Tiny Church

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Tiny Church is now meeting **FORTNIGHTLY!**

For pre-school children, our fortnightly meetings in October will be  
**Thursdays 11<sup>th</sup> and 25<sup>th</sup> October**  
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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## Breakfast & Bibles

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Bibles & Babies have reformed to **Breakfast & Bibles**.

Meeting fortnightly in October on **Mondays 8<sup>th</sup> and 29<sup>th</sup> October**.  
9.30 – 11.30am

A very informal group for women, meeting in each other's homes  
to share breakfast together and study the Bible.

Children are very welcome and lots of toys are available to share.  
No previous Bible knowledge necessary.

Please ring Dot Cumming for further information and meeting venue on: 07971  
808170. We look forward to welcoming you.



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## Philip's Study Leave

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A reminder that our Team Rector Philip is currently on study leave and will be away  
from his parish responsibilities until **12<sup>th</sup> November**.

Philip will be in Kenya from **8<sup>th</sup> October to 5<sup>th</sup> November**. Please continue to pray for  
Philip and Kate, Kristin and Daniel during this time.

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

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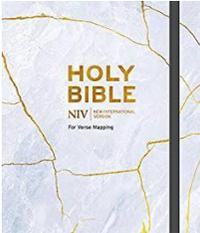
## Bible Sunday

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Have you invested in a new Bible lately?  
There are so many choices and ways of reading the Bible, eBooks, Apps and of course the traditional printed form



If you like to make notes, consider a journaling Bible which has wide margins for your own thoughts and ideas. The latest Journaling Bible includes Verse Mapping.



A study Bible is great for delving deeper into passages and there are small compact Bibles you can pop in your bag.

If you have a long car journey or commute you can have David Suchet read The Bible via CD in his beautiful actor's voice.

For children there are so many beautiful Bibles for young children as well as Manga Bibles and Bibles for Minecrafters and the Comic Hero Bible.

There is a Bible for everyone so why not discover which one is just right for you?

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## Farewell to Revd Andy Finn

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Revd Andy Finn will be installed as Vicar of St. Simons Southsea, Portsmouth sometime in the Autumn.

His last day with us will be **Sunday 21st October** and his last service will be at **5pm at Meadgate Church, Parade** where he will preach. We are making that his valedictory service where we can say goodbye to him and Tamar properly.

Please put the date and time in your diaries and try and make an effort to be there to send them off well. *Tim Ball*

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## Glitter & Glo

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**Saturday 27<sup>th</sup> October 5.30pm – 8.30pm St Mary's Church**

**Doors open at 5.15pm**

**Admission is by advance ticket only - £2.00 per child.**

Tickets are now available from the Church Office or after the 10am Sunday morning services.



**Praise and Worship for all ages.**

**Fun Time**

Catch a donut, bob an apple, ice a biscuit, craft and kid's cocktail bar!

A great way for all ages to celebrate together!

**Film: Paddington 2 (rated PG).**

Everyone is welcome to stay but children under 7 must be accompanied by an adult.

(Drinks and sweets will be available during the film)

**Please DO NOT come in Halloween costumes.**

**Wear bright colours, glitter, sparkle and funky hair styles. Come and join the fun as an alternative to Halloween for all the family.**

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## Forthcoming Dates for your Diary

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**Saturday 17<sup>th</sup> October\* - Women's Prayer Breakfast**  
9am -10.30am in Church.

We will meet together for a wonderful continental breakfast, with lots of coffee, as well as the opportunity to meditate quietly at a prayer station, to pray alone, or in groups.

Please contact Kate Gowen on 472112 for any further details.



**Saturday 24<sup>th</sup> October\* – Men's Prayer Breakfast**  
9am – 10am in Church.

For further details please contact Steve Scott:

[steviefionascott@yahoo.com](mailto:steviefionascott@yahoo.com) or telephone: 01245 473419

**\*Please note: Prayer Breakfast dates are now in November. See next month's Inspire for details.**

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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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## Church Diary for October 2018

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Monday 1 <sup>st</sup>	8.30am	Morning Prayer in Prayer Chapel
	10.00am	MAC group parcel pack in Bell St Hall
	7:00pm	Prayer meeting for the church and the world
	8.00pm	MLT meeting at Matt & Kirsty's
Tuesday 2 <sup>nd</sup>	8.30am	Morning Prayer in Prayer Chapel
	9.30am	Meditation Group in Prayer Chapel
Wednesday 3 <sup>rd</sup>	8.30am	Morning Prayer in Prayer Chapel
	10:00am	Holy Communion
	10.00am	Coffee Pot in Bell Street Hall
	11.30am	Funeral of Constance Berry in Church
Thursday 4 <sup>th</sup>	7.30pm	Crossfire Social in Church
	8:30am	Morning Prayer in Prayer Chapel
	10.00am	Café Club in Church
	11.30am	Church open until 2.00pm
Friday 5 <sup>th</sup>	11.00am	Church Open until 12.15pm
	5.30pm	Cool Connections Club night in Church Centre
	7.00pm	Bellringing practice (silent) in church

<b>Sunday 7<sup>th</sup> October – The Eighteenth Sunday after Trinity</b>		
	8.00am	Holy Communion
	10.00am	Holy Communion
	6.30pm	Annual Memorial & Thanksgiving Service
	6.30pm	Pathfinders meet in Bell St Hall
Monday 8 <sup>th</sup>	8.30am	Morning Prayer in Prayer Chapel
	9.30am	Breakfast & Bibles. Tel: Dot Cumming for venue
	7:00pm	Prayer meeting for the church and the world
	8.00pm	Standing Committee meeting
Tuesday 9 <sup>th</sup>	8.30am	Morning Prayer in Prayer Chapel
	9.30am	Meditation Group in Prayer Chapel
	2.00pm	Visiting Bellringers until 3pm
	7.30pm	Wedding rehearsal in Church
Wednesday 10 <sup>th</sup>	8.30am	Morning Prayer in Prayer Chapel
	10:00am	Holy Communion
	10:00am	Coffee Pot in Bell Street Hall
	12.30om	Funeral of Ruth Cherry at Chelmsford Crematorium
	7.30pm	Crossfire meet at Ben & Nicki's
Thursday 11 <sup>th</sup>	8.30am	Morning Prayer in Prayer Chapel
	11.30am	Church open until 2.00pm
	1.45pm	Tiny Church in Church Centre
Friday 12 <sup>th</sup>	11:30am	Church open until 2.00pm
	1.00pm	Wedding of Scott Parry & Aimee Bennett in Church
	7.00pm	Bellringing in Church
<b>Sunday 14<sup>th</sup> October – The Nineteenth Sunday after Trinity</b>		
	8.00am	Holy Communion
	10.00am	Morning Praise with Mission Focus on CHES
	6.30pm	Encounter...with Holy Communion
	6.30pm	Pathfinders meet in Bell St Hall
Monday 15 <sup>th</sup>	8.30am	Morning Prayer in Prayer Chapel
	7:00pm	Prayer meeting for the church and the world
Tuesday 16 <sup>th</sup>	8.30am	Morning Prayer in Prayer Chapel
	9.30am	Meditation Group in Prayer Chapel
	7.30pm	Book Club in Church
Wednesday 17 <sup>th</sup>	8.30am	Morning Prayer in Prayer Chapel
	10:00am	Holy Communion
	10:00am	Coffee Pot in Bell Street Hall
	7.30pm	Crossfire meet at Ben & Nicki's
Thursday 18 <sup>th</sup>	8.30am	Morning Prayer in Prayer Chapel
	10.00am	Café Club in Church
	11:30am	Church Open until 2:00pm
Friday 19 <sup>th</sup>	11:30am	Church open until 2.00pm
	7.00pm	Bellringing (silent) practice in Church
	7.45pm	Choir Practice in Church

<b>Sunday 21<sup>st</sup> October – The Twentieth Sunday after Trinity</b>		
	8.00am	Holy Communion
	10.00am	Holy Communion
	5.00pm	Farewell Service to Revd Andy Finn at Meadgate Church, Parade
	6.30pm	Encounter...
Monday 22 <sup>nd</sup>	8.30am	Morning Prayer in Prayer Chapel
	7:00pm	Prayer meeting for the church and the world
Tuesday 23 <sup>rd</sup>	8.30am	Morning Prayer in Prayer Chapel
	9.30am	Meditation Group in Prayer Chapel
Wednesday 24 <sup>th</sup>	8.30am	Morning Prayer in Prayer Chapel
	10:00am	Holy Communion
	10:00am	Coffee Pot in Bell Street Hall
Thursday 25 <sup>th</sup>	8.30am	Morning Prayer in Prayer Chapel
	11:30am	Church Open until 2:00pm
	1.45pm	Tiny Church in Church Centre
Friday 26 <sup>th</sup>	11:30am	Church Open until 12.30pm
	7.00pm	Bellringing (silent) practice in Church
Saturday 27 <sup>th</sup>	5.00pm	Glitter & Glo in Church
<b>Sunday 28<sup>th</sup> October – The Twenty-first Sunday after Trinity</b>		
	8.00am	Holy Communion
	10.00am	Family Service with Baptism
	6.30pm	Encounter...with Holy Communion
	6.30pm	Pathfinders meet in Bell St Hall
Monday 29 <sup>th</sup>	8.30am	Morning Prayer in Prayer Chapel
	9.30am	Breakfast & Bibles. Tel: Dot Cumming for venue
	11.00am	Little Spring Wonders Day Nursery in Church
	7:00pm	Prayer meeting for the church and the world
Tuesday 30 <sup>th</sup>	8.30am	Morning Prayer in Prayer Chapel
	9.30am	Meditation Group in Prayer Chapel
	6.00pm	Admission to Communion Group in Church
Wednesday 31 <sup>st</sup>	8.30am	Morning Prayer in Prayer Chapel
	10:00am	Holy Communion
	10:00am	Coffee Pot in Bell Street Hall
	7.30pm	Crossfire meet at Ben & Nicki's

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## **The Church Office**

### **Hours of Opening:**

Monday, Tuesday and Thursday:

Wednesday & Friday

Tuesday evenings

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9:30am to 12:30pm, 1:45pm to 3:00pm

9:30am to 12:30pm

7:00pm to 8:00pm (wedding applications only)

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