



Inspire

March 2019

Dear sisters and brothers,

I wonder how you first heard about Jesus and the Christian faith? In my case it was from my parents who not only spoke about the love of Jesus but also demonstrated it in their lives. Each of us will have our own particular story to tell about our faith and for some of us it may have been a long journey while for others a sudden realisation. A verse that has always struck me when thinking about how we become followers of Jesus comes from Romans 10:14

'how are they to call on one in whom they have not believed? And how are they to believe in one of whom they have never heard? And how are they to hear without someone to proclaim him?'

Put more succinctly, how can people believe in Jesus if they have never heard about him and no one has told them about him? This was one of the Bible verses that first inspired me to get involved with sharing my faith with others as a teenager, then as an evangelist and now as a minister.

Sharing our faith can seem a daunting task and it is, but it is also an awesome privilege and we have some fantastic resources to help us as Christians and as the Church in obeying Jesus command to share our faith in him with others. One particular resource is The Alpha Course and it may be that some of you reading this piece became followers of Jesus with the help of this course in the past. After Easter we are going to be running an Alpha course on Sunday evenings during May and June in place of our normal pattern of Encounter services. This is not just for those involved with Encounter but for all of us at St Mary's to take the opportunity to invite someone else to discover the amazing love of God made known through his Son the Lord Jesus Christ.

There will be more details about Alpha in the coming weeks but for now there are three simple things I would invite you to pray about and act on:



- **Bring** – pray about who you might invite along to Alpha and be willing to come with them.
- **Serve** – is there a way you might help in running the Alpha course, we will need a good team of helpers to make it as helpful an experience as possible for our guests?
- **Pray** – pray for the different aspects of running Alpha and for all those who will be taking part.

Let us give thanks for those who took the time to share with us the good news about Jesus and let us be encouraged by them to share that good news with others.

With love and prayers
Philip, Team Rector

Renewal of St Mary's Electoral Roll 2019

The Church Electoral Roll is the parish church's register of electors or voting members; it is the list of those qualified to attend and to vote at the Annual Parochial Church Meeting.

As advised previously the Electoral Roll is completely renewed every six years and the next renewal will next take place in **March of 2019**.

Electoral Roll



Belong



Participate



Contribute

In any year of renewal, no names are carried over from the old roll and everyone must make a new application to be included on the new roll - inclusion is not automatic. Similarly, new people can also apply during this period.

All persons apply by filling out an application for enrolment form. These forms are available at the back of church or from the church office and must be returned by 31st March 2019 so that the new Roll can be published.

There will be a box in the Welcome Corner for the collection of the forms. Should you have any questions regarding the Electoral Roll please speak with the Rector, Church Wardens or myself.

Neil McLean, Electoral Roll Officer (tel: 07342045460)

Tiny Church

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Tiny Church meeting FORTNIGHTLY!

For pre-school children, our fortnightly meetings in March will be:

Thursdays 14th and 28th March 2019

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).

The Big Pancake Party



Tuesday 5th March at St. Mary's Gt. Baddow
Diocese of Chelmsford

Pancake Party

6pm - 7.30pm
Donations in support of the Church Urban Fund
#BigPancakeParty



Men's Prayer Breakfast



Saturday 6th March – Men's Prayer Breakfast
9am – 10am in Church.

For further details please contact Steve Scott:
stevefionascott@yahoo.com or telephone: 01245 473419

Breakfast & Bibles

Meetings: **Mondays 4th & 18th March 2019 9.30am – 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.



Messy Mornings August 2019

For many years St Mary's has held a very successful Holiday Club for 100 primary school aged children, supported by a large team of adults.

For 2019, due to the lack of availability of key team members for the designated week, there has been an opportunity to re-imagine our children's outreach during the summer holidays. It is therefore proposed to hold 5 'Messy Morning' sessions on Thursdays in August for families with children aged 0 to 11, with children being accompanied by an adult (over 18)



Sessions would run from 10am to 11.30am and each week follow the same format:

10.00am to 10.50am	A range of activities and free play would be available for families to engage in, each manned by a craft/activity leader. The activities would vary each week, tailored to the bible story/theme:
10.50am to 11.05am	Refreshments
11.05am to 11.30am	Interactive bible story, response activity & closing blessing song

Helpers would need to be available 9.15am to 12noon to set up, have briefing and time of prayer and pack up at end of session.

It is hoped that this would give opportunity to build relationships with families and encourage family time. Helpers are required to run the craft/activity on any given week and provide refreshments.

NEXT STEP

A meeting has been arranged for the evening of Tuesday 12th March for anyone interested in the proposal or who would like to help in whatever capacity for any or all of the 5 weeks.

Please speak to Sue Finch or Kirsty Houghton if you would like more information.

Bradwell Area Vocations Day

Where will your journey take you in 2019?

Just starting out? Not sure of the direction?

Tentative steps? Striding out with confidence?

At a crossroads?



Saturday 23rd March 2019, 9.00am to 3.30pm

at Meadgate Church, The Orchards, with lunch provided.

Workshops Include: Ordained Ministry; Licensed Lay Minister; Pastoral Assistant; Authorised Local Preacher; Evangelism Enabler; Lay Pioneer Ministry; Spiritual Support Faith In The Workplace; Church Army; Chaplaincy; Course in Christian Studies
A Workshop for Young People.

As the booking date has now passed, please contact Helen Powney, PA to Bishop of Bradwell, Bishop's House, Orsett Road, Horndon-on-the Hill, Essex SS17 8NS, Email: hpowney@chelmsford.anglican.org Tel: 01375 673806 before booking.

Let there be Light! – the Musical on Tour

Now performing under the name of “Wing and a Prayer youth theatre company”, the young people of St. Mary’s have struck out across the diocese with a new production of “Let there be Light”, visiting other churches as well as the Cramphorn Theatre in September.

The dates and venues currently planned are as follows:

Saturday 9th March – St. Stephen’s, Colchester 7.00pm

Saturday 16th March – St. Peter’s (Lifestreams) Church, Southend 7.00pm

Saturday 14th September – The Cramphorn theatre, Chelmsford, 2.00pm and 7.00pm

With lights, smoke, a band and loads of enthusiasm, the young people will be presenting a full show with an interval, covering Creation, Temptation and Jesus – the Sensation! Using a range of musical styles, both fun and dramatic, we’ll be journeying on a rollercoaster ride through stories, miracles, death and resurrection. Come and join us on our travels and we hope you’ll go home inspired and humming the tunes!

For more information contact Mark Brown. Email: markjotardis@yahoo.co.uk

‘Keep the Banner Flying High’

***‘Keep the Banner Flying High’ –
An evening with Graham Kendrick***

***Friday 26th April 2019
at St. Mary’s Great Baddow.***

Following his latest song releases and having penned some of the world’s best-known worship songs, ‘Keep The Banner Flying High’ sees Graham encouraging us all to stay firm to our commitment.



Combining some of his classic songs of worship together with the newest, such as ‘Holy Overshadowing’ and ‘Give me this Mountain’ the event will also include songs in the performance style that first brought appreciation for his music. If you have ever heard ‘Thorns in the Straw’, ‘Crucified Man, or ‘How much do you think you are Worth’, you will know that Graham Kendrick has a whole other side to his music – songs that tell stories, paint scenes on the imagination and feed the spirit with hope.

Performed with passion by the man who authored them, in the style that suits them best, these songs make up a very special concert of worship and reflection.

Further details will be available in due course but please put the date in your diary now for this not to be missed evening!

Church Diary for March 2019

Friday 1 st	11.30am	Church open until 2.00pm
	7.30pm	Bellringing in Church
Saturday 2 nd		Pathfinders using Church for rehearsals all day

Sunday 3rd March – The Sunday Next before Lent		
	8.00am	Holy Communion
	10.00am	Holy Communion & Powerhouse
	6.30pm	Pathfinder Service – ‘Horrible Stories 9’
Monday 4 th	8:30am	Morning Prayer in Prayer Chapel
	9.30am	Breakfast & Bibles: Ring Dot Cumming for venue
	7:00pm	Prayer meeting for the church and the world
Tuesday 5 th	8:30am	Morning Prayer in Prayer Chapel
	9:30am	Meditation Group in Prayer Chapel
	6.00pm	Big Pancake Party in Church
Wednesday 6 th	8:30am	Morning Prayer in Prayer Chapel
Ash Wednesday	10:00am	Holy Communion
	10:00am	Coffee Pot in Bell Street Hall
	7.30pm	Crossfire meet at Ben & Nick’s
	8.00pm	Holy Communion at Meadgate Church
Thursday 7 th	8:30am	Morning Prayer in Prayer Chapel
	9.30am	SYM meeting in Bell St Hall
	11.30am	Church open until 2.00pm
Friday 8 th	9.30am	Beehive Lane school visit in Church
	11:30am	Church open until 2.00pm
	7.30pm	Bellringing in Church
Saturday 9 th	9.00am	Men’s Prayer Breakfast in Church
Sunday 10th March – The First Sunday of Lent		
	8.00am	Holy Communion
	10.00am	Morning Praise & Powerhouse
	6:30pm	Encounter...with Holy Communion
	6.30pm	Pathfinders meet in Bell St Hall
Monday 11 th	8:30am	Morning Prayer in Prayer Chapel
	10.00am	MAC pack in Bell St Hall
	7:00pm	Prayer meeting for the church and the world
	8.00pm	PCC meeting in Bell St Hall
Tuesday 12 th	8:30am	Morning Prayer in Prayer Chapel
	9:30am	Meditation Group in Prayer Chapel
	11.30am	Funeral Service for the late Helen Sargeant
Wednesday 13 th	8:30am	Morning Prayer in Prayer Chapel
	10:00am	Holy Communion
	10:00am	Coffee Pot in Bell Street Hall
Thursday 14 th	8:30am	Morning Prayer in Prayer Chapel
	10.00am	Café Club in Church
	11:30am	Church Open until 2.00pm
	1.45pm	Tiny Church in Church Centre
Friday 15 th	11:30am	Church open until 2.00pm
	7.45pm	Choir practice in Church
Saturday 16 th	9.00am	Bellringing Peal attempt

Sunday 17 th March – The Second Sunday of Lent		
	8.00am	Holy Communion
	10.00am	Holy Communion & Powerhouse
	6.30pm	Encounter...
	6.30pm	Pathfinders meet in Bell St Hall
Monday 18 th	8:30am	Morning Prayer in Prayer Chapel
	9.30am	Breakfast & Bibles: Ring Dot Cumming for venue
	7:00pm	Prayer meeting for the church and the world
Tuesday 19 th	8:30am	Morning Prayer in Prayer Chapel
	9:30am	Meditation Group in Prayer Chapel
	7.30pm	Book Club in Church
	8.00pm	MLT meeting at Matt & Kirsty's
Wednesday 20 th	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 21 st	8:30am	Morning Prayer in Prayer Chapel
	11:30am	Church Open until 2:00pm
	7.00pm	Wedding rehearsal in Church
Friday 22 nd	11.30am	Church Open until 2:00pm
	7.30pm	Bellringing in Church
	Saturday 23 rd	1.00pm Wedding of Christopher Harben & Rebecca Clark
Sunday 24 th March – The Third Sunday of Lent		
	8.00am	Holy Communion
	10.00am	Family Service
	6.30pm	Encounter...with Holy Communion
	6.30pm	Pathfinders meet in Bell St Hall
Monday 25 th	8:30am	Morning Prayer in Prayer Chapel
	7:00pm	Prayer meeting for the church and the world
	Tuesday 26 th	8:30am Morning Prayer in Prayer Chapel
	9:30am	Meditation Group in Prayer Chapel
	Wednesday 27 th	8:30am Morning Prayer in Prayer Chapel
	10:00am	Holy Communion
	10:00am	Coffee Pot in Bell Street Hall
	11.00am	St Mary's Playschool Easter Service in Church
Thursday 28 th	8:30am	Morning Prayer in Prayer Chapel
	10.00am	Café Club in Church
	11:30am	Church Open until 2:00pm
	1.45pm	Tiny Church in Church Centre
Friday 29 th	11.30am	Church Open until 2:00pm
	7.00pm	Bellringing Practice
	Saturday 30 th	Spring Maintenance Fellowship Day
	9.00am	Community Care Group AGM in Bell St Hall
Sunday 31 st March – Mothering Sunday		
	8.00am	Holy Communion
	10.00am	All-age Service
	6.30pm	Team GB Holy Communion
	6.30pm	Pathfinders meet in Bell St Hall

Bishop Stephen's Lent Appeal 2019



This year marks the 41st anniversary of the link between Chelmsford Diocese, and the five Dioceses of Mount Kenya East regions. St Andrew's College of Theology and Development in Kabare has been a key partner in our relationship.

We are seeking to raise funds for the college through this year's Lent Appeal.

The College is based on the site where the Gospel was first brought to the Kikuyu people in 1910. Since its foundation, it has trained many clergy and lay people for a range of ministries and occupations. It now wants to improve its provision for people seeking to develop their own businesses and thus improve their lives.

The college has four projects for which it is seeking our support:

- It desperately needs more tutorial rooms in order to be able to increase the number of people they are able to teach.
- This will, in turn, require them to have space for more staff. So renovation of the existing rooms is needed to ensure they are able to attract the best lecturers.
- The college also needs to improve the computers in the library (known as the Chelmsford library), as well as purchase new books for the business department.
- There has been an unreliable water supply to the college which has had a negative effect upon the students. They are seeking to install a new gravity water system that will be much more dependable.

Through local fundraising efforts £18,000 has already been raised and work has started on the tutorial rooms and water project. However, there is still another £30,000 to find if the college is to fulfil its vision of giving more people instruction that will enable them to find life in all its fullness.

Any money you donate will make this Spirit given dream a reality, so please do consider supporting this year's Lent Appeal.

For further details please contact Liz Watson, email: lwatson@chelmsford.anglican.org

The Church Office

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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