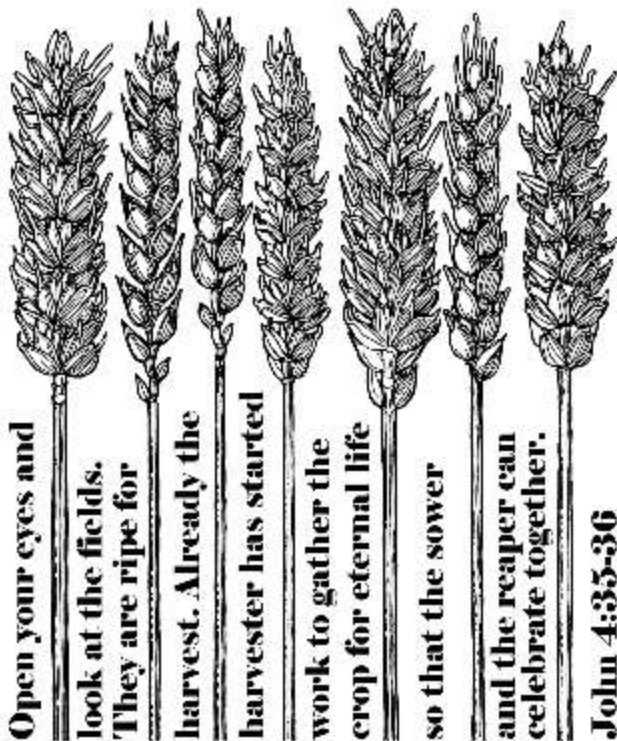


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BITS AND PIECES

As I write this piece I am sitting in St. Catherine's as a custodian of the pieces on display for the Thurrock Art Trail. Although the publicity for the Art Trail has been muted, to say the least, there have been a number of visitors and there is still another week to go! On the evening of the 21st July there was an opportunity to view the pieces while listening to a local 5 piece band "The William Palmer Trust". The quality of the performance just reinforced my view that the acoustics of the building make it an excellent venue for music. Sadly, by the time you read this the Art Trail will probably have finished for this year - but look out for it in 2018. *Chris F.*

On behalf of our Methodist friends, Marian Kuyper writes:-

Summer Greetings from Linford Methodist Church, August & September are months for sunshine and holidays therefore Toddler Group is on holiday until Tuesday 12th September. Many thanks to all the parents, grandparents and carers who made my last week at Toddler Group so special will really miss you when we move.

No Yippee Club the first Thursday in August but we will be holding a special club morning on Thursday 31st August, 10.00 – 12.00 with games stories and lunch.

Hope you all enjoy a wonderful summer.

In recent years there has been a Parish picnic at the St. Francis Centre in Linford in the summer. This year the PCC

decided that it would be good to have a change and hold it at St. Catherine's for a change. It is planned for Sunday 13th August after the morning service - so in practice starting at about 12 noon. Everyone is invited, just bring yourselves, your food and garden chairs / loungers if that's what you want. It is quite likely that our annual "boules" competition will take place so some exercise will be possible for those that want it.

This year's Summer Fete was held on the 25th June and apart from being an excellent social even, raised just under £800 for parish funds. We are still trying to identify the winner of the raffle who had ticket number **512** with the name "Toby Jones or James" possibly. If this is you or someone you know please let one of the churchwardens know.

The WELCOM forum had its Annual General Meeting on Friday 29th June and although it was poorly attended the following officers were elected.

Chair	John Purkiss
Deputy Chair	Dave Bowling
Secretary	Cris Bowling
Treasurer	Fraser Massey
Website admin	Fraser Massey

The meeting was advised, that Karen Dobson, our Local Area Co-ordinator, had been promoted to a senior position within the team and would no longer be our LAC. She will be sadly missed by those that have worked with her but is to be congratulated on her promotion.



A Tribute to the Life of Bishop John Wraw



The Bishop of Bradwell, Right Reverend John Wraw, died peacefully in his sleep at home in the early hours of 25 July 2017. He was diagnosed with multiple myeloma in 2014.

Bishop John said at the time of his installation as Bishop of Bradwell in 2012 that he believed the Church of England needed to “reach out and change society”. He unpacked this theme in his 2016 Lent lecture when he said: “Ministry is not about serving the Church. It is about serving God in the world”.

Stephen Cottrell, the Bishop of Chelmsford, has said: “Bishop John was a wonderful servant of the gospel and a fantastic colleague. As an archdeacon in Wiltshire he was known to be dependable and creative. As a bishop serving in this great diocese of Chelmsford these qualities blossomed and bore fruit as he helped take forward our diocesan vision for growth and renewal. He quickly won the confidence of the clergy and the love of the people he served.

“When he was diagnosed three years ago, despite the obvious shock, he was determined to carry on with his ministry. Many people would have simply retired.

Bishop John just got stuck in, teaching the Christian faith, visiting the parishes he served, and refining his understanding of the gospel so that his life now matched his ministry in a way that was humbling and inspiring to experience.

"He not only spoke about the wonderful inclusive hospitality of God's love, he lived it to the last. I could not have wished for a better colleague. We will miss him hugely.

Bishop John called for change in the Church especially in the encouragement of vocation among people God is calling to ministry. In a blog on vocations in October 2016 he wrote: "the Church and its processes... need radical change to value and create space for those whom God is calling". Bishop John was very encouraging to young people and young adults. The Encounter scheme in Chelmsford Diocese, which has given young people an opportunity to explore their vocation, was his initiative. He served as the Chair of the Chelmsford Diocesan Board of Education, acted as a mentor to a group of young disciples, and hosted Take Over Challenge days with young people.

More Information

John Wraw was born in Hampshire and grew up in Chester. He studied Law at Lincoln College Oxford, and trained for ordination at Fitzwilliam College and Ridley Hall Cambridge.

He was ordained in 1985 and served in Hereford and Sheffield dioceses before becoming Archdeacon of Wilts in 2004.

He leaves a widow, Gillian, and four grown-up children.

He was involved in community development and social justice in Sheffield and in Rotherham where he served on the strategic partnership board and chaired the local voluntary and community sector body. He was appointed area dean of Rotherham and an honorary canon of Sheffield Cathedral, and he chaired the faith and justice committee in the Diocese of Sheffield.

As Archdeacon of Wilts in Salisbury Diocese he was a board member of the Wiltshire local strategic partnership and chair of the successor body, the Wiltshire Assembly. He also chaired the diocese's Learning for Discipleship and Ministry Council, which was responsible for training clergy and licensed lay ministers and for lay learning programmes in Salisbury.

In 2009 he took part in the first leg of the Clipper Round the World Yacht Race from Hull to Rio de Janeiro.

He was consecrated as a Bishop by the then Archbishop of Canterbury, Rowan Williams, at St Paul's Cathedral and installed as Bishop of Bradwell by Stephen Cottrell, the Bishop of Chelmsford, at Chelmsford Cathedral in January 2012.

Have you got Two hours to spare on Thursday 10th August 2017 Starting at 7:00pm at St Francis Hall, Linford?

Heartstart courses teach you CPR and other emergency life saving skills and they are free to attend
A Heartstart course lasts around two hours.

On the course you'll learn about:-

- ' Dealing with an unconscious person — Recovery position
- ' The signs and symptoms of a heart attack
- ' Recognising a cardiac arrest and performing CPR
 - ' Dealing with choking
 - ' Dealing with serious bleeding.
 - ' How to use a Defibrillator

Spaces are limited, so to secure your place, please telephone 07964 669676.

The Crisis in the Yemen

Recently Norman King received this update from the Disasters Emergency Committee about the situation in the Yemen. It is clear that the situation is still desperate.

"It's six months since we launched our appeal for the forgotten crisis in Yemen and I wanted to share with you this update from my recent trip to the country. Thanks to your generous support, we have raised an incredible £23 million and it was very moving to see for myself the difference we are all making.

Your donation means our member charities have already helped 200,000 people and together we plan to reach another 1.3 million people over the next few months. They are working tirelessly to deliver food, water and treatment for malnourished children, including children like one-year-old Omar, who weighed only 5 kilograms (half what an average one year old weighs) but was thankfully getting life-saving treatment.

However, as I also witnessed, the situation in Yemen continues to be one of the worst humanitarian crises of our time, with two thirds of the population in need of support. As you may have seen in the news, the country is now also battling a cholera outbreak. It's hard to imagine but currently a child under five dies every ten minutes from a preventable disease.

We have been very touched by the generosity of the UK public so far but the people of Yemen still need your help. It would be wonderful if you could take this chance to make an additional donation and to prove to the men, women and children of Yemen that people still care, even when headlines stop.

Thank you, Saleh Saeed (DEC Chief Executive)

Summer activities at Coalhouse Fort

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Activities

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Recommended age: 4-8

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£5 PER CHILD

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When death swept through Lynmouth

A monumental flood hit Devon 65 years ago this month: on 15th August 1952. Some 34 people were killed, more than 100 buildings were destroyed or seriously damaged along with 28 bridges, and 38 cars were washed out to sea when the two rivers meeting in the village of Lynmouth rose – and flooded - explosively fast. A further 420 people were made homeless.

The root cause of the flood was said to be heavy rainfall associated with a low-pressure area that formed over the Atlantic Ocean some days earlier. It culminated in nine inches of rain falling in 24 hours. The flooding was made worse because debris brought down the river from Exmoor caused a dam which eventually burst, with boulders and trees hurtling through the village.

Many people claimed at the time that the flood was caused by secret cloud-seeding experiments carried out by the Royal Air Force. This was denied, and demands for an inquiry were rejected. Similar floods had been recorded at Lynmouth in 1607 and 1796.

When the Bishop of Exeter preached at the Memorial Service a fortnight after the disaster he said that a cross – “a sign, not simply of death, but of death followed by resurrection” – should be erected where the water broke through.

The cross was eventually made and erected at the beginning of this century. It was made by a local man, who was a boy living in Lynmouth at the time of the disaster, and funded through a grant from the North Devon and West Somerset Flood Relief Fund, which attracted worldwide support.

Lynnton Parish Church, where many of the funerals of those who died were conducted, contains a memorial tablet. A Flood Memorial Hall has been built on the site of the old lifeboat station, one of the buildings destroyed in the flood.

Where are our registers kept?

There is an assumption that the church records of Baptisms, Weddings, Burials etc. are all kept in the church and from time to time we get enquiries from parishioners and the general public about church events that affect them or members of their families. Recently I was asked about a Baptism in 1940. Although there is a Baptism register at St. Catherine's it does not go back that far. Records older than those held in church are kept at the Essex Records Office which is located on Wharf Road, Chelmsford. However, in this digital age there is no need to travel to find the information. You can access the records on-line at <http://seax.essexcc.gov.uk/>. In this case it took but a few minutes on the internet and the payment of the £10 fee to get a print of the relevant entry in the archived Baptism Register.

Chris Ford

FROM THE JULY MEETING OF THE P.C.C.

The PCC met on the 24th July with 8 members present.

After opening with a bible reading and prayers the minutes of the meeting on 19th June were approved without amendment.

The meeting agreed to recommend to the Archdeacon that David Gunn be added to our number of authorised communion assistants. David has previously been recommended to be a pastoral assistant in the parish and we await formal Diocesan approval.

Colin and Sheila gave an update on the appointment of an associate priest to serve in the parish. The Church Times advertisement will be repeated in August (although the vacancy is still advertised on the Chelmsford Diocese website. There has been some adjustment to the description of the role of the post. The closing date for applications is the 6th September and any interviews are planned for 10th October.

Colin advised as the closing date for any objections had now passed the final documentation for the new ashes memorial area would be passed to the Registrar. He was not aware of any objections.

With regard to priests for our Sunday and Wednesday services, at this time all except Sunday 27th August were covered. He would be contacting the Area Dean with regard to September and October.

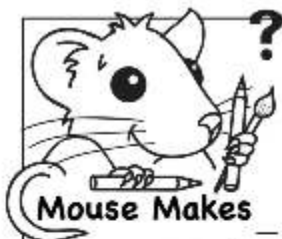
The issue of the repairs (or snagging work) needing to be done remains and Colin is chasing Bakers for definitive dates. We still

await further information about the plans for the control of the high level fans which are an integral part of the heating system.

There was much discussion about the Summer Fete and what could be done to improve the event. It was felt that it would probably be sensible to change the date for next year so that it did not clash with the Horndon Feast and Fair and that a Saturday rather than a Sunday would give more time for set up on the day. It was agreed that we should take time to consider these ideas and set a date for the 2018 fete at the September meeting. If you have any thoughts about dates, days and timing of the Fete please let our PCC secretary, Sheila, or one of the wardens know.

The Council continued their discussions of Bishop Stephen's "School for Disciples". After much discussion about the idea of a "Back to church Sunday" it was concluded that we should work towards making the last Sunday of October such a day, inviting families that have had baptisms, weddings etc. in St. Catherine's recently to come to church on that Sunday when we would have a full programme of worship, activities and possibly some kind of lunch. Again, if you have any thoughts on this idea please let us know.

The council also discussed our Baptismal policy and while reiterating that we were pleased to baptise anyone who asked, we would in the future encourage them to attend a family service in the weeks before the baptism and to receive some relevant education on the meaning of baptism into the Christian faith.



What should not be hidden under a bowl?

Matthew 5:14-15



Who was welcomed back?



DID YOU KNOW?

Jesus often used simple stories called **parables** to teach people about God, His Kingdom and about how God would like us to live.

In His parables Jesus used objects and pictures of the world around Him to help people to understand.

MIXED UP PARABLES

Which parable picture word goes with which?

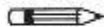
NARROW — GOATS
SHEEP — GATE
WHEAT — BRANCHES
MUSTARD — COIN
LOST — TREASURE
GOOD — WEEDS
VINE — SON
HIDDEN — SAMARITAN
PRODIGAL — SHEEP
LOST — SEED

Luke 15: 11-32



What ate the seeds that fell on the path?

Matthew 13:3-23



What was lost?

Matthew 18:12-13



What did the wise man build his house on?

Matthew 7:24-27



What is the kingdom of heaven like?

Matthew 13:45-46

DID YOU KNOW?

You can read Jesus' parable stories in the Gospels of Matthew, Mark and Luke but only Luke records the parables of *The Lost Coin*, *The Good Samaritan*, *The Prodigal Son*, *The Friend in Need* and *The Rich Fool*.

Find the parable pictures in the word search

WHEAT • WINE • WEEDS
SEED • TREASURE • GATE
HOUSE • ROCK • SAND
PEARL • COIN • FIG • TREE
SHEEP • GOATS • WINE
TAX COLLECTOR
LAMP • PHARISEE
SHEPHERD • SAMARITAN

S A M A R I T A N T S P S W
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PARISH DIARY FOR AUGUST

Our Sunday services are at St. Catherine's



2 Aug	Holy Communion (St Francis) Drop In at St Francis	10am 10.30am - noon
3 Aug	Foodbank at St. Francis	11am - 1pm
6 Aug	8th Sunday after Trinity "The Family Service" Baptism of Alfie Donald Powley	10am 2pm
9 Aug	Holy Communion (St Francis) Drop In at St Francis	10am 10.30am - noon
10 Aug	Foodbank at St. Francis "Heartstart" course at the St. Francis Centre	11am - 1pm 7.00pm
13 Aug	9th Sunday after Trinity Parish Communion Parish picnic at St. Catherine's	10am from noon
16 Jul	Holy Communion (St Francis) Drop In at St Francis	10am 10.30am - noon
17 Aug	Foodbank at St. Francis	11am - 1pm
19 Aug	Marriage of Mark Vincent Chapman and Sarah Jane Mist	3pm
20 Aug	10th Sunday after Trinity Parish Communion Baptism of Emma Elizabeth Davis	10am 2pm
21 Aug	Rayleigh U3A "Church visiting group" visit St. Catherine's	10.30am
23 Aug	Holy Communion (St Francis) Drop In at St Francis	10am 10.30am - noon
24 Aug	Foodbank at St Francis	11am - 1pm
27 Aug	11th Sunday after Trinity Parish Communion Church open for teas	10am 2 - 5 pm
30 Aug	Holy Communion (St Francis) Drop In at St Francis	10am 10.30am - noon
31 Aug	Foodbank at St. Francis WELCOM forum meeting at Linford Methodist Church	11am - 1pm 7.30pm

N.B. From Wednesday 19 July to Saturday 16 September Tilbury Fort will be closed for the filming of a project by multi award winning director Mike Leigh based on the Peterloo Massacre. .

FROM ST CATHERINE'S PARISH REGISTERS

BAPTISMS

2 JULY Paisley Rae and Jamie Leigh Martin

16 JULY Aariya-Rae McCulloch

WEDDINGS

22 JULY Luke Anthony Jerram and Sonia Mary Bois

Apart from editing Pewtalk I also look after the parish website and often wonder who, if anyone, accesses it. I do know that a Guardian newspaper writer did at one time as she explained to Canon Paul that that was how she knew that we were commemorating the death of St. Cedd back in October 2014. I also know that Jane and Graham Claydon-Knights who were worshippers at the Linford Methodist church until Graham was ordained and started his ministry in Flitwick, use it to read the latest copy of this magazine. A recent e-mail from Jane reads:-

"Dear Chris and Kim, hope you and the family are well. I have just finished Pewtalk and have drawn Grahams attention to the Springwatch column. I am sure he has time to read it. Your Manila story is so wonderful as well. We will be on the move again August 2018. Graham had a discernment retreat and it was clear that he shouldn't stay another two years. We love it here but it is an itinerant ministry. Did laugh when I saw Tim Harrold's photo bless him. Love Jane xx"

The website usually has the weekly newsletter available as well as the last 12 months copies of Pewtalk as well as other information about our parish. It also has links to several other websites of possible parish interest. If you notice any errors, omissions or feel that something else should be included, please do let me know. *Chris Ford*

100 club

The winner of the draw for £50 at the Fete was Jane Gowers. Brenda told me on Sunday that Jane was delighted with the win and intends to buy herself a leather bound Bible.

We are re-launching the 100 Club this year with new tickets. We have already had a few new ticket bought as a result of a posting on the church's Facebook page and people asking friends etc. It would be great to sell 70 tickets which would raise £500 for Church funds. Please let me know if you wish to keep your existing number. Remember £10 gives you 10 chances of getting your money back and two chances of winning £50.

Norman King (treasurer)

ST. CATHERINE'S

The Priest in Charge

The Parish is without a priest at the present time.

All enquiries should be made to Churchwarden, Colin Strong:

Telephone: 07591 708955

E-mail: warden.colin.stcatherines@gmail.com

The Services

Sunday 10.00 a.m. Holy Communion service at St. Catherine's
Except 1st Sunday of the month when we have
"The Family Service"

Wednesday 10.00 a.m. Holy Communion at St. Francis
For Baptisms and Weddings please contact Colin Strong in the first
instance.

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The centre is available for hire for regular events when not used by the Church. To check availability please contact:

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Copy Dates for Pewtalk

21st August 2017

17th September 2017

22nd October 2017