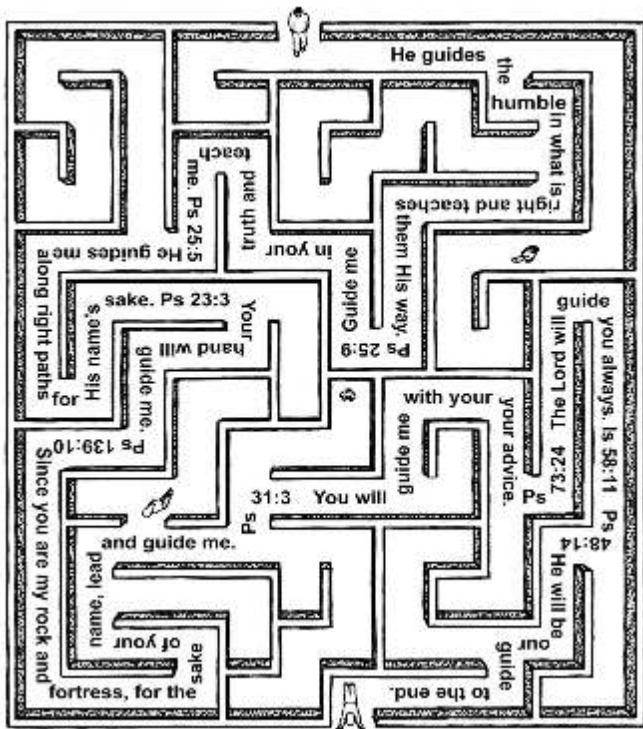


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BITS AND PIECES

For those that don't, know our 100 club costs £10 per year, there is a monthly draw for a £10 prize except in June and December when the prize is £50. Our Treasurer, Norman King, has said how much he hopes that parishioners and friends will continue to support this fund raiser by letting him have their £10 "investment" as soon as possible.

Several people have asked about the glass artwork on top of the organ in St. Catherine's. Sue Spiers who knows the history of it explains that:-

When the Royal Opera House came to "High House" in Purfleet they formed a community choir.

In 2014 the choir were performing Verdi's "Requiem" and choir members were asked to create an art piece to illustrate the requiem. The pieces were exhibited on the evening of the performance, afterwards the exhibition was moved to St. Catherine's. The stained glass was created by choir member, Leslie Robinson and later presented to St. Catherine's.

During the summer there are no family activities at Coalhouse Fort because of work being carried out there. However they have their usual open day on 26th August - when St. Catherine's is also open for teas. However. Ray, the Coalhouse Fort park ranger, has mentioned that the Ranger Service is holding a small family event at Langdon Hills in the Beacon Field car park at Wesley Heights, on Tuesday the 31st of July (World Ranger Day) all proceeds will

go towards 'The Thin Green Line Foundation' which helps and supports the families of Rangers throughout the world, who have lost their lives in carrying out their duties, a beacon will be lit at dusk.

While thinking of holiday activities the Thurrock Thameside Nature Park have a number of things arranged for August. Their poster may be found elsewhere in this magazine.

All Saints Chafford Hundred are inviting "singles" aged 24 and over to "mingle" on 24th August from 8 - 10 pm. The cost is £5 at the door to cover the refreshments. Booking is necessary by texting your name and number to 07598 349204.

This year's Parish Picnic is on *Sunday 19th August* at St. Catherine's after the morning Communion Service. All are welcome and it is an opportunity to relax and enjoy each others company. Hopefully the weather will still be good but if it is not the picnic will be in the church. Just turn up with your food, drink, garden chairs and anything else that you need.

Please note that the WELCOM forum will not be holding a meeting in August.

Just a reminder that we now try to clean St. Catherine's on the morning of the last Saturday in the month. We start at 10am and the more volunteers we have the sooner we finish - so all are welcome! By picking the last Saturday, the intention is that the church looks at its best for any visitors the following day - and in the case of August for the Bank Holiday Monday.

A Holiday with Jesus

August is the month when schools are off and many of us go on holiday. The trouble is that holidays soon come to an end! Yet Jesus offers us a rest which has no end:

'Come to me, all you who are weary and burdened, and I will give you rest. Take my yoke upon you and learn from me, for I am gentle and humble in heart, and you will find rest for your souls.' (Matthew 11: 28-29). Are you tired or burdened? Jesus invites you to take a holiday with Him!

The Invitation: Our holiday destination is Jesus himself: 'Come to me, all you who are weary and burdened.' We can come just as we are, with all the burdens, weaknesses and sinfulness that we carry. Jesus doesn't offer a '10 steps programme' to deal with our issues; He simply offers himself!

The Promise: Jesus promises us the gift of refreshing, sustaining and everlasting rest. When we go on holiday, we usually look forward to doing very little and yet this is not the kind of rest Jesus offers. His rest involves taking up His yoke and learning from Him! A yoke was the wooden collar that ran across the shoulders of a pair of oxen and enabled them to work the fields. Jesus says to us: 'My yokes fit well. They do not rub your neck and shoulders. Come to me and get yoked to me. Make an act of loyal obedience and trust in me. And you will find a deep peace and satisfaction that you could never find anywhere else. I have come for you. Come to me!'

What's so amazing about this holiday is that you don't have to go anywhere; you can find rest by simply staying at home!

With holidays in mind...

Don't know nothin'

When Columbus started out, he didn't know where he was going. When he got there, he didn't know where he was. When he got back, he didn't know where he had been. And he did it all on other people's money. Can't help thinking that Columbus reminds me of some teenagers who go on family holidays...

Elephants

Sign spotted in a safari park: Elephants, please stay in your car.

Thurrock 100 Recipes Walks

"Kinetika" who have a studio at the High House site at Purfleet arranged a series of walks in July led by volunteers well versed in the geography and history of the routes. The theme this year was recipes from the huge range that communities settling here have brought to the Thames Estuary.



The walks took place every day for two weeks and range from 2 to 5 miles in length and this year they covered the Thurrock area, an Ice cream walk in Southend, a picnic on Rainham marshes and Gravesend where they sampled Traditional and World Cuisine.

On Friday the 20th July they planned a walk in East Tilbury. The reputation of St Catherine's tea and cakes had reached them and they asked could they start their walk from St Catherines. Tea, coffee, scones and cakes were served in the church to start them on their way and after the walk they were calling at George's Fish Bar for a fish and chip supper.

Thirty four walkers assembled at St Catherine's at 6 p.m. and enjoyed a selection of cakes provided by the ladies in the congregation who bake cakes for the Sunday Open Afternoons on the last Sunday of the month in the summer and Bank Holidays. They were interested in the history of the church and took the chance to look round our beautiful church. Hopefully they will join us again next year.

Sue Spiers

Some more information about Kinetika - taken from their website.....Ed.

Kinetika is an internationally renowned company with a 20-year track record of combining world-class design with community projects to produce spectacular outdoor events that engage diverse audiences wherever we work.

Founded by artist Ali Pretty in 1997, and inspired by her training in carnival arts in Trinidad and India, we now have an unrivalled reputation for working with local communities on projects that change the way people feel about where they live. We've mounted events in shopping centres, ceremonial boulevards and local high streets, as well as on the Great Wall of China and in the heart of Kolkata.

Our charitable arm, Kinetika People, is known for its high quality community engagement work. We run participatory programmes, workshops and artist training schemes, which aim to nurture new artistic talent and engage communities, raising aspirations and building a sense of place.

Our commercial Design Studio has been commissioned to create ceremonies for high profile events including FIFA World Cup 2009, the London Paralympic games and Team GB Parade in 2012, and the Atlanta Olympics 1996.

'CALLING ALL SENIORS'

The church is increasingly seen as an activity for the elderly and we tend to worry about this. At the recent Deanery Synod meeting Canon Hugh Dibbens, who is the Evangelism Adviser for the Barking Episcopal Area, gave his thoughts on the subject. Here are his key points.



1. APPRECIATION of SENIOR ACTIVE PEOPLE as a RESOURCE for EVANGELISM.

The average age of regular worshippers in the Diocese of Chelmsford is 63 years. Broadly speaking, this seems to be viewed as a problem. Alternatively, what if the provision of a significant proportion of faithful older members is a gift from God to his Church to meet the needs for evangelism/mission at the present time? _

- Younger people are often holding down demanding jobs as well as trying to bring up the family. Although they may wish to be involved in pioneer evangelism it is usually a step too far.
- Senior people have a life-time of experience, have often been associated with their Church fellowship all their lives, are often financially independent, and have charge of their own time.
- The culture in which we live, generally, does not see seniors as a key resource. 'They have done their bit'. They are seen as 'yesterday's people'. Yet, they may have 20 — 30 years of active life after retirement from paid employment. Sadly, the Church has absorbed this aspect of worldly culture. The Church then invests significant financial resources into children's workers, family workers and youth workers etc. This is good. Yet if, in addition, serious effort was made to inspire the seniors, who knows where we might arrive. It is very rare to find a church employing someone for work alongside seniors, with the intention of achieving this.

2. ENCOURAGEMENT of SENIORS into EVANGELISM.

Senior people have an advantage over younger people in acceptability to cross age 'barriers'. We live in a culture of fear and yet 'grandparents' are instinctively trusted. This is why seniors make good Street Pastors etc. but seniors in the church have bought into the church's view of them as supporters rather than evangelism pioneers. So assuming

they are God's gift to the church for the present mission, how are we to change a whole way of thinking in order to release them to discover God's calling? Three suggestions:-

- (i) **Pray!** The task is huge but nothing is impossible with God.
- (ii) **Teach!** There is now a 5 session course designed to get the message to seniors - 'Calling All Seniors'. The sessions are — 'Confronting Change'; Christian Grand - Parenting'; 'Crossing Age Barriers'; 'Shaping Up and Living Well'; 'Stepping Out'.
- (iii) **Speak with key individuals!** Some seniors may be particularly gifted to lead the way on this venture, but may never have thought of themselves as pioneer evangelists. 3 such individuals make a support group, can engage in outreach, perhaps seek more training, and can begin to think how others in their church might be drawn into this new culture, and even consider how the church itself might have more of an evangelistic cutting edge.

Do get in touch if you would like to pursue this further... I'd be pleased to hear from you.

Rev. Canon Hugh Dibbens - Evangelism Adviser Barking Episcopal Area — email: hrdibbens@gmail.com Tel. 01245 248173 Address - 9 Stonehill Road, Roxwell CMI 4PF

Beware foreign plants

Gardeners have been told by government ministers not to bring back plants from holiday, in order to stop them inadvertently introducing an invasive species into the UK.

Department for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs officials are becoming increasingly concerned about water-borne threats such as the *Dikerogammarus villosus*, or killer shrimp; *Didemnum vexillum*, the carpet sea squirt, and *Dreissena bugensis*, the quagga mussel. These can clog up waterways and pipes, or smother reefs. As one expert explained: 'we need to raise awareness of biosecurity.'

One of the main risks is for invasive non-native species to be accidentally brought into the UK by people who take part in angling, canoeing, or boating abroad.



Need Something to do with youngsters in August

Essex Wildlife Trust

Thurrock Thameside Nature Park

Mucking Wharf, Bauld, Stanford Le Hope, SS17 0KN



6 weeks of Summer

Week 1 23rd – 27th Jul – Woodland week

Self led trail all week, Survival school, den building, crafts, fire lighting

Week 2 30th Jul – 3rd Aug – Marine week

Self led trail all week, Pirate raids, sand art, land art, marine crafts...

Week 3 6th – 10th Aug – Craft week

Drop in and bookable crafts all week

Week 4 13th – 17th Aug - Animal Encounters

Self led trail all week, JC Party Pops, Blackwater Alpacas,
Imperial Birds of Prey and BC Exotics

Week 5 20th – 24th Aug – Dino week

Self led trail all week, dolls, Dino crafts, make a fossil,

Monday 27th Aug - Bank Holiday Bounce

With ILM Bouncy castles £5 all day bounce

Week 6 28th – 31st Aug – Magic week

Tractor Trailer Ride, Make a wand and a 45 minute magic show with



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FROM THE JULY MEETING OF THE PCC

The PCC met on Monday 2nd of July and all members were present. Having opened with a Bible reading and prayer, Chris welcomed Revd. Barry Johnson to the meeting. Although the parish is still in interregnum and without a priest in charge, Barry will attend the meetings to help our deliberations where he can. He explained that his agreement with the Archdeacon is for Sunday cover (with one Sunday a month off) and another day each week. This would probably be a Wednesday. He would also usually be taking any weddings funerals and baptisms.

The minutes of the meeting held on 14th May were received and approved with the only matters arising being to note that there had been an excellent visit by the Primary School on 18th May. Most of the PCC had attended the Deanery safeguarding training session on the 7th June and it was noted that the notes promised had yet to be provided by the Diocesan team. With regard to GDPR the PCC had published the parish's privacy policy. Bakers had been paid their final invoice as they had given an undertaking to investigate any ingress of water in the kitchen, should it happen again.

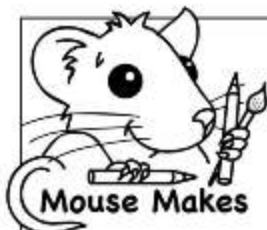
Under "correspondence", Colin had received a letter from the Children's Society with "Christingle" information and also reported the Michelle Savage from the Coalhouse Fort project would be using St. Catherine's on the 10th and 11th of July for School visits. Chris advised that Thurrock Foodbank had written to thank the church for their use of St. Catherine's for their cream tea.

As there had been no response to the latest advert for our vacancy, Colin and Sue would be meeting with the Archdeacon on the 19th July to discuss possible ways forward.

The Standing Committee had met with Canon Paul Robinson to discuss the proposed repairs to St. Catherine's as detailed in the last several quinquennial reports. Sue explained that our architect was drawing up plans for the refurbishment of the tower room and this should be done by the end of August. We would then seek funds from the National lottery but any bid would have to include plans for how the work would benefit the community. Ideas included workshops on the Celtic church, Anglo-Saxon Essex, etc.

In the Churchwardens report Colin said that he was trying to find out what had happened to the fixing of a war graves notice on the churchyard gate. He was also trying to find a repairer for the window in the chancel broken some weeks ago.

In his treasurer's report Norman advised that the total cost of the project at St. Catherine's was £251,432.50 (this does not include the roof which was a separate project). He told the meeting that, as a result of his recent letter to those that give by way of the envelope scheme, a couple of people had increased their giving. He also reminded the meeting that, as we had been in interregnum for more than 12 months we get a significant reduction in our Parish Share which we pay each month to the Diocese.



What do you say when you pray?

When I pray I say **THANK YOU** to God



When I pray I say **SORRY** and ask God to forgive me



I pray for my **FAMILY** and my **FRIENDS**



I pray The Lord's Prayer from **Matthew 6:9-13**



PATER NOSTER is Latin for **'Our Father'**

How many other words can you make with the letters from **PATER NOSTER** ?

Here are two to start you off

SON **PEAS**

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When I pray I tell God about my **WORRIES** and ask Him to help me

I talk to God all the time about all sorts of things!



What do you pray to God about?



PARISH DIARY FOR AUGUST

Our Sunday services are at St. Catherine's



1 Aug	Holy Communion (St Francis) Drop In at St Francis	10am 10.30am - noon
2 Aug	Foodbank at St. Francis	11am - 1pm
5 Aug	10th Sunday after Trinity Family Service Baptism of Harrison Simon Joseph Burton	10am 1pm
8 Aug	Holy Communion (St Francis) Drop In at St Francis	10am 10.30am - noon
9 Aug	Foodbank at St. Francis	11am - 1pm
12 Aug	11th Sunday after Trinity Parish Communion Baptism of Raye Ann Grace Dannielle Hollington & Bethany Marie Jean Hollington	10am 12noon
13 Aug	PCC meeting at St. Catherine's	7.30pm
15 Aug	Holy Communion (St Francis) Drop In at St Francis	10am 10.30am - noon
16 Aug	Foodbank at St. Francis	11am - 1pm
17 Aug	Marriage of Anthony Stephen Ager & Amy Emily Parrott	12noon
19 Aug	12th Sunday after Trinity Parish Communion Followed by the Parish Picnic	10am 12noon
22 Aug	Holy Communion (St Francis) Drop In at St Francis	10am 10.30am - noon
23 Aug	Foodbank at St. Francis	11am - 1pm
25 Aug	Church cleaning - volunteers needed	10am
26 Aug	13th Sunday after Trinity Parish Communion Church open for tea and homemade cakes	10am 2pm - 5pm
27 Aug	Church open for tea and homemade cakes	2pm - 5pm
29 Aug	Holy Communion (St Francis) Drop In at St Francis	10am 10.30am - noon
30 Aug	Foodbank at St. Francis	11am - 1pm

FROM ST. CATHERINE'S PARISH REGISTERS

Baptisms

1 Jul	Matilda Rose York
7 Jul	Charlie Paul Woodham
15 Jul	Anaya Elizabeth Garrod
22 Jul	Marnie Rose Whyman

Weddings

14 Jul	Bradley Bower & Fern Smith
28 Jul	Paul Watson & Lisa Ann Simpkins

Funerals

27 Jul	Susan Madge King
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Some Holiday reading - Chris Ford

When Kim and I were recently on holiday in Skiathos we did a great deal of reading, which is not unusual if we are just relaxing in the sun. If you are looking for some books, I can recommend the following:-

"The Girl with the Dragon Tattoo", "The Girl who played with Fire", "The Girl who kicked the Hornets Nest" by Stieg Larsson

This trilogy of thrillers deals with the life of a rather strange young woman, Lisbeth Salander, and her abuse by a secret section of the Swedish state. Together with a journalist, Mikael Blomquist, and several computer hackers with names like "Plague" and "Trinity" she is instrumental in solving a number of mysteries and crimes before her abuse is recognised and she is vindicated. I have read the books twice and each time found them hard to put down. If you do choose to read them do so in the order shown above or you might get confused!

"The keeper of lost things" by Ruth Hogan

An excellent novel based on the idea of returning a collection of things that have been found during a lifetime, being returned to their rightful owners. The writer paints some lovely characters including "Sunshine" a young women who has Downs Syndrome.

"The Music Shop" by Rachel Joyce

This tells the story of the owner of a music shop who refuses to sell Cds, insisting that all records should be vinyl. The shop is in a rundown street which is threatened by developers. The characters include Frank (the owner), Maud (a tattooist), Father Anthony (a retired Catholic priest) and a German woman who we first meet when she faints outside the shop.

The Parish

The Priest in charge

The Parish is without a priest at the present time.

All enquiries should be made to Churchwarden, Colin Strong:

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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
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St. Francis Centre

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

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