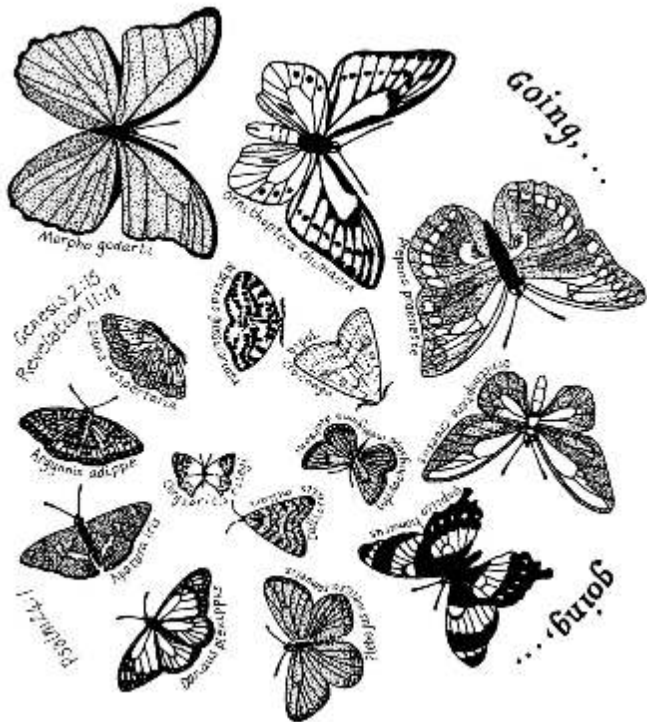


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BITS AND PIECES

A very big thank you to the many members of the congregation who contributed to a lovely bouquet of flowers, a gorgeous box of chocolates and a lovely card with lots of encouraging messages following surgery for breast cancer. It was so very kind of you all and the flowers are still looking good, which is more than could be said for the chocolates! Well I have been told to try to put on some weight. I am continuing with my chemotherapy in a couple of weeks, so wait to see what delights they come up with this time. Many many thanks for your support and prayers. It means a lot.

June Hutson

During the month of May the Thurrock foodbank held a number of events to increase their funds, thank their various supporters and increase public awareness of their work. The volunteers' evening, which was well supported by those that operate the Distribution Centre at St. Francis, was an opportunity for Sarah Cordell (the Operations Manager) to give an update on the past year and to explain the impact of GDPR. On Sunday 13th May they held an "afternoon tea" at St. Catherine's which was very well supported and raised £365. The Quiz night on Saturday 19th was also a great fundraiser with £550 being added to the foodbank's funds. To round off these events there is to be a Thanksgiving Service at Sockets Heath Baptist Church on 3rd June at 6.30pm where anyone with an interest in the foodbank will be very welcome.

Our recently commissioned Pastoral Assistant, David Gunn would like to hear from anyone who would like a visit for a chat or a time of prayer or just some human support. If you or anyone that you know of would appreciate a visit, David can be contacted on 01375-768202.

In recent weeks we have all been bombarded - if we use the internet that is with e-mails asking us to confirm that we wish to continue to receive information and news from this or that source. And you may have read of the case, a couple of years ago, of Olive Cooke who at the age of 92 took her own life as a result of being plagued with requests for donations from charities. This is the type of incident which has led to the General Data Protection Regulation (GDPR) being introduced. In the UK it is basically an extension / improvement of the existing Data Protection Act of 1998. In essence the new regulation covers two elements of data protection - the need to establish the consent of the individual to their data being stored and the storage and use(s) of the personal data collected. As far as we are concerned the immediate need is to define the way we deal with data privacy. To that end we have produced a "Data Privacy Notice" which can be found on the noticeboards in St. Francis and St. Catherine's. As it is two A4 pages we have not chosen to publish it in Pewtalk but it can be accessed from the "About us" page of our website. If you do not use the internet and would like a printed copy just let one of the Churchwarden's know and one can be produced for you.

May was some month.....

And I don't mean the weather although that was very difficult to predict. No... when I produced May's Pewtalk and in particular the calendar for the month, nothing struck me as particularly busy but I was very quickly reminded of what we had all committed to as the first weekend of May approached. Our cake bakers were particularly in demand. It all started on the Saturday morning with the Christian Aid coffee morning at the Linford Methodist Church - Sue Whiter has a report elsewhere in this magazine.

In the evening we had the long anticipated concert at St. Catherine's. Geraldine had had many sleepless nights worrying that there would not be a big enough audience. As it turned out much of the audience arrived on the night and the event was a great success with "The Essex Music Man" - Angelo Tsocos together with Sarah Deller playing her saxophones. It also demonstrated what an excellent venue St. Catherine's is for such events. The evening raised a total of £420 for parish funds. A great result!



The next day (Sunday) we had our May Family Service with Julie Hobby of the London Tilbury Seafarers' Centre speaking passionately about the work of the centre and how much she felt that she had been called to work as a manager there. Those of us who know Julie understand just how much it has changed her life! If you would like to know more about the centre please telephone them on 01375-840545 or email

londontilbury@qvsr.org.uk.

On Sunday afternoon we had our annual visit to West Tilbury village for our rogation service and procession in the company of the Grays town band. This year we were joined by members of the congregation of the "Banner of Praise Ministries International" with their Pastor Frank Osagie who meet in the village hall between 10am and 2pm. The weather was lovely and all enjoyed the service, the walk and the tea at the end!



The weekend finally came to an end on the Bank Holiday Monday when St. Catherine's was open as usual for tea, cakes and churchyard maintenance.

I salute the cake bakers and all who helped to make the weekend the success it obviously was!

Chris Ford - Editor

Christian Aid Coffee Morning and Sale at Linford Methodist Church



Well, we couldn't have chosen a nicer day for our Christian Aid Coffee Morning, the first one without our super organisers Marian and Bob Kuyper. We were blessed with lovely sunshine and a pleasant breeze to ruffle the bunting and flags outside the church but, fortunately, not enough to trouble our sandwich board advertisement placed at the

entrance.

Helpers were up at Linford Methodist Church, at what seemed to me like the crack of dawn, to set up tables with floral arrangements and supplies of Christian Aid literature and envelopes. They also arranged the items donated for the sale: books, china, household goods, toys and plants. As usual, refreshments were served from the kitchen hatch and the delicious array of cakes was, just like Mr. Kipling's, exceedingly good.

Possibly, it being the May Day bank holiday weekend and such a glorious day, we seemed to have fewer visitors than on previous occasions, but we were kept pretty busy in the kitchen nevertheless. We certainly all enjoyed catching up with friends over a nice cup of tea or coffee.

Grateful thanks to everyone who gave generously, whether through gifts of time, money, cakes or goods for sale. Thanks too to everyone who came to buy and showed a fabulous capacity to take refreshment with us! Special thanks must also go to our faithful friends from St. Catherine's who provided some wonderful cakes and supported us on the day.

I hope you will be pleased to learn that we will be forwarding £226.51 to our Christian Aid Regional Representative.

Susan Whiter.

Linford and East Tilbury Methodist Church.

Emmeline Pankhurst – leader of the suffragettes

The thoughts of Tim Lenton

Emmeline Pankhurst, leader of the British suffragette movement, died 90 years ago, on 14th June 1928. Less than a month later, women were given equal voting rights with men.

Born in Moss Side, Manchester, in 1858, she helped found the militant Women's Social and Political Union in 1903, after the death of her husband. They became known as suffragettes to distinguish them from the more law-abiding suffragists, who included many Christians.

The suffragettes often attacked church buildings, because the Church of England as an institution was seen as opposing votes for women. Nevertheless, there were large numbers of Christians in the Church League for Women's Suffrage, which by 1914 had over 5000 members.



Mrs Pankhurst was arrested on many occasions and went on hunger strike, which led to violent force-feeding. But she ended her militancy at the outbreak of war, reasoning that it would be no good having the vote if her country ceased to exist. It was the use of female labour during the war that led as much as anything to their eventually obtaining the vote.

In 1926 Mrs Pankhurst surprised many people by joining the Conservative party; she was selected to run for Parliament shortly before she died.

London Tilbury Seafarers' Centre

At the Family Service at the beginning of May, Julie Hobby, one of the managers spoke about the work of the centre and what they plan to do to improve the outdoor facilities. She also told us that there is a need for volunteers to do ship visiting and to drive the centre's minibus which is used to ferry seafarers to and from their ship. If you would like to visit the centre see the invitation to their "Open Day" below.

World Cup Fever

Paul Hardingham looks forward to the world cup...

The former Liverpool Manager Bill Shankly famously said, 'Some people believe football is a matter of life and death, I am very disappointed with that attitude. I can assure you it is much, much more important than that!'

This month sees the start of the World Cup in Russia; a truly global event watched by billions on television. Yet this competition illustrates some key points about the Christian life. As Paul writes: 'But one thing I do: forgetting what is behind and straining towards what is ahead, I press on towards the goal to win the prize for which God has called me heavenwards in Christ Jesus.' (Philippians 3:13b,14).

A prize to be won: The dream of every player in the competition is to be able to hold up the World Cup themselves. For us the prize is the eternal life, God's gift of relationship with him for now and eternity through Jesus. But there's an important difference between football and the Christian faith. To win the World Cup you have to be good enough, while Christ's love for us is underserved and is not dependent on how well we've done.

Training to be undertaken: If a team is going to win the World Cup, they have to train hard beforehand. Our training, as Christians, starts the moment we accept the gift of God's life. On a daily basis, we train ourselves to say no to the wrong things in our lives. As we build up our *godly muscles* we are better able to choose to do what is right in God's eyes. To enable us to do all this we need to engage in the spiritual disciplines of prayer, studying the Bible and being part of a church and small group. How is your training going?

East Tilbury Primary School visit St. Catherine's



One of the staff at the East Tilbury Primary School had approached Colin Strong and arranged to visit our church on Friday 18th May. The visit was to comprise the whole of year 6 in two groups when they had finished their SATs; with each group in the building for around 45 minutes. Kim and I volunteered to host the visit but had some concerns about how we could engage 50+ pupils in such a way that they would take something of the idea of the Christian faith and church away with them. In the end we decided on an approach which consisted of a 10 minute talk, 20 minutes or so exploring the church with a worksheet that we prepared and with a final 10 minutes or so for questions. Any concerns that we might have had turned out to be baseless. The children were attentive, interested and inquisitive. When I was asked by one what the Millennium was I realised just how young year 6 pupils are!

Chris Ford

Rogue Trader Alert!!

Essex Police have noted an increase in Rogue Traders and offer the following advice. Rogue traders are people who call at your door pretending to be qualified trades people and offering to do work on your home. They may call and state that you could need one of the following services. Roof repairs Lawn repairs Driveways power washed Driveway repairs or replaced Fence repairs Garden services, tree lopping. Waste clearance They may seem friendly and persuasive but too often they target vulnerable elderly people and local residents are encouraged to actively try to prevent rogue trader incidents occurring in their area. The rogue traders may claim to know your neighbours and have done work for them but often the work they promise to complete didn't need doing in the first place. You decide whether you need any work done to your house, not them. If you think you've been taken in by a rogue trader, please let us know by calling 101, contact Trading Standards - <https://www.citizensadvice.org.uk/consumer/get-more-help/report-to-trading-standards/> Take a look at our advice to make sure you don't fall victim to a rogue trader. A genuine trader won't:

- Call without an appointment
- Ask you to go to the bank to withdraw cash or make a money transfer
- Offer to take you to the bank to withdraw cash for payment
- Ask you to pay in full before the work is complete
- Insist that you make a decision about the work they're offering to do on the spot
- Bully or scare you into doing the work

If you do think you need some work doing:

- Contact a Buy With Confidence accredited trader
- Get a number of quotes
- Get a written estimate detailing exactly what work will be carried out, how much it will cost and what the terms of payment are.
- Take your time to make sure you're happy with what you're undertaking – ask a trusted friend/relative for advice or ring the Buy with Confidence number 08454 040506.

Doorstep sellers As well as calling at your door and offering to carry out work on your home, other rogue traders try to sell poor quality goods for highly inflated prices. It can be difficult to refuse some sales people on your doorstep and you can be pressured into buying something you do not want or that is not good value for money. Simple steps

1. Check the trader's identity: were you expecting them? If not, but you are interested in what they are selling, ask them to come back at a more convenient time and try to have another person with you.
2. Take control: you ask the questions and try to remember that it is a business situation.
3. Be aware that doorstep sellers are not your friends: watch out for clever sales techniques where you may be made to feel like you have lots in common.
4. Don't sign on the spot: even if it means that you could lose a 'special discount'. Take time to reflect, think about your purchase and shop around.
5. You have a right to cancel: If you do purchase something for more than £35 from doorstep sales people you have 7 days to change your mind. This information should be given to you in writing by the sales person.
6. If in doubt, ask the person to leave: phone Consumer Direct or Essex County Council Trading Standards on 08454 040 506 for further advice. You can also contact Essex Police using the non-emergency number 101. If you feel threatened by a sales person in your own home call 999.

FROM THE MAY MEETING OF THE PCC

The PCC met on the 14th May in St. Catherine's church. This was the first meeting of the newly elected council members; Colin and Patricia Strong, Norman and Sheila King, Chris and Kim Ford, Pam Painter, Geraldine Riddles, Kathy Bird Janice Fawsitt and Sue Spiers. In the absence of Sheila, Sue agreed to take the notes of the meeting.

The first item of business was the election of officers for the year. The following were elected:-

Chris Ford - Chairman
Sheila King - Secretary
Norman King - Treasurer
Geraldine Riddles - Safeguarding
Sue Spiers - Data Protection

The meeting then formally co-opted our Pastoral Assistant, David Gunn to the council.

Under "correspondence" Colin advised that he had been in touch with our architect to seek assurances from Bakers that, should there be further ingress of water from the roof into the kitchen then they would investigate the problem to find the cause. Chris reported that he had spoken with Jane Barry about the Thurrock Art Trail. There is no trail this year but Chris had offered St. Catherine's as an exhibition venue when there are open afternoons at St. Catherine's

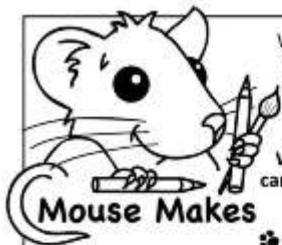
The meeting was then brought up to date with progress on the search for a new Priest in charge. The parish profile having been updated, the Archdeacon had made some suggestions which had

been agreed and the revised advertisement was in the Church Times. The closing date for applications is the 7th June with interviews scheduled for 9th July.

Colin Strong reported on a meeting that he and Sue Spiers had had with the Archdeacon, Area Dean and Revd. Barry Johnson on 10th May. At the meeting the Archdeacon advised that he had arranged for Barry Johnson to provide pastoral oversight of the parish from the beginning of July and for the next several months. This means that Barry will largely be taking our Sunday services and also providing another day of his time each week for visiting, funerals and other pastoral matters. He would also attend our PCC to give advice if and when required. He will not be the Priest in Charge and the Churchwardens will still be responsible for the proper running of the parish for the duration of the interregnum.

Sue Spiers gave her understanding of the requirements of the General Data Protection Regulation (GDPR), which comes into force from 25th May as it affects the parish. She also advised that, at the Deanery Synod meeting on 17th May, Nathan Whitehead from the Diocesan office would be giving a presentation as to what is required.

Under A.O.B. Geraldine Riddles advised that there was to be a Safeguarding training session organised by the Diocese on 7th June and PCC members were expected to attend.



Mouse Makes



Which animal goes with which bible character?



LAMB	HOLY SPIRIT
LIONS	BALAAH
LOCUSTS	JESUS
DOVE	JONAH
RAVENS	PAUL
BIG FISH	SOLOMON
DONKEY	DANIEL
BEES	ELIJAH
SNAKE	JOHN
PEACOCK	SAMSON

Which animal did Noah let out of the ark first?

Genesis 8:7

What plague of animals came out of the River Nile?

Exodus 8:6

What insects did John eat in the wilderness?

Matthew 3:4

Which animal can we learn from?

Proverbs 6:6

Which bird did the Holy Spirit appear as?

Luke 3:22

Which animal did Jesus ride on?

Matthew 21:7

DID YOU KNOW?



Four of the miracles Jesus performed were to do with fish.

1. Feeding of the 5000
Matthew 14:15-21
2. The coin in the fish's mouth
Matthew 17:24-27
3. When Jesus called His first disciples
Luke 5:4-11
4. At the Sea of Galilee after Jesus' resurrection
John 21:4-11



DID YOU KNOW?

There are four animals that are small but the Bible says are extremely wise... the **ANT**, the **HYRAX**, the **LOCUST** and the **LIZARD**.

Look up Proverbs 30:24-28 to find out why.

DOG CAME LAMB GA
PLIZARDOVEQNN
FQPEACOCKGOAT
IURAVENUSXDTF
SABULLKSHEEP
HISNAKETEOEIO
LIONHYRAXRGG

Find the animals in the word search

SHEEP • GOAT • LION • LAMB
DONKEY • RAVEN
SNAKE • DOVE
LOCUST • QUAIL • HYRAX
CAMEL • DEER • FISH • FROG
GNAT • PEACOCK
ANT • OX • LIZARD
DOG • PIG • BULL



PARISH DIARY FOR JUNE

Our Sunday services are at St. Catherine's



3 June	1st Sunday after Trinity	
	Family Service	10am
	Thurrock foodbank Thanksgiving Service at Sockets	
	Heath Baptist Church	6.30pm
6 Jun	Holy Communion (St Francis)	10am
	Drop In at St Francis	10.30am - noon
7 Jun	Foodbank at St. Francis	11am - 1pm
10 Jun	2nd Sunday after Trinity	
	Parish Communion	10am
	Baptism of Sienna Luna Basile	1pm
13 Jun	Holy Communion (St Francis)	10am
	Drop In at St Francis	10.30am - noon
14 Jun	Foodbank at St. Francis	11am - 1pm
	St. Catherine's being used by Coalhouse Fort project	9.30am - 2.30pm
	London Tilbury Seafarers' Centre - Open Day	
	Port of Tilbury - Tenants Row	2pm - 4pm
15 Jun	St. Catherine's being used by Coalhouse Fort project	9.30am - 2.30pm
16 Jun	Summer Fete	noon - 3pm
17 June	3rd Sunday after Trinity	
	Parish Communion	10am
	Baptism of Eva Rose Patrick	noon
19 Jun	Bible Study at Linford Methodist Church	7.30pm
20 Jun	Holy Communion (St Francis)	10am
	Drop In at St Francis	10.30am - noon
21 Jun	Foodbank at St. Francis	11am - 1pm
24 Jun	4th Sunday after Trinity	
	Parish Communion and Sunday School	10am
	Church open for tea and homemade cakes	2pm - 5pm
27 Jun	Holy Communion (St Francis)	10am
	Drop In at St Francis	10.30am - noon
28 Jun	Foodbank at St. Francis	11am - 1pm
	WELCOM forum meeting at Linford Methodist Church	7pm
	St. Catherine's being used by Coalhouse Fort project	9.30am - 2.30pm
29 Jun	St. Catherine's being used by Coalhouse Fort project	9.30am - 2.30pm
30 Jun	Church cleaning - volunteers needed	10am

FROM ST CATHERINE'S PARISH REGISTERS

Baptisms

13 May Eilonwy Willow Perry
20 May James Robert Edwards

Funerals

None in April

Burials

1 May Benjamin Byron

Jessie

Thanks to all who have expressed their sympathy and included some lovely comments about Sheila's Mum Jessie (Lockwood).

For 40 years or so when visiting us Jessie attended the service at St. Catherine's and was made very welcome. She chatted after the service with a number of the congregation and especially with the other Northern Ladies Gerry and Dorothy and with her husband Eric enjoyed the Parish picnic and Fete.

When Sheila phoned on Sunday evenings Jessie liked to be updated re. the people she had met and how the Parish was progressing during the Interregnum / refurbishment etc.

Jessie died on May 12th in Overgate Hospice following a short spell in Hospital and it was a coincidence that on Sunday Martin Wood who served as Chaplain to Overgate took the service at St. Catherine's.

His and your kind words and prayers have been and will continue to be a great comfort.

Love and Grateful Thanks ,

Sheila and Norman.

First pancake

A mother was preparing pancakes for her sons, Kevin, 5 and Ryan 3. The boys began to argue over who would get the first pancake. Their mother saw the opportunity for a moral lesson. She said: 'If Jesus were sitting here, He would say, "Let my brother have the first pancake, I can wait."'

Kevin turned to his younger brother and said, 'Ryan, you be Jesus!'

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
For Baptisms, Weddings or Funerals please contact Colin Strong in the first
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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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Copy Dates for Pewtalk

23rd June 2018

22nd July 2018

23rd August 2018