

PEWTALK 40_P

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Jesus said,
"Whoever welcomes one such child in my name
welcomes me, and whoever welcomes me
welcomes not me but the one who sent me."

Mark 9: 37



EAST & WEST TILBURY AND LINFORD PARISH MAGAZINE

Parish web site: www.stcatherinesthurrock.org.uk

BITS AND PIECES

Macmillan Coffee Morning

This years Macmillan Coffee Morning is on Friday 29th September between 10:00am and 12:00 noon at St Francis Hall.

Please come along and join us for a cuppa, a piece of cake and a chat to support this very worthwhile cause.

There will be a raffle and a tombola on the day, which have both got some great prizes! Hope to see you there!

Many thanks, Claire Frend

Quiz Night

On Friday 8th September there is to be a quiz night at the St. Francis Centre in aid of parish funds. The fun starts at 7pm for tables of up to eight. The price of a ticket is £5. Please contact Geraldine Riddles on 07919 484440 or Patricia Strong on 07597 364516 for more details or tickets.

On Monday 21st, August St. Catherine's was visited by the Rayleigh U3A "Church visiting Group". They spent nearly 2 hours looking at the building and hearing about the work that was done in 2015 before moving onto "The Ship" for lunch. They were very impressed with the results. With the projector that had been given to the parish by the Coalhouse Fort project we were able to show the video, produced by Sue Spiers' son Alex, of the development's progress.

Bible Study

After a brief break in August our joint Bible Study with our Linford Methodist friends will re-commence on Tuesday 12th September at their church. All are welcome and we begin at 8pm.

The Thurrock Art Trail

Once again the church supported the Thurrock Art Trail by providing a venue in St. Catherine's. The trail ran from the 15th to the 30th July and local artists Tim Harrold and John Espin showed there work. The artists have said how grateful they are for the support of the church and the folk that acted as custodians during the event. Although the general advertising of the Art Trail was not what it might have been we still had in excess of 100 visitors.

As mentioned in the August edition of PEWTALK, Karen Dobson has been promoted and we have a new local area co-ordinator. His name is Samson and he has visited us at the foodbank to understand what we do at St. Francis on a Wednesday and Thursday. He is considering whether to hold a "surgery" there.

100 Club

We have decided to re-launch the 100 Club with new tickets and so far we have sold 50 tickets. Copies of the tickets as a receipt for the £10 will be available on Sunday. A number of lucky winners have kept the same numbers but some are hoping for better luck. The first draw will take place at the end of August. It would be great to sell a further 10-20 Tickets. Hope that's not too greedy. Norman

The Orsett Show is on Saturday 2nd September from 9am to 5pm. Our Deanery have a tent in which the Thurrock foodbank will also have a presence.

The interregnum - where are we now?

The post of "Associate Priest (House for Duty) of East and West Tilbury and Linford; and also of Corringham and Fobbing" has been re-advertised both on the Diocesan website and in the Church Times. The job description from the Church Times reads:-

"Job Description

Bradwell Episcopal Area
Associate Priest House-for-Duty
Parish of East and West Tilbury and Linford

A superb opportunity to share with this faithful and committed congregation within Sunday worship and wider community.

Are you an enthusiastic priest who can engage with these priorities?

- Provide Christian teaching, encouraging discipleship and growth
- Engage with the local schools, families and their children
- Build on current links with the uniform groups and youth initiatives
- Form relationships with those moving into housing developments

This appointment is part of the wider ministry team of the United Benefice of Corringham and Fobbing."

The closing date for applications is the 6th September and interviews are scheduled for the 10th October. Just to be clear, for those that might not be familiar with the term; "House for Duty" means that the appointed priest will not receive a salary but will have free housing. We shall have to wait and see if there are any applicants this time around.

Meanwhile it is a year since Canon Paul retired from the parish and it is good to note that we have managed to keep the mission of the Church of England alive in this place as we await a new priest. Our Sunday and Wednesday congregations continue much as they were, we still have our open afternoons, hold our "drop in" and foodbank distribution centre at St. Francis, we continue with our monthly Bible Study and run our usual events such as the Fete, Bazaar, Harvest Supper (this year on Saturday 7th October) and Rogation service.

Perhaps more importantly, we are still able to offer our parishioners Baptisms, Weddings and Funerals if and when required. All of this is due to the hard work of our Churchwardens and Officers with the assistance of local, and not so local clergy. As I have written before it will be more difficult to cover all our services as the Deanery's complement of priests has fallen considerably in the past few months, but nonetheless, through God's good grace, we will continue to provide opportunities to worship him and serve our community.

Chris Ford - acting chairman of the PCC.

Au Revoir, the Kuypers

Forty two years we have been living in Linford, 39 of them worshipping at Linford Methodist Church. Purely by accident we walked into a very dark, gloomy and freezing cold building all those years ago, but a life changing experience.



The rest as they say is history we will never find a Church as unique as Linford. Our present Mission Statement sums up the Church so well, "**Bringing the community together to know God**"

The most fulfilling work for Marian has been the Toddler Group an ever changing and evolving group. Most of the parents we see on a Tuesday or Thursday are ex toddlers and now here they are back again with their children, continuity at its best. Hundreds of friendships made over the years, people who have moved into the area being brave enough to come through those doors by themselves and go out with new friends.

For Bob it must be the change in the building, helping to draw up the plans, transforming the gloomy cold building to a multi-function Church with the added addition of toilets two kitchen refits and the Terry Finn room. Light airy and warm as long as the central heating has come on.

Dare we mention the car park! How many Church Councils debated, argued and discussed the type of car park we should have. How many people have we dug out of the mud in years gone by. Now seven years later not many people can remember the mud and the holes.

So its goodbye from him and goodbye from me – thanks for the memories.

Marian & Bob Kuypers

And also.....

Unfortunately Yippee Club on Thursday 31st August was the last one. We have been running the club for eight years with friends from St. Catherine's and other Methodist Churches but now but due to a number of relocating families its time to move on and do something different.

Please watch this space as there will be children's events up and coming as the year goes on.

It has been a pleasure and privilege to meet so many charming children over the years who have touched the life of the Church

God Bless

Linford Methodist Church

“Heartstart“ training

On Thursday 10th August I went along to the free Heartstart Class at St Francis. I must admit to being a little apprehensive as to what to expect! Well the welcome was warm and the people very friendly. The class was run by some of our Community First Responders who told us a little of the sterling work they do volunteering alongside and supporting our Ambulance Service. They have also been delivering this class



across the borough, attending clubs, groups and schools with children from aged 8 learning life saving skills. A valuable skill we should all have in my opinion. During the next 1.5 hours I learnt that IF the worse happens it can be very scary for everyone involved BUT by having those Basic Skills such as knowing how to administer CPR, help stem a serious bleed, help someone who is choking or help during a heart attack I could save somebody's life. The team

delivered the training in a fun way but with a serious side. A good evening which was well attended. It is hoped that more events can be arranged, the more people that have these important skills the more lives hopefully can be saved. If you are interested in attending or arranging for a Heartstart class please contact me on 07957 184799 and I will put you in touch with them.

Jan Fawsitt

Siegfried Sassoon - war poet

One of the leading poets of the First World War, Siegfried Sassoon died 50 years ago, on 1st September 1967. His intense, dramatic verses highlighted the futility of war and attacked those who in his view sought to prolong it.

Sassoon was also known for his prose, particularly the semi-autobiographical *Memoirs of a Foxhunting Man* and its sequels, published in the 1920s and 30s.

He was the product of a wealthy Kent family: his father was a notable Jewish merchant and his mother came from a family of artists and sculptors. He went to Marlborough School and Cambridge University but did not obtain a degree. He served with distinction in the First World War, earning the Military Cross in 1916 for bringing wounded soldiers to safety.

He was discharged after being injured but remained deeply affected by the horrors of war, writing the anti-war “Soldiers’ Declaration” and flinging his MC into the Mersey – at least, that is what everyone thought, until it turned up at his ex-wife’s former home on the Isle of Mull in 2007.

Instead of being court-martialed, he was sent to Craiglockhart Military Hospital in Edinburgh for treatment. Here he met Wilfred Owen, several years younger than him, who was inspired to write Great War poetry himself. He was killed a week before the war ended after returning unnecessarily to the front – despite Sassoon trying to prevent him from doing so.

In his later years Sassoon became a devout Roman Catholic, and his final poems reflected that.

National Youth Music Camps



So, just what are the National Music Youth Camps you may ask. Well, Kim and I certainly did when, while in Manila with the “Streetlight” mission, we were asked if we would volunteer to help with one of the teenage camps. When we explained to Pin and Simon Ambrose (the recruiters) that neither of us were particularly musical, we were told that that didn’t matter as we would be working in the “cow shed” - but more of that later.

The camps were set up 47 years ago by Avril Dankworth, the sister of the jazz musician John Dankworth, when he and his wife Cleo Laine bought the Old Rectory in Wavenden Milton Keynes. The vision that Avril Dankworth had, **was to give young people with a love of music an experience that combined her two loves, music and camping. She specified that the musical experience should be completely different to what the campers experienced at school. It should embrace all genres, all abilities, and should take place as much as possible outdoors.** And so we found it to be on the camp that we joined which was “T2” for young people between the ages of 13 and 17.

62 very talented youngsters arrived on site on the Sunday afternoon to start a week making music - and what music they made! Apart from teaching sessions they were also formed into a variety of musical ensembles; the big band, the jazz band, the rock and pop band, a saxophone quartet each one of which put on a stunning performance for their parents on the Saturday afternoon at the end of camp.

As if this wasn’t enough they were all involved in a production of the Gilbert & Sullivan opera “Ruddigore” which is a tale involved many bridesmaids, cursed and evil barons and paintings that come to life. We were amazed at the ability of the campers to become the cast of this piece and put on an excellent performance with only seven and a half hours rehearsal. And bear in mind that this was with them singing rather than playing an instrument which would probably have been their preference.

So..... back to the cow shed which is where the scenery, props and costumes were made for the production of Ruddigore plus one or two other items for events during the week. Just to give you some idea of what was wanted there was a suit of armour, costumes for a bishop, a farmer, various dukes etc., a number of ghosts, 20+

bridesmaids and 20+ bucks (young gentlemen), a sailor, "mad Margaret", a witch and a few others.

The props were equally interesting. We needed a stake and fire (to burn the witch), a mouldy apple, a tin of elbow grease, a couple of daggers, an ancient scroll and, to cap it all, seven gilded picture frames just over two metres high and a little over a metre wide for the various departed souls to carry on and off the stage and walk through as they came to life.

At times it seemed too much, especially when the glue gun wouldn't work properly and a volunteer music teacher who was helping, managed to break one of the sewing machines. However, it all got done, the costumes fitted (although it took some effort to get the cast members to attend their fittings) and none of the props fell apart!

Rather foolishly perhaps, Kim and I have volunteered to help again next year - if they'll have us!

On a final note, I was amazed to discover that when agreeing to attend the camp the teenagers have to agree not to bring any mobile 'phones and gadgets with them so that they can concentrate on the job in hand. To my knowledge only one young lady tried to smuggle a 'phone in and was somewhat distressed to be told that she could have it back when her parents came to collect her on the Saturday - 6 days with no texts - how sad.

If you would like to know more about these camps or know of a youngster that might enjoy it, go to <https://stables.org/learning/national-youth-music-camps> - you may even want to volunteer!

Chris Ford

WHAT IS A SENIOR CITIZEN?

A Senior Citizen is one who was here before; the pill, Television, frozen foods, contact lenses, credit cards And before man walked on the moon.

For us, "Time Sharing" meant togetherness, not holiday homes, and a "chip" meant a companion to fish. "Hardware" meant nuts and bolts, and "software" wasn't even a word. We got married first, then lived together, and thought cleavage was something that butchers did. A "stud" was something that fastened a collar to a shirt, And "going all the way" meant staying on a double decker to the bus depot. We thought that "fast food" was what you ate in lent; a "Big Mac" was an oversized raincoat and "crumpet" we had for tea. In our day "grass" was mown, "coke" was kept in the coal house and a "joint" was cooked on Sundays!

We are today's SENIOR CITIZENS. A hardy bunch when you think how the world has changed.

Some thoughts supplied by David Gunn



Thurrock foodbank provides emergency food supplies to local people in crisis within the borough. Foodbank fills a real and ongoing need in our local area, but we need food donations, financial gifts and more volunteers to help collect and distribute the food. If you can assist, just email volunteering@thurrock.foodbank.org.uk

Emergency food for local people in crisis: Thurrock people helping Thurrock people

GROWING DEMAND FOR FOODBANK

In the twelve months to March 2017 Thurrock foodbank helped to feed 4,504 people – that means over 40,000 meals were supplied. This is 15% higher than the previous year. Since April 2017 we have seen a further increase in year-on-year demand and this is likely to increase even more as Universal Credit is rolled out to Thurrock in October. Other foodbanks in areas of full Universal Credit rollout to single people, couples and families, have seen a 16.85% average increase in referrals for emergency food.

NOT ENOUGH FOOD

However our food donations are not keeping pace with demand. Our warehouse is emptier than it has ever been and we are very concerned that we do not have enough food to give to those who need it. The local supermarkets have not allowed us to hold as many store collections as in previous years which restricts our ability to top up stocks quickly. So over the summer period we need to increase food donations as fast as possible.

TWO WAYS YOU CAN HELP

1. Every time you go shopping, buy a couple of items from the list on the right and donate them at your usual collecting point, or drop them in to our warehouse in Corringham.
2. Give money for food items directly to Thurrock foodbank so we can shop on your behalf and buy the things we urgently need.

HOW TO KEEP IN THE KNOW

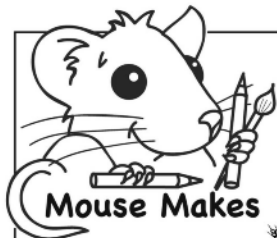
Now you can keep up-to-date with what is happening on the website for Thurrock foodbank. It features useful information and all the current news and details about Thurrock foodbank. You can log-in anytime at www.thurrock.foodbank.org.uk And if you want to know what the latest shortage items are you can download the Thurrock Foodbank app to your smartphone and check the items to add to your shopping list every week.

SHORTAGE FOOD ITEMS

We pack each food box with a fixed range of items to provide a balanced and nutritious set of meals for up to three days. At the moment we have a shortage of a lot of specific items needed to make up the food parcels given to those people in food crisis in our borough. The items that are urgently needed right now:

- ❖ long-life fruit juice
- ❖ sponge puddings
- ❖ tinned fish
- ❖ tinned fruit
- ❖ tinned rice pudding
- ❖ pasta sauce
- ❖ dried mash potato
- ❖ tinned spaghetti
- ❖ cup-a-soups
- ❖ noodles
- ❖ cooking sauces
- ❖ tea bags

So when you go shopping this week please add these to your list, remember to purchase them and donate them as soon as you can. Thank you.*



Mouse Makes

Can you find these harvest words in the hay bales?

HARVEST

THANKSGIVING

PRAISE • GOD • BLESSED
SEEDS • SOW • LAND
PLOUGH • SCATTER
SOIL • GROW
CROPS • REAP

May all the peoples praise you, O God,
may all the peoples praise you!
The land has produced its harvest,
God, our God has blessed us.
God has blessed us, may all people
everywhere honour him.

Psalm 67:5-7



WHEAT SW P I C K C
A P P L E R A I N R O K
U R G P P T P E A R S
T O R L B L E S S E D U
U B O U R O R S E P O G
M O W M O U S E R P A
N U T S S G H S A P E S
O G O D E H S C R O P S

WATER • RAIN • SUN
AUTUMN • GATHER
PICK • REAP • BALE
TRACTOR • BARN • CART
HAYSTACK • FOOD
MOUSE • BREAD • LOAF
GRAIN • CORN
WHEAT • OATS
RYE • BARLEY

OLIVES • GRAPES • PIPS
PEARS • PLUMS • APPLE
BERRIES • NUTS • VINE
FIGS • BEANS • PEAS
POTATOES • FLOUR
ONIONS
PARSNIPS
RICE • SUGAR



G H A Y S T A C K E R P
A F C A R T R A C T O R
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PARISH DIARY FOR SEPTEMBER
Our Sunday services are at St. Catherine's



2 Sep	The Orsett Show at the show ground	9am - 5pm
3 Sep	12th Sunday after Trinity "The Family Service"	10am
	Baptism of James Paul McClement	2pm
6 Sep	Holy Communion (St Francis)	10am
	Drop In at St Francis	10.30am - noon
7 Sep	Foodbank at St. Francis	11am - 1pm
8 Sep	Quiz night in aid of church funds at St. Francis	7pm
10 Sep	13th Sunday after Trinity Parish Communion	10am
11 Sep	PCC meeting at St. Catherine's	7.30pm
12 Sep	Bible Study at Linford Methodist Church	8pm
13 Sep	Holy Communion (St Francis)	10am
	Drop In at St Francis	10.30am - noon
14 Sep	Foodbank at St. Francis	11am - 1pm
16 Sep	Marriage blessing of Alan Arthur Grant & Jacqueline Ann Collins	4pm
17 Sep	14th Sunday after Trinity Parish Communion	10am
	Baptism of Freya Rose & Noah Benjamin Small	2pm
19 Sep	Hadleigh U3A visit to St. Catherine's	11am
20 Sep	Holy Communion (St Francis)	10am
	Drop In at St Francis	10.30am - noon
21 Sep	Foodbank at St Francis	11am - 1pm
24 Sep	15th Sunday after Trinity Parish Communion	10am
	Church open for teas	2 - 5 pm
27 Sep	Holy Communion (St Francis)	10am
	Drop In at St Francis	10.30am - noon
28 Sep	Foodbank at St. Francis	11am - 1pm
	WELCOM forum meeting at Linford Methodist Church	7.30pm
29 Sep	Coffee morning in aid of the MacMillan nurses at the St. Francis Centre	10am - noon

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

6 Aug Alfie Donald Powell

20 Aug Emma Elizabeth Davis

WEDDINGS

22nd July Luke Anthony Jerram and Sonia Marie Bois

19th Aug Marriage of Mark Vincent Chapman and Sarah Jane Mist



Fundraising Quiz

In aid of

St Catherine's Church East Tilbury

at

**St Francis Centre, Linford, corner of Somerset Rd
and Lower Crescent SS17 0QA**

on

Friday 8th September at 7pm

Please bring your teams of up to 8 people at £5 each person

Please feel free to bring your own drinks and nibbles

Tea and coffee will be served at the break

Join in with our raffle with some lovely prizes to be won

For tickets please contact

Caroline (0438) 02913 484540, email caroline.tidbles@btinternet.com

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Facebook: St Catherine's Church, East Tilbury

Website: stcatherineschurch.org.uk

Pray, don't laugh

Pray, don't laugh at the man who limps or stumbles along the road.

Unless you have worn the shoes he wears or struggled beneath his load.

He may have tacks in his shoes that hurt though hidden away from view

And the load he bears placed on your back could cause you to stumble to.

Pray don't laugh at the man who sin's or pelt him with words or stones

Unless you are sure, yea doubly sure you have no sin's of your own.

For you know that if the tempters voice should whisper as soft to you.

As it did to him when he went astray you'd be a sinner to.

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

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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 and Weddings please contact Colin Strong in the first
instance.

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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

17th September 2017

22nd October 2017

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