

The Parish of East & West Tilbury & Linford
SAINT CATHERINE'S EAST TILBURY
SAINT FRANCIS LINFORD
PARISH NEWSLETTER

Sunday 24th October 2021 ~ 20th Bible Sunday

The Gospel ~ John 5:36b-end

Hear the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to John.

Glory to you, O Lord.

But I have a testimony greater than John's. The works that the Father has given me to complete, the very works that I am doing, testify on my behalf that the Father has sent me. And the Father who sent me has himself testified on my behalf. You have never heard his voice or seen his form, and you do not have his word abiding in you, because you do not believe him whom he has sent.

'You search the scriptures because you think that in them you have eternal life; and it is they that testify on my behalf. Yet you refuse to come to me to have life. I do not accept glory from human beings. But I know that you do not have the love of God in^[a] you. I have come in my Father's name, and you do not accept me; if another comes in his own name, you will accept him. How can you believe when you accept glory from one another and do not seek the glory that comes from the one who alone is God? Do not think that I will accuse you before the Father; your accuser is Moses, on whom you have set your hope. If you believed Moses, you would believe me, for he wrote about me. But if you do not believe what he wrote, how will you believe what I say?'

This is the Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, O Christ

Collect for 20th Bible Sunday: Merciful God, teach us to be faithful in change and uncertainty, that trusting in your word and obeying your will we may enter the unfailing joy of Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

BIBLE READINGS FOR THIS WEEK

Sunday 24th October – Bible Sunday

Isaiah 55:1-11 (OT 696) & 2 Timothy 3:14-4:5 (NT 210) & John 5:36b-end (NT 93)

Monday 25th October – Micah 1.1-9 & John 17:1-5

Chrispin and Crispian, martyrs, c.287

Tuesday 26th October – Micah 2 & John 17:6-19

Alfred, king, scholar,899 & Cedd, abbot, bishop,664

Wednesday 27th October – Micah 3 & John 17:20-end

Thursday 28th October – Isaiah 45:18-end & Luke 6:12-16

Simon and Jude, Apostles

Friday 29th October – Micah 2:2-end & John 18:12-27

James Hannington, bishop, martyr, 1885

Saturday 30th October – Micah 6 & John 18:28-end

Sunday 31st October – All Saints Day

Isaiah 25:6-9 (OT 662) & Revelation 21:1-6a (NT 257) & John 11:32-44 (NT 102)

PARISH DIARY

Sunday 24th October: Bible Sunday and celebration of the life of St. Cedd
10am Celtic Morning Service at St. Catherine's
2 – 4pm St. Catherine's open afternoon with refreshments
4.30pm Celtic evening prayer

Wednesday 27th October: 10am Morning Prayer at St Francis followed by the
'Community Support Drop-in'

Thursday 28th October: 11am – 1pm Foodbank at St. Francis

Saturday 30th October: ##### **CLOCKS GO BACK 1 HOUR TONIGHT #####**

Sunday 31st October: Trinity 20 – 10am Holy Communion at St. Catherine's
12noon Baptism of Penelope and Margot Bryan

Dates for the Diary Further ahead:

Sunday 7th November 3pm at St Catherine's

'Service of Memorial and Thanksgiving to remember loved ones passed'

Sunday 14th November 'Remembrance Sunday' ~ 9.30am Holy Communion at St Catherine's followed by the Act of Remembrance 10.45am at the Bata Memorial.

Saturday 20th November 20th Time 6.30pm Tearfund Big Quiz Night

Readers

Prayers

Sides persons

Teas

24th Oct:	<i>Pat / Chris</i>	<i>Kathy</i>	<i>Carol B / Jeannie</i>	<i>Pam P / Margaret</i>
31st Oct:	<i>Sheila / Geraldine</i>	<i>Kim</i>	<i>Kim / John D</i>	<i>Pat W / Carole H</i>
7th Nov:	<i>Kathy / Janice</i>	<i>Chris</i>	<i>Pat W / Carole H</i>	<i>Kim / Kathy</i>
14th Nov:	<i>Sheila / Kim</i>	<i>Norman</i>	<i>Pam E / Rose</i>	<i>Pam P / Margaret</i>

Covid-19 & Step 4:

The PCC of this parish have decided to retain the following Covid mitigation measures for public worship and Life Events at St Catherine's and St Francis:

Face coverings – *please continue to bring a face covering with you and as a courtesy to others please wear it when adequate social distancing cannot be maintained.*

Hand Hygiene – *please continue to sanitize your hands on arrival, departure and before receiving communion.*

Venue QR Code - *the QR codes will remain in place. We will make a note of who attends our services for Track and Trace purposes. If you visit either church outside of public worship times please sign in the Register on arrival.*

Seating Arrangements – *you can now choose where and with whom you want to sit in church. Should you wish to sit with space either side of you we will ensure this happens.*

Service liturgy – *we will keep the shortened liturgy for the time being.*

Holy Communion – *guidelines for sharing the peace and the administration of Holy Communion remain the same.*

Singing – *is now allowed*

Refreshments – *follow the 10am Services on Sundays & Wednesdays.*

One-way route system – *has been removed and the North door will be used as the entry and exit point.*

Please continue to do all you can to keep yourself and others safe and healthy.

If anyone becomes aware that they have had a positive lateral flow test or PCR test for Covid 19 then please let either Revd Michèle or the Churchwardens know as soon as possible. This is so we can determine whether the church buildings will need to be quarantined or deep cleaned. Thank You.

Worshipping at Home –24th October:

Chelmsford Cathedral:

7.45am Morning Prayer

10.30am The Eucharist

3.30pm Evensong

Services can be accessed via the Chelmsford Cathedral Youtube & Facebook pages

BBC ONE: 1.15pm Songs of Praise – 'Church Island'.

PEWTALK – PLEASE GET ANY ARTICLES FOR INCLUSION IN THE NOVEMBER EDITION OF PEWTALK TO CHRIS FORD BY SUNDAY 24TH OCTOBER PLEASE.

FOODBANK SHOPPING LIST ~

ORANGE/ LEMON/ BLACKCURRANT SQUASH, TINNED POTATOES, TINNED CARROTS, FRUIT JUICE

DONATIONS CAN BE DROPPED OFF AT ST CATHERINE'S ON A SUNDAY OR ST FRANCIS ON A WEDNESDAY DURING THE COMMUNITY DROP- IN (10.30AM-12NOON) THANK YOU FOR YOUR GENEROSITY

Bible Study & Fellowship Group: We are following the Cover to Cover Bible Study Course – 'Genesis Foundations of Reality'. Next session Monday 8th November 10.30am-12noon at St Francis. All welcome.

Tearfund Big Quiz Night. We are running this event in aid of the Tearfund charity. It will take place at St. Catherine's on Saturday 20th November starting at 6.30pm. Tickets are £5 per person with tables of 6 and are available from the church or St. Francis. Please make a note of the date and sell as many tickets as possible. It is a very good cause.

Operation Christmas Child Shoeboxes –

Please bring your completed boxes to church on Sunday 7th November. Please make sure you check what can go in the shoebox parcels. There are boxes and information leaflets at the back of the church. We will also be buying completed shoeboxes online so you may wish to give a donation towards that instead of making your own box.

Celebrating the Saints

26th October

St. Cedd

Cedd was a pupil of Aidan, who had established Christianity within Northumbria during the reign of King Oswald. Cedd spent some time at the monastery of Lindisfarne, where along with his brother Chad, he was taught by Aidan. There were four brothers in all: Chad, Cynebill, Caelin and Cedd. All four became priests and two became bishops. Cedd was from the region of East Anglia, but practised Celtic Christianity rather than the Roman Christianity associated with the south of England. He is known as of the Lindisfarne monks who travelled great distances to preach the gospel. In 653 Cedd and his brothers were sent by King Oswy of Northumbria to evangelise the Middle Angles in Mercia. He was also sent to Essex on a similar mission sometime later. Such was the success of his missions that he was consecrated Bishop of the East Saxons in 654 by Finan of Lindisfarne. While in this post he established monasteries at Tilabourg (probably East Tilbury) and Ythanchester (Bradwell-on-Sea).

Cedd was present at the Synod of Whitby (664), which was called to establish uniformity over the celebration of Easter between the Churches of the Celtic and Roman traditions, and to clarify other ecclesiastical customs. Able to speak both Gaelic and Anglo-Saxon, Cedd acted as interpreter at the gathering. The council was called by King Oswy, a Celtic Christian who had married Eanfleda, a Roman Christian. The differences in Easter practices in the royal household were becoming contentious. Although eventually influential for the history of Christianity in Britain, the Synod of Whitby was only attended by a few representative bishops. It was many years before uniformity became apparent within the Church, and practices merged. The process of convergence between Celtic and Roman traditions was long and gradual.

Bede, an English Roman Christian writing 70 years after the Synod, made this council the crux of his account of church history, and subsequent medieval histories distorted the facts for political motives.

In a journey back to Northumbria in 658 Cedd established the monastery at Lastingham, after being given land by Ethelwalcl, Oswys son. He died of the plague whilst living at Lastingham in 664.

Extract from Saints on Earth: A biographical companion to Common Worship by John H Darch and Stuart K Burns

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Please let Revd. Michèle know of anyone who is unwell and in need of a phone call or a visit.