

The Parish of East & West Tilbury & Linford

St Catherine's East Tilbury & St Francis Linford

Parish Newsletter for the week beginning

Sunday 6th July 2025 ~ 3rd Sunday after Trinity

The Gospel ~ Luke 10:1-11, 16-20

Hear the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Luke
Glory to you, O Lord

After this the Lord appointed seventy others and sent them on ahead of him in pairs to every town and place where he himself intended to go. He said to them, 'The harvest is plentiful, but the labourers are few; therefore ask the Lord of the harvest to send out labourers into his harvest. Go on your way. See, I am sending you out like lambs into the midst of wolves. Carry no purse, no bag, no sandals; and greet no one on the road. Whatever house you enter, first say, "Peace to this house!" And if anyone is there who shares in peace, your peace will rest on that person; but if not, it will return to you. Remain in the same house, eating and drinking whatever they provide, for the labourer deserves to be paid. Do not move about from house to house. Whenever you enter a town and its people welcome you, eat what is set before you; cure the sick who are there, and say to them, "The kingdom of God has come near to you." But whenever you enter a town and they do not welcome you, go out into its streets and say, "Even the dust of your town that clings to our feet, we wipe off in protest against you. Yet know this: the kingdom of God has come near." 'Whoever listens to you listens to me, and whoever rejects you rejects me, and whoever rejects me rejects the one who sent me.'

The seventy returned with joy, saying, 'Lord, in your name even the demons submit to us!' He said to them, 'I watched Satan fall from heaven like a flash of lightning. See, I have given you authority to tread on snakes and scorpions, and over all the power of the enemy; and nothing will hurt you. Nevertheless, do not rejoice at this, that the spirits submit to you, but rejoice that your names are written in heaven.'

This is the Gospel of the Lord, Praise to you, O Christ.

Collect for today: God our saviour, look on this wounded world in pity and in power; hold us fast to your promises of peace won for us by your Son, our Saviour Jesus Christ. **Amen.**

PARISH DIARY

Sunday 6th July: 3rd Sunday after Trinity

10.00am Holy Communion at St. Catherine's

Wednesday 9th July: 10am Morning Prayer at St. Francis, followed at

10.30am by the Community Drop-in

Thursday 10th July: 11am-1pm Foodbank at St. Francis

Sunday 13th July: 4th Sunday after Trinity

10.00am Holy Communion at St. Catherine's

BIBLE READINGS FOR THIS WEEK

Sunday 6th July – 3rd Sunday after Trinity

Isaiah 66:10-14 (OT 707) & Psalm 66:1-8 (OT 540)

Galatians 6: [1-6] 7-16 (NT 188) & Luke 10:1-11, 16-20 (NT 68)

Monday 7th July – Psalm 71 & Job 27 & Romans 11:25-end

Tuesday 8th July – Psalm 73 & Job 28 & Romans 12:1-8

Wednesday 9th July – Psalm 77 & Job 29 & Romans 12:9-end

Thursday 10th July – Psalm 78:1-39 & Job 30 & Romans 13:1-7

Friday 11th July – Psalm 55 & Job 31 & Romans 13:8-end

Benedict of Nursia, abbot of Monte Cassino, father of western monasticism c.550

Saturday 12th July – Psalm 76, 79 & Job 32 & Romans 14:1-12

Sunday 13th July – 4th Sunday after Trinity

Deuteronomy 30:9-14 (OT 193) & Psalm 25:1-10 (OT 513)

Colossians 1:1-14 (NT 197) & Luke 10:25-37 (NT 68)

Readers

Prayers

Sides persons

Teas

6th July: Robin / Pauline

Pat

Valerie / Les

Pam P / Margaret

13th July: Tony / Sheila

Norman

Norman / Sheila

Valerie / Les

20th July: Kim / Pat

Chris

Pat / Carole H / Jeannie

Pam E / Kim

27th July: Norman / Chris

Kim

Carol B / Margaret

Pat / Carole H

Dates for the Diary – 2025

Church Cleaning Dates at St

Catherine's – *please come and help to keep our church looking clean, loved and cared for on the following dates:*

Saturday 5th July 10am-11am

Saturday 2nd August 10am-12noon

Saturday 6th September 10am-12noon

Bible Study & Fellowship Group -

Monday 14th & 28th July – 10.30am-12noon at St Francis. All welcome.

We will have our usual break during August.

Meeting of the PCC – Monday 21st July, 2pm at St Francis.

Open Afternoons at St Catherine's

– our open afternoons are held on the last Sunday of each month (April to August). The church is open 2-4pm with refreshments available.

Please note for the last two dates the hours will be extended and St Catherine's will be open to visitors from 12noon.

There will be Ploughman lunches available 12-2pm, cake and a cuppa 2-4pm.

There will also be books, crafts and bric-a-brac stalls.

The dates are: **Sunday 27th July; Sunday 31st August.**

Other News

The 100 Club – The £50 draw in July will complete the 2024-2025 100 Club season. Tickets (£10 per ticket) for the next 100 club season are now available from **Norman King**. A winning number with a £10 prize is drawn every month for 10 months and 2 prizes of £50 are drawn in December and July. The first draw of this new season will be in August. Please support the 100 Club if you can and if you have friends and family beyond the congregation who may be interested in helping the church in this way tell them about it too.

Thurrock Foodbank Shopping List:

Tinned meat (curries, stews, spaghetti Bolognese); Tinned fish; Tinned soup; Mashed potato; Tinned potatoes; Noodles; Desserts - Sponge puddings, Jellies, Rice pudding, custard; Long-life milk; Long-life fruit juice. Cleaning products & Toiletries.

Please make sure everything is 'in date'. Items for the Foodbank can be left at St Catherine's on a Sunday (there is a box at the back of the church) or at St Francis on a Wednesday morning 10.30 -12 noon or on a Thursday 11am – 1pm.

Thank you for your generosity.

Celebrating the Saints

7th July

St Willibald – the first ever Anglo-Saxon travel writer

Where do you go on your summer travels? If you enjoy including a Christian element to your trips, such as making a pilgrimage, or visiting places rich in Christian history, then St. Willibald (d. 876) is the saint for you this month. He was one of the most widely travelled Anglo-Saxons of his time.

Willibald began life in Wessex, becoming a monk at Bishops Waltham (Hants). But he obviously had the curiosity that besets all keen travellers – what is it like over there...just over the next hill, round the next corner? And so Willibald set out... for Rome, Cyprus, Syria and above all, Palestine. It was an amazing achievement, just to survive such journeys back in the early 8th century.

In Palestine, Willibald made his way round all the Holy Places associated with Jesus, as well as the numerous communities of monks and hermits living there. On his eventual return to Europe, Willibald decided to tell his story. He dictated an account of all his travels to a long-suffering nun, Hugeburc, who wrote it up under the title of *Hodoeporicon* – the first ever travel book to be written by an Anglo-Saxon

After a long stay in Constantinople, the year 730 found Willibald back in Rome, where he settled at the monastery at Monte Cassino. Under his reforming influence, the monastery began to prosper. That got Willibald 'noticed', and soon Boniface asked Pope Gregory III to send him on to Germany, where Willibald was made bishop of Echstatt. Here he founded a monastery that became an important centre for the diffusion and development of monasticism. After 45 years as Bishop at Echstatt, Willibald died in c. 786. His relics remain there till this day.

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**open on Thursdays 11am-1pm at St Francis Church,
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For all enquiries regarding the Linford Foodbank outside of the Thursday session please
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