

A reflection from the Dean of Chelmsford

The Very Reverend Nicholas Henshall writes: At the heart of Christian worship is Jesus' invitation: "do this to remember me". We may have all sorts of different ways of responding to that invitation and different understandings of what is happening when we take bread and wine, bless them, and share them, but here I simply want to reflect on three different names for our response. First "Holy Communion" – a beautiful and rich name that invites us to see that when we eat the bread and drink the cup we have communion in four different ways: with God, with one another, with all our Christians sisters brothers across the world who are doing this to remember Jesus; and with all the followers of Jesus since that first gathering in the upper room. Second "Eucharist" a word that simply means "thanksgiving" and is the word the Gospels use when Jesus blesses the bread and the cup. Its use as a name for a service is relatively modern and has no history with any particular denomination or group so belongs to all of us: thanks and praise at the heart of our life together. And third "Mass" a word used mostly by Swedish Lutherans and Roman Catholics, which simply means "get out of here!" It is the same word as "mission" and reminds us that at the heart of Holy Communion is Jesus' invitation to go out and tell the good news. Or in words ascribed to Augustine of Hippo: "You are to be taken, blessed, broken and distributed that the work of the Incarnation may go forward."

Summer services

3rd Jul

9.30am – Family Service – Little Leighs
11.00am – Communion – Great Waltham

10th Jul

9.30am – Communion – Ford End
9.30am – Communion – Little Leighs

17th Jul

10.00am – Community – Ford End
11.00am – Communion – Great Waltham
11.00am – Communion – Little Waltham
11.00am – Communion – The Chignals

Joint Summer Services

24th Jul 11.00am – Ford End

31st Jul 11.00am – Great Leighs

7th Aug 11.00am – Little Waltham

14th Aug 11.00am – Great Waltham

21st Aug 11.00am – The Chignals

28th Aug 11.00am – Little Leighs



Be strong and courageous. Do not be frightened or dismayed, for the Lord your God is with you wherever you go
Joshua 1.9



Welcome to your Church Pew Sheet for June 2022

June Church Services

5th Jun

9.30am – Family Service – Little Leighs
11.00am – Communion – Great Waltham
3.00pm – Open air service of thanksgiving for the life of the Queen – Great Waltham

12th Jun

9.30am – Communion – Ford End
9.30am – Communion – Little Leighs

19th Jun

10.00am – Community Worship – Ford End
11.00am – Communion – Great Waltham
11.00am – Communion – Little Waltham
11.00am – Communion – The Chignals

26th Jun

9.30am – Communion – Ford End
9.30am – Communion – Great Leighs

3rd Jul

9.30am – Family Service – Little Leighs
11.00am – Communion – Great Waltham

Private Prayer

Little Waltham: Sundays 11am - 3pm
Little Leighs: open daily for private prayer
Ford End: open daily 10am-4pm for private prayer
The Chignals: Sundays 10-6pm – open for private prayer unless a service is taking place.

Sun 5th Jun 3.00pm Great Waltham Church
Open air service of thanksgiving for the life of the Queen followed by wine, tea and biscuits in the churchyard. Free event – just turn up.

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<https://churchesattheleighsandlittlewaltham.org>

Please Pray:

- For all war-torn places in the world, especially Ukraine, praying that peace will prevail and war will end. We need Your miracles, Lord.
- Sun 5th June: PENTECOST: Father, pour out your Spirit upon your people, and grant us: a new vision of your glory, a new experience of your power, a new faithfulness to your Word, and a new consecration to your service; that your love may grow among us, and your kingdom come: through Christ our Lord. Amen.
- Sun 12th June: TRINITY SUNDAY: Holy, holy, holy, merciful, eternal, and mighty God, by your grace you have shown us who you are, One in Three, and Three in One. We glorify you as Trinity, even as we worship you in your Unity. Open our hearts to receive your word to us, that not only in our worship but in our lives we may serve and reflect your Triune Love all our days. Amen. (Adapted from John Wesley)
- Mon 20th June: World Refugee Day: Please pray for all who flee to other countries, or are internally displaced within their own country, due to war, famines, plagues, persecution, discrimination, natural disasters like floods and earthquakes, and to escape dire poverty. Pray too, for all organisations, churches and communities who are working tirelessly to care for refugees.
- For all those involved in Lay Development and Training in the Diocese.
- For all those who need our prayers due to sickness or ill health, especially Pat Mitchell, Luke Wiffen, Richard Gibson, Joanne McLachlan, Stephen Lidbury, John Trew, Jean Sly, Hugh Godfrey, Elaine Lattimore, Ruth Beenham, Izzy Reed and others we know.
- For those who mourn, especially the family and friends of Pat Dixon, Tony Gowers, Peter Dowse, Gillian Santomauro, Douglas Clements, Gordon Quilter, Edna Merry, Sylvia Stevens, Derek Hayes and Albert James.

Great Waltham and Ford End We would like to ensure that everyone who wants to come to Church can. If you would like a lift to Church or you are able to offer a lift please let David Williams or Jo Pritchard know.

“Then you will call on me and come and pray to me, and I will listen to you.” Jeremiah 29:12.

A prayer from the Church of England:
Gracious God, we give you thanks for the reign of your servant Elizabeth our Queen, and for the example of loving and faithful service which she has shown among us. Help us to follow her example of dedication and to commit our lives to you and to one another, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

A Prayer for a New Priest for our Parishes

Lord

Send down Your Holy Spirit upon us all at this time of uncertainty and change.

We send You our prayers to guide us through our journey ahead in finding the right incumbent to bring new life to our parish and community.

We pray that all of us remain united in love and friendship continuing the work that has been done to this day.

Heavenly Father we pray that You will send us the person You have chosen as our next priest.

Lord hear us.

Ford End Scarecrow Festival

June 12th 12pm – 5pm

A fun day for all the family

Cuppa tea and slice o'cake at the Church,

Worzel's treasure hunt

Classic cars. A fun family day when the scarecrows take over Ford End.

Thy Kingdom Come 2022 26 MAY - 5 JUNE

Thy Kingdom Come is a global prayer movement that invites Christians around the world to pray from Ascension to Pentecost for more people to come to know Jesus. During May 26 - 5 June everyone across East London and Essex is invited to join in by making a Pledge 2 Pray. Find out more about Thy Kingdom Come and browse the full range of resources at www.thykingdomcome.global

Peace I leave with you; my peace I give you. I do not give to you as the world gives. Do not let your hearts be troubled and do not be afraid. John 14:27

Courage is fear that has said its prayers and decided to go forward anyway. Joyce Meyer

So do not fear, for I am with you; do not be dismayed, for I am your God. I will strengthen you and help you; I will uphold you with my righteous right hand. Isaiah 41:10

**We have the pleasure of reading
the Wedding Banns for
Clive & Bev**

**at Little Leighs & Great Leighs
on 5th, 12th & 26th June**

**Matthew & Roweida
at Little Leighs & Little Waltham
on 5th, 12th and 19th June
Victoria & James and
Sean & Emily**

**at Great Waltham & Ford End
on 5th, 12th and 19th June**