

### WALTHAM SINGERS GETS COOL

**Saturday 11 March 2023 Great Waltham Church 7.30pm**

With a strong Jazz influence featuring Bob Chillcott's Nidaros Jazz Mass and choral and instrumental works from the late, great George Shearing and the current great John Rutter accompanied by a guest jazz trio on piano, drums and double bass. Tickets £16.00

<https://www.walthamsingers.org.uk/buytickets.html>

We are grateful to everyone for their patience with the upgrading work to the footpaths in Great Waltham churchyard. The work is now finished and our warm thanks to the Friends of GW Churches and the estates of Bill Pepper and John and Pat Bell for their generous contributions to the costs.

#### Holy Week

Monday 3 <sup>rd</sup> April	Morning Prayer Compline	9am Ford End 8pm Little Leighs
Tuesday 4th	Morning Prayer Compline	10am Great Waltham 8pm Little Waltham
Wednesday 5th	Morning Prayer Compline	9am The Chignals 8pm Great Leighs
Maundy Thursday		Joint Evening Service details to follow
Good Friday	Walk of witness in Chelmsford	2pm Joint Service at Great Waltham
Easter Sunday	9.30am Little Leighs 11.00am Great Waltham	

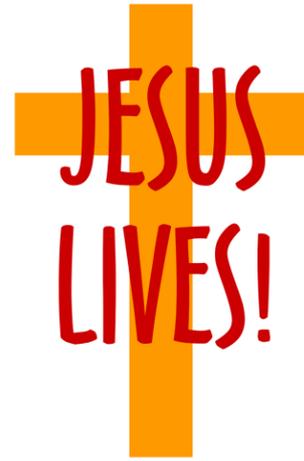
On Tuesday 4th April Bishop Guli will be walking from Beaulieu, visiting Broomfield and Great Waltham before walking on. She will stop briefly at Great Waltham Church and give a blessing. More details in April Pew Sheet.

#### Bishop Guli's Lenten Walking Pilgrimage

Bishop Guli is undertaking a walking pilgrimage across the Diocese during Lent. During the pilgrimage, she will spend time walking with people from more than forty churches and worshipping communities and will also be visiting schools, colleges and the Diocesan House of Retreat at Pleshey.

#### A Prayer for the Lenten Walking Pilgrimage:

Almighty God, who always journeys with us leading us safely to our eternal home: Strengthen and guide Guli our Bishop, And all who travel with her on her Lenten Pilgrimage, that together we may find the assurance of your presence, the benefit of the companionship, and a deeper awareness of those amongst whom we live and work. We ask this through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen



## Welcome to your Church Pew Sheet for March 2023



#### Church Services

##### Sunday 5<sup>th</sup> Mar

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

##### Sunday 12<sup>th</sup> Mar

9.30am - Communion – Little Leighs  
10.00am – Family Communion – Ford End

##### Sunday 19<sup>th</sup> Mar

11.00am – Communion – Great Waltham  
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11.00am – Communion – The Chignals

##### Sunday 26<sup>th</sup> Mar

9.30am – Communion – Great Leighs  
10.00am – Family Service – Ford End

##### Sunday 2<sup>nd</sup> Apr – Palm Sunday

9.30am – Communion – Great Leighs  
11.00am – Family Communion followed by APCM  
– Ford End

#### Private Prayer

Little Waltham: Sundays 11am - 3pm

Little Leighs: open daily for private prayer

Ford End: open daily 9am – 4pm for private prayer

The Chignals: Sundays 10 - 6pm – open for private prayer unless a service is taking place.

Great Waltham: open Mondays 1pm - 2.30pm and last Wednesday of the month 10am - 12pm

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<https://churchesattheleighsandlittlewaltham.org>

**Please Pray:**

- For persecuted Christians everywhere that they will be strong in their faith and know God's comfort and protection.
- That we will daily continue to listen to God and look for His purpose in our lives during this holy season of Lent. Pray too for the Lent courses taking place. Pray for the people leading them and the people attending them that relationships with Jesus will deepen.
- Pray for mothers everywhere. Give thanks for their love and devotion, and pray, too, for the work of the Mothers' Union and the Women's Institute and all who work untiringly to maintain the values of the home and family life. Pray for those who find Mothers' Day hard, for those who have lost their mothers and those who struggle with their relationship with their mothers.
- For all who are exhausted and stressed, particularly educational staff and NHS staff. Please pray for their support and wellbeing.
- For all those who need our prayers due to sickness or ill health, especially Luke Wiffen, Richard Gibson, Joanne McLachlan, Jean Sly, Izzy Reed, Teddie Emmett, Libby Hill, Dorothy Osborne, Beryl and John Dean and others we know.
- For those who mourn, especially the family and friends of Ruby Riches, Daphne Attridge and Ephraim Cornell.

The Electoral Roll for the Parish of Great and Little Leighs and Little Waltham will be updated this month in time for the APCM which is on April 18<sup>th</sup>. Please would members of the congregations inform me of any changes to their entry (ie change of address, contact details, withdrawal from the roll) or of anyone they know who has moved away or died, by the end of March. Thank you, Marion Richardson 07501 454785.  
[neilandmarion49@btinternet.com](mailto:neilandmarion49@btinternet.com)

Great Waltham and Ford End APCM will be on Sunday April 2<sup>nd</sup> after the service at Ford End Church. If anyone would like to be a Church Warden or member of the PCC please let Sheila Bearman, David Williams or Jo Pritchard know.

I'd love you to join with me for a 5 week course on prayer on Wednesday evenings from March 8<sup>th</sup> at 7.30pm at Little Waltham Church. Each session begins with a short video from Archbishop Justin Welby to help get us thinking about prayer! There will also be materials from his Prayer Gallery.

After Easter I hope we can continue to grow together with something called 'The Character Course'. Details to follow. Revd Dan

"God speaks in the silence of the heart. Listening is the beginning of prayer." Mother Teresa

This year's Bishop of Chelmsford's Lent Appeal will be raising funds to support St Andrew's College of Theology and Development in Kabare, Kenya. The College plays a key role in providing residential training for new clergy and lay leaders for all five of our partner dioceses in Kenya. The College also serves its local community with courses in theology, business and ICT. For more info visit: [www.chelmsford.anglican.org/lent-appeal](http://www.chelmsford.anglican.org/lent-appeal)

Trust in the LORD with all your heart;  
do not depend on your own understanding.  
Seek His will in all you do,  
and He will show you which path to take  
Proverbs 3:5-6

**Daily Devotional for 2023**

We have decided to read "Strength for Each Day" by Joyce Meyer as our daily devotional for 2023. Discover a powerful and positive mindset each day of the year with uplifting insights and motivational Bible verses. Please let Carol or Jo know if you'd like a free copy if you haven't done so already. We also have a WhatsApp group to share encouraging messages. Please let Jo know if you'd like to join the group. Jo and Carol.

Lent course at Broomfield Church – everyone is welcome. We will be following the Diocesan course "Travelling Well Together" and will meet on zoom on Thursday evenings at 7pm. Dates are 2nd March, 9th March, 16th March, 23rd March and 30th March.

Thursday evenings, beginning this week on 2nd March at 7pm, on Zoom Meeting ID: 850 5320 6286  
Passcode: 181375

**We're looking for a name for our seven churches.** If you can think of a name that might be appropriate, please let Revd Dan know. Please can we also pray that we can come up with a suitable name.

**Cleaning Party at St John's, Little Leighs on Saturday April 1<sup>st</sup> from 10.00 till 12.00 ready for Holy week and Easter. Coffee and biscuits too!**

We are very grateful to the Estate of the late Ruby Riches for a generous legacy to GW church. Miss Riches, who died last year aged 101, taught at Great Waltham School soon after the Second World War.

"Do not be anxious about anything, but in every situation, by prayer and petition, with thanksgiving, present your requests to God. And the peace of God, which transcends all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus.  
Philippians 4:6-7