

Lord, within us and around us,
Beneath us and above us,
Open our hearts to love You,
Open our ears to listen to You,
Open our tongues to declare You,
For You are our Maker and Redeemer,
The God of truth, love and justice. Heather Ward

ART SHOW

Great Waltham Church – 29th and 30th April
Saturday 29th Apr 11.30am – 4.30pm
Sunday 30th Apr 12.30pm – 4.30pm
Admission £1 Homemade Refreshments
Cash/Cheque only event



Bake a Cake for St Nicholas Church!

Ride London, on 28th May will see 25,000 cyclists pass through the Essex countryside. St Nicholas Church has the opportunity to serve refreshments at the main welfare stop on route at Felsted School. The more cakes baked, the more we serve and the more money we raise. We are looking for bakers and 'batch bakers' happy to bake and freeze in advance. We can provide all baking ingredients. For more information please contact either Gill Thomas (01245 442474 thisisgill@hotmail.com) or Helen Towns (01245 440241)
Thank you for your support!!

May 20th 2.00 till 4.00 at Gate Farm, Moulsham Hall Lane, CM3 1QA. **A craft afternoon of "beginners' lino cutting"**, suitable for all ages, adult to children, led by Hannah. No sharp tools involved! To arrange your place call Hannah on 07468 428857 or Christine on 01371 821056 or James on 07711 328102. Come and enjoy a sociable and interesting afternoon.

10th June, 7.30pm a Concert at Ingatestone Hall, CM4 9NR. **William Byrd: A Portrait**. Essex Voices are joined by Chelys Consort of Viols for a celebration of 400 years since the composer's death in a concert supported by Angel Early Music.
http://angelearlymusic.org.uk/events_2198.html [263014.html](http://angelearlymusic.org.uk/events_263014.html)

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Welcome to your Church Pew Sheet for May 2023

Church Services

Sunday 7th May

11.00am – 7 Churches Coronation Festive Communion Service at Great Waltham

Sunday 14th May

9.30am – Rogation Service – Little Leighs
10.00am – Family Communion – Ford End
4.30pm – 7 Churches Contemporary Service – St Francis, Beaulieu

Thursday 18th May

7.30pm – Ascension Service – Ford End

Sunday 21st May

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

Sunday 28th May

9.30am – Communion – Great Leighs
10.00am – Pentecostal hymns & short talk – Ford End

Sunday 4th Jun

11.00am – 7 Churches Joint Service at Great Waltham

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

Coronation Festive Communion Service for all 7 Churches with a special choir and anthems on Sunday 7th May at 11.00am. The service will be followed by refreshments, a toast to the King and Queen and the planting of a commemorative tree. There will also be a commemorative tree planted in Ford End Churchyard at 4pm on the Coronation Day 6th May.

Please Pray:

- For all those affected by the fighting in Sudan and pray for the fighting to cease.
- For our King that God may grant him wisdom and grace.
- For followers of other faiths, that there may be discussion and understanding between all of God's people.
- For the House of Retreat at Pleshey, for all those who work and minister there, for the Friends of Pleshey, and for those who visit or stay.
- Sunday 14th May: Christian Aid Week begins. God of the impossible, we pray for justice, peace and reconciliation. And when the challenges seem too many, remind us of Your resurrection power, and the miracles of Your love that happen whenever injustice is dismantled and rebuilt with peace. Help us to hope that the impossible can happen and live as if it might do so today. Amen (Prayer for Christian Aid)
- Sunday 28th May: PENTECOST - ANGLICAN COMMUNION SUNDAY 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.
- Please pray for the ministry of the Actors Church Union, and everyone involved in the local theatre and entertainment industry in our Diocese.
- 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, David Chapman, Paul Bullivant, Richard Threlfall, Andy Tinsley, Mick Duke, Hilary Morgan and others we know.
- For those who mourn, especially the family and friends of Barbara Johnson, Jo Prentice, Brenda Broome, Ronald Welham, Margaret Mitchell and Ida Periera.

Cast all your anxiety on Him, because He cares for you.
1 Peter 5:7.

The funeral of Barbara Johnson will be on 25th May at 1.30pm at Great Waltham Church.

St Nicholas Church, Parish church of the Chignals with Mashbury, **APCM**, Tuesday May 2nd 7pm, venue, The Village Hall, Chignal St James.

Tuesday June 6th 7.00pm till 8.00pm at St John's church, a time to explore the idea of being a **Eucharistic Minister**, serving at the Altar and assisting with distribution of the sacraments.

Great Waltham Church is looking for more volunteers to help set up Communion. If you can help please let Jean Blaber or David Williams know.

May 14th **Rogation Sunday** and the start of **Christian Aid Week**. There will be a service, walk and prayers round the farm for those who want to, or a time of prayers and reflection for those who prefer not to walk. Meet at 9.30am at Leighs Hall Farm (Seabrooks), Church Lane, Little Leighs.

Help wanted for New Family Service

Tuesday May 16th at 7.30pm at Little Waltham Church, a follow up planning meeting for the new joint family service.

Wednesday May 17th 9.30am to 10.30am at St John's Little Leighs, **Coffee with Christ**. Come and enjoy breakfast followed by a short informal said service with meditation/discussion.

Thy Kingdom Come (TKC) is a global ecumenical prayer movement that invites Christians around the world to pray from Ascension to Pentecost for more people to come to know Jesus. May 18th - May 28th.
www.thykingdomcome.global/

Tuesday May 23rd at 7.00pm in The Barn at Little Waltham the first meeting of the new PCC of the Leighs and Little Waltham.

Friends of Great Waltham and Ford End Churches are looking for committee members. If you're interested or would like to find out more please speak to David Williams.

Great Waltham and Ford End Church are looking at getting a **card reader**. If there is anyone who would like to be involved in this project and set it up please speak to Jean Blaber, David Williams or Sheila Bearman.

Ford End Church is working alongside St Francis, Beaulieu to run a **Pop Up Community Food Store** which aims to support people living with food insecurity to gain what they need and also to give them dignity and choice. It is planned to take place on a Tuesday morning at the end of school drop off time for 2 hours so people can pop to collect the food afterwards. If anyone can volunteer to help with the setting up and/or clearing up please let Sheila Bearman know.

Saturday June 17th 2.00pm at Gate Farm, Moulsham Hall Lane CM1 1QA, a session of training for people interested in leading the **intercessions**. Guidance in writing and delivering this very important aspect of our worship.

For the Lord your God is living among you. He is a mighty saviour. He will take delight in you with gladness. With His love, He will calm all your fears. He will rejoice over you with joyful songs."
Zephaniah 3.17