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EDITOR:**

*Articles for the August
magazine should be
with
Kath Dunstan by
Sunday August 15th
New contributors are
welcome.*



*We have just had news from Christian Aid as
below:*

We are delighted to share with you
the incredible news that Christian
Aid Week has already hit a mile-
stone total of over £3 million and
counting. Thank you for your help.

Vicar's Reflection

"For in him every one of God's promises is a 'Yes.'"

2 Corinthians 1:20

The summer holidays are here and the teachers and young people are enjoying a break from the usual routine of school. One summer holiday I remember travelling with a group of my friends by train and coach all the way to Moffat in Dumfriesshire, Scotland. I recollect that we stayed at a boarding school there for a week away. This being my first ever trip away without my parents was very exciting, although very lonely at the same time. I went with the junior covenanters (shortened to Jucos) a youth group that was attached to my nearest church at home, a free evangelical church. My time with an Evangelical church seems never to have left me! I remember that this school had a swimming pool in the grounds, and on a hot summer-holiday afternoon it seemed a good idea to dive into a cool pool. Well, cool it was not! I would describe it as freezing, because as soon as I had entered the water I started shivering and couldn't wait to get out! The Scottish lads who attended the school were obviously made of tougher stuff!

As I thought about this time in Scotland, I was remembering coming home and my mum had a fresh warm bed for me, and this 9-year-old lad slept peacefully and soundly for the first time in over a week.

Thinking about this group has made me realise the early beginning of my faith journey and the teaching that I had at the small chapel in Southend that was to come to fruition twenty-five years later in the call He made upon my life for taking up [after much training] the role He called me to, to this day. The faithfulness of God is sure and His promises are from everlasting to everlasting. This is the Covenant of God, made in the beginning by God to Adam and Eve and, subsequently,

throughout the Bible to His people. The “Covenanters” youth group derived its name from these covenants of God and it has made me think about our understanding of “covenant”, or promise of God.

When the translators of the Old testament came to this word *Diatheke* the best definition that they could use was “covenant”, they could have used “testament” or “will” hence its use in New and Old Testament. Usually a covenant has equal agreement between two parties, however *Diatheke* is more like God’s promised inheritance that is gifted to us. The content of the covenant that God gives to His family, the people of God, always contains an essential element that “I will be their God, and they shall be My people”: that is His promise. So, my reflection is that we as we can *know* God is faithful, has given covenant promises to us throughout the Bible and that those covenant promises are worth knowing and living within always. The promises of God are sure and worth studying and committing to memory, so when they arrive we are thankful. It is only recently that I have been able, with my whole heart, to thank God for keeping his promise to a nine-year old boy – my promise to God as that nine-year old may have been shaky over the years, but His promise is always faithful; He is my God and I belong to Him.

I finish with that most wonderful blessing spoken over us at the end of Hebrews:
Now may the God of peace, Who through the blood of the eternal covenant brought back from the dead our Lord Jesus, that great Shepherd of the sheep, equip you with everything good for doing His will, and may He work in us what is pleasing to Him, through Jesus Christ, to Whom be glory for ever and ever. Amen.

Hebrews 13:20-21

Peter

“MORE TEA, VICAR?”

“Not while the PCC is recommending the continuation of social distancing!” has to be the answer, for the foreseeable future at least. In the longer term, arrangements for refreshments after the 10.45 service may need to be altered but either way the provision of tea, coffee, biscuits (and the occasional cake!) depends on a team of volunteers.

Similarly, transport to services is currently suspended but will need more volunteers if it is to be resumed when circumstances allow.

ST. LEONARD’S NEEDS



YOU!

If you are able to offer your help with either (or both?) of the above, then please contact one of the churchwardens, Paul Lucas or Pete Adams. We’re standing back in anticipation of the stampede!

POST SCRIPT

Two days after submitting the item above I was pulled up short by verses 37 and 38 in chapter 9 of St. Matthew’s gospel: So he (Jesus) said to his disciples, “The harvest is large, but there are few workers to gather it in. Pray to the owner of the harvest that he will send out workers to gather in his harvest.”

The real answer to any need, be it perceived or actual, is, as always, not to do things in our own strength using advertising and Lord Kitchener style pointing fingers, but rather to pray in faith, trusting that God will always provide the resources for the things that HE wants us to be doing! Please do pray for Peter, the PCC and the whole church as we seek guidance as to how St. Leonard’s should be moving forward according to God’s will.

Paul Lucas

Minimalist or Hoarder?

Have you ever watched the programme on television about people who are excessive hoarders? It is amazing how much “stuff” some people keep which takes over their homes to the extent that they can’t get to bed or even into their kitchen or bathroom. When people are called in to help it is still a battle for people to let go and allow their homes to be cleared.



I imagine most of us are somewhere in between being minimalistic and hoarding. We probably all keep things of sentimental value or for “Just in case I need it” times. It’s when our way of life goes to extremes and affects our lives and other people’s lives too.

Why do people go to extremes? One thing I’ve learned from observations is that it isn’t always a simple answer. Excessive hoarding can be of items that are sentimental or have meaning to that person. Perhaps someone is a shopaholic especially for bargains they don’t really need and it is almost impossible for them to throw anything away. Some people say that their parents were hoarders and they continued the practice on. It is so easy to be judgemental especially if we err toward the minimalistic lifestyle and can’t cope well with clutter.

What is minimalism? Minimalism isn’t about owning less just for the sake of owning less, it’s about owning just the right amount of anything and everything that suits one’s lifestyle. In a spiritual sense it is subtracting from my life that which distracts me from my mission and calling and also fleeing spiritual dangers of putting my faith in material possessions.

What does the Bible say about possessions and hoarding? Matthew 6:19 says “Do not store up for yourselves treasures on earth, where moth and rust destroy, and where thieves break in and steal, but store up for yourselves treasures in heaven.”

1 Timothy 6:7 says “For we brought nothing into this world and we can take nothing out of it.” God certainly isn’t about stripping us of our possessions, He is more interested in how we view them and how we use them especially in our life for Him.

The Bible tells us that Jesus lived a simple life. When a teacher of the law came to him and said “I will follow you wherever you go” Jesus reminded him that “Foxes have holes and birds of the air have nests but the Son of Man has nowhere to lay his head” (Matthew 8:20), Jesus had an itinerant, unpredictable, life. When Jesus called his twelve disciples to go to preach to the lost sheep of Israel (Matthew 10:6-10) He told them not to take along any possessions but to look for a welcome of hospitality wherever they went and we know that, when needed, they had financial support too.

We know also from the Bible that God doesn’t say we can’t have possessions. A good example is in Genesis 12 the story of the calling of Abram (Abraham). This was not to be an itinerant life but a life of settling in the land God was calling him to live in. Abram took his family, all his possessions and his servants. We are told in Genesis 13:2 that he had become very wealthy in livestock and in silver and gold.

From looking at this subject I came to the conclusion that God doesn’t mind us having possessions or wealth; whether we are a minimalist or a hoarder or somewhere in between. I sense it’s how we view what we have and does it help us or impede us in our walk with God and others.

Brenda Sheppard



LIVING IN LOVE & FAITH

St. Leonard's Church is hosting a
5 week course
discussing Christian teaching
and learning about identity,
sexuality, relationships and marriage.

It begins on Thursday 5th of August
in the church

at 7.45 for 8pm and finishes at 9.30pm

If you are interested contact
Norman or Jenny Pratt on 01621 772510



For more information
visit the
Church of England website -
<https://llf.churchofengland.org/>

Let's support our wider church family

Advance Notice

CREAM TEAS

Saturday 4th September

2pm

St Andrew's Church Hall
Althorne
CM3 6BY

Jigsaws

Books

Raffle

Tombola

in aid of church repair fund

01621 740481

crouchvalleychurches.com



PRAY FOR SOUTHMINSTER:

w/b

1 August

South - West

w/b

8 August

Central - West

w/b

15 August

North - East

w/b

22 August

Central - North-West

w/b

29 August

Central - East

A notice about our offerings to God.

Many of us use the facility of the offering plate to give our gifts to God. As the church is closed for the moment it may be a good time to think about a standing order to the church so that we are still bringing our gift. Many of us are doing this already – Thank you, but those who may be wondering how they can continue their giving through Standing Order the details of the church bank are here:

St. Leonard's church: Barclays Bank Sort code: **20.54.30**
A/c No. **80825107** Made payable to: Southminster
Parochial Church Council.

St. Lawrence & All Saints church: Barclays Bank
Sort code: **20.54.30** A/c No. **60842494**
Made payable to Steeple Parochial Church Council.

May God bless our gifts to Him.

CORONAVIRUS 2021

We are pleased that restrictions are being slightly lifted but we still need to be sensible and follow the guidelines.

To keep aware of what is happening, and to participate on line with services, log into the website <https://www.stleonardsouthminster.org.uk/> and <https://www.facebook.com/groups/stleonardstogetherapart/>

Also, we have a WhatsApp group entitled "Together Apart Our Church". Lots of people are involved in that.

These links have been greatly appreciated by regular Church family members and also by people who have not, to date, attended our church services. In difficult times, like this, we need to 'allow' God to point us in possible new directions and then to respond. **God has a plan with hope for future.**

If you would like specific prayer, please contact the vicar. preferably by email but otherwise on 01621 772300

POSSIBLE ROTA DETAILS: YOUR AVAILABILITY FOR 2 MONTHS

We can worship regularly in church again, but with appropriate safety limitations, so we need to be well-prepared. Please let Paul Lucas know if you are willing to be part of his volunteer team but cannot be available on any of the following dates.

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|---------------|---|----|----|----|----|
| October 2021 | 3 | 10 | 17 | 24 | 31 |
| November 2021 | 7 | 14 | 21 | 28 | |

Please read
Paul’s message
on **page 5**.

PLEASE REMEMBER THAT IF YOU ARE UNABLE TO FULFIL YOUR DUTY YOU SHOULD CHANGE WITH SOMEONE AND INFORM THE WARDENS OF THE ARRANGEMENT.

The St. Leonard’s Together Apart Facebook Group

began on 20th March 2020, just a few days before we went into lockdown. The group was created as a way to keep in touch, encourage and support each other during this difficult time. Since then we have shared songs, daily devotions, prayers, church services, Bible studies, Alpha courses etc.

At the present time each weekday looks like this;

6am Daily Devotion including a worship song

11.30am Family Time (Tuesday and Thursday) including Little Lions’ singing time, Veggie Tales movies, virtual Sunday School etc.

3pm Bible Study / Reflection

8pm Prayer

Saturday is a quiet day and on Sunday we post the church service and weekly bulletin.

We welcome others to share encouraging posts on the page too.

Karen Flack

AUGUST WORSHIP

Details of services on line and hopefully in the church.
Steeple service details are listed on pages 16-17.

Sunday 1st August

9th Sunday after Trinity

Holy Communion 8am BCP & 10.45 Family HC

2 Samuel 11:26 - 12:13a

John 6 : 24 - 35

Almighty God, who sent your Holy Spirit to be the life and light of your Church: open our hearts to the riches of your grace, that we may bring forth the fruit of the Spirit in love, joy and peace, through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord.

Sunday 8th August

10th Sunday after Trinity

Holy Communion: 8am BCP & 10.45am Morning Worship

2 Samuel 18 :5 - 9, 15, 31-33

John 6 : 35, 41 - 51

Let your merciful ears, O Lord, be open to the prayers of your humble servants; and that they may obtain their petitions make them to ask such things as shall please you, through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Sunday 15th August

11th Sunday after Trinity

Holy Communion 8am BCP & 10.45 Family Service

Admission of Churchwardens

1 Kings 2 : 10 - 12, 3 : 3 - 14 & John 6 : 51 - 58

O God, you declare your almighty power most chiefly in showing mercy and pity: mercifully grant to us such a measure of your grace, that we, running the way of your commandments, may receive your gracious promises, and be made partakers of your heavenly treasure; through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord.

Sunday 22nd August

12th Sunday after Trinity

Holy Communion: 8am BCP 10.45am Holy Baptism

1 Kings 8 : 1, 6, 10 - 11

John 6 : 59 - 69

Almighty and everlasting God, you are always more ready to hear than we to pray and to give more than either we desire or deserve: pour down upon us the abundance of your mercy, forgiving us those things of which our conscience is afraid and giving us those good things which we are not worthy to ask but through the merits and mediation of Jesus Christ your Son our Lord.

Sunday 29th August

13th Sunday after Trinity

Holy Communion: 8am BCP & 10.45am United Service

Song of Solomon 2 : 8 - 13

Mark 7 : 1 - 8, 14, 15, 21 - 23

Almighty God, who called your Church to bear witness that you were in Christ reconciling the world to yourself: help us to proclaim the good news of your love, that all who hear it may be drawn to you; through him who was lifted up on the cross, and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever.

We have a team of people who can be called on to read the Bible verses at these services but it has been difficult to organise in advance the availability for intercessions and pre- and post-service prayer. We are grateful to the team who have already worked.

More participants are needed to share the tasks, including transport to services, serving of refreshments and keeping the church suitably cleansed. If you are able to be part of this team please contact Paul Lucas. (See page 5)

FREEDOM DAY

Chris Martin

Today, 19th July, is so-called “Freedom Day”. However, we know that this day does not mean the end of the nightmare that has been the visitation of Coronavirus19. How many people really feel that life is back to normal? Or going to be any time soon? I suspect: not many. Even though the statistics are in favour of us being set free by the Government – who else directs our behaviour these days? - we know that the economy of our country (and indeed the world) is a factor that has been taken into account when deciding if, and when, and how “free” we are of the pandemic. So – we’ll be proceeding with caution. Children are still likely to catch the virus, even the healthiest and fully vaccinated among us are not absolutely guaranteed to escape its clutches.

So – where does that leave us today, on Freedom Day? Talking to people, it’s interesting how varied people’s opinions are. Many will still continue to wear masks and keep their distance from others. They’ll be wary in public places and anywhere many people are crowded together. Others will be careful but gradually creep back to normal behaviour as and when they feel safe to do so, if ever.

Personally, for what it’s worth, I have made one decision. That is: not to be afraid of this virus ANY MORE. I feel that I have done all I can against it: I’ve obeyed the strict rules at the beginning and more recently still observed the rules about masks and distancing, and I’ve had the two offered doses of vaccination. Therefore, says my logic, there’s nothing more I can do. For myself, I’m now happy to mix with anybody who wants my company in a normal and friendly way. However, I have one problem with my own attitude and it’s this: If I’m with somebody else who’s still scared, I have to respect their fear and it’s not up to me to comment if they insist on sticking to whichever rules they’ve made for themselves now that officially things are easier. So if they still want to sit on the other side of the room or wear a mask in my house, so be it. I’m just saying that at my age I’ve decided that life is too short for my final years to be governed by fear.

I'm saddened that even among vaccinated people, friendly hugs of greeting or goodbye are not as prevalent as they once were and I suspect it's more about fear of the virus than about me wearing the wrong perfume. I sort of hope so anyway! However I'm a tactile individual to start with. But what a pity, when as a species we need close attention from our loved ones, if we can't express normal affection. If not now, when ARE we to return to normal behaviour? Equally I'm not afraid to go into restaurants and bigger shops, buses and trains, and other people's cars. It's not that I am unaware that there is a slight chance I'll catch the virus; it's just that I refuse to worry and fret about it every day as we did at the beginning. If I catch it now I'll just have to hope it won't be too serious. And if I end up being one of the few (one in several hundred thousand now, I believe, if vaccinated) who still might die of it, well so be it: I did my bit, but to me it's time to revert to living as normally as we possibly can, for our own physical and mental health but also for others.

Each person has to make their own decisions at this moment. So if you see me in a mask from now on, it will be for the benefit of whoever has asked me to put it on, because I'll carry one with me and won't argue about wearing it if somebody nearby is uncomfortable. But for myself, I'll take my chances.

I hope everybody reading this has decided how they can face the immediate future without fear, because it's fear that has been, and still is, the worst aspect of this pandemic. If somebody feels they need to continue using all the defences we used at the beginning, then that's fine if it keeps them free from fear. Some will be a little less cautious and others, like me, will play it by ear day by day but starting from the premise that it's safe to behave normally with the proviso that if somebody asks for a measure to be taken for whatever reason, we'll do whatever keeps people feeling relaxed. Let's not be afraid any more. Fear can do as much damage as the virus, IMHO.

Jesus said: "Fear not, for I am with you always." So we need to trust the Lord and try to keep His commandments for the benefit of everyone including ourselves.

Editor

Steeple Church News

Steeple Church has services every Sunday morning at 9.15am unless otherwise advertised on church door. It's Morning Prayer on the first and third Sundays each month and Holy Communion on the second and fourth.
www.stleonardsouthminster.org.uk



The meeting between Steeple's recently re-elected **Parochial Church Council** and our Architect identified key steps in the development of a work plan for the restoration of cladding around the belfry and replacement of some decaying woodwork set into the masonry below. The architect will produce a specification based on her 'cherry picker' inspection for circulation to potential contractors. The PCC will then be able to establish a budget for the works and submit a Faculty Request to the Diocese – the ecclesiastical equivalent of a civil planning application. We hope to reach that point by end 2021 with the objective of commencing work when suitable weather returns next Spring.

In anticipation of big bills to come, we need to redouble our fund raising activities to make up for cancellations during the lockdowns.

STEEPLE CHURCH ROTAS FOR AUGUST

Sunday Prayer Rota for 9.15am services

| | | |
|-------------|--------------------------------|----------------|
| 1st | Family Service | t.b.a. |
| 8th | Holy Communion | Fiona Ashworth |
| 15th | Morning Worship | t.b.a. |
| 22nd | Holy Communion | Fiona Begley |
| 29th | United service at Southminster | |



Steeple Historic Gathering

Sunday 22nd August

**Grange Farm,
Steeple CM0 7RW**

11 am - 4 pm

Cars

Motorcycles

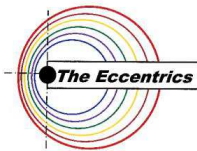
Tractors

Commercials

Military Vehicles

Stationary Engines

Refreshments



Volunteers, working in aid of Steeple Church belfry restoration, wish to thank our hosts, the Partridge family.

Coffee Duty on First Sunday for Family Service

1st Jack Partridge

Flower arranging and cleaning in church ready for each Sunday

1st Mrs R Leech

8th Mrs T Julien / Mr J Partridge

15th Mrs F Begley

22nd Mrs M DeAth

Peace, Justice and a Holy Land

Ken Dunstan

Last month I wrote about our Jewish neighbours' fears of anti-Semitism in contemporary Britain. I quoted a letter from the British Foreign Secretary, Mr Balfour, to Lord Rothschild in 1917. ““His Majesty's Government view with favour the establishment in Palestine of a national home for the Jewish people, and will use their best endeavours to facilitate the achievement of this object.” I went on to say, ‘But the next words are often ignored: “it being clearly understood that nothing shall be done which may prejudice the civil and religious rights of existing non-Jewish communities in Palestine or the rights and political status enjoyed by Jews in any other country.”’ Remember that Balfour’s declaration recognised the interests of Jews in Europe but also the non-Jewish majority in Palestine. You can’t have one without the other. Remember also that during the First World War the British and French made contradictory, mutually exclusive promises both to Jews and to others in the Ottoman Empire. They couldn’t, and didn’t, honour them all.

Colin Chapman’s book, “Whose Promised Land?” describes each side accusing the other of distorting the truth at best, and of outright lies at worst. My contacts with the Amos Trust and Israeli and Palestinian peacemakers on the ground reveal a great deal of oppression and disregard of international law by the government of the State of Israel and the Israel Defence Force (IDF). Their actions were described by an Israeli historian, Ilan Pappé, as “the ethnic cleansing of Palestine.” Ramzy Baroud, a Palestinian journalist, describes ‘the ethnic cleansing of Palestinian Christians,’ citing a process of isolating Christians both from one another and from their holy sites. He said, “Every year, Gaza’s Christians apply for permits from the Israeli military to join Easter services in Jerusalem and Bethlehem. Last April [2020], only 200 Christians were granted permits, but on the condition that they

must be 55 years of age or older and that they are not allowed to visit Jerusalem.” The Christian population of Bethlehem has been reduced since 1948 from 86% of the total to 12%. Open Bethlehem, a campaign supported by Archbishop Desmond Tutu, reports, “With the land isolated by the Wall, annexed for settlements, and closed under various pretexts, only 13% of the Bethlehem district is available for Palestinian use.”

How do we, as Christians in Britain, react? First, we must defend the rights of Jews to live without “racial” prejudice. Their genetic descent should never be an excuse for persecution, segregation or criticism.

There follows an uncomfortable truth. When Zionists claim that God has given the land to them, their reliance on Scripture puts them under the Law of Moses. Relying on the authority of a scriptural promise requires accepting the authority of scriptural commands. Passages in Exodus and Deuteronomy demand that non-Jews in the land are not to be badly treated. Claiming the land as from God’s promise prompts questions about how the land is acquired. Violent conquest isn’t just. God’s demand is for truth and justice. Having justice requires truth. Isaiah said, “Our offences are many ... uttering lies our hearts have conceived, so justice is driven back, and righteousness stands at a distance; truth has stumbled in the streets.” (Isaiah 59:12-15). This is very, very difficult. We must face inconvenient truth, whatever its source. That begins with recognising the need for Jews to be safe. Given that security, Jews and Gentiles including Palestinians should face the *same* standards of justice *because they are human*. There has to be one law for all inhabitants, not one for a privileged group and another for others. God’s standards include the Commandments against theft, murder and coveting others’ land (Exodus 20:13-17), and the sentence, “Cursed is he who moves his neighbour’s boundary stone.” (Deuteronomy 27:17). General Moshe Dayan, an Israeli commander in 1967, admitted, “Jewish villages were built in the place of Arab villages ... There is not one single place in the

country that did not have a former Arab population.” It also includes condemning both the launching of rockets from Gaza against civilian towns in Israel and the continuous heavy bombing of Gaza in response. Solutions must be both non-violent and just.

Psalm 122 tells us to pray for the peace of Jerusalem. Don’t stop there. Pray for our Christian family in Israel-Palestine. Pray for the politicians to see, understand and respond to the needs of their opponents and for the Holy Spirit’s presence and guidance. And “let justice roll on like a river, righteousness like a never-failing stream” (Amos 5:24).

Remembering David Felstead

27th June 1935 - 20th June 2021

Kath Dunstan

David’s funeral was at the Church of St Mary the Virgin, Bocking, on 21st July. Since lots of legal limitations had been lifted two days earlier, we were able to gather, sensibly and appropriately. I think there were more than 100 present and the choir led some beautiful singing. The Very Rev’d Rod Reid conducted the service and introduced several people who gave tributes. Two solos were sung by Annalisa who has often been part of David’s concert singers here in Southminster.

Rev’d Rod included lots of tributes during his sermon - several of which I have noted here, in brief. Some of us were able to recognise David for ourselves by hearing those words. David has been an organist for 70 years. His primary focus was to get the best out of us through the joy of singing. If you mention David Felstead in most of the area’s churches that will prompt nods of recognition. He was interested in the history of the local churches and was keen to tell the stories he had

learned over the years. He played an important part in arranging restoration of organs in Essex. As an organist he was appreciated but did ruffle a few feathers at times because he always wanted to get things done **his** way. His stubbornness was frustrating at times but he was up for trying new things. He was dedicated to church music and did show extreme kindness regularly. He has composed several important pieces and should certainly be recognised as gifted and talented. Towards the end, when he should have been taking things easy, he was reticent about resting because that denied him the opportunity to continue what had been his life - playing church organs. We, here, are his family and he'll be long in our memories. David was a real disciple who wore his faith on his sleeve. He was talented, sacrificial and faithful, and we're sure that he has been welcomed in heaven. We need to follow David's example but "There's only ONE David Felstead!"

Ken and I had the chance to catch up with Kerry Bassil and her parents after the service. Kerry had appreciated the encouragement and advice David had given her during her teenage years. She had trained, at his suggestion, at Bangor University and there she discovered that most of her peers had "better" paper qualifications than she. However, because of David's help and influence, Kerry had a vast body of work in public performance, programming concerts and working an audience - all necessary skills for a professional musician. She is still fully occupied with flute-playing and various kinds of musical education. It's possible that we'll manage to get Kerry to play again at St Leonard's at some future date.

Various people have sent tributes to me, some of which I shall include overleaf.



1. He was Musical Director at Southminster Choral Society for several years. *John Cassels*
2. My late husband, Hal, used to say that ‘David made the organ at St Leonard’s talk’ - which he did. *Sylvia Paine*
3. I shall never forget David playing the Radetzky March on the Bradwell organ at the end of one of those musical evenings Ann Barrett used to organise. I’m sure he’ll introduce it to where ever he is now. Though if Brenda is nearby she won’t approve of his semi-tone transposition up of the last verse of a hymn, if he’s playing for an angelic choir. He was a great chap, and quite a competent musician. *Brain Clayden*
4. The end of an era. He was such a character. We’ve known him ever since we’ve been in Bradwell. Almost 40 years. *Brigid and Laurie Main*
5. He was such a character and so much part of our church lives for so long. *Vera Wadman*

Finally, we shall be forever grateful for his commitment to the restoration of our 160 year old church organ. Details of how this happened (lots of pictures from 2013 and 2019) are still available. The work was completed (although David thought there was still some extra work to do) in 2019 and he was always looking forward to the time when he could play the finally restored organ himself. Andrew Stevens, who attended the funeral, had been involved in the restoration by the Village Workshop and he still tunes it for us regularly. David’s health problems prevented his regular playing here because of travelling difficulties. However, he played his part in providing funds for any necessary work to be done by arranging that any donations gathered at his funeral (via Paul King) would be in aid of the St Leonard’s organ.



WHO ARE WE?

Mission Statement

"To be a people offering praise and worship to God and serving him by being the Good News by our words and actions"

Web Site www.stleonardsouthminster.org.uk

Contact: vicar@stleonardsouthminster.org.uk

If you wish to contact the Church regarding a Safeguarding issue please contact the Church Office at 772300
or safeguarding@stleonardsouthminster.org.uk

**NORMAL PUBLIC WORSHIP IS STILL A BIT DIFFERENT
BECAUSE ALTHOUGH LEGAL REQUIREMENTS HAVE
BEEN REMOVED WE STILL RECOMMEND THAT
APPROPRIATE CAUTIONS ARE TAKEN.**

See pages 5, 10-13 for details during this season.

**Weekly notices, covering any changes, will be available to
read on the outside church notice-board**

8:00 am Holy Communion (Book of Common Prayer 1662)

10:45 am Holy Communion or Morning Worship

Steeple Services similarly continue at **9.15am**

(Our Prayer ministry for any needs will continue
even though it happens 'at a distance'.)

Children and Young people are always welcomed
especially for the **Family Celebration Services**

'LITTLE LIONS' usually meet on Wednesday mornings in
the Memorial Hall during term-time only.
It is for babies/toddlers & their carers.



Home Groups are still not gathering but plans could be made
for the Autumn period.