

**PARISH OF SOUTHMINSTER
MAGAZINE OF THE
CHURCH OF ST LEONARD**

GOD'S LOVE FOR US



THROUGHOUT 2020

JANUARY 2020

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please, to Kath Dunstan.
New contributors will be
welcome.*

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(See Who's Who List.)

Reflection

A Happy and healthy new year to you all and we trust that this year will bring many 'new starts' into your lives; for the new year is all about fresh beginnings and starting anew. We thank God that we are able to have new beginnings with Him, and look forward to seeing which gift the Lord is going to bless us with in the congregation of the church. The church of God is growing and moving on; it has been and always will be 'alive' with Christ to guide the church. As you read this you will know that our own Bishop Stephen Cottrell will be moving on to York – we pray for Archbishop John Sentamu as he retires and pray for +Stephen to grow into the role to which he has been called. The whole church will be looking forward both to what Archbishop Stephen will bring to his new calling and to the next phase of our own Christian ministry, seeking where we too can be used and deployed.

I am so pleased that in the past year there have been many within the church, especially in St. Leonard's, who have taken on new roles, had their ministries recognised and encouraged, and have moved on with God in their gifts of ministry; developing roles in music, preaching, leading and pastoral support – many ways that God has enriched our Christian lives through the variety of gifts that have been surrendered to God and His people. We are all so appreciative of the enormous and, sometimes, costly, commitment that people within the congregation have taken up in order to serve God and us. This month's reflection is an opportunity for me to give my most sincere thanks for the past year, and to thank those who have helped to shape the church here in Southminster. For the church has grown in the activities with which it is involved, and grown in knowledge of the love of

God and grown in number as people hear the good news of Jesus through our links with the parish. There are more people willing to come to the church for services, for baptisms, and to find strength to meet the coming days. Every relationship that is made within the community is an opportunity to help others know the love of God and what His kingdom is like. There have been other things that I see as answered prayer for this parish. This year is the first year that this parish has had Christmas lights. This year the parish had a fireworks party rather than a Halloween party. This year the opportunities within the school have increased for students and staff. The swimming pool is more accessible to people, and the conversations are changing about life in Southminster and the Dengie; conversations that are more positive and optimistic for the future. I see all these things as answer to prayer as we continue to pray blessings on our neighbours, businesses and relationships; and I believe that there is still work to be done. We are in a battle to which we are all called: to offer ourselves again to God's service in a new way and both seek and receive His strength to do His will, whatever it is.

So I thank you all for your love, shown not just to Fiona and me but, most especially, to God – for you all have sought to serve God in love, and in doing so have blessed us all. As I write these words I think of Paul in his letter to the Ephesian church, chapter 1 which I wish echo here :“ *For this reason, ever since I heard about your faith in the Lord Jesus and your love for all God's people, I have not stopped giving thanks for you, remembering you in my prayers...*”

May you know yourself **filled** this year with God's **richest** blessing: pressed down, shaken together and running over.

Christine Lucas writes - **Inspired by Peter's recent comments comparing his Installation to that of a boiler being installed!**

A prayer on the Installation of our vicar

You have been chosen and lent to us, sealed with the Manufacturer's trustworthy warranty:

May you always remain connected to God's sustainable energy supply, and be free from any power cuts.

Fired by the love of God, may you conduct the warmth of God's Presence throughout the body of Christ, to enable each Christian to radiate His grace within our wider community.

May you continuously bubble with enthusiasm for the work of His Kingdom, offering a reliable source of cleansing water, bringing comfort and healing to many.

May your water never stagnate or grow cold, or cause internal rusting.

May you be so full of the Holy Spirit that many people will be irresistibly drawn towards Christ, to find saving faith in Him.

Firing on all cylinders, may you develop all of God's gifts within you to the full as you serve Him, for His glory.

May your Church family faithfully care for you and support you; may we never thoughtlessly drain you or neglect you.

May you avoid the temptation to work beyond the hours set on your timer, and may you benefit from annual service checks, to enable essential repairs and renewal.

May you enjoy long, happy and productive service, according to your Manufacturer's specifications, free from breakdown or premature replacement.

May you bring joy and be an excellent role model to us all, but if you ever blow a fuse, may we show patience and understand and never take you for granted.

We are truly thankful for you; may you be richly blessed!

Amen

Messy Church in December



Messy Church in December was a Snowy Christmas. The Snowmen were very popular - they were made from marshmallows and sweets. The children also enjoyed making decorations and cards. The next Messy Church is 13th January.

Jacky Griffiths



New Year Message from Bishop Stephen

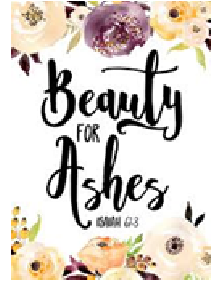
When I'm having a bad day –or just as importantly, when I'm feeling a bit too pleased with myself –I say to myself that one day I will be my successors' predecessor. I find this helps me put myself in perspective. It also helps me to pray that the decisions I take are not simply for the good of the diocese while I'm bishop, but will be for the benefit of future generations in East London and Essex. As I pray for our diocese on the eve of 2020, I also wonder what our world will look like when the Bishop of Chelmsford writes their New Year message in 2070 or 2120.

This past year has seen concern for the environment grow. Where once we talked about sustainability, we now question whether the fundamentals of our present existence on this planet are sustainable at all. We now tend to talk about climate emergency not just climate change. As this emergency deepens, it is the poorest and most vulnerable who are suffering most. In October, I took my staff team to the Franciscan Friary at Hilfield in Dorset to learn how a community of Christians can intentionally adapt their lives to not only reduce their environmental impact but also positively enhance their corner of creation. Please visit them yourself and learn from them. Their heat comes from biomass. Much of their power from solar. Their food is LOAF (local, organic, animal-friendly and fairly-traded). Their animals naturally tend their wildflower meadows and they generously work with their neighbours to create corridors to support natural habitats. How would our attitude to God's creation differ if we, like the Franciscans, had to draw our water from the ground directly beneath our feet? Would we discharge the waste and chemicals into the soil and drains that we currently do? Please join me this year in seeking to live gently in the world and enhance God's creation. You are your successors' predecessor. In 2020 bless the inheritance that you bequeath them.

I wish you a peaceful, gentle and sustainable 2020.

Beauty for Ashes

I was asked recently where I get my ideas from to write articles for the magazine and my immediate answer was my inspiration comes from God. God gave me a gift of writing that I had long given up on after a disastrous and humiliating attempt at school to write a humorous essay for which I felt so ashamed and I said I'd not go there again, so my dream to write turned to ashes.



But God had other plans! Very soon after becoming a Christian I felt led to write poems for many years which developed into the articles I write today.

Sometimes our hopes and dreams are dashed by an event, a criticism, lack of encouragement or ridicule and this can permeate our lives for years and years where we feel useless and don't bother to try again.

But all is not lost! In Jeremiah 29 v 11 it says "For I know the plans I have for you declares the Lord, plans to prosper you and not to harm you, plans to give you hope and a future". In Joel 2 v 25 it says "I will repay you for the years the locusts have eaten" and in Isaiah 61 v3 it says "I will bestow on them a crown of beauty instead of ashes. These very encouraging verses are often quoted and it's good to read them in the context from which they are taken and all given because God is a merciful God.

Ashes are mentioned quite a lot in the Bible, they are shown to be a symbol of grief and repentance; of mourning and to show penitence and remorse. People also used to put on sackcloth which is a coarse material such as goat's hair which was very uncomfortable to wear, so their penitence and repentance was often observed in sackcloth and ashes.

So, how do we regain our hopes and dreams? How do we receive Beauty for Ashes? For me it began by asking Jesus into my life; asking Him to forgive me for any wrongdoings I had done and asking Him to help me find His purpose for me and then in return help others.



So, as we go into a new year let's ask God to stir up the embers and breathe life into the ashes again and restore to us the lost years and give us the courage to try again lost dreams or even give us new ones!

May this New Year be truly one of the Lord's favour!

Brenda Sheppard

Christingle Service

On the Sunday afternoon of the Tree Festival Weekend in December (14-15th) lots of families came together to make Christingles, to learn what they are about and generally to have a good pre-Christmas celebration.



Monday 13th January Best Ever Start starts at 3.45 pm

Age range aimed especially for children at
Primary School with Parent or Carer

A family afternoon of fun and messiness

Future dates

3rd February: Best Ever Love

2nd March: Best Ever Mother

30th March (for April):

Best Ever Easter

ROTA REPLY SLIP YOUR AVAILABILITY FOR 2 MONTHS

Please cross out the dates when you are **not** available and return this slip to **Paul Lucas** by 12th January

March 2020 1 8 15 22 29

April 2020 5 12 19 26

Name

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

The SOCS Autumn Concert in church on Saturday 7th December was a great success.

The medley from *Les Miserables* was particularly appreciated and the skills of all the singers, soloists and others were noted. Special thanks were expressed to the accompanist Adrienne Smith and musical director Laurie Main. The W.I. helpers serving refreshments were a bonus.

THANK YOU - AS ALWAYS - FLOWER ARRANGERS

The church looked wonderful during the Christmas season and we are grateful to all who contributed to this.

If you would like to sponsor altar flowers in memory of a loved one or a special occasion please give details and a donation to Kathy Pegg or to a churchwarden, preferably two weeks in advance.

PRAY FOR SOUTHMINSTER:

w/b 5 January
w/b 12 January
w/b 19 January
w/b 26 January

North - East
Central - North-West
Central - East
Central - South



ROTA FOR JANUARY 2020

Date **5 January**

2nd Sunday of Christmas

08.00 Holy Communion (BCP)

Col: White

Leader/President/Preacher	Rev'd Peter/Jenny Pratt
Ephesians 1 : 3 - 14	Paul Lucas
John 1 : 1 - 18	Celebrant
Sidesman/ Communion Asst.	Paul Lucas

10.45 Holy Communion

Leader/Preacher	Rev'd Peter/Jenny Pratt
Ephesians 1 : 3 - 14	Linda Payne
John 1 : 1 - 18	Linda Payne
Intercessions	Kath Dunstan
Communion Assistants	Mike Bikhazi & Paul Lucas
Prayer Ministry Team	Brenda Sheppard & Christine Lucas
Audio-Visual Operator	Christine Morgan
Sidesperson	Gwyneth Iffland & Jacky Griffiths
Refreshments	Linda Payne & Rosemary Cooper
Transport	Christine Morgan

Date **12 January**

1st Sunday of Epiphany

08.00 Holy Communion (BCP)

Col: White

Leader/President/Preacher	Rev'd Ken Dunstan
Acts 10 : 34 - 43	Sheila Nicholson
Matthew 3 : 13 - end	Celebrant
Sidesman/ Communion Asst.	Paul Lucas

10.45 Family Celebration Service -

Leader/preacher	Rev'd Peter / Karen Flack
Acts 10 : 34 - 43	Christine Morgan
Matthew 3 : 13 - end	Christine Morgan
Intercessions	Jenny Pratt
Prayer Ministry Team	Sylvia Adams & Viv Perry
Audio-Visual Operator	Christine Lucas
Sidesperson	Rosemary Cooper & Mo Shakspeare
Refreshments	Christine Lucas & Sandra Billinghamurst
Transport	Bob Perry

ROTA FOR JANUARY 2020

Date **19 January**

2nd Sunday of Epiphany

08.00 Holy Communion (BCP)

Col: White

Leader/President/Preacher

Rev'd Peter

I Corinthians 1 : 1 - 9

Anne Wodhams

John 1 : 29- 42

Celebrant

Communion Asst. / Sidesman

Pete Adams & Anne Wodhams

10.30 Morning Worship for special HACKBLOCK SERVICE

Leader

Rev'd Peter/Mark Tiddy

I Corinthians 1 : 1 - 9

Jenny Pratt

John 1 : 29- 42

Jenny Pratt

Intercessions

Jacky Griffiths

Prayer Ministry Team

Fiona Begley & Brenda Sheppard

Audio-Visual Operator

Sylvia Adams

Sidesperson

Paul Lucas & David Johnson

Refreshments

Sally Culff & Maureen Smith

Transport

Christine Morgan

Date **26 January**

3rd Sunday of Epiphany

08.00 Holy Communion (BCP)

Col: White

Leader/President/Preacher

Rev'd Peter/Jenny Pratt

I Corinthians 1 : 10 - 18

Kathy Pegg

Matthew 4 : 12 - 23

Celebrant

Communion Asst. / Sidesman

Pete Adams & Kathy Pegg

10.45 Morning Worship Service

Leader/Preacher

Norman Pratt

I Corinthians 1 : 10 - 18

Kath Dunstan

Matthew 4 : 12 - 23

Kath Dunstan

Intercessions

Fiona Begley

Prayer Ministry Team

Jacky Griffiths & Fiona Begley

Audio-Visual Operator

Mike Bikhazi

Sidespersons

Lynda Hedges & John Hedges

Refreshments

Bob Perry & Viv Perry

Transport

Paul Lucas

19.00 Informal Worship

JANUARY SERVICES AT STEEPLE

Sunday	5 th	9.15 am	Family Service
Sunday	12 th	9.15 am	Holy Communion
Sunday	19 th	9.15 am	Morning Prayer
Sunday	26 th	9.15 am	Holy Communion

January at St Nicholas, Tillingham

Wednesday 1st	9.15 am	Morning Prayers (Laity)
Sunday 5th	10.00 am	Family Service (Laity)
Wednesday 8th	9.15 am	Morning Prayers (Laity)
Sunday 12th	10.00 am	Parish Holy Communion
Wednesday 15th	9.15 am	Morning Prayers (Laity)
Sunday 19th	10.00 am	Family Service (Laity)
Wednesday 22nd	9.15 am	Morning Prayers (Laity)
Sunday 26th	10.00 am	Parish Holy Communion
Wednesday 29th	9.15 am	Morning Prayers (Laity)

January Services at St James, Dengie

January 5th	8.00 am	Holy Communion
January 12th	3.00 pm	Evensong
January 19th	3.00 pm	Holy Communion
January 26th	3.00 pm	Evensong

NOTE IN YOUR DIARIES: the Dengie Pantomime

Snow White & the Seven Dwarfs

Thursday 30th January to Saturday 1st February at 7.30 pm
at Dengie Village Hall (Also Matinee Saturday 2.30 pm)

Tickets available from 3rd January from The Limes & Yogis Londis

ST. LEONARD'S REGULAR MIDWEEK ACTIVITIES

PCC meetings and related committee meetings
are usually on Monday evenings.

The **Music Group** meets in church on Fridays at 7.45 pm
& occasional Tuesdays. See Hazel Richards for details.

Bellringers meet occasionally in the tower
but we don't have our own regular team now.

Henry Club - Church Cleaning Team - meets twice a month
at 9.30 am (normally on Fridays)

The January dates are 3rd* and 17th.

*The clearing up after the removal of Christmas trees

CHURCH GROUNDS WORKING PARTY

Details of these will be in the weekly notices.

Midweek Morning Prayer services (Mon., Wed. and Fri.)

8:00 am (about half an hour) in the chapel.

Tuesdays 8.30 am "Just Prayer" also in the chapel.

HOME GROUPS

Normally they are Mondays at 10 am
and Thursdays at 7.45 pm for 8 pm

Young people and children are always welcome,
especially at 10.45 services,

Messy Church is once a month on Mondays. See page 10.

Families are encouraged to attend the

FAMILY CELEBRATION SERVICES

The next one will be on 12th Jan. at 10.45

*Weekly bulletins and church notice boards list any other events in the Church.
Information for these should go to Christine Morgan.*

*Christmas cards / newsletters from friends who no longer live in Southminster
have been displayed among our local cards at the back of church.*



COMMUNITY EVENTS

Southminster W.I.

We normally meet at Southminster Memorial Hall

Tuesday 7th January : Social/Craft evening

Competition: Hand-made Christmas tree decoration

THE COMMUNITY LUNCH CLUB

In THE MEMORIAL HALL
Every Monday except the
first Monday of each
month and Bank Holidays

Please book in by noon
on the previous Friday by
phoning Kath Savage:
07434915467

The SOUTHMINSTER CHATTERBOX

meets in the
Memorial Hall
on Thursday mornings
from 10 am until noon.

The Bereavement Group is
there on 1st & 3rd Thursdays
There are also
Weight Management Sessions.

Memorial Hall Wishing Well Club

Tuesday 14th January 1 pm - 3 pm

Light lunch, games & good company

Little Lions Baby & Toddler Group
meets at the Memorial Hall

Every Wednesday **during term-time**

10 am - noon Singing, craft, refreshments

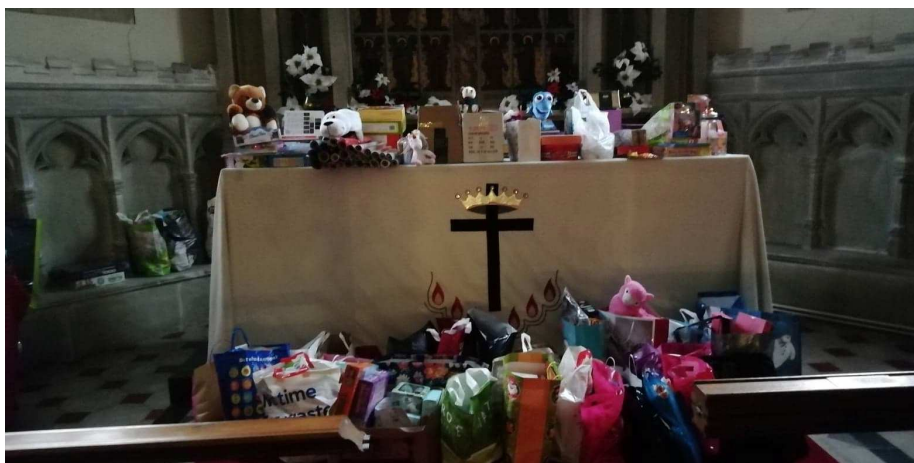
£2 for adult and up to 2 children; 50p per extra child

Come and play, stay and chat; all parents & carers are welcomed



The Toy Service on Sunday, 8th December for the Women's Refuge (Safer Places) was one of our normal Family Celebration Services.

The theme was "sharing" and both children and adults got the message - albeit in different ways. In the unexpected absence of a speaker from Safer Places, Jacky Griffiths explained how the Refuge helps women and children who have been affected by domestic abuse of any kind. The vast number of toys and toiletries were greatly appreciated. Thank you to everyone for your generous gifts.



Operation Christmas Child 2019

The 40 shoeboxes, which were shown on our front cover last month were really appreciated. An official "Thank you" notice is displayed at the back of church. This year's boxes have been sent to children in Belarus.

What is the Church for? Ken Dunstan

Three Decades ago, the Anglican Bishops worldwide Lambeth Conference asked, “What is the Church for? What is God sending it to do in the world?” Their answer, our “job spec,” was five tasks, called the Marks of Mission. They said, “The mission of the Church is **the mission of Christ**,

1. To proclaim the Good News of the Kingdom
2. To teach, baptise and nurture new believers
3. To respond to human need by loving service
4. To transform unjust structures of society, to challenge violence of every kind and pursue peace and reconciliation
5. To strive to safeguard the integrity of creation, and sustain and renew the life of the earth.”

The Church of England’s Environmental Working Group says, “Everything we do must be seen through the lens of the environment. We are all called to exercise leadership in this area, prioritising the fifth mark of mission ‘to strive to safeguard the integrity of creation, and sustain and renew the life of the earth’, and without this being done wholeheartedly the other four marks lack credibility in today’s context.”

Yes, you read that correctly. Unless we act as God’s stewards to preserve the Earth God called “very good,” our telling of Jesus, our teaching of disciples, our service and our challenge to injustice, will all be incomplete. I write as we prepare to move into 2020, and I trust that we **will** be able to invite others to follow Jesus, and to live the life of God’s Kingdom of mutual service and justice. The Green claim is huge – the Fifth Mark encompasses all the others. Genesis 1:26 shows that humanity’s first purpose is environmental stewardship – rule over the earth as beings made in God’s image and sharing God’s love for God’s Creation. Genesis 2:15 says that humanity’s role is to tend and care for Creation. Everything else is secondary.

In order to ensure that we really do “strive to safeguard the integrity of creation, and sustain and renew the life of the earth,” Chelmsford Diocesan Synod created a Diocesan Environment Group, to advise on policy and remind us of facts. Our Archdeacon, Elizabeth Snowden chairs the Group. In 2010 the Group produced a revised policy, called, “It is possible to live differently.” (It’s available on the Diocesan website.)

Followers of Jesus must know the facts of human impact on God’s blue planet. Climate change through human-caused global heating is one of them. So are the drowning of the earth in plastics, the decimation of forests and vastly increased extinctions, the pollution of air and waterways and oceans, the death of corals, and the beginning of a wave of climate refugees as people are rendered homeless by the twin evils of flood and drought.

Our environmental concern must cover the Fourth Mark; unjust practices cause the worst effects of environmental damage to be suffered by poor people, those least to blame and least able to cope.

But knowledge isn’t enough. As surely as Jesus’ first message was, “Repent and believe the Good News” (Mark 1.15), so he calls us now to live new lives, not just of spiritual renewal but of real care for creation. That requires changes of lifestyle, including hard choices about travel - and lifestyle..

The alternative to repentance is simple: God’s planet will become a desert.

God said to Adam, “Cursed is the ground because of you.” (Genesis 3:17)

Is that what we want for our descendants?

Think about thisand pray for further guidance and courage.

Confirmation 2019

In the days when the Church first began converting pagans to faith in Christ, baptism was chiefly for adults. As these converts became parents, they wanted their children to be fully part of the Church as well, yet they wanted also for the children to profess faith for themselves. This was resolved by turning Christian initiation into two parts: baptism for babies as well as adult converts, followed as the 1662 Prayer Book puts it, “when they come to years of discretion,” by a ceremony to take the baptism promises on themselves, that is to confirm them and their faith in public and to be confirmed by the laying on of the Bishop’s hands with his prayer that they will be “filled with the Holy Spirit more and more.”

So it was that on 24 November we gathered at Bradwell Parish Church for the Confirmation of Christians from Southminster, Latchingdon and South Shoebury. Southminster’s contingent included John Anderson, Jessica Brewster, Ian Smith, Carole Tookey and Kim Dunn, who was baptised during the morning service at St Leonard’s before Confirmation in the afternoon at St Thomas’ church.

Here are all the candidates with Bishop John.



A belated seasonal smile from Linda Payne

You may have heard mention of the **Twelve days of Christmas** during the festive period, so give it some thought now - even though Christmas has passed us by.

Did you know this? The partridge in a pear tree is Jesus Christ. -Two turtle doves are the Old and New Testaments. -Three French hens stand for faith, hope and love. -The four calling birds are the four gospels of Matthew, Mark, Luke & John. -The five golden rings recalled the Torah or Law, the first five books of ...the Old Testament. -The six geese a-laying stand for the six days of creation..... -Seven swans a-swimming represent the sevenfold gifts of the Holy Spirit--Prophecy, Serving, Teaching, Exhortation, Contribution, Leadership, and Mercy. -The eight maids a-milking are the eight beatitudes. -Nine ladies dancing are the nine fruits of the Holy Spirit--Love, Joy, Peace, Patience, Kindness, Goodness, Faithfulness, Gentleness, and Self Control. -The ten lords a-leaping are the ten commandments. -The eleven pipers piping stand for the eleven faithful disciples. -The twelve drummers drumming symbolizes the twelve points of belief in the Apostles' Creed. So there is your history for today. **MERRY CHRISTMAS!!** ♡ yes, I said **MERRY CHRISTmas** because Christmas is not without **CHRIST!**

ALSO FOR YOUR JANUARY DIARIES

ICycle Ride : New Year's Day (Look out for posters)

Just turn up with your bike! Free Entry!

Registration from 10.45 am, Start at 11.30 am

Parking is available at King George V Playing Field.

REFRESHMENTS & TOILETS are available at the church.

DONATIONS go to the Cycle Path Campaign

to make the Southminster-Burnham route safe.

For more details phone Mike on 01621 774681

The annual **HACKBLOCK SERVICE** will be held on
Sunday 19th January at 10.30.

We shall hear how the Hackblock Educational Trust has
funded lots of youth activities.

Our speaker will be Mark Tiddy,
Diocesan Youth Work Advisor.

AND IN FEBRUARY

We shall be hosting at St Leonard's church the

SID BOLAN BIG BAND

on **Saturday 15th February at 7.30 pm**

You can find full details of the Band on their website, but suffice it to say at the moment that they will certainly entertain us with SWING and JAZZ music and also songs from the era of SINATRA and ELLA FITZGERALD.

Tickets will be available from Chapman's Stores and Southminster Butchers, or phone 01621 772199.

Your £10 ticket will include light refreshments.

Proceeds will support the Knightswood Day Care Centre.



WHAT'S WHAT

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

Sunday Services - normal pattern (See pages 12-14 for details)

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

10:45 am Holy Communion or Morning Worship

(Prayer ministry for any needs is available during/after 10.45 services)

Light refreshments are served after the 10.45 services.

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

MESSY CHURCH is held monthly on Mondays at 3.45 pm in church.

The next one will be on **Monday 13th January**

‘LITTLE LIONS’ on Wednesday mornings during term-time only
is for babies/toddlers & their carers. See p.16

Morning Prayer (Mon., Wed. and Fri.) 8:00 am (about 30 mins.)
and **Tuesdays at 8.30am** (Just Prayer) in the chapel

THIS MONTH special services at St Leonard's

Sunday 12th January 10.45 : Family Celebration

Sunday 19th January 10.30 : Hackblock Service (See p.22)

Sunday 26th January 19.00 Informal Worship

Pray for Southminster (six regions on six-week rota) See p.11

HOME GROUPS: See page 15 and weekly bulletins for details

United Service for Elderly at Southminster Residential Home

4pm Thursday 16th January

ALSO: ICycle Ride on New Year's Day

Starts and ends at and in church. See posters.