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The day of Pentecost had come
.... there appeared to them flames like
tongues of fire.... and they were all filled
with the Holy Spirit. *(some words from Acts 2: 1 - 4)*

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NOTE FROM THE EDITOR:

*Articles for the June
magazine should be with
Kath Dunstan by
Sunday May 16th
New contributors welcome..*

*Our Annual Parochial Church
Meeting will have happened
(by Zoom) before you receive
this magazine but after this
issue went for printing. Any
specific news that can be
published will be available at
some stage.*

Reflection

I hope that everyone had a good Easter break this year. Easter was made extra special because we were able to come back to church, although there are some who are still isolating and we look forward to the time when we can all be together to worship God. This month we have a service for Ascension and ten days later, Pentecost (please remember to wear something flame coloured when you come to church on Pentecost Sunday!)

It has made me think of how Pentecost was celebrated in the first instances. We know that Pentecost marks the birth of the church and how the Holy Spirit anointed many to take the good news (gospel) back to their home towns, cities and countries; we read this in Acts 2 onwards, about the upper room and the Holy Spirit coming as tongues of fire. However, Pentecost came at the celebration of the feast of weeks, Shavuot in Hebrew, seven weeks or fifty days after Passover. The feast of weeks marks the first harvest when the best of the first crop of grain is brought to God with thanksgiving and celebration for the faithfulness of God. Another seven weeks on, fifty days from Pentecost, came a feast celebrating the new wine; people would gather again in praise and thanksgiving to God for the new wine. Seven weeks on from the feast of new wine came a celebration of the oil which had just been pressed. Another time of giving thanks to God for His faithfulness. These Seven-week periods made up the “Feast of weeks” as the people of God brought their gifts to God – the first-fruits of their harvest, and giving thanks to God for the supply of grain, wine and oil for the coming year. These celebratory feasts sometimes went for 3 or more days!

When we look at the life of Jesus we see that He calls Himself the bread of life (a new grain-offering). As He had supper with His friends He said “This cup is the new covenant in My blood; do this, whenever you drink it, in remembrance of Me” (new wine offering).

Jesus is called the Anointed One of God; oil is used to anoint and set apart those that God has chosen. Priests are anointed with oil for God's blessing in ministry; the sick are anointed with oil for the blessing of healing; the newly baptised are anointed with oil to set them apart for God. Jesus is the Anointed One who anoints us for the work of his kingdom.....

I don't know what you will be growing in the garden this year, it is still early for harvesting here, but there will come a time when we shall see the fruits of our labours in tomatoes, beans, peas, cucumbers, potatoes etc or maybe it is flowers that will grace your dinner table or windowsill. Will we give thanks to God each time a new crop is brought indoors? Even if we are not growing anything, we receive 'new' items from the supermarket as the seasons change; strawberries raspberries etc. We too could have a 'feast of weeks' as we enjoy fresh produce on the table.

All of this; Pentecost, the first church, Shavuot the first harvestings of grain wine and oil are all signs of the new covenant that Jesus brought to us when He sent the Holy Spirit to dwell in our hearts.

James chapter one says:

"He chose to give us birth through the word of truth, that we might be a kind of first-fruits of all He created".

When we receive the Holy Spirit, we are a first-fruit offering to God, and first-fruits are a sign of the abundance of God for the future, to supply all our needs for the coming year. It is the reason why we bring our 'firstfruits' offering to church at Harvest Festival to give thanks to God for the harvest. Fiona's dad used to pick apples from his trees, and polish them to the shiniest red ever, and make a basket of them ready to present in church.... he had a real sense of 'offering' the first fruits from his own trees, as a thank-offering to God.

So, let us give thanks to God this Pentecost, for the Holy Spirit Who anoints us for lives of service in the ‘now’ kingdom of God’s Son.

Peter

Time to take off our masks? Ken Dunstan

I am, like most humans, rather a hypocrite (Greek for an actor who wore a mask to indicate his role). We know things and we think we “ought” or “ought not” to act on the things we know. Most of us know that the world is getting hotter. The hottest years on record are the five most recent. Most of us will have heard that the reason for the heating is human use of coal, oil and gas as energy sources to heat our homes, lighten our darkness and move us around. As a member of the Diocesan Environment Group I certainly know that. Yet I have a foreign holiday booked in late 2021 (Covid restrictions allowing) to take Kath and me by boat to Spain and to France – in a diesel-powered coach – and back to Chelmsford via Paris. No, our journey isn’t necessary. In particular, I live in a country with wonderful scenery and rich culture and in a county with lots of sunshine and less rain than anywhere else in England. For all our love of France (and a college friend in Brittany) we don’t actually need to go; yet we do. We stopped flying, the most polluting way to travel but we still travel for fun.

I’m not about to criticise anyone else, but as Christians we are told that we are made in God’s image – so we are to share His priorities – and that we have *dominion*, which is a servant responsibility not at all like self-centred *domination*. We are to tend and care for the earth. As the Body of Christ the Church is God’s representative. So as lockdown ends and people rush to celebrate “freedom,” and as we prepare for the U.N. Climate Conference in November, let us review what we know of the climate, what we know of the Scripture, and above all, what we are to do about them.

God's Perfect Timing

I want to use this opportunity to thank God firstly and then all the lovely people who have believed in me over the years and especially now. What has happened? What is this all about? Well, I was put forward by our Vicar Peter with the approval of the PCC to become an Authorised Local Preacher in the parish of St. Leonard, Southminster for an initial period of three years, then subject to renewal. I will become part of the preaching team and will be accountable to our Vicar, Rev'd Canon Peter Begley.



For quite a time now I have felt a real calling to help people to understand the Scriptures, which includes myself of course as I continue to learn all the time! I was thrilled to receive Bishops John's acceptance letter for this new ministry, which included the words "Preaching is proclaiming, explaining, and illustrating the Good News so that people can understand it."

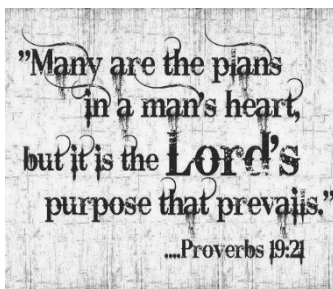
When I look back over the past years, I can see how God has been preparing me for this role. Quite a few years ago I trained to be an assistant tutor at the Friary in Maldon to help people with learning disabilities in understanding basic English and Maths. One of the teaching modules was called "Simplifying Text." I spent a year working there and enjoyed helping the clients with their reading, writing, composing simple poems and other tasks. That phrase "Simplifying Text" has been coming in to my thoughts a lot lately and my heart is that we can all understand God's word in a deeper way, helping each other and being honest with

each other when we don't understand and finding the right person to explain!

One of the people I would like to thank for believing in me for many years is the Revd Ken Dunstan. Every time there was a Vocations day on the horizon, he would always say to me, "Why don't you explore the possibility of becoming a Lay Preacher or a similar role." I did train to become a Pastoral Assistant and often felt there was something more for me but the timing didn't seem right. Our Vicar Peter has also been asking me for quite a time to look towards this new role which is now happening. Thank you both so much.

On my retirement from work a lot of my time was spent in caring roles, looking after elderly friends and relatives and small grandchildren. These were really rewarding times but so often left little time to spare or to attend training courses which is why I hesitated to take on too much. Perhaps, deep down, I also felt that I wouldn't be good enough or be able to cope!

I still hope to have the time to care for the people God lays on my heart, but this is also now a time of spending more time with God, and seeking His way forward and His purpose for my life. One of the quotes I really love is "God isn't always early but He's never late." I do thank Him that He is also infinitely patient and never gives up on me, when my plans get in the way of His!!



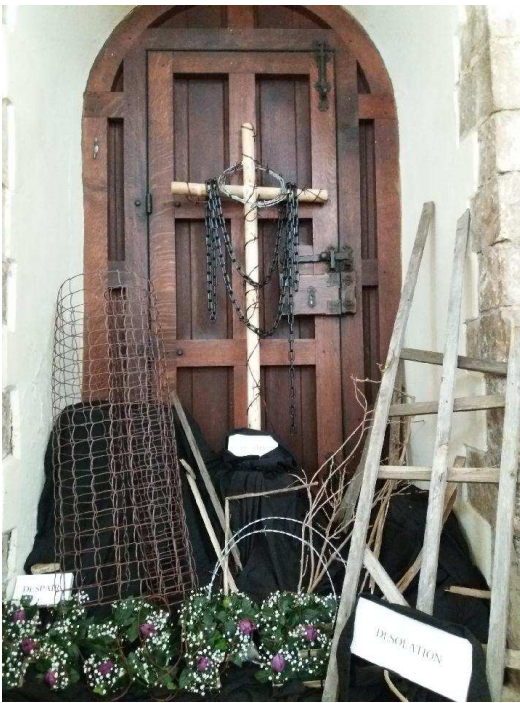
Brenda Sheppard

South Door Floral Arrangements 2021

Kathy Pegg writes:

This was given to me in September 2019 before the pandemic. In December of 2019 I had a picture for the Easter Cross for 2020 and it was about absolute desolation and despair with just the word HOPE but the churches were closed for Easter so it never was created .

However, I used this picture to create the Good Friday Cross for this year, 2021



Then, for Easter Sunday of this year, 2021, I had a picture showing the real joy and HOPE of the Easter Cross.

Hope overcoming despair,
Life overcoming death and
Resurrection overcoming
desolation.

These images seem so relevant after the pandemic and its effects and it became clear to me that this was to do with the Lord's timing and it was actually all meant for this year.

More on page 10



Good Friday

Awesome God
we see
Your unconditional love,
the purity
and sacrifice
of Jesus.

Hopes are
crushed into despair
and devastation
after His Crucifixion,

then three days. . .

Fullness Of Joy.

In the stillness of the morning,
The Son Rises

Hope soars
on Triumphant Wings

Love explodes
into a Jewelled Crown of Glory

it's Easter Day!

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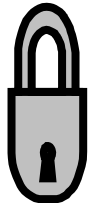
FLOWER ARRANGING THANK YOU TO THE TEAM!

See page 8

And Kathy Pegg writes on behalf of the team:

A huge and heartfelt 'thank you' to all who made donations and sponsored the Easter flowers for our church. There was an abundance of flowers enabling The Flower Team to create such beautiful displays and each member of the Team felt particularly blessed to be part of the Memorial of your loved ones and the shared joy celebrating the Risen Lord!

Even though restrictions are being lifted slightly this month, we are still needing to cope with all the regulations because of the coronavirus pandemic - involving limited gatherings in our church buildings. Just remember: God is with us!



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 don't know when we shall be able to start worshipping in church again, but, in order to be well-prepared, please let Paul Lucas know if you cannot be available on any of the following dates.

July 2021	4	11	18	25	
August 2021	1	8	15	22	29

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



PRAY FOR SOUTHMINSTER:

w/b	2 May	Central - South
w/b	9 May	South - West
w/b	16 May	Central - West
w/b	23 May	North - East
w/b	30 May	Central - North - West

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.

MAY WORSHIP

Details of services, which will happen on-line and hopefully in Southminster and Steeple church buildings, are listed here - so please use them so that we can all be involved in worship together, in church or at home. See the church notice board too.

Sunday 2nd May

5th Sunday of Easter

Holy Communion 8am BCP & 10.45 Family HC

Acts 8 : 26 - end

Steeple 9.15 Morning Worship

John 15 : 1 - 8

Risen Christ, your wounds declare your love for the world and the wonder of your risen life: give us compassion and courage to risk ourselves for those we serve, to the glory of God the Father. Amen.

Sunday 9th May

6th Sunday of Easter

Holy Communion: 8am BCP & 10.45am Morning Worship

Acts 10 : 44 - end

Steeple 9.15 Holy Communion

John 15 : 9 - 17

Risen Christ, by the lakeside you renewed your call to your disciples: help your Church to obey your command and draw the nations to the fire of your love, to the glory of God the Father. Amen.

Thursday 13th May

Ascension Day

Evening Service with Holy Communion at 8 pm

Acts 1 : 1 - 11

Luke 24: 44 - end

Risen Christ you have raised our human nature to the throne of heaven: help us to seek and serve you, that we may join you at the Father's side, where you reign with the Spirit in glory, now and for ever. Amen.

Remember: (and see page 22)

CHRISTIAN AID WEEK ends on Sunday 16th May

See posters about how to acquire and return donation envelopes.

Sunday 16th May

7th Sunday of Easter

Holy Communion 8am BCP & 10.45 Morning Worship

Acts 1 : 15 - 17, 21 - end Steeple 9.15 Morning Worship
John 17 : 6 - 19

Risen ascended Lord, as we rejoice at your triumph, fill your Church on earth with power and compassion, that all who are estranged by sin may find forgiveness and know your peace, to the glory of God the Father. Amen.

Sunday 23rd May

DAY OF PENTECOST

Holy Communion: 8am BCP & 10.45am CW Communion

Acts 2 : 1 - 21 Steeple 9.15 Holy Communion
John 15 : 26-27; and ch. 16: 4b - 15

Holy Spirit, sent by the Father, ignite in us your holy fire; strengthen your children with the gift of faith, revive your Church with the breath of love, and renew the face of the earth, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Sunday 30th May

TRINITY SUNDAY

Holy Communion 8am BCP & 10.45 United Worship

Romans 8 : 12 - 17 Steeple join the United Service
John 3 : 1 - 17

Holy God, faithful and unchanging: enlarge our minds with the knowledge of your truth, and draw us more deeply into the mystery of your love, that we may truly worship you, Father, Son and Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. Amen.

Ancestry.com

By: Brenda Sheppard

Thanks to the internet we are now able to research our family tree more easily. This isn't something I choose to do but it is becoming more popular for many. Looking at my own family; my mum was adopted and I don't know an awful lot about her birth parents as she wasn't interested in finding them. It can be tricky when asked to fill in medical forms asking for family health problems in the past as I can only quote my father's side.



In the Maldon and Burnham Standard a few years ago, there was an appeal for information about my late aunt who too was adopted. We recognised from the details given that it was aunt that the lady in question was enquiring about, the lady being part of aunt's birth family. I spoke to aunt about it but she too didn't want to get involved. I wrote to this lady and explained that aunt was the person she was looking for but she valued her privacy and would rather not make contact.

On looking at ancestries I was led to wonder about what we understand about Jesus' family tree? My Bible concordance says that tracing a genealogy through the mother's side wasn't common practice so I have concentrated on Joseph's side as I didn't want to get things wrong in my own interpretations! Matthew 1 v 17 tells us that that there were 14 generations in all from Abraham to David; 14 from David to the exile in Babylon and fourteen from the exile to Jesus. In the Bible there are references describing Jesus as the Son (or descendant) of David, indicating His royal origin. Why? Surely, He was God's Son and not King David's! Jesus was also addressed as Lord, Son of David several times by people seeking mercy or healing.

We realise factually that Jesus was the Son of God as He says in Rev 22:13 “I am the Alpha and the Omega, the First and the Last, the Beginning and the End” and in John 1 v 1 we read “In the beginning was the Word (Jesus) and the Word was with God, He was with God in the beginning.”

Let's look into why King David's lineage was chosen. God knew that David was courageous, passionate for God, obedient, an ardent worshipper, and a great character (although not perfect but repentant). God had promised David, King of Israel, in 2 Samuel 7 v 12-16 that his throne and his house would be established forever. Joseph, Jesus' earthly father, was a descendant of David, part of his genealogy. Matthew 1 v 16 does not say that Joseph was the father of Jesus but only that he was the husband of Mary and that Jesus was born to her. In this genealogy Matthew shows that although Jesus is not the biological son of Joseph, he is Joseph's legal, adopted son and therefore becomes a descendant of David.

As Christians we too are adopted. Romans 8:16 says “The Spirit himself testifies with our spirit that we are God's children” also Romans 8:14 says “Those who are led by the Spirit of God are sons of God and become heirs of God and co heirs with Jesus if indeed we share in His sufferings in order that we may also share in His glory”. 1 Peter 2 :9 also says “You are a chosen people, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, a people belonging to God”.



What an amazing fact that we are adopted into royalty, heirs of God and co-heirs with Jesus the King of Kings. Whether we ever choose to discover our earthly family ancestry or not we can be confident of our Godly heritage and as so we need to influence others by our behaviour; modelling Kingdom living by pursuing excellence in work and ministry.

LISTEN

Listen! O my children!

I weep over you as a father weeps for his dying child.

I reach out to you, to comfort and to bless,

But you turn from me.

Your eyes are blinded by the brilliance of the 'now'.

You do not see the cost of your self-gratification.

You do not look beyond the momentary pleasure

To the repercussions for generation upon generation.

I have given you instruction, I have given you my own Son

To be an example and a path to salvation.

But your ears are deaf with the din of greed

You do not hear the cries of the lost and lonely.

You do not listen to the moans of injustice and cruelty.

Woe to you who ignore my commandments

You play with destruction as a child fascinated by fire.

My laws are my laws and though I weep, I am bound by my promise.

I cannot act against myself.

Why do you not understand,

I gave you the means of all joy, all blessings

And you have cast it aside, trampled it underfoot.

You have discarded my great Truth as nothing,

And yet you say 'Why does God let this happen?'

You exercise your gift of free will for selfish ends

Exploiting each other, polluting the earth, destroying hope.

I gave you all that you needed, but you craved for more.

Will you never be sated?

Will you never accept responsibility for each other

And the way of the world?

Open your ears! Open your eyes!

I am here and I love you.

Written by Kathy Pegg in September 2019

SPRING AT LAST

It was a pleasure to join the Congregation on Easter Sunday. The church looked beautiful with the elaborate flower arrangements on every available surface. So much floral art gave a Spring-like atmosphere and we could begin to feel that winter was on its way out, despite the cold, and new life was beginning, not only in the natural world but, hopefully, spiritually as well.

This is a strange Spring with heavy morning frosts yet plenty of sunshine during the day. However, the sun eventually melts the frost and with a bit of luck it is gone before it can interfere too much with the new growth of the flowers, bushes, trees and plants all around us. New life appears as it does every year – Nature at its best.

I hope that similarly the warmth of friendship among us all can melt away the sadness of days that have felt spiritually “cold” during this pandemic when we have been put under pressure in so many ways. There has been so much death and illness, relationships put under a strain, with rules and regulations that have tested our patience and resolve, but as long as we carry on looking out for each other and encouraging one another to carry on as best we can, it’s possible that the world will appear to be a happier place soon – in this country it should be by the end of June so we just have to hang on in there for a little longer.

Life is possibly never going to be quite the way it was before this virus found its way into our lives but perhaps we have learned something useful along the way, even if it is only how to cope in adversity.

Chris Martin .

The Rt Rev'd Peter Hill has announced his retirement as Bishop of Barking

Bishop Peter said:

"Now that Bishop Guli has been confirmed as Bishop of Chelmsford, the time has come for me to announce my retirement as Bishop of Barking.

"I will officially retire on 4 August 2021, the date my current extended licence to serve lapses. I have decided to take some overdue study leave which will start in May and which means that my public ministry will end slightly earlier than I'd originally planned. I will officiate at the ordination services for new priests in the Barking Episcopal Area at the end of June, which, as always, will be a real privilege. Ellen and I will move to Newark in Nottinghamshire, near our children and grandchildren.



"It will be tough to leave an Area, a Diocese and so many people we have grown to love and appreciate, especially at such a demanding and exciting time for the Gospel. After saying our goodbyes we look forward to what the Lord has ahead for us in the East Midlands, as we return to another diocese we love and which formed us in ministry. It was a real Godly surprise and privilege to be called to East London and Essex and it has been a great discipleship adventure. The Barking Episcopal Area and the Diocese of Chelmsford will always be in my heart and prayers."

Responding to Bishop Peter's announcement, the Rt Rev'd Dr Guli Francis-Dehqani, the newly confirmed Bishop of Chelmsford said:
"As you know, Bishop Peter had originally intended to retire last year but agreed to stay in post and become Acting Diocesan Bishop during the Vacancy in See. I know I speak for all of us in expressing our deep gratitude to Peter for postponing his retirement and for

his leadership over the last twelve months. I am also personally grateful for his wise counsel and the warm welcome he has given to me since my appointment was announced in December.

"There will of course be an opportunity in the coming weeks for us to say thank you and farewell to Peter and Ellen and to wish them well for their retirement. Peter's retirement service will take place in Chelmsford Cathedral on 4 July and we will be in touch with further details soon."

Editor's note:

You may remember that Bishop Peter was the person who licensed our Vicar, Peter, on his official arrival here in February 2015 . On a personal note, I found Bishop Peter's Welsh accent very comforting - since I was brought up in Wales and I still have family connections there. Kath

We are sad to have to announce the recent death of the Rev'd Lionel Webber. We knew him in the late 1980s as rector of St Martin, Basildon. For some months Ken as an ordinand was attached to the parish. He learned a great deal from Lionel, had his horizons widened and learned things he was able to use in parish ministry. As supporters of the Amos Trust, which works in Nicaragua, among other places, we were pleased to discover that Lionel supported the "Peace and Hope Trust" - a UK charity with a Christian ethos working in Nicaragua for 24 years, complementing the Amos work with much needed health services. As a retired priest Lionel had been of great assistance particularly to the parishes of Burnham and St Lawrence. He will be missed. We express our condolences to his family and friends.

Kath Dunstan

The death of Prince Philip, Duke of Edinburgh



It may seem a long time ago, since he died on Friday April 9th

but everyone in this country continues to express their condolences and to share many of the ways in which he had blessed their lives.

The Rt Rev Dr Guli Francis-Dehqani, Bishop of Chelmsford has expressed her great sadness at the news.

"I am very sorry to learn about the death of His Royal Highness the Duke of Edinburgh. We pray for Her Majesty the Queen, the Royal Family, the Commonwealth and the Nation and we give thanks for The Duke of Edinburgh's extraordinary life of duty and dedication."

The Rt Revd Peter Hill, Bishop of Barking has shared his condolences.

"The thoughts and prayers of everyone at the Diocese of Chelmsford are with Her Majesty the Queen, the Royal Family, our nation and commonwealth. At this time of great sadness, we remember with gratitude The Duke of Edinburgh's extraordinary

contribution as consort to Her Majesty the Queen."

"He has devoted his adult life to our service and the loving support of Her Majesty, for which we are thankful."

On Sunday 11th April we at St Leonard's remembered Prince Philip in several ways, as our service was led by Norman Pratt and Canon Peter. The available Diocesan resources were helpful.

Cover Picture (some background)

This was made by a dear-to-our-hearts friend who is living with a wretched illness but is so utterly amazing in dealing with it daily and rising above it.. she has better days than others sometimes and we guess she just takes her limitations as they come but keeps on 'truckin' in His strength. She is particularly good at distracting herself by making these simply awesome, amazingly real-looking and gloriously stunning designs. This particular one was prompted by her garden and nature this Spring. She regularly makes the most amazing crocheted pieces and we thought to share it with you to lift your spirits too, as it did ours.

Rachel is a Church of England priest, as is her lovely husband John; they are both such an inspiration with how they cope with her unwellness and keep their faces up toward Him Who holds them close.

Fiona Begley



As we said last month, there will be no house-to-house collection this year but **CHRISTIAN AID WEEK** will still happen.

10th - 16th May.

You can contribute financially on line by going to **caweek.org**
Locally there will be posters displaying what will happen.

Three public places in Southminster have agreed to make gift envelopes available for people to pick up so that they can insert their donation and return the envelope to either St Leonard's or ChristChurch URC during the Week. Posters will make this clear, but meanwhile, the three places - in addition to the churches - which will offer new envelopes are Chapman's Stores, Southminster Pharmacy and also Southminster Butchers.

We are grateful for this assistance. Let's be generous!!
Envelopes will be available in Steeple Church too, so that our joint benefice members may be clearly working together.

THOUGHT FOR THE DAY

In a recent sermon, Brenda Sheppard quoted from the UCB Word for Today notes from March. She, rightly, pointed out that in today's difficult times FEAR has become a general problem - even though we are advised by politicians and Christian leaders to be hopeful. The UCB said **"Fear is the darkroom where all our negatives are developed."** Brenda added "It is so true, often in the dead of night or in dark times when fears are so real they often develop in magnitude."

So let us remember that our Lord is with us always - and experience the hope He brings to us.

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.

It has been a real privilege and blessing to run this group, and the bonus has been that I have got to know some wonderful people through the group too.

Karen Flack

ALTHORNE CHURCH NEEDS OUR SUPPORT (Church Repair Fund)

They will be having a **TABLE TOP SALE TRAIL**
on **Saturday 26th June from 11am to 3 pm**

Instructions are:

Sell your unwanted items from a table in front of your house!
£5 per table (Details from 01621 740795 or 740481)

Grab a bargain.

Buy a trail map from Althorne church or church hall for £1.



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.

See pages 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**

MESSY CHURCH is normally monthly on Mondays at 3.45 pm in church. The next one will be publicised as soon as it is allowed to happen.



‘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 obviously not gathering at the moment.