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and also for Steeple Parish

**The Church of  
St Lawrence & All Saints**



**Bishop John, Archdeacon Elizabeth & Bishop Guli  
at Archdeacon's Farewell Service**

**NOVEMBER 2022**

*Jesus said "I am the light of the world. Whoever follows me will never walk in darkness, but will have the light of life." (John 8: 12)*

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***NOTE FROM THE EDITOR:***

*Articles for the December magazine should be with Kath Dunstan by, at the latest, **Sunday 13th November** New contributors are welcome.*

To cover our costs we have to charge for this magazine. This is now **80p per issue** or £9 for a whole year paid in advance in January.

## Curate's Reflection

As daylight hours shorten and the clocks turn back an hour, we cherish these last days of the autumn sun shining against bright blue skies and marvel at the changing colour of the landscape as trees shed their leaves. We enjoy pulling on our favourite jumpers, coats we haven't worn since earlier in the year, and cosy socks that keep our feet warm. However, we have growing concerns about increasing costs, how to heat and light our homes, the changes in government and their decisions that impact our lives and the lives of those we love. Therefore, as we are all concerned about how to conserve energy and reduce bills, we're sharing tips about saving money, keeping warm and stocking up on candles in readiness for power cuts.

Jesus told a story, a parable about ten women who came with candles to light the way (Matthew 25:1-13). Half of them were prepared; they had brought extra oil to keep the light burning through the night, ensuring it would always shine. This story is interpreted in many ways, but one thing it teaches us is about being well-equipped. It is essential to have extra oil and reserves for our lamps to continue shining God's light on situations and to share love and hope rather than be despondent. In church, we light candles as a symbol of the presence of God in the world, the one who rescues us from the darkness. To support and encourage each other and those in our community through the months ahead, we must be prepared to trust in and reflect the glorious light of God in what sometimes feels like a dark world; we are to shine light, God's love, forgiveness and hope into situations.

Thankfully we are not alone in doing this work, half of the women in the story were of like mind and joined together, and the others learned from their approach. God will always raise people up who are willing to care during difficult times. Agencies in Maldon District are working together to offer residents support and ensure warm places are offered to residents over the winter months. There are meetings being held to give advice to residents - one has already happened in Southminster, and Steeple's is later in November. Many agencies are coming together to lighten the darkness by providing warm community spaces and it is important that we, as churches join in and are present to share the love and light of Christ amongst them.

So, while the trees change colour, leaves fall to the ground and the damp and darker winter days set in, our prayer is that we hold on to the promise of growth that follows any fallow period. May we develop deeper bonds within our community through the provision of warm spaces and light the way together. As the nights draw in, each time we see or light a candle, remember that we are a symbol and representative of God and his presence in the darkness - a glimmer of hope to everyone we meet.

God bless,

**Jacqui**

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## **Farewell Bishop John**

Downing Street has announced that Bishop John Perumbalath is to be the next Bishop of Liverpool. Speaking about his appointment, Bishop John, who has served as Bishop of Bradwell since 2018, said: "I am delighted and

humbled to have received this call to be the next Bishop of Liverpool. I look forward to becoming part of the vibrant and diverse communities served by the Diocese of Liverpool.

“We have many challenges ahead of us both in the church and society.”

“I pray that I will lead a church that is faithful in offering our communities the hope that we have in God, serving the communities by working together well and in partnership with others.”

“The good news in Jesus Christ breaks all barriers and boundaries and is always welcoming and inclusive. I am excited about leading God’s people out to proclaim this good news in words and deeds in a new context and to love and care for those I serve.”

“I am sad about leaving East London and Essex, I will leave with gratitude and thankfulness for all the grace and love that we experienced together.”

Bishop Guli has congratulated him and said “Bishop John has made a hugely significant contribution to the life of our Diocese as Bishop of Bradwell and before that as Archdeacon of Barking. “His leadership in the life of the wider church has also been highly valued during his time in our diocese.”

“His appointment is good news for the Diocese of Liverpool and the Church of England, Of course, we will miss him in Chelmsford Diocese and particularly on the Bishop’s Leadership Team and in the parishes and the worshipping communities of the Bradwell Episcopal Area. We will be praying for him and for his wife as he prepares for this next step in his ministry.”

# **.How Does Your Garden Grow?**

I don't know about you but I often look and marvel at the way seeds grow. Seeds that have lived in packets for quite a time waiting to be bought or seeds stored from a previous year's crop which are then planted and watered and then comes the excitement of glimpses of shoots coming forth! All due to good soil, warmth and water!



This year for us and for other allotment holders our Runner Bean crop hasn't been the best for whatever reason. We sowed the seeds in good faith, we watered them, protected them and watched them struggle to grow and produce a much lesser crop than usual.

Whilst pondering on sowing seeds, I looked at the Parable of the Sower in the Bible. In this parable Jesus was talking about sowing the words of the Gospel, the Good News of Jesus, into people's hearts and minds. Jesus says that some of our words will fall on deaf ears, some hearers will initially respond but the words shared don't take root and don't last. But the one person that receives the Good News and understands it and grows into maturity, this person then goes on to produce a good crop of new disciples for Jesus.

Many of Jesus' hearers of this parable would possibly have experience as seed sowers so Jesus used the language of the time He lived in to help them understand his message. A time when seed in the fields was sown by hand not in the precise way today where sophisticated machines do the job. Understandably in Jesus days some of the seed sown would fall in places which were not conducive to the seeds taking root and growing healthily.



How can we in this modern age make sure that the stories we have to share about our faith and growth in knowing Jesus and following Him are relevant to people's understanding? We all

know Jesus was a great teacher and also a story teller. He knew how to connect and engage people in a way they would understand. He often used parables as He wanted people to use their imaginations, to think in new ways, especially regarding the Kingdom of Heaven.

Jesus tells of the condition of the soil upon which the seed is sown not on the one sowing the seed. The human heart needs cultivating so it may be able and willing to receive the seed of God's word. Jesus' rule was first and foremost an issue of the heart. As we share our faith with others we often never know if the words we share will take root or when. Our task is to pray that the seed of God's word sown will be received by the recipient and that the 'soil' of their hearts is ready to receive it. If the seed takes root and grows our task is then to nurture and help people to grow into mature believers in a warm caring atmosphere.

Over 40 years ago a preacher by the name of Daniel Cozens came to Southminster and sowed a seed in my unbelieving heart which was patiently nurtured by prayer and support from loving Christians. That seed grew gradually to where I am today, totally changed and still growing!

We need, as believers, God's word sown in our hearts each day, His word needs daily nurturing as the clutter and clamour of the world can prevent germination and growth and strong roots.

I am so glad we didn't pull up our runner beans too early as they did go on against all odds to produce a few good feeds for us. We need to remember when all may seem lost in our lives, and we can't visibly see any growth in our circumstances, that God is still there, and in the darker times our roots in him need to go deeper to produce an even greater harvest in our futures!

**Brenda Sheppard**

*This article was written by Chris Martin in September, but her original October article had already been published. The overall message is still relevant, hence its inclusion now.*

## KNOWING A STRANGER

This week we have all been affected by the death of our Queen. RIP.

Most of us will never have met her, yet somehow we all feel we “knew” her. Some of us will remember when her father, King George VI, passed away and as a relatively young woman she took on the job that Fate brought to her. Most of the people of Great Britain and the Commonwealth will *never* have known life without Queen Elizabeth reigning over this country and others. Whatever we may feel about the monarchy as an institution, it is demonstrably clear that Her Majesty became part of the lives of all of us, from seeing her face on currency and stamps to following her life through the media. Some might have met her but to most of us she was a familiar figure even if we didn’t know her personally. One way or another, we feel we knew her in all her different roles, from Queen to great-grandmother. Just as we know something of the lives of our friends and relatives, we feel we knew her almost as much as somebody in our personal existence. She affected us all, was thus part of our lives, and we feel her loss as if she were a member of our own community.

She was a shining example of living a life in the way that was meant to be.

It occurs to me that many people feel they “know” Jesus and his disciples, albeit in a different way and from a completely different perspective – familiar figures from the Bible, history, religious teaching and integral to what we are taught about Life and what matters. The New Testament teachings provide an important



moral compass. Jesus never met any of us personally 2,000+ years ago, but because of the way he lived and the lessons he taught, and the facts of his life having been passed down the centuries, he has affected the way millions of people live *their* lives. Whatever one's belief in the religion of this country, there's nothing stopping us from listening to what Jesus had to teach and taking the best of it to help us to live as best we can.

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**Chris Martin**

*Following Jesus, and living in accordance with His teaching does help us in our lives - as has been described by Brenda Sheppard on pages 6 and 7 this month. In church we remind ourselves and tell newcomers how important it is to listen to Jesus (as described in the Bible) and to follow Him so that our relationships can be loving and caring, helpful and forgiving as life progresses.*

***Now there's a time to get together and celebrate again.***

**at the QUIZ NITE on  
Saturday 12th November  
Starting at 6.30 pm in church**

**Bring your own drinks & nibbles but order  
Fish & chips , Chicken & chips,  
Pie (say which) & chips  
by phone: Jenny (772510) or Fiona (772300)  
Each ticket costs £10**

# Farewell

We are losing a faithful and effective leader in Elizabeth Snowden, Archdeacon of Chelmsford. Archdeacon Elizabeth is, in theory, “retiring”(!). Several people from this Deanery were able to attend her farewell service in the Cathedral on 2 October.



In her final sermon Elizabeth spoke of her personal faith, nurtured by faithful Christian parents and becoming personal at eleven, when a speaker from Africa Inland Mission spoke of God’s



care even for the small and insignificant and His desire for a sound relationship with us. Later she referred to the reading from Isaiah 40 where God is portrayed as calling everyone by name and giving power to the faint and strength to the powerless.

Prior to her call to priesthood, Elizabeth taught Geography, married and had four children. She became Archdeacon in 2016. In retrospect, Elizabeth kept those two priorities, from Africa and from Isaiah, close to her heart, dealing extensively with “invisibles” like the Deaf community who need to be properly catered for if they can be fully part of the Church. (The whole service was signed).

Kath and I knew her chiefly, though not solely, through her chairing the Diocesan Environment Group. She had an eagle eye for talent and was able to recruit and deploy people to take forward the Group’s purpose, to fulfil the Fifth Mark of Mission, “To strive to safeguard the integrity of creation, and sustain and renew the life of the earth.” Elizabeth described some of the damage caused by human action to people in poor nations, asking “What is God asking us to do?” and answering, “Seek justice.” She mentioned the Gaia exhibition which came to the



Cathedral on 12 October. At its centre was a 6 metre wide globe of the earth, produced from NASA photographs. It enabled this viewer to see both the limits of the earth and also the unity as continent succeeded continent with each rotation. I suspect that although the Dean, Nicholas Henshall, was in charge, Elizabeth had something to do with its arrival.

Elizabeth’s retirement plans go back to the Bible. As “a continuing servant of God,” she will wait on God, and as Isaiah 40:31 proclaims, “Those who wait upon the LORD will renew their strength.” Farewell Elizabeth, and thank you.

**Ken Dunstan**

**Sunday 6th November****3rd Sunday before Advent****08.00 Holy Communion BCP**

Leader/President/Preacher

2 Thessalonians 2: 1 - 5, 13 - end

Luke 20 : 27 - 38

Sidesperson

Rev'd Jacqui

Celebrant

Celebrant

Gordon Baker

**10.45 Family Holy Communion & Family Celebration**

Leader/President/Preacher

Intercessions

Audio-visuals

Sidespersons

Refreshments

Rev'd Jacqui/Jenny/Karen

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Sylvia Adams

Brenda Sheppard

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**16.00 Memorial Service****An opportunity to remember lost loved ones.****Sunday 13th November****Remembrance Sunday****08.00 Holy Communion BCP**

Leader/President/Preacher

2 Thessalonians 3 : 6 - 13

Luke 21 : 5 - 19

Sidesperson

Rev'd Ken Dunstan

Celebrant

Celebrant

Paul Lucas

**10.00 Remembrance Service**

Leader/Preacher

Readings as above

Intercessions

Audio-visuals

Sidespersons

Refreshments

Rev'd Peter/ Rev'd Ken

Kath Dunstan

Norman Pratt

Christine Morgan

Gordon Baker &amp; Nigel Winger

Sally Culff &amp; Maureen Smith

*As usual, there will be a procession along the High Street to the church for a start time of 10 am and the service will finish with a 2 minute silence at 11 am at the war memorial outside.*

**Sunday 20th November****Sunday next before Advent****08.00 Holy Communion BCP**

President/Preacher  
Colossians 1 : 11 - 20  
Luke 23 : 33 - 43  
Sidesperson

Rev'ds Jacqui & Peter  
Celebrant  
Celebrant  
Leon Flack

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**10.45 Family Service & Shoebox Service**

Leader/ preacher  
Readings as at 8am  
Intercessions  
Audio-visuals  
Sidespersons  
Refreshments

Jenny Pratt & Karen Flack  
Linda Payne  
Brenda Sheppard  
Christine Lucas  
Paul Lucas  
Eira Hagger & Yvonne Thurbon

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**Sunday 27th November****1st Sunday of Advent****08.00 Holy Communion**

President/Preacher  
Romans 13 : 11 - end  
Matthew 24 : 36 - 44  
Sidesperson

Rev'd Jacqui/Brenda Sheppard  
Celebrant  
Celebrant  
Pete Adams

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**10.45 Morning Worship**

Leader/Preacher  
Readings as above  
Intercessions  
Audio-visuals  
Sidesperson  
Refreshments

Rev'd Jacqui/Brenda Sheppard  
Pauline Siggers  
Gwyneth Iffland  
Christine Morgan  
Sylvia Adams  
Christine Lucas & Sandra Billingham

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**17.00**

Christmas Lights to be turned on

**Family Christingle Service**

with carols led by Schoolchildren

# Steeple Church News

Steeple Church has services every Sunday morning at 9.15am unless otherwise advertised on the church door. We have Morning Prayer on the first and third Sundays each month and Holy Communion on the second and fourth.



An on-line service for those preferring to worship from home is available each week on

[www.stleonardsouthminster.org.uk](http://www.stleonardsouthminster.org.uk)

This year's Remembrance Service will be on Sunday 13<sup>th</sup> November, starting at 10.30am, with the two minutes silence at 11.00am. Captain Thomas Anderson, recently retired Welsh Guards, will be reading the names and regiments recorded on Steeple's memorials.

When the scaffolding around the church tower went up on schedule in mid-September we expected most of the work on the timber around the belfry and timber embedded in the West gable to be completed by end of October. Why didn't that happen?

We're told there's a shortage of skilled carpenters which means another project has taken longer than expected. But even if the craftsmen had been available in September they couldn't have started our work because delivery of the oak was also off schedule.

Delay to work on the timber around the belfry is disappointing but we are now assured it will be completed by the end of November. Repairs to the timber embedded in the West gable is of greater concern because special mortar is required which cannot be used when ambient temperatures are in single



figures. The worst case scenario is that this work might have to be deferred until spring which would mean the scaffolding remaining in place all through the winter.



Provisions at Steeple's Harvest Festival that were donated to the Dengie Food Bank. Fresh fruit and vegetables were taken to a women's refuge.

If you saw this engine at Steeple Gathering you probably wondered what it is and where it came from.

It's a W670 radial engine of 11 litres capacity made in USA by Continental Motors in 1943 and now owned by Graham



Sharples. It was developed from a 1930's aero engine but this version was used in tracked landing craft used for the D-day landings.

## **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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|---------------|---|----|----|----|----|
| January 2023  | 1 | 8  | 15 | 22 | 29 |
| February 2023 | 5 | 12 | 19 | 26 |    |

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

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## **The St. Leonard's Together Apart Facebook Group**

This was created as a way to keep in touch, encourage and support each other during the difficult time of lock-downs. 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**



## **SOUTHMINSTER MEMORIAL HALL**

**Depending on how the Omicron Virus Regulations are, we hope that the following gatherings will take place.**

**LUNCH CLUB** began to meet on Mondays in September.

If you would like any information please phone

Dave Christie 07775 758118.

### **CHATTERBOX**

meets on Thursday mornings 10am-12 noon. Everybody is welcome – come along for a chat, activities if you would like to join them and a cuppa and a biscuit for £1.00. No entry charge.

The **BEREAVEMENT GROUP** has moved to meet in the URC church hall on 18th October at 10am and fortnightly thereafter. Contact Chris Martin for more details.

There are other groups too. If you have any spare time and would like to volunteer to help us in running this valuable community organisation, please just attend and think about it.

### **DENGIE HUNDRED LADIES GROUP**

will meet on 22nd November

Pam Glover - Christmas Crafts

Competition: 6 biscuits

For further details contact Paula Neall 01621 773243

Please pray for the recently bereaved families, including those of



Ernest Begley, Peggy Clark, Barbara Duffy, Stephen Leak, Trevor Robinson, Lilian Lewis, Ann Gentry, Dorothy Buck, Michael Bikhazi, Gladys Hardy.

Keep praying for Ukraine and Russia in these difficult times. Also pray for people suffering from terrible droughts & floods.

# **‘Demise of The Printing Industry’ Section 4**

## **Harry Payne**

We are still looking at the demise of the Printing industry ... We have skipped lots of minor but essential processes but have reached the stage where we do have a forme of type on, or in, a printing machine.

Let us look at Presses, they were varied in size and complexity. In their evolution, they were developed, it seemed, to fit a purpose. Manufacturers favouring a specific system. Machines come in two basic types, Cylinders or Platens. (Newspaper Presses were Rotary Presses totally different again). The output of both machine types however was the same, Letter Press Printing. Cylinders came in a variety of sizes and production speeds. Some presses had very large sheet size these were used mainly for book printing. In presses that operate in the ‘cylinder to type’ in a horizontal plane, were called [flatbed presses](#), a cylinder provides the [pressure](#) while the type forme retains its flat surface, in a horizontal position. The bed is mobile, to allow the type forme, as it moves back and forth, both to pass under the rollers and collect ink from the inking system, a complication in itself. Then to pass under the impression cylinder around whose outer surface the sheet of [paper](#) to be printed, is wrapped, attached by a set of clamps/grippers. Flatbed presses fall into various categories, depending on the cylinder’s operation.

In the stop-cylinder press, a toothed rack incorporated in the bed engages a cogwheel incorporated in the cylinder while the bed is moving forward. The Cylinder only turns, it does

not move. As the bed moves back again, the [cogs](#) disengage. A shallow [cavity](#) in the cylinder makes it possible for the typeforme to be slid underneath. Printing speeds can reach up to 5,000 impressions per hour.

In the two-revolution press, the cylinder never stops revolving but is raised on its bearings as the bed moves back again in order not to touch the form. In its lowered position the cylinder's cogwheel engages a low-toothed rack incorporated in the bed; in its raised position the cogwheel engages a parallel high-toothed rack, which enables the cylinder to continue revolving in the same direction. Printing takes place during the first revolution; during the second revolution the cylinder runs free. While the bed moves back. Printing speeds are about the same as for the stop-cylinder press. But, by [avoiding](#) the mechanical jerkiness due to the stopping of the cylinder, the two-revolution press has a much smoother, more regular, and quieter action.

On a single revolution press, the cylinder does not stop revolving but must be raised while the bed moves back. The cylinder diameter is twice that of the two-revolution cylinder press, but one half of its surface is hollowed out in order not to touch the type when the bed moves back. Printing, then, takes place in the first half of the cylinder's revolution.

Tumble presses were just that, the cylinder turns in one direction on the printing cycle, then reverses the turn as the bed travels back to the printing position. The cylinder lifts to allow the type pass under. The cylinder is smaller, the press is more compact allowing slightly larger sheet size than it would seem possible. Presses are noisier than continually revolving cylinders Print speed around 4000 impressions per hour.

Press sizes tend to match paper sizes. The press can print up to that designated maximum size. Smaller paper sizes can be printed but economics suggest maximum paper size equals maximum production. But again it is all dependent on what the customer wants printed.

Letterpress Printing Machines were very solidly built, extremely heavy and needed to be on a very solid foundation.

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## **HARVEST FESTIVAL - Sunday 9th October 10.45**

This service was well supported and people generously gave items of food which were later delivered to the Food Pantry. People who had booked in for the Harvest Lunch really enjoyed what had been cooked by our Social Committee members.

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## **Henry Cleaning Team**

It seems that there is always a need for volunteers to do jobs in and around the church building. We, at Henry Cleaning Club, have lost some valued members this year for varied and very valid reasons. They are sorely missed but have left a void. We try to keep the cleanliness of the church building to a good standard but can always do with more willing hands. We meet once a fortnight on a Friday morning from 9.15 – 11am and do as much or as little as we feel able. If you would like to come along, please contact me, it would be great to have you onboard.



**Brenda Sheppard**

## CORONAVIRUS 2022

We are pleased that most restrictions have been lifted but we do need to be sensible and continue cautiously during 2022. Any changes will be available on posters & on-line.

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

### A notice about our offerings to God.

Many of us use the facility of the offering plate to give our gifts to God. Whether we are attending in person, or not, it is always 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:

Barclays Bank

Sort code: **20.54.30**

A/c No. **80825107**

A/c Name: Southminster Parochial Church Council.

**For Steeple use:** Sort code: **20.54.30**

A/c No. **60842494**

A/c Name: Steeple Parochial Church Council.

# Operation Christmas Child Shoebox Appeal



As has been our habit for many years, we will be gathering shoeboxes which Southminster people have filled. The relevant shoeboxes, ready to fold into shape, are available at the back of church. Leaflets will guide you how best to fill each box. The filled boxes will need to be in church by 20th November when there will be a special service to prepare for them to be sent. We don't know which country they will go to this year, but we will be told.

As their leaflet states:

As you prayerfully prepare to pack your shoebox gift please remember that your shoebox gift will be an expression of God's love to a child. In fact, it may be the only gift that child receives.

Franklin Graham, President of Samaritan's Purse, writes: "We've got a responsibility to take the message of the Gospel to the ends of the earth. Every shoebox gift is delivered in Jesus' Name to give a child in need a glimpse of God's love."

If you want to give on line visit [shoebboxonline.org.uk](http://shoebboxonline.org.uk) so you can find out more and leave the 'filling' to others.



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## PRAY FOR SOUTHMINSTER:

|     |             |                 |
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| w/b | 6 November  | Central - South |
| w/b | 13 November | South - West    |
| w/b | 20 November | Central - West  |
| w/b | 27 November | North - East    |



## 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](http://www.stleonardsouthminster.org.uk)

**Contact:** [vicar@stleonardsouthminster.org.uk](mailto: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](mailto:safeguarding@stleonardsouthminster.org.uk)

**See pages 12-13 for details during this season.**

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

### SUNDAY SERVICES

**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**

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

### WEEKDAY SERVICES:

**Monday. Wednesday & Friday at 8 am Morning Prayer**

**Tuesday at 8.30 am Just Prayers**

**‘LITTLE LIONS’** usually meet on Wednesday mornings  
but this is **during term-time only.**  
It is for babies/toddlers & their carers.



Everyone is  
welcome to join.  
Details on board.

**BIBLE STUDY GROUPS** usually meet in the  
church and details will be available soon.

There may be an Advent course but details  
will need to be checked on the notice board or at  
the back of church.