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**In this TRINITY SEASON**

**remember**

**“Make disciples of all nations, baptising them in  
the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of  
the Holy Spirit.”**

***Matthew 28 : 19***

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**NOTE FROM THE EDITOR:**  
*Articles for the July magazine  
 should be with Kath Dunstan  
 by  
 Sunday June 13th  
 New contributors welcome..*

*We have been pleased to receive  
 masks and cards which were  
 made by members of the  
 Community Payback Group who  
 have not been able to do their  
 normal work in the grounds.  
 Donations are invited towards  
 church funds. Gratitude flows!*

# Reflection

Ken Dunstan

When I was Associate Minister in Bradwell and St Lawrence, my Rector used to talk about “The interminable Sundays After Trinity.” Actually, there are just twenty-four this year, including five with a different label, between Trinity Sunday and Advent Sunday, which is the Church’s New Year’s Day. The exact number depends on the date of Easter. Trinity Sunday this year was 30th May. As the Jerusalem crowd asked on the Day of Pentecost, “what does this mean?”

Trinity Sunday follows Pentecost – Whitsun in old money. It is the one church festival that celebrates a doctrine, rather than a person or an event. The doctrine is the Christian understanding of the nature of God. Pagans of various kinds usually have lots of gods, each with his or her speciality. The Romans appropriated the Greek gods, giving them Latin names, so Aphrodite became Venus, goddess of love, Demeter became Ceres, goddess of food, and so on. Zeus, the Greek king of the gods, became Jupiter. For Jews, with memories of the multiple gods of Egypt and the divisive gods of Canaan imported by Queen Jezebel into Israel, there is only one God, whose name is unsayable. It’s written as **YHWH** and just means, “I am.” (My mother sometimes accused me of thinking I was “the great I AM” when I was too full of myself.)

Muhammad rediscovered the **oneness** of God in the seventh century. I once attended a talk by Riah abu-Helil, then the Anglican bishop in Jerusalem in which he said that Islam is a Christian heresy because it taught the oneness of God without understanding the Trinity. He said this was because the Church hadn’t cared enough to teach the basic truth of the Gospel.

Let’s understand first that Islam and Christianity are Abrahamic faiths, just like Judaism. We worship the **one**, the only

God, who called Abraham to be the founder of his chosen people. Christians alone worship God who is both one and three at the same time, and it's easy to see why people get confused.

St Patrick chose a shamrock to make the point. A single leaf (only one stem) has three leaflets. That's a useful picture to clear up the problem. The Church Councils at Nicea and Chalcedon put it that God is three persons, but still only one God. I prefer to talk of God as a community of mutual love and service, each person in perfect harmony with the other two.

The Apostles knew God as one, the creator and protector of their nation. Alone among their neighbours, they didn't obey the king's laws. They *and the kings* obeyed God's Law. Then came Jesus. He spoke of God as his Father. The religious authorities called it blasphemy. But being with him felt like being with God. When he pronounced forgiveness of sins, people behaved like forgiven sinners. The Gospels show Jesus doing not just godly things, but things that only God could do. Finally, he rose from death and "doubting" Thomas called him "my Lord *and my God*." The events we celebrate at Pentecost recall the fulfilment of Jesus' promise to send an Advocate, someone to sit with us, strengthen us and speak for us, "the Spirit of truth." So there's only one God, but we experience God in three forms – but *persons*, not impersonal "forces."

The Trinity season lasts until Advent. It's the season of growing in faith, exploring and obeying Jesus commands to love God, our neighbours, our enemies (YES!) and one another, and to make disciples, baptised into the Name (under the authority) of the Trinity and taught godly obedience and service. St Luke's account of Pentecost says that the Holy Spirit enables this. Let's do it!

(Matthew 28:19 reminds us: "Make disciples of all nations, baptising them in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit")



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

**10th - 16th May.**

We are grateful for all the help during the week and afterwards with the 'counting'. Thank you, too, for your donations.

**Our final amount raised was £502.63**



Hi everybody,

My name is Jacqui and I'm going to be the curate in Southminster & Steeple officially starting after I'm ordained on the 11th September at Chelmsford Cathedral. I live in Braintree with my husband Mac, Callum (26), Ross (22) and Nellie, our two-year-old labradoodle who has been a source of joy during the pandemic.

For the last three years, I've been studying a BA (Hons) in Theology Ministry and Mission part-time with St Mellitus College and worked part-time as the County Ecumenical Officer for Churches Together in Essex & East London. I've had a varied career, but before starting training, I worked for 14 years with the Salvation Army; my last position was leading their research and development unit based at Elephant & Castle in London.

I love long walks in the countryside, drinking coffee, the odd gin and cooking for family and friends.

I'm looking forward to meeting you all very soon.

Yours in Christ,

Jacqui

# Are you OK? Are you really OK?

**Brenda Sheppard**

I watched a programme on TV recently called “Our Silent Emergency.” It was a documentary taking a closer look at the issue of young men’s mental health, exploring why increased numbers are taking their own lives.

The programme was presented by Roman Kemp who is 28, a presenter and DJ. Roman was shocked when his best friend took his own life with no signs to family or friends that he was suffering mentally to that extent.

Roman travelled across the country speaking to young men who’ve made suicide attempts and talked to mates of people who have taken their own lives. He also talked to others about their mental health experiences.

Statistics tell us that suicide rates remain at a 20-year high and that the Covid pandemic has accelerated Mental Health issues through social isolation, unemployment and physical health to name but a few reasons.

One thing Roman stressed is that we need to look after each other and to ask the question “Are you ok?” Not just once and accept the “I’m fine” answer but to ask again “Are you really ok?”



I often feel sad for our previous generations, especially those who saw so many atrocities in the world wars and didn’t perhaps have the follow up to help them to cope mentally. My father was a Commando in the 2<sup>nd</sup> world war but he would never talk about that time. When he was seriously ill, before he died, he would seem frightened and cry out to us that he saw enemy planes overhead and that the enemy was coming.

A mental illness affects the way people think, feel, believe or interact with others. We see in the Bible examples of deep despair or thoughts of suicide. King David was troubled many times and battled deep despair. In Psalm 42:11 David says “Why are you downcast, O my soul? Why so disturbed within me?”

In the book of Job he too says “I have no peace, no quietness; I have no rest, but only turmoil” Job suffered great loss and suffered terrible physical illness.

We read of many in the Bible who reached a place of despair including Jonah in chapter 4 who asked God to take away his life. Jeremiah too in chapter 20 was very distressed when he was worn out with prophesying in difficult situations. All these people knew the Lord and alternated between praising him and lamenting their lot.

Isaiah prophesied that Jesus would be a man of sorrows and acquainted with grief (Isaiah 53 v 3). Jesus knew what it was like to be in great anguish. In the Garden of Gethsemane before his arrest he prayed earnestly and His sweat was like drops of blood falling to the ground. (This is Haematidrosis which is, today, a very rare condition associated with intense fear or stress.) Jesus knew the agonising death that was to come but was willing to do His Father’s will (Luke 22:44).

We too have times of being really low in mood, we alternate between praising God, knowing He’s with us and will not forsake us, and sometimes deep despair when we look at the world situations and our own personal struggles.

Let us remember if we sense someone is not fine, to ask “Are you ok? Are you really ok?” It could make the world of difference or even save someone’s life.



## Sustainable Living: Eastern Cathedrals' online event

Saturday 12 June 10:00 - 12:30

For full details and tickets visit:  
[www.sustaininggodscreation.org](http://www.sustaininggodscreation.org)

Sustaining God's Creation is a digital resource for sustainable living

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Cathedral



**An invitation from Rev'd Canon Imogen Nay**  
who contributes regularly to the "Greening the Church" facebook page which is available on our StLeonard's Together Apart facebook page too.

Dear All,

I'm so pleased to be able to invite you to this conference organised by the Eastern Cathedrals: Sustaining God's Creation through sustainable living with a focus on food and farming.

**Saturday 12th June on zoom: 10am-12.30**

We have some great speakers lined up and it will be opened by the Bishop of Norwich, the recently appointed Lead on Environment in the Church of England.

The first session will include two speakers who will do a short presentation each and then engage in discussion with each other and participants. More details are on the website above.

## **In May Bishop Peter announced plans for his retirement.**

He will retire officially on 4 August and there will be a farewell service at Chelmsford Cathedral on 4 July.

Bishop Guli writes “I know that you will join me in wanting to express our enormous gratitude as we say goodbye to Peter and Ellen in the coming weeks. Gratitude for Peter’s contribution to the Barking Episcopal Area over the last seven years and gratitude for his contribution to the whole diocese, both as Bishop of Barking and in particular during the year in which he postponed plans for his retirement to become Acting Diocesan Bishop”

The St. Leonard’s PCC have agreed to make a contribution to the fund.

If you would like to make a donation to the collection, you can do so in the following ways:

Using the **Reference** + *PH Collection* each time :  
by envelope into the offering plate , or via the Churchwardens or directly by Bank Transfer. Details on page 13. —————→

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### **Fiona Begley adds her personal thoughts:**

It was Bishop Peter who came to St Leonard’s just over 6 years ago to install Peter as Priest in Charge...He was just such a lovely man at the service (because he genuinely is one!) but he made a huge impact on a lot of folks because of his warm humour and gentle style. We had at LEAST 10 [remembered] comments, if not more, to the effect that he was top invitee to dinner gatherings from amongst both the congregation and friends of ours. That is the man retiring after stepping in for another year to be acting Diocesan Bishop for us after Bishop Stephen left. A very special individual, and a great man of God. Speaking personally here, please do pray for him, a long, healthy and happy retirement, very well earned indeed.

## **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 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.

August 2021	1	8	15	22	29
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September 2021	5	12	19	26
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**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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## STEEPLE CHURCH ROTAS FOR JUNE

### Sunday Prayer Rota for 9.15am services

6th	Family Service	t.b.a.
13th	Holy Communion	Fiona Ashworth
20th	Morning Worship	t.b.a.
27th	Holy Communion	Fiona Begley

### Coffee Duty on First Sunday for Family Service

6th	Jack Partridge
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### Flower arranging and cleaning in church ready for each Sunday

6th	Mrs R Leech
13th	Mrs T Julien / Mr J Partridge
20th	Mrs F Begley
27th	Mrs M DeAth

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### PRAY FOR SOUTHMINSTER:



w/b	6 June	Central - East
w/b	13 June	Central - South
w/b	20 June	South - West
w/b	27 June	Central - West

# JUNE WORSHIP

Details of services, which will happen on-line and hopefully in Southminster St Leonard's church building, 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.

Some details of services due to happen in Steeple church are on page 11, together with appropriate rotas for them.

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**Sunday 6th June**

**1st Sunday after Trinity**

**Holy Communion 8am BCP & 10.45 Family HC**

I Samuel 8 : 4 - 11, 16 - 20

Mark 3 : 20 - end

God of truth, help us to keep your law of love and to walk in ways of wisdom, that we may find true life in Jesus Christ, your Son. Amen.



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**Sunday 13th June**

**2nd Sunday after Trinity**

**Holy Communion: 8am BCP & 10.45am Morning Worship**

I Samuel 15 : 34 - 16 : 15

Mark 4 : 26 - 34

Faithful Creator, whose mercy never fails: deepen our faithfulness to you and to your living Word, Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

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**Sunday 20th June**

**3rd Sunday after Trinity**

**Holy Communion 8am BCP & 10.45 Morning Worship**

I Samuel 17 : 32 - 49

Mark 4 : 35 - end

God our Saviour, look on this wounded world in pity and in power; hold us fast to your promises of peace won for us by your Son, our Saviour Jesus Christ. Amen.

We have a team of people who can be called on to read the Bible verses at these services but at present it is still difficult to organise availability for intercessions and pre- and post-service prayer. When the COVID restrictions are removed we shall try to return to the 'normality' with which we are familiar. We hope that services will be fully live-streamed very soon too. Meanwhile, it has been encouraging that attendance at the Sunday services has been growing gently.

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**Sunday 27th June**

**4th Sunday after Trinity**

**Holy Communion: 8am BCP & 10.45am CW Communion**

2 Samuel 1 : 17 - end

Mark 5 : 21 - end

Gracious Father, by the obedience of Jesus you brought salvation to our wayward world: draw us into harmony with your will, that we may find all things restored in him, our Saviour Jesus Christ. Amen.

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On Saturday 12th June the IGNITE event (see page 17) will involve some of our own Church family members.

Do log on to enjoy their contributions alongside other Dengie Hundred folk.

Don't forget the **St. Leonard's Together Apart Facebook Group** providing Daily Devotion, Family Time, Bible Study & prayer during the week and the church service with bulletin on Sundays.  
Contact Karen Flack

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Bank Transfer details for contributions towards Bishop Peter's Gift.

*Account name: The Bishop of Chelmsford Discretionary Fund*

*Sort code: 20 19 95 Account number: 60263648*

*Reference +PH Collection*

# 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 of the month and Holy Communion on the second and fourth.



If the Covid situation continues to improve, we hope to soon resume having the church building open to visitors during the middle hours of every day. Opening for private prayer can be arranged at other times by contacting The Vicar or by phoning 07711 472132.

We are immensely grateful to our ministry team for providing an 'on line' service every Sunday morning throughout all of the lockdown periods and these will continue throughout June. You can find the service on [www.stleonardsouthminster.org.uk](http://www.stleonardsouthminster.org.uk)

By the time you read this, two important meetings will have occurred in Steeple Church. The **Annual Parochial Church Meeting** will have taken place following the Whit Sunday service on 23<sup>rd</sup> May. This is open to all members of the local community and elects the Church Wardens for the year. That's followed by election of the Parochial Church Council, the appointment of other officers, a review of the 2020 accounts and approval of the Trustees' Report that feeds into a Chelmsford Diocese report to the Charity Commission.

A few days after the APCM, there will be a meeting with the Church Architect to start developing a work plan for the restoration of cladding around the belfry. This should have happened last year but was postponed during the lockdowns. From the architect's previous inspection from a 'cherry picker' we know which timber needs attention but have no idea how much the work will cost. Steeple Church has some money set aside for repairs but will certainly need to supplement that with grants from charities that have helped us in the past. The task has been eased by a significant bequest unexpectedly received earlier this year. This came from a member of a local farming family who was brought up in The Dengie but worked and lived in London. Fortunately, Steeple was one of several local churches to benefit from his estate. He would be pleased, no doubt, to know that his money will help preserve a prominent feature of our local church.



To arrange a  
**Wedding, Blessing, Baptism  
or Funeral**

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vicar@stleonardsouthminster.org.uk

The Vicarage, Burnham Road, Southminster, CM0 7ES

*Wishing you all a very Happy Summer*

*Peter Marshall*

# GLASS HALF FULL

**Chris Martin**

The question is sometimes asked as to whether we are a “glass half full” person or a “glass half empty” person. It could be that on some days we are “half full” and others we are “half empty”. Of course this is about optimism and pessimism and the answers depend on the kind of person we are – and upon the happenings in life that create the optimism or pessimism we feel at different times.

Counting our blessings seems to be the way of ascertaining whether our glass is full, nearly full or at least half full. Being a “people person” I count conversations with friends and family, the company of people, and the helping hands of others to be among my greatest blessings. The feeling of fellowship in belonging to a group – whether it’s the church or any other regular gathering we may attend – is also a blessing. People who prefer to be alone would see peace and quiet around them as being a blessing and that’s fine. There’s a difference between being alone and being lonely. We’re not all the same, and what is a blessing to one might be a nightmare to another! But anything that makes us feel relaxed, happier, grateful or relieved from a worry could count as a blessing just as well as something more tangible like being healthy or free from financial troubles.

In times of trouble – sickness, bereavement, worry, insecurity and any number of other happenings in life that can affect us badly – it can be harder to find a blessing to count but sometimes the simplest of events can create a blessing: an unexpected friendly phone call or visit, a small gift, a bird appearing just outside the window, or even just having a day when nothing particular actually goes wrong could be examples of “blessings”. Like everybody I could list here sad happenings in my life and at the times perhaps I didn’t appreciate the blessings around me but I was always aware of the support and kindness of people...and what a blessing that was and still is. Even when the glass is most definitely half empty, it would be good if we could appreciate however much liquid is in the bottom of that glass.



## **Join us for the 4<sup>th</sup> Annual Ignite Event**

*An event for the community, created by the community!*

**Ignite will once again be ONLINE  
featuring visual readings, poetry and music  
fanning the flames to build light and hope  
through community unity**

**During these unique times, why not join the community online  
to feel entertained, engaged and encouraged**

**The content is pre-recorded and will be available for viewing from  
Saturday the 12<sup>th</sup> June at 3pm by visiting the following link:  
<https://tinyurl.com/dengie-acny>**

**St. James and the Ignite team welcome you  
to join them in June to spread hope and light  
throughout our wider communities.**

**For further information email [dengie.ignite@gmail.com](mailto:dengie.ignite@gmail.com)**

### Steve's work

I have continued to work on two Tanzanian typesetting projects simultaneously (the Nyiha New Testament and the Bende Gospel of Luke), which presents its own challenges. In addition, publications are checked very thoroughly in Tanzania by a team of checkers who were not all involved in the translation. This is a good thing, and makes for a more accurate and well-presented scripture publication; but of course, it does take more time. For these and other reasons, progress has been slower than anticipated and I am still involved in finalising the Nyiha and Bende publications so they can be sent to our global publishing headquarters in the States for their final check prior to printing.

In addition, I had a run of greater and lesser computer problems that brought work to a halt for a while. (Our enemy often chooses the final stages of typesetting to try and delay the publication of God's Word in languages that have never had it before!) I'd appreciate your prayers that these two publications will soon be available to those who are eagerly awaiting them.

In September this year I hope to start on a new typesetting job: the Kunda New Testament (Zambia). As usual I'll be working 'remotely' by internet and email from here in South Africa. Before typesetting begins I'll be corresponding with the team to be sure all the necessary pre-publication checks have been done and that everything is in place so that work can proceed smoothly. Again, we'd be grateful for your prayers!

### Johanna's work

It was a special joy and honour to present to our outgoing director a reproduction of my first completed portrait—a Himba woman attending the dedication of the Gospel of Mark in Namibia (October 2018). My art teacher was also really pleased with the result, and posted a picture on his website.

At present I am working on another two portraits. There have already been several ideas about how my artwork can help to promote the work of Wycliffe in South Africa. I just wish I was less of a perfectionist—progress is slow!



Meanwhile we've had three celebrations at home. One for Steve's birthday, one for our (36th!) wedding anniversary, and one for Jesse. Jesse is a new "adopted" member of our family since June last year. He's had a tough life. We celebrated his birthday a week ago, and it was the first time he'd ever experienced a normal family birthday. It was very special!

## The Covid situation

The Covid situation remains fairly unaltered here. Vaccine roll-outs have been slow for a number of reasons. But generally it seems that black Africans are less susceptible to this virus. Lock-down regulations are mild here, as the economy cannot withstand strict lockdown measures. Within Wycliffe, two colleagues did catch Covid but recovered completely. They had each actually travelled to translation projects for checking and planning, but much is also being done online. We ourselves do most of our work at home.

But it's amazing how in spite of the restrictions, translation projects across Southern Africa continue to make progress! See what is happening at <https://www.wycliffe.org.za/>.

Thank you for your regular prayers.  
The Lord bless and keep you.  
— Steve and Johanna.

**Picture:** *You know lockdown's really bad when you start putting masks on the decorations...*



# **This is Scripture**

If you read the Bible, you would read about:

battles, murders, kings and queens,  
food you could eat and stuff that's unclean;  
nations, empires, temples and feasts,  
children, families, teachers and priests,  
tent-making, gold-carving, virtue and vice,  
which type of goat you can sacrifice.

There's a huge fat tyrant, a god on the toilet,  
a man with a tent-peg stuck through his head,  
revolting diseases and military sieges,  
a number of people brought back from the dead,  
chariots of fire, whirlwinds and bear-attacks,  
teachers, magicians, adventures, escapes,  
jars of oil that never run dry,  
fig trees that wither and vines without grapes.

You would read love songs, poems about joy,  
hatred and wickedness, pride and conceit;  
poems which tell of God's kingdom of heaven,  
of life and of death, of war and of peace.

The Bible has stories of pain and of suffering,  
money and treasure, poverty, need;  
its pictures of love and self-giving are striking;  
so is its portrait of life-sucking greed.

You could read stories of dragons and shooting stars,  
babies in baskets and earthquakes and beasts.  
The Scriptures declare the story of God,  
the story of man and how the two meet.

The Bible is where we find Jesus of Nazareth,  
born in a stable, died on a cross,  
raised from the dead by his heavenly Father;  
the shepherd of heaven come seeking the lost.

The message is there for readers to read,  
listeners to hear and seekers to view.  
And if you are willing to wrestle with Scripture,  
you may find that Scripture will start reading you.

*Rev'd Mark Dunstan*  
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### **Editor's note:**

This poem has been sitting in our computer file for fifteen years but we thought it would be a good time to share it - especially as the Bible readings we have in church and at home are so important to our developing faith.

We hope it will make you smile, but we also hope you will see the significance of the scriptures in today's ever-changing world. Perhaps some of you have been reading the Bible at home more than you used to - because of the Coronavirus restrictions about meeting together. Let's pray that this will be one of the 'positives' that will emerge soon and that the new 'normal' life will be truly blessed.

***Kath***

## Remembering Tom Fogg

There is a long list of places where Tom made his mark, including those places he visited when he was a postman. Many, many people knew him, in the Dengie and beyond. In deciding to write about him, Jenny and I can only write about the part of Tom that we know.

First, we think of him as Tom the cyclist. Tom organised the St Leonards contribution to the 'Friends of Essex Churches' cycle ride. At this event and others we learned that Tom knew a lot of cyclists. Through his cycling he also apparently got to know a lot of places. On one occasion Tom drove Jenny and me halfway across Essex to show us a church building he liked. The journey to get there was even more remarkable than the church, via byeways that few motorists appeared to know about, but cyclists do. And Tom knew the best stopping places.

For a while Tom had a cycle shop in Southminster High Street, and when he ended that he was generous in making people's bikes roadworthy. I have to say that in his own cycling Tom could be accident - prone. (What can you do a car that suddenly appears in front of him on the wrong side of the road - except survive.) Tom was a remarkable survivor. He was struck by lightning on two separate occasions and lived to tell the tale.

One day he turned up at our door, requesting a place to park his bike and a lift to Broomfield Hospital. Cycling out of Maldon he had been looking down at some problem on the bottom of his bike and hadn't noticed a parked car directly ahead. Crashing into it, he ended up largely unscathed, except for a big toe sticking out at an odd angle. He had nevertheless cycled from Maldon to Burnham to seek medical help - but in vain. I drove him to Broomfield hospital where he was successfully treated..

Tom was constantly going places, and he shared my enthusiasm for vintage aeroplanes. On one occasion Tom and I were going round the Battle of Britain display at Duxford. We simultaneously heard the distinctive noise of a Merlin engine coming from outside the building. The spirit of the Battle of Britain took hold, and we both sprinted off at high speed, much to the amusement of people walking round the displays - just in time to get outside and witness a Spitfire taking off from the runway. Tom was a long-surviving member of our video club that met on Sunday nights in our house: the vicar at that time was convinced we were watching Christian films, which was not necessarily the case. Tom had a deep faith in the Lord, and was a familiar sight at several local churches. He helped out in many different ways, mowing lawns, acting as Server, and more recently being a part of a team at Althorne Church which took services. He was well-read, owning a number of well-thumbed bibles including a New Revised Standard Version, and some excellent Bible handbooks.

But most of all, we will miss his lovely smile that he always had for everybody.

### **Norman and Jenny**

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**... and now an appropriate reminder.....**

### **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”

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**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.