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News from the churches of

Holy Trinity, Takeley | All Saints, Little Canfield



Hello from our staff team

I've just been listening to a fascinating reflection about the similarity between church and the theatre. The main argument in the reflection was that drama and church are both about creating space where there is encounter. The theatre creates a space where a story can be encountered from the viewpoints of different characters and so leads the audience to an encounter with truth. In church, the liturgy is the place where we create sacred space in which we hope to encounter the truth of God in Jesus Christ.

I'm sorry to say that I've never been a great theatre goer, and am shockingly ignorant of the work of our great playwrights. However, I have always been a

great fan of opera and have spent many an hour in opera houses all over the world. So, I can easily say that I love drama when it is mingled with music! One of the best experiences I have had in my opera going is to have twice attended a full performance of Wagner's Ring Cycle. The 'Ring' is four operas, each a development of the same drama. Each one is very long, the shortest is around 3 hours, the longest 5! They are performed on consecutive days, so going to the whole 'Ring' takes up most of your life for a week, but somehow that investment of time and total immersion in the music and drama makes for such a more intense experience and understanding of the music and drama.

This Sunday we begin the greatest week in the Church calendar- Holy Week. The services of this week are pure drama! Like 'The Ring' they are best experienced by making a commitment to attend all of them and to become totally immersed in the drama of the story of Christ's death and resurrection from the dramatic arrival in Jerusalem on Palm Sunday, through the mystery of the Last Supper and into the agony of Good Friday, the quiet waiting of Holy Saturday and the explosive joy of the resurrection on Easter morning.

However, you spend your Holy Week and Easter may it be a blessed encounter with the truth of God's love for you made known in Christ Jesus.

Revd. Helen

Prayer Points

We hold in our prayers those have recently died;

Shirley Lillian Hide, Daniel Hood, Evie Muir, Joan Turner

May they rest in peace and rise in glory.

We also keep the family and friends of those who have died in our prayers.

The funeral of Shirley Lillian Hide will take place at 1pm on 22 March at All Saints, Little Canfield

The funeral of Joan Turner will take place at 3:30pm on 27 March at All Saints, Little Canfield

The ceremony in memory of Evie Muir will take place on at 1:30pm on 28 March at Oak Moor Meadow, Little Canfield

Prayers

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we pray for those known to us and those in or connected to our communities; those are themselves unwell, who have family or friends who are unwell; and those experiencing difficult times. We pray that they will have God's healing and peace.

We pray for those known to us in need our prayers: Sue Sadler, Helen Flack, Linda Higgins, Joyce Wilkinson, Sidney, Geoff Long, Linda Morris, Denise Thomas and David Daykin.

We keep our family, friends and neighbours in our prayers.

Please e-mail admin@tlcchurch.co.uk or speak to Colin or Hugh if you would like to include someone in our prayer lists.

A prayer for the week:

King of kings,
we gather,
we clamour,
to worship you.

You are not clad in gold and jewel-encrusted crown,
you are not carrying orb and sceptre,
but you are the King of kings,
serving,
loving,
caring for us.

And we come to worship you,
to sit at your feet,
to hear your word,
to know your truth.

Bless us as we worship.

Amen.

Morning prayer

Saturday morning prayer

Holy Trinity, Takeley, 9am Saturday; 23, 30 March

(not on the first Saturday of the month or when there is a Deanery Walk (instead see below

details))

Prayer Share at All Saints, 10am First Saturday of the month; 6 April, 4 May, 1 June

Deanery Walks, 9:30am starting from each church named below. The walk lasts for 1 hour and is followed by refreshments and a short service in the church. Full details further below in news & events.

16 March - High Roding

20 April - Birchanger

15 June - Broxton

20 July - Beauchamp Roding

17 August - church tbc

21 September - Great Saling

19 October - Little Canfield

20 October - High Easter

Online Morning Prayer

9:00am on Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday and Saturday here

- <https://us04web.zoom.us/j/459441774>

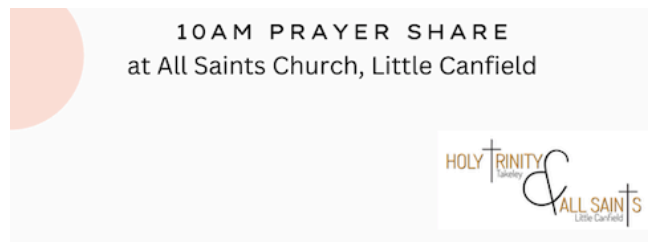
You shouldn't need the Meeting ID but if you do, it is: [459 441 774](https://us04web.zoom.us/j/459441774)

The password is: Stansted

The service of Morning Prayer is published on the Church of England Website and you can find it here -

<https://www.churchofengland.org/prayer-and-worship/join-us-service-daily-prayer> Just follow the link to Morning Prayer (Contemporary) for the day.





24 March main readings at Takeley & Little Canfield

FIRST READING:

Phil. 2:5-11

GOSPEL READING:

Matt. 27:11-54

Services

Sunday 24 March

Palm Sunday

All Saints, Little Canfield

no service

Holy Trinity, Takeley

9:30am Holy Communion led by Revd. Colin Fairweather

St John's, Stansted

9:30am Liturgy of Palm Sunday led by Revd. Helen Flack

[Join on Zoom](#)

<https://us04web.zoom.us/j/109066258> Entry Code: 109 066 258 Password: Stansted

St Mary the Virgin, Birchanger

11:15am Holy Communion led by Revd. Colin Fairweather

St Mary the Virgin, Farnham

11:15am Palm Sunday Village Service led by Ann Moore & Lorraine Pinder

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JOIN US EACH

SUNDAY

TOGETHER IN CHURCH

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March services
in Takeley and Little Canfield
churches

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| 3 | Family Service, L. Canfield |
| 10 | Holy Communion, Takeley |
| 17 | Holy Communion, L. Canfield |
| 24 | Holy Communion &
Procession of Palms, Takeley |
| 31 | 7am First Light Holy
Communion, Takeley |

MARCH
2024



9:30AM

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JOIN US THIS

EASTER

TOGETHER IN CHURCH

*see separate poster with March services

EASTER
2024



A lunchtime 'Oasis' - a place of refreshment and rest, a vital pause. Please do invite others to come, or come yourself if you haven't yet tried this 30-minute session of silent prayer. You will find it refreshes and stills your soul!

Revd. Helen





EASTER SATURDAY CRAFTS

Come and join us for a fun morning of Easter-themed arts & crafts.
All ages and abilities welcome*

30 MARCH 2024
10AM - 12 NOON
AT ALL SAINTS CHURCH, LITTLE CANFIELD

FREE ENTRY

*This event is open to adults and children.
Children must be accompanied by an adult, adults may attend without children



Deanery Walks

Please see below the plan, format and dates of the 2024 Deanery Walks. All welcome.



DUNMOW AND STANSTED DEANERY WALKS 2024

Together on the Way ... Sharing Stories

It is ten years since the first of our deanery pilgrimage walks in 2014 which began as we celebrated the 100th anniversary of the formation of the Chelmsford Diocese in 1914. In the first year we journeyed together, walking and talking, to all 28 churches in the deanery, and since then 8/9 churches each year as we moved to monthly walks.

Our theme this year is 'sharing stories', Jesus was the master storyteller as he walked with his disciples or spoke to the crowd round him. Over the last 10 years we have formed friendships and exchanged stories, we have listened to others tell us significant stories about the places we have walked, and we have shared stories about our churches, their history, memorials and the faithful communities who have worshipped there.

The symbol for this year's walks is the scallop shell one of the most iconic symbols of the Camino de Santiago. Together with a yellow arrow it is still used to guide pilgrims to Santiago de Compostela. It is said a pilgrimage is a journey to a significant place, made with the intention of encountering God. As we walk together may we encounter God in the landscape, in our companions and in the places we visit, and may our faith be inspired by the stories we share.

The calendar of walks is on the back of this leaflet, please note this year we will be **starting at the later time of 9.30am** at the designated church, we will walk for one hour before returning to the church at 10.30am for refreshments, finishing with worship together in a short service. Please join us and bring friends and dogs, all are welcome. There is a contact for each walk if you need more details. This year there will be a deanery service on Sunday 20th October to mark the end of our walks.

Following the walk we gather for a short service, including praise and thanksgiving, a Bible reading, intercessions and closing prayers.

Praise – a hymn, song, or the following canticle may be used.

Bless the Lord all you works of the Lord:

sing his praise and exalt him for ever.

Bless the Lord you heavens:

sing his praise and exalt him for ever.

Bless the Lord you angels of the Lord:

sing his praise and exalt him for ever.

Bless the Lord all people on earth:

sing his praise and exalt him for ever.

Bless the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit:

sing his praise and exalt him for ever.

Bible reading

They said to each other, "Were not our hearts burning within us while he was talking to us on the road, while he was opening the scriptures to us?"

Luke 24: 32

Other possible readings might be Bible stories linked to our communities or church buildings (perhaps depicted in our windows, connected with patron saints, or the story of our church community);

or a reading on the theme of pilgrimage or sharing stories.

Genesis 12:1-3; Genesis 28:10-17; Exodus 13:17-22; Deuteronomy 6:6-7;

Psalms 145: 1-7; Luke 2:41-49; Luke 24:13-29; Hebrews 11:8-10

Prayers of thanksgiving and intercession

Which might include the following:

- Thanksgiving for stories that inspire and encourage us in faith
- Prayers for those with whom we travel on the way
- Prayers for those who are journeying through difficult times

A prayer for the journey

Journeying with you, Creator God,
is to journey in your world,
full of marvels and such beauty.
To glimpse eternity in sky and sea,
to feel the earth and rock beneath my feet.

Journeying with you, brother Jesus,
is to journey with your friends.
To meet and travel a while together,
then part at the crossroads,
knowing you are with us all.

Journeying with you, Holy Spirit,
is to journey with the wind.
To move to your wild music
then try to sing your song
so others may hear.

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We end by saying together **The Lord's Prayer and The Grace**



Dunmow and Stansted Deanery Walks

A pilgrimage prayer to use at the beginning of each walk:

Bless to us, O God, the earth beneath our feet. Bless to us, O God,
the path whereon we go. Bless to us, O God, the people whom we meet.
Walk with us, O God, as we walk together on the way. Amen.

DATE	CHURCH	CONTACT
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21 st September	Great Saling	LYDIA BUCKNELL lydia.bucknell@btinternet.com
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Deanery Service 20 th October at 4.30pm	High Easter	ALLISON WARD admin@regc.org.uk Tel: 07960 796346

Supporting our community

Food Bank centres are continuing to experience a significant increase in the number of people using the service. Regular donations can be made to Holy Trinity on service days and to All Saints at any time. All donations will continue to be transported by the team to the Food Bank.

If you or someone you know needs the help of the food bank please encourage them to contact the Uttlesford Food Bank on 07531 436335



April 2024 Shopping List and Update

We would like to thank you for your continued support. With the cost of living crisis and rising food prices any donations made are gratefully received. We also know and see how much your donations mean to those who find themselves in food crisis.

We have distributed over 2,600 parcels to those in need so far this year and we find ourselves in the unfortunate position that as fast as the donations are coming in we are giving them out. Your support is vital.

Our Community Outreach Officer is working hard to build links with local communities so that we can help those who are unable to reach a centre for example those with mobility issues. This outreach work is for anyone who finds that they need support in both towns and rural areas. If you

would like more information about this service please email outreach@braintreearea.foodbank.org.uk or telephone 01376 330694 and ask to speak to Sarah.

Food items

- Tinned cold meat i.e. Spam
- Tinned hot meat i.e. Stews
- Jam
- Long life sponge puddings
- Rice
- Tinned rice pudding

Non-food items

- Cat/dog food
- Shampoo
- Deodorant
- Gluten free alternatives
- Conditioner
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*** Please note: We ask for small packs** as larger packs do not fit in our boxes making it difficult for our clients to carry home. Also, we are unable (for hygiene reasons) to split large size or catering packs.

We are always pleased to accept monetary donations if you prefer or Supermarket Gift Cards.

Please Note: We follow the standards set by the Food Standards Agency. We can only accept donations of unopened and undamaged goods that are still well within their "use by" date (no less than six months if possible). Items which do not meet these requirements cannot be used and your donation may be wasted.

T: 01376330694

E: info@braintreearea.foodbank.org.uk

W: www.braintreearea.foodbank.org.uk/give-help/donate-food



CONNECT 120 FUND

The Connect 120 Fund is now up and running. We have a pot of money which we are just itching to spend on community projects which are consistent with Christian values.

Did something get killed off in lockdown that you would like to be revived? Are you part of a community organisation with an innovative and exciting idea about how to bless our towns and villages? If so, we want to hear from you. Your application will be considered by the discernment group, who will be able to guide you through the next steps. Do please be spreading the word.

Leaflets about Connect 120 are also now available, and will be put in the back of churches very soon. Do please distribute to anyone you think might be interested.

You can get an application form by emailing me. All the information about Connect 120 is also on its own bespoke page on the website: <https://www.thefivechurches.co.uk/the-connect-120-fund/> You can also apply online - you will receive a PDF copy of your application by email after submission.

Please do be praying that the Connect 120 project will enable our Christian witness, and that it will also be a way of bringing the five churches together in shared ministry and mission. The project was one that was conceived in prayer, and that also needs to continue in prayer.

Rev Colin

CANFIELD COFFEE POT



The Grapevine

The March edition of the Grapevine is available on our [website](#)

If you have any contributions for the next edition please send them to grapevine@tlcchurch.co.uk



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A long puddle in the Fitch Way after heavy rain.

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Takeley Street, Bambers Green, Takeley Park

March 2024

Your Church PCC

Our Church PCC consists of our ministry team; Revd Colin, Revd Helen and Lay Minister Hugh Mascetti

Church Wardens: David Daykin and Will Sadler

Deanery Synod Reps: Jackie Cheetham and Sue Gowlett (who also holds the positions of Treasurer and Electoral Roll Officer)

Elected Members: Jackie Cheetham, Amanda Evans, Lyn FitzGibbon and Sue Sadler (who also holds the position of Safeguarding Officer).

We currently have two vacancies on the PCC, would you like to join and help shape the future of our churches? Contact Lisa on admin@tlcchurch.co.uk if you are interested or speak to one of the PCC members to find out more.

The next PCC meeting takes place at 7:30pm on 26 March

Contact details

If you wish to place a notice in the next bulletin please email details to admin@tlcchurch.co.uk - all entries must be submitted by midday each Wednesday

For all enquiries, including initial enquiries for banns readings, baptisms, weddings and funerals, please contact our church administrator in the first instance.

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