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28 April 2024

**News from the churches of
Holy Trinity, Takeley | All Saints, Little Canfield**



Hello from our staff team

Sometimes, people do their level best and just get it wrong. I was in a situation last week, in which various people had been trying to make something happen, and some quite severe mistakes were made, which resulted in a lot of frustrations, a lot of wasted time and money, and some quite unhappy young people in various places in the East of England.

My small contribution to the chaos lay not checking, when I phoned someone to confirm an event, that he had been told to expect the same number of young people as I had been told to bring. After all, why would he or I mention numbers? We had both been briefed by the same source and had the same

figures. Unfortunately, we did not have the same figures, and neither did lots of other people doing the same thing as us. Someone, somewhere, had made a series of blunders and effectively double-booked facilities, booked them when they were unavailable and caused all sorts of chaos on multiple occasions in several different places. (As you will have noticed, I am bending over backwards to avoid specifying what we were all trying to organise!).

Now, there are two ways of reacting in the aftermath of this sort of debacle. One is to decide that “someone must take responsibility” (which I have concluded means “take the blame”), find that person and do something to them, perhaps remove them from office, or take legal action against them. This of course makes a lot of people feel a lot better but does not necessary stop the same problem from arising again. The other way is to think “how can we stop this from happening again?” and instead of focussing on who made the mistake, concentrate on how and why the mistake was made, why it was not spotted, and how we can make sure it is spotted next time someone makes a human error. You can tell a lot about an organisation and the people in it according to which way they react. Often of course there will be aspects of both.

I am pleased to say that the organisation in question (which is by no means explicitly Christian) tends to use the second method, and I think it is one which fits in far better with the teachings of our faith. The Lord accepts that people will make mistakes and is less concerned that we be punished for them than that we learn from them and do better in future- repent, if you like. It is far too easy, sometimes to think that forgiveness and repentance only belong in the great moral aspects of life. I think Jesus’s teaching shows that they need to be a part of everything we do, including how we react to administrative errors in voluntary organisations.

Perhaps I need to moderate the emails I intend sending tomorrow.

Hugh Mascetti

I have this recurring dream. I probably have it about once a year. I had it again last night (at the time of writing this), so I thought I would share it with you.

I used to enjoy being in plays when I was at school and university. In my dream, I find I am back performing a play that I was in many years ago, which I can no longer remember the words for.

I figure to myself that if I can just find a script, I can scan my part really quickly and more or less get away with saying something approximately correct on stage.

The main part of the dream involves me looking for a script, and being unable to find one, as the clock ticks away.

Though the theme of futile searching is always central, the play and the circumstances are different each time. Last night's dream was an unusual variant, as I had the script, but couldn't commit the words to memory, and also couldn't find the theatre (which was in an airport).

I don't think I suffer from anxiety more than anyone else, and I do wonder why my dream life has this recurring trope. I've had it ever since I stopped being in plays, which was in 1998, so it is nothing to do with ministry or my faith.

Maybe I am not an especially anxious person precisely because I do have this dream. Or maybe it's a means for me to experience the powerful feelings of gratitude and relief with which I wake up. Whatever its psychological function, it seems to be part and parcel of who I am, and I think there are worse things in the world than simply to accept this.

Rev'd Colin

Prayer Points

We hold in our prayers those have recently died;

Noni Betty Shuttlewood

May they rest in peace and rise in glory.

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

Noni Betty Shuttlewood's funeral will be held at 11:00am on 9th May at Holy Trinity church.

Prayers

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: 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:

We come to you, Lord,
and praise and worship you.

From every nation,
from all parts of the world,
from one generation to the next,
people praise and worship you.

Today, here and now, Lord,
we come to praise and worship you.

Amen

Morning prayer

Saturday morning prayer at Holy Trinity, Takeley, 9am Saturday; 27 April, 11 May, 18 May, 25 May (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; 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.

18 May - 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.



28 April main readings at Takeley & Little Canfield

FIRST READING

FIRST READING:

Acts 8:26-end

GOSPEL READING:

John 15.1-8

Services

Sunday 28 April

Easter 5

All Saints, Little Canfield

no service

Holy Trinity, Takeley

9:30am Family Service led by Hugh Mascetti

St John's, Stansted

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

[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

4:00pm Evening Prayer led by Revd. Colin Fairweather

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JOIN US EACH
SUNDAY

TOGETHER IN CHURCH



April services
in Takeley and Little Canfield
churches

- 7 Morning prayer, L. Canfield
- 14 Holy Communion, Takeley
- 21 Holy Communion, L. Canfield
- 28 Family Service, Takeley

APRIL
2024



9:30AM



JOIN US EACH

SUNDAY

TOGETHER IN CHURCH



May services
in Takeley and Little Canfield
churches



- 5 Family Service, L. Canfield
- 12 Holy Communion, Takeley
- 19 Holy Communion, L. Canfield
- 26 Morning Prayer, Takeley

MAY
2024



9:30AM

News and events

Our churches

All Saints has long been open for private prayer, reflection and to take refuge on a wet day.
Holy Trinity is now also open daily during daylight hours, from 9am to 6pm.



The church building is open daily
from 9am to 6pm

Confirmation

There will be a deanery-wide confirmation service at High Easter on Sunday 7th July. The service will be led by the Bishop of Colchester.

If you are not confirmed and would like to be, please speak to me, or send me an email. Helen and I are planning to run a 'Being With' course after Easter, which allows participants to explore life's big questions without imposing the 'right' answers on people. This will run on Zoom, and function as confirmation preparation.

Revd. Colin

Revision of Church Electoral Roll

Notice is hereby given that the Church Electoral Roll of the parish of Takeley with Little Canfield will be revised by the Parochial Church Council, beginning on Sunday the 21st day of April 2024, and ending on Sunday the 5th day of May 2024.

The full notice can be read [HERE](#). An application to join the roll can be found [HERE](#).

Printed copies of the notice and applications can be found in church.

APCM and Vestry meeting

Notice is hereby given that the Annual Parochial Church Meeting and Vestry meeting will be held following the Sunday morning service on 19th May 2024.

[HERE](#) is the notice. An agenda and papers will be made available by 12 May.

Applications for the positions of [Churchwarden](#), [PCC member](#) and [Deanery Synod](#) representative are invited. The deadline for receipt of nominations is the start of the APCM on 19 May.

Notices and printed applications will be made in church in the coming weeks.

Being With

Are you interested in exploring your faith further in a positive and inclusive online group?

There's no need for any special knowledge – just what you have learned in life so far!

We are running a 'Being With' course on Zoom for a group of up to 10 participants on Thursday evenings 7.30pm-9pm on:

May 2nd, 9th, 23rd, 30th

June 6th, 13th, 20th, 27th

July 4th and 11th.

Please e-mail Revd. Helen if you are interested revhelenstn@gmail.com

Revd. Helen

Mediation Group

Tuesdays at 1pm in the Lady Chapel, Stansted with Revd. Helen.

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

HERITAGE DAY



Explore the rich history of your parish church

✓ Guided tours

✓ History

✓ Family fun

✓ Refreshments

May
25
2-5pm

HOLY TRINITY

**Church Lane
Takeley
CM22 6QL**

what 3 words:
[optimally.goggles.invite](https://www.optimally.goggles.invite)

Art and Ceramics

Exhibition



June 22nd and 23rd 2024
At All Saints Church
Little Canfield



FREE ENTRY
Refreshments
will be available



Featuring Local Artists

Local Artists CALL FOR ENTRIES

Open Art and Ceramics





Artists are invited to submit works for an
exhibition at:

All Saints Church—Little Canfield
June 22nd and 23rd 2024

For Details and Entry Forms please email:
Sue Gowlett - sueblatches@outlook.com



ART COMPETITION

For Young People



Theme: **The 2024 Olympics**

Prizes for each age group: 4-7, 8-11, 12-16 yrs

Size : Maximum A4, Unframed
(No photographs please)

Entries to be left in All Saints Church from June
15th - entry closes midday on June 21st.
Print name and age on back of artwork

Winners announced and entries displayed at:

All Saints Art Exhibition
June 22nd and 23rd 2024
At All Saints Church, Little Canfield



Harlow Archdeaconry Announcement

Following the formal consultations on potential reorganisation of three archdeaconries in the diocese, held earlier this year, an announcement from the Bishop of Chelmsford can be found [HERE](#) regarding the decision that has been reached.

Deanery Walks

Please see below the plan, format and dates of the 2024 Deanery Walks. All welcome. The next deanery walk takes place this Saturday, 20th April from Great Dunmow Church.



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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18 th May	Birchanger	PAM LEE pam.mark2@btinternet.com Tel: 07702 171744
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17 th August	TBC	
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



MAY SHOPPING LIST

- 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
- Gluten free alternatives
- Shampoo
- Conditioner
- Deodorant

* 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

Food
DONATION



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



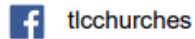
The Grapevine

The May edition of the Grapevine will shortly be 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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An Acer (*Acer Shirasawanum Jordan*). Photo taken by a volunteer in the Japanese-style garden at Easton Lodge.

Takeley, Priors Green, Little Canfield, Molehill Green
Takeley Street, Bambers Green, Takeley Park

May 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 following the APCM on 19 May.

Future PCC meeting dates are:

15 July
9 September
tbc October

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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