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31 March 2024

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



Hello from our staff team

Oh, I got the beginning of Holy Week wrong this year! Palm Sunday was fine as far as Church went, indeed Colin's service at Holy Trinity was wonderful, but the late arrival of 2500 odd Easter cards meant that the moment the organ recessional died down there was an immense bustling of allocating delivery rounds, and batching, distributing and delivering cards, which dominated Sunday, Monday and most of Tuesday. I had also managed, by an epic piece of mis-scheduling (is that even a word?) to get myself booked onto a first aid renewal course in Hadleigh which ran all day on Wednesday.

So much for a contemplative, quiet start to holy week. Two or three things kept me grounded and focussed. One was the online bible study plan for holy week which a few of us were reading together- although I was on average a day behind until Thursday! Another was the willing help so many people gave in the task of delivering cards to as many of the residents of Takeley, and Little Canfield as possible. The delighted look on people's faces when they saw their card helped too! There was also the fact that I had two services to lead, on Maundy Thursday and Good Friday, and the solemn nature of those two services kept pulling me back into a contemplative frame of mind, even when I was photocopying or sending messages on WhatsApp.

On Wednesday night things started to quieten down, after two events in the evening, which Barbara and I went to with Jonathan, our son, who is down with us for Easter. It's Thursday morning, and I can see the three days in front of me, as I with so many others to take the journey to the cross, and thence to the empty tomb. I will be at a church service at least once every day now until Sunday, and quite honestly, I am really looking forward to all of them, though some are going to be a bit harrowing. But as many have said, the way to the empty tomb lies through the cross. I'm looking forward to walking with someone quite a lot, I hope- of you along the way.

Hugh

Prayer Points

We hold in our prayers those who 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 took place on 22 March at All Saints, Little Canfield

The funeral of Joan Turner took place on 27 March at All Saints, Little Canfield

The ceremony in memory of Evie Muir took place on 28 March at Oak Moor Meadow, Little Canfield

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

themselves and/or, who have family or friends who are and/or, 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:

Christ is risen! Alleluia!

He is risen indeed. Alleluia!

Let us celebrate with Easter joy!

Not out of habit.

Not thinking only about chocolate and fun, but with a brand new awareness of Christ's presence with us as our loving and risen Lord!

Lord of the Church,

Lord of our lives,

and Lord of the world:

Christ is risen! Alleluia!

He is risen indeed. Alleluia!

Morning prayer

Saturday morning prayer

Holy Trinity, Takeley, 9am Saturday; 30 March, 13, 27 April

(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.

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.



31 March main readings at Takeley & Little Canfield

FIRST READING:

Acts 10:34-43

GOSPEL READING:

John 20:1-18

Services

Sunday 31 March

Easter Day

All Saints, Little Canfield

no service

Holy Trinity, Takeley

7:00am First Light Holy Communion, led by Revd. Colin Fairweather and Revd. Helen Flack

St John's, Stansted

9:30am Stansted, Holy Communion led by Revd. Helen Flack & 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

11:15am Holy Communion led by Revd. Helen Flack



JOIN US THIS
EASTER

TOGETHER IN CHURCH



Easter services
in the churches of
Takeley and Little Canfield
*see separate poster with March services

- 28 Maundy Thursday Tenebrae,
7:30pm, Takeley
- 29 Good Friday Hour at the Cross,
2pm, Takeley
- 30 Easter Crafts,
10am-12noon, L. Canfield
- 31 First Light Holy Communion &
breakfast, 7am, Takeley

EASTER
2024



JOIN US EACH
SUNDAY

TOGETHER IN CHURCH



April services

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

News and events



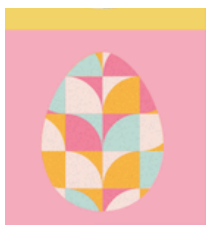
The poster features a central text area flanked by two vertical columns of four stylized Easter eggs. Each egg is decorated with a different geometric pattern in shades of pink, yellow, and teal. The text is centered and reads:

HOLY TRINITY Takeley & ALL SAINTS Little Canfield

**EASTER SATURDAY
CRAFTS**

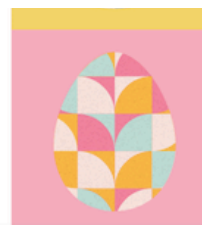
Come and join us for a fun morning of Easter-themed arts & crafts.
All ages and abilities welcome*

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



Easter Day service

Just a reminder that the service this Sunday will be at 7am at Holy Trinity. When you are tucking into your butties afterwards, you will be glad you came!

The service will be led by Helen and I. We will start off outside with some prayers and the lighting of a candle. Part of this service will involve us making a lot of noise to celebrate Jesus' rising from the dead, so please bring along something you can use to make a noise - rattles, party poppers, pans - whatever you can think of! We will have some children's shakers on hand for people to use if they wish.

See you Sunday

Revd. Colin

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 during daylight hours. Starting on Easter Day the open hours will change to 9am to 6pm - don't forget that the clocks Spring forward 1 hour at 1am on 31 March.

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

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:

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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

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

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; Psalm 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
16 th March	High Roding	BRIAN DENMAN b.denman.341@btinternet.com Tel: 07771 840057
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15 th June	Broxted	HUGH MASCETTI h Mascetti@aol.com Tel: 07940 791446
20 th July	Beauchamp Roding	ROBERT PARMENTER r.p.parmenter@btinternet.com Tel: 01279 876219

17 th August	TBC	
21 st September	Great Saling	LYDIA BUCKNELL lydia.bucknell@btinternet.com
19 th October	Little Canfield	FLO GOWLETT sueblatches@outlook.com Tel: 07773 910080
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.braintreereare.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.

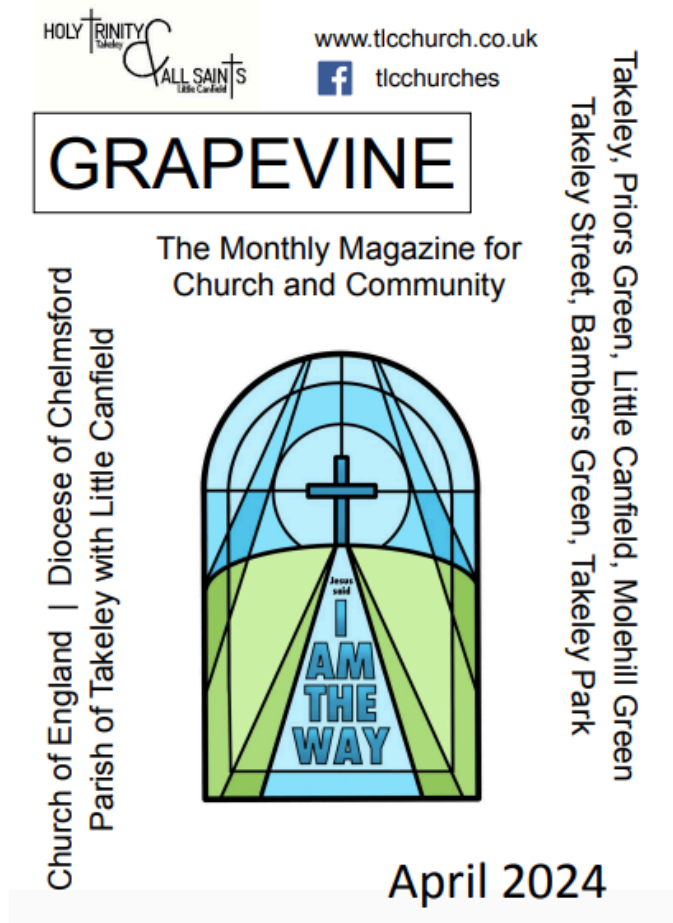
Rev Colin



The Grapevine

The April edition of the Grapevine will soon be available on our [website](#).

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



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 8 April

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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