

## **TUESDAY TRIPPERS – Not always on a Tuesday!**

We have 3 visits planned for this quarter:-

**Saturday, 16<sup>th</sup> August** – Chafford Gorges Nature Reserve.

**Tuesday, 23<sup>rd</sup> September** - Foundling Museum and Handel House.

**Tuesday, 21<sup>st</sup> October** - Ragged School and Whitechapel Bell Foundry.

We meet at South Woodham Ferrers Railway Station by 9.20 am.

Further details from Revd Paul Haworth – 322134.

## **CHELMER CROUCH GROUP PRAYER DIARY**

**Aug 10<sup>th</sup>** - For the parishes of Sandon and East Hanningfield during this time of interregnum. Pray for all who have extra responsibilities.

**Aug 24<sup>th</sup>** – For a greater feeling of togetherness between the parishes of the Chelmer Crouch Group and for a successful shared Barbeque next weekend.

**Sept 7<sup>th</sup>** - For the schools that serve the children of our parishes at the beginning of a new school year. Pray for pupils and staff in their work together.

**Sept 21<sup>st</sup>** - For all who lead and teach in our Sunday Schools, for those who run Church Youth Clubs, playgroups and our uniformed organisations.

**Oct 5<sup>th</sup>** - For all missionary work that is supported by the parishes in the Group. May we be caring in our prayers and generous in our giving.

**Oct 19<sup>th</sup>** - For the elderly and housebound in our parishes who need help, support and friendship during the coming winter months.

## **FORTHCOMING DATES AND EVENTS**

Aug 16<sup>th</sup> - Joint Trip to Chafford Gorges Nature Reserve

Aug 31<sup>st</sup> - Chelmer Crouch Barbeque at Sandon, 12.30 pm.

Aug 31<sup>st</sup> - Tower and Teas at St John's Church, Danbury, 2-5 pm.

Sept 12<sup>th</sup> – 14<sup>th</sup> - Armstrong Gibbs Festival at St John's, Danbury.

Sept 13<sup>th</sup> - Friends of Essex Churches Sponsored Ride & Stride, 10 am – 6 pm.

Sept 13<sup>th</sup> - East Hanningfield Village Fete.

Sept 23<sup>rd</sup> - Tuesday Trip to Foundling Museum and Handel House

Sept 28<sup>th</sup> - Back to Church Sunday

Oct 11<sup>th</sup> - Children's Work Seminar at South Woodham Ferrers, 11 am – 1 pm.

Oct 12<sup>th</sup> - Dedication Festival at St John's, Danbury. Choral Evensong at 6.30 pm with music to celebrate Ralph Vaughan Williams

Oct 18<sup>th</sup> - Concert (Jazz, Popular and Classical Music) at St Mary's, Woodham Ferrers, at 7.30 pm. Tickets £6

Oct 21<sup>st</sup> - Tuesday Trip to Ragged School and Whitechapel Bell Foundry.

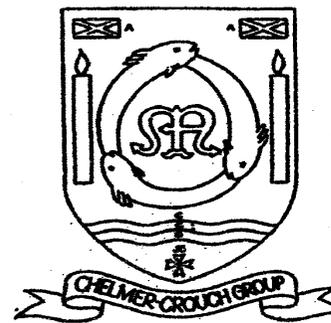
Oct 30<sup>th</sup> - Funday for 6-11 year olds from 1 pm to 4.30 pm at St Andrew's, Sandon.  
Further details from Alison on 01245 474858.

Nov 1<sup>st</sup> - Autumn Fayre at Sandon Village Hall, 10 am – 1 pm.

Nov 1<sup>st</sup> - Group Memorial Service at St Mary's, Woodham Ferrers at 4 pm.

Nov 9<sup>th</sup> - Confirmation Service at St Andrew's, Boreham.

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# **Chelmer – Crouch Group News**

For the Churches of St Andrew, Bicknacre; St Andrew, Boreham; St John the Baptist, Danbury; All Saints, East Hanningfield; St Mary the Virgin, Little Baddow; St Andrew, Sandon; Holy Trinity, South Woodham Ferrers and St Mary, Woodham Ferrers.

## **WELCOME TO THE REVD CAROL BALL**

Revd Carol Ball was ordained Deacon in Chelmsford Cathedral on June 29<sup>th</sup> and has joined the Ministry Team at St John the Baptist Danbury, where she will serve her title as Assistant Curate. We also welcome Carol very warmly into our Group Ministry – her first Chelmer-Crouch Council meeting was within 24 hours of her ordination!!

Carol's professional working life has been spent as a contract and systems analyst in 3 different banks, and latterly as a senior manager with responsibility for business improvement at J Sainsbury in London. Since 2002 she has served in her church life as a licensed Reader, first in the parish of St Margaret's Bowers Gifford, then at St Gabriel's Pitsea, with St Peter's Nevenden. Husband George and cat Barney also play a very important part in her life, and we very much look forward to Carol's ministry across the Group parishes in the years to come.

**Canon Dr Graham Blyth (CCG Chairman)**

## **CHELMER CROUCH GROUP BARBEQUE – ST ANDREW'S, SANDON ON SUNDAY, 31<sup>st</sup> AUGUST AT 12.30 pm.**

Sandon Church is hosting a barbeque for everyone connected to the parishes within the Chelmer Crouch Group. The fun starts at 12.30 in the churchyard and we are hoping as many people from as many different churches as possible will come together and meet each other. Tickets are a bargain at only £3, which includes food and entertainment for the young (and young at heart!) and we are asking people to bring their own drinks and maybe some salad or pudding to share. This is one of the last days of the summer holidays for lots of people, so it would be a great way to wind

down - at least you won't have to cook! Tickets will be available from your Chelmer Crouch Group parish representative. Hopefully see you there.  
James Gilder

### NEWS FROM SOUTH WOODHAM FERRERS

We welcomed Stephanie Stroebel into our parish last October. This might seem like stale news, but on Monday, 7<sup>th</sup> July this year the Bishop of Bradwell formally licensed her to serve as Associate Priest in our parish, working alongside Priest-in-Charge the Recd Paul Haworth. This was very good news for us as it is intended that Stephanie will be with us for at least the next two years. She currently spends Sundays and five sessions a week engaged in parochial life as a self-supporting minister. Under her guidance a pastoral care team has been formed. This team was inaugurated and led us in a thought provoking service at our 10.00 am service on 6<sup>th</sup> July, whilst our young people were enjoying the delights of a Junior Solid multi-activity day at Stubbers Adventure Centre.

### EAST HANNINGFIELD VILLAGE FETE

**Saturday, 13<sup>th</sup> September from 1.30 pm.** East Hanningfield Village Fete is run jointly in aid of All Saints' Church and Hanna's Field Charity. It will be everything that a good old fashioned village fete should be, with some added extras including a cake and produce stall, a book stall, pony rides, welly wanging, an inflatable assault course, a bouncy castle, a barbeque, a beer tent, a teddy tombola, a coconut shy, crockery smashing, plus a children's entertainer Ali Barmy, and much more. You name it, we've got it. So come along and join in the fun. Admission is free.

### CONCERT AT ST MARY'S, WOODHAM FERRERS

There will be a concert of Jazz, Popular and Classical Music in St Mary's Church on Saturday, 18<sup>th</sup> October beginning at 7.30 pm. Entrance is £6 and proceeds will be divided between St Andrew's Church Building Fund and Macmillan Nurses. For further information phone 328235.

### CHILDREN'S WORK SEMINAR - 'Working Together with Children'

Holy Trinity, South Woodham Ferrers is hosting this event on Saturday, 11<sup>th</sup> October from 11 am to 1 pm. Steve Kersys, recently appointed Diocesan Children's Director, will lead the morning which will include an Introductory Roadshow and items on Sunday Schools, Holiday Clubs, workbooks and a sharing of curriculum ideas and resources. Revd Ann Kosla has offered to run a crèche for the morning. Please make a note of

the date if you have an interest in working with children in our Churches. More details will be available nearer the time.

### CHELMER CROUCH GROUP MEMORIAL SERVICE

Following the much appreciated arrangements for last year this service will again be held on a Saturday at 4 pm. The date is 1<sup>st</sup> November and the venue is St Mary's, Woodham Ferrers. It will be an opportunity to remember and give thanks for loved ones who have passed on.

### CONFIRMATION SERVICE AT BOREHAM

A Service of Confirmation has been arranged to take place at St Andrew's, Boreham on Sunday, 9<sup>th</sup> November at 5 pm. If anyone in our parishes is considering Confirmation please speak to your parish priest.

### THE GIBBS MUSIC FESTIVAL

The Armstrong Gibbs Society is pleased to present the first **Gibbs Music Festival in Danbury Parish Church**. Featuring the music of **C. Armstrong Gibbs** the three day festival begins with a **Lunchtime Recital** by Lara Griffin (piano) and Kay Gibson (flute) at 12.00 noon on Friday 12<sup>th</sup> September. This is to be followed by the **Festival Lunch**. Later, at 7.30pm **A Celebration of English Song** will consist of a Masterclass on the interpretation of 20<sup>th</sup> century English song followed with a recital by singers from English National Opera.

On Saturday is the **Gibbs Trail**: a short walk through Danbury passing some of Gibbs' former residences, and the **Festival Quarter Peal** by the Danbury Bellringers. In the evening the **Festival Concert** will be given by the Lingwood Consort and the Festival Strings and will feature a Handel Organ Concerto, played by Paul Hagger, Gibbs' Cantata, *The Turning Year* and Vivaldi's *Gloria*.

On Sunday at 3.00pm the **London Piano Trio** play Gibbs' *Country Magic* and the *Trio in D*, together with Mendelssohn's *Trio in D minor*. At 6.30pm the St John's Singers sing **Choral Evensong** with Gibbs' *Evening Canticles in C*. The Festival concludes at 8.00pm with the **Festival Supper**. Christopher Kingsley, Director of Music at Danbury Parish Church and Chairman of The Armstrong Gibbs Society said, "This is the very first venture focussing on the music of Armstrong Gibbs. Gibbs lived in or near Danbury for much of his life and made a significant contribution to the church and the local community in addition to his tremendous work as a musician; conducting, composing and adjudicating at festivals. We are pleased to be honouring Gibbs by presenting this festival focussing on a wide range of his music during four concerts."

For tickets and further information telephone 01245 223744 or go to [www.armstronggibbs.com/festival](http://www.armstronggibbs.com/festival)

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