

Please Pray for

- Let us not forget all those around the world who are frightened at this moment. Help those who are victims of terrorism and war.
- Be with those who have lost so much in the past year.
- Hold us in your loving arms and let us be comforted by the strength and peace you want so much to offer us through the birth of your Son Jesus.
- The Diocese of West Malaysia (South East Asia)
- Darren Chaplin Andy Hilton Richard and Sally Speakman
- The Fabric and Finance Committee
- Our Church Wardens and Members of the PCC
- Those who work in A & E at Broomfield Hospital
- Those who live in Woodhill Road
- Our preparations for Advent and Christmas
- Our stewardship of time, talents, and money
- Christians living in the Holy Land
- The sick and those who care for them especially Reg Horscroft, Christine Farrar, Simon Bobeldijk, Simon Mills, Pauline Butterworth, Bishop John, Daisy, Emily, Alex and Joy Wilkinson, Kingsley, Barbara Parish, Ian & Barbara Underwood, Roy Davis, Dave Crawford and others known to us.
- Those who have died recently June Berry and for those who mourn.

Christenings or Weddings
If you would like to arrange one contact
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Parish People

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Regular Pattern of Worship

Tuesday 9.30 am Holy Communion
 4th Wednesday 9.30 Celtic Morning Prayer
 Sunday: 10 am Parish Eucharist
 2nd Sunday of the Month
 8 am Holy Communion (Traditional)
 10 am Family Service



First Sunday of Advent

Sunday 29th November 2015
1st Sunday of Advent

Today's Service

10 am	Sung Eucharist
President	Revd Pat Cotton
Preacher	Revd Terry Brown
Eucharistic Minister	Richard Cecil
Intercessions	Nick Bobeldijk
Reading	Beryl Puffett
Sidesperson	Eileen Bartrup
Duty Warden	Janet Terry
Tea/Coffee	Kay and Liz
11.30 am	Friends AGM
	Next Sunday
10 am	Sung Eucharist
	Next Week

Tuesday 1st December

9.30am Holy Communion
 10.15am Coffee/Tea and Chat
 6.30pm Youth Club (Village Hall)
 7.45pm Bell Practice (New Comers welcome)

Wednesday 2nd December

1pm Tiny Tots in Church
 6pm Brownies (Village Hall)
 7:30 pm Advent Course.

Thursday 3rd December

8.30am Morning Prayer at South Woodham Ferrers
 9.30am Advent Course at 29 Alexander Mews
 5pm Beaver Scouts (Village Hall)
 6pm Cub Scouts (Village Hall)
 8pm Scouts (Village Hall)

Friday 4th December

7:30pm Choir Practice

Saturday 5th December

5 pm Dickensian Evening and Lighting of the Tree

Families are very welcome in Church.

Toilets and Changing facilities opposite Main Door.

Communion All are welcome at the Communion rail. If you do not normally receive Communion, please come forward to receive a blessing.

Collect

Almighty God, as your kingdom dawns, turn us from the darkness of sin to the light of holiness, that we may be ready to meet you in our Lord and Saviour, Jesus Christ. **Amen**

Reading Jeremiah 33. 14-16

The Righteous Branch and the Covenant with David

The days are surely coming, says the LORD, when I will fulfil the promise I made to the house of Israel and the house of Judah. In those days and at that time I will cause a righteous Branch to spring up for David; and he shall execute justice and righteousness in the land. In those days Judah will be saved and Jerusalem will live in safety. And this is the name by which it will be called: 'The LORD is our righteousness.'

Gospel Reading Luke 21. 25-36

The Coming of the Son of Man

'There will be signs in the sun, the moon, and the stars, and on the earth distress among nations confused by the roaring of the sea and the waves. People will faint from fear and foreboding of what is coming upon the world, for the powers of the heavens will be shaken. Then they will see "the Son of Man coming in a cloud" with power and great glory. Now when these things begin to take place, stand up and raise your heads, because your redemption is drawing near.'

The Lesson of the Fig Tree

Then he told them a parable: 'Look at the fig tree and all the trees; as soon as they sprout leaves you can see for yourselves and know that summer is already near. So also, when you see these things taking place, you know that the kingdom of God is near. Truly I tell you, this generation will not pass away until all things have taken place. Heaven and earth will pass away, but my words will not pass away.'

Exhortation to Watch

'Be on guard so that your hearts are not weighed down with dissipation and drunkenness and the worries of this life, and that day does not catch you unexpectedly, like a trap. For it will come upon all who live on the face of the whole earth. Be alert at all times, praying that you may have the strength to escape all these things that will take place, and to stand before the Son of Man.'

Post Collect

O Lord our God, make us watchful and keep us faithful as we await the coming of your Son our Lord; that, when he shall appear, he may not find us sleeping in sin but active in his service and joyful in his praise; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Parish Prayer Calendar

I hope you have received your copy of the Parish Prayer Calendar. If not have a word with the Churchwardens or Terry to obtain your copy. Since last Sunday these conversations have been heard.

"I do like the Prayer Calendar it helps you to pray for all the people connected with our Church"

"I keep it by the bed and I am trying to work out whether I will use it in the morning or the evening"

I didn't know the names of all the young families who come to the family service"

It would be good to hear more of your comments. I look forward to hearing from you.
Terry

Church Surveys

Please could you bring back your completed Survey sheets as soon as possible and place them in the box marked Church Surveys. If you need a new form please have a word with Terry.

Saturday 5th December

Men's Breakfast 8.30am – 10am

Butts Green Garden Centre

Edward Carter Canon Theologian will be our speaker.

Please sign booking form at the back of the Church so that we can order your breakfast.

Saturday 5th December 5pm – 7pm

Dickensian Evening

Lighting of the Christmas tree, Father Christmas, Mayor of Chelmsford to light the tree, Mulled wine, mince pies and more on the Village Green.

Posada

Please sign the Journey Rota at the back of the church so that each day has a home for the Nativity scene. Please make arrangements for the Posada to be collected or delivered.

Saturday 12th December at 7.30pm

Southend Choral Society Christmas concert

Crowstone Christian Centre,

Westcliff on Sea

with

The Southend Band

and

Our Lady of Lourdes School Choir

Always promises to be a good evening.

Sunday 13th December

Christingle Service at 4pm

Do come and support our young people at this service.