

**Please Pray for**

- The Guild of Vergers and give thanks for the work and devotion of the men and women who carry out this important task.
- The Diocese of Kivu (Rwanda) and their Bishop Rt. Revd. Augustin Ahimana
- In the Christians Together in Chelmsford Prayer Diary we pray for Moulsham Lodge Methodist Church and for their vacancy at the moment. Also for Hall Street Methodist Church Moulsham
- On our Electoral Roll we pray for Nick Tovey & Anna Cosby
- Baptism Family Darren, Victoria & Freya Hall
- Those who feel no need of God and for those who are seeking
- The welfare of farmers, farm managers and workers
- Those with debts
- Those who need the foodbanks in Chelmsford
- Compass Churches and today especially for St. Mary Woodham Ferrers
- Those who live in Howe Green
- For all attending our Christmas services
- For those alone this Christmas
- Those who have asked for prayer Martin Childs, Charlie, Mark, James, Daisy, Emily, Barbara Parish, Stuart, David Farrar, Ken Lawrence, Henrietta Forssen, Ian & Barbara Underwood, Reg Horscroft, Roy Smith & Dan and others known to us.
- Those who have died recently, especially, Peggie Ginn, Nancy Standen, Graham Prosser, Edna Griffiths, Margaret Gray & Beryl Puffett and others known to us.
- Those whose yearly mind falls in December Shelia Ardley, Beryl Saltmarsh, Gordon Law priest, Dolly Osborne, Mary Coleman. May the souls of the faithful departed through the mercy of God rest in peace: And rise in glory.

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**Regular Pattern of Worship**

Sunday	10:00 am	Parish Eucharist
2 <sup>nd</sup> Sunday of the Month	8:00 am	Holy Communion
	10:00 am	Family Service
Tuesday	9:30 am	Holy Communion
4 <sup>th</sup> Wednesday	9:30 am	Celtic Morning Prayer



**Sunday 16th December  
Advent 3**

**10am Sung Eucharist**

Celebrant & Preacher	Revd. Terry Brown
Eucharistic Minister	Janet Terry
Reader	Kay Tyler
Prayers	Judy Cecil
Sides Persons	Eileen Bartrup/Richard Cecil
Refreshments	Mike Harris/Gill Haddington

**6.30pm Nine Lessons and Carols**

**Next Sunday**

**10am Sung Eucharist  
During the Week**

**Monday 17th December**

12 Noon Compass Churches Clergy Lunch

**Tuesday 18th December**

9:30 am Holy Communion followed by refreshments

7pm Beer and Carols in the Crown

7:45 pm Bell Ringing Practice

7:30 pm Explorer Scouts (Village Hall)

**Wednesday 19th December**

1pm Tiny Tots

7.30pm Bible Course in SAR

**Thursday 20th December**

8.30am Compass Churches Morning Service at South Woodham Ferrers

10am Bible Course in SAR

2pm W. I Carol Service in Church

5:00 pm Beaver Scouts (Village hall)

6:30 pm Cub Scouts (Village Hall)

**Friday 21st December**

7.30pm Choir Practice

If you are a visitor to our church today, please make yourself known to Terry our Rector, Churchwardens or to the Sidesperson who gave you this Pew Sheet. Please stay after the service for refreshments. There is a toilet and baby changing facilities in St. Andrews Room.

## Collect

God for whom we watch and wait, you sent John the Baptist to prepare the way of your Son: give us courage to speak the truth, to hunger for justice, and to suffer for the cause of right, with Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen**

## Reading Philippians 4. 4-7

Rejoice in the Lord always; again I will say, Rejoice. Let your gentleness be known to everyone. The Lord is near. Do not worry about anything, but in everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known to God. And the peace of God, which surpasses all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus.

## Gospel Reading Luke 3.7-18

John said to the crowds that came out to be baptized by him, 'You brood of vipers! Who warned you to flee from the wrath to come? Bear fruits worthy of repentance. Do not begin to say to yourselves, "We have Abraham as our ancestor"; for I tell you, God is able from these stones to raise up children to Abraham. Even now the axe is lying at the root of the trees; every tree therefore that does not bear good fruit is cut down and thrown into the fire.'

And the crowds asked him, 'What then should we do?' In reply he said to them, 'Whoever has two coats must share with anyone who has none; and whoever has food must do likewise.' Even tax-collectors came to be baptized, and they asked him, 'Teacher, what should we do?' He said to them, 'Collect no more than the amount prescribed for you.' Soldiers also asked him, 'And we, what should we do?' He said to them, 'Do not extort money from anyone by threats or false accusation, and be satisfied with your wages.'

As the people were filled with expectation, and all were questioning in their hearts concerning John, whether he might be the Messiah, John answered all of them by saying, 'I baptize you with water; but one who is more powerful than I is coming; I am not worthy to untie the thong of his sandals. He will baptize you with the Holy Spirit and fire. His winnowing-fork is in his hand, to clear his threshing-floor and to gather the wheat into his granary; but the chaff he will burn with unquenchable fire.'

So, with many other exhortations, he proclaimed the good news to the people.

## Post Communion Collect

We give you thanks, O Lord, for these heavenly gifts; kindle in us the fire of your Spirit that when your Christ comes again we may shine as lights before his face; who is alive and reigns now and for ever. **Amen**

### Sunday 16th December 6.30pm

#### Candle Lit Nine Lessons & Carol Service

Arrive early to obtain a seat. Our Choir will be joined by our community choir and instrumentalists. Do try to support this and bring friends and neighbours to this service. There will be mulled wine and mince pies after the service.

#### Beer and Carols

#### Tuesday 18<sup>th</sup> December 7pm at the Crown

Come to this annual event in the Crown. Do try to bring a friend or a neighbour.

#### W.I. Carol Service

#### Thursday 20th December at 2pm

This is an open invitation to anyone who would like to attend this year's Carol Service. All are welcome

#### Thursday 20th December 7.30pm

Carol Celebration at Howe Green URC church

#### Monday 24th December at 4pm Crib service

A service for all ages to gather round the manger and see the Christmas story unfold.

Please could children come dressed as one of the characters in the Christmas Story. Sheep, Camels and donkeys as well as Mary, Joseph, Shepherds, Kings and Inn Keepers.

#### Monday 24th December at 11.30pm

#### Midnight Communion Service

#### Tuesday 25th December at 10am

#### Christmas Day Service & Communion

Please bring an opened present to show us at the service.

#### CHELMSFORD CATHEDRAL

#### VISIT OF THE ARCHBISHOP OF CANTERBURY

#### Sunday, 13 January 2019 at 3.30 pm

The Archbishop of Canterbury is coming to preach at Evensong here at Chelmsford Cathedral on Sunday, 13 January 2019 at 3.30 pm. His theme will be 'Making Better Lives'. The service will last about an hour and will be followed by a reception hosted by the Cathedral and the Mayor of Chelmsford.

Please book this date in your diary

#### Saturday 26<sup>th</sup> January 7.30pm

#### Sandon Village Hall

#### Quiz Night

Book a table with David ring 01245 471484