

From the Rector

The Rectory
September 2011



Dear Friends

In 1954 William Golding wrote his best selling book, “Lord of the Flies.” The book tells of a group of children whose plane crashes on a desert island. None of the adults survive the crash leaving the children marooned on their own. The story traces how the children change from civilised school pupils into violent savages.

“Lord of the Flies” provides an apt commentary on last month’s national riots. Denied adult guidance and adult love children can turn into savages. It is what theologians call original sin. Original sin tells us that if all moral constraints are removed we tend to become savages rather than saints. History seems to support this insight as do last month’s riots.

Referring to sin may seem an outdated response to what happened. Yet the Church is in the business of referring to sin. Sin is not about saying a rude word when we hit our thumb with a hammer. Sin is that inner disharmony which destroys our sense of wholeness. Sin is the source of that alienation from our selves, from others and from God. Sin is that inner savage which goads us into wrong behaviour. Sin is the selfishness to which all of us sometimes succumb. It manifests itself in politicians fiddling their expenses as much as young people looting shops. It manifests itself in all of us when we do something nasty and mean to others.

The question is how we do we tackle sin? In terms of the riots, putting thousands of extra police onto the streets cannot be the solution. A civilised society depends on its citizens acting rightly even when then police are not around. The only lasting solution is to transform the lives of the rioters.

The idea of transforming lives resonates well with the Christian Faith. Jesus came to transform people. In the light of this the following can be said:

- Ignoring the rioters is not an option. The call of Jesus is to engage with the poor in whatever form their poverty might take. Children who have been deprived of good parenting are very poor indeed.
- Responding to the violence with extreme violence of our own is also not an option. For their own good and the good of their victims the rioters need to face justice. But the call of Jesus is to break the cycle of violence in our world by not responding in a like manner.
- Supporting the riot torn communities as they work out their own healing is essential. One way we can do this is by giving money. The reason I am committed to

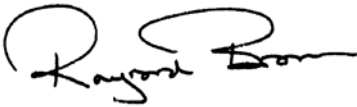
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parishes like ours paying the Diocesan Family Purse is that, through our giving, clergy are kept in inner city areas. These clergy and their congregations are vital in healing the communities in which they live.

- Recognising the importance of spiritual resources is vital. The New Testament describes these resources as, "the grace of God." To have our lives touched by the grace of God and to respond in faith to that touch is to begin seeing differently. To see differently is to behave differently. Seeing others as divinely valuable human beings makes it far more difficult for us to rob them or assault them or set their businesses on fire.
- We must continue to live in hope. Despite our dismay at the scenes we have witnessed Jesus calls us to live hopefully. Hope gives the impetus to keep going to solve the problems that we face.

The title "Lord of the Flies" is a literal translation of the biblical word, "Beelzebub". In the Bible "Beelzebub" is a name for the Devil. William Golding's book gives a profound insight into the human condition. Jesus shows how this condition can be put right. With the help of God our call is to rescue the rioters from themselves and heal the society which is ours.

Your Rector



Parish Notes

Special Start

The Sunday Special Service re starts on 11th September at 10.30am. Sunday Special is held in our main Church hall and is particularly suited to families with young children.

Goodbye Tim

The Revd Tim Ball who is Vicar of our neighbouring parish of Holy Trinity, Springfield is moving. Tim has been appointed to a parish in the Lake District. We wish Tim and his family well in their

move. We thank Tim for his friendship over the years.

October Peep

Saturday 1st	Harvest Supper with entertainment in the Church Centre.
Sunday 2nd	Harvest Festival services.
Sunday 23rd	Bible Sunday services.

And in November

Saturday 12th	Annual Church Bazaar.
Sunday 13th	Remembrance Sunday.

Favourite Bible Verses

Carol Leverett chooses Matthew chapter 7 verse 12



“In everything do to others as you would have them do to you; for this is the law and prophets.”

Matthew 7:12 (New Revised Standard Version)

When given the challenge to choose a favourite passage from the Bible, I struggled to select a worthy tome; something scholarly and insightful which I could dissect and interrogate. Instead of some long academic passage I have settled on this one, the simplest. It has been part of my life for as long as I can remember, although as a child I knew it in its colloquial form – “Do as you would be done by”. On the face of it, an easy tenet until it is unravelled and its truth revealed. How difficult it is to adhere to in today’s egocentric society, when everyone seems to be out for themselves, no matter who gets hurt.

My parents were not practising Christians, as my father had lost his faith during the Second World War serving in the RAF; it is ironic to think that his father retained and strengthened his faith, even after his terrible experiences in a German POW camp during the First World War. My mother “said her prayers” (her words) at the end of every day but her faith was simple, trusting and personal; she never went to church and as far as I can tell, her beliefs never altered. It was left to my paternal grandparents to guide and encourage my embryonic faith, weak and uncertain as it was, fanned only a little by attendance at the local Brownies and Sunday School.

The impact of this verse on my young life was to make me a bit of an outcast. I wouldn’t be drawn in to the bitchy squabbling of my peers, although on occasions I tried in vain to mediate. I couldn’t stand the defamation of other teenage girls, one group against another, which seemed to be part of the bullying culture of my grammar school. Perhaps I gravitated towards teaching as a career because I felt I could change all that and give the children in my care another, loving, way to live together. I wanted to “Go out into the world and proclaim the good news to the whole creation.” (Mark 16:15), but in a quiet way!

It was through marriage to Vic and the experience of giving birth to our firstborn, Paul, that I turned to Christ and asked Him into my life. God had been preparing me all my life for that moment and for the work I was to do with special needs children, disadvantaged teenagers and all those pupils who have come under my wing throughout my career. I never forgot to teach them the “Golden Rule” and show how it encompasses all Jesus’ teachings. Most importantly, I tried to teach how to look for the good in other people and to listen to their point of view, even if it isn’t their own. I hope and pray that a few of my seeds will have fallen on fertile ground.

Carol Leverett

Thanks from Emmelia

I would like to thank all the lovely people of All Saints who contributed in any way to make my 60th birthday so special and enjoyable.

On the 24th July the congregations sang 'Happy Birthday' to me. After the service, Liz Belsham and 'the troops' were there to serve drinks and three cakes which were beautifully decorated by Doreen Cox.

I saw my name in icing sugar, and '60' on the cakes; it seemed surreal, but I decided to accept the fact that time has moved on; one cannot remain twenty for ever!

Janet Brand presented me with a bunch of Proteas, (South African national flowers); they grow in the mountains where my mum grew up. I love them. Gina designed a beautiful card which was signed by the choir members; they all wrote a special birthday messages. The card fits neatly into a silver frame which 'little' Sally bought on behalf of the choir. What a lovely present and memory in years to come.

Ron took a few photographs which I was able to email to my family in South Africa. The choir sang: 'Every time I feel the Spirit, I will pray' (*see picture below*).

Raymond made a little speech and all of a sudden everything became so overwhelming, I had to fight back the tears. God is so good to me; I was surrounded by such loving, kind people from All Saints, as well as my daughter, grandchildren and my friend Geoff.

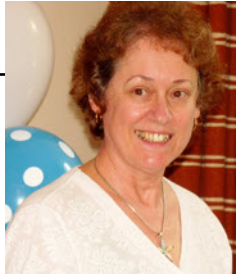
On my actual birthday I went out to a farm with Nanette and grandchildren; when we arrived home, her friend Emma arrived with a scrumptious chocolate cake. Three days after my birthday, I was told we were meeting for lunch with my son, Alex. When we arrived at the venue in Stratford St. Mary, I was met by my oldest friends in this country. It was such a lovely surprise, arranged by Nanette.

Bless the Lord my soul and praise His Holy Name!

His love and mercy endure forever.

May God bless all the dear friends at All Saints.

Emmelia van der Walt



A Bible Quiz on the letter of Paul to the Romans

(from the New Revised Standard Version)

1. Of what is Paul not ashamed? (chapter 1)
2. What is excluded by the law of faith? (chapter 3)
3. By what will many be made righteous? (chapter 5)
4. What is the free gift of God? (chapter 6)
5. We are more than ----- through him who loved us. (chapter 8)
6. Who shall be saved? (chapter 10)
7. In what should we persevere? (chapter 12)
8. What is the fulfilling of the law? (chapter 13)
9. Let us then pursue what makes for ----- (chapter 14)
10. Where is Paul going in a ministry to the saints? (chapter 15)

Janet Shilling

The answers are on page 22

“Getting to know the Bible” for beginners

Starting on Sunday 18th September, Kate (our curate) is running a course called “Getting to know the bible”. It will run for 6 weeks and be held straight after the morning service – just grab a coffee and go!

It’ll last for about 45 minutes – from 11.45am to 12.30pm – in one of the rooms in the Church Centre.

No need to bring anything – just bring yourselves!

It’ll be a simple introduction to the bible – to help us get confident to know our way round the book. No question will be considered too silly. It’s a beginners’ course.

Kate Moore





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Music by David Perkins

Libretto compiled & edited by Derek Wensley

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Churchyard

Very many thanks to all those who work each month to tidy the churchyard for us all to enjoy. We took a well earned rest in August but we will be meeting again in the autumn as there are always jobs to be done.

We meet on the first Saturday each month to keep the churchyard looking it best and preparing it for winter. If it is wet, then there are always jobs around the church centre to keep any volunteers busy.

The dates for the next 3 months are 3 September, 1 October, and 5 November (maybe the day for a bonfire!). Please join us anytime from 9.30am to noon.

Thank You

Barbara Garside (Churchwarden)

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The Kinsmen visit Nepal

On 28th June a presentation was given to the Kinsmen by Oliver Milbank on his "Nepal Expedition". He had been kindly invited to give an account of his travels when in 2009 he and other members of the Scout Explorers trekked through Nepal.

During the evening the group watched a visual display during his talk and were able to view items that were connected with his trip and The World Jamboree which he attended.

Oliver raised £25 during the evening which he donated to Farleigh Hospice.

Well done Oliver – a great way to bring all ages in the community together.

Once again we're supporting Macmillan Cancer Relief **with a Coffee Morning**

on Friday 23 September from 10.30am
in the Church Centre
with homemade cakes!



We are holding this a week
before the world's largest
coffee morning because of
a clash of events

Bring & Buy Sale and Raffle

*For further information please
contact Liz Belsham – 256792*

All Saints' Prayer Corner

Time again to thank God for His Creation.

Have you heard the raindrops drumming
on the rooftops?
Have you heard the raindrops dripping on
the ground?
Have you heard the raindrops splashing in
the streams
and running to the rivers all around?
There's water, water of life, Jesus gives us
the water of life;

I recently recalled these words from my school days when we were spending our time at Center Parcs with the grand-children. We were mainly blessed with lovely weather but I think we would feel cheated if we did not get some rain!!

As usual I was struck by how very much nature has to reveal about God. Nature does indeed tell us about God and about our relationship with Him, it can affect us deeply enabling us to feel His love and closeness. So this month I would like to share quite a myriad of thoughts that I have had on this subject.

Some of the Psalms point to the way God created nature:

The earth is the Lord's, and all it contains, the world, and those who dwell in it. For He has founded it upon the seas, and established it upon the rivers

(Psalm 24:1-2).

By the word of the Lord the heavens were made, and by the breath of His mouth all their host. He gathers the waters of the sea together as a heap; He lays up the deeps in storehouses. Let all the earth fear the Lord; Let all the inhabitants of the world stand in awe of Him. For He spoke, and it was done; He commanded, and it stood fast. *(Psalm 33:6-9).*

Sing to the Lord with thanksgiving; Sing praises to our God on the lyre, who covers the heavens with clouds, who provides rain for the earth, who makes grass to grow on the mountains. He gives to the beast its food, and to the young ravens which cry: Praise the Lord, O Jerusalem! Praise your God, O Zion! For He has strengthened the bars of your gates; He has blessed your sons within you. He makes peace in your borders; He satisfies you with the finest of the wheat. He sends forth His command to the earth; His word runs

very swiftly. He gives snow like wool; He scatters the frost like ashes. He casts forth His ice as fragments; who can stand before His cold? He sends forth His word and melts them; He causes His wind to blow and the waters to flow.

(Psalm 147:7-9, 12-18).

I cannot recall who wrote this but these words are another way of expressing God's love through nature.

"Climb the mountains and get their good tidings. Nature's peace will flow into you



as sunshine flows into trees. The winds will blow their own freshness into you and the storms their energy, while cares will drop off like autumn leaves”.

[Editor: John Muir – US (Scottish-born) conservationist & naturalist (1838 – 1914)]

Ann Frank wrote:

“The best remedy for those who are afraid, lonely or unhappy is to go outside, somewhere where they can be quiet, alone with the heavens, nature and God. Because only then does one feel that all is as it should be and that God wishes to see people happy, amidst the simple beauty of nature.”

A well Known Celtic Blessing:

May the road rise up before you,
may the sun be always on your face,
and the wind be to your back,
and until we meet again,
may the Lord keep you in the palm of his
hand.

Celtic Christians saw a universe ablaze with God’s glory, suffused with a presence that calls, nods and beckons – a creation personally united with its Creator in every atom and fibre. *(David Adam)*

This quote has a strong sense of God’s presence in creation and in everyday life, and Celtic Christians celebrate God through all the senses, releasing creativity

for prayer and contemplation.

A simple meditation

One way to experience the presence of Jesus is to use what is called the Sun Bathing Exercise. Sit with the Sun on your face imagine Jesus as the smiling sunshine of God, pouring rays of light upon you. Just soak these up, feel the warmth of the sun relax and feel God’s love and presence.

Recently at church we sang hymn 172 and my favourite verse is

Praise the Lord for times and seasons,
cloud and sunshine, wind and rain;
spring to melt the snows of winter
till the waters flow again;
grass upon the mountain pastures,
golden valleys thick with grain.

So by spending time with nature we can also be spending time with Jesus!
Enhancing our spiritual lives and prayer time.

I pray
That the Lord God, Creator of light,
at the rising of His sun each morning,
lets the greatest of all lights - His love -
rise, like the sun, within your heart.
Amen

Marion Hodges

**in
touch**

The copy date for the October edition is Sunday 11th September. Please send items to Robin Stevens by e-mail to rms@ukgateway.net or on disk to 3 Aldeburgh Way.

Pilgrimage to Trondheim

St Olaf was the Norwegian king who converted his country to Christianity 1,000 years ago. His shrine in Nidaros (modern Trondheim) was a leading place of pilgrimage in Medieval Europe.

In the last week of July Pat and I took part in an ecumenical pilgrimage by coach to Trondheim for the Feast of St Olaf. There were 19 of us, 11 from the Diocese of Chelmsford and 8 from our linked (Swedish Lutheran) Diocese of Karlstad. On most evenings we were joined by another group of Karlstad Christians who were making the same pilgrimage by motor bike.

The Chelmsford group flew on the Tuesday morning to Oslo in Norway, where we met the coach that took us to Karlstad in Sweden. Our Swedish hosts treated us to a boat trip on the local waterways, followed by a picnic by the lake. Pat and I and another English couple slept the night in Norrstrand church, where we were looked after by a local priest.

The pilgrimage proper began on the Wednesday morning. We were joined by the eight Swedes and went by coach to Hammarö, the traditional start of the pilgrimage, where the bikers were waiting for us. In the church there we learned that in Scandinavian art Moses is usually depicted with horns owing to a mistranslation of Exodus 34:30. ("They saw the horns of his face" instead of "the shining

of his face".) By the time the mistake was discovered showing him with horns was seen as the only proper way to do it.

Over the course of the next few days we were to travel more than 1,000 miles, visiting churches and other places of interest and holding many services in English – on the coach, in churches, in hotels, in the open and on one occasion in a modern version of an Indian teepee.

On Wednesday afternoon we stopped at a small village called Ransby to look at a tapestry made by ten local women in the 1990s. This very beautiful work is in the style of the Bayeux Tapestry and depicts the medieval pilgrimage.



We spent Wednesday night in a Swedish ski hotel with magnificent views all round. We travelled across the border to Trondheim the following day, arriving in plenty of time to settle in and have dinner before joining the traditional last stage of the pilgrimage on the eve of St Olaf's feast day.

This started at 8pm with a short service in a small wooden church on a hill above Trondheim. The service, of course, was entirely in Norwegian but on our way in we met a Danish priest who explained the

structure to us. There were a couple of hymns, a Bible reading, a reading from the Saga of St Olaf, a short talk and prayers.

We all walked from there down to the next church in silence, apart from occasional hymns. In all there were seven services in different places, the last two in the open to the eerie accompaniment of a trumpet playing slow melodic lines over the cathedral's loudspeakers.

By the time we entered the cathedral shortly after 11pm the procession had grown from 150 or so to a couple of thousand. There was then a memorial service, with some beautiful Gregorian Chant, that finished just before 12.30am. There were further services right up to 6.30am but most of us opted to return to the hotel and bed.

We were back in the cathedral at 11am for Communion on the Feast Day itself (Friday, 29 July). In the afternoon we had a coach tour of Trondheim. Pat and I and a Swedish friend went to the Cathedral Chapter House for Compline at 10pm.

On the Saturday we made our way south to Hamar. En route we got off the coach for a 45 minute walk along the old pilgrims' trail. Well, that was the theory. We got lost! After 1 hour 45 minutes we managed to find our way back to a main road and had to phone for the

coach to rescue us!

The following morning we walked from our hotel to the ruins of Hamar's old cathedral, where the (female) Bishop of Hamar met us and held a short service in Norwegian for us. From there we went to the new cathedral for Communion.

Then it was on to Oslo for a coach tour of the city before going to the airport, where the English contingent got off the coach and the Swedes continued back to Karlstad.

By that time we had grown very close to our Swedish friends. Practically the last thing we did together was to join in singing an Irish blessing that ends with the words "Until we meet again, God hold you in the palm of his hand."

Pat and I felt strangely at home in Sweden and Norway. The services were easy to follow despite the language differences. If the opportunity ever arises for a similar trip in future, do take it.

Keith Otter



Gina's news

Copper Club

Recently a suggestion that a large garden rake be purchased by the 'Copper Club' for use in the church garden was followed up and now raking up leaves should be easier. Thank you to all those who regularly save their coppers and small change and bring them to church – it is much appreciated.



Postage stamps

A special 'thank you' for four large collections of stamps left in the porch. These together with many others have been sorted and sent off to the Children's Society. The large quantity of French and American stamps were also very welcome and also the British pre-1936. Stamps of all kinds are much needed – please save yours and put them in the post box in the porch at any time.

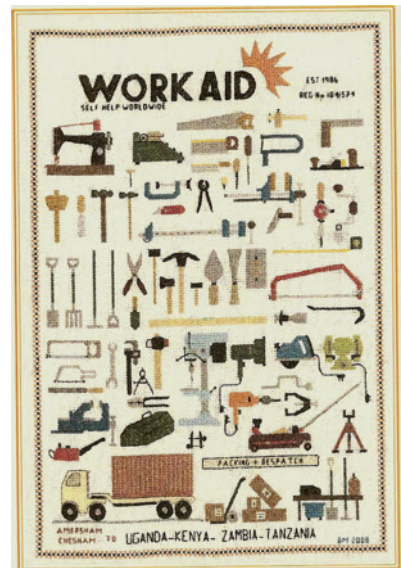


WorkAid

Along with two sewing machines, a knitting machine and a typewriter, a considerable number of tools and stationery has been collected and sent to the Old Boot Factory in Chesham – the centre of distribution for WorkAid. Over 60 tonnes of tools and equipment collected by 280 volunteers is refurbished each year and sent to Kenya, Uganda, Tanzania and Zambia. Those who benefit include orphans, disabled people, unemployed men and women and refugees. The picture shows the things this self-help worldwide charity needs and you may spot something you no longer have a use for – WorkAid would love it! Items may be left at 100 Arbour Lane (tel: 251088) but please contact Gina Shadrack first. Many, many thanks

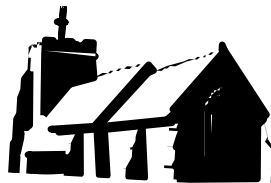
PS Harvest chutney is now available – beetroot later – to be sold on behalf of WorkAid.

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Gina Shadrack

All Saints' Church, Springfield



Dear Friends

Thank you! Thank you! Thank you!

On behalf of the PCC, I would like extend our grateful thanks to all members of the Planned Giving scheme, particularly those who joined the scheme after our TRIO stewardship campaign last summer. I would also like to thank those who take the trouble to fill in blue Gift Aid envelopes for church collections.

These make a huge difference to how we can budget and plan our finances. We are able to more accurately assess our future income if we have your written commitment. With Gift Aid we were able to claim back income tax of over £20,000 last year. This costs you, the donor, absolutely nothing (as long as you have already paid the tax!) but it greatly increases the value of your donation to the church.

If you would like more information about joining the Planned Giving scheme or about giving with Gift Aid, do please contact Brian & Ros O'Riordan (tel 351331) who will be delighted to help you, and all in strict confidence.

Thank you.

Barbara Garside

Churchwarden and Chairman of the Finance Committee

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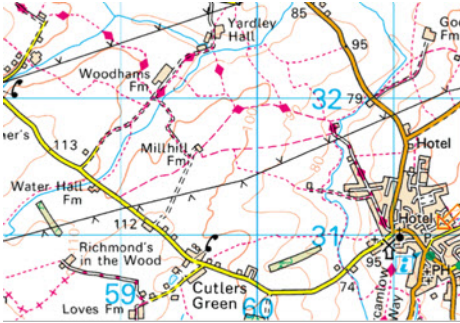
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No mud, no boot cleaning and only one stile!

On a cloudy Saturday morning in July, eight All Saints' ramblers walked westwards from Thaxted past Haslemere, Yardley Hall, Woodhams Farm, Water Hall Farm, Duckett's Farm, Richmonds in the Wood and Cutlers Green back to Thaxted – a six mile walk along foot and bridle



paths, beside fields and through woods. Some of the oil seed rape had already been harvested and the wheat and barley would be next. In the hedgerows we found hazelnuts, blackberries, elderberries, crab apples, plums and sloes – a promise for the autumn.

We passed a farm machinery hire company – rows of brightly coloured giants patrolled by a single pied wagtail! Not many birds sing at the end of July, but we heard several green woodpeckers at the edge of the woods. We sat in a field at coffee time and, although a few planes from Stansted Airport flew over, we could not hear a single car – what a treat! At Richmonds in the Wood the footpath led us along the edge of a wonderful garden and we stopped to smell the old-fashioned roses.

At lunchtime we were joined by Ron and Barbara Gregory. In the afternoon Barbara

and Margaret Bugden stayed in Thaxted and visited the windmill, while Ron (plus camera) joined us for a three miles walk north of Thaxted via Boyton End and Golden's Farmhouse. By this time the sun was really warm as we walked beside fields full of wild flowers, some planted for environmental reasons. We saw blue borage, flax and chicory, yellow sowthistle, white wild carrot and pink mallow. The butterflies were out in force – red admirals, gatekeepers, meadow brown, speckled wood and a painted lady.

Back in Thaxted we met up with Barbara and Margaret and rounded off our day with a cream tea. We all thank Karin and Robert for a truly enjoyable walk – a splendid day in good company, as always.

Barbara Anderson



The Harvest for the Hungry Project

All Saints' Church Springfield has registered once again to support this worthwhile cause which benefits the under privileged of Eastern Europe. The format is similar to other years and details, boxes and leaflets can be found in the corridor by the north door in early September.

The items required are specific, so they can clear customs, fit on to standard pallets and travel safely.

Equally, donations are also welcome – please remember it can be gift aided if you pay tax. The form is part of the instruction leaflet.

The main difference this year is the introduction of lentils instead of pasta. The organizers have also introduced hygiene boxes and there will be a box in the North corridor for these items if you wish to contribute.



If you have access to the Internet you can find out more by going to www.harvestforthehungry.co.uk.

A Thanksgiving Service will be held on Sunday October 16th at 6.30pm in the Meadows Shopping Centre to which all are very welcome.

For further details or if you are able to offer help, please contact Marion & Peter Hodges – 261388

Wednesday 28th September

**CHELMSFORD CATHEDRAL THEOLOGICAL SOCIETY
RT REVD TOM WRIGHT (former Bishop of Durham)**

July marked the publication of the Bishop's translation of the New Testament. There will be a book signing in the Cathedral during the afternoon and a talk in the evening (also in the Cathedral)

Drinks & light refreshments will be served at both events.

2.30pm - 4.00pm - Book signing

Tickets are £4.50 and can be ordered and/or purchased from the Resources Centre through

Karen Batten, Ch 294405

resources@chelmsford.anglican.org.

7.30pm for 8.00pm - The talk

Admission is £3.50 on the door

August Amble

Eleven of us started by walking through the churchyard of St Giles in Langford. This attractive little church has a village shop in the vestry, which is open four mornings a week and run by volunteers. It trades under the name of 'Heavenly Supplies'.

Our footpaths were, to begin with, mainly wide farm tracks and even the paths alongside the fields were well-trodden and made for easy walking. We passed lakes which were open for fishing, seeing the usual ducks and geese and also a great crested grebe. A woodpecker flew by making its familiar 'yaffle' call and a buzzard circled overhead. There were also a number of swallows to be seen, darting here and there, with their high pitched calls, busy fly catching. There are still some poppies brightening the footpaths but the wheat appeared to be past its sell-by date and we thought that it had been abandoned as the straw was very short,

not enough rain when it mattered! However, we did see a field of maize that seemed to be growing well.

As we approached a cottage, a bantam cockerel was crowing loudly, but when he saw us he quickly ushered his ladies away, and disappeared from sight. As we returned by the Chelmer and Blackwater navigation canal and the Langford Cut we could see that there is an abundance of berries this year, hips, haws, blackberries and sloes, also plenty of acorns and hazelnuts which the squirrels are already eating although they're not yet ripe.

We arrived back at The Mill House Hotel with a good appetite, the hotel doesn't normally do lunches but they agreed to feed us from their breakfast menu, which was extremely tasty and a very reasonable price.

Rosemary Slater



The All Saints' Kinsmen

Tuesday 27th September
at 8.00pm

Coffee or Tea & Biscuits - Evening
Admission £4

The History of Signal Boxes

Ron Nash

Important messages about Christmas

A Christmas lamb

The Christmas Season is a glorious time of year. It is the time when families gather together to celebrate the birth of Christ. It is a time to honour family traditions such as attending church services together or visiting the towns to view the Christmas decorations.



Last December our new nativity figures showed us the warmth and love in Mary's eyes, the tenderness of Joseph and the sweet innocence of the

Christ child. A lamb would truly compliment the set. If you would like to be part of the sponsorship, please pass your donation to Jane Milbank church warden or leave in the marked box at the rear of the church on any Sunday service. Envelopes should be marked "Sponsorship" with your name and address on the rear.

Sponsorship will close at the end of September. Let us capture the spirit of the season in our community.

Jane Milbank

Operation Christmas Child

Organised by the Samaritan's Purse Charity, this is the world's largest Christmas project for children. All Saints has supported it for a number of years and last year contributed to a total of over 1 million shoe boxes filled with gifts and treats for needy and deprived children in many parts of the world.

We are once again taking part in this much appreciated and worthwhile project that is bringing cheer to thousands of children and young people. Please ask me for a leaflet for details about this year's appeal. As before, shoe boxes need to be filled and returned to me, please, by end October in order to reach the children in time for Christmas.

Thank you.

Lesley Mann

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- improves your posture
- strengthens your joints
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- relaxes your mind

From the Registers

Holy Baptism

31st July: Jack William Lebreton
Holly Ria Higdon
Amelie Danielle Higdon

“We welcome you into the Lord’s Family”

Holy Matrimony

16th July: Maurice Mason and Vicky Weahwall
23rd July: Darren Harmer and Rebecca Searle
30th July: Dean Hempstead and Katherine Tokley
6th August: Benjamin Smith and Tamara Harris
11th August: David Morgan and Hayley Knowles
14th August: Thomas Heard and Louise Turner

“Those whom God has joined together”

Holy Burial and Cremation

3rd August: Geoff Wilkins aged 55 years
10th August: Alfred Harris aged 84 years
11th August: Linsey Thomas aged 37 years

“I am the Resurrection and the Life”

Answers to the Bible Quiz on page 5

1. The Gospel (v16)
2. Boasting (v27)
3. The one man’s obedience (v19)
4. Eternal life in Christ Jesus our Lord (v23)
5. Conquerors (v37)
6. Everyone who calls on the name of the Lord (v13)
7. Prayer (v12)
8. Love (v10)
9. Peace (v19)
10. Jerusalem (v25)

