

ON THIS WEEK

MONDAY 20th AUGUST

2.00pm Revd Diane meeting
6.30pm Meditation group meet at 43 Barking Road
7.30pm Ministry group meeting

TUESDAY 21st AUGUST

NO Prayer group meeting **this week**

WEDNESDAY 22nd AUGUST

11.00am Revd Diane Uvedale Hall

THURSDAY 23rd AUGUST

11.30am Revd Diane Home Communion
7.30pm Bible Study and fellowship meet at the Rectory

SUNDAY 26th AUGUST

13th SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY

PROPER 16

10am Sung Eucharist in the Limes

SUNDAY 2nd SEPTEMBER

14th SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY

PROPER 17

8.00am Said Eucharist in the ARK
10.00am All Age Worship in the ARK
7.00pm Young People meet in the ARK

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PCC note Standing Committee meeting
Monday 3rd September, 3pm at the Rectory
PCC meeting Thursday 27th September 7.30pm
in the ARK

Please include in your prayers

-Madge and Iris;
-Ruth and family
- Elizabeth
-the Ruby family, especially for Linda
- Roland's mother Lore and for Roland and Allison
-Bryony and Tom and the twins
-for all families who are facing difficulty during these uncertain times.
-for the people of Kerala who have been flooded out of their homes by the monsoon rain
- for the people of Italy affected by the collapse of the bridge in Genoa
-for all the A Level students who have received their results this week
-for those who, through war and famine must watch their children die
Give them your peace and comfort.
-may our Government and the European Union come to an agreement reference Brexit.
-may all leaders and heads of state take wise advice and act responsibly for the well being of all.
We also pray for the many names that appear on our prayer board and all those who are suffering in mind, body and spirit, for those who are in pain and distress and for those who care for loved ones. Give skills to doctors and nurses and patience to all those who care for invalids.
-may your words of truth take root in our hearts and grow to rich maturity, may we hear your will for us and act upon it.
-may we take seriously our responsibility to encourage and nurture one another in faith at every age and every stage.

St. John the Baptist Church Needham Market.

SUNDAY 19th AUGUST 12th SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY PROPER 15

10am Sung Eucharist in the ARK

Readings

Micah Ch6 v6-8	pg934
1 Corinthians Ch10 v14-24	pg1151
Matthew Ch26 v26-29	pg996

Hymns

21	All people that on earth do dwell
160	Father God we worship you
88	Brother, sister let me serve you
714	We hail thy presence glorious
87	Broken for me, broken for
429	Love is his word

Collect

Almighty and everlasting God,
you are always more ready to hear than we to pray and to give more than we desire or deserve; pour down upon us the abundance of your mercy, forgiving us those things of which your conscience is afraid and giving us those good things which we are not worthy to ask but through the merits and meditation of Jesus Christ your Son our Lord who is alive and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit one God now and forever Amen

AFTER SERVICE COFFEE ROTA this has lapsed a bit whilst we have been out of the church as it is only now every other week, however Christine Sewell is preparing the new rota for September onwards when we return to the church. It would be good to get a few more volunteers to help with this over the weeks and months to come. The more there are to do it means the fewer times you have to do it in the year. Please speak to Christine if you can put your name down to help.

CHRISTIANS TOGETHER will be starting their Autumn programme on Thursday 20th September 2018 and will continue to meet at 10.30 am in Room 4 at Christchurch.

BIBLE STUDY AND FELLOWSHIP GROUP Our next get together is on Thursday 23rd August, 7.30pm at the Rectory. If you are thinking of coming along, and you are welcome to join us, you need to read and digest chapters 11-21 of the Book of Job, which we will be discussing.

HOME WORSHIP AUGUST Linda Hills from Christchurch, led our worship. She told us of when she was a newly trained teacher she went to teach at a girls Methodist Boarding School in Zambia - It was a new school, and not completely finished, and it was very hard work for the first staff who were working there. English was the common language, the girls from the villages speaking various different languages Professional missionaries ran the school, and the teachers were just there to teach their subject. In spite of the hard work it was a happy place, The girls received a good education, and some of them still keep in touch with her now.

3rd September, Rev. Mary Playford, from Christchurch, is coming to lead the worship.

PRODUCE STALL AND COFFEE MORNING will be held on Saturday 1st September. Carol, David and Ann are running the produce stall and Linda and Jean are making the coffee etc. Donations of produce, cakes, buns, scones, preserves and garden plants will be appreciated for the stall and cakes, buns etc for the coffee morning. Make a note in your diary to come down and support these events.

CLEANING OF THE CHURCH when the builders have finished. Once this happens and the church is handed back to us we are going to need an army of volunteers to come along and clean the interior up. The builders should do a certain amount of the clearing up but we will need to do some cleaning of our own and return the furniture and fittings back to their locations. At the moment we are unable to set a date for this and it could be at very short notice.

If you are able to help in any way please could you sign on the list which is around, leaving your name and a contact telephone number so that once we have a date we can call you and check that you will be available to come along to help.

Speak to David or Ray for information of what will be required. Thank you

From the Vicarage

What does it mean to be Christ's Church here in this town? Are we here to satisfy the desire to worship of the few who attend or do we have a much wider brief?

It has been said that the Church is the only organisation that exists primarily for those who do not belong to it.

There are many people in this town who have a lot of goodwill towards St Johns but who never attend services here. Do you ever wonder why? Maybe they are waiting to be invited or they have attended in the past and not felt welcomed.

We worry about money all the times as a Church don't we and we know that once again this year we will not pay our parish share. What might we do to try and change that?

I think we have some big questions to ask as we move back into our building, not least about how we are going to better serve God and the community using this glorious resource that we have.

It would be very easy to slip back into simply operating as we have done but I wonder whether that is what God wants of us.

Maybe there are new ways to serve him and to glorify him; they might be challenging; they will probably involve more people getting involved in more ways - but should we avoid facing the questions because it might be demanding or difficult to deal with the answers we discover are needed. I believe we have a chance to grow and change as a Church and it will be a shame to waste it.

Diane