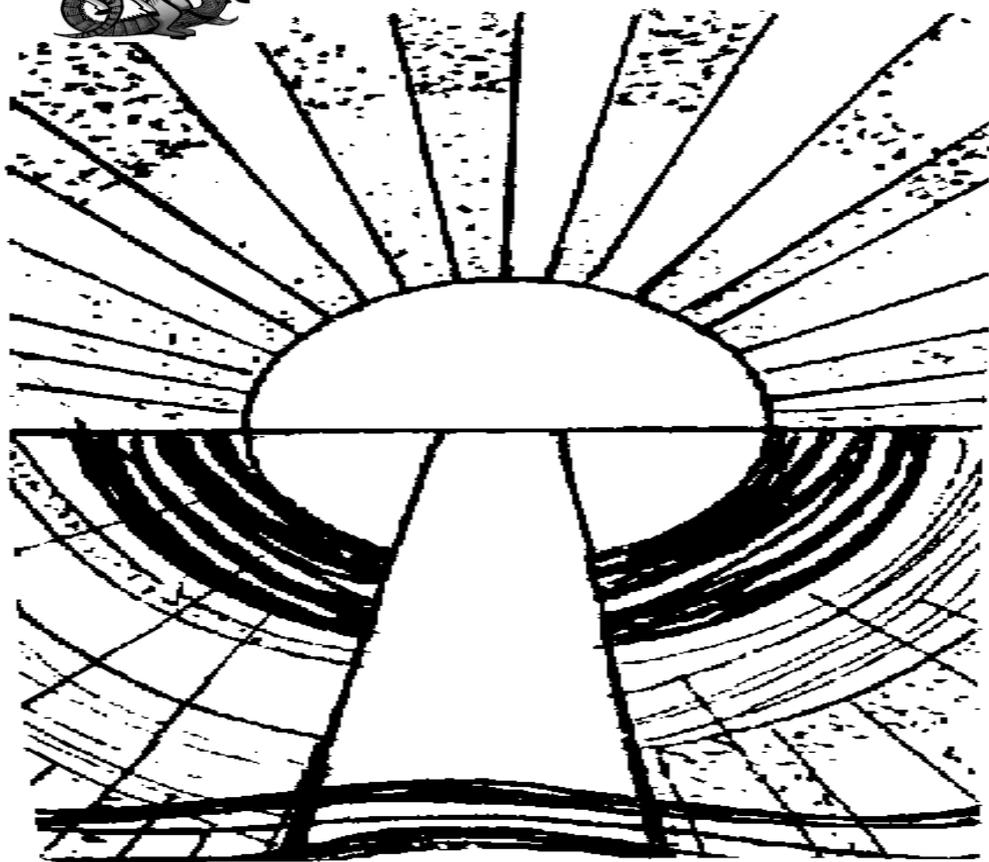


St. George The Martyr Brentwood.



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August 2022



50p

PARISH CHURCH of St GEORGE THE MARTYR

Priest in Charge. Revd : **Jane Bradbury**

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Names of the Sick To be given to Lesley Tanner as early as possible on 01277 215619

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PARISH ORGANISATIONS

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Brown Owl Nicola Parry Tel No 215179

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Dear friends

Have you ever played that game, Good News, Bad News? You and a partner tell a story, taking turns to put a spin on whatever the other says. So...

The good news is: my father gave me a car.

The bad news is: it doesn't go.

But the good news is: there's a garage round the corner.

And the bad news is: they've all gone on holiday...

And so it goes on!

There is always a different way of looking at what is happening around us. Think about our own situation this month.

There are three reasons to be happy: 1. The sun is shining. 2. Covid-19 numbers are going down. 3. School holidays have begun. It's all looking good!

But there are also three reasons to be concerned: 1. There are record temperatures being recorded across the world. 2. Covid-19 is still around and people are still suffering with it. 3. The cost-of-living crisis means that many families will be looking at the summer holidays with trepidation – how to feed the children and keep them entertained, while worrying about

fuel bills when the weather begins to get colder again in the autumn.

The same three things. Different ways of interpreting what is happening.

Every year I get asked by at least one bride: Can you have a word with the big guy so that it doesn't rain? And I always tell them the weather is completely beyond my remit (which it is), but the other possible response is: God's in a no-win situation here, because while you're praying for it not to rain, the farmers and gardeners might well be praying that it will rain!

But isn't that often how things go? While life is getting better for some, others might be facing new struggles... Life carries with it all manner of complexities, and we find ourselves picking our way through the thick of it. Throughout it all, good and bad, one thing we can take comfort in is that God journeys with us every step of the way.

Pain and hardship look different for each of us – as they did for our Lord Jesus Christ – but knowing God understands our struggles and is with us through them can help us to look forward and keep going. We never walk alone.

With every blessing, **Jane**

Round and About

Jumble Sale: Our next jumble sale will be on Saturday 13th August at 11am. We need good jumble, clothes , shoes ,toys, books, pre-loved, home furnishings, CD's, bags and school uniform (esp. St Thomas's school).

We cannot take large items or furniture – try Lighthouse Furniture Project for this- we can take ladies bras and baby clothes in good condition as these are passed on to charities.

Left over jumble goes to the dealer and we start with fresh jumble each time.

Please bring jumble on Sunday mornings before 11am or ring 01277 215619 for other times when I will open the Church for you. We do not collect, but can make arrangements for people who are not mobile.

Help is needed setting up tables on **Friday evening 12th August** from **6pm** and also on the day to help sort jumble, serve on stalls, and clear away afterwards. Even if you can only do an hour, this would be most helpful.

Next Tea Afternoon:- will be on **Thursday 18th August from 2-4pm**. Come along for tea and cake and good company. Book exchange . £1 for tea and cake. All welcome.

During August Rev Jane will be on annual leave for two weeks. We are grateful to the Rev Ann Coleman, Rev Julie Hardy and Rev Paul Hamilton for standing in . Please make them welcome. Have a good holiday Jane.

Date	Time	Place	Service	Cover
7 August	11.15am	St George	Mass	Rev Ann Coleman
	6.30pm	St George	Mass	Rev Julie Hardy
14 August	11.15am	St George	Mass	Rev Ann Coleman

Could You Help?

We need people willing to volunteer to help out. The Church runs well because a number of people give up some time to volunteer to take on jobs that need doing.

At the moment we desperately need the following people.

PCC Secretary:- to replace Pam. This involves attending 4-5 evening PCC meetings a year and taking minutes, typing up notes from the meeting, agreeing the agenda with the Vicar and Churchwardens and e-mailing out agenda and past minutes to members, sending minutes for magazine. This would suit someone who has basic admin/ computer skills and enjoys being involved.

Server:- this could be done by several people on a rota . Preparing chalice and hosts for service. Lighting candles before service and extinguishing at end, assisting vicar during service. Training will be given. This would suit someone who enjoys the ritual of the service and would like to take a more full role.

Next Year :- Lesley would like to pass on the Treasurer's job. Is there anyone who has book-keeping and accounting skills and Knowledge of Excel spreadsheets who would be willing to work with her for a year, with a view to taking over. The job takes her one day a month to enter and reconcile the spreadsheet, writing cheques, keeping records,

accounting at the end of year (help is available) reporting to PCC and claiming Gift Aid and GASDS. Money handling is not involved as Kim banks the money. The job would suit someone who likes accounting and finance and is good with figures and who enjoys decision making.

Nicola is also standing down as Fundraising Co-ordinator. Thankyou to Nicola for all her hard work over past few years. There is a team of fundraising volunteers on the committee who will help out. Is there anyone out there who would be willing to coordinate the team, attend a few evening meetings and generally help out with the organisation of the events we hold during the year- Fun Day, Bazaar, Big Breakfast, Afternoon Cream Tea etc The job would suit someone who likes organising, can work with people , and is enthusiastic and likes to be involved. Clive can train you as he has done the job before.

Thankyou to those who volunteered on the Church work Day we had a number of new faces who were very welcome. Lee inspected the lower and upper roof

with the help of Clive and Lesley, Sean cut back the hedges down the side passage. Volunteers also made cakes for the Fun Day and set up stalls. Please keep coming- we couldn't manage without you.

Jon Blackwell also managed to give the side passage and along the back fence a really good cut back – three trailer loads !. A job well completed for this year.

FUNDRAISING

Our jumble sale is on 13th August. If you are able to help set up the night before or on the day, please let Pam Wood know. Our jumble sale team would be very grateful for any help even just for an hour.

FOODHUB

we continue to be busy every Saturday morning although the amount of food we receive has dropped a bit unfortunately. We have placed a box in the porch to collect any donations that any visitors to the church would like to make. If you belong to any groups in the parish or at the church and would like to have a one off collection for the food hub please let me know. Any contributions will be very gratefully received. We are still in need of some more volunteers to help on a Saturday morning and also to help take away the cardboard. Can you spare an hour or two a month? Please contact me for more information.

Lesley and Clive organised a trip to Walton on the Naze for our food hub families, this was paid for by a grant and a great time was had by all.

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Finance report as at 30/6/22			
Expenditure			
Type of payments	What we expect to pay/Budget	What we have paid at 30/6/22	Comments/highlights
Day to day running costs (heat/light/water, stationery, services, insurance, printing, vicars expenses, small works to the fabric of the building)	£ 10,487	£ 8,084	
Central costs e.g. cost of housing, salary, pension (Parish Share)	£ 29,654	£ 12,286	Parish share 85% paid to date.
Costs for Mission/Outreach e.g. Sunday School, Easter Cards etc	£ 600	£ -	
Charitable Donations	£ 400	£ -	
Total	£ 41,141	£ 20,370	
Income			
Type of Income	What we expect to receive/budget	What we have received to date	
Planned income from regular giving schemes e.g. bank standing order	£ 11,900	£ 5,966	
Income we hope to get but cannot guarantee or plan for e.g. collections, one off donations, fees for special services	£ 13,741	£ 7,381	
Tax refund from Gift Aided donations	£ 5,500	£ 1,667	
Fund raising	£ 10,000	£ 4,341	Quiz/Fun Day/BBQ/Jumble
Total	£ 41,141	£ 19,354	
Current general fund bank balance			£ 4,619
Other funds	Raised in October	Spent in October	Balance
Restricted funds*			
Fabric Fund		£ -	£ -
Vicar and Churchwarden	£ -	£ -	£ 293
Designated funds			
Food Hub			£ 5,546
Fabric Fund	£ -	£ -	£ 2,825

* Restricted funds are funds restricted for specific uses and can only be restricted by the donor



	31st July	7th August	14th August	21st August	28th August
11.15am	7th Sunday after Trinity Proper 13	8th Sunday after Trinity Proper 14	9th Sunday after Trinity Proper 15	10th after Trinity Proper 16	11th after Trinity Proper 17
1st reading	Ecclesiastes 1:2, 12-14; 2:18-23 Miss Smith	Genesis 15 : 1- 6 Miss Smith	Jeremiah 23:23-29 Mr Bell	Isaiah 58:9b-end Mrs Tanner	Ecclesiasticus 10:12-18 Mr Bell
2nd reading	Colossians 3:1-11 Mrs Wood	Hebrews 11 : 1-3, 8-16 Mrs Wood	Hebrews 11:29 -12:2 Mr Sitch	Hebrews12:18-end Mrs Harris	Hebrews 13:1-8, 15-16 Mr Tanner
Welcomers	Bob & Pam	Bob & Pam	Bob & Pam	Bob & Pam	Bob & Pam
Prayer of faithful	Clive & Lesley	Grahame	Carolyn	Beverley	Clive & Lesley
Collection Counters	Clive & Angela	Angela & Kath	Clive & Kath	Angela & Kath	Clive & Angela
6.30pm 1st Reading	No Service	To be decided on day	No service	To be decided on day	No service
6.30pm 2nd reading		“ “		“ “	

Services

- these are generally celebrated on:-

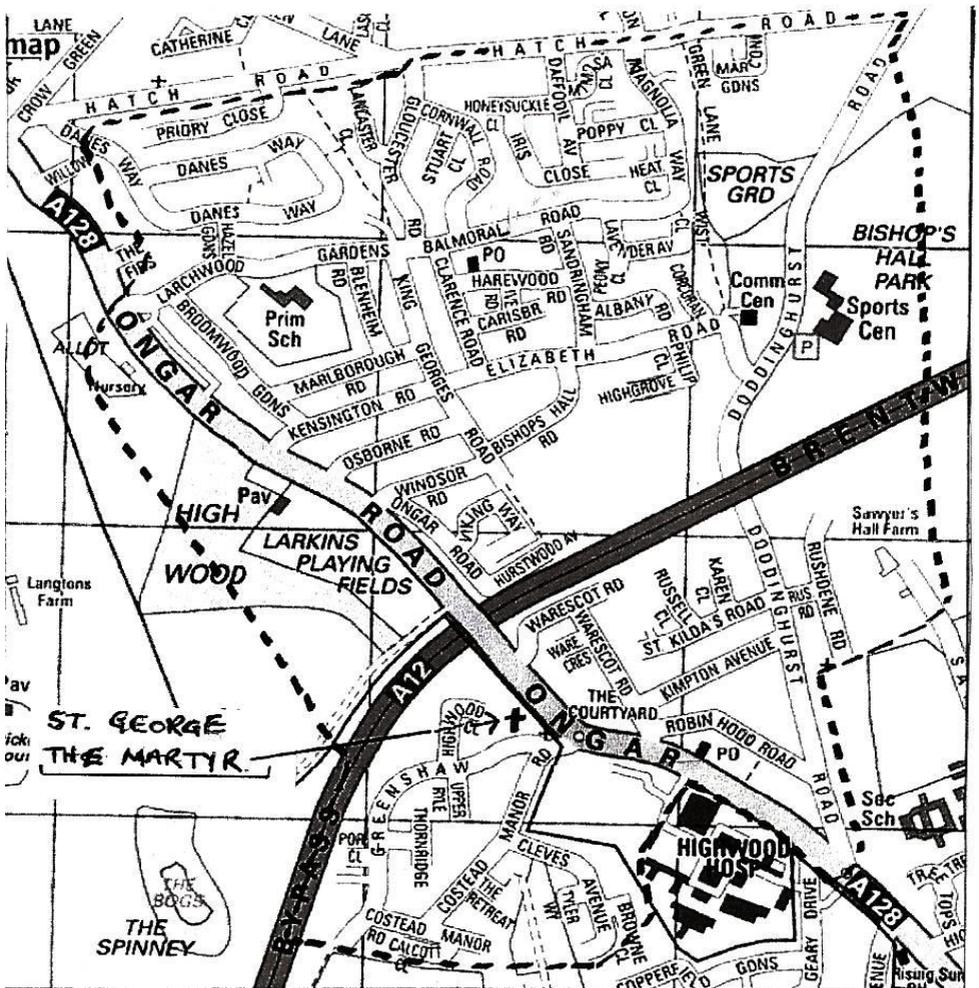
Sunday ... Morning 11.15am - Parish

Eucharist

Evening 6.30pm - 1st & 3rd

Sunday

Check Porch Notice Board in case of changes



----- Marks Parish Boundary