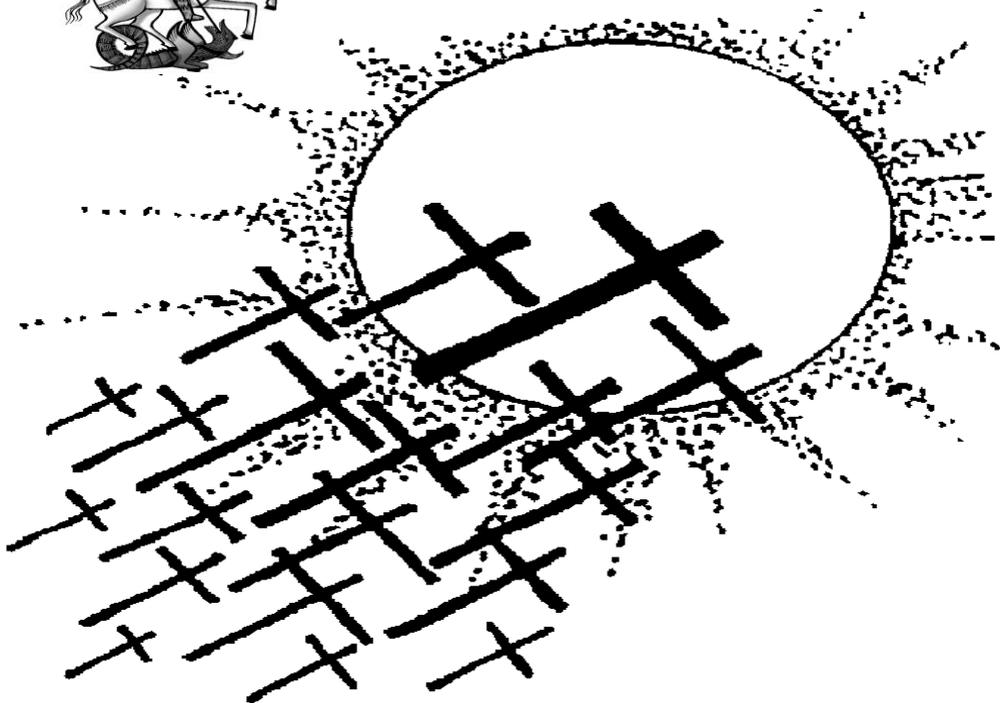


St. George The Martyr Brentwood



Remember those who Died for us



November 2021



50p

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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

Confessions

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Enquiries

For Baptism, Banns of Marriage etc. see website for Details.

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PARISH ORGANISATIONS

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Dates for your Diary

Next Tea Afternoon:- is on **Thursday 4th November** from **2 -4pm**. Come along and join Kim and Lesley for tea, cake and a chat amongst friends. All welcome. £1 donation towards tea. Bring a book for the book exchange and swap for a new one.

Christmas Bazaar:- this is our first bazaar for a few years due to Covid, so we hope to make it a good one. The Bazaar is on **Saturday November 20th from 10.30am – 1.00pm in the Church hall.**

Before the day , could you pop a few extra bits in your weekly shop? we need donations of chocolate for tombola, toiletries (mens's and women's) filled bottles, bric-a-brac, books, CD's , toys and games, cakes, handicrafts, jams and pickles, raffle prizes. These will be gratefully received if you bring them to church. If you need them collected ring Nicola on 01277 215178 or Lesley on 01277 215619 and they will be happy to help.

We need people with muscle power to help set up on the **Friday** before, **19th November at 6pm** – to set up tables, set up stalls, price goods. Many hands make light work, so the more people who are able to come along, even for an hour, speeds the job up.

On the day Help is needed to run stalls, fill in for those running stalls while they have a break, taking tea to stall holders and clearing away at the end- taking down tables , wiping tables, taking rubbish to tip.

Also- people are needed to come along and spend their money, buy a few good bargains and get their Christmas presents. Have your lunch, of home – made soup, rolls etc. and a cup of tea while you are there. We hope you can help us make this an enjoyable morning for all the family and come along and meet friends and family.

Remembrance Sunday :- is on Sunday 14th November at 11.15am please come along and participate in this moving service.

P.C.C. Meeting Held Thursday 30th September 2021

- Reverend Jane spoke to Ian Gunn Ofsted Inspector regarding hall chairs, he said there is nothing to stop chairs being in the hall.
- Bakers of Danbury hope to be able to come back at the end of October to deal with a few jobs that need doing on the porch.
- Work on the new notice boards is going ahead.
- The documents dealt with by Carolyn is not a Safeguarding Policy and will not pass Diocesan Rules. Rev. Jane mentioned a Blanket Policy and suggested we adopt this. Beverley Smith proposed seconded by Grahame Sitch. All in favour.
- Isabelle (police officer) who Rev. Jane is in contact with regarding church security is taking things seriously, they are doing their best. The bench where the youngsters gather is to be removed.
- The Bishop used to approve the Chalice Presenters but now the PCC can approve. John Bowley's permission is due for renewal.

- The Heritage Open day went well, a good number visited the church many of whom were from outside the parish. Refreshments were served in the hall and there was also a book stall and some bric-a-brac. £144 was raised for our funds.
- The Food Hub continues to grow, serving 25 plus families each week. We see these families as being part of our church community. Our ethos is to provide food for families in need and also to stop food going to landfill. If any church members can use an extra loaf of bread or some fruit/vegetables please come along on Saturday from 11-30am.
- The Christmas Bazaar is on Saturday 20th November from 10-30am - 1-30pm. There will be various stalls ie. - Toiletries, cakes, books, tombola, lucky dip, face painting and more, Father Christmas will be here. A box will be at the back of the church for donations of tombola items and raffle prizes.
- The usual standard treasurer's report was circulated. Balance at the end of September was £8384.62. We will increase our payment for the parish share to £1000 per month and send a one off payment of £2000 as well next month. We will make a payment towards the electricity costs of running the freezers to the hall.
- All the organisations who we expected to come back are now using the hall again. We have a couple of casual bookings for October/November and Brentwood Council have already booked the hall for the Local Elections next May. The piano has been tuned and the pedal repaired, but as the piano is old the repair may not last long term. A section of plaster board on the ceiling has got to be repaired
- At the last Deanery Synod meeting the "Archdeacon spoke about desire to be carbon zero from 2030" Re:- Breakout groups, enlightening, heating off, butterfly meadow, environmental groups. Community issues such as litter picking being taken up by the church and much more. This will be discussed at the next PCC meeting.
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Fundraising Report -At the time of writing our October Jumble sale hadn't taken place. Hopefully it will see a lot of customers and raise lots of money for us. Thank you to everybody who helped set up, serve and clear away afterwards.

This month sees the return of our Christmas Bazaar it will be on 20th November 10.30-1pm. If you would like to run a stall or are willing to help during the morning please do contact me so I can ensure that

we have all stalls covered. As usual we are in need of some items - maybe you add a bottle or chocolate item to your weekly shop? We are also in need of toiletries, books, advent calendars, raffle prizes and cakes. There is a box at the back of the church that any of these items can be put into over the coming weeks. If you need items collected please give me a call to arrange. As you will be aware our money coming in went down considerably during the pandemic so we are keen to make this bazaar a bumper one and raise as much money as we can. Please do invite friends and relatives along. Stop for a coffee & cake or maybe lunch (homemade soup, roll and mince pie). Have a browse round the pre loved treasures and books and have a go on the chocolate and bottle tombolas. For the children we have the Rainbows and Brownies running the lucky dip and of course Father Christmas will be in his grotto with the help of his elves giving out presents. Before you go don't forget to buy some raffle tickets and some cakes to take home for the weekend!

Other fundraising projects continue - don't forget to save your ink cartridges for us and use Easyfundraising when doing your online shopping this raises a few pence each time but the more people that do it more we raise! Please contact me for more information on any of these projects!!

FOOD HUB

Our food hub continues to support local families in the community each week. We have recently been lucky to secure another grant of £3000 to help us fund the purchase of food to complement what we receive at the end of the day from supermarkets.

We are always looking out for more volunteers to help us. If you can spare a couple of hours a month on a Saturday morning then please do contact me for more information. We also have other jobs that can be done during the week if you can't help on a Saturday morning. On 13th November Manna Meals will run a coffee morning for us in the church hall from 10-12 noon. Everybody is welcome to attend for a coffee, cake and a chat. Please do come along and support us in our work and find out what goes on.

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This may be of interest to you

Are you interested in finding phosphate free washing powder and dishwasher tablets? Following watching a TV programme, Eat Well for the Planet BBC1, they recommended the ECOEGG for people who wanted to reduce the amount of chemicals and phosphates going into the water supply. The ECOEGG is a rubber egg shaped capsule that contains a supply of mineral pellets which act like soap. Put the egg, containing pellets in your normal wash at between 30-60°C and the egg will wash your clothes clean and remove most stains. For heavy stains there is a stain remover costing £2.49. The egg lasts for 70 washes before it needs new pellets and these can be obtained online at a cost of £5.25 for 70 washes. If you tumble dry, there is a similar product that uses two scented sticks and separates the items of clothing and reduces drying time by 28% eliminating the need for fabric softener. There are also dishwasher tablets and re-usable bamboo kitchen towel. I have used the ECOEGG for about 12 washes, everything comes out clean and the stain remover works on tougher stains. The tumble drying eggs leave the clothes soft and smelling of fresh linen and they need little or no ironing if you fold them up straight from the tumble dryer.

All these products can be obtained from &Keep.com, (and other suppliers) where there is a list of products and prices. Orders over £40 have free postage- below this it is £2.49 per order. These things work!

The Gospel Writers

This is the first of four articles that look at the writers behind the four gospels in the New Testament.

Part 1 – The Gospel According to St Mark

In contrast to their order in the New Testament, the first of the four gospels to be written was that according to Mark. It was probably written between AD 65 and 75, at least thirty years after the death and resurrection of Jesus. Mark's gospel was not the earliest book of the New Testament to be written. Paul's letters to the churches he founded were written much earlier.

Mark was not a disciple of Jesus and we are not really sure of his true identity. Some think he was the young man who ran naked from the Garden of Gethsemane (Mark 14:51) or the companion of Barnabas and Paul on one of their journeys (Acts 12:25) or the friend of the writer of 1 Peter (1 Peter 5: 13) However, as Mark was the most common name in the Roman Empire at that time, we have no way of definitely identifying him. It appears that he was most probably a member of a Christian community in Rome and that he very likely knew the disciple, Peter, very well.

Before Mark wrote his gospel, stories about Jesus circulated in the Early Church both orally and in writing. The main source of these would, of course, be the disciples. The reason Mark decided to bring these together into a gospel was, probably, the passing of many of the original twelve disciples, in many cases through martyrdom. Mark took these stories and wove them together into his gospel. Rather like a seamstress making a bedcover out of different coloured or patterned squares of cloth, Mark assembled them in the way he felt they would go together best, acting both as an editor and writer.

Mark's gospel is very short - you can read it all in a couple of hours. It is not a life story of Jesus and has little chronology except for the last week of Jesus' life, to which Mark devotes a quarter of his gospel. It starts with Jesus, as a man, being baptised by John the Baptist and

ends abruptly at chapter 16 verse 8 with the women fleeing from the empty tomb. The rest of chapter 16 - verses 9 to 20 -is an addition to the gospel, written by someone else at a much later date. Scholars are divided in their opinions as to whether Mark originally finished his gospel on such an abrupt note. Some think Mark's original ending was lost, others that he died before he could complete it while others feel that was the way Mark intended to end it, leaving the reader to draw the conclusion, through faith, that Jesus had been raised from the dead. What do you think?

By writing the first gospel, Mark paved the way for the others. Indeed, as we shall see, his gospel acted as a blueprint, particularly for the writers of Matthew and Luke who copied great chunks of Mark's gospel into their own writings.

Alan Jones

Christmas Hampers

This Christmas we hope to give our regular Food Hub recipients a Christmas Hamper , funded by a grant we have received.

Volunteers will shop for, and pack the hampers at the beginning of December and these will be distributed on the weekend before Christmas. If anyone would like to donate a Chocolate Selection Box to be put in each hamper, we would be very grateful. If you could include these in your weekly shop and bring to Church by the first week of December, it would be most appreciated. If you cannot bring this to Church but would like it collected please ring Nicola on 01277 215179 or Lesley on 01277 215619 and they will help.

Thankyou in advance for your help.

Finance report as at 30/9/21			
Expenditure			
Type of payments	What we expect to pay/Budget	What we have paid at30/9/21	Comments/highlights
Day to day running costs (heat/light/water, stationery, services, insurance, printing, vicars expenses, small works to the fabric of the building)	£ 8,129	£ 9,204	
Central costs e g cost of housing, salary, pension (Parish Share)	£ 46,131	£ 7,750	£3900 vacancy credit not included (3 months)
Costs for Mission/Outreach eg Sunday School, Easter Cards etc	£ 500	£ 40	
Charitable Donations	£ 1,000	£ 86	
Total	£ 55,760	£ 17,080	
Income			
Type of Income	What we expect to receive/budget		
Planned income from regular giving schemes e g bank standing order	£ 11,900	£ 8,996	
Income we hope to get but cannot guarantee or plan for e g collections, one off donations, fees for special services	£ 39,360	£ 6,925	
Tax refund from Gift Aided donations	£ 4,500	£ 2,313	
Fund raising	£ 10,000	£ 1,299	Quiz/Fun Day/BBQ/Jumble
Total	£ 55,760	£ 19,533	
Current general fund bank balance			£ 8,340
Restricted funds*			
Fabric Fund		£ -	£ 4,170
Vicar and Churchwarden	£ -	£ -	£ 193
Designated funds			
Food Hub Fund			£ 4,524
Fabric Fund	£ -	£ -	£ 3,749
* Restricted funds are funds restricted for specific uses and can only be restricted by the donor			

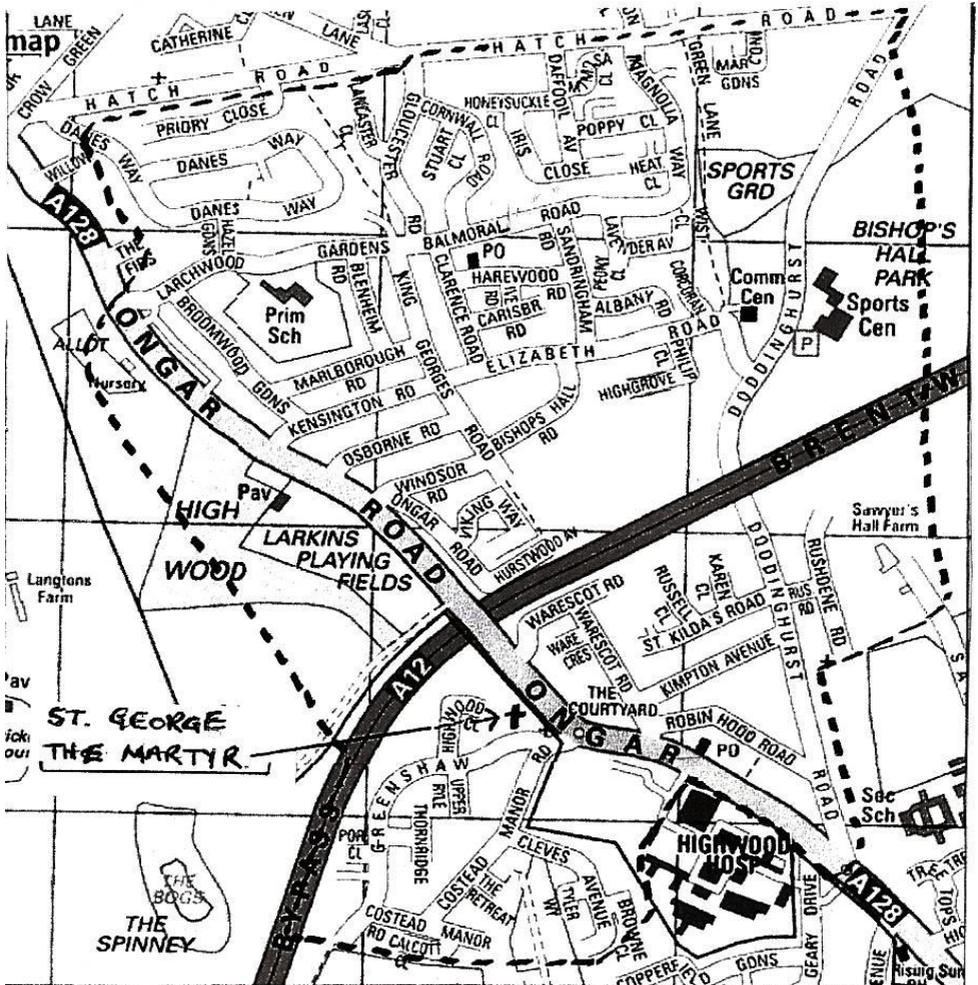
	7th November	14th November	21st November	28th November	5th December
11.15am	3 rd before Advent	2 nd before Advent Remembrance Sunday	Christ the King	Advent 1	Advent 2
1st reading	Jonah 3 : 1-5. 10 Mr Bell	Daniel 12:1-3 Miss Smith	Daniel 7:9-10, 13-14 Mr Bell	Jeremiah 33: 14-16 Mrs Hill	Baruch 5 :1-9 Mr Bell
2nd reading	Hebrews 9:24-28 Mr Sitch	Hebrews 10:11-14[15-18] 19-25 Mrs Tanner	Revelation 1:4b-8 Mrs Tanner	1 Thessalonians 3:9-end Mrs Wood	Philippians 1:3-11 Mrs Harris
Welcomers	Bob & Pam	Bob & Pam	Bob & Pam	Bob & Pam	Bob & Pam
Prayer of faithful	Clive & Lesley	Grahame	Beverley	Carolyn	Clive & Lesley
Collection Counters	Clive & Angela	Angela & Kath	Clive & Kath	Angela & Kath	Clive & Angela
6.30pm 1st Reading	To be decided On day	No Service	To be decided	No Service	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