

ST THOMAS' CHURCH, UPSHIRE EN9 3SS

NEWSLETTER

August 2019



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SERVICES AND DIARY FOR AUGUST

Every Monday: 11.30-12.30pm Open Hour in the church
 Every Friday: 11.30-12.30pm Quiet Hour in the church
 Every Sunday: 2.30-5.30pm Sunday Afternoon Teas in the church and churchyard

Sunday 4th The Seventh Sunday after Trinity
 9.15 a.m. **HOLY COMMUNION**
 Readings: Colossians 3:1-11 Luke 12:13-21

Sunday 11th The Eighth Sunday after Trinity
 9.15 a.m. **HOLY COMMUNION**
 Readings: Hebrews 11:1-3, 8-16 Luke 12:32-40

Tuesday 13th 10am onwards Churchyard Tidy with Shared Lunch from 12.30pm

Wednesday 14th 2.00-4.00 p.m. DESSERTS GALORE! in the church. All welcome

Sunday 18th The Ninth Sunday after Trinity
 9.15 a.m. **HOLY COMMUNION**
 Reading: Hebrews 11:29-12:2 Luke 12:49-56

Sunday 25th The Tenth Sunday after Trinity
 9.15 a.m. **HOLY COMMUNION**
 Readings: Hebrews 12:18-end Luke 13:10-17

Sunday 1st September The Eleventh Sunday after Trinity
 9.15 a.m. **HOLY COMMUNION**
 Readings: TBA

READERS (1st Reading)

4th: David W
 11th: Gwen H
 18th: Maureen S
 25th: Sue McK
 1st Sept: Lyn W

SIDESPEOPLE

Fred C & Sue McK
 David W & Pauline C
 Linda & Stephen A
 Norma B & David W
 Fred C & Barbara J

SERVERS

David W & Norma B
 Gwen H & Michael H
 Norma B & Pauline C
 Mike McK & Barbara J
 David W & Mike McK

FROM THE REGISTERS

Holy Baptism

23rd June Jessica Rose Matthews
 Olivia Evie Gates

Interment of Cremated Remains

17th June Olive Mabel Savill

Funerals

2nd July Carol Howard
5th July Michael Steven Smith

OPEN HOUR/QUIET HOUR

The church will be open every Monday morning between 11.30am and 12.30pm for the Open Hour also Fridays at the same time for Quiet Hour. Do pop in if you'd like to have a chat and a cup of tea or coffee, or if you want to sit and have time for reflection and prayer. Entrance by the west door whilst the Access for All ramp is being built.

FLOWER ROTA FOR AUGUST & SEPTEMBER

August 4th: Mr T. Jones & Mrs Lyn Wackett 11th, 18th & 25th: available

September 1st: available. 8th: Mr T. Jones 15th: available. 22nd: Mrs P. Norton 29th: available

If anyone would like to donate towards flowers in memory of a loved one on any of the available dates, please contact Lyn Wackett on 01992 711573 to discuss this with her or to have your name added to the flower rota. For Wedding or special occasion flowers please contact Marion Locke on 07789 643147.

WHEN IS ST THOMAS' CHURCH OPEN?

Every Sunday 9am – 11am for the 9.15am Service, 2.30-5.30pm for Afternoon Teas May 5th to 29th September.

Every Monday 11.30am – 12.30pm for Open Hour.

Every Friday 11.30am – 12.30pm for Quiet Hour.

Tuesday 13th August, Thursday 5th September & Thursday 10th October for Churchyard Tidy/Shared Lunch.

The above times and dates are subject to Services not known at the time of publication – check the Newsletter each month for further information.

PRAYER REQUESTS

You are invited to offer names to be added to our prayer diary to remember those who are unwell or unhappy, and to remember special dates, anniversaries, weddings, baptisms, etc.

First names only are required as God will know who we are praying for.

Contact Lyn Wackett on 01992 711573 or email lynanddavewackett@hotmail.co.uk

This month we pray for Allan & family, Jenny & family, Glenis, Laura, Alan & Pam, Lesley, Charlie & John, Brenda & Tony, Jacqui & Bob, Anne, Pam & John, Barbara, Janet, Len, Rita, Vernon, Mal, Glen, Louise, Sue, Ann & Cyril, Christine, Tim, Rhys, Pennie, Andy, Rosalind, Tom, Cathy, Eleanor, Barry, Bill, Maureen, Vivien, George, Doreen, Nathan, Beverly, David, Stephen, the Price family and the White family.

ANAGRAM

Unscramble this 12 letter anagram: UNLEASHSTIFF. The answer will be found elsewhere in the Newsletter.

COPPER JAR

Our thanks to the people who donated their coppers and small change to the Disability Fund via the Copper Jar, raising £33 in June.

STAMPS!

Please continue to save your postage stamps and foreign or out of circulation coins – many charities can use them to raise funds. At the moment we are supporting the Herts and Essex Air Ambulance. Stamps and coins can be left with Lyn and Dave at 94 Upshire Road, or brought along to church any Sunday.

Note: please remember to leave about ½” of envelope around the stamp. Thank you.

SUNDAY AFTERNOON TEAS

Sunday Afternoon Teas at St Thomas' are available between 2.30 and 5.30pm every Sunday until Sunday 29th September. Come and enjoy one (or more!) of our delicious home made cakes or savouries and a welcome cup of tea, coffee or a soft drink whilst enjoying our beautiful views overlooking the Lea Valley from the front and towards London from the rear of the church. Look for the sights of London – on a clear day we can see the Wembley arch and the BT tower.

On some Sundays we will be entertained by organ music, depending on the availability of our organist. We also have our Charity Stall each week with lots of bargains! When in season we will have home grown produce and preserves. We would be grateful for any items for the stall, but no electrical items, please, as we are not allowed to sell them unless they have been recently PAT tested.

All help with teas, whether serving, baking, setting out and clearing up or helping in the kitchen will be very much appreciated – contact Lyn on 01992 711573 if you are able to help in any way on the occasional Sunday.

UPSHIRE MOTHERS' UNION

Come and Join Us!

We are a friendly group who meet on the 4th Wednesday of the month in the Village Hall,

Upshire at 2.15pm until 4pm or in St Thomas' Church for our Corporate Communion Services at 2.15.



We had no meeting in June.

We do not have a meeting in August but make a note in your diary: Wednesday 14th August in St Thomas' Church: DESSERTS GALORE! Forget the boring part of the meal, just come along and spoil yourself! A wide variety of desserts on offer, 2-4pm.

For further information about forthcoming meetings contact our Branch Leader, Mrs Ann Smith on 01992 767809.

FOOD BANK

The local Food Bank is in need of donations of cash, canned and dried foods as the reserves are being stretched to the limit. Some families' circumstances are such that they are no longer able to feed their families of small and vulnerable children. Are you able to help in any way?

The Foodbank has now moved to the HUB in the Holdbrook row of shops, Waltham Cross, which will give better access and will be open between 4pm and 5pm on Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday and Friday. Holdbrook is on the main bus route and has plenty of parking space. The new site has lots more space for frozen and fridge goods, fresh fruit and vegetables, fresh bread and cakes, and clothes for babies through to adults, all shapes and sizes.

Please DO NOT take donations to the Salvation Army at Sewardstone Street, Waltham Abbey as they can no longer accept goods.

CHURCHYARD TIDY & SHARED LUNCH

We will be meeting in the churchyard at 10am on TUESDAY 13th August (not Thursday this time) for a churchyard tidying session. Everyone is invited to come along and help. Refreshments are available throughout the day, but we stop work at 12.30pm for our shared lunch in the church with a chance to relax before continuing work in the churchyard. If you are able to spare an hour or two throughout the day you will be most welcome. You don't have to join in the churchyard tidying to come to the lunch, all we ask is that you bring some food, either sweet or savoury, to share with everyone else. We always have a good time, lots of work gets done but we still have time for a chat – do come along and join us. Our next churchyard tidy is on 5th September.

EPPING FOREST HERITAGE TRUST – Guided Walks 2019

Friends of Epping Forest have now merged with Epping Forest Centenary Trust to form EPPING FOREST HERITAGE TRUST. The aim is, as ever, to work to preserve Epping Forest and increase people's knowledge, understanding and engagement with the Forest.



FOREST WALKS AND MORE

Join our programme of Forest walks or come along to our family activity session at the Epping Forest Visitor Centre. Enjoy the Forest with us and discover more of its heritage. Some walks are a gentle stroll, while others are taken at a faster pace. These walks are free but donations to support the work of the Trust are welcome. Please come suitably dressed for walking in the Forest, which can be wet and muddy.

Sunday 4th August, 10.30am-12.30pm

Exploring Wintry Wood

Led by Mike Rumble, a chance to visit this lesser known part of the Forest, also known as the Lower Forest. Walk the disused C16th Stump Road and discover more about the history and wildlife.

Meet at the Woodyard Forest Car Park, on Woodyard Road, off Epping Road, Epping. Between Epping and North Weald. Grid ref: TL473031

Sunday 15th September, 9.00am-5.00pm

The Annual Epping Forest Celebration Walk

Discover more about Epping Forest by walking the entire length in the day or take part in one of the local sections of the long walk from south to north. Celebrate how lucky we are to have Epping Forest!

Organised by the Epping Forest Heritage Trust, the West Essex Ramblers and the Conservators of Epping Forest.

For further information email: enquiries@efht.org.uk Tel: 020 8508 9061 or speak to Sue McKinley in church. www.efht.org.uk

If you would like to become a member, email: membership@efht.org.uk or write to EFHT, Warren Lodge, Loughton, Essex IG10 4RN.

THE CHURCH OF THE HOLY INNOCENTS, HIGH BEACH

Sunday Afternoon Teas

Every Sunday until 29th September, 2.00-5.30p.m. Come and enjoy the tranquillity of the Forest, whilst enjoying tea or coffee and home-made cake. Listen to our Father Willis Organ being played in church. Experience the fun of ringing the carillon. In addition we have the following entertainment:

- 4th August: 3.00pm Harlow Accordion Band
- 11th August: The Organist entertains
- 18th August: Free walk-in concert by Mary Young and pianist at 2.30pm repeated at 4pm.
- 25th August: The Organist entertains
- 1st September: Concert of Songs & secular by Liz Pearce and Hannah Harragan at 3.00pm.

CAR PARKING can be a problem and we are trying to resolve this in conjunction with the Village Hall Trustees. For the 9.15am Service you can park in the Village Hall car park but only ON THE GRAVEL as this will allow the hirers of the hall to park on the tarmac and unload from their cars, etc. At all other times please observe the parking notices and follow their instruction as hirers of the village hall have sole rights to park there. Thank you.

When parking in the churchyard, we respectfully ask you not to park outside the containers or along the right side of the roadway to the car park, in front of the Garden of Remembrance or block the access to the church. It is vital to keep this area clear should it be necessary for any of the emergency services to come up to the church. Thank you.

50/50 CLUB

Congratulations to our June winners of the 50/50 Club Bumper Draw. They are:

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| 1 st : £45 | No.54 Beryl Holland of Claverhambury |
| 2 nd : £35 | No.26 Mirreen Kay of Leytonstone |
| 3 rd : £25 | No.16 Eleanor Huxter of Claverhambury |
| 4 th : £20 | No. 68 Stephen Brown of Upshire |
| 5 th : £15 | No.21 Valerie Peden of Bulls Cross |

Thank you to all our members for your support, 50% of the money raised helps with the upkeep of St Thomas' Church and 50% returned in prizes. We still have spaces available for new members, you can join at any time for just £2 a month or £12 for the six months of the Draw. Contact Lyn Wackett on 01992 711573 if you are interested.

It is now time to begin Draw 4 of St Thomas' 50/50 Club. There will still be monthly draws and the entry fee is £12.00 every six months (or £2 for every month of membership). Depending on membership, the first five draws will have prizes of £35, £25 and £15. The sixth draw is a Bumper Draw when we have 5 prizes – at the moment the prizes will be £45, £25, £25, £20 and £15. If the membership increases, so will the prizes!

The first two draws, nominally for July and August, will take place at the end of August to allow for the maximum number of entries. Each member is entitled to a maximum of two entries, couples can have four. Please complete the form below and return it to me, along with your subscription, either on a Sunday morning after the service or to the address stated. Good luck to everyone who enters.

St Thomas' Church 50/50 Club Draw 4

July to December 2019

I wish to become a member of St Thomas' new 50/50 Club and enclose cash/cheque for £12 per entry (maximum 2 per person). (Please make cheques payable to **St Thomas' Church** and return your entries to Lyn Wackett, 94 Upshire Road, Waltham Abbey, EN9 3PA or see me after church any Sunday).

Name:

Address:

Telephone:

UPSHIRE SHORT MAT BOWLS CLUB

We are looking for new members. Everyone is welcome to come along and join our friendly club. No experience is necessary.

We meet at UPSHIRE VILLAGE HALL on Monday afternoons from 2-4.30pm, Tuesday and Wednesday evenings from 7-9.30pm. Free Car Parking.

Please phone for more information – or just pop in.

Monday: Sarah Dodds, 01992 610542

Tuesday: Kitty Warner 01992 788660 or Fred Corsham 01992 711720.

Wednesday: Jackie Sullivan 07541 082064 or Dave Wackett 01992 711573.

If you are interested please give us a ring or leave your name and number and we will contact you.

WALTHAM ABBEY CHURCH activities for August

Saturday 17th: Tower open, 1.30-3.45pm, last admission 3.30pm.

Admission to tower £5. Cream Teas available in church

Further information from the Parish Office, The Abbey Church Centre, Abbey Gardens, Waltham Abbey, (01992 767897) parish.office@walthamabbeychurch.co.uk

WALTHAM ABBEY FLORAL ART SOCIETY

We meet at the Royal British Legion Hall, Brooker Road, EN9 1HY. Doors open at 7.15pm for a 7.45pm start, all are welcome.

Chairlady: Marjorie Chapman, 01992 712975 Secretary: Chris Beales, 01992 712704

Tuesday 24th September: Demonstration “A Night at the Opera”

Tuesday 22nd October: AGM and workshop making a Christmas wreath

Tuesday 26th November: Demonstration “Tis the season to be jolly”

Tuesday 10th December: Our Social Christmas Evening

WALTHAM ABBEY TOURIST INFORMATION CENTRE

2019 COACH TRIPS

Trips depart from Quaker Lane at 9am unless otherwise stated. All trips are £22, concession £20 unless otherwise stated and should be paid in full at time of booking. Cancellations will not be refunded.

Book at the Information Centre, 6 Highbridge Street, Waltham Abbey EN9 1DG. 01992 660336, email tic@walthamabbey-tc.gov.uk

Saturday 3rd August: HASTINGS (OLD TOLD CARNIVAL)

Thursday 29th August: SOUTHWOLD Depart 8.30am

Saturday 14th September: FAVERSHAM (FOOD FESTIVAL)

Wednesday 23rd October: MYSTERY TRIP

Saturday 23rd November: BURY ST EDMUNDS (CHRISTMAS MARKET)

Tuesday 10th December: HYDE PARK (WINTER WONDERLAND)

THE ROYAL BRITISH LEGION

Brooker Road, Waltham Abbey.



Patron Her Majesty The Queen



We are extending a warm welcome to the headquarters for visitors, locals and friends...

We have a fully licensed bar which is open all week except

Thursdays, facilities for social events i.e. line dancing, bingo sessions and live entertainment on Saturday nights, and good car parking facilities at rear of the building.

Please come along from 7pm, you will be most welcome.

WALTHAM ABBEY SALVATION ARMY

Join us for coffee and biscuits and browse in our shop – open every Tuesday between 9.30 am and 12noon in the Salvation Army Hall, Sewardstone Street, Waltham Abbey. We appreciate donations of new and good second-hand items for the shop.

ST THOMAS' CHURCH, UPSHIRE

DESSERTS GALORE!

Wednesday 14th August, 2 – 4pm
in the church

Have an early lunch, then come and finish your meal
with a wide choice of desserts – as much as you can eat!
(Or just forget about the boring bit of the meal
and spoil yourself!)

Only £4 per person – hot/cold drinks included

Further information from Lyn on 01992 711573 or Ann on 01992 767809

ANAGRAM

The answer to the anagram is FAITHFULNESS.

FLY TIPPING

High Beach Church recently had a load of cannabis residue dumped outside the church. The Revd Jane Begley has been in touch with the City of London Corporation for a number to phone to report any incidents of fly tipping in the Forest which currently costs the Corporation £300K a year to clear.



The number to ring is **0208 532 1010** which is a **24** hour number and messages will be passed onto the duty team.

If the Corporation is successful in ascertaining to whom the rubbish belongs, then a prosecution will follow. Take note, it is the person to whom the rubbish belongs, and if possible, the person who tipped the rubbish, who will be prosecuted. Fly tipping is a criminal offence punishable by a fine of up to £50,000 or 12 months imprisonment is convicted in a Magistrates' Court. The offence can attract an unlimited fine and up to 5 years imprisonment if convicted in a Crown Court.

If you see anyone fly tipping, please take a note of the registration number of the vehicle, the make of the vehicle and any other information which might help track the perpetrators and then pass this information to the Corporation. If you find any fly tipped rubbish please report it to the Corporation on the above number. The sooner such instances are reported, the better chance there is of finding out who is responsible.

ENFIELD BRASS BAND

presents

Music for a Summers Evening including
 the 'Last Night of the Proms' 

Saturday 7th September
7 for 7.30pm in the church

Audience participation encouraged – bring your flags and hooters!

Tickets £10 include full buffet & wine/soft drinks from Lyn on 01992 711573

ACCESS FOR ALL RAMP

Our major project, the 'Access for all' ramp via the church's north door, began on 22nd July with the view to complete by 27th September. We apologise for any inconvenience caused by this project. Please note the works area will be fenced off to protect the public and the north door will be kept locked while these works are carried out. Access will be through the west door with designated routes being signposted for everybody's safety. The assembly point notice will be repositioned to beyond the garden of remembrance as viewed from the west door.

SUMMER FAIR

Despite a road closure and poor weather conditions our annual Summer Fair took place on 20th & 21st July. We would like to thank everybody who helped in any way, setting up the marquees and tables for the various stalls, manning them and/or clearing them away afterwards. It was a great team effort.

The Dog Show attracted a large number of new competitors and their dogs to a well-organised event by a new team. Special thanks to our new judge and helpers.

The catering teams were very busy, producing lunches, sandwiches, cakes and hot and cold drinks throughout the weekend, and with our organists and floral arrangements the church was very welcoming to all our visitors. We must thank all those who contributed and promoted this event.

Finally, we would like to thank all those who attended and supported this happy event, further details will be in next month's Newsletter.

'AT HOME' EVENT

St Germaine's Church, Moreton, (near Blake Hall) are holding an 'At Home' event on Monday 26th August between 11am and 4pm. All welcome.

CALLING ALL STAR BAKERS under and over 12 years of age to produce 5 cup cakes and/or a cake of your choice for the Macmillan Coffee Morning on Friday 27th September, 10am-2pm. Entries must be in by 10.30am.