

Rodings, Easters and Great Canfield

Notice Sheet

Sunday 22nd November 2020

Sunday Before Advent – Christ the King

CHURCH WEBSITE www.thesixparishes.org.uk

10 CHURCHES WORSHIP THIS SUNDAY

9.30 am ONLINE Said Morning Prayer with Rev'd Robert Stone

To join Zoom <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/84118688774?pwd=TUIvd1lBak5kZENzbHlVWis3VWRHdz09>
Meeting ID: 841 1868 8774 and Passcode: 862599

11.00am ONLINE Morning Worship

To join Zoom <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/84639369959?pwd=eHRIUVYyVjJPK0RqN2VoZ1lvRThldz09>
Meeting ID: 846 3936 9959. Passcode: 046074

OTHER SERVICE OPTIONS THIS SUNDAY

Our neighbours in the Pilgrim Parishes will be live streaming services via YouTube Worship and the Word at 11am. These services can be watched live or at any time on YouTube. To access this and other Pilgrim Parishes services on YouTube search for: "Pilgrim Parishes Contingency Church" or connect to https://www.youtube.com/channel/UC2eCJmIRv5W_giGT9Ea-bHw

The Chelmsford Diocese sermon for this week is available at , <https://www.chelmsford.anglican.org/sermons>

Spoons at the ready, it's Stir-Up Sunday 22 November



Otherwise known as the final Sunday before Advent, the day takes its name from an Anglican church prayer, which begins: "Stir up, we beseech thee, O Lord..." The words reminded the Victorian churchgoers to start stirring up their Christmas pudding, so it has time to mature before Christmas Day.



Last year we held a Christmas Pudding workshop in Good Easter village hall, sadly the current situation prevents us from doing this, however please check out our website, <http://thesixparishes.org.uk/index.php/our-church-online/> where you will find our Christmas pudding recipe!

THIS WEEK IN THE 10 CHURCHES

Sunday 22 nd November	1.00pm interment of ashes, Great Canfield
Tuesday 24 th November	Deanery Synod via Zoom @ 7.30pm
Wednesday 25 th November	Mid-week worship via Zoom @ 11.00am https://us02web.zoom.us/j/87119782204?pwd=bThDdElGMVRITXljcGY4bVRYRHZZQT09 Meeting ID: 871 1978 2204 and Passcode: 907195
Friday 27 th November	10.30am – Jill's home group meet via Zoom 2.00pm – Robert's home group meet via Zoom If you would like to join either of these groups you would be very welcome, please use the contact us page on the website to get in touch

FOR YOUR PRAYERS

Stir up, we beseech thee, O Lord, the wills of thy faithful people; that they, plenteously bringing forth the fruit of good works, may of thee be plenteously rewarded; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

For Robert and our Churchwardens as they make plans for Christmas services, we pray for your wisdom and direction.

For those mourning the loss of loved ones across our parishes, especially the family and friends of Sally Willsher (Good Easter).

PLEASE CONTINUE TO PRAY

The Church of England is being called to make November 2020 a month of prayer for our nation. The House of Bishops has suggested that this call will take the form of an invitation to every Christian and person of good will to pray at 6pm every day, from Thursday 5 November for the period of this present lock-down. There are simple resources on the Church of England website and social media channels with suggested topics for prayer each day. There is also a weekly prayer and the one for this coming week is shown below. Please have a look at the resources and if you can join in with the daily prayers either at 6pm or at whatever time suits.

<https://www.churchofengland.org/more/media-centre/coronavirus-covid-19-guidance-churches/call-prayer-nation#na>

Lord Jesus Christ, in these dark and difficult days, we turn our hearts to you. In ages past, you have delivered our nation from disaster. Do it again, we pray. Give wisdom beyond human wisdom to our leaders. Give strength beyond human strength to the NHS and all our frontline workers. Give comfort beyond human comfort to the elderly and all who grieve. Lord Jesus Christ, in these dark and difficult days, turn your face towards us, have mercy upon us, and heal our land, we pray. Amen

OTHER NEWS



Friends of Essex Christmas Cards 2020 – Please helps support FoE who are great supporters and funders to our churches (Good Easter has just received a £9k grant towards phase 2 of their roof repairs). Jeremy has packs for sale, each pack is 10 cards for £6 and his details are in Parish News or contact Allison who will forward. The cards are 210mm x 148mm and the image is The Adoration of the Shepherds above the chancel arch in St. Michael and All Angels, Copford. Painted in 1886 by Clayton and Bell.

Although our buildings are closed for public worship, they are open for private prayer as follows: Good Easter all day Sunday, High Easter Wednesday afternoon and Sunday morning, Leaden Roding church Sunday afternoon. All other churches remain closed for private prayer at this time.

Deanery Synod this Tuesday 24 November at 7.30pm. The speaker will be Revd James Guilder who will be representing the Archdeacon of Chelmsford and is the Diocesan Environmental Officer. He will be speaking about the recent Diocesan motions regarding Environmental concerns within the Diocese. All are welcome to attend, not just Deanery Synod reps, if you would like the link for this meeting please contact Allison.



Christmas is coming! Together with Robert our churches are making plans for worship during December in our church buildings, albeit with an expectation that restrictions in some form will apply. At this time there is no guidance on when churches will be able to resume public worship and what the restrictions might be. The Christmas Tree Festival at Good Easter which normally starts on the first Friday in December will not take place in its normal form, however there will be some trees in church which will provide a space for individuals to reflect and a memory tree in the porch which will be accessible throughout December. Please check our website for all the latest information.

Online Alpha Course delayed until January 2021. This is an opportunity to join with others and to find out and discuss what Christianity has to say about 15 important 'life' questions, If you would like to be join the discussion please speak to Robert.



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