

ST. EDMUND AND ST. MARY'S CHURCH, INGATESTONE
WHERE STRANGERS BECOME FRIENDS

Notices

5th February 2017



Please remember in your prayers this week:

Those who are ill in body, mind or spirit:

Colin Parker Rich Norwood
Angela Ward Stella Brown
Sheila Evill Florrie Waller

The family and friends of the departed:

Michael Evill, Peter Isherwood, Victor Pitts and Winifred Lodge.

Our spiritual leaders; Revd Patrick Sherring and Revd Andy Finn .

All those who are considering confirmation.

All those who will be baptised this year.

Those who are planning their weddings this year.

Revd Celia Parkes and the churches of Fryerning, Margaretting, Mountnessing & Buttsbury.

Ingatestone and Fryerning Churches Together churches and their ministers: Father Anthony, Pastor Lee and Revd Ruth.

The schools in our Benefice.

COLLECT FOR TODAY:

Lord of the hosts of heaven,
our salvation and our strength, without you we are lost: guard
us from all that harms or hurts and raise us when we fall;
through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

† SUNDAY LUNCH CLUB

Join us at **12:30 on the first Sunday in each month** at the
Ingatestone Community Centre for an excellent home cooked
roast dinner with a choice of three meats.

The cost is a very reasonable £6-50 for a regular roast, and £7-
95 for a large meal.

If you are interested, please put your name on the list on the
board at the back of church.

CONFIRMATION 2017

Confirmation will take place at Chelmsford Cathedral on Easter
Eve (Saturday, 15th April 2017). In preparation for this Andy
will be holding sessions exploring the Christian Faith. If you are
interested in exploring some of the basics of the Christian Faith
please see Andy or contact him on 01277 514653. Taking part
in the sessions does not commit you to being confirmed. You
are welcome to come and explore.

† FAITH PICTURES

A six week course to help all Christians find a creative and
simple way to tell your faith story. The heart of the course is
about helping people identify a single picture or image that
embodies something of their faith. The course involves videos
and discussion with refreshments.

**Our last session will take place after the service on 5th
March. Everyone is welcome.**

† CHURCH OPEN ON SATURDAYS

Whilst we had the church open for visitors on Saturdays throughout the summer, it became apparent how many people found it valuable not only just to visit, but also for quiet prayer and solace. The PCC have agreed that we should continue this opportunity for our community throughout the year. We would like to have the church open every **Saturday for an hour between 10:30 and 11:30**. Once again, your help is requested to make this possible. If you are able to spare an hour on a Saturday, please put your name on the rota at the back of church. Many thanks.

† FOOD BANK

Please remember that there is a box at the back of the church for items for the Brentwood Foodbank. Item in particular need at present are:

Juice

Hot meat in a tin

Instant mash

Cold ham in a Tin (not corned beef)

Tinned meat pies

Washing powder / liquid

Shampoo, Deodorant, Shower gel

Kitchen/bathroom cleaners

Once again, many thanks for all your donations!

† HOUSE GROUP

House Group will meet this Thursday at 10am at Audrey's flat - 1 Haslers Court. everyone is welcome.

† LENT COURSE

3RD MARCH TO 7TH APRIL 2017

Our Lent Course this year will be

Pilgrim: The Lord's Prayer, written by Bishop Stephen Cottrell.

There will be an evening session on **Wednesdays 7:30-9 p.m. at the Elim church. Friday mornings 9:30-10.30 a.m 3rd March – 7th April in this church.** Booklets will cost £5. Please put your name down on the sheet at the back of church if you are interested in attending.

† EMUs

We are very sorry but due to a lack of staffing we have had to take the decision to close EMUS at this present time. I would like to thank you for all the support that we had over the last few years. If it becomes possible to find the staffing then we would look to re-launch Emus. If you are interested in helping us, please do not hesitate to contact: revandyfinn@outlook.com or 01277 514653.

† Womens' World Day of Prayer

St John's Catholic Church, Ingatestone is hosting Women's World Day of Prayer this year. The country that we are focusing on this year is The Philippines.

Planning/Rehearsal: Friday 24th Feb 11:30-1pm at St. John's

Women's World Day of Prayer Service:

3rd March: 12pm with refreshments served afterwards.

Please put your name on the list at the back of church if you would like to be involved.

† CANCER RESEARCH UK SPONSORED ABSEIL

The Cancer Research UK abseil will take place down our church tower on 4th March at 9 a.m.

We will need to provide refreshments all day. If you are available for an hour or two, there is a sign-up sheet at the back of church. Any time that you can give will be greatly appreciated.

† PARISH CHURCH ELECTORAL ROLL

If you consider yourself to be part of our church, the PCC invites you all to be included on the Electoral Roll. **Please complete a new form** which has a section giving permission (or not) for your details to be displayed here in the church for 2 weeks prior to our APCM in Spring. They are available at the back of church.