

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



Notices
4th February 2018


 **Please remember in your prayers this week:**

 ***Those who are ill in body, mind or spirit:***


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| Colin Parker | Revd Patrick |
| Chris Parker | Rich Norwood |
| Samatha Allington | Anne George |
| Ethel Terry | Alan Williams |
| Marjorie Perring | Elaine Cooper |
| Colin Chambers | Sheila Evill |
| Pat Bishop | John Bishop |
| Morley Willis | Ron Holmes |
| Marianne Cornell | John Harburn |
| Pat Bates | Douglas Wright |


 ***The family and friends of the departed:***


Thelma Clarkson, Margaret Reading,
Ian Marks, Carole Mabey and John Baker.


 Our spiritual leader, Revd Patrick Sherring and those who assist him.

 All those who are considering confirmation this year.

 All those who have been and will be baptised this year.

 Those who are planning their weddings this year.

 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:**

Almighty God,
give us reverence for all creation and respect for every person, that we may mirror your likeness in Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

† CONFIRMATION 2018

We will be taking confirmation candidates **of any age** this year to the service at the Brentwood School Chapel on Sunday 24th of June at 3pm.

Anyone considering confirmation, please be in touch with Revd Patrick: 352562

† CHURCH OPEN ON SATURDAYS

We would like to have the church open every **Saturday for an hour between 10:30 and 11:30**. The local community do appreciate this opportunity for private prayer and we do get quite a few visitors. 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.

† CHURCHES TOGETHER LENT COURSE – ON THE THIRD DAY.

Audio input discussion course.

How can we re-capture the explosive power of the resurrection that ricocheted around the world?

How can we live in the glow of the

Resurrection and be an Easter people?

Thursdays 15th and 22nd, of February

1st, 8th & 15th of March.

St. Edmund & St. Mary Parish Church

7.45 – 9.15 p.m.

Course booklets available £3.10

† ESSEX POLICE CHOIR CONCERT

Presented by The Ingatestone Rotary Club, In aid of Alzheimer's Society

on Saturday 17th March 2018 7.30 p.m. (doors open 7.00 p.m.) at Tickets £12.50 (including wine and nibbles)

St Edmund & St Mary Parish Church, Ingatestone CM4 9DU

Tickets available from: Gallivant Travel, High Street, Ingatestone Club of Ingatestone

† HOUSE GROUP

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

† SCHOOL GOVERNOR VACANCY

If you would like to get more involved in your local community? Why not consider becoming a school governor? We have a Foundation Governor vacancy at Ingatestone & Fryerning C of E (VA) Junior school. No experience is necessary and full training is provided. If you are interested and would like more information about this rewarding role, please call or email René Horner 353555, Renedhorner@gmail.com or speak to René or Revd Patrick after the service.

† PARISH GIVING OFFICER

The PCC is looking to appoint a Parish Giving Officer to help the parish community develop its approach to planned giving, thereby enabling the parish to resource its mission and ministry. This will be a voluntary role and you would report to the PCC and work closely with Revd Patrick and our Treasurer, Martin Taylor.

Outline Person Specification:

- Enthusiastic and able to motivate other people to give to God
- Sensitive to people and who will not pressurise them into a commitment.
- Respectful of confidentiality regarding any conversations or discussions held.
- Happy with their own giving.
- Have a high expectation of church members to respond, whilst at the same time realising not everyone will respond positively.

- Understand that progress will only be made by encouraging and motivating regular, committed and sacrificial giving. This often takes some time to achieve.

If this is of interest to you, please speak to a member of the PCC or Revd Patrick.

† SUNDAY LUNCH CLUB

TODAY

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.

† 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:

Tinned Goods:

Meat Pies, Braising Steak, Mince & Onion, Chicken in Sauce, Tinned Ham, Curries, Corned Beef, Chilli con carne, Salmon, Bolognese, Sardines, Chicken Casserole, Beef Casserole.

Coffee & Tea

Tomato Sauce, Brown Sauce.

Shampoos, Deodorants, Razors, Shaving Gels & Creams, Washing Up Liquids, Kitchen & Bathroom Cleaners, Washing Powders and Liquids, Toilet Cleaners.

Once again, many thanks for all your donations!

† "UNBELIEVABLE? CAN AN INTELLIGENT PERSON BELIEVE IN GOD?"

7 pm 3rd of March at Chelmsford Cathedral with Sharon Dirckx PHD from the Oxford Centre for Christian Apologetics.

Sharon Dirckx (pronounced 'Dirix') is an Academic Tutor at the Oxford Centre for Christian Apologetics. Originally from a scientific background she has a PhD in brain imaging from the University of Cambridge and has held research positions at the University of Oxford and in the US. During its founding year in 2004/5, Sharon graduated from the Oxford Centre for Christian Apologetics. She has since been invited to speak and lecture in a variety of contexts and has also appeared on BBC Songs of Praise, Premier Christian Radio and BBC Radio 2 Good Morning Sunday with Clare Balding.