



The Creeksea Chronicle

Building a house where Love can dwell – starts in October!

YES! Finally work on the annexe is going to start. Tenders were received during May and Matt Bailey Construction Services Ltd was chosen as our contractor by our PCC. The company plans to start work in the autumn on this 30 week building project. Over the years, thanks to the amazing generosity of Kath House and her donation for the stained glass memorial window and to Keith Thacker for all his hard work in arranging the sale of the Church Room, we have put together substantial funds to build the annexe. Each year the surplus in our accounts has also been put towards the annexe fund but even so we shall have to look for additional funding to complete the project. Ian Harvey, Chairman of the Fundraising Committee has already begun the process of seeking grants and the committee are organising a series of events during the summer to raise the profile of the project locally as well as money for its construction.

Easter Joy

THE sadness of the Crucifixion, on the green hill far away was transformed by the children in Play & Praise who made the beautiful tissue and pipe cleaner flowers to create a an Easter Garden bursting out into the church. The white robe was taken from the Palm Sunday Display representing the burial of Jesus and hung upon the cross to represent his victory over death, revealed in the resurrection.

Easter Sunday saw a song-filled church full of families, rejoicing in the Easter Story and joining together in the Communion with the Bread of Friendship. Joey Bear wanted to know just why we celebrate so and with help from the Easter Bunny and a trip back in time thanks to the magic clock he discovered the secret at the heart of Easter and why we have Easter Eggs.

Please do support our fundraising committee in their ventures

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| 23rd June | Quiz Night - at 35 Maldon Road, Burnham |
| 1st July | Creeksea Open Gardens Cream Tea and Bookstall - Keeway, Ferry End Cottage & Church, with the Burnham in Bloom winner for three years running, at Creeksea Caravan Park. |
| 28th July | Wine Tasting - Ferry End Cottage |

21st Century Technology

– a fundraising answer to a Victorian Church's Prayer

WHEN Julian Bavin came with his little brother Ben to Play & Praise, in the old Church Room in Creeksea Lane he never dreamed that he would be the one to come up with an amazing fundraising idea for the new annexe.

As he grew up he began, like many of his generation, to see the potential in computers and has made his career in Computer Aided Design. Working for Elecosoft Plc, whose chairman is John Ketteley, he came to hear of the planned extension and the need to raise some extra money to build it. Through the goodwill of the company and his enthusiasm Elecosoft Plc have stepped up and partnered the church to help raise the capital needed. They have recreated the church and the proposed extension using their 3^D home design software. People are now able to visualise what it'll really look like.



INTERIOR DESIGN COMPETITION!

Elecosoft Plc are holding a competition for a chance for 5 people to each win a copy of their professional 3d architect home design software called Arcon Evo worth £550. This was the version used to create the church project. It's a minimum of £5 to enter or however much you're willing to generously contribute. A guaranteed 100% of the entry fees will go towards the funding of the church extension.



WHAT DO YOU HAVE TO DO?

Simply visit arconsupport@elecosoft.com to learn details of how to enter the competition. You'll receive a **FREE** 30 day trial of the software with the 3^D church project already included. With your download, you'll also receive a step by step guide on how to design interior in the software. This has been especially created just for you during this competition. The top 5 best interior designs will win. These will be chosen by a team from All Saints' Church. Once you're happy with your design, submit it via email to arconsupport@elecosoft.com. The last date of entry is 30th July. The winner will be announced on September 15th and confirmation sent to winners by email. Good luck!

ALTERNATIVE DONATION OPTION

If computer aided design is not your strongpoint, never fear. You can still enjoy seeing at Julian's idea in virtual reality. Visit the link above to view Julian and Elecosoft's amazing scheme. Part of the page will take you to an opportunity to make a donation for a construction item of your choice. For example you can purchase tiles for the roof, a window or simply a door handle.

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Creeksea Church Easter Display



Taking up a Challenge

ALL SAINTS' CHURCH took up the challenge and pledged to pray, joining in a global wave of prayer for the Kingdom of God. On 21st May the pledge was made and the congregations at 8.30 and 10.15 all received a booklet *Praying for God's Kingdom* which outlined some of the advice offered by *Thy Kingdom Come 2017*. The booklet was available at all subsequent services in May.

Archbishops Justin Welby and John Sentamu asked churches across the country to pledge to pray during the period between Ascension Day and Pentecost [25th May – 4th June]. Their own prayer is that more and more people will be drawn to know Jesus and find his loving support for themselves. Archbishop Justin Welby produced a video describing how important his faith has been to him. It is a straightforward, sometimes poignant and sometimes humorous film which is

As we gather here in the harbour of your safety, we thank you for fellowship and family. We ask that you will strengthen us, restore us and inspire us with your love. Lord, fill us with your peace so that as we journey onwards we may pour our love and grace to others. We ask that our souls would catch the wind of your spirit so that we can take your promises to all the earth. Amen.



Praying For
God's
Kingdom
Meeting the
Challenge
from
Ascension
to
Pentecost

Taking Up a Challenge - continued

well worth viewing. The love he has found in Jesus is the reason he wants others to experience the same depth of support and care. That is why he asked all Anglicans to pray for more people to know Jesus. From his simple request made first last year the prayer has spread through all denominations. You can find Justin Welby's video on YouTube – Thy Kingdom Come 2017 – pledge to pray for more people to know Jesus as well as more clips about the movement, including voices of leaders of many different churches.

Belonging together

THE happiest moment during the Easter Services? It has to be the comment – 'I felt like I was part of a big family'. That's just what church should be. We are the family of God, his children, beloved, precious and we belong together. One of the great things families do is eat together at all those special occasions, Christmas, Easter, Birthdays, Anniversaries, Christenings, Weddings, exam results; indeed anything can be an excuse for a get together over food and wine. That's exactly what God's family do too. We get together and, as a family, break bread and share wine to remember the day when God extended his invitation, through Jesus, to everyone to join him in his family. Like every family occasion there is a mix of people, all different, aunts and uncles, grandparents, mums and dads, children, nieces and nephews. Then there may be friends of the family those people we love who want to belong but don't feel that they are quite there yet – that's just like church too. It can seem if everyone else knows what to do, is part of the group, comes up to share the meal. But how do we become part of all that.

Like any family there is a sense of commitment in belonging. In a family the parents are committed to looking

after their children, in caring for the elderly, in keeping touch with the extended family – and everyone reciprocates. At church the commitment is shown through Baptism and Confirmation. If we are Baptised as babies other people make those commitments for us – later we take those promises on ourselves at a service of Confirmation – we confirm our desire to be part of God's family, fully joined up, adopted by God the Father, brothers and sisters together. Its then we become part of the fellowship which receives communion, the bread and wine which reminds us of Christ's death and forgiveness – how he made us at one with God. It is our family meal.

The Church has established this tradition to give form and shape to the family of God, to offer opportunities for people to learn about Jesus and how, through history, the Church has explained his teachings. Confirmation is a rite of passage to show that we have decided to fully accept God's love and enter into a relationship with him.

God's love is freely given, open to all, it does not depend on us being confirmed into a particular denomination. What confirmation shows is that we are ready to accept his love and his way of living that pours love into the world through us. Communion isn't so much a sign of God's acceptance, as our longing to be part of his Kingdom of love. Through the joy and closeness of the moment we receive God's blessing and strength to continue in his love and service.

As a church family we remember the wideness and generosity of God when we share the bread of friendship. We think about the way Jesus fed the 5000, never seeking to ask whether the people who received the food were 'members' of his group – and in memory of that we break and share ordinary bread, freshly baked. It is a reminder that God's love is everywhere and for everyone – taking the step into full membership is saying thank you to God and offering oneself in his service as part of his family for eternity.

If you would like to take that step speak to one of the Churchwardens or to Revd Vera about confirmation.

The Annual Meeting

Fond farewells and New faces

AT THIS YEAR'S Annual Parochial Church Meeting All Saints' PCC and congregation said thank you Eirwen Shepherd who was unable to take up her post of Churchwarden last year following a fall. We have all missed Eirwen's regular calm and capable presence in church and her enthusiastic support for all church activities. Over the year a number of volunteers have taken over some of the extra tasks that Eirwen carried out such as organising the refreshment rota, doing flowers, and have also relieved Sue Ketteley of some of the extra work that fell on her shoulders, like preparing the church for Sunday worship and administrative tasks. Everyone at the meeting was whole hearted in their thanks to Eirwen and in their hope that she would soon have the operation on her knee which would allow her to return to her preferred active life.

The meeting also thanked Howard and Moira Watling for their years of unstinting service and sadly accepted their resignations from the Parochial Church Council. Between them they have served for several decades. For many years Howard performed the Herculean task of organising the staffing of stalls at the Annual Fete and Moira has been responsible for undermining the resolve of dieters by producing the most amazing Lemon Meringue desserts for a variety of church functions – from Harvest lunches to Advent Suppers and many fetes and festivals between. In recent years Moira has also undertaken the task of distributing the Creeksa Chronicle. They have been stalwarts of the Church and through them we have been linked to the councils of the past. Those church councils worked hard to secure the future of the church by their financial acumen and through their welcome to

newcomers and their sustained support of ministers and church members. It is thanks to them that we are now in the position to look forward to the building of our new Annexe. Howard and Moira have seen us through the earlier stages of that project and now, as the plans come to fruition have handed on the baton to new PCC members. We are all very grateful for their years of dedicated service to our church and look forward to enjoying their company, support and advice for many years to come.

During the year PCC Secretary Frances [Fran] Aylieff took maternity leave and India-Rose Lesley was born on 9th February. Congratulations were offered to Fran, Malcolm and Harrison. Maddie Harvey kindly agreed to take over as Honorary Secretary for the interim and between them the handover was seamless. Maddie will continue in her role as secretary until Fran returns to post. At the Vestry meeting which took place before the APCM Maddie was also elected as Churchwarden with Sue Ketteley.

Towards the end of the year it was decided by the PCC that it was necessary to establish a fundraising committee, drawing in other members of the congregation. Ian Harvey kindly agreed to Chair the committee and also to manage grant applications for the PCC. Ian was co-opted onto the PCC, as was Colin Hart who is heavily involved in two of our major fundraising projects. The fundraising committee held their first event at Epiphany with an evening of competitions and refreshments at the church – raising over £200 for the Annexe Fund. Among the plans for 2017 are a cream tea and open gardens, a quiz and the annual wine-tasting.

With the retirement of Howard and Moira a further vacancy arose which has been filled by Joanne Lance. The PCC is now up to full strength and will be meeting on the 25th May to continue its work of overseeing the building of the new Annexe

PCC AGM - continued

and preparing to meet the needs of the church for the coming year.

Grateful thanks are also due to Mr Tony Bowen who examined the accounts and approved them and has agreed to be re-appointed as the Independent Examiner. Mr Stephen Wadman, who has handled the gift aid side of the church's finances also agreed to continue as Gift Aid Secretary an offer which was gratefully received.

The APCM is also an opportunity to thank all those unseen helpers who have no official title yet without whose work All Saints would not be the happy and busy church that it is. Each week the church is prepared for worship. The Communion is laid by Sue Ketteley, Ian Harvey or Stephen Wadman on the table covered by linen carefully starched and ironed by Kay Hill who has laundered the linen for many years. Every week different people welcome the congregation with a smile, a pew sheet and any necessary books. During the services others come forward to read the lesson. There are those who read intercessions and others who lead services. All this is co-ordinated by Lyn Cronin who has also taken on the refreshment rota for family services and has been a very able and efficient assistant to the Sue Ketteley, our Churchwarden over the past year. Lyn also helps on the fundraising committee, has taken on the task of organising the mailing list for the church from Eirwen Shepherd and has been an outstanding support in the many services – like Palm Sunday – where groups of readers are needed and rehearsals have to be arranged. Lyn has even led Morning Prayer when the Minster is away as have Sue Ketteley, Jane Burgess and Gordon MacLean. Without you all this church would not be the wonderful beacon it is in the community – thank you, each and every one of you, for all you do to express your ministry and your love of God in this place.

Your Parochial Church

Chair	Revd Vera Wadman
Churchwarden	Mrs Susan Ketteley
Churchwarden/ Secretary	Mrs Maddie Harvey
Deanery Synod Representative	Mr Rod Eastham
Deanery Synod Representative	Mr Gordon MacLean
Secretary	Mrs Frances Aylieff <i>[maternity leave]</i>
Treasurer	Mrs Mandy Matthews
Lay Chair	Mr David Watson
Member	Adrienne Smith
Member	Shelley Coxeter
Member	Colin Hart
Member	Ian Harvey
Member	Maryon Stretton
<i>[co-opted]</i>	
Member	Joanne Lance

The APCM

THE Annual Parochial Church Meeting **[APCM]** is always held in April and is an opportunity to ask questions about the Report & Accounts and to vote for members to the Parochial Church Council **[PCC]**. It is preceded by the 'Vestry' meeting. Every year around Easter time the Report & Accounts for the previous calendar year is published and is available for church members to read in Church or to take copies home. Everyone is invited to attend the annual meeting, which usually takes place a week or so after the Report & Accounts are displayed. The Vestry meeting is entirely separate from the APCM and is concerned solely with the election of the Churchwardens. After the APCM the new PCC meets for the first time to decide the date of its next meeting and to confirm the posts held by members of council.

Services and Events for JUNE 2017

DATE	TIME	SERVICE
4 TH June	8.30am	Holy Communion <i>BCP</i>
<i>Pentecost</i>	10.15am	Sunday Worship with Holy Communion
11 TH June	8.30am	Holy Communion <i>BCP</i>
<i>Trinity Sunday</i>	10.15am	Family Worship followed by Holy Communion
18 TH June	8.30am	Holy Communion <i>BCP</i>
<i>Trinity 1</i>	10.15am	Sunday Worship with Holy Communion
23 RD June	7.00pm	Quiz Night, at 35 Maldon Road, Burnham
<i>Friday</i>		
25 TH June	8.30am	Holy Communion <i>BCP</i>
<i>Trinity 2</i>	10.15am	Play & Praise
	6.00pm	Choral Evensong with Guest Speakers from Knightswood

Services and Events for JULY 2017

DATE	TIME	SERVICE
1 ST July	2.00pm	Open Gardens and Cream Tea at Keeway and Ferry End Cottage, Creeksea
<i>Saturday</i>		
2 ND July	8.30am	Holy Communion <i>BCP</i>
<i>Trinity 3</i>	10.15am	Sunday Worship with Holy Communion
9 TH July	8.30am	Holy Communion <i>BCP</i>
<i>Trinity 4</i>	10.15am	Family Worship followed by Holy Communion
16 TH July	8.30am	Holy Communion <i>BCP</i>
<i>Trinity 5</i>	10.15am	Sunday Worship with Holy Communion
23 RD July	8.30am	Holy Communion <i>BCP</i>
<i>Trinity 6</i>	10.15am	Play & Praise
	6.00pm	Choral Evensong Summer Series with Guest Speaker from Essex and Herts Air Ambulance
28 TH July	7.00pm	Wine Tasting at Ferry End Cottage, Creeksea
<i>Friday</i>		
30 TH July	8.30am	Holy Communion <i>BCP</i>
<i>Trinity 7</i>	10.15am	Sunday Worship with Holy Communion

Services and Events for AUGUST 2017

DATE	TIME	SERVICE
6 TH August	8.30am	Holy Communion <i>BCP</i>
<i>Trinity 8</i>	10.15am	Sunday Worship with Holy Communion
13 TH August	8.30am	Holy Communion <i>BCP</i>
<i>Trinity 9</i>	10.15am	Family Worship followed by Holy Communion
20 TH August	8.30am	Holy Communion <i>BCP</i>
<i>Trinity 10</i>	10.15am	Sunday Worship with Holy Communion
27 TH August	8.30am	Holy Communion <i>BCP</i>
<i>Trinity 11</i>	10.15am	Play & Praise
	6.00pm	Choral Evensong Summer Series with Archdeacon Elizabeth Snowden

Choral Evensong Summer Series

THE SUMMER SERIES began in May [28th] with Stephen Bowyer speaking about his coast to coast cycle ride from Lancashire to Yorkshire in support of the Downs Syndrome Association and Glenwood School. Stephen is well known in the church and we helped his daughter Abigail when she needed an iPad to help her with school work and communication. His cycle ride was in aid of other children with

Down's syndrome and the specialist school which Abi attends. One of the difficulties Stephen encountered in his training was the lack of hills in and around Burnham and Southminster as his coast to coast route took in some pretty hilly terrain.



Future Summer Series Speakers

In June [25th] Dengie Project Trust will be bringing their ideas for the new 'Knightswood' centre.

Care at Knightswood is coming to an end, but the Trust are planning to open a new centre thanks to an allocation of space on Fisher's Farms. In July [23rd] the Essex and Herts Air Ambulance are sending a speaker to tell us all about the essential contribution

that the air ambulance makes to our communities. In August [27th] our Archdeacon Elizabeth Snowden will be joining us for Choral Evensong.

Every Summer Series Service ends with an opportunity to question the speaker over a glass of wine.

Course in Christian Studies

- starts in September

EVER had that moment – you know when someone casually mentions someone in the bible, or perhaps refers to liturgical colours or some other thing in Church – and you think – well I'd like to ask but.... Here's your opportunity to ask as many questions as you like and find out more about Christianity, its practice and its history. The Course in Christian Studies has been going for 30 years and has seen hundreds of students receive their certificate. Small groups of students meet in very different venues across the diocese to learn from tutors and each other about faith, the church and God.

This year we are starting the course here. It will begin in late September. Each session last about two hours and will take place on Wednesday Evenings at 34 Maldon Road, Burnham, the home of the tutors Ruth Wells and Jeff Burditt.

You will have the opportunity to undertake assignments leading to a full CCS qualification or you can follow the course and participate in the discussion without the written work and receive an attendance certificate.

Having the full CCS certificate opens the door to other training possibilities in pastoral care, preaching and lay ministry, but its main purpose is to develop the interests and understanding of the individual in the church and the Christian faith.

There will be a CCS taster evening at 8, Fernlea Road on Thursday 29th June, 7.30pm. Please don't be shy and think it's not for you. Come and meet Ruth and Jeff, ask your questions, explore the literature and meet other people who are in exactly the same boat as yourself – nervous, but interested.

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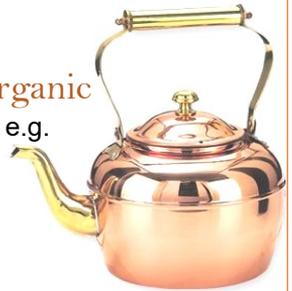
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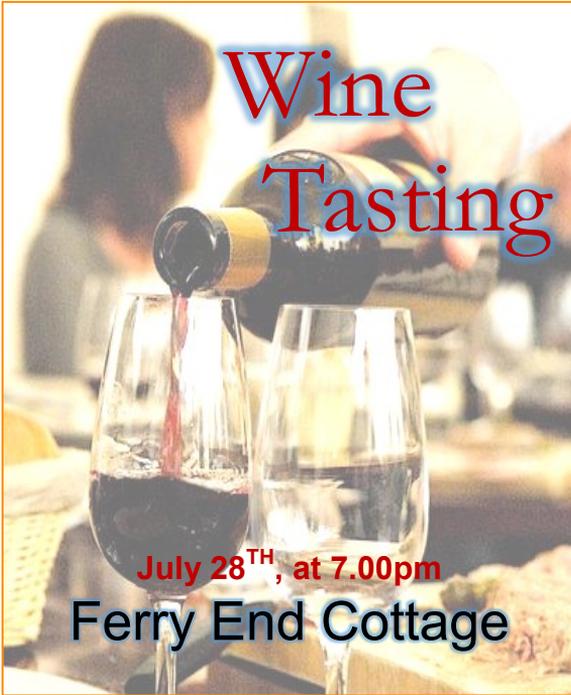
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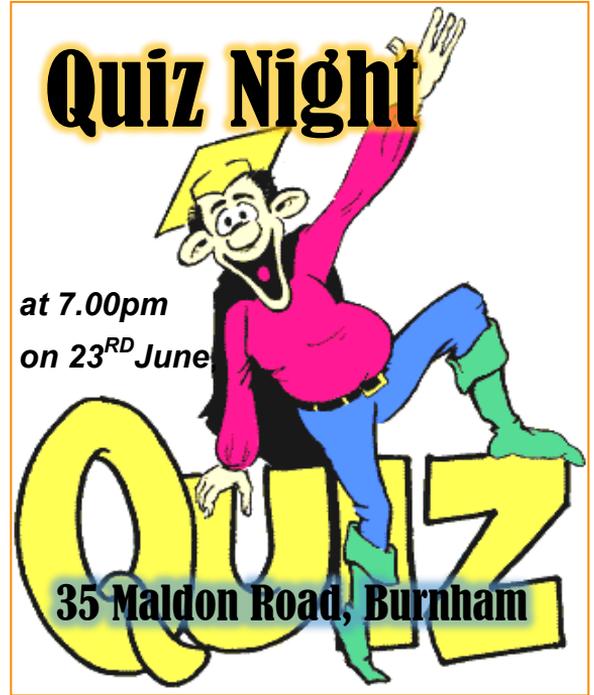
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Wine Tasting

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Quiz Night

at 7.00pm
on 23RD June

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A cartoon illustration of a man in a yellow graduation cap, pink shirt, blue pants, and green boots, standing on the word 'QUIZ' in large yellow letters.

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