

**THE FRONT PAGE**

**New Church Hall Plans & the Evelyn May Trust**

At our recent church meeting, about our plans for replacing the church hall, we were able to share this message from Jill, of the **Evelyn May Trust**, explaining about the trust and how they got involved with our project. (It's a real miracle that God has brought us together!)

*The trust was started in 1969 by my godmother, Evelyn May Riddoch. The original three trustees were, Evelyn, my mother, Eileen and a solicitor. I took over from Evelyn when she retired, and Lisa took over from her grandmother, Eileen, when she retired. As you can see, it has been kept very much in the family'. We have had several solicitors over the years but Kim, the current third trustee, has been with us for many years and the three of us make a good team.*

*The purpose of the Trust, which is a registered charity, is to provide grants to causes of interest to the settlor, (Evelyn), namely the advancement of education, relief of poverty and sickness, supporting conservation and heritage, relief of the aged and disabled, supporting social welfare and the Christian religion. The Trust awards grants to charities selected by the trustees at our annual meeting.*

*Applications received during the year are retained and considered. The Trust generally gives relatively small donations to smaller charities, where it will have an impact. We love it if there is a project that we can support! Each year we focus on a different category of charity, to make the applications more manageable.*

*However, over the last couple of years, we have been discussing finding a larger project that fits with Evelyn original vision for the Trust but would also be a wonderful tribute to her memory. Evelyn's faith was very important to her, and she regularly attended church. Lisa and I both live in Clacton, and Evelyn also spent her final years nearby. Lisa knew Mark, so she contacted him to see if there were any projects that we could consider. When we saw the current hall and the plans for the new building, we knew that this could be something for the Trust to support. Having shared our findings with Kim, and a meeting or two later, we were delighted to be able to give the good news that we would be happy to give a substantial grant towards the new church hall, which would mean that it could become a reality. Believe me, we are very excited about this and look forward to being involved as much as we can as things make progress!*

## Sunday 5<sup>th</sup> October 2025

Trinity 16

### MISSION SUNDAY

Acts ch.17 vs.22-31

(Church Bibles - St. John's pg.1113; St. Mark's pg.1113)

9.00 am	Morning Prayer in St John's Church <b><i>Guest Speakers: Colin &amp; Miriam Poulton</i></b> <i>Prayer after Church</i>
10.30 am	Morning Worship in St Mark's Church <b><i>Guest Speakers: Colin &amp; Miriam Poulton</i></b>
11.00 am (Premiere)	Online Service on YouTube ( <i>Preacher: Mark M</i> ) (And also available at any time after this.)
4.00 pm	<b>Tea Time Church</b> in St John's Church

### Activities this week

Mon 6 <sup>th</sup>	8.30 am	Morning Prayers in St John's Church
	10 - 11.30 am	Little Fishes in St John's Church
Weds 8 <sup>th</sup>	8.00 am	Morning Prayers on WhatsApp <i>please ask Mark M if you would like to join</i>
	11.00 am	Wednesday Worshippers Holy Communion - St Mark's Church Mark 1:35-45 ( <i>Preacher: Mark Galliers</i> )
	7.00 pm	Ignite youth group - St. Paul's Church
Thurs 9 <sup>th</sup>	9.30 am	Prayers for the Persecuted Church in St John's Church
	10.30 for 11.00 am	Together – in St. John's Church 1 John 2:1-11 ( <i>Preacher: Christine Sanders</i> )
	7.00 pm	Safeguarding Service in Chelmsford Cathedral
	7.30 pm	Thursday Evening Group in St Mark's Church
Fri 10 <sup>th</sup>	8.30 am	Morning Prayers in St John's Church
	5.00 pm	Prayers for our Mission Links in St John's Church

## Sunday 12<sup>th</sup> October 2025

Trinity 17

Theme: **We believe... in one God**

Psalm 86

*(Church Bibles - St. John's pg.596; St. Mark's pg.596)*

9.00 am	Holy Communion in St John's <i>(Preacher: Mark M)</i> <i>(Prayer after Church)</i>
10.30 am	Holy Communion in St Mark's <i>(Preacher: Mark M)</i> <i>(Prayer after Church)</i>
11.00 am (Premiere)	Online Service on YouTube <i>(Preacher: Mark M)</i> (And also available at any time after this.)
4.00 pm	Praise and Prayer in St. John's Church

### Activities this week

Mon 13 <sup>th</sup>	8.30 am	Morning Prayers - St. John's Church
	10 – 11.30 am	Little Fishes in St. John's Church
	2.00 – 3.00 pm	<b>Bethany</b> in St. John's Church Hall
Weds 15 <sup>th</sup>	8.00 am	Morning Prayers on WhatsApp <i>please ask Mark M if you would like to join</i>
	11.00 am	Wednesday Worshippers – St Mark's Communion - Mk 2:1-12 <i>(Preacher: Stuart)</i>
	7.00 pm	Ignite youth group - St Paul's Church
	7.30 pm	PCC Meeting - in SJ Church Hall
Thurs 16 <sup>th</sup>	9.30 am	Prayers for the Persecuted Church in St John's Church
	10.30 am	<b>Bethany Again</b> in St John's Hall
	7.30 pm	Thursday Evening Group - St Mark's
Fri 17 <sup>th</sup>	8.30 am	Morning Prayers in St John's Church
	10.45 am	Funeral of Karen Cubitt in St. John's Church
	4.30 - 6.00 pm	<b>Holiday Club Reunion</b> in St. Mark's
	5.00 pm	Mission Links Prayers in St John's
Sat 18 <sup>th</sup>		Safeguarding Training in St John's

## Sunday 19<sup>th</sup> October 2025

Trinity 18

Theme: **We believe... in the Father, the Almighty**

Ephesians ch.3 vs.14-21

(Church Bibles - St. John's pg.1175; St. Mark's pg.1174)

9.00 am	Morning Prayer in St John's Church ( <i>Preacher: Mark M</i> ) <i>Prayer after Church</i>
10.30 am	Morning Worship in St Mark's Church with a Thanksgiving ( <i>Preacher: Mark M</i> )
11.00 am (Premiere)	Online Service on YouTube ( <i>Preacher: Mark M</i> ) (And also available at any time after this.)
4.00 pm	<b>Lego Church</b> in St. John's Church

### **Prayer after our Morning Services**

*There are people available to pray with anyone who asks.  
You can ask for prayer for yourself or for someone else*

St. Mark's – 2<sup>nd</sup> & 4<sup>th</sup> Sundays of the month

St. John's – we now hope to offer this every Sunday

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### **Harvest Gifts**

A very big “Thank You” to everyone who has contributed towards our Harvest Appeals. The display of gifts has grown, as it has been added to with things from St John's, St Mark's, Wednesday Worshippers and local schools. All these items will be split between our cupboard which supplies our food bag packing and Clacton Food Bank in town.

We are also still receiving gifts towards the **Tearfund Harvest Appeal**. We will leave this open throughout the Sundays in October. Pick up an envelope from our churches, if you would like to give towards this. The Tearfund Video, giving an example of their work was included in the online YouTube service for the last two weeks in September – so catch up with it there, if you missed it in church.

Donations from our **Clothes Swap** will also go towards this. We will announce the total in the next Newsletter.

## **DATES FOR YOUR AUTUMN DIARY**

### **Holiday Club Reunion**

**Friday 17<sup>th</sup> October, 4.30 - 6.00 pm**

at St Mark's Church

for children and their families involved in Holiday Club & other friends

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### **Coffee Morning**

(LAST SATURDAY OF THE MONTH)

**Saturday 25<sup>th</sup> October, 9.30-11.30am**

in the Church Hall at St John's

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### **Craft Group**

(LAST WEDNESDAY OF THE MONTH)

**Wednesday 29<sup>th</sup> October - 4pm at St Mark's**

Making Tree Decorations

Please bring with you: Scissors, pencil, ruler, glue stick/Uhu type glue.

Cost £4 and will include lots of time for a cuppa and a chat.

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### **Stewsdays**

(LAST TUESDAY OF THE MONTH)

**Tuesday 28<sup>th</sup> October at St Mark's Church**

Please choose: Bacon & Onion Pudding

Cheese & Onion Pudding

**Doors open at 11.45am, lunch served at 12.15pm**

*Booking is essential: 01255 475704 (Church Office)*

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### **CALLING ALL CRAFTERS**

Just a reminder that we will be having the usual craft stall at the

**Christmas Coffee Morning on 29<sup>th</sup> November.**

It would be great to receive handmade craft items so that we can have a full table once more. So keep crafting and see what you can make!

Also, if you have any new items which are not wanted, we'll be having a 'New' Stall, and all donations will be gratefully received. Thank you.

*Stephanie & The Team*

*Thank you to all who made it along to our **meeting about the future of the church hall** last month. We spoke about the extra **£30,000** that we still need to raise, and we will say more about this very soon. However, we are **very grateful** to all those who have already given a gift. Also, some people have asked about the best way to contribute...*

If anyone would like to donate , details are as follows:-

Cheques made payable to: PCC of Gt Clacton, St. Johns (*Parochial Church Council of Great Clacton, St. Johns*) (**write New Hall Fund on back**)

Bank Transfer: Account name as above "PCC of ....."

Sort Code: 20-21-73, A/C No: 30692662 Ref: NEW HALL FUND.

If you would like to Gift Aid either a cheque or Bank Transfer please let Anita know in the office – 01255-475704.

***In our next Newsletter we will have an update on how things are progressing and the financial situation.***

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### **CHRISTMAS SHOEBOXES**

*You may know that each year we pack **shoeboxes for the Samaritan's Purse appeal**. Members of Together have done this in the past, as well as the Year 4s from Great Clacton Juniors.*

*A number of church family members donate items for this throughout the year, and this year we have also been given some gifts from the Salvation Army. However, there are still a few things that we are short of. So if you'd like to support this cause, these are the things we would particularly appreciate:-*

*skipping ropes, felt pens, hairbrushes, combs, bars of soap, rulers, erasers, pencil cases, notebooks, t-shirts (up to age 15), socks for girls aged 10 – 15, flip-flops (any, up to size 7 or 8), soft toys (roughly fist-sized), plastic water bottles*

*Please bear in mind that these things do need to fit into a shoebox with a number of other items.*

*If you would like to come along and join in with the packing, we'll let you know the dates in the next newsletter. Thank you!*

The Shoebox Team

**Please continue to pray for** all those families, who we have had contact with, as they mourn the loss of their loved ones.

**Please continue to pray for** those we know who are not well or are undergoing or waiting for treatment at the moment.

**Please continue to pray for** the persecuted churches around the world. *Our regular Thursday Prayer Meetings are starting again.*

**Please pray for** our local schools, where pupils have been having harvest Assemblies from Hannah and Mark.

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**Please pray for the new Archbishop of Canterbury.** Bishop Rob writes...

*I would like on behalf of the Ebbsfleet Network to offer congratulations to the Bishop of London, Sarah Mullally, on her nomination as the next Archbishop of Canterbury.*

*The appointment of an Archbishop who is a woman will be a significant milestone for our denomination and for the wider Anglican Communion. It presents particular challenges for those who have a complementarian understanding of Scripture, and the roles of men and women in ministry; but Bishop Sarah has a long track record of gracious engagement, and real understanding of the particular theological convictions we hold. I have no doubt she will continue to work hard to enable the Five Guiding Principles to be upheld with a clear conscience, and in a way that 'contributes to mutual flourishing across the whole Church of England'.*

*There is a need to maintain the integrity of my role as a complementarian bishop, called to serve resolution churches across the whole country, yet with a legal title in the Diocese of Canterbury. I am confident from my past experience of working with Bishop Sarah in London, that we can work together to ensure my role upholds complementarian, theological convictions and with appropriate spiritual oversight.*

*The challenges that we face as the Church of England are ultimately much bigger than our internal organisation – we have a call to serve our nation and to share the message of hope and good news of Jesus with all. That gospel commission is what ultimately unites us as a Church, with Christ as our head, and with the needs of our nation in our hearts. Yours faithfully, Rob (Bishop of Ebbsfleet)*

## **Afternoon Services in St. John's at 4pm**

### **Sunday 5<sup>th</sup> October**

Tea Time Church

### **Sunday 12<sup>th</sup> October**

Praise and Prayer

*We'll be praying for a Great Awakening in Great Clacton*

### **Sunday 19<sup>th</sup> October**

Lego Church

### **Sunday 26<sup>th</sup> October**

Evening Communion

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#### **Normal Church Office** opening times are

Monday	10.00 am	-	1.30 pm	-	<i>Ann-Marie</i>
Tuesday	10.00 am	-	1.00 pm	-	<i>Anita</i>
Wednesday	10.00 am	-	1.00 pm	-	<i>Anita</i>
Thursday	9.00 am	-	1.30 pm	-	<i>Ann-Marie</i>
Friday	9.00 am	-	3.30 pm	-	<i>Ann-Marie</i>
Saturday	9.00 am	-	11.00 am	-	<i>Anita</i>

*(On Fridays 9–10 am we have a Staff Meeting.)*

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#### **Clergy day off**

Mark – day off: Tuesday

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