

ALL SAINTS FLOODLIGHTS

JANUARY

9 In remembrance of our loving father, Denis Stanley Cole, on his birthday

FEBRUARY

1 In loving memory of Freddie Williams on his birthday

7 In loving memory of Madge Goodwin

8 In remembrance of our loving mother, Joyce Constance Cole, on her birthday

15 Remembering with much love, Rod James, 6th anniversary

20 In loving memory of Kathleen Potts-Lord

24 In memory of Rob D. Tidman - always in our hearts

27 In loving memory of Alison Mary Hitchcock on her birthday

All light bookings must be made in writing with the fee - £8.00

Details need to be received by 6th of the previous month for inclusion in the monthly list

Cheques should be made payable to:

"The Friends of All Saints' Church, Brightlingsea" please and sent to:

St James' Church Office, Victoria Place, Brightlingsea CO7 0AB

You can also book by telephone (302378) and confirm by letter with the fee.

Those who are ill for whom we have been asked to pray are: Ruth Askew; Simon and Karen Birnie; Sonia Bones; Mylie Brooker; Emily Cannon; Arthur Cole; Brenda Collins; Bonnie Day; Tom Dale; Becky Dines; Alfie Taylor Fenwick; Willie Gant; Johnnie Russell; Jeff Scott; Rita Smith; Nicola Springett; Karen Talmey; Ethan Tonks; Christopher Williams; Amy, Lily and Poppy Wright.

CRADLE ROLL: Jake Daniel Pryke, Mila Evie Lara Barton.

David Salmon - What a lovely man! He is sorely missed.

Thoughts that would surely come into the mind of anyone who knew David on hearing that he had died on the morning of Monday 15th, January while swimming with his wife Linda.

He was a person familiar in Brightlingsea to many, many people. In St. James church and other churches of the St. Osyth deanery, at Brightlingsea Regent and Colchester United football clubs, at Brightlingsea photographic club and on the mini- bus taking elderly people to their Friday lunch in Brightlingsea Community Centre. In these and other organisations he was recognised and liked for humour, willingness to take on tasks and complete them while others were still thinking about doing them and for his compassion towards all in need.

Beyond this he was a person who loved his family, his wife Linda, three daughters and four grandchildren. Some live in Brisbane, Australia and David and Linda had visited them. Music, theatre and travelling were pleasures for both and they enjoyed good food and drink shared in company. It was David's gift to walk into bar, a party or a church quiz night and quickly create a rapport with those around him. He lived life to the full and in doing so brought great benefit to many others.

St Mathew's gospel, chapter 25, says, '.... when the son of man comes in his glory...he will say to the righteous '...come enter the kingdom that has been ready for you since the world was made. For when I was hungry you gave me food, when thirsty..... drink, when... a stranger you took me in..... when naked you clothed me, when ill you came to my help....' Then the righteous will reply 'Lord when was it that we saw you hungry... thirsty.... a stranger.... naked...or ill'. And the king will answer, 'I tell you this: anything you did for one of my brothers or sisters here, however humble, you did for me'.

These must have been the criteria informing David's deeply held Christian faith and all that flowed from it.

Sunday worship - usual service times - look out for notices showing changes

ALL SERVICES AT ST JAMES' CHURCH (IN THE TOWN) UNLESS OTHERWISE STATED

8.00 am Holy Communion (at All Saints' on the third Sunday each month)

10.00 am Parish Eucharist (at All Saints' on the third Sunday each month)

Wednesdays 10.00 am Eucharist at St James' church

Saints' Days services as announced in the Parish Diary.

Baptism enquiries to Shirley Raynes (305190) or Jennifer Gallant (305060)

Wedding enquiries to Linda Salmon (306365)

Funeral enquiries to Church Office (302378)

If you wish to seek confidential advice, request prayer for the sick or infirm, or receive the sacraments, please contact the Church Office

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Parish website: www.allsaintswithstjamesb-sea.co.uk

FEBRUARY DIARY (please check pewsheet for any discrepancies)

1	Thursday	8.15 am	CTB Prayer Meeting
2	Friday	10.30 am	Prayers for the Sick
4	SECOND SUNDAY BEFORE LENT	8.00 am	Holy Communion
		10.00 am	Parish Eucharist
6	Tuesday	9.00 am	Parish Prayers
		10.30 am	Open House at 38 High Street
7	Wednesday	10.00 am	Eucharist
8	Thursday	8.15 am	CTB Prayer Meeting
9	Friday	10.30 am	Prayers for the Sick
11	SUNDAY NEXT BEFORE LENT	8.00 am	Holy Communion
		10.00 am	Parish Eucharist
13	Shrove Tuesday	9.00 am	Parish Prayers
14	Ash Wednesday	10.00 am	Eucharist
	<i>St Valentine</i>	7.30 pm	Eucharist with washing of feet
15	Thursday	10.15 am	CTB Prayer Meeting
16	Friday	10.30 am	Prayers for the Sick
		2.30 pm	Oasis Church at United Church
18	FIRST SUNDAY OF LENT	8.00 am	Holy Communion at All Saints'
		10.00 am	Parish Eucharist with Baptism at All Saints'
		10.00 am	Sparklers at St James'
		6.30 pm	Stations of the Cross
20	Tuesday	9.00 am	Parish Prayers
21	Wednesday	10.00 am	Eucharist
		2.15 pm	Brightlingsea Bears
22	Thursday	8.15 am	CTB Prayer Meeting
23	Friday	10.30 am	Prayers for the Sick
25	SECOND SUNDAY OF LENT	8.00 am	Holy Communion
		10.00 am	Eucharist
27	Tuesday	9.00 am	Parish Prayers
28	Wednesday	10.00 am	Eucharist

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NEWS FROM THE CHURCHWARDENS

The advertisement for a new vicar has now appeared in The Church Times!

Bob and Carole were "strongly encouraged" by the Archdeacon to attend a training event on "Unconscious Bias" which was aimed at Area Deans, Lay Chairs and Parish Representatives who are about to be involved in interviewing candidates. The purpose of the training was to help us understand that everyone holds biases but that if we recognise our own it helps us to reduce their effect on our decision making. It is aimed at ensuring that the Church of England is inclusive and open-minded. We found the session to be both interesting and eye-opening.

During this period of interregnum we are relying heavily on visiting clergy and they have told us repeatedly that they find Brightlingsea's church to be very welcoming. That is the message that we have stressed in the parish profile that will be read by anyone considering making an application to become our vicar.

We can all pray that God helps us to be warm and welcoming to everyone who comes into our church.

The really good news from the Archdeacon was that there has been considerable interest in the advertisement.

Carole and Bob

DEANERY PRAYER DIARY - Each week we are asked to pray for one of the parishes in our Deanery. In February these are:

- 4 St Ann and St Laurence, Elmstead - for the congregation as the roof works are completed and plastering begins after Easter.
- 11 St Mary Magdalen, Frating w Thorrington - for their Book Café.
- 18 St Mary Magdalene, Frinton - thanking God for the good relationships with the other denominations in the town.
- 25 St Mary the Virgin, Great Bentley - for the Women's and Men's breakfast groups and formation of new links with the primary school.

The **Churches Together Simple Lunch** will be on Friday, 2nd February, at 12.30 pm., at St James' Church: Soup, a roll, cheese and butter, followed by a hot drink. All welcome. All for a minimum donation of £2.00 which goes to Christian Aid or CAFOD. The next Simple Lunch will be on Friday, 2nd March.



The Friends of All Saints' For those of you who came to and enjoyed Robert MacCall's reading in December - it was so successful, raising £260.00 for the Friends and £25.00 to Family Support and to the local Food Bank, that a different reading is being planned for later this year - watch out for details.

End Hunger campaign targets the UK's 'food insecure' families

Millions of households in the UK are struggling to avoid hunger, as latest figures from the United Nations show that nearly three million people in the UK are now classed as severely 'food insecure', which means they are facing hunger on a daily basis. In the whole of Europe, according to the UN, only Albania has higher levels of food insecurity.

And so it is that the End Hunger campaign, a collation of charities and faith groups who are working to tackle food poverty, is demanding that a new cross-departmental Household Food Security Minister be appointed to tackle the problem. The Bishop of Gloucester, the Rt Rev Rachel Tweek, said in her recently published report, *A Menu to End Hunger*, that in her diocese, one foodbank alone had distributed about 1860 food parcels in the last year. She said: 'We know that many more people are living on cheap food, much of it unhealthy, or skipping meals, because they are too ashamed to visit a foodbank. Whilst celebrating the work that churches and other voluntary groups are doing to respond to this urgent need, it is clear to me that Government and businesses could and should be doing more to reduce the need for foodbanks in the first place.'

The report also calls on the Government to do something about the problem of 'holiday hunger', when parents whose children receive free school meals struggle to feed them during school holidays. The Government should provide holiday clubs where such children can be fed, the campaign says.

To make you smile ...

School play - A little boy got a part in the school play and went home to tell his father. 'I'm going to play a man who has been married for 25 years.' 'Well done, that's great,' replied his father. 'And maybe next time, you'll get a speaking role!'

Express - I was in the express lane at the supermarket, quietly fuming. Completely ignoring the sign, the woman ahead of me had slipped into the checkout line pushing a cart piled high with groceries. Imagine my delight when the cashier beckoned the woman to come forward, looked into the cart and asked sweetly, 'So which six items would you like to buy?'

Curiosity - A teacher was finishing a lesson on the joys of discovery and the importance of curiosity. 'After all,' she declared, 'Where would we be today if no one had ever been curious?' One child quietly spoke up from the back of the room. 'In the garden of Eden?'

Long wait - Service in the restaurant was abysmally slow. My husband was getting very tense, so I tried to distract him with small talk. 'You know,' I said, 'our friend Christine should be having her baby anytime now.' 'Really?' my husband snapped. 'She wasn't even pregnant when we walked in here.'

Mouse Makes

Jesus taught his disciples...
"Anyone who listens to my teaching and follows it is wise, like a person who builds his house on solid rock. Though the rain came down, the river rose and the winds blew and beat against the house it did not fall. But everyone who hears these words of mine and does not put them into practice is like a foolish man who built his house on sand. The rain came down, the river rose, and the winds blew and beat against that house, and it fell with a great crash".
Read this story in Matthew 7:24-27 and Luke 6:47-49

Can you find the words from the story in the word search below?

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Brightlingsea Community Toy Library for children aged 0 to 5 meets on Monday mornings during term time at 4Youth, 160 Tower Street.

BRIGHTLINGSEA BEARS

for children of pre-school age and their parent(s)/carer(s) meet on the third Wednesday afternoon of each month at St James Church from 2.15 to 3.15 pm Refreshments provided



If you wish to receive the "Monthly Parish News" by post, please provide stamped, addressed envelopes to:
St James' Church Office, Victoria Place, Brightlingsea, Essex CO7 0AQ marked "for the attention of Janet Russell"

Copy date for the next issue of the "Monthly Parish News" is Sunday, 11th February, reports, articles and/or advertisements for events should be sent to janetrussell38@uwclub.net (please use this address) before then or put through the door of 38 High Street. Thank you.

The Way I see It: ENJOYING THE SINS OF OTHERS

By David Winter

The last months of 2017 produced a bumper crop of allegations of sins and 'inappropriate touching' (what, I wonder is 'appropriate?') on the part of famous people. Hollywood icons, then British show-biz promoters, then public figures and prominent politicians and sporting figures were named and shamed, even if the stories were always described as 'allegations'. Even the serious papers and BBC news reported many of them. Some, if true, were horrible examples of the abuse of power, or fame, or wealth. Others, as reported, sounded like the sort of things that got sorted in my time at the BBC with a smack to the face. But there they were, and there is no doubt that readers and viewers lapped them up.

Why do we enjoy the sins of others? It could be, of course, that they provide a kind of popular pornography: many accounts were unnecessarily decorated with detail. But I suspect, mostly from my knowledge of myself, that an even stronger reason for the public's enjoyment of these stories is the sheer relief of knowing that if we are naughty from time to time, others (including some we should respect) are down-right bad. 'I may be bad, but I'm not as bad as so-and-so' sounds like the rehearsal of an excuse for the Day of Reckoning.

It isn't, of course. Each of us must answer for our own failings, and none is wholly innocent. But enjoying the sins of others is, surely, a rather tawdry kind of sin in itself?

Love is...

What do children know about love? When questioned, some four to eight year olds came up with the following:

- When you're born and see your mummy for the first time. That's love.
- Love is what makes you smile when you're tired.
- If you want to learn to love better, you should start with a friend who hates you.
- Love is when your puppy licks your face even after you left him alone all day.
- I know my older sister loves me because she gives me all her old clothes and has to go out and buy new ones.
- You have to fall in love before you get married. Then when you're married, you just sit around and read books together.
- I let my big sister pick on me because my Mum says she only picks on me because she loves me.
- Love goes on even when you stop breathing, and you pick up where you left off when you reach Heaven.
- Love cards like Valentine's cards say stuff on them that we'd like to say ourselves, but we wouldn't be caught dead saying it.
- When you love somebody, your eyelashes go up and down and little stars come out of you.

Just a Thought or two -

Worry is the darkroom in which negatives can develop.

Inside some of us is a thin person struggling to get out, but they can usually be sedated with a few pieces of chocolate cake.

Be patient – God hasn't finished with me yet.

A lot of kneeling will keep you in good standing.

Exercise daily - walk with the Lord.

The Three R's: at 25: Romance; at 45: Rent; at 65: Rheumatism