

ALL SAINTS FLOODLIGHTS

JANUARY

- 1 In loving memory of Ron Woods on his birthday
- 2 In loving memory of Arnold Greenwood on his birthday
- 3 In loving memory of Walter Goodwin's birthday
- 3 Remembering Claire Raymant on her birthday - Always in our thoughts.
- 8 In loving memory of Jean Gould
- 15 In loving memory of Mark Whitfield - 24th anniversary
- 17 In loving memory of Violet Beales
- 19 Remembering our Dad, David Raymant today, on his birthday, and every day
- 25 Happy birthday Peter, loving you always - Uvy
- 28 In loving memory of George Gray - remembered with love
- 29 Remembering our Mum, Lousia Wood, on her birthday
- 31 In loving memory of William Beales

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; Christopher Williams; Amy, Lily and Poppy Wright.

CRADLE ROLL: Lucy Maria Girdlestone, Erin Anne Olley, Joseph Roger Williams, Charles William Robinson, Sophia Rose Sheidon, Noah William Bichener, Oliver James Herbert,

Great news for Street Children - Toybox is a UK charity with a mission to end the injustice of children living and working on the streets. It has been working with the most marginalised children in some of the most dangerous cities in the world since the early 1990s. Toybox has developed expertise in working to prevent children from taking the decision to move to the streets, to rescue and support them when they already live on the streets and to help them build a new future for themselves, when they decide they are ready to leave the streets, and their dangers, behind. Now Toybox is to merge with Action for Street Kids, another agency which has been supporting street children all over the world for nearly 17 years. As a spokesman explains, "We are creating a world-leading humanitarian authority for children living and working on the streets in some of the toughest places in the world". More at: <https://toybox.org.uk/about>

Are you looking to represent your community? Essex County Council is currently recruiting for a School Crossing Patrol Officer on Ladysmith Avenue, Brightlingsea, to ensure the safety of children and others waiting to cross the road. If you think you could help or know someone who may be interested, please call the School Crossing Patrol Service on 03330 139788 or email your details to school.crossingpatrol@essex.gov.uk.

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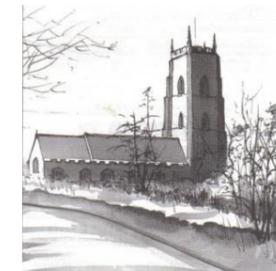
Parish website: www.allsaintswithstjamesb-sea.co.uk

JANUARY DIARY (please check pewsheet for any discrepancies)

2	Tuesday	9.00 am	Parish Prayers
		7.00 pm	PCC
3	Wednesday	10.00 am	Eucharist
4	Thursday	8.15 am	CTB Prayer Meeting
5	Friday	10.30 am	Prayers for the Sick
7	FEAST OF THE EPIPHANY	8.00 am	Holy Communion
		10.00 am	Parish Eucharist
9	Tuesday	9.00 am	Parish Prayers
		10.30 am	Open House at 38 High Street
10	Wednesday	10.00 am	Eucharist
11	Thursday	8.15 am	CTB Prayer Meeting
12	Friday	10.30 am	Prayers for the Sick
14	THIRD SUNDAY OF CHRISTMAS	8.00 am	Holy Communion
		10.00 am	Parish Eucharist
16	Tuesday	9.00 am	Parish Prayers
17	Wednesday	10.00 am	Eucharist
		2.15 pm	Brightlingsea Bears
WEEK OF PRAYER FOR CHRISTIAN UNITY STARTS			
18	Thursday	10.15 am	CTB Prayer Meeting
19	Friday	10.30 am	Prayers for the Sick
		2.30 pm	Oasis Church at United Church
21	FOURTH SUNDAY OF CHRISTMAS	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'
		3.00 pm	United Service at St James'
22	Monday	9.00 am	Mass at St Sabina's
23	Tuesday	9.00 am	Parish Prayers
		2.30 pm	United Church
24	Wednesday	10.00 am	Eucharist
25	Thursday <i>Conversion of Paul</i>	10.15 am	CTB Prayer Meeting
WEEK OF PRAYER FOR CHRISTIAN UNITY EMDS			
26	Friday	10.30 am	Prayers for the Sick
28		8.00 am	Holy Communion
		10.00 am	Eucharist

Parish of All Saints' with St James', Brightlingsea

Monthly Parish News



**A HAPPY NEW YEAR
TO EVERYONE**



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News from the Churchwardens

Reverend Anne and Eddie moved into their new home in Dorset very recently. The vicarage is now empty and, assuming that a new vicar will be in place before too long, the next person to occupy it will be the new vicar – with, perhaps, a family.

The PCC has worked very hard to produce a Parish Profile that will be used in the procedure to choose a new vicar. An advertisement should be published in The Church Times in January. Any clergy who are interested can look at the Parish Profile to get a full picture of what the town, churches, people and congregation are really like. If they like what they see, they will apply. You can see how important the Parish Profile is!

The patron of the parish is the Crown and, therefore, the Ecclesiastical Secretary of the Cabinet Office is involved in approving all stages of this process: Parish Profile, advertisement and will take part in the interviewing – which has an effect on the time scale involved.

We pray that the process will have a happy and successful result!

Meanwhile, all of the planned events and services continue to take place. This is a very busy time for our church, with a huge number of special services and we are doing their best to keep everything on track.

Please be patient with us and hold us in your prayers.

Carole and Bob

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

- 7 St Andrew, Alresford
- 14 All Saints' with St James', Brightlingsea
- 21 St James and St Christopher, Clacton
- 28 St Paul, Clacton

The next **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 first Simple Lunch of the New Year will be on Friday, 2nd February 2018.



The Friends of All Saints' are preparing a programme of events for 2018 to raise money for the repair of the tower stonework provision of lavatory and kitchen facilities, particularly by seeking grants to boost the funds. If you have any good ideas, we would be very pleased to hear them and make them happen. Please contact Lynn Ballard (Secretary of the Friends) 16 Richard Avenue.



BRIGHTLINGSEA CHRISTMAS TREE FESTIVAL - What a wonderful display of trees, such imagination! Well done everyone who took part: manned stalls, dressed trees, provided refreshments, came along, voted for their best trees, helped in any other way. Thank you for all your hard work, most especially to the Christmas Tree Festival

Committee led by Jackie Edmunds and Elizabeth Foss-Smith.

The Daily Service on the BBC celebrates a great milestone this month...

The Daily Service celebrates a big birthday

Ninety years ago this month BBC Radio broadcast for the first time a short Daily Service at 10.15 – in those days, the start of its daily output. It's half an hour later now, but it's still there, the longest running programme on the BBC, after News and Weather forecasts.

Its appearance in 1928 was, in fact, the result of a tireless and determined campaign by a lady in Bushey, Herts, Miss Kathleen Cordeux. For two years she had campaigned for a short Christian service each morning 'for the sick and house-bound' – 'just some sacred music, a hymn, a Bible reading and prayer'. Through the letters column in the *Radio Times*, and then by bombarding the director-general of the BBC, John Reith, after two years she got her way – at first as an 'experiment', to test the demand. The response from listeners was immediate and enthusiastic and 90 years later, I think even she would be surprised to find that it is still there every day on Radio 4. And it still follows her proposed content: sacred music, a hymn, a Bible reading and a prayer. *David Winter.*

An excellent New Year's Resolution for everybody - Here is something very easy, and very good, for you to do this year: simply eat more slowly. It could save your life. Recent research in Japan has found that diners who gobble their food quickly are five times more likely to develop metabolic syndrome, the name for a cluster of dangerous health problems such as high blood pressure, diabetes and obesity. Those of us who eat quickly are also more than three times more likely to gain weight. Scientists believe that eating quickly prevents the brain from noticing when the body has taken in too many calories. Unused calories are then stored as fat, which places pressure on the heart. Eating fast also appears to cause spikes of blood sugar, which can stop insulin from working effectively. Metabolic syndrome affects one in four adults in Britain.

To make you smile ...

This curious business of raising children - You spend the first two years of their life teaching them to walk and talk. Then you spend the next sixteen telling them to sit down and shut up

Mouse Makes
Words to live by from Proverbs 3
"My child, never forget the things I have taught you. Store my commands in your heart". vs1

Don't ever forget kindness and truth ...then you will be respected and will please both God and people.
from Proverbs 3:3-4 NCV

Trust in God from the bottom of your heart; don't try to figure out everything on your own.
from Proverbs 3:5 MSG

Don't assume you know it all.
Run to God!
from Proverbs 3:7 MSG

Seek God's will in all you do and He will show you which path to take.
from Proverbs 3:6 NLT

Honour God with everything you own; give Him the first and the best.
from Proverbs 3:9 MSG

Cut out and colour these Scripture verse cards to remind you this new year of God's wise ways to live.

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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, 14th January, 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: Power and corruption - Canon David Winter considers the on-going storm of allegations of sexual abuse. 'Power corrupts. Absolute power corrupts absolutely.' Lord Acton's famous dictum has never seemed more fitting than during last Autumn's series of public scandals. It all began with allegations of sexual abuse against a highly distinguished Hollywood film producer. Then it was similar but wide-spread allegations from women in the general work-place. And finally, to cap it all, a series of allegations of similar abuse by our own elected rulers. In every case, power was the defining feature – power which could make or destroy a career or power associated with status, position or rank. This is, in effect, a modern version of slavery. People – men, mostly – have always been tempted to use their power to dominate others or indulge their desires. (Think of the story of David and Bathsheba, in the Bible.) The emerging emancipation of women in the work-place is finally exposing such behaviour as what it is, the corrupting effect of power on human relationships. The revelations of the Autumn have shone a bright light into some murky corners of our social and working life. Now it is up to those who have the limited power of democratic government to see that what is exposed is fairly, but firmly dealt with, and up to each of us, where our own little bits of influence on other people are concerned, to use that 'power' with integrity and compassion.

Countries where it is most difficult to be a Christian

If you've ever felt that being a Christian in the UK is not easy, spare a prayer for Christians in North Korea, Somalia, Afghanistan, Pakistan, Sudan, Syria, Iraq, Iran, Yemen, and Eritrea. These ten countries (in that order) have topped the 2017 Open Doors World Watch List for the ten most difficult places on earth to be a Christian. In these countries Christians must keep their beliefs hidden, for to be known as a Christian means beatings, imprisonment, discrimination and constant abuse. At the end of 2017, Open Doors found that, for the fourth year in a row, the level of overall persecution has risen worldwide, with Asia in particular showing a rapid rise. While North Korea is still number one, India went up to a ranking of 15, as Hindu nationalists batter the churches. Elsewhere, Islamic extremism continues to strangle the expression of the Christian faith, fuelling persecution in 14 out of the top 20 countries, and 35 of the top 50. Millions of Christians around the world now live their lives against varying levels of discrimination, discovery, violence and arrest.

Christians living in these countries urgently need the support of their family, the body of Christ, to help them stand firm in their faith. You can help. More details at: www.opendoorsuk.org/persecution/25-years-world-watch/

Put on the kettle - Have a coffee. Seriously. It seems that drinking three or four cups of coffee a day may significantly cut the chances of your early death. There are even health benefits for those who drink up to seven cups each day. Recent research by the universities of Edinburgh and Southampton have found that coffee drinking can be linked with a lower risk of various cancers, and also is beneficial with conditions including diabetes, gallstones, gout, depression and Parkinson's disease. The only people coffee does NOT suit are pregnant women. Overall, there seems to be a 17 per cent reduction in the chances of dying for someone who drinks three cups of coffee a day, compared to those who drink none.

Just a Thought or two - There are no foolish questions and no man becomes a fool until he has stopped asking questions. *Charles Steinmetz*

A recession is a period when people do without the things their parents never had.