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Sunday 3rd February 2019



Welcome to Christ Church

We extend a very warm welcome to everyone.

Services

Today

8.00 am Holy Communion in
St Mary's Chapel

9.30 am Holy Baptism

4.30 pm Messy Church

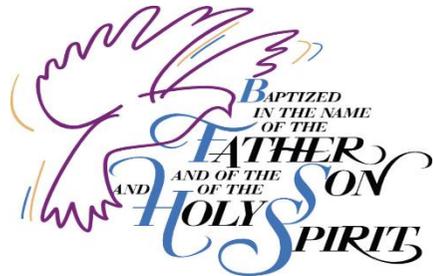
Wednesday 6^h February

10.00 am Holy Communion in
St Mary's Chapel

Sunday 10th February

9.30 am Holy Communion

6.30 pm Abbeyfield Community
Project Service



Refreshments - the service will be followed by refreshments – please do stay and share some fellowship together.

Prayer - people are available in the Chapel after the service to pray with you for healing or for any other needs

Children are always welcome - Flames (Sunday School) meets together in the Headgate Room every Sunday during term time. All primary age children are very welcome and those who are younger too, if accompanied by an adult. Please do ask the door stewards for directions.

Hearing loop – there is a hearing loop in the building. If you use a hearing aid please set it to “+”.

Christ Church Anglican Congregation Vision Statement

“Through our worship, mission, nurture and service we want to enable all people to enter into a living relationship with Jesus Christ”

Diary for this week

Monday 4th February 2019

10.00 am Coffee +
7.30 pm Parentalk Course

Tuesday 5th

9.00 am Morning Prayer
10.00 am Time Together on Tuesday
3.15 pm FRoG Club

Wednesday 6th

10.00 am Holy Communion

Thursday 7th

9.00 am Breakfast Café

Friday 8th

7.30 pm Splodgy Youth

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Service notes

Each week there will be space here for you to jot down any notes you want to make during the service

Welcome:

We rejoice today with the family of Claudia and Mark as they thank God for the gift of life and bring Matilda and Rex for baptism.

God our creator, we thank you for the wonder of new life and for the mystery of human love. We give thanks for all whose support and skill surround and sustain the beginning of life. As Jesus knew love and discipline within a human family, may Matilda and Rex grow in strength and wisdom. As Mary knew the joys and pains of motherhood, give these parents your sustaining grace and love; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

Lord Jesus, we have come into your holiness because you have invited us. We come joyfully into your presence because of the warmth of your welcome. We come in your name for you are the way, the truth and the life, we are all welcome here.

We light the baptism candle

Loving God, you gather us together tenderly as a shepherd gathers their sheep; you bring us together to feed us and to strengthen us with your living water. Help us to accept the invitation to come to you; to respond to your call, and ready to receive you now. Amen

Prayer for Fames

Song: Love divine

We say sorry to God

Often we do not love each other as God loves us so let us admit our faults before God and ask his forgiveness

We have wandered from your paths, yet your truth leads us home.
Lord, have mercy. **Lord, have mercy.**

We have failed to live as your children, yet your love restores us.
Christ, have mercy. **Christ, have mercy.**

We are disfigured by our sin, yet your power heals us.
Lord, have mercy. **Lord, have mercy.**

Song: My Jesus my Saviour, King of Kings majesty

Bible reading: Luke 2: 22-40

Talk: followed by the song Jesus name above all names

The Liturgy of Baptism

The presentation:

Jesus said, 'Let the children come to me. Do not stop them'. We thank God for Matilda and Rex who have come to be baptized today. Christ loves them and welcomes them into his Church. So I ask you all:

Will you support Matilda and Rex as they begin their journey of faith?

We will.

Will you help Matilda and Rex to live and grow within God's family?

We will.

God knows each of us by name and we are his. Parents and godparents, you speak for Matilda and Rex today. Will you pray for them and help them to follow Christ?

We will.

The Decision

We all wander far from God and lose our way: Christ comes to find us and welcomes us home. In baptism we respond to his call. Therefore I ask:

Do you turn away from sin?

I do.

Do you reject evil?

I do.

Do you turn to Christ as Saviour?

I do.

Do you trust in him as Lord?

I do.

Signing with the Cross

Matilda and Rex, Christ claims you for his own. Receive the sign of his cross. Do not be ashamed of Christ. You are his for ever.

Stand bravely with him against all the powers of evil, and remain faithful to Christ to the end of your life.

May almighty God deliver you from the powers of darkness, and lead you in the light and obedience of Christ.

Amen.

Prayer over the Water

Our belief

Do you believe and trust in God the Father, source of all being and life, the one for whom we exist?

We believe and trust in him.

Do you believe and trust in God the Son, who took our human nature, died for us and rose again?

We believe and trust in him.

Do you believe and trust in God the Holy Spirit, who gives life to the people of God and makes Christ known in the world?

We believe and trust in him.

This is the faith of the Church.

This is our faith. We believe and trust in one God, Father, Son and Holy Spirit. Amen.

The Baptism

Matilda and Rex, I baptize you in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

Amen.

May God, who has received you by baptism into his Church, pour upon you the riches of his grace, that within the company of Christ's pilgrim people you may daily be renewed by his anointing Spirit, and come to the inheritance of the saints in glory. **Amen.**

The Commission

Faithful and loving God, bless those who care for Matilda and Rex and grant them your gifts of love, wisdom and faith. Pour upon them your healing and reconciling love, and protect their homes from all evil. Fill them with the light of your presence and establish them in the joy of your kingdom, through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

Intercessions

Merciful Father, **accept these prayers for the sake of your Son, our Saviour Jesus Christ. Amen**

The Lord's Prayer:

As our Saviour taught us, so we pray

Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name, your kingdom come, your will be done, on earth as in heaven. Give us today our daily bread. Forgive us our sins as we forgive those who sin against us. Lead us not into temptation but deliver us from evil. For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours now and for ever. Amen.

The Welcome

There is one Lord, one faith, one baptism: by one Spirit we are all baptized into one body.

Matilda and Rex we welcome you into the fellowship of faith; we are children of the same heavenly Father; we welcome you.

Giving of a Lighted Candle

Matilda and Rex, receive this light. God has delivered us from the dominion of darkness and has given us a place with the saints in light. You have received the light of Christ; walk in this light all the days of your life.

Shine as a light in the world, to the glory of God the Father.

Offertory song: The light of the world

Notices

The Blessing

Father of lights, from whom comes every good and perfect gift: keep us in the light of Christ, to shine in your world, that all may believe in you and the blessing of God almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, be among you and remain with you always.

Amen.

The Dismissal

Go in the light and peace of Christ.

Thanks be to God.

Song: We'll walk the land

CHRIST CHURCH PILGRIMAGE 30th May - 2nd June 2019

Our Pilgrimage to Bury St Edmunds walks from Bures to Bury, on Friday 31st May, Saturday and Sunday 1st and 2nd June, with a starting meal together at Christ Church on Thursday evening 30th May.

We will start from, and return to, Christ Church each day. A minibus will provide transport for walkers. There will be a programme for pilgrimage non-walkers at the Church.

More information and booking forms will be in the March edition of Parish News. Questions meanwhile? Please ask David or Clare Lankshear or Nigel or Sara Humphreys.

Christ Church, Ireton Road, Colchester



CAFÉ CHURCH @Christ Church

17th February

Coffee and Doughnuts from
9.30 am

Worship 9.45 am

All Welcome

Christ Church Building

WHAT NEXT?

**Saturday 2nd March
2019**

2.30 pm - 4.30 pm

A short presentation by the building vision group and a chance to have your say.

**Light refreshments
All welcome**

Christ Church

Come and join us for an informal evening of beer and discussion



Thursday 28th February

AT 7.30 pm

The Hospital Arms, Crouch Street

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Prayer for the Week

Lord Jesus Christ, light of the nations make your home among us, and present us pure and holy to your heavenly Father, your God, and our God. Amen



The World

- We pray for wisdom and peace over the various political tensions around the world.
- The situations in Israel, Syria, Yemen, Iraq and Afghanistan.
- Those areas of the world affected severely with flooding, all those who face lack of clean water, starvation and homelessness.

National and Local

- Our Queen and those who govern our lands.
- Wisdom in Parliament at the current time.
- Those from our armed forces who are deployed around the world.
- Our emergency and security services
- Those who have concerns over employment, debt and relationships.
- Those affected by crime and terrorism across the country.

Our Church and pastoral needs

- Rev Canon Paul and Glyn Norrington
- Our ministry team
- Brian and Marilyn Beattie
- Valerie Denniss
- Those undergoing hospital tests, those recovering from surgery or receiving treatment and those who are unwell
- Those who mourn.
- Those struggling with everyday life both physically and mentally.
- Matilda and Rex as they are baptised today.
- Give thanks for the uplifting and encouraging Baptism and Confirmation service last week and continue to pray for Isla, Danni and Jacob.
- The Parentalk Course.

Streets of the week

Please pray for all those who live in Wickham Road, Salisbury Avenue, Beaconsfield Avenue

Pastoral Prayer Care Groups

Please pray for Michael Beattie, Kate Clifton, Rosemary Currell, Phyllis Johnson