

SERVICES THIS WEEK: 28th Week in Ordinary Time (Year 1)

Mon 10 Oct.

Intention:
Electoral Roll:
Res. Care

Feria
Alton Abbey
Justine Beauchamp
Win and Ivy Martin

Tues. 11th Oct.

Intention:
Electoral Roll:
The Departed:

S Ethelburga, Abb
8pm PCC Meeting at the Parish Centre
Havering Borough Council
Brenda Brebbington
Elizabeth Warner, David Evers

Wed. 12th Oct.

Intention:
Electoral Roll:
The Departed:

S. Wilfred, B
Friends of St. Andrew's
Mark Benson
Lilian Thomas

Thurs. 13th Oct.

Intention:
Electoral Roll:
We pray for the sick:

S. Edward KC
9.30am Morning Prayer at St. Andrew's
St. Edward's School
Julie Borg
Christine Minnis, Ronnie Meah, Lee Frost, Dennis Clark,
Mary Fretwell, Maud Hardwick, John Wright, Joan Wright,
Fr. Michael Hore, Bill Murray, Brenda Bebbington, Fr. Bill
Kirkpatrick, Fr. Ken Leech, Fr. Jim Cotter, Stuart Hayward
and Dorothy Meah
Emma Davis

The Departed:

Fri. 14th Oct.

Intention:
Electoral Roll:
The Departed:

Feria
Crowlands School
Sharon Brown
Eric Bayley

Sat. 15th Oct.

Intention:
Electoral Roll:
The Departed:

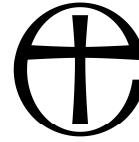
S. Teresa of Avila, V Dr.
(10.30am Russian Orthodox Liturgy)
Carmelites
Evelyn Burrell
James King, Humphrey Bebbington

30th September – McMillian Coffee Morning

We would like to thank everyone who supported this very worthy cause.

Apart from us raising **£320** it was especially nice to see the local community together, sharing laughter and chatting with tea and cakes flowing. Thanks to our helpers, Janis, Jackie, Kerry, Carol, Barbara and Michele - and Jacky the Card Lady for coming along also.

Zelda & Sylvie



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28th SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

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Welcome to Mass

Sunday, 9th October

9am Mass at St. Agnes'

10.30am Parish Mass at St. Andrew's

Preacher: The Rev. Suzanne Mayes

Hymns: NEH – 427, 381, 349, 383 & 276, 359

If you are a Newcomer.....please ask
a member of the Welcome Team for a *Welcome Booklet*.

- *The Church of England invites all who receive the Sacrament in their own church to do so at our altar. If you wish a blessing, please come to the altar step and place your hand on your heart.*
- *Please join us after the service for refreshments*

We pray for the recently departed, Clive Mays, and for those whose Anniversary falls today

Memorial flowers may be arranged through Pat Harris or Margaret Pettit

READING FOR: 28th Sunday in Ordinary Time

FIRST READING Isaiah 25.1-9

LORD, you are my God; I will exalt you, I will praise your name; for you have done wonderful things, plans formed of old, faithful and sure. For you have made the city a heap, the fortified city a ruin; the palace of aliens is a city no more, it will never be rebuilt. Therefore strong peoples will glorify you; cities of ruthless nations will fear you. For you have been a refuge to the poor, a refuge to the needy in their distress, a shelter from the rainstorm and a shade from the heat. When the blast of the ruthless was like a winter rainstorm, the noise of aliens like heat in a dry place, you subdued the heat with the shade of clouds; the song of the ruthless was stilled. On this mountain the LORD of hosts will make for all peoples a feast of rich food, a feast of well-matured wines, of rich food filled with marrow, of well-matured wines strained clear. And he will destroy on this mountain the shroud that is cast over all peoples, the sheet that is spread over all nations; he will swallow up death for ever. Then the Lord GOD will wipe away the tears from all faces, and the disgrace of his people he will take away from all the earth, for the LORD has spoken. It will be said on that day, Lo, this is our God; we have waited for him, so that he might save us. This is the LORD for whom we have waited; let us be glad and rejoice in his salvation.

Psalm 23 R I will dwell in the house of the Lord for ever.

SECOND READING Philippians 4.1-9

My brothers and sisters, whom I love and long for, my joy and crown, stand firm in the Lord in this way, my beloved. I urge Euodia and I urge Syntyche to be of the same mind in the Lord. Yes, and I ask you also, my loyal companion, help these women, for they have struggled beside me in the work of the gospel, together with Clement and the rest of my co-workers, whose names are in the book of life. Rejoice in the Lord always; again I will say, Rejoice. 5 Let your gentleness be known to everyone. The Lord is near. Do not worry about anything, but in everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known to God. And the peace of God, which surpasses all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus. Finally, beloved, whatever is true, whatever is honourable, whatever is just, whatever is pure, whatever is pleasing, whatever is commendable, if there is any excellence and if there is anything worthy of praise, think about these things. Keep on doing the things that you have learned and received and heard and seen in me, and the God of peace will be with you.

Alleluia alleluia! The Word was made flesh and lived among us; to all who did accept him he gave power to become children of God. **Alleluia!**

GOSPEL Matthew 22.1-14

Once more Jesus spoke to the chief priests and Pharisees in parables, saying: ¶The kingdom of heaven may be compared to a king who gave a wedding banquet for his son. He sent his slaves to call those who had been invited to the wedding banquet, but they would not come. Again he sent other slaves, saying, ¶Tell those who have been invited: Look, I have prepared my dinner, my oxen and my fat calves have been slaughtered, and everything is ready; come to the wedding banquet.+ But they made light of it and went away, one to his farm, another to his business, 6 while the rest seized his slaves, maltreated them, and killed them. The king was enraged. He sent his troops, destroyed those murderers, and burned their city. Then he said to his slaves, ¶The wedding is ready, but those invited were not worthy. Go therefore into the main streets, and invite everyone you find to the wedding banquet.+ Those slaves went out into the streets and gathered all whom they found, both good and bad; so the wedding hall was filled with guests. But when the king came in to see the guests, he noticed a man there who was not wearing a wedding robe, and he said to him, ¶Friend, how did you get in here without a wedding robe?+And he was speechless. Then the king said to the attendants, ¶Bind him hand and foot, and throw him into the outer darkness, where there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth.+ For many are called, but few are chosen.¶

EUCCHARISTIC PRAYER B: Christ has died, Christ is risen, Christ will come again.

IMPORTANT NOTICE

The Church of England receives no State or outside support and depends on your generosity to maintain our service in this area. i.e. If you are a UK Tax payer, please place your donation in GIFT AID envelope (from the back of the church) and fill in the details required. **We can then claim back the Income Tax you have already paid.**

St. Andrew's £369.80 BO's averaged £482.50 Total 853.30

(We need to raise £650 per week)

**NEXT WEEK: 29th Sunday in Ordinary Time
Sunday, 16th October**

9am Mass at St. Agnes'

**10.30am Parish Mass and Baptism at St. Andrew's
Preacher: John Course**

Readings : NT 1 Thess 1:1-10 Gospel: Mt 22: 15- 22

Dates for your Diary

October 26th Mothers' Union Ploughman's Lunch at the Parish Centre

November 19th CHRISTMAS MARKET at St. Andrew's Parish Centre.

A MESSAGE FROM FR. JOHN-FRANCIS:

THANKS TO ALL OF THOSE who made our Harvest Festival and my Farewell Mass such a moving and memorable occasion. I was overwhelmed by the messages of goodwill I received and, in due course, will write to all those who gave Chris and I such wonderful gifts. In particular I want to thank all those who contributed to the wonderful plaque of the Annunciation (and the bottle of gin!) and signed the card. We shall find a place in our new home where this can be displayed and where it will always remind me of the wonderful years I spent as your Rector.

I shall be writing more fully in next month's Messenger but, in the meantime, thank you from the bottom of my heart. You are in my thoughts and prayers. Fr. John-Francis

