

SERVICES THIS WEEK: Year 2

Mon 25th June

Intention:
Electoral Roll:
Res. Care

Feria

Havering Borough Council
Simon Froud
Win Martin

Tues. 26th June

Intention:
Electoral Roll:

Feria

St. Edward's Schools
Annette Froud

Wed. 27th June

Intention:
Electoral Roll:
The Departed:

C. Cyril of Alexandria B.

Crowlands Schools
Evelyn Gollop
Grace Pearce

Thurs. 28th June

Intention:
Electoral Roll:
We pray for the sick:

S. Iraeus, BM

9.30am Morning Prayer
Youth Workers
Karen Gawler
Christine Minnis, Ronnie Meah, Lee Frost, Maud Hardwick,
John Wright, Joan Wright, Bill Murray, Dorothy Meah,
Barry Lovell, Ken Dearsley, Alice Mayes, Kerry Lawson
and Rose Adams
Christopher Fowler

The Departed:

Fri. 29th June

Electoral Roll:
Intention:

Ss. Peter and Paul

Shop Workers
Carol Gentle

Sat 30th June

Electoral Roll:
Intention:

Feria

The Armed Forces
Leslie Gill



THE CHURCH
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St. Andrew's and St. Agnes' Bulletin

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Birth of John the Baptist

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Churchwardens: Mrs. Phyllis Dearsley and Mr. Stephen Rayment

Welcome to Mass

Sunday 24th June

9am Mass at St. Agnes

10.30am Parish Mass at St. Andrew's

There will be no Communion at either Service this morning

Hymns: 391, 353, 413, 304 & 276, 372

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, and for those whose Anniversary falls on this day,

*We thank Brenda Wright for her gift of flowers remembering with love
her Husband Jim on their wedding anniversary,*

(Memorial flowers may be arranged through Pat Harris or Margaret Pettit)

READING FOR: Birth of John the Baptist

FIRST READING Isaiah 40.1–11

Comfort, O comfort my people, says your God. Speak tenderly to Jerusalem, and cry to her that she has served her term, that her penalty is paid, that she has received from the LORD's hand double for all her sins. A voice cries out: 'In the wilderness prepare the way of the LORD, make straight in the desert a highway for our God. Every valley shall be lifted up, and every mountain and hill be made low; the uneven ground shall become level, and the rough places a plain. Then the glory of the LORD shall be revealed, and all people shall see it together, for the mouth of the LORD has spoken.' A voice says, 'Cry out!' And I said, 'What shall I cry?' All people are grass, their constancy is like the flower of the field. The grass withers, the flower fades, when the breath of the LORD blows upon it; surely the people are grass. The grass withers, the flower fades; but the word of our God will stand for ever. Get you up to a high mountain, O Zion, herald of good tidings; lift up your voice with strength, O Jerusalem, herald of good tidings, lift it up, do not fear, say to the cities of Judah, 'Here is your God!' See, the Lord GOD comes with might, and his arm rules for him; his reward is with him, and his recompense before him. He will feed his flock like a shepherd; he will gather the lambs in his arms, and carry them in his bosom, and gently lead the mother sheep.

Psalm 85.7–13 **R The Lord will indeed grant prosperity,
and our land will yield its increase.**

SECOND READING Acts 13.14b–26

On the sabbath day Paul and his companions went into the synagogue and sat down. After the reading of the law and the prophets, the officials of the synagogue sent them a message, saying, 'Brothers, if you have any word of exhortation for the people, give it.' So Paul stood up and with a gesture began to speak: 'You Israelites, and others who fear God, listen. The God of this people Israel chose our ancestors and made the people great during their stay in the land of Egypt, and with uplifted arm he led them out of it. For about forty years he put up with them in the wilderness. After he had destroyed seven nations in the land of Canaan, he gave them their land as an inheritance for about four hundred and fifty years. After that he gave them judges until the time of the prophet Samuel. Then they asked for a king; and God gave them Saul son of Kish, a man of the tribe of Benjamin, who reigned for forty years. When he had removed him, he made David their king. In his testimony about him he said, "I have found David, son of Jesse, to be a man after my heart, who will carry out all my wishes." Of this man's posterity God has brought to Israel a Saviour, Jesus, as he promised; before his coming John had already proclaimed a baptism of repentance to all the people of Israel. And as John was finishing his work, he said, "What do you suppose that I am? I am not he. No, but one is coming after me; I am not worthy to untie the thong of the sandals on his feet." 26 My brothers, you descendants of Abraham's family, and others who fear God, to us the message of this salvation has been sent.'

Alleluia, alleluia As for you, little child, you shall be called a prophet of God, the Most High. You shall go ahead of the Lord to prepare his ways before him. **Alleluia!!**

GOSPEL Luke 1.57–66, 80

The time came for Elizabeth to give birth, and she bore a son. Her neighbours and relatives heard that the Lord had shown his great mercy to her, and they rejoiced with her. On the eighth day they came to circumcise the child, and they were going to name

him Zechariah after his father. But his mother said, 'No; he is to be called John.' They said to her, 'None of your relatives has this name.' Then they began motioning to his father to find out what name he wanted to give him. He asked for a writing-tablet and wrote, 'His name is John.' And all of them were amazed. Immediately his mouth was opened and his tongue freed, and he began to speak, praising God. Fear came over all their neighbours, and all these things were talked about throughout the entire hill country of Judea. All who heard them pondered them and said, 'What then will this child become?' For, indeed, the hand of the Lord was with him. The child grew and became strong in spirit, and he was in the wilderness until the day he appeared publicly to Israel.

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. Agnes £2 St. Andrew's £95 Planned Giving BO's averaged £380

Total £477 (***We need to raise £650 per week***)

NEXT WEEK: Sunday, 1st July, 2012

Trinity 4

9am Mass at St. Agnes

10.30am Parish Mass at St. Andrew's

Preacher: Fr. Gerry Arber

Readings : OT: Wisd 1: 13-15 NT: II Cor 8: 7-15 Gospel: Mk 5: 21-43

Dates for your Diary

Monday 2nd July at 8pm

The Induction Service for

**The Rev. Lara Dose by Stephen, The Bishop of Chelmsford
as Priest-in-Charge and Town Centre Chaplain at St. Andrew's Church**

7th July

150th Anniversary Family Party – at the Parish Centre 11am – 1pm – see Kerry Course for details

9th July

PCC Meeting in the John Jones Room at 8pm

14th July

Summer Fete in the church grounds 11am – 2pm

29th – 30th Sept.

Walsingham Pilgrimage Weekend.

