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Welcome to St Albright's

If you are new to the area or a visitor to this church please introduce yourself to the clergy or to one of the sidespersons who gave you your hymn books.

Families are very welcome in church. There are toys and books in the side chapel. Just ask the churchwardens or any member of the congregation.

Toilets are situated in St Andrew's Hall next to the church.

Holy Communion - if you do not normally receive Holy Communion we encourage you to come to the altar rail for a blessing. Please bring a hymn book or order of service with you so we know that you have come for a blessing.

Refreshments are served after the 10.30 Sunday service in St Andrew's hall. Please join us.

Collections - A collection is taken during the offertory hymn. If you are a tax payer please consider filling in and using one of the pink/white envelopes provided in the pews. These Gift Aid envelopes enable the church to claim an extra 25% from the government on the amount that you give.

Parish Newsletter - is available to read and/or download online at www.stalbrights.org. There are also free copies available at the rear of the church. Contributions should be sent to Revd. Tony Bushell by the 1st of January, March, May, July, September and November for entry in the next month's newsletter.

Pastoral Support Team - We now have a Pastoral Support Team. If you would like a pastoral visit please contact Revd. Tony Bushell.

Daily Bible Readings

Is anyone interested in having the 'Daylight' notes from the Bible Reading Fellowship? The notes have a reading, short explanation and a prayer to help give a focus each day. Please speak to Penny Bonham who will be happy to help you.

NB: There is a well-stocked bookstall in church with a number of interesting and helpful Christian publications. Do please have a browse and borrow any you would like. Clement Arde-Aqua looks after it. Please speak to him for advice about books to read or requests to add to the library.



"Seeking to be the transforming presence of God's love in Stanway."

Sunday 11th February

We welcome you to our worship today

Please join us for refreshments after the 10:30 am service in St Andrew's hall adjacent to the church.

Sunday 11th February - Sunday Next before Lent

Holy Communion (1662) 9:00 am

Parish Eucharist (for all ages) 10:30 am

Tuesday 13th February

Ladies Fellowship Candlemas Lunch 12 noon

Wednesday 14th February - Ash Wednesday

Holy Communion with imposition of Ashes 9:30 am

No Choir Practice

Parish Eucharist and imposition of Ashes 7:30 pm

Friday 16th February

Holy Communion at Loganberry Lodge 11:00 am

Stations of the Cross

at St. Teresa's Roman Catholic Church, 7.30 pm

Saturday 17th February

Pilgrim Course St Andrew's Hall 10:00 am

All Welcome

Marriage Preparation Day for those to be married at St. Albright's this year. Lexden church, 2.00pm.

Sunday 18th February - First Sunday of Lent

Holy Communion (1662) 9:00 am

Parish Eucharist (for all ages) 10:30 am

Pray for those who have asked for our prayers:

David Martin, Leila Willmott, Karen Dixon, John Harvey, James Harvey, Sylvie and Dave Moss, Tony and Sue, Richard Letts, Anne Page, Saras, Katie Nixon, Nick Carter, Carole Cansdale, Rachel Kent, Mandy Drew, Peter Wild, Betty Sibley, Audrey Thompson, Joan Watson, Joan Binnie, Phil, Neville Papworth and Eric Blowes.

Please Pray for Clement Arde-Acquah as he continues his training to be an Licensed Lay Minister and for all others on his course.

Pray for those to be baptised at St. Albright's this year :

Thea Murphy (18/03), Ryan Anderson (06/05)

Pray for those to be married at St. Albright's this year :

George Chaplin & Fiona Woodward (7th April at 12 noon)

Daniel Tyler & Rachel Phillips (30th June 1:00 pm)

Ryan Smith & Victoria McGown (Sun. 23 September at 3:00 pm)

Lee Bolton & Georgia Gann (13th October at 12 noon)

Pray for the recently departed and their families:-

Joy Glibbery, Katharine Wareham, Bruna Orchard, George Pennington, Richard Burnige, Julie Lawson and Kieran Brook Mair Schoolar.

Pray for other Christian churches in Stanway:

Bethel Fellowship, Stanway Evangelical, The Tollgate Methodist Community and St. Teresa's Roman Catholic parish church Lexden. Pray for understanding, tolerance and unity amongst all Christian denominations.

Pray for all who today have nowhere to live or nowhere they can call home.

Prayer Ministry

There is an opportunity for private prayer in the side chapel with a member of the pastoral support team during Communion.



COLLECT

Almighty Father, whose Son was revealed in majesty before he suffered death upon the cross: give us grace to perceive his glory, that we may be strengthened to suffer with him and be changed into his likeness, from glory to glory; who is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen**

FIRST READING:

A reading from the second book of Kings.

When the Lord was about to take Elijah up to heaven by a whirlwind, Elijah and Elisha were on their way from Gilgal. Elijah said to Elisha, 'Stay here; for the Lord has sent me as far as Bethel.' But Elisha said, 'As the Lord lives, and as you yourself live, I will not leave you.' So they went down to Bethel. The company of prophets who were in Bethel came out to Elisha, and said to him, 'Do you know that today the Lord will take your master away from you?' And he said, 'Yes, I know; keep silent.'

Elijah said to him, 'Elisha, stay here; for the Lord has sent me to Jericho.' But he said, 'As the Lord lives, and as you yourself live, I will not leave you.' So they came to Jericho. The company of prophets who were at Jericho drew near to Elisha, and said to him, 'Do you know that today the Lord will take your master away from you?' And he answered, 'Yes, I know; be silent.'

Then Elijah said to him, 'Stay here; for the Lord has sent me to the Jordan.' But he said, 'As the Lord lives, and as you yourself live, I will not leave you.' So the two of them went on. Fifty men of the company of prophets also went, and stood at some distance from them, as they both were standing by the Jordan. Then Elijah took his mantle and rolled it up, and struck the water; the water was parted to the one side and to the other, until the two of them crossed on dry ground.

When they had crossed, Elijah said to Elisha, 'Tell me what I may do for you, before I am taken from you.' Elisha said, 'Please let me inherit a double share of your spirit.' He responded, 'You have asked a hard thing; yet, if you see me as I am being taken from you, it will be granted you; if not, it will not.' As they continued walking and talking, a chariot of fire and horses of fire separated the two of them, and Elijah ascended in a whirlwind into heaven. Elisha kept watching and crying out, 'Father, father! The chariots of Israel and its horsemen!' But when he could no longer see him, he grasped his own clothes and tore them in two pieces.

This is the word of the Lord,

Thanks be to God. (2 Kings 2: 1-12)

PSALM 50: 1-6

Response: Our God will come and will not keep silence.

The Lord, the God of gods, has spoken; he has called the earth from the rising of the sun to its setting.

Out of Zion, perfect in its beauty, God reveals himself in glory. **R**

Our God will come and will not keep silence; before him there is a consuming flame, and round about him a raging storm. He calls the heavens and the earth from above to witness the judgement of his people. **R**

'Gather before me my loyal followers, those who have made a covenant with me and sealed it with sacrifice.'

Let the heavens declare the rightness of his cause; for God himself is judge. **R**

SECOND READING:

A reading from the second letter of Paul to the Corinthians.

Even if our gospel is veiled, it is veiled to those who are perishing. In their case the god of this world has blinded the minds of the unbelievers, to keep them from seeing the light of the gospel of the glory of Christ, who is the image of God. For we do not proclaim ourselves; we proclaim Jesus Christ as Lord and ourselves as your slaves for Jesus' sake. For it is the God who said, 'Let light shine out of darkness', who has shone in our hearts to give the light of the knowledge of the glory of God in the face of Jesus Christ.

This is the word of the Lord,

Thanks be to God (2 Corinthians 4: 3-6)

GOSPEL: Mark 9: 2-9

Hear the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Mark.

Glorify to you O Lord.

Jesus took with him Peter and James and John, and led them up a high mountain apart, by themselves. And he was transfigured before them, and his clothes became dazzling white, such as no one on earth could bleach them. And there appeared to them Elijah with Moses, who were talking with Jesus. Then Peter said to Jesus, 'Rabbi, it is good for us to be here; let us make three dwellings, one for you, one for Moses, and one for Elijah.' He did not know what to say, for they were terrified. Then a cloud overshadowed them, and from the cloud there came a voice, 'This is my Son, the Beloved; listen to him!' Suddenly when they looked around, they saw no one with them any more, but only Jesus. As they were coming down the mountain, he ordered them to tell no one about what they had seen, until after the Son of Man had risen from the dead.

This is the Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you O Christ.

POST COMMUNION PRAYER

Holy God, we see your glory in the face of Jesus Christ: may we who are partakers at his table reflect his life in word and deed, that all the world may know his power to change and save. This we ask through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen**

Hymns for Today
(Songs of Fellowship)
Introit: 939, Gradual: 40
Offertory: 21, During Communion: 395
Thanksgiving: 1583

Burns Night: The surplus made from our wonderful Burns Night celebration on 20th January came to a magnificent £275.60. Many thanks to all who organised the evening and who contributed so generously. The money will go towards our repairs fund.

For your Diaries:-

LENT AT ST ALBRIGHT'S 2018

14th February - Ash Wednesday: Holy Communion with imposition of Ashes at St Albright's at 9:30 am and 7:30 pm.

Fridays in Lent: Stations of the Cross at St. Teresa's Church. Fridays 16th, 23rd Feb, 2nd, 9th, 16th, 23rd March. All at 7.30 pm.

Saturday 24th February

Parish Quiet Day: This will be led by the Ven. Michael Fox, former Archdeacon of West Ham and vicar of St. James, East Hill. Details TBA. If you would like to attend please contact Tony Bushell.

Monday 26th March

Stations of the Cross at St Albright's church. 7:30 pm.

WEDNESDAYS AT 7.30 pm

in St. Andrew's Hall
21st and 28th February
7th, 14th, 21st March

A series of talks to prepare us for the season which is at the very heart of our Christian faith and ministry. Guest speakers to include:-

21st February: The Rev. Dr. Jonathan Arnold, Dean of Divinity at Magdalen College, Oxford.

28th February: The Rev. Father Alexander Haig, priest at the Orthodox church of St. Helen, Colchester.

7th and 14th March TBA

21st March. Ruth Stone of Colchester Synagogue on Passover - Pesach and the Seder.

Sunday 11th March. Next Family Communion Service for Mothering Sunday. There will be posies for the children to give to their Mums.



The third in our series about the Christian faith continues Saturdays 17th February and 3rd and 17th March 10.00 am in St. Andrew's Hall