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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 14th January

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 14th January - 2nd Sunday of Epiphany

Holy Communion (1662) 9:00 am

Parish Eucharist (for all ages) and

Baptism of Nelson William Mead 10:30 am

Epiphany Carol Service with Mersea Choir 6:30 pm

Tuesday 16th January

Ministry Meeting at 74 Tollgate Drive at 7:30 pm

Wednesday 17th January - St Antony of Egypt

Holy Communion 9:30 am

Choir Practice at 7:00 pm

Thursday 18th January

Start of the Week of Prayer for Christian Unity

Bible Study 2:00 pm at 74 Tollgate Drive

We are looking at the final chapters of Revelation

Friday 19th January

Holy Communion at Loganberry Lodge 11:00 am

Saturday 20th January

Fortnightly Pilgrim Course - In church at 10:00 am

We are looking at "The Beatitudes"

Burns Night Supper - St Andrew's Hall 6:00 pm

Sunday 21st January - 3rd Sunday of Epiphany

Holy Communion (1662) 9:00 am

Parish Eucharist (for all ages) 10:30 am

Guest Preacher at both services is Dr. Claire Bonham who is the Strategic Lead for Volunteering for The Salvation Army across the UK and Ireland.

Service for the week of Prayer for Christian Unity at Stanway Evangelical Church 6:00 pm

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 Burnige, 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 and Neville Papworth.

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 the recently departed and their families:-

Harold Isom, Peter Beard, Kevin Foran, Edith Smith, Joy Glibbery, Katherine Wareham (Funeral in church 23rd January at 12:30 pm), Bruna Orchard and George Pennington.

Pray for other Christian churches in Stanway:

Bethel Fellowship, Stanway Evangelical, The Tollgate Methodist Community and St. Teresa's Roman Catholic parish church.

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 God, in Christ you make all things new: transform the poverty of our nature by the riches of your grace, and in the renewal of our lives make known your heavenly glory; through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord, 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 first book of Samuel.

The boy Samuel was ministering to the Lord under Eli. The word of the Lord was rare in those days; visions were not widespread.

At that time Eli, whose eyesight had begun to grow dim so that he could not see, was lying down in his room; the lamp of God had not yet gone out, and Samuel was lying down in the temple of the Lord, where the ark of God was. Then the Lord called, 'Samuel! Samuel!' and he said, 'Here I am!' and ran to Eli, and said, 'Here I am, for you called me.' But he said, 'I did not call; lie down again.' So he went and lay down. The Lord called again, 'Samuel!' Samuel got up and went to Eli, and said, 'Here I am, for you called me.' But he said, 'I did not call, my son; lie down again.' Now Samuel did not yet know the Lord, and the word of the Lord had not yet been revealed to him. The Lord called Samuel again, a third time. And he got up and went to Eli, and said, 'Here I am, for you called me.' Then Eli perceived that the Lord was calling the boy. Therefore Eli said to Samuel, 'Go, lie down; and if he calls you, you shall say, "Speak, Lord, for your servant is listening."' So Samuel went and lay down in his place.

Now the Lord came and stood there, calling as before, 'Samuel! Samuel!' And Samuel said, 'Speak, for your servant is listening.'

This is the word of the Lord,

Thanks be to God. (1 Samuel 3: 1-10)

PSALM 139: 1-5, 12-18

Response: I will thank you because I am marvellously made.

Lord, you have searched me out and known me;

you know my sitting down and my rising up; you discern my thoughts from afar.

You trace my journeys and my resting-places and are acquainted with all my ways. **R**

Indeed, there is not a word on my lips, but you, O Lord, know it altogether.

You press upon me behind and before and lay your hand upon me.

Such knowledge is too wonderful for me; it is so high that I cannot attain to it. **R**

For you yourself created my inmost parts; you knit me together in my mother's womb.

I will thank you because I am marvellously made;

your works are wonderful and I know it well. **R**

My body was not hidden from you, while I was being made in secret and woven in the depths of the earth.

Your eyes beheld my limbs, yet unfinished in the womb;

all of them were written in your book;

they were fashioned day by day, when as yet there was none of them. **R**

How deep I find your thoughts, O God!

how great is the sum of them!

If I were to count them,

they would be more in number than the sand;

to count them all, my life span would need to be like yours. **R**

SECOND READING:

A reading from the book of Revelation.

I saw in the right hand of the one seated on the throne a scroll written on the inside and on the back, sealed with seven seals; and I saw a mighty angel proclaiming with a loud voice, 'Who is worthy to open the scroll and break its seals?' And no one in heaven or on earth or under the earth was able to open the scroll or to look into it. And I began to weep bitterly because no one was found worthy to open the scroll or to look into it. Then one of the elders said to me, 'Do not weep. See, the Lion of the tribe of Judah, the Root of David, has conquered, so that he can open the scroll and its seven seals.'

Then I saw between the throne and the four living creatures and among the elders a Lamb standing as if it had been slaughtered, having seven horns and seven eyes, which are the seven spirits of God sent out into all the earth. He went and took the scroll from the right hand of the one who was seated on the throne. When he had taken the scroll, the four living creatures and the twenty-four elders fell before the Lamb, each holding a harp and golden bowls full of incense, which are the prayers of the saints. They sing a new song:

'You are worthy to take the scroll

and to open its seals,

for you were slaughtered and by your blood you ransomed for God

saints from every tribe and language and people and nation;

you have made them to be a kingdom and priests serving our God,

and they will reign on earth.'

This is the word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God (Revelation 5: 1-10)

GOSPEL: John 1: 43-end

Hear the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to John – Glory to you O Lord.

The next day Jesus decided to go to Galilee. He found Philip and said to him, 'Follow me.' Now Philip was from Bethsaida, the city of Andrew and Peter. Philip found Nathanael and said to him, 'We have found him about whom Moses in the law and also the prophets wrote, Jesus son of Joseph from Nazareth.' Nathanael said to him, 'Can anything good come out of Nazareth?' Philip said to him, 'Come and see.' When Jesus saw Nathanael coming towards him, he said of him, 'Here is truly an Israelite in whom there is no deceit!' Nathanael asked him, 'Where did you come to know me?' Jesus answered, 'I saw you under the fig tree before Philip called you.' Nathanael replied, 'Rabbi, you are the Son of God! You are the King of Israel!' Jesus answered, 'Do you believe because I told you that I saw you under the fig tree? You will see greater things than these.' And he said to him, 'Very truly, I tell you, you will see heaven opened and the angels of God ascending and descending upon the Son of Man.'

This is the Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you O Christ.

POST COMMUNION PRAYER

God of glory, you nourish us with your Word who is the bread of life: fill us with your Holy Spirit that through us the light of your glory may shine in all the world. We ask this in the name of Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen**

Hymns for Today
(New English Hymnal)
Introit: 52, Gradual: 48
Offertory: 50, During Communion: 51
Thanksgiving: 56

For your Diaries:-

Epiphany at St Albright's



Thursdays 18th & 25th January & 1st Feb.

Bible Study commences at 2.00 pm at 74 Tollgate Drive We shall be looking at the final chapters of Revelation for three weeks.

Saturday 20th January

The Burns' Night Supper will be held in St. Andrew's Hall on Saturday 20th January. Tickets priced at £6.00 are now available from June Windsor or Kay Ireland. Doors open at 6.00 pm for 6.15 pm. Vegetarians please advise when purchasing ticket.

Tuesday 23rd January

Post Confirmation Class Supper at 74 Tollgate Drive at 7:00 pm

Wednesday 24th January

PCC Standing Committee meets at 260 Straight Road. Time tba.

Friday 26th January

Pastoral Support Team meeting at 74 Tollgate Drive at 2:00 pm

Sunday 28th January

Taizé Service 6:30 pm. Note Change to previously advertised date.

Wednesday 31st January

Holy Communion 7:00 pm followed by PCC Meeting. St Andrew's Hall

Saturday 3rd February

Men's Breakfast + Carpet Bowls. Meet Stanway Evangelical Church 8:30 am. Further details from John Lemon or Mark Claydon.

Sunday 4th February

10:30 am Next Family Communion Service for Candlemas.



The third in our series about the Christian faith Saturdays 20th and 27th January

17th February and 3rd and 17th March 10.00 am in St. Andrew's Hall

Prayer Walking

All the churches in Stanway are embarking on a systematic programme of prayer walks around the parish. Speak to Tony for more info.

Next Prayer Walk will be Saturday 27th January. Venue tba.

Prayer for the area to be visited will be on the second Wednesday of every month at Steve Swann's house, 78, Robin Crescent. Next month will be Wednesday 7th February.