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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](http://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 15th April

**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.*

## Alleluia! Christ is Risen

### Sunday 15th April - Easter 3

Holy Communion (1662) 9:00 am

Parish Eucharist (for all ages) 10:30 am

Song Recital by Stephen Fort 7:00 pm

### Wednesday 18th April

Holy Communion 9:30 am

Choir Practice 6:30 pm

### Thursday 19th April

2:00 pm Bible Study commences at 74 Tollgate Drive

We will be studying the Letters of Peter.

### Friday 20th April

11:00 am Holy Communion at Loganberry Lodge

### Saturday 21st April

Organ Recital by Dewi Rees at 7:00 pm

### Sunday 22nd April - Easter 4

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, Katie Nixon, Nick Carter, Carole Cansdale, Rachel Kent, Mandy Drew, Peter Wild, Betty Sibley, Audrey Thompson, Joan Watson, Joan Binnie, Phil, Neville Papworth, Eric Blowes, Janet Bullard and Hazel Partridge.

**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 :

Ryan Anderson (06/05), Brando Stone (22/07)

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

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 those who have been married at St. Albright's this year :

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

## Pray for the recently departed and their families:-

Bruna Orchard, George Pennington, Richard Burnige, Julie Lawson, Kieran Brook Mair Scholar, Liz Terris, Kenneth Newberry, Joan Taylor, Peter Wilkinson and Derek Ellis.

## 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, who in your great mercy gladdened the disciples with the sight of the risen Lord: give us such knowledge of his presence with us, that we may be strengthened and sustained by his risen life and serve you continually in righteousness and truth; 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 Acts of the Apostles*

Peter addressed the people,

'You Israelites, why do you wonder at this, or why do you stare at us, as though by our own power or piety we had made him walk? The God of Abraham, the God of Isaac, and the God of Jacob, the God of our ancestors has glorified his servant Jesus, whom you handed over and rejected in the presence of Pilate, though he had decided to release him. But you rejected the Holy and Righteous One and asked to have a murderer given to you, and you killed the Author of life, whom God raised from the dead. To this we are witnesses. And by faith in his name, his name itself has made this man strong, whom you see and know; and the faith that is through Jesus has given him this perfect health in the presence of all of you.

'And now, friends, I know that you acted in ignorance, as did also your rulers. In this way God fulfilled what he had foretold through all the prophets, that his Messiah would suffer. Repent therefore, and turn to God so that your sins may be wiped out,

This is the word of the Lord,

**Thanks be to God.** (Acts 3: 12-19)

## PSALM 4

**Response: Lift up the light of your countenance upon us, O Lord.**

Answer me when I call, O God, defender of my cause;  
you set me free when I am hard-pressed;  
have mercy on me and hear my prayer.  
'You mortals, how long will you dishonour my glory;  
how long will you worship dumb idols  
and run after false gods?' **R**

Know that the Lord does wonders for the faithful;  
when I call upon the Lord, he will hear me.  
Tremble, then, and do not sin;  
speak to your heart in silence upon your bed. **R**

Offer the appointed sacrifices  
and put your trust in the Lord.  
Many are saying,  
'O that we might see better times!'  
Lift up the light of your countenance upon us, O Lord. **R**

You have put gladness in my heart,  
more than when grain and wine and oil increase.

I lie down in peace; at once I fall asleep;  
for only you, Lord, make me dwell in safety. **R**

## SECOND READING

*A reading from the first letter of John.*

See what love the Father has given us, that we should be called children of God; and that is what we are. The reason the world does not know us is that it did not know him. Beloved, we are God's children now; what we will be has not yet been revealed. What we do know is this: when he is revealed, we will be like him, for we will see him as he is. And all who have this hope in him purify themselves, just as he is pure.

Everyone who commits sin is guilty of lawlessness; sin is lawlessness. You know that he was revealed to take away sins, and in him there is no sin. No one who abides in him sins; no one who sins has either seen him or known him. Little children, let no one deceive you. Everyone who does what is right is righteous, just as he is righteous.

This is the word of the Lord,

**Thanks be to God** (1 John 3: 1-7)

## THE GOSPEL – Luke 24: 36b-48

Hear the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Luke – **Glorify to you O Lord.**

While the eleven and their companions were talking about what they had heard, Jesus himself stood among them and said to them, 'Peace be with you.' They were startled and terrified, and thought that they were seeing a ghost. He said to them, 'Why are you frightened, and why do doubts arise in your hearts? Look at my hands and my feet; see that it is I myself. Touch me and see; for a ghost does not have flesh and bones as you see that I have.' And when he had said this, he showed them his hands and his feet. While in their joy they were disbelieving and still wondering, he said to them, 'Have you anything here to eat?' They gave him a piece of broiled fish, and he took it and ate in their presence.

Then he said to them, 'These are my words that I spoke to you while I was still with you—that everything written about me in the law of Moses, the prophets, and the psalms must be fulfilled.' Then he opened their minds to understand the scriptures, and he said to them, 'Thus it is written, that the Messiah is to suffer and to rise from the dead on the third day, and that repentance and forgiveness of sins is to be proclaimed in his name to all nations, beginning from Jerusalem. You are witnesses of these things.

This is the Gospel of the Lord - **Praise to you O Christ.**

## POST COMMUNION PRAYER

Living God, your Son made himself known to his disciples in the breaking of bread: open the eyes of our faith, that we may see him in all his redeeming work; who is alive and reigns, now and for ever. **Amen.**

**Hymns for Today**  
**(New English Hymnal)**  
**Introit: 351, Gradual: 64**  
**Offertory: 106, During Communion: 84**  
**Thanksgiving: 415**

St Albright's Church Stanway  
**Rise and Shine**  
JOIN US FOR A SHORT INFORMAL SERVICE (APPROX 30 MINS)  
FOR FAMILIES AND CHILDREN  
AT 9:30AM ON THE FIRST SUNDAY OF EVERY MONTH  
THE SERVICE TAKES PLACE IN  
ST ANDREW'S HALL, LONDON ROAD, STANWAY,  
CO3 8LR. (ADJACENT TO ST ALBRIGHT'S CHURCH)  
EMAIL: VICAR@AOL.COM FOR FURTHER DETAILS  
THERE WILL BE LIGHT REFRESHMENTS



Please pray for David T-C and Kim Lock after the 10:30 am service today. They will be visiting new homes and families on the Halstead Road railway sidings estate with the Rise and Shine cards to speak with families new to the area who may not know that St. Albright's is their parish church and this new service is starting for children and parents in St. Andrews hall on May 6th at 9.30am

## For your Diaries:-

**Sunday 29th April** - Annual Parochial Church Meeting 12 noon

**Sunday 6th May** - Songs of Praise followed by tea at 4:00 pm. Please fill in a form at the back of the church with your name, choice of Hymn or Song and/or Bible reading together with the reasons for your choice and place it in the box at the back of the church **before 29th April please.**

**Thursday 10th May** (Ascension Day) - Sung Eucharist at 7:30 pm.

**Sunday 13th May** - Patronal Festival with the Dean of Chelmsford 10:30 am followed by picnic lunch.

**Sunday 20th May (Pentecost)** - Choral Evensong 6:30 pm

**Saturday 26th May** - Parish outing to Bury St Edmunds Cathedral.

## 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 28th April.**

**Meet outside Costa on corner of Tollgate Road.**

**St Andrew's Hall**  
Our church hall in London Road  
**is available for booking.**

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