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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. Do 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.

**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 8th October

**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 8th October - Trinity 17

Holy Communion (1662) 9:00 am

Parish Eucharist (for all ages) 10:30 am

### Tuesday 10th October

Ladies' Fellowship

St Andrew's Hall 10:00 am

### Wednesday 11th October

**NB: NO Service of Holy Communion today at 9:30am**

Stanway Churches. Prayer for the area to be visited at Steve Swann's house, 78, Robin Crescent. 10:30 am

Choir Practice (See David) 7:00 pm

### Thursday 12th October

Bible Study - St Andrew's Hall 2:30 pm

We are studying the book of Revelation.

### Friday 13th October

Holy Communion at Loganberry Lodge 11:00 am

### Sunday 15th October - Trinity 18

Holy Communion (1662) 9:00 am

Parish Eucharist (for all ages)

and Baptism of Rory Little 10:30 am

*NB. Albright's Club has been temporarily suspended, but there are toys and quiet supervised activities in the side chapel until the Peace.*

## Pray for those who have asked for our prayers:

David Martin, Leila Willmott, Karen Dixon, John Harvey, James Harvey, Sharon Ivanauskas, Sylvie and Dave Moss, Tony and Sue, Richard Burnige, Richard Letts, Anne Page, Mala, Raju, Saras, Katie Nixon, Nick Carter, Carole Cansdale and Rachel Kent.

**Please Pray for** Clement Arde-Acquah as he continues his training to be an Licensed Lay Minister and for all others on his course. Please pray for all those to be ordained deacon in this diocese in Chelmsford Cathedral on 30th September

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

George Patient, Celia Busbridge, Peggy Willmott, George Johnson, Ron West, Victor Farthing and Harold Isom.

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

Rory Little (15/10), Leon Crombie (19/11).

## 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, you have made us for yourself, and our hearts are restless till they find their rest in you: pour your love into our hearts and draw us to yourself, and so bring us a last to your heavenly city where we shall see you face to face; 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 book of the prophet Isaiah.*

Let me sing for my beloved  
my love-song concerning his vineyard:  
My beloved had a vineyard  
on a very fertile hill.  
He dug it and cleared it of stones,  
and planted it with choice vines;  
he built a watch-tower in the midst of it,  
and hewed out a wine vat in it;  
he expected it to yield grapes,  
but it yielded wild grapes.  
And now, inhabitants of Jerusalem  
and people of Judah,  
judge between me  
and my vineyard.  
What more was there to do for my vineyard  
that I have not done in it?  
When I expected it to yield grapes,  
why did it yield wild grapes?  
And now I will tell you  
what I will do to my vineyard.  
I will remove its hedge,  
and it shall be devoured;  
I will break down its wall,  
and it shall be trampled down.  
I will make it a waste;  
it shall not be pruned or hoed,  
and it shall be overgrown with briars and  
thorns;  
I will also command the clouds  
that they rain no rain upon it.  
For the vineyard of the Lord of hosts  
is the house of Israel,  
and the people of Judah  
are his pleasant planting;  
he expected justice,  
but saw bloodshed;  
righteousness,  
but heard a cry!  
This is the word of the Lord,  
**Thanks be to God.** (Isaiah 5: 1-7)

### PSALM 80: 7-14

**Response: For the vineyard of the Lord of hosts is the house of Israel.**

Restore us, O God of hosts;  
show the light of your countenance  
and we shall be saved.  
You have brought a vine out of Egypt;  
you cast out the nations and planted it.  
You prepared the ground for it;  
it took root and filled the land. **R**  
The mountains were covered by its shadow  
and the towering cedar trees by its boughs.  
You stretched out its tendrils to the Sea  
and its branches to the River. **R**  
Why have you broken down its wall,  
so that all who pass by pluck off its grapes?  
The wild boar of the forest has ravaged it,  
and the beasts of the field have grazed upon  
it.

Turn now, O God of hosts, look down from  
heaven;  
behold and tend this vine;  
preserve what your right hand has planted. **R**

### SECOND READING

*A reading from the letter of Paul to the Philippians.*

If anyone else has reason to be confident in the flesh, I have more: circumcised on the eighth day, a member of the people of Israel, of the tribe of Benjamin, a Hebrew born of Hebrews; as to the law, a Pharisee; as to zeal, a persecutor of the church; as to righteousness under the law, blameless.

Yet whatever gains I had, these I have come to regard as loss because of Christ. More than that, I regard everything as loss because of the surpassing value of knowing Christ Jesus my Lord. For his sake I have suffered the loss of all things, and I regard them as rubbish, in order that I may gain Christ and be found in him, not having a righteousness of my own that comes from the law, but one that comes through faith in Christ, the righteousness from God based on faith. I want to know Christ and the power of his resurrection and the sharing of his sufferings by becoming like him in his death, if somehow I may attain the resurrection from the dead.

Not that I have already obtained this or have already reached the goal; but I press on to make it my own, because Christ Jesus has made me his own. Beloved, I do not consider that I have made it my own; but this one thing I do: forgetting what lies behind and straining forward to what lies ahead, I press on towards the goal for the prize of the heavenly call of God in Christ Jesus.

This is the word of the Lord,

**Thanks be to God.** (Philippians 3: 4b-14)

### THE GOSPEL – Matthew 21: 33-end

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

‘Listen to another parable. There was a landowner who planted a vineyard, put a fence around it, dug a wine press in it, and built a watch-tower. Then he leased it to tenants and went to another country. When the harvest time had come, he sent his slaves to the tenants to collect his produce. But the tenants seized his slaves and beat one, killed another, and stoned another. Again he sent other slaves, more than the first; and they treated them in the same way. Finally he sent his son to them, saying, “They will respect my son.” But when the tenants saw the son, they said to themselves, “This is the heir; come, let us kill him and get his inheritance.” So they seized him, threw him out of the vineyard, and killed him. Now when the owner of the vineyard comes, what will he do to those tenants?’ They said to him, ‘He will put those wretches to a miserable death, and lease the vineyard to other tenants who will give him the produce at the harvest time.’

Jesus said to them, ‘Have you never read in the scriptures:

“The stone that the builders rejected has become the cornerstone; this was the Lord’s doing, and it is amazing in our eyes”?

Therefore I tell you, the kingdom of God will be taken away from you and given to a people that

produces the fruits of the kingdom. The one who falls on this stone will be broken to pieces; and it will crush anyone on whom it falls.’

When the chief priests and the Pharisees heard his parables, they realized that he was speaking about them. They wanted to arrest him, but they feared the crowds, because they regarded him as a prophet.

This is the Gospel of the Lord.

**Praise to you O Christ.**

### POST COMMUNION PRAYER

Lord, we pray that your grace may always precede and follow us, and make us continually to be given to all good works; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

**Hymns for Today**  
**(New English Hymnal)**  
**Introit: 149, Gradual: 418**  
**Offertory: 273, During Communion: 463**  
**Thanksgiving: 437**

### Harvest Supper

You will be pleased to know that the Harvest Supper, enjoyed by so many of us, raised a total of £331.10 for the Quinquennial Fund.

David Kent

### For your Diaries:-

#### 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 October. 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 8th November.

#### Thursday 19th October

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#### Sunday 22nd October

We will be welcoming the Mersea Choir who will be singing at the 10:30 Eucharist.

#### Thursday 2nd November - All Souls

There will be a Light a Candle for a Loved One service in church at 7:30 pm

An opportunity at All Souls tide to remember and pray for those who have died. If you would like a loved one to be named during the service, a list will be at the back of the church next week.



#### Pilgrim - A Course for the Christian Journey

This fortnightly course about the Christian faith

The third series looks at  
“How Christians Live”

**Continues Saturdays**

**21st, & 28th October and**

**11th & 25th November**

10.00 am in St. Andrew’s Hall

To find out more contact Rev. Tony Bushell  
or Penny Bonham

**Aibright’s Club (children’s church)**  
(Children 4 -11 yrs)

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