

The Collect for today

Almighty God, you have broken the tyranny of sin and have sent the Spirit of your Son into our hearts whereby we call you Father; give us grace to dedicate our freedom to your service, that we and all creation may be brought to the glorious liberty of the children of God; 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.

1st Reading Ezekiel

a17:22 to end

²² Thus says the Lord GOD:

I myself will take a sprig from the lofty top of a cedar; I will set it out. I will break off a tender one from the topmost of its young twigs; I myself will plant it on a high and lofty mountain.

²³ On the mountain height of Israel I will plant it, in order that it may produce boughs and bear fruit, and become a noble cedar. Under it every kind of bird will live; in the shade of its branches will nest winged creatures of every kind.

²⁴ All the trees of the field shall know that I am the LORD. I bring low the high tree, I make high the low tree; I dry up the green tree and make the dry tree flourish. I the LORD have spoken; I will accomplish it.

The Gospel Reading

Mark 4: 26-34

²⁶ He also said, "The kingdom of God is as if someone would scatter seed on the ground, ²⁷ and would sleep and rise night and day, and the seed would sprout and grow, he does not know how. ²⁸ The earth produces of itself, first the stalk, then the head, then the full grain in the head. ²⁹ But when the grain is ripe, at once he goes in with his sickle, because the harvest has come." ³⁰ He also said, "With what can we compare the kingdom of God, or what parable will we use for it? ³¹ It is like a mustard seed, which, when sown upon the ground, is the smallest of all the seeds on earth; ³² yet when it is sown it grows up and becomes the greatest of all shrubs, and puts forth large branches, so that the birds of the air can make nests in its shade." ³³ With many such parables he spoke the word to them, as they were able to hear it; ³⁴ he did not speak to them except in parables, but he explained everything in private to his disciples

Pastoral Care We are beginning a new way of co-ordinating pastoral visits within the church. If you would be willing to be part of a small team willing to be involved., do get in touch with Beth. You may be part of the existing pastoral group or be new to this

Church open days— There are still some gaps on the Church sitting Rota, please put your name against any free date so we may have the church open on Sundays during the Summer Thank you.

Data Protection Policy

In order to comply with new regulations, we will be asking you to complete a form indicating whether you give consent for your contact details to be held by the clergy team. Our updated privacy policy is at the back of church; please complete your consent form and return it to one of the clergy team. Many thanks

Coffee Spot
Meet Old Friends *Make New Friends*
Refreshments Bring and Buy Stall Scrabble Hobbies
Every Tuesday in The Old Schoolroom from 10-00am

Bible Study

The Bible Study
Wednesday at 8-00pm at The Old Schoolroom.



Village Fete Sunday 1st July - Beryl will be running a tombola stall and would be grateful donations of items suitable as prizes, also and old raffle tickets that could be used

The Launch Thursday 12th July Chees and Wine evening to Officially launch the fundraising campaign for the refurbishment of this church We are inviting local businesses, villagers and other interested parties. There will be the official launch by the Bishop of Colchester, music and information on how you can help raise the amount needed to refurbish, revitalize and renew this lovely building suitable for worship for years to come.

Away Day Saturday July 14th, we are inviting the PCC and any interested church members to step back for a morning and look at the wider picture of our mission and ministry in this church. Jenni Tomlinson, the area development advisor is leading the morning which will begin at 10am and finish at 12.30, with the opportunity to go for a pub lunch afterwards. Please let me know if you can come, by signing the list at

Quiz Night - Saturday 14th July in the Village Hall, starting at 7-30pm. Teams of up to eight. £5-00 per person. To raise funds for the refurbishment of the Church. Bring your own drinks and nibbles. Entries to Ian Whiteside; whitesidedi@btinternet.com or 01376321908

Braintree Food Bank Please continue to support this very important part of our ministry in the community. Please see the **June** Shopping List at the back of church, Stocks are good but there are some specific items that are required. The food bank is extremely grateful for our continued support. *Thank You.*



Any items for inclusion in this news sheet to be handed to
Colin Miles by Friday evening please, . **01376-801884** or crmiles@sky.com

**Weekly
News
Sheet**

The Parish Church of All Saints' Rayne
(www.allsaintsrayne.org.uk)

Sunday 17th June 2018

We extend a very warm welcome to our services today. We invite you to stay after the service for tea, coffee, squash and biscuits to continue to share in fellowship together.



3rd Sunday after Trinity

Today

9-30am Holy Communion

7-00pm Prayer and Praise at the Church at Great Notley

Monday 18th 8-00pm Olivia's licencing at St John's Church Epping

Wednesday 20th June

9-00am Morning Prayer (said)

10-30am the funeral of Dennis Taylor at Three Counties Crematorium

Sunday 24th June

9-30am Morning Prayer

Wednesday 27th June 9-00am Morning Prayer (said)

Sunday 1st July

9-30am Holy Communion

Wednesday 4th July 9-00am Morning Prayer (said)

Sunday 8th July

8-30am Holy Communion (said)

9-30am All Age Family Worship, Baptism and Renewal of Promises

Wednesday 11th July 9-00am Morning Prayer (said)

Sunday 15th July

9-30am Holy Communion

3-00pm Messy Church

7-00pm Prayer and Praise at the Church at Great Notley.

Wednesday 18th July

9-00am Morning Prayer (said)

7-30pm PCC meeting in the Old Schoolroom

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