

## Notice Board

You will find information on this page relating to help wanted and more detailed information on some of the events listed on our "What's On" page, plus reports on some events once they have taken place.

**The Parish is in Interregnum** – For all enquiries relating to All Saints' or St James' Churches or any personal matter please telephone 01206 302407. For enquiries regarding the Church Centre please telephone 01206 302378. One of the Churchwardens will be available during Saturday Coffee Mornings between 10.30am and 11.15 am to discuss any issues. Please take a look at our [Mission Action Plan and Statement](#) (also available in St James' Church) and consider how you can assist the PCC in moving the issues forward.

You can now view the [Parish Profile](#) on-line and it is also available in hard copy at St James' Church. As this is a lengthy document it is not practical to provide individual copies, but please read it and leave it there for others.

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**Churches Together** is running a study of the Ten Commandments for ten Mondays (with a break for Easter); it is at the United Church at 7pm and all are welcome to join this series of stand-alone messages. The May meetings will be held on 14<sup>th</sup> and 28<sup>th</sup> May.

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The Church of England is encouraging its 13,000 parishes to be involved with their communities to celebrate **The Queen's Diamond Jubilee**, as it announces its participation in two national events: "**The Big Jubilee Lunch**" and "**The Big Thank You**".

The Organising Committee is inviting everyone to join in the celebrations on Sunday, 3<sup>rd</sup> June, bringing along their picnic (it can be as simple or as lavish as you like!) travel rug or fold up chairs, fancy dress if you wish and join in "The Big Jubilee Lunch". Replicating the events held in Brightlingsea in 1897 to celebrate Queen Victoria's Jubilee, everyone is being asked to muster on Hurst Green at Noon and then to parade through the town in procession to the Bayard Recreation Ground, Regent Road. The procession will be led by Brightlingsea Town Councillors, Officers of the Liberty, representatives from town organisations and accompanied by the Church Lads and Church Girls Brigade Band – residents unable to join in the parade may go to the Rec to arrive at about 12.30 pm.

Local multi-talented groups and performers will provide entertainment throughout the afternoon and there will be old-fashioned games and races for children and adults, organised by the Brightlingsea Lions Club. The London River Pageant will also be able to be seen on screen.

A Jubilee Tea will also be served in the marquee to elderly Brightlingsea residents who are unable to join in the picnic lunch with friends and family.

On Monday 4<sup>th</sup> June, Brightlingsea will be participating in the official beacon lighting ceremony, to be followed by a spectacular firework display at Promenade Way.

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**Mother's Union** will be visiting St Mary's Parish Church, Saffron Walden on Thursday 7<sup>th</sup> June. They are holding a week-long Festival of Flowers and Music. As well as a feast of sight and sound, taste is not forgotten and refreshments will be on sale. There is a lunch-time concert featuring Jonathan and Karin Cunliffe on the viola, piano and organ. If you don't want to attend the St Mary's Festival, Saffron Walden offers many historic buildings and independent shops to explore. The Victorian Bridge End Garden, recently restored to its full splendour, is located close to the church. See [www.visitsaffronwalden.gov.uk](http://www.visitsaffronwalden.gov.uk).

The outing is not limited to members of the MU and anyone is free to book a seat. Please call either Kathy Tidman on 302482, Helena Stephens on 302884 or Ann Berry on 305024. Our coach will depart from St James' Church at 9.00 am and will leave Saffron Walden at 5.00 pm. The fare will not exceed £10 provide we fill our coach.

Canon Michael Swindlehurst will meet us, and we are hoping her schedule will enable us to meet the Reverend Anne Howson who is coming in September to be our Priest-in-Charge in Brightlingsea.

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**Mother's Union Golden Jubilee Scrapbook of 2012** – to mark the Queen's Diamond Jubilee Brightlingsea Museum is planning a display of photographs and memorabilia from events and occasions that have taken place in the town during this period. When the Mother's Union visited the Museum last year, much interest was shown in a scrapbook compiled in the 1970's that showed cuttings and pictures from that year; and how we ooh-d and aah-d at the so old-fashioned styles and the enormous price differences. Inspired by this book, Mothers' Union members will be compiling a scrapbook of 2012 that will include pictures, newspaper cuttings, adverts, notices of local events and ephemera of the type shown in the 1970's scrapbook. When completed, the Mothers' Union Golden Jubilee Scrapbook of Brightlingsea 2012 will be donated to the Museum.

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**Our Church Book Case** – now that the book case is open again, the PCC hopes that members of the parish and visitors will make good use of this resource. Some of the books have been there a long time, some we have never seen before, as they were left by Fr. Peter when he retired to Halifax. We hope to add to the collection and any donations would be well-received. There are also books for sale. Come and see!

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**Bible Study** classes are held on alternate Mondays at 7.30pm at 1 Tudor Close, Brightlingsea. The May meetings are on Monday 14<sup>th</sup> and Monday 28<sup>th</sup> May 2012.

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**St James' Singers** meet on Thursday evenings at 7.30pm in St James' Church – if you sing, just turn up! All welcome at St James' Church on a Thursday evening for a singing workout and good fellowship, or contact Carole Warren on 01206 825027 for further information.

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**St James' Rotas** – Cleaning Rota for 2012 and Flower Rota (please sign up for the week(s) when you wish to provide flowers) are available at the back of St James' Church. Reader Rotas for April to June are available on the table.

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Rotas are prepared for the various jobs needing to be done at **All Saints' – cleaning, custodian, brass cleaning**. If you would like to become part of one of these teams, please get in touch with Janet Russell (tel. 01206 305552) or John Reilly (tel. 01206 305768). More volunteers will mean that duties come round less frequently.

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**"The Native"** is Brightlingsea's Parish Magazine, produced monthly. Your reports and articles (up to about 250 words) can be sent to the editor before the deadline date for each issue. Email [janetrussell@smartemail.co.uk](mailto:janetrussell@smartemail.co.uk), [parishmag@allsaintswithstjamesb-sea.co.uk](mailto:parishmag@allsaintswithstjamesb-sea.co.uk) or [brightlingseaparish@btconnect.com](mailto:brightlingseaparish@btconnect.com)

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The deadline for the June issue is Sunday 13<sup>th</sup> May. The May issue is now available in both churches – cost 50p.

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**Brightlingsea Christmas Tree Festival** – Don't forget our 2012 Challenge – is Brightlingsea's the biggest Christmas Tree Festival in Essex? We are planning the next one on 8<sup>th</sup> and 9<sup>th</sup> December 2012, so please make a note in your diary to come and enjoy Brightlingsea's unique beginning to Christmastide and find out if any other towns or villages rose do the challenge to beat us.

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**St James' Church** is open for private prayer from 8.00 am to 3.45 pm Monday to Friday. If you could just pop in during the week for a few moments it would help to continue this ministry to the town.

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