



NOTICE SHEET FOR ST MARY'S TOLLESBURY AND SALCOTT

3rd & 10th August 2025

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SAFEGUARDING

We are committed to Safeguarding children and young people and vulnerable adults within this Benefice.

The PCC has adopted the Church of England's policies and best practice of safeguarding which may be found on the Church of England's website: <https://www.churchofengland.org/more/safeguarding>, or on the Safeguarding pages of the Chelmsford Diocese: <https://www.chelmsford.anglican.org/safeguarding>.

Details of your Parish Safeguarding Representative can be found on the noticeboard in your church.

ADDITIONAL SERVICE

ST MARY'S TOLLESBURY

Morning prayer on 5th & 12th August 9.15 in the Church Tower

DAILY OPENING TIME FOR CHURCHES

St. Mary's Salcott – 7am – 5pm

St. Mary's Tollesbury – 10am – 3pm

Prayers for the sick: Ron Jones,

Years Mind:

3 - 9 Aug: Elsie Clewett, Maureen Dunn, Joan Moss, Cissie Winstone, Beatrice Ward, Arthur Dyer. Horace Handley, Marjorie Collins.

10 – 16 Aug: Bert Chalk, Kay Parker, Rosina Sheldrick, Florence Raven, Joan Rivett, Jacqueline Polson, Vera Osborne, Violet Harrison, Ethel Carter, Harold Munson, John Birkin, Laura Baldwin, Alexandra Payne, Charles Steward, Ralph Scott, Charles Arthur, Alice Wombwell, Leslie King, Max Baldwin, Bertie Back.

SUNDAY WEEK ONE - 3rd August –

7th Sunday after Trinity – Green

Hosea 11:1-11, Colossians 3:1-11

Luke 12:13-21

9.30am Tollesbury Holy Communion –
Rev Andrew

11.30am Salcott Holy Communion - Rev Andrew

SUNDAY WEEK TWO - 10th August –

8th Sunday after Trinity - Sea Sunday – Green

Isaiah 1:1,10-20, Hebrews 11:1-3,8-16

Luke 12:32-40

9.00am Tollesbury Holy Communion –
Rev Andrew

10.30am Tollesbury Praise and Worship Service
in the Parish room

**Thank you for Hazel
There will be a thanksgiving service
For my dear wife on
Friday 22nd August at the Congregational
church
(The Centre) at 11.00am to which
everyone is invited.
No flowers please, but donations to
either
Farleigh Hospice or Marie Curie, who
gave Hazel
Such wonderful care in her final days.
Hazel would like you to wear clothes
which you are
comfortable in be it traditional funeral
colours
or something brighter.**

Clive

PHILP SMITH – REFLECTIONS

IF we live by the Spirit, let us also be guided by the Spirit.

No prizes for guessing who said this I'm afraid. St Paul's style is unmistakeable, in this case discussing free will in his letter to the Galatians, Chapter 5, which is one of our set readings in these early days of Trinity.

Such an interesting issue, free will. Most people, I imagine, would like to feel they have the ability to make up their own minds, but do we really? Aren't we all – at least to some extent - controlled by the genes with which we were born, conditioned by the way we were brought up, and steered by the societies in which we live?

When you think about it, it's hard not to accept those limitations on your sense of freedom.

But the Bible contains passages which at the very least hint that you are free to make a choice: ***“If you will only obey the Lord your God, by diligently observing all his commandments that I am commanding you today, the Lord your God will set you high above all the nations of the earth; all these blessings shall come upon you and overtake you, if you obey the Lord your God.”***

In other words we are free to opt out of obeying God.

Perhaps this seems a trivial, nit-picking philosophical issue and not something that need bother us too much in our daily lives. But it is a matter that obviously brought about some thought in Paul's head while he was writing to the Galatians.

A choice, he suggests, has to be made between a whole list of debaucheries and the joys of living within the spirit: ***“The fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, generosity, faithfulness, gentleness, and self-control.”***

In one way or another several of the Bible readings selected for Sunday Services during the early part of Trinity this year relate to spreading the word of God now that Jesus is no longer with us physically. In another reading, for example, we hear about the 70 who Jesus sent out – without bags or baggage – to preach the Word and administer to those in need.

What these days we would call Evangelising.

Paul of course was ace at being an Evangelist; others at that time – and also in ours -are not so much so without a little help and pressure.

And it is certainly not easy. How many of us feel fear at the very word, mainly because it contains echoes of standing on a soapbox or banging on people's doors.

But there are other ways of spreading the word. I think this is what St Paul is getting at in that letter to the Galatians: ***“For the whole law is summed up in a single commandment, you shall love your neighbour as yourself.”***

Actually I think the free will issue only seems a problem when we try to see it in black and white terms when there are so many grey areas.

Just look at the choices, Paul is saying. We can make a decision to accept God's commandment and love our neighbours as ourselves, or we can decide not to. Which choice makes the most sense?

And when we choose God's way, the love both of Him and our neighbours shines out of us. Thus we are immediately and automatically transformed into an evangelist because our actions and activities, the way we live our lives, the things we do, particularly in supporting and helping others, as a matter of course provide a real time example of what it's like to be a Christian today.

Pounding the mean streets with the Street Pastors on a bitter night in November is certainly one way of demonstrating our love of God. But it's not the only way.