

We're looking for a name for our seven churches. If you can think of a name that might be appropriate, please let Revd Dan know. Please can we also pray that we can come up with a suitable name.



World Day of Prayer 2023
will be held on
Friday 3rd March
at 11am at Chignals URC

*'I have heard
about your faith'*



Each year, on this day, Christians of many cultures, traditions and races in over 120 countries around the world unite in prayer.

Our sisters in Taiwan are sending us blessings with the service they have prepared for World Day of Prayer 2023.

Taiwan is an island rich in natural resources and culturally diverse. The women of Taiwan share the issues faced geographically, politically and socially and also their hopes for the future. Let us join with them as we give thanks for the beautiful island and people of Taiwan and encourage one another in our faith just as Apostle Paul did in his letters. Please join us, everyone is welcome.

Ford End Gardening Club

Wednesday 15th Feb at 7.30pm in Ford End Village Hall. The meeting will be on 'Myths and mythology surrounding the Yew Tree' by Martin Lockwood, a non-stipendiary minister. This might be of particular interest to people as nearly every churchyard has a yew tree.

Daily Devotional for 2023

We have decided to read "Strength for Each Day" by Joyce Meyer as our daily devotional for 2023. Discover a powerful and positive mindset each day of the year with uplifting insights and motivational Bible verses. Please let Carol or Jo know if you'd like a free copy if you haven't done so already. We also have a WhatsApp group to share encouraging messages. Please let Jo know if you'd like to join the group. Jo and Carol.

Great Waltham Church - work to upgrade the paths will commence on 31st January. We apologise for any inconvenience caused. Please take care when using the churchyard while the work is going on, and use the alternative paths indicated where necessary-via the Lych Gate, diagonal path or Millennium Gate as appropriate. Thanks for your co-operation.



Welcome to your Church Pew Sheet for February 2023



Church Services

Sunday 5th Feb

9.30am – Family Service – Little Leighs
11.00am – Communion – Great Waltham

Sunday 12th Feb

9.30am - Communion – Little Leighs
10.00am – Family Communion – Ford End

Sunday 19th Feb

11.00am – Communion – Great Waltham
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11.00am – Communion – The Chignals

Ash Wednesday 22nd Feb

10.30am – St Mary & St Leonard, Broomfield
7.30pm - St Andrews, Boreham

Sunday 26th Feb

9.30am – Communion – Great Leighs
10.00am – Family Service – Ford End

Private Prayer

Little Waltham: Sundays 11am - 3pm

Little Leighs: open daily for private prayer

Please note Ford End Church will not be open for private prayer during February. If you need to have the church opened, please contact the Parish Administrator.

The Chignals: Sundays 10 - 6pm – open for private prayer unless a service is taking place.

Great Waltham: open Mondays 1pm - 2.30pm and last Wednesday of the month 10am - 12pm

Coffee with Christ on Wednesday Feb 15th at 9.30am till 10.30am at St John's Little Leighs.

Ash Wednesday Services 22nd February

St Mary & St Leonard, Broomfield at 10.30am
and St Andrews, Boreham at 7.30pm

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<https://churchesattheleighsandlittlewaltham.org>

Please Pray:

- Father God, King of all nations, we cry out to you now for the people of Ukraine. We ask you to rescue those who are vulnerable from the hands of their enemies that they may live without fear before you all their days [Luke 1:74-75]. (Pete Greig, 24-7 Prayer)
- For wisdom for our World Leaders. We pray they will make just decisions and use their power for the good of the people.
- Sunday 12th - Racial Justice Sunday and is an opportunity for churches to reflect on the importance of racial justice, to give thanks for the gifts and beauty of human diversity, and to commit to end racism and acts of discrimination.
- Fairtrade Fortnight is from Monday 27th February to Sunday March 12th. Please pray for fairness and justice in our trading system globally and for fair prices for producers. Give thanks for the Fairtrade Movement and local initiatives in our diocese which highlight fair-trade products and raise debate about economic justice for all.
- For all who suffer due to the greed of others or through terrorism and war. We pray for those whose lives have been turned upside down that they have had to leave their own countries and become refugees. May aid get to them Lord and love and compassion be shown to them, as they receive shelter food and care.
- National Marriage week begins on Thursday 7th Feb: Lord of life and love, we pray for all who are preparing for marriage; for those who are already married and for those who are happy and those who find their marriages difficult. Be with them all; in their joy and sadness, their hope and their expectations, and above all, help them to understand that you hold them in love each moment of their lives. We ask this through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.
- Thank God for our Diocesan links with other parts of the world. Pray for understanding and love between all people of faith.
- For people living a life of crime to change their ways. Dear Lord please comfort all those affected by crime. Lord you are a just God, we pray for justice & fairness.
- For all those who need our prayers due to sickness or ill health, especially Luke Wiffen, Richard Gibson, Joanne McLachlan, Jean Sly, Izzy Reed, Teddie Emmett, Libby Hill, Dorothy Osborne, Beryl and John Dean and others we know.
- For those who mourn, especially the family and friends of Alan Myers, organist at Great Leighs and much loved member of the community, Roger Hellewell, Robert Holmes and Tony Lovell.

May the light of God's love shine into your life this week so that you have more than enough to share it with others. Smiles & Blessings by Judith Merrell

BOOK LAUNCH: PRAYER GALLERY Rev'd Dan Pierce and Eleanor King.

I'm excited to have written this book with my friend Eleanor, offering a simple resource to help people keep creative in prayer. It contains over 70 stations/installations ideas to help spark and inspire readers imaginations! You're welcome to experience the Prayer Gallery and buy your own copy on WEDNESDAY 1st MARCH, 7pm at Chelmsford Cathedral. I hope we can take the prayer gallery idea around our churches, communities and schools in the coming months. Revd Dan.

I'd love you to join with me for a 5 week course on prayer on Wednesday evenings from March 8th. I'll host the course at a venue tbc. Each session begins with a short video from Archbishop Justin Welby to help get us thinking about prayer!

After Easter I hope we can continue to grow together with something called 'The Character Course'. Details to follow. Revd Dan

May the Lord bless you and keep you. May the Lord smile down on you and show you His kindness. Numbers 6:24-25

The Electoral Roll of the combined parish of Great Waltham with Ford End will be updated in April. Helen Powell, the Electoral Roll Officer, would be grateful if the members of both congregations would please let her know as soon as possible of any changes (since April 2022) of their entry on the Roll (ie. address, phone number or withdrawal from the Roll) Please let Helen know any change of details by the end of February to hpowell20@googlemail.com.

Bradwell Area Vocations Day - 11 February 2023

This year's Bradwell Area Vocations Day takes place on Saturday 11 February between 9.30am and 3.30pm at **Meadgate Church, The Orchards, Mascalls Way, Great Baddow, Essex CM2 7NS.**

There will be workshops for those interested in any of the following vocations: Ordained Ministry, Licensed Lay Ministry, Pastoral Assistant, Authorised Local Preacher, Spiritual Support, Course in Christian Studies and Churchwarden.

The Vocations Day is for everyone who is discerning a vocation, whether you are just starting out, not sure of your direction of travel, taking the first tentative steps, striding out with confidence or at a cross roads.

To register your place, please call Helen Powney on 01375 673806 or email hpowney@chelmsford.anglican.org

Lunch will be provided so please notify Helen of any dietary requirements when registering.