

There next **Ford End Senior Tea** will be on September 15th at 2.30pm. Come for a chat, cake and a cup of tea. Venue is Woodstock, Church Lane, Ford End, CM3 1LH. If you are new please phone Sheila on 07977 077945. There will be no tea in August.

The August **prayer meeting** at Ashcroft will be on Wednesday 6th August at 3pm. Everyone is warmly welcome, talk to Jo or Carol Pritchard for more info.

PCC secretary role vacancy

The primary responsibilities of a PCC Secretary are to support the PCC Chair in the preparation and organisation of meetings, the production of agendas and the recording of minutes and to handle all correspondence on behalf of the PCC. Duties of the PCC Secretary include sending out notices of meetings in good time, preparing reports for meetings and keeping the minutes. £50 per meeting and associated tasks. Roughly 5 meetings a year. For additional info on this role and responsibilities please email todanpierce@yahoo.co.uk

Philippians 4:6-7

Do not be anxious about anything, but in everything, by prayer and petition, with thanksgiving, present your requests to God. And the peace of God, which transcends all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus.

Great Waltham Church would be very grateful for volunteers to do intercessions and help with Communion. Please speak to David Williams or Jean Blaber for more information.

Prayer for peace in the world

Almighty God, from whom all thoughts of truth and peace proceed: kindle, we pray, in the hearts of all, the true love of peace and guide with Your pure and peaceable wisdom those who take counsel for the nations of the earth that in tranquillity Your kingdom may go forward, till the earth is filled with the knowledge of Your love; 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.

If you would like the pew sheet by email please let Alison know, admin@littleandgreat.org.uk, and she will add you to the mailing list.



Welcome to Gracefields Pew Sheet for Aug 2025

Gracefields' Aug Services

Sunday 3rd

11.00am – Joint Summer Communion – Great Waltham

Thursday 7th

6.00pm – Still Waters Communion – Little Waltham

Sunday 10th

11.00am – Joint Summer Communion – Little Leighs

Sunday 17th

11.00am – Joint Summer Communion – The Chignals

Thursday 21st

6.00pm – Still Waters Communion – Little Waltham

Sunday 24th

11.00am – Joint Summer Communion – Ford End

Thursday 28th

6.00pm – Still Waters Communion – Little Waltham

Sunday 31st

11.00am – Joint Summer Communion – Little Waltham

Private Prayer

Little Waltham: Sundays 11am - 3pm

Little Leighs: open daily for private prayer

Ford End: open daily 9am – 4pm for private prayer

The Chignals: closed apart from Church services.

Great Waltham: open Mondays 1-2.30pm, 1st Tuesday of the month 9.30-11am and last Wednesday of the month 10-12pm.

There will not be a Still Waters service on Thursday 14th August.

Parish administrator: Alison Creighton
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Church Websites: www.greatwalthamchurch.org.uk
<https://churchesattheleighsandlittlewaltham.org>

Please Pray:

- "Lord, the God of righteousness and truth, grant to our King and his government, to Members of Parliament and all in positions of responsibility, the guidance of your Spirit. May they never lead the nation wrongly through love of power, desire to please, or unworthy ideals but laying aside all private interests and prejudices keep in mind their responsibility to seek to improve the condition of all mankind; so may your kingdom come and your name be hallowed. Amen." (A daily prayer in the House of Commons)
- For those people in all parts of our world who daily face the uncertainty of life: those caught in war, those facing hunger, those struggling with sickness and ill health because of other diseases, such as malaria and leprosy. Please pray too for the work of the Leprosy Mission.
- For world leaders and the leaders in our own country that they will seek the wisdom of God as they make decisions.
- For a sense of calm and clarity as well as strength to face what is ahead. That Christians will be 'beacons of hope' and 'carriers of the message of peace' at this time.
- Pray for the work of all Authorised Lay Preachers in our Diocese.
- 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, Mick Duke, Tony Neal, Bridget Wright, Jenny McMillan, Keith Derry, Amy Holmes, Derek Dickinson, Janet Luckin, Peter Wells, Lee Bearman, Sue Wilkins, Rachel Threlfall, Michelle Hall and others we know.
- For those who mourn, especially the family and friends of Gerald Poulton, Eileen Young, Guiseppe Masgracci, Molly Stephens and Raymond Dixon.

Trust in the LORD with all your heart and lean not on your own understanding;
in all Your ways submit to Him, and He will make Your paths straight.
Proverbs 3:5-6

Be still and know that I am God

Psalms 46.10

Psalms 23

The LORD is my shepherd; I have all that I need.
He lets me rest in green meadows; He leads me beside peaceful streams.
He renews my strength. He guides me along right paths, bringing honour to His name.
Even when I walk through the darkest valley,
I will not be afraid, for You are close beside me.
Your rod and Your staff protect and comfort me.
You prepare a feast for me in the presence of my enemies. You honour me by anointing my head with oil.
My cup overflows with blessings.
Surely your goodness and unfailing love will pursue me all the days of my life, and I will live in the house of the LORD forever.

Some think the Bible is a load of old tosh with little to say to 21st century humanity.

Some will say they "believe" it completely while spending less energy on pondering what they "believe" about it.

Some don't feel learned and equipped enough to read it at all! The upcoming BIBLE-EYES evenings will attempt to strip away the things that detract us from actually picking the book up. On the evenings we hope to equip participants to....

- Read it! Whether you think the Bible is nonsense or beyond scrutiny hardly anybody actually takes time to read it for themselves.
- Think about the Bible's expectations of itself. Take the time to wonder what it is trying to do.
- Offer a way of weaving the reading of scripture into our weekly life together.

Dates coming soon for September.



COMING SOON GRACEFIELDS

Bible-Eyes

An opportunity to
look at *how* we read
the Bible together
and *why* we might
want to.

*Read Together.
Read aloud.
Read anytime.
Read anywhere.
Repeat.*

This is **DigiGo**, The on demand bus service part of Essex County Councils offering to Braintree.

Essex County Council - DigiGo has just had 4 new electric buses delivered to Braintree supporting your area, we are keen to support all local community groups with our online digital transportation from 6.00am during the week until 10.00pm.

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7am to 10pm Saturday to Sunday

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