

St. Mary's, Great Parndon.

SEPTEMBER 2025 News.

Priest in charge – Revd Richard Attew – Tel 01279 315044.

Services - Sunday – 11:00am Holy Communion/ morning worship.
Wednesday – 9:30am Morning Prayer.
Thursday – 9:30am Morning Prayer.

Monthly Coffee Morning -Thursday 4th September. Come and join us for tea, coffee and a chat from 10:30am to 12noon at St Mary's church. All are welcome. For further details contact Alison on 01279 418699. Please note that the Macmillan Coffee morning will be held on Thursday 2nd October.

PCC Meeting.

Our next PCC Meeting will take place on Monday 8th September, 7:30pm at St Mary's church, where we will discuss and plan our autumn and Christmas services.

Heritage open day – Saturday 13th September.

Each year thousands of volunteers across the country invite you to experience local history, architecture and culture. This year's theme is architecture. See www.heritageopendays.org.uk.

St Mary's church will be open between 10:00am and 3:00pm, as well as Catherine's Farmhouse and our old church hall (Old School House) in Peldon Road. Refreshments will be served at Catherine's Farmhouse. Some of our bell ringers should be in attendance between 11am and noon and may organise a ringing lesson. The church will also be open as part of the annual Ride and Stride, a sponsored cycle event supporting Friends of Essex Churches.

If you have an hour or two to spare, please sign up on the list at the back of the church, so we can welcome any visitors.

Harvest Festival – Sunday 21st September.

Please bring tinned and packet food which will be donated to Harlow Foodbank. Details of their needs are below.

Joint Church Service – Sunday 12th October.

We will be holding a joint church service at St. Mary's church on 12th October with Roydon and Nazeing, at 10:00am. (Please note the change of date and earlier than normal service time) It will be a good opportunity to meet and worship together.

Eco tip.

Coffee pods can now be recycled at Harlow Recycling Centre. This section is located next to the small electricals and metals area. Otherwise please ask a member of staff. They need to be dry and in a large bag.

Foodbank. Peter Button is happy to take donated items from St Mary's to the Foodbank each week. Please leave items in the usual place next to the font. Note that the Foodbank is dealing with rising demand and is now short of many items, such as tinned meat, tinned fish (tuna), sponge pudding, mashed potatoes, hot chocolate, tea and sugar. The Foodbank has plenty of baked beans and pasta.

For help: The Church of England has a free 24-hour phone line, *Daily Hope*, offering hymns, prayers & reflections (0800 804 8044).

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