

Betty Croot will be 100 on 27th October and is having a celebration at Great Waltham Church at 2pm.

The 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.

The September **prayer meeting** at Ashcroft will be on Wednesday 3rd September 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 todaynpierce@yahoo.co.uk

Rejoice always, pray continually, give thanks in all circumstances; for this is God's will for you in Christ Jesus. 1 Thessalonians 5:16-18

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.

A prayer for new beginnings

Loving God, let me be strong today as I meet new people in new places. Make me brave, when I am worried. Show me how to learn from everyone around me and help me to do my very best. Amen

September 27th A working party to tidy up St John's, Little Leighs churchyard. Starting at 10am. Come with your gardening gloves and tools. Refreshments will be available.

Love, joy, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness, and self-control. To these I commit my day. If I succeed, I will give thanks. If I fail, I will seek His grace. And then, when the day is done, I will place my head on my pillow and rest. Max Lucado

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 September 2025

Gracefields' September Services

Thursday 4th

6.00pm – Still Waters Communion – Little Waltham

Sunday 7th

11.00am – Joint Gracefields' Communion – Great Waltham

Thursday 11th

6.00pm – Still Waters Communion – Little Waltham

Sunday 14th

9.30am – Communion – Little Leighs

11.00am – Family Communion – Ford End

Thursday 18th

6.00pm – Still Waters Communion – Little Waltham

Sunday 21st

9.30am – Communion – The Chignals

9.30am – Family Service – Little Leighs

11.00am – Communion – Great Waltham

Thursday 25th

6.00pm – Still Waters Communion – Little Waltham

Sunday 28th

9.30am – Communion – Great Leighs

10.00am – Family Worship – Ford End

Sunday 5th October

11.00am – Joint Gracefields' Communion – Great 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.

September 17th 9.30am at St Johns, Little Leighs, Coffee With Christ. Enjoy breakfast, chat with friends, take part in morning prayer and discussion.

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Church Websites: www.greatwalthamchurch.org.uk
<https://churchesattheleighsandlittlewaltham.org>



Please Pray:

- For all who flee to other countries, or are internally displaced within their own country, due to famines, plagues, war, persecution, discrimination and natural disasters like floods and earthquakes, and to escape dire poverty. Pray too, for all organisations, churches and communities who are working tirelessly to care for refugees.
- For unity for all people.
- 14th September is Education Sunday. Lord God, we thank you for the education we have received from teachers and schools, from colleges, academies and universities, from parents and friends. Help us to support those who work in education, to appreciate the important job that they do in shaping the future of our world and to remember them in our prayers.
- For all those people having a new start: new schools, new universities and new jobs.
- For Revd Dan and his family as they will settle into their new home.
- For the work of the Salvation Army.
- 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, Alan Baker and others we know.
- For those who mourn, especially the family and friends of Guiseppe Masgracci, Molly Stephens, Maurice and Mary Greenwood, Brenda Weal and Barbara Holloway.

September 30th Meeting for Leighs and Little Waltham PCC members at 7pm at St John's, Little Leighs.

Essex Voices Concert Sept 13th September in Great Waltham church at 7.30pm
Professional consort, Chelys Consort of Viols join Essex Voices for a feast of music by Orlando Gibbons to celebrate the 400th anniversary of his death. The varied programme features his madrigals and instrumental music for viol consort. There will be some old favourites such as *The Silver Swan*, as well as some music that is not so often performed. Do join us on September 13th, 7.30pm at Great Waltham Church for what promises to be a very special evening. Tickets are available from www.angelearlymusic.org, annabel@maltons.me.uk or 01245 360240.

Behold, I am with you always,
even to the end of the age. Matthew 28:20

May God be with you today,
To surround you on all sides with His love.
May Jesus be with you today,
To accompany you wherever you go.
May the Spirit be with you today,
To fill you with love, joy and hope for the future.
May Father, Son and Spirit be with you
today, tomorrow and always. Anon

But those who hope in the Lord will renew their strength. They will soar on wings like eagles; they will run and not grow weary, they will walk and not be faint. Isaiah 40:31

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:

Tuesday 30th Sept at 11am in Great Waltham Church
Thursday 2nd Oct at 7pm in Little Waltham Church



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.*