

St. Mary's, Great Parndon.

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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 6th August. 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.

PCC Meeting.

Our next PCC Meeting will take place on Wednesday 2nd September, 7:30pm at St Mary's church, where we will discuss and plan our autumn and Christmas services.

Heritage open day – Saturday 12th September.

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

It was suggested that the congregation be asked how they came to live in Harlow; explore discussing a history of the church building and the history of the headstones in the graveyard and the history of how people lived decades ago. Any photographs of your childhood in the area would be most welcome.

St Mary's church will be open between 10:00am and 2:00pm, as well as Catherine's Farm House and our old church hall (Old School House) in Peldon Road. Refreshments will be served at St Mary's. Any offers of help will be appreciated. Some of our bell ringers will be in attendance and will 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.

Church Maintenance.



Parts of the south transept walls have been replastered as the existing areas had deteriorated. This has cost us £1975 + VAT. As we are no longer able to reclaim the VAT, we are looking for donations to pay the VAT of just under £400. Special blue envelopes will be available at the back of the church, marked South Transept repairs, otherwise please contact Alison if you wish to pay directly.

The hole in the church ceiling above the altar has also been boarded over to prevent any more wasps entering the building.

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.

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

Email; [https:// www.churchofengland.org/resources/coronavirus-covid-19-guidance/sleep-well-dailyhope](https://www.churchofengland.org/resources/coronavirus-covid-19-guidance/sleep-well-dailyhope)

