St. Mary's, Great Parndon.
NOVEMBER 2026 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 5th November.
Come and join us for tea, coffee, and a chat.10:30am to 12noon at St Mary's church. All are welcome. For further details contact Alison on 01279 418699.
Last month we raised £110 cash on behalf of Macmillan Cancer as part of their Coffee Morning. Thanks to all who supported this worthy cause and thank you if you donated directly.

Colchester Area Vocations Day.
This will take place on Saturday 7th November from 9am to 1pm at The Church in Great Notley, Braintree CM77 7GN

Remembrance Sunday – 8th November.
Please note that this service starts at the earlier time of 10:30am. The cubs and scouts have been invited to take part, so please arrive early.
Remembrance Day – Wednesday 11th November. There will be a short service at 10:45am at the War Memorial at Cock Green.

PCC Meeting.
Our next PCC Meeting will take place on Tuesday 24th November, 7:30pm via Zoom, where we will finalise our autumn and Christmas services and confirm our parish share for 2027. It is currently £27583 and a 5% increase has been suggested by the Deanery. Please consider giving generously otherwise we need to draw more from our reserves to pay this.

Safeguarding.
The Diocese of Chelmsford will undergo a safeguarding audit in February 2027. To help prepare, all church attendees are asked to complete a short online survey prepared by INEQE. Please complete the survey by 30th November: https://ineqe.com/churchofengland/chelmsford/

Harvest Festival.
Thank you to all who donated food to Harlow Foodbank. In all we collected 57kg of food, enough to provide 135 family meals.

South Transept wall repairs.
Parts of the south transept walls have been replastered as the existing areas had deteriorated. As we are no longer able to reclaim the VAT, we are looking for donations to pay the VAT of just over £400. We have raised £120 so far. Special blue envelopes are still available at the back of the church, marked South Transept repairs, otherwise please contact Alison if you wish to donate directly.

Wedding celebrations.
Congratulations to Bradley and Michelle who had their wedding blessed and to Andrew and Tracey for their renewal of vows.
Marjorie Hale.
Marjorie is now in a care home near her brother's in Buckinghamshire, following a fall. This will become her permanent home as her house in Harlow will be sold.
Christine Busson RIP.
We are sorry to report that Christine recently passed away following a long illness. Details of her funeral arrangements will be made available shortly.

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, tinned vegetables, tinned fruit, long life fruit juices and small jars of coffee.

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

