



PEWS NEWS

from St Nicholas Churches, D'Arcy and Major

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FROM THE VICAR

Revd Geoff Bayliss has produced two articles which are available in the Tollesbury magazine, on our website or in Major or D'Arcy church. The topics he covers are What does a vicar do?, Sea Sunday service on Sunday 11th July and What shape is our church?

CHILDREN'S WORK

What are God's plans for our children? We have several pictures of children in the bible.

There is Samuel who spends all his time with Eli and grows up strong in faith. There is Jesus who as a boy goes up and down to Jerusalem and is so much at home that he gets separated from his parents because he is too busy finding out about his Father in heaven.

These are pictures of children worshipping God through childhood, teenage years and into adulthood. That surely is part of our prayer for our own youngsters. Yet so often we hear of them drifting off. At a child's baptism we make commitments to 'welcome them and uphold them in their life in Christ'?

The third leg of a trinity of carers is the Church. How do we see a small rural church nurturing our youngsters so that they blossom as children, teenagers, young adults and parents? That's a question that's teasing us at the moment.

If you've got some ideas, share them with Geoff and the other PCC members. Talk and pray about them yourself; look out for the opportunities to share your ideas of where God is leading us.

DIARY DATES

Following the Major PCC there are a few dates for your diary -

July 31st 10-12.30, working party at Major church

Oct 1st Major Harvest service at 9.30 followed by lunch at 12.30 in Major church rooms

Nov 1st 8pm, Christmas service planning at the Paynes home

Sept 6th, Dec 6th, Feb 7th PCC meetings, all at 7.30pm in Major church rooms

4th April Major APCM

D'ARCY SUMMER SHOW

In D'Arcy on Saturday July 3rd it is the Horticultural Society Summer Show, starting at 2pm. The final day for entries is 30th June, schedules are available from the Post Office and D'Arcy shop. Please come on the day and enjoy the fancy dress competition, fun dog show, BBQ, book stall, bric-a-brac, tea and cakes and village memorabilia show amongst others.

VANDALISM

Vandalism has been found at D'Arcy church and the village hall. Please be vigilant and report anything suspicious to the church wardens or the Police.

BRADWELL PILGRIMAGE

This year Archbishop Sentamu will be the guest speaker, so it should be especially exciting. The date is 3rd July and the day starts at the church in Bradwell around 11am, followed by the walk to St Peter's Chapel. After worship and speakers please bring a picnic lunch before a walk back to Bradwell. If you would like more information please talk to Christine Gorringe.

For any marriage, baptism or funeral enquiries please contact our Vicar, Revd. Geoff Bayliss

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HAYES BURNS

Ross and Alex Burns have been in touch to let us know about their new addition. Hayes Hector George Burns arrived on 7th June and was 6lb 12oz. He has been named after his grandfathers and great grandfather. Mother and son are doing well, please pray for the Burns family at this exciting time.



CHELMSFORD ANGLICAN BIBLE CONFERENCE

This takes place on Saturday, 2nd October at the Central Baptist Church in Chelmsford.

This year the speaker is Don Carson, an American author and speaker, who for the past forty years has taught the Bible to various groups as diverse as committed secularists and advanced Bible students and he has devoted his life to training church leaders.

He is known to many as an expert on John's Gospel and that is the gospel to be studied on the day. The title is "God revealed: He has made himself known". The day starts at 9.30 and ends about 3.30 pm, so be prepared to spend the whole day.

The cost is £15, but the more people that attend the cheaper it gets. £14 per person for four people or £12 per person if 5 or more go. Put it in your diaries and let Christine know if you would like to attend.

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MEALS TOGETHER

Wednesday 14th July for the boys at Robert Vallis' home in Major. And for the girls at Joan Joslin's on July 20th—please let Robert and Joan know if you can attend.

MAJOR SUMMER FAIR

The Summer Fair took place on 29th May which unfortunately turned out to be the dampest day of the Bank Holiday weekend.

Undeterred by the weather many people still turned up to enjoy the event and stayed on even though the rain was pretty non stop from 2.30 onwards. Despite all this there were quite a few new faces who came to the event and the sum of £700 was raised for Church funds.

A big thank you to all the stallholders who helped out and the putting up and taking down team(s). Special thanks to Robert for all his hard work again and to John and Karen for the use of the pub grounds. Thank you also to Morag, for her impromptu delivery of a Gazebo to shelter the BBQ.

Finally a huge thanks goes to Tony and the Payne family without whom the summer fair would not happen.

PCCs AWAYDAY

This has been postponed at the current time.

TM BARN DANCE

Tony Payne would like to restart the Barn Dances that we used to hold in Major but is struggling to find a suitable location.

Does anyone know of a Barn that might be available for use as a venue? It would be helpful if this was in reasonable walking distance of the village but Tony would consider anything in the local area. Please speak to Tony if you can help.

SUMMER BBQ

Sunday 22nd August at Stan and Joan Joslin's home at 1pm. Food will be provided, children will be free and adults charged £5 per person. Please let Joan or Stan know as soon as possible, and if you have any dietary requirements. Please bring something to drink and a parasol.

3rd ANNUAL GOLF OUTING

Can you beat Andy Mitchell? The date is Saturday September 4th at Rivenhall Oaks. Format will be similar to last year—please let Sarah Case know if you would like to attend by the end of JUNE or we will miss the date.

GIRLS DAY

More details to follow but the date is Sat 25th September. The day will involve lunch, shopping and relaxing. Put it in the diary! Please email Sarah if you would like to come.

TEXT PRAYER CHAIN

At a recent YMF we heard how a Danbury church had a prayer text chain. It seemed a great way to quickly get a need for prayer out to anyone who wanted to take part. The Yummy Mummies, Janet Barlow and Denise Corley are going to do this—if you would like to join please email Sarah with your name and mobile number.

GIVING

Did you know if you put your giving into one of the small envelopes we provide at church, that the PCC treasurers can (if you are a tax payer, most of us are!) claim an extra 28p for every £1 you give?

Yellow envelopes are now in each pew at Tolleshunt Major and blue envelopes are available at D'Arcy.

YMF

The next Yummy Mummy Fellowship dates are as follows:

8th July—Laura Taylor Green.

Please come along from 9.30am, with or without your children and enjoy some time together and bible study (subject to the children!).

On 12th August we are having a YMF summer picnic—more details in the next issue.

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