



St James Greenstead Green and St Catherine's Gosfield

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Welcome! Whether you are a visitor, or come to church regularly, we are delighted that you are joining us today. If you are new here, please say hello and make yourself known!

If you do not usually receive communion but would like a prayer said for you while others receive, please keep your hands lowered.



Sunday 30 th May Trinity Sunday	
8.00am	BCP Holy Communion Gosfield
10.00am	Team Service Earls Colne
1.30pm	Wedding at St. Catherine's by Revd. Blore
Tuesday 10.00am	Midweek Communion Gosfield
7.45pm	Bellringing St. Catherine's
8.00pm	Emmaus Course, Red Lion
8.00pm	Bellringing St. James'
Thursday 7.00pm	Choir Practice, St. Catherine's
Saturday 6pm	Northern District Bell Ringing Striking Competition, Gosfield
Sunday 6 th June First Sunday after Trinity	
8.00am	BCP Holy Communion Gosfield
9.00am	Family Service Greenstead Green
10.30am	Sung Eucharist Gosfield
Tuesday 10.00am	Midweek Communion Gosfield
10.30am	Edward Bear Club, Maurice Rowson Hall
7.45pm	Bellringing St. Catherine's
8.00pm	Emmaus Course, Red Lion
8.00pm	Bellringing St. James'
Thursday 7.00pm	Choir Practice, St. Catherine's
Saturday 3pm	Bell Ringing, Ladies Guild, Gosfield
Sunday 13 th June Second Sunday after Trinity	
8.00am	BCP Holy Communion Gosfield
9.00am	Said Communion Greenstead Green
10.30am	Sung Eucharist Gosfield
6.00pm	Team Evening Deanery Communion St. Andrew's Centre, Halstead

Editors note: If you would like an event or other message included in the Link please ensure that Mrs Claire Walker has the information before Thursday of the week when the notice needs to be included.

Message can be sent to Claire at
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or dropped of at the Parish office in the St Andrews Centre Halstead.

Please pray for The sick/challenged – Leigh Riley, Pat and Brian, Derek and Beryl Watson, Sarah White, Linda Salter, Mandy Strudwick, Suzanne Dorey and Sam Dorey, Alex, Len Rayner.

Recently bereaved family and Friends of those who have recently died **and those in Years Mind:** Hubert Chapman, Edwin Letch, Edmund Lipinski, Margaret Watson, Robert Boyton, Dorothy Green, Percy Manning, Ruth Van Rushbough, John Devine, Jean Lorkin, Amelia Holbrook, John Brooks, Florence Phillips, Ivy Jarman, Grace Shadrack and Kate Wiffen.

Prayer for Healing and wholeness in our services. There is an opportunity for prayer for yourself and others at all our communion services. Just pick up a 'praying hands' card and bring it with you to the altar. We are hoping to extend the team of individuals involved in this in coming months.

Team Confirmation - will be held on 7th November in the morning at Earls Colne. This will be in the context of a Team Communion. So there will be no 9 am or 10:30 am services at Greenstead Green and Gosfield that day and the Team Communion planned for 31st October (10am) will now revert to a normal Parish Communion.

St Catherine's Wheel: The PCC have been working a new structure to ensure that the body of Christ at St Catherine's stay vibrant. The notice board at the back of the church contains a picture of St Catherine's wheel. It shows how the live of the church has been divided into 5 areas. Each area consists of 'similar' church activities and has one member of the PCC as liaison point. It aims to share around the responsibility for leadership with the church and ensure that everybody both has a point of contact with the PCC and recognizes that their area of concern and activity is an essential part of the much larger life of St Catherine's. We are indeed the body of Christ working together for the good of God's kingdom, the church of St Catherine's and ourselves. Do chat to PCC members if you would like to talk about this.

Bayliss' Jobs; with the Bayliss' having moved on there are a tasks that will need to find new owners. This list will be updated each week:

Unlocking the Church. This happens most days. It would seem sensible to have a group of people who rotate this task, so that they perhaps do one week out of every 4. **We will need 4 in total if the Rota is to work. More volunteers please. Without these it will not be possible to put a rota together and the church will remain shut apart from at service times and when events take place.**

Extra members of the rotas for prayers, reading and sidespersons will be needed.

Setting up children's sheets for the service. Each week there is a photocopied sheet available. The packs for this need checking weekly and the sheets photocopying and inserting. Any offers?

Weddings Contact/Officer: Dave Patmore is going to act as wedding liaison officer. Many thanks. If you have any queries or questions please pass them onto him. **If you are able to share or take on one of these tasks do please speak with Geoff, Bob Waters or Laurence Carter.**

Collect. Almighty and everlasting God, you have given us your servants grace, by the confession of a true faith, to acknowledge the glory of the eternal Trinity and in the power of the divine majesty to worship the Unity: keep us steadfast in this faith, that we may evermore be defended from all adversities; through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord, who is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

Principal Service: Our First Reading is taken from the Epistle to the Romans. Romans 5 1-5. 1 ¶ Therefore being justified by faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ: 2 By whom also we have access by faith into this grace wherein we stand, and rejoice in hope of the glory of God. 3 And not only so, but we glory in tribulations also: knowing that tribulation worketh patience; 4 And patience, experience; and experience, hope: 5 And hope maketh not ashamed; because the love of God is shed abroad in our hearts by the Holy Ghost which is given unto us. **This is the word of the Lord. Thanks be to God.**

John 16 12-15. Hear the Gospel of Our Lord Jesus Christ according to John. 2 I have yet many things to say unto you, but ye cannot bear them now. 13 Howbeit when he, the Spirit of truth, is come, he will guide you into all truth: for he shall not speak of himself; but whatsoever he shall hear, that shall he speak: and he will shew you things to come. 14 He shall glorify me: for he shall receive of mine, and shall shew it unto you. 15 All things that the Father hath are mine: therefore said I, that he shall take of mine, and shall shew it unto you. **Praise to you, O Christ.**

Post Communion. Almighty and eternal God, you have revealed yourself as Father, Son and Holy Spirit, and live and reign in the perfect unity of love: hold us firm in this faith, that we may know you in all your ways and evermore rejoice in your eternal glory, who are three Persons yet one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

6th June, First Sunday after Trinity

Collect. O God, the strength of all those who put their trust in you, mercifully accept our prayers and, because through the weakness of our mortal nature we can do no good thing without you, grant us the help of your grace, that in the keeping of your commandments we may please you both in will and deed; through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord, who is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever.

Principal Service: Our First Reading is taken from the First Book of the Kings. 1 Kings 17.8–16, (17–24) 8 The word of the LORD came to Elijah, saying, 9 ‘Go now to Zarephath, which belongs to Sidon, and live there; for I have commanded a widow there to feed you.’ 10 So he set out and went to Zarephath. When he came to the gate of the town, a widow was there gathering sticks; he called to her and said, ‘Bring me a little water in a vessel, so that I may drink.’ 11 As she was going to bring it, he called to her and said, ‘Bring me a morsel of bread in your hand.’ 12 But she said, ‘As the LORD your God lives, I have nothing baked, only a handful of meal in a jar, and a little oil in a jug; I am now gathering a couple of sticks, so that I may go home and prepare it for myself and my son, that we may eat it, and die.’ 13 Elijah

said to her, ‘Do not be afraid; go and do as you have said; but first make me a little cake of it and bring it to me, and afterwards make something for yourself and your son. 14 For thus says the LORD the God of Israel: The jar of meal will not be emptied and the jug of oil will not fail until the day that the LORD sends rain on the earth.’ 15 She went and did as Elijah said, so that she as well as he and her household ate for many days. 16 The jar of meal was not emptied, neither did the jug of oil fail, according to the word of the LORD that he spoke by Elijah. [17 After this the son of the woman, the mistress of the house, became ill; his illness was so severe that there was no breath left in him. 18 She then said to Elijah, ‘What have you against me, O man of God? You have come to me to bring my sin to remembrance, and to cause the death of my son!’ 19 But he said to her, ‘Give me your son.’ He took him from her bosom, carried him up into the upper chamber where he was lodging, and laid him on his own bed. 20 He cried out to the LORD, ‘O LORD my God, have you brought calamity even upon the widow with whom I am staying, by killing her son?’ 21 Then he stretched himself upon the child three times, and cried out to the LORD, ‘O LORD my God, let this child’s life come into him again.’ 22 The LORD listened to the voice of Elijah; the life of the child came into him again, and he revived. 23 Elijah took the child, brought him down from the upper chamber into the house, and gave him to his mother; then Elijah said, ‘See, your son is alive.’ 24 So the woman said to Elijah, ‘Now I know that you are a man of God, and that the word of the LORD in your mouth is truth.’] **This is the word of the Lord. Thanks be to God.**

Luke 7.11–17. Hear the Gospel of Our Lord Jesus Christ according to Luke. Hear the gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Luke. 11 Jesus went to a town called Nain, and his disciples and a large crowd went with him. 12 As he approached the gate of the town, a man who had died was being carried out. He was his mother’s only son, and she was a widow; and with her was a large crowd from the town. 13 When the Lord saw her, he had compassion for her and said to her, ‘Do not weep.’ 14 Then he came forward and touched the bier, and the bearers stood still. And he said, ‘Young man, I say to you, rise!’ 15 The dead man sat up and began to speak, and Jesus gave him to his mother. 16 Fear seized all of them; and they glorified God, saying, ‘A great prophet has risen among us!’ and ‘God has looked favourably on his people!’ 17 This word about him spread throughout Judea and all the surrounding country. **Praise to you, O Christ.**

Post Communion. Eternal Father, we thank you for nourishing us with these heavenly gifts: may our communion strengthen us in faith, build us up in hope, and make us grow in love; for the sake of Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen**