



Social Events – May to August 2017

CAMEO: Older people gather in the Priory Room, Hurley, for tea, cake, a quiz, and to enjoy one another's company. 3.00pm 11th May; 8th June; 13th July.

Hurley Family BBQ: After the 10.30am service for all the Family on the May 14th we will gather at 11.30am for a picnic and BBQ – bring your own food and drink, BBQ provided.

'Knit and Natter' Craft Group: Do you enjoy knitting, crochet or sewing with friends? Come along to 'Knit and Natter' at the Soltau centre, have a cuppa and join us. We meet in the Soltau Centre 2nd & 4th Tuesdays of each month 2pm to 4pm: 9th & 23rd May; 13th & 27th June; July 11 (summer party at 1.00pm please bring a savoury and a drink)

Littlewick Summer Lunch: Sun. July 2nd 12.30pm at 'The Thatch' Littlewick Green Please come and join us for this wonderful summer event. Tickets are £17.50 (to include nibbles, two-course lunch and drinks) from Jenny Robinson (822886) or Lynn Penfold (822561)

Music on a Summer's Evening: Sunday July 9th, 6.30 for 7.00pm at Bag End, High Street, Hurley Bring your picnic, drinks, guests, table and chairs and sit back ready to enjoy the music of the harpist Paula Tait. Tickets are £15 from David Burfitt (823503), Pat Iles, (822032) or Elaine Mordaunt (822986)

Parish Walks: Come and walk with us! Once a month, rain or shine, we meet for a country walk. Walks are carefully chosen to include a welcoming pub for refreshment! Please watch the weekly notice sheet or Parish website for details.

Stubbings Summer Lunch: Sunday August 6th 12.30pm for 1.00pm at the Soltau Centre and garden. More information and tickets (approx £15) from Sue Harrington-Hill (728025)

Young at Heart: Older people from all three churches gather for a delicious home cooked lunch and friendly chat at the Soltau Centre 12.30pm alternate Wednesdays. Do come and make this a regular date: 3rd 17th & 31st May; 14th & 28th June; 12th July

Oasis Prayer Meetings

Oasis is a chance to create space for us to unwind and let the silence in, making ourselves ready for God to come to us. We bring before God our own lives, the lives of those we know and the wider world at 2.30pm, Priory Room, Hurley for about an hour, starting with coffee and refreshments. 2nd & 16th May; 6th and 20th June; 4th and 18th July.

Pebbles Toddler Service and Playgroup

Pebbles is a short service for Pre-schoolers and their parents/carers to come and share a story from the Bible, some 'Pebbles songs' and a prayer. Then we have drinks and biscuits and the children play. Adults have a well deserved chat while their young ones have fun! 10.30am every Thursday (including school holidays) in the Priory Room, Hurley.

Wednesday Communion

"We pause in the silence, in the presence of God" So begins our midweek service on Wednesday mornings in Stubbings at 11.30am using the memorable words of the Book of Common Prayer. Please come and join us in the quiet of St James the Less.

The Parish of Burchetts Green

St John the Evangelist, Littlewick Green; St Mary the Virgin, Hurley; St James the Less, Stubbings

'Seeking to know Jesus, to share his love and make him known in word and action.'

Programme Card May to August 2017

This card details much of what is going on in our Parish during May to August 2017. Please keep your eye on the Notice Sheets and website, we may be Anglican, but occasionally things do change!

Opportunities to Explore the Christian Faith

As well as our Sunday services and regular groups this term sees two other opportunities to explore the Christian life.

Christianity Explored

One life. What's it all about?

Christianity Explored is an informal course, where in a relaxed setting, there is chance to explore some of life's big questions, and to find out how Jesus answers them. There is no singing, praying or reading. No question is too simple or hostile. Christianity Explored is designed for curious sceptics, as well as for those who want a refresher in the Christian faith. It offers a chance to read through and discuss the Gospel of Mark, the earliest life of Jesus we have. Christianity Explored is an eight session series with each lasting about 90 minutes. If you are interested please speak to the vicar.

Life Explored

What's the best gift God could give you?

Life Explored is a seven session series featuring a combination of short films - shot around the world - and Bible interaction.

It's an exposé of the little gods that promise us so much happiness, yet deliver so little. As it explores the Bible story (creation, fall, redemption, new creation), Life Explored shows how our deepest desires for happiness can only be satisfied in one person, Jesus Christ. The best gift God can give us is himself.

Each session will last about 90 minutes. If you are interested please speak to the vicar.

Contact Details

Parish Office: The Parish Office is in the Soltau Centre behind Stubbings Church. Gilly Miall, our Parish Administrator, will help with all enquiries including baptisms, weddings & funerals. Normal office hours: 9.30am to 11.30am Monday, Tuesday & Thursday. Tel: 01628 820077 Email: bgparish@btconnect.com

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Sunday Services May to August 2017

St Paul's letter Colossians – Rooted in Jesus

I, Keith, when at vicar school, was sent on a mission in Folkestone, Kent. One event that people were invited to was led by the then Archbishop of Canterbury, Rowan Williams. After he had spoken there was a chance for questions. "What makes Christianity different from other faiths, aren't all faiths equally valid?" someone asked. "No one else has Jesus Christ," Rowan replied. This term we read St Paul's letter Colossians and discover why we need to build our lives on Jesus and how we might go about it.

May 7 Colossians 1: 1-8 Delighting in the faith and love of the worldwide church

We are not alone! St Paul takes delight in the faith and love of fledgling churches. We should take delight in the worldwide church today.
10.30am Stubbings Parish Service (with Sunday School)

May 14 Colossians 1: 9-14 Praying for spiritual growth and knowledge of God's will

We often pray for people's physical health and material circumstances, but, like St Paul, we need to learn to pray for the spiritual wellbeing of others too.
8.00am HC (BCP) Stubbings; 9.15am HC (CW) Littlewick; 10.30am 'All-age Service' Hurley; 11.15 HC (BCP) Stubbings

May 21 Colossians 1: 15-20 The supremacy of Jesus Christ

The world seems to be an alarming, unstable place with powerful players competing for power. But the reality is that Jesus is the creator and ruler of all.
8.00am HC(BCP) Stubbings; 9.15am Family Service, Hurley; 4.00pm 'All-age' service Littlewick

May 28 Colossians 1: 21-23 Being reconciled to God, firmly grounded in faith

We learn how Jesus enables us to move from seeing God as being remote and alien, to a restored relationship with our heavenly Father
8.00am HC (BCP) Stubbings; 9.15am Communion Together, Littlewick; 10.30am HC(CW), Hurley; 10.30am Family Service, Stubbings

June 4 Pentecost Sunday: Acts 1: 4-5; 2: 1-21 The Gift of God's presence

As the Holy Spirit empowers the apostles, using ancient prophecy, St Peter explains that God will pour out his Spirit on all who call upon Jesus name
10.30am Stubbings Parish Service (with Sunday School)

June 11 Trinity Sunday: Matthew 28: 16-20 One God - Father, Son and Holy Spirit

As Jesus commissions his inner circle (and through them, us) to go out and make disciples of all nations he reveals the reality of God as an open community of mutual love
8.00am HC (BCP) Stubbings; 9.15am HC (CW) Littlewick; 10.30am Communion Together with Explorers and Adventurers Hurley; 11.15 HC (BCP) Stubbings

June 18 Colossians 1: 24-2:5 God's hidden treasure revealed, Jesus Christ

True, deep, knowledge and wisdom all centres on Jesus
8.00am HC (BCP) Stubbings; 9.15am Family Service, Hurley; 4.00pm 'All-age' service Littlewick

June 25 Colossians 2: 6-15 Spiritual fullness is in Christ

Paul warns us that it's easy to allow tradition or novel thinking to deceive us; reconciliation with God was accomplished by Jesus and can only be found in him.
8.00am HC (BCP) Stubbings; 9.15am Communion Together, Littlewick; 10.30am HC(CW), Hurley; 10.30am Family Service, Stubbings

July 2 Colossians 2: 16-3:4 Freedom from man made rules

We have been made truly alive in Jesus and need to centre our thoughts on him rather than on complying with human traditions and regulations
10.30am Stubbings Parish Service (with Sunday School)

July 9 Colossians 3: 5-11 Get rid of the old!

Our life with Christ means changing the way we behave, junking old habits ...
8.00am HC (BCP) Stubbings; 9.15am HC (CW) Littlewick; 10.30am Communion Together Hurley; 11.15 HC (BCP) Stubbings

July 16 Colossians 3: 12-17 Put on the new!

... and acquiring some new habits – real virtues
8.00am HC (BCP) Stubbings; 9.15am Family Service, Hurley; 4.00pm 'All-age' service Littlewick

July 23 Colossians 3: 18-4: 1 Jesus at home and at work

How does our Christian faith work out practically at home and at work?
8.00am HC (BCP) Stubbings; 9.15am Communion Together, Littlewick; 10.30am HC(CW), Hurley; 10.30am Family Service, Stubbings

July 30 Colossians 4: 2-end How to share the good news

St Paul ends his letter with some pithy, well targeted advice and closing greetings
8.00am HC (BCP) Stubbings; 9.15am Songs of Praise, Littlewick, 10.30am God in Quiet, Hurley; 11.15am Matins, Stubbings

August – Holidays and Holy Days

Jesus said, "Come to me all who are weary and burdened, and I will give you rest." (Matthew 11: 28) As we enter the traditional holiday season we consider how we might best find true rest and peace of mind.

August 6 Psalm 1 Delighting in God's word

10.30am Parish Service (with Sunday School), Stubbings

August 13 Psalm 23 The Lord's my Shepherd

8.00am HC (BCP) Stubbings; 9.15am HC (CW) Littlewick; 10.30am Communion Together with Explorers and Adventurers Hurley; 11.15 HC (BCP) Stubbings

August 20 Psalm 46 God is our refuge and strength

8.00am HC (BCP) Stubbings; 9.15am Parish Service, Hurley

August 27 Psalm 100 Know that the Lord is God

8.00am HC (BCP) Stubbings; 9.15am Parish Service, Littlewick

Planned services and times can change so please consult the website and Notice Sheets