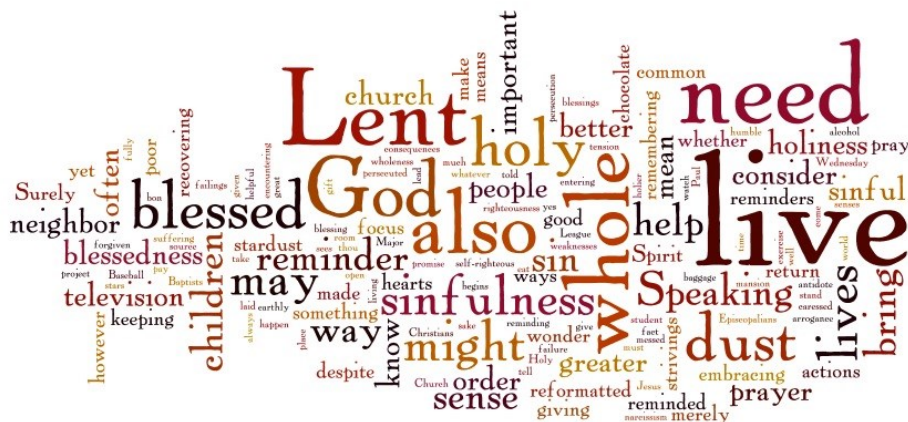


A black and white line drawing of a traditional wooden church. The church features a steep, gabled roof and a tall, slender steeple with a cross on top. The main body of the church has a large, multi-paned window on the front. The building is surrounded by trees and a simple fence in the foreground.

Donation 50p



LENT

**Join with us for a season of renewal
and preparation—see inside**

Services - March 2020

	St Peter & St Paul Church, Stondon Massey 9.00 am (unless indicated)	Priory Church of St Laurence, Blackmore 11.00 am (unless indicated)
Sun 1 st Mar	Holy Communion Morning Prayer	Inspire Family Service
Sun 8 th Mar	Holy Communion Book of Common Prayer	Holy Communion Common Worship
Sun 15 th Mar	1.00 for 1.30 pm Sunday Lunch Service Stondon Village Hall	Morning Prayer 'Alive' (lay led) Service
Sun 22 nd Mar	Holy Communion Morning Prayer	Sung Holy Communion
Sun 29 th Mar	No Service (Joint service with St Laurence at 11:00)	Morning Prayer with U.S.A.F. Airmen Commemoration
The Rainbow Corner in St Laurence Church has supervised activities for young people from 11:00 on the 2nd and 4th Sundays each month. Books, toys and activities are available in the corner at all other times.		
Join us for a short service of Morning Prayer 9.30am Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday at St. Laurence		

Church Matters - Articles and Advertising

Please submit all articles, information and pictures to the Church Matters email address: **blackmorechurchmatters@gmail.com**

Copy Deadline for **April** is **Friday 20th March**

To advertise contact Jill Griffiths or the Editors. For rates see table below:
(Churches/Registered Charities: free)

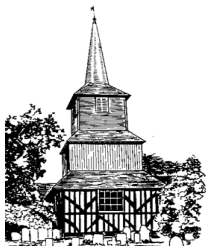
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Hall Page	£ 55	£ 90	Half Page	£ 10	£ 15



Church Website: <http://www.blackmorechurch.org.uk/>



Find us on Facebook: **Priory Church of St Laurence - Blackmore**



**Priory Church of St Laurence
Blackmore
and
St Peter and St Paul
Stondon Massey**



Reverend Sam Brazier-Gibbs ,

The Vicarage, Church Street, Blackmore, Ingatestone, Essex CM4 0RN

Telephone: 07894 948867 Email: revsbg@me.com

Dear Friends, As I write this letter to you I am in the middle of preparing the service for Ash Wednesday.

Ash Wednesday marks the beginning of Lent. Lent is a lovely word, which means 'springtime' to convey the Forty days before Easter (in Latin the Quadregesima). Lent can be ended at the ninth hour of Maundy Thursday or on Easter Saturday.

The six Sundays in Lent are not counted among the forty days because each Sunday represents a 'mini-Easter', a celebration of Jesus' resurrection and victory over sin and death.



Ash Wednesday is a day of penitence, of recognising how we all wander away from God and a reminder to turn back to him. It is almost like a spring clean of the soul before the Lenten journey begins.

Anglican, Roman Catholic and other Christian denominations may hold services at which worshippers are marked with ashes as a symbol of that penitence. Ashes were used in ancient times, according to the Bible, to express mourning or sorrow. Dusting oneself with ashes was the penitent's way of expressing sorrow for sins and faults and was sometimes accompanied by the wearing of sackcloth and of fasting.

On Ash Wednesday people are marked on the forehead with a cross of ashes. The use of ashes, made by burning palm crosses from the previous Palm Sunday is symbolic. The palms were blessed on Palm Sunday the previous year to celebrate Jesus's triumphant entry into Jerusalem and the ash symbolises His death on the cross. The ash is sometimes mixed with anointing oil, this leaves a good mark but the use of oil also reminds us of God's blessing and of the anointing or marking with a cross at Baptism.

As each person is marked with the cross on the forehead the Minister says, 'Remember that you are dust and to dust you shall return. Turn away from sin and be faithful to Christ.' This prayer is based on God's sentence on Adam in Genesis 3:19.

After some services the worshippers leave with the mark still on their forehead so

(Continued overleaf)

that they carry the sign of the cross out into the world. At other churches the service ends with the ashes being washed off as a sign that the participants have been cleansed of their sin.

When you read this we will have marked Ash Wednesday using some of these symbols and be keeping a Jesus centred lent together. There will be many opportunities for prayer and Bible study through lent including;

Morning Prayer on Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday each week in St. Laurence's.

Our Lent course 'Mini retreats in lent' will take place each Wednesday, March 4th, 11th, 18th, 25th and April 1st.

Bible Study lunches will continue each Thursday, speak to Gail or Sandra for more info.

Our Sunday services will keep a Lenten theme as we walk towards Easter together.

Lent will lead us into Holy week which will have a full programme of events which you are invited to join in with. It is such a holy and sacred time of the year and I hope that you will be able to engage deeply as we journey together. By the time we get to Easter I am sure we will have seen some welcome dry weather and sunshine! Until then Keep well and may you know the love of God the Father in Jesus Christ by the power of the Holy Spirit.

Your vicar and friend,

Sam

Notice of Annual Parochial Church Meetings (APCM)

The APCM for **St Peter and St Paul** will be on Sunday 3rd May following the morning service.

The APCM for **St Laurence** will be on Sunday 26th April following the morning service.

Nomination forms will be available for both churches at the start of April.

Reports for inclusion at the meeting should be submitted to the church office by April 10th.

Keep up with news from the Diocese on the Diocesan Website:

<https://www.chelmsford.anglican.org/>



St Laurence Church Blackmore

**11am Sunday
29th March 2020**

*As part of the morning service there will be a
Commemoration of a Plaque in Remembrance of four
American Airmen of the 391st Bombardment Group -*

First Lieutenant Richard E. Baehr
First Lieutenant Frank I. Yawitz
Staff Sergeant Edward G. Demyanovich
Corporal John M. Myers

*who lost their lives when their aircraft crashed in a
Blackmore field on 24th September 1944.*

The service will be conducted by Rev. Sam Brazier-Gibbs
and also attending the service will be:

HM Lord-Lieutenant of Essex
Representatives from RAF Lakenheath
The Mayor of Brentwood
members of The Royal British Legion

After the service light refreshments will be provided.



LENT

Lent is an important part of the Christian calendar.

The period of Lent lasts for forty days (not including Sundays). It is a time when we can reflect and prepare for the celebrations of Easter. Some people fast, eat frugally or give up treats trying, in a small way, to follow the example of Jesus, who fasted for forty days in the wilderness.

People may also give to charity, set aside time to study the bible and meet with other Christians to reflect on Jesus' life and prepare for the events of Easter.

This lent there are a many ways you can engage in the season.

'Mini Retreats in Lent' is the joint lent course for our churches which will be on Wednesdays at 7.30pm in St Laurence Church. Each stand-alone session will inspire a feast of discovery and understanding of our faith. These sessions will be on the 4th / 11th / 18th / 25th March & 1st April and are open to all. Please join us.

#LiveLent: Care for God's Creation is the Church of England's Lent Campaign for 2020. With weekly themes shaped around the first Genesis account of creation, it explores the urgent need for humans to value and protect the abundance God has created. This year's **#LiveLent** challenge offers 40 short reflections and suggested actions to help you, your family and your church live in greater harmony with God, neighbour and nature. Download the app from the link below and learn more.

See <https://www.churchofengland.org/livelent>

40acts is the generosity challenge for Lent, created by UK Christian charity, Stewardship. For ten years, 40acts has asked a question: what if Lent could be about more than just giving stuff up? What if it could be a time of radical generosity as well as spiritual discipline? Over the years, 40acts has become a movement of over 100,000 people on a mission to impact their communities with generosity – during Lent and beyond.

See <https://40acts.org.uk/>

Give Him Five is Premier Christian Radio's Lent challenge – devote 5 minutes of your time every day to God during Lent. They will be mixing up what you do every day and hope that some of it might become a habit for you beyond Lent. You can choose whenever suits you – on your morning commute, over lunchtime or in the evening. Start new habits, reconnect with scripture, deepen your relationship with Jesus! You will receive an email every week with the tasks for the coming days, and a text reminder on Monday morning to keep you on track.

See: <https://www.premier.org.uk/Easter/Give-Him-Five>

"Serenitea - a valuable resource for Blackmore and Stondon villages and surrounding areas".

Serenitea Café is held every Tuesday morning from 10.30am to 12 noon. Refreshments are provided free of charge although donations are appreciated.

The café was originally established as a meeting place for those parishioners who had suffered bereavement or similar life impacting events which could lead at times to loneliness, stress and yes, potentially despair, isolation and depression. Quickly, within a few months, the event expanded to encompass all Blackmore and Stondon parishioners and ultimately, to all those who wished to attend.

Now a valuable community coffee morning offering not just sausage or bacon sandwiches and a cuppa but also companionship, family time, a connection with like-minded people; together with invaluable pastoral care and if required, private counselling and prayer. Everyone has problems and issues running below the surface, yet the kindness of those around you who support, inspire and uplift on a regular basis is amazing. Love is all around, as the song says

Themes have included significant Birthdays; namely Sandra Wood's 60th in early February; highlights within the Christian calendar e.g. Easter and Christmas and most recently Shrove Tuesday ("Pancake Day"). Special treats are available including bread pudding, pastries, Auntie Gail's Special Marmalade and for the health conscious, fruit.

The positive impact to myself during a recent family crisis and the kindness shown to many who attend is always very much appreciated.

Recent very cold weather (-2 degrees) led, on a lighter note, to our furry friends (Sparkle, Teddy, AJ, Merry) attending Serenitea and combating the bitter cold by wearing their wonderfully colourful knitted coats—except for expectant mum Merry (since having had 8 pups) who had a full and glossy winter coat of her own.

Overall, a lot of hard work by the Serenitea team (Gail, Sandra W, Kim, Elaine and Sandra K) led by Reverend Sam, provides a warm, giving and caring environment to facilitate a growing community hub and a warm welcome to all.

Martine Schweyer (aka Batman) February 2020



Family News



Happy Birthday



Andrew Watley, Jenny Dodd, Lewis Wooding,
Jill Griffiths, Nellie Goodwin, Angela Blackmore
and anyone else celebrating a birthday in March

***Congratulations Kevin and Sandra Wood
on their Ruby Wedding Anniversary***



***Congratulations Andrew and Sue Watley
on their Golden Wedding Anniversary***



From the Registers

Burial of Ashes

Ashes Tom and Yvonne Crane - 2nd February



Baptism

Lennie Coburn - 1st March



Situation Vacant

Treasurer - St Laurence

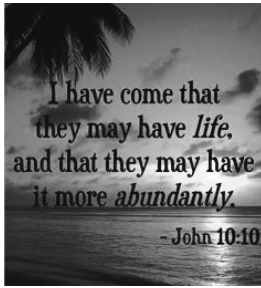
After many years of faithful service Brenda Leigh will be giving up her role as Treasurer at the APCM (28th April)

A new treasurer is therefore required. There are no specific requirements for this role although a knowledge of Microsoft Excel and Microsoft Word would be useful along with good numerical skills.

Brenda will continue to be around to help out as necessary until the new treasurer is up to speed with all that is required and there is support from the diocese available as required.

This is a very important and key role within the church. If you think you would be interested in this and would like to find out more please speak to Reverend Sam (07894 948867) or Brenda (01277 823935).

Reflections . . .



The Thief comes only to steal and kill and destroy. I came that they might have life and have it abundantly

Life in abundance does not mean riches, success or the material things that our society promotes. The life that Jesus gives is about peace, contentment, fulfilment, joy and a love that can satisfy the deepest hunger and the deepest thirst. We can be remarkably blessed and live life abundantly in the midst of difficult circumstances.

Poverty and persecution cannot take away the peace that God provides for us in Christ. Life in abundance means being reconciled with God through Jesus Christ and knowing that we are recipients of His blessings. We have life in abundance when we realise that Jesus has given us that life in order for us to be living, functioning, animated human beings who bear the image of God.

So how can we have this abundant life? Perhaps when we put Jesus at the centre of our lives and share that life with our family, our church family and with friends. When together we share the blessings of God, mercy, peace, love, grace, wisdom, and live our lives in community with others. That's when, living abundantly within His beautiful Creation, we are truly blessed.

In your prayers this month please remember . . .

All those affected by Coronavirus across the world. Pray for the medical teams treating people and trying to contain the outbreak. Pray for the scientists looking for a vaccine.

We pray for all those affected by flooding from the recent storms. Pray for all those helping and supporting people in those situations.

We continue to pray for those affected by the wild fires and flooding in Australia and all other areas in the world suffering from natural disasters.

We pray that we will do our part in whatever small way we can to slow and reverse the effects of climate change.

We pray for our vicar Rev Sam and for Stewart, for Anthea, our Reader, our Church Wardens Stuart, Sandra and Jan and both our PCCs.

We give thanks for the faithful service of Brenda, the St Laurence treasurer, and pray that a replacement may be found for when she steps down at the APCM.

We pray for Liz as she continues the formation process towards Ordination, and for Gail as she completes her last year of study to become a Licensed Lay Minister (LLM) in the summer.

We give thanks for the all those who work in our churches in whatever way, large or small, to enrich our worship, fellowship and hospitality, engage with our communities and maintain our buildings.

We hold in our prayers all those in our church family and others known to us who are unwell or suffering the loss of a loved one. May they receive the healing love, peace and strength of our saviour Jesus Christ.

Amen

St Peter & St Paul Church
SUNDAY LUNCH SERVICE

1.00pm for 1.30pm at Stondon Village Hall

3rd Sunday of the Month

Everyone welcome

(To help our catering arrangements, please ring
Jan Mackintosh on 821524 by the preceding
Wednesday if possible – thank you)

We look forward to seeing you



ST PETER & ST PAUL'S CHURCH
Stondon Massey

Tuesday 2 : 4
Stondon Village Hall

Tuesday 3rd March
Tuesday 7th April
Tuesday 5th May

This social event above is open to everyone; at present it includes board games, jigsaw puzzles, card games and book exchanges etc., followed with tea, scones and cakes.

#LIVE LENT

CARE for GOD'S CREATION

The Church
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
#LiveLent offers readings, reflections and actions to help you live in harmony with God, neighbour and nature.

Join in with booklets for adults and children,
download the app or sign up for daily emails.

www.churchofengland.org/livelent

"This Lent, we hope both adults and children might engage in God's plea for us to care for creation." The Archbishops of Canterbury and York

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St. Laurence Social Events

Strictly Come Tea Dancing is our first event of the year and I am pleased to say that it is attracting a lot of interest.

To be fair, there is nothing to not like about this afternoon. We will be learning a couple of dances, doing some sequence dancing, having tea, coffee, cakes and a chat at 'half time' and generally having a good time. Even if you don't dance, you can enjoy the music and the chatter. You are almost bound to know all the people there.

To get your tickets, which cost just £7.00, please contact **Jill Griffiths on 822224 or Jill Mason on 822379**

Remember the date, **it is the 8th March and it starts at 2.30 p.m.**

I know that it is not until April 23rd (**St. George's Day**) but the interest for our celebratory party in the Prince Albert is growing. Rob, one of the Bar Managers, wants to put up lots of Bunting and Flags and make the evening quite memorable. He is also intimating that some help with a little buffet will be forth coming.

So we are now looking at some food for the party and widening the whole thing out into the Community. This is great news.

Watch this space.

St. Laurence Social Programme for 2020 at a Glance

8 th March	Strictly come 'Tea Dancing' with Tuition	2.30 – 5.00pm
23 rd April	St. George's Day Celebrations In the Prince Albert	7.30pm
31 st May	Pentecost BBQ	12.30pm
27 th June	Concert in the Church Yard	5.30pm
3 rd October	Harvest Supper	7.30pm
14 th November	Christmas Market	10.00am
5 th December	Fun Christmas Quiz	7.30pm
21 st December	Carols around the Village	6.30pm
23 rd December	Carols around Wyatts Green and Hook End	6.30pm

For more information on any of these events please contact:

Jill Griffiths on: **822224** OR Jill Mason on: **822379**

Church Matters Needs You!

Church Matters has been going for many years now and we aim to continue this.

We always welcome articles and pictures on anything that may be of interest to our readers. This could be about an interesting place you have visited, something you have done or an event you have attended. Perhaps you have useful community information to share or maybe have read a great book and would like to tell others about it.

Please also let us know when your birthday is or any other significant dates or family events so that we can include them in the Family News section.

If you would like to contribute something to the magazine or to let us know about any of the items above please send it to: blackmorechurchmatters@gmail.com

We also need help to produce the magazine throughout the year. If you think you would like to get involved with the production of the magazine please let us know.

If you do not already receive Church Matters regularly but would like to do so and you live in the parish, then for **just £5 per year** you will get each issue delivered to your door. If you would like to sign up, again please contact us on the email above.

Finally, if you have comments (positive or negative) or suggestions for the magazine, please let us know.

Thank you 😊

Friends of St Laurence



The David Pickthall Big Band Saturday 28th March 2020 in the church

This is a relatively rare opportunity to see and hear a very accomplished group of musicians who are well known and deservedly popular in this area.

The Friends of St Laurence had to book this appearance in the middle of 2018! We are very much looking forward to a wonderful evening of swing music from the 1930s to the present day.

Tickets will be £10 for 'Friends' members and £12 for non-members.

Ticket enquiries, please contact Marion on 01277 821654.

REACHING THE NATIONS

Sean Wood, working with Agapé UK

Great Britain was once a great sending nation! Some of the things we shared with the world, and some of the methods by which we shared them, are now called into question, but there were also some great men and women from our nation who selflessly said goodbye to their families, and to the comfort of home, in order to step out and take the good news of Jesus to peoples and nations that had never had the opportunity to hear about it. William Carey, Hudson Taylor, Gladys Aylward and Eric Liddell are just a few of those British 'heroes of the faith.'

It's been several months since I last shared mine and Christina's news with you in Church Matters and a lot has changed for us in that time! To quickly catch you up, we have now returned to the UK from St. Petersburg, Russia and are living and working in Birmingham in the West Midlands.

Christina is busy studying so that she might be able to practise medicine in the UK, using her Russian degree and I'm now working with Agapé UK's Global Missions team. With Global Missions, I am still working with students, but the focus of my team is to provide opportunities for British students to travel overseas to help them grow in their understanding about the challenges and spiritual needs that exist amongst university students in other nations and cultures and to help them, through these cross-cultural experiences, grow in their ability and confidence to talk about their faith.

My updates are called *Reaching the Nations* as we hope that, through Agapé UK Global Missions' work, we can help the UK, to again be a blessing to the nations by sending British students out to the world to share the good news about Jesus!

On 14th-16th February, Christian students from across the UK, including a small group joining us from Portugal, gathered in Harpenden for Agapé UK's annual national student conference. Going into the conference, the general mood amongst the students seemed to be that it's tough to be a Christian and there aren't many others on their campus, but there was a palpable change of mood and spirit by the end. Sometimes all it takes is to take some time out of the hustle and bustle of life to reflect and spend time with other's who are in the same position as ourselves so that we can encourage one another to keep going and understand that, even though it might not feel like it sometimes, we're actually not alone!



Students joined us from across the UK, and even Portugal, for our conference.

We also had a great speaker named Matt Mikalatos, who joined us from Agapé in the USA. He reminded us that Jesus really *is* good news! The word 'gospel', which

we often use to talk about the stories of Jesus' life, even comes from the Old English for 'good news'. Matt encouraged us to spend some time reflecting on the ways that Jesus feels like good news to us, personally. However, he was keen to remind us that Jesus isn't only good news for us, but for everyone!

Matt pointed out to us that, when we think about 'sharing the gospel', we often have a very rigid picture in our minds of what it should look like; there is a specific message, about Jesus dying for our sins and defeating death, that we feel we must share, and, if we haven't shared every single point, it feels like we haven't shared the gospel.

When we think that way, it can feel challenging to know how to get from a point of never having talked about Jesus with someone to then being able to talk about Him in a relevant and natural way with them. These points are, of course, all important, however, at the same time, we all have very different experiences in life, and are faced with very different daily challenges. Matt explained to us that this means that we all connect with Jesus in different ways and, therefore, He can be good news to each of us in slightly different ways, too.

Finally, Matt helped us think about how we can be better listeners, so that we might better understand about where people are coming from. He challenged us to think about the language and 'church jargon' that we sometimes use and how it comes across to people, particularly those who haven't had much experience of church. All these things can begin to help us think about how Jesus is good news, specifically, for the people we're trying to share Him with! Hopefully, by taking time to think about these things, it can help us to help others connect with Jesus more easily.

I, personally, felt like I got a lot from Matt's talks, and, chatting with some students at the end of the weekend, it was obvious that many of them had also been inspired to go back to their universities and keep trying to talk about Jesus as good news.

My team was also at the conference to talk about the different global opportunities that Agapé UK are providing for students to join teams from the UK that are going to meet students of other nations and build friendships with them, through which they might find opportunities to share the good news about Jesus. I'll share more about some of these opportunities next time, but I felt we were able to successfully help challenge the students to expand their vision beyond just their home campus to thinking about the needs and opportunities that there are all around the world!

Thank you all for your ongoing support and prayer for my work from Blackmore and Stondon!



I had an opportunity at the conference to share about our overseas trips to meet students from other countries!



'Strictly' Tea Dancing



St Laurence Church, Blackmore

Sunday 8th March 2.30 – 5.00 pm

Come along for a delightful afternoon and learn dance routines with
step-by-step instruction from a **Professional Dance teacher**

Break for tea or coffee, cake and conversation

No experience necessary, come as a couple or on your own, any age, any ability.

Tickets £7 available by calling **01277 822224** or **01277 822379**



Create



**Craft Group
Spring 2020**

Relax with friends
Try new art/craft projects
Or if you prefer bring your
own current craft.
Enjoy a drink and some 'food
for thought'.

at St Laurence Church, Blackmore, CM4 0RN
meets on the second Thursday of each month.

From 7.30-9.30pm

Craft Project Programme
12th March- Decoupage Trays



There is a 50p charge for refreshments and a small
charge for materials used on the evening.

For more information contact

Catherine Jennings 821078 or Sandra Wood 822358

Please let us know if you'd like to attend.

SERENITEA CAFÉ



St Laurence Church
Church Street
Blackmore

Every Tuesday 10.30 – 12.00

Our Community Café.

Every Tuesday in the year
in St Laurence Church,
10.30am to 12.00

Fresh bacon or sausage
sandwiches, Danish pas-
tries, cakes, chocolate
bars, healthy snacks and
fruit.

All are welcome!

Blackmore Lunch Club

Lunches held on the last Friday of each month until July
at Blackmore Baptist Church

Next lunch is **Friday 27th March**

Welcome from 12 noon. Lunch is served at 12.30 pm.

To book please telephone Jane Marr on 01277 823070 and leave a message

THE PRIORY CHURCH OF ST. LAURENCE, BLACKMORE

'TEAS IN THE TOWER' 2020

On the first Sunday of each month from May to October the church and tower are open between 2.30pm and 4.30pm for 'Teas In The Tower'. Come and enjoy the serenity of the church and listen to the background entertainment while enjoying a cup of tea (or coffee) and a cake (or two!).

2020 dates and musicians are:

3rd May	The Bell Trio (woodwind and piano)
7th June	Cross Harmonies (wind sextet) (Directed by Peter Cross)
5th July	BigEasy5 (New Orleans Jazz Band)
2nd August	Libbi MacGregor (Singer) accompanied by Hazel Newman
6th September	The Fairkytes Accordion Band (Directed by Valerie Coe)
4th October	Hillhouse Sax (saxophone duet)



Bringing the Bible to life for every child
in every primary school

Last half term the children listened to Jesus' 'storytelling' and enjoyed guessing the 'surprising' element which helped them to focus on 'the story behind the story' and the relevance to their lives today.

We returned after half term to lead the children towards Easter. To help them understand the impact of the Easter stories we are telling them through eye witnesses.

We finish our assemblies this half term on 19th March to allow the school to prepare for their own Easter celebrations before they break up for the Easter Holidays.

27th February - The Remembering Meal (Luke 22)

5th March - World Book Day (no Open the Book assembly, please pray as below)

12th March - Peter's Saddest Day (Mark 14)

19th March - Peter's Happiest Days (John 20 & 21)

You will see we are not in school on 5th March as it is World Book Day and other visitors will be there. Please take the opportunity on this morning to pray for all the Open the Book and other Bible initiatives so that on this World Book day the Bible, the most special book of all, is accessible to children not only in this country but across the world.

Sue and Open the Book Team

Blackmore Baptist Church

COFFEE CAKE AND CRAFT/ACTIVITY

Thursday morning **April 16th** start 10.15-Midday

Water Colour painting for beginners

With **Pat Raeburn**

No Charge, bring brushes if you have them and a plate
to mix paints on (Brushes can be supplied)



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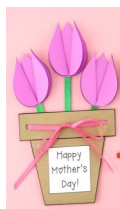
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Friday 6th March 2020



Friday Club (age 5 –Year 4) 6.00-7.30 pm and

Friday Club Plus (Year 4– Year 7) 8.00-9.30pm

Year 4's may choose which club they attend

**Celebrating those who care for us
on Mothers Day**

at Blackmore Youth Centre

**Art-Craft-Cooking –Planting- Construction
Table Games-Quiz-Tuck Shop**

cost £3.00



**If you have children or know families
with children aged 5-12 years**

Friday Club or Friday Club Plus could be of interest to you.

Both Clubs run monthly on the first Friday of each month at the Blackmore Youth Centre. Each month has a theme:

- Friday 6th March - Mother's Day, remembering those who care for us
- Friday 3rd April - Easter Special

So, **please make a note of the dates on your calendars.**

Both Clubs are staffed by a team from St Laurence who are all DBS checked.

For more information check out our Facebook page,
email us on blackmorefridayclub1@gmail.com
Or call Sandra Wood on 822358



St. Laurence Little Ones

Toddler Group



ST. LAURENCE CHURCH
CHURCH STREET, BLACKMORE

10 am to 11.45 am

(0 - 5's with parents/carers)

Spring Dates

11th and 25th March

22nd April

6th and 20th May



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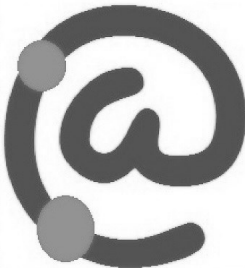
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Thank you for your generous
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At St Laurence we have recently introduced Planned Giving Tokens.

Many people now give by Standing Order / Direct Debit from their bank each month. This is the easiest and best way to give regularly to the church.

However, some people still feel awkward letting the collection pass by without putting anything in and this feeling does prevent some people from moving over to this type of planned giving.

It can also be awkward when sitting next to new people in church as it could lead them to think that the church is very rich because people are not putting money into the collection - we all know that this is definitely not the case.

These tokens are available to pick up when you come into church and collect your service sheet. They can then be placed in the bag or plate as it passes by.

**Stondon Massey
Winter Warmers Lunch**



**Wednesday 19th
February**

Upcoming Events & Special Services

Tue 3rd March	2.00pm	Tuesday 2-4 club	Stondon Village Hall
Wed 4th March	7.30pm	Lent Course (4th / 11th / 18th / 25th March and 1st April)	St Laurence
Sun 8th March	2.30-5.00pm	'Strictly' Tea Dance (p.16)	St Laurence
Fri 27th March	12.00pm	Blackmore Lunch Club (p.11)	Blackmore Baptist Church
Sat 28th March	7.30pm	FoSL David Pickthall Big Band Concert (p.20)	St Laurence
Thu 16th April	10.15am	Coffee Cake and Craft morning (p.18)	Blackmore Baptist Church
Thu 23rd April	7.30pm	St. George's Day Celebration	Prince Albert

Regular Activities

Sundays:

See page 2 for Service Times

Mondays:

10.00am Play & Pray at Blackmore Tennis Club

7.30pm Jubilate Choir Practice (1st Monday of Month)

Tuesdays:

10.30-12.00 pm Serenitea Cafe at St. Laurence (p.7 & 16)

2-4 Club 1st Tuesday of Month at Stondon Village Hall (p.10)

Wednesdays:

10.00-11.45am Little Ones for Toddlers and Carers at St. Laurence (dates p.22)

11:00 Social Tennis, Blackmore Tennis Club

Thursdays:

8.20-9.30am Open the Book Assemblies at Blackmore Primary School (p.18)

12.00-2.00pm Bible Study and Lunch at Corfu, Blackmore Road

7.30 to 9.30 am Create - 2nd Thursday in month - St Laurence Church (p.16)

**WHO'S WHO AT
ST PETER & ST PAUL'S CHURCH, STONDON MASSEY**

Rector:	Rev. Sam Brazier-Gibbs	07894 948867
Reader:	Mrs Anthea Gray 6 Whitegates, Lindsell, Dunmow, Essex CM6 3QL	01371 852241
Churchwarden:	Miss Jan Mackintosh Ness Bank, Hook End Road	821524
Assistant Churchwardens:	George Goodwin June Wiggett	824311
Secretary to PCC	Mrs Chris Hall St Austell, Ongar Road	821447
Treasurer:	Mrs Anne Springate	364772
Pastoral Care Co-ordinator	Mrs Jenny Dodd	823452
Church Flowers:	Mrs Anne Springate	364772
Weddings, Funerals Blessing of Marriages - Bookings	Contact Vicarage Office Rev. Sam Brazier-Gibbs	821464 07894 948867
PCC Members:	Mr George Goodwin, Mrs Chris Hall (co-opted), Mrs Cynthia Kelly, Mrs Josie Mills, Miss Tamzin Mills, Mrs Valerie Ruffels, Mrs June Wiggett, Mrs Kathy Honeyman, Mrs Anne Springate, Mrs Marian Grant (co-opted).	

ST LAURENCE, BLACKMORE ST PETER & ST PAUL, STONDON MASSEY

Please note that the Diocese has very strict rules about memorials and the maintenance of our Churchyards. Please contact the Church Office before any decision is made.

**WHO'S WHO AT
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Vicar:	Rev. Sam Brazier-Gibbs	07894 948867
Reader:	Mrs Anthea Gray 6 Whitegates, Lindsell, Dunmow, Essex CM6 3QL	01371 852241
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	Mrs Sandra Keeble 6 Woollard Way	822266
Secretary to PCC:	Mrs Gill Hall Tormist, Nine Ashes Road	823280
Treasurer:	Mrs Brenda Leigh Holly Cottage, Church Street	823935
Planned Giving Co-ordinator:	Mr John Hughes	821805
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Burial of Ashes in Churchyard - Reminder of Diocesan Regulations

To comply with churchyard rules and regulations as laid down by the Diocese please also remember that Ashes must be interred and arrangements for this must be made with Rev. Sam either directly or via the Vicarage Office.

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