



# THE BULLETIN

keeping you informed and up to date with activities and developments  
at St Margaret's Church, Leigh on Sea.

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## Church Services in May

**Thursday 10th -  
Ascension Day  
Mass 19.30**

**20th - Pentecost  
(WhitSunday)  
10.00 Combined Service**

**Thursday 31st  
Corpus Christi  
Mass & Benediction 19.30**

All other services as advertised

### Pentecost

After Easter and Christmas this is the most important feast of the year when all Christians should make their communion. We celebrate the gift of the Holy Spirit to the Church, the same spirit that Christ promised to His disciples to strengthen them in their mission to the world and comfort them in their need. It is often the time when new Christians are baptised and confirmed.



### CELL OF OUR LADY OF WALSINGHAM

Our next meeting will be on **Wednesday, 2nd May at St James Church 7.30pm** for Mass. It is informal and very friendly. Everyone is invited, whether or not a member. If you require any further information, please contact me by telephone (01702 216401) or by email (K2phf@blueyonder.co.uk). Peter Fisher

## May Fair Monday 7th May



*We still need volunteers to help with various activities, especially the Bouncy Castle Please speak to Anne as soon as possible if you can help, even if it's just for a short time. Phone number at the bottom of the page*

Donations of the following things are needed to help make this Fair a success.

*Bottles*



*Sweets*

*Cakes*



*Books*

**There is a list at the back of church for other items needed for the luxury hamper.**



In May we are collecting Microwave sponge; Crumble; Plain flour; Sultanas; Angel Delight; mixed Fruit. This is only a suggestion, all donations are welcome. The list of foods needed has been shared between the 12 months of the year to ensure all their needs are covered by us.



**Monday May 21. 8pm** in the lower hall. We are pleased to have Dr Jaya Reddy coming to speak to us. Dr Jaya is a Consultant Psychiatrist at Southend Hospital and she will talk to us about the early signs of Dementia and her work with Mental Health Team at the hospital. This meeting is open to anyone who would be interested in hearing Dr Reddy, non members are most welcome.

If you are interested in joining MU, please contact Sheila 554044 or Angela 477126

### Social Activities

**12th** - Church 'sparkle' cleaning  
9.30 - 11.30 after 9 am Mass  
Refreshments provided.

**13th** - 4.30 pm Communita



If lots of people just made one plate of home-made biscuits or fairy cakes or any sort of cake for the cake stall at the May Fair it would boost our takings.

## Our Pilgrimage to The Holy Land

### Day 5

An early start today as we needed to be in the coach for 7:00am for the short drive to the entrance to the Temple Mount in Jerusalem. Even though we were relatively early, it took us an hour to go through the strict Israeli security to enter the Muslim controlled Temple Mount.

Once through, we walked towards Temple Mount and were able to view the Wailing Wall and see how the Jewish women were strictly segregated from the men. We looked at the Al Aqsa Mosque (non-Muslims are not allowed entry) and were given much interesting information by our guide. We were not allowed to take any Christian symbols or bibles onto the Mount and everyone had to be very modestly covered.

After the El Aqsa Mosque we continued our tour of the Temple Mount by viewing the Dome on the Rock, the Mount of Olives across the valley and the boys' school built into the wall surrounding the Mount.

We then drove to the Hadassah Hospital where the synagogue has twelve Marc Chagall stained glass windows of much repute. We listened as the windows were explained to us and, whilst it was interesting, we both felt a bit underwhelmed by them. Chagall's style is not to our liking - we are not great 'culture-vultures'.

From there we drove to Yad Vashem which is the museum of the Holocaust.

Our first visit at Yad Vashem was to the Children's Memorial, remembering the 1.5 million children murdered in the Holocaust. The Memorial was in the form of a darkened room which contained four lit candles and hundreds of mirrors which reflected off each other to generate 1.5 million images. At the same time, the name of each Holocaust child victim was read out in English, Hebrew and their native language. It was extremely powerful and very moving and reduced many of us to tears. The rest of the Museum took us through the rise of Hitler, the attacks on the Jews and finally to the Holocaust. Whilst these were very powerful, they did not carry the same impact as the very simple memorial to the Children.

Lunch was taken at Yad Vashem after which we drove the short distance to Bethlehem which is entered through a twelve foot high concrete wall and strict Israeli security. Bethlehem is a Muslim town. We had to exchange our Jewish guide for a Muslim one but as our driver was Muslim he remained the same. First of all we visited the Shepherds' Fields where we had a Mass in the open air; this was very memorable



especially as the prayers were simply to ask us to remember the Holocaust children. I loved this place, it was so peaceful and to my surprise I realised that far from the shepherds

going **down** to Bethlehem as I had always imagined, in fact they had to climb **up** to Bethlehem as it is sited on top of a higher hill. Poor Mary having to get up that hill whilst heavily pregnant, no wonder she went into labour when she got there.

We then took the coach for the short drive up the hill to Manger Square, which I found quite lacking in any atmosphere and arrived at the Church of the Nativity. We entered through the famous 'little door' but by now the crowds were growing and the Church of the Nativity was especially busy, meaning that we were not able to see much. There were also renovations taking place and much was concealed behind scaffolding and tarpaulins.

We visited the site of the birth of Jesus. The "original" cave has been divided into two by a wall and we visited the smaller part via a back-door route courtesy of our guide. For the main cave, you queue for some two hours and have barely thirty seconds to absorb the scene and see the star on the floor where Jesus is said to have been born.....but who knows exactly where he was born? It was somewhere here. Bethlehem is a crowded town and vendors are everywhere and very pushy. Our final stop in Bethlehem was at a shop selling olive wood products and jewellery. It was very tempting and we purchased an olive wood shepherd to add to our Nativity set at home. We arrived back at our hotel and joined our fellow pilgrims for dinner where there was much chatter and plenty of laughter.

To be continued      Barbara Southward

## Significant Days in May

May is traditionally known as  
'The Month of Mary' or  
'Lady Month'

**1st** - Philip and James, Apostles

**14th** - Matthias the Apostle

**24th** - John & Charles Wesley  
Evangelists and Hymn writers 1791 &  
1788

**31st** - The visit of the Blessed Virgin  
Mary to Elizabeth (or 2nd July)

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**Congratulations!**  
**To Pru and John May**  
**who (quietly) celebrated their**  
**Golden Wedding Anniversary**  
**on Friday 30th March.**  
**Love from us all.**

**Thank you to all who came and**  
**supported the Yardarm Folk**  
**Orchestra Concert. The concert**  
**raised about £270 for our church**



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**May 6th**  
**Annual Parochial Church meeting**  
**Immediately after 10 am service,**  
**in church.**

## The Diary of a Walking Pilgrim.

### 2017 Walking Pilgrimage

from Leigh-on-Sea to Walsingham  
Sat 27<sup>th</sup> May to Friday 2<sup>nd</sup> June 2017

The team: \_\_\_\_\_

**Chaplain:-** Fr Bill Bulloch (St James, L-o-S)

**Walkers:-** Karen Benford (St James, L-o-S)

1 previous Walsingham walking pilgrimage  
Antony Connor (St James, L-o-S) 2 previous  
Walsingham walking pilgrimages (one just  
him!)

Jo Clarke-Duprees (St James, L-O-S)

1 previous Walsingham walking pilgrimage

Donald Fraser (St Margaret, L-o-S)

3 previous Walsingham walking pilgrimages

Andrew Gray (St Mary's Mendlesham) ½

previous Walsingham walking pilgrimage

Thomas Gray (St Mary's Mendlesham) npe

#### Support Cars

1:- John & Maureen Benford

(St James, L-o-S) 1 previous Walsingham  
walking pilgrimage support

2:- Catherine Benford

(St James, L-o-S) 1 previous Walsingham  
walking pilgrimage

3:- Chrissy & Hannah Jones (sometimes with  
Tim Jones) npe

#### Preparation

Karen - Regularly walking to Benfleet  
or Shoebury (or both)

Jo - Intermittent walking  
Leigh/Benfleet/Pitsea/Basildon

Donald - Occasional walking to Barge  
Gladys (Benfleet Creek)

Andrew & Thomas - Occasional  
bursts of activity, often at the pub

Anthony - Unknown!

Feet treated with surgical spirit and walking  
boots broken-in (except Antony!) and plenty  
of Vaseline.

John planned the route and each day  
provided a number of copies of O.S. maps  
marked with the route and a written set of  
instructions indicating various landmarks  
and turning points. Besides her regular  
walking, Karen also walked the route of the  
first day (to try it out!)

Karen provided a booklet for each  
participant containing a summary of the

week's events, mass, daily Morning and Evening Prayer and a selection of hymns. To emphasise the reason for our pilgrimage, each day started with Morning Prayer and finished with Evening Prayer. When we arrived at each destination, mass was celebrated between 6pm and 7pm (depending upon distance covered).

Karen was sponsored to raise money for Multiple Sclerosis (because her company promised to match up to £1000 what she raised), but most of us just wanted to do our pilgrimage purely as a pilgrimage.

**Day 1. Sat 27<sup>th</sup> May -St James the Great, Leigh-on-Sea to All Saints, Maldon - approx. 17 miles**

Arrived at St James Church just before 8 a.m. Fr Bill was there to meet us all (except Andrew & Thomas). We put all our clobber (sleeping bag, clothes etc) in one of the two support cars and then entered church for a short service and blessing.

We then donned our high-visibility vests, took a selection of drinks and snacks and set off on our pilgrimage (after the obligatory "selfie" which was 'posted' on our website). Walking today would be mainly on pavements but there were sections of roads without pavement and a couple of footpaths. The weather seemed to be set fair, but by the time we reached Rayleigh Road the sky darkened and soon after we passed the Silver Jubilee the heavens opened and rain cascaded down. Fortunately we reached a convenient bus shelter and stayed under it for around 15-20 minutes while the worst passed. (This was to be the only rain we had during the day for the remainder of

the pilgrimage.) We then carried on our way.

By around 11 a.m. we reached the River Crouch by The Anchor, Hullbridge. We walked right up to the water's edge and then retreated to the car park for transport round to South Woodham Ferrers on the opposite bank of the river. There we met up with Andrew and Thomas. After a quick snack and top-up of drinks we set off again. When we got to Stow Maries our instructions stated "Pass The Prince of Wales on left". This we failed miserably to achieve and ended up in the pub garden for a couple of swift ales. With hens milling around and the sun out it was tempting to remain for the rest of the afternoon, but Maldon beckoned.

Not long after we set off again we had the benefit of a decent footpath - soft underfoot and no cars to avoid. It was whilst on this footpath that we had the first rendition of one of our infamous pilgrim songs. The words were very simple and concerned a former Prime Minister - namely Lloyd George. It soon caught on and was reiterated frequently during the week (especially under bridges where the acoustics were better!).

When we reached Mundon Road we turned north to Maldon - with around three miles to go. As we passed a fairly remote cottage, the lady of the house pooped out and asked if we'd like some squash and use of the loo. With the sun high in the sky it was a very welcome

break. She said she had passed us on the road and thought we looked a little different to the "normal" hikers. We obviously explained why we were there and hopefully left a good impression! After iced squash we set off with a bit of a spring in our step for the walk into Maldon.

We arrived (all together) at All Saints in the midst of an Art & Craft Exhibition. We were made very welcome by one of the churchwardens and her talkative daughter. The kettle was immediately put on and tea, squash and biscuits provided. That evening we would be sleeping in the parish office, which is part of the church behind the organ and under the vestry. It also doubled-up as the dining room for fish and chips which were rapidly consumed after we had had mass in the chancel. After Evening Prayer lilos were inflated and bedding laid out. The office suddenly became very cramped, so some of us decamped to various parts of the church. During the nights we became even more dispersed due to one of the party being an expert snorer!!

Donald Fraser Jnr (To be continued)

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Sadly we report the sudden death of  
**Donald Fraser Senior.**  
Our love and condolences go to  
Donald Junior, Clare  
and all their family.

### Answers to Easter Quiz

1. Passover (Luke 22:1)
2. A young donkey
3. When Jesus entered into Jerusalem at the beginning of the **Passion week**, the people welcomed Him as king and Messiah. They covered the road with their garments and palm fronds as a symbol of their worship and acceptance of Him as king
4. Peter
5. Malchus
6. Three
7. 30
8. By giving Him a kiss
9. Hanged himself
10. Bought the potter's field with the money which is where strangers were buried
11. Barabbas
12. To leave Jesus alone because He was a just man.
13. Alexander and Rufus
14. "Jesus of Nazareth, King of the Jews"
15. "Father, forgive them; for they know not what they do." (Luke 23:34)
- "Verily I say unto thee, Today shalt thou be with me in paradise." (Luke 23:43)
- "...he saith unto his mother, Woman, behold thy son! Then saith he to the disciple, Behold thy mother!" (John 19:26, 27)
- "Eli, Eli, lama sabachthani? that is to say, My God, my God, why hast thou forsaken me?" (Matthew 27:46; Mark 15:34)
- "I thirst." (John 19:28)
- "It is finished:" (John 19:30)
- "Father, into thy hands I commend my spirit:" (Luke 23:46)
16. "Truly this was the Son of God (Matthew 27:54) Slightly different statements, but the same idea are found in Mark 15:39; Luke 23:47
17. The veil in the temple was torn from top to bottom
18. Three hours From noon to 3 pm.
19. Joseph of Arimathea and Nicodemus
20. Mary Magdalene