



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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August 2018

Church Services in August

15th - The Assumption of Blessed
Virgin Mary to Heaven.

Mass 1900

All other services as advertised

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## Social Events in August

11th - Church cleaning 9.30 - 11.30  
after 9 am Mass

Refreshments provided.

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9th 9.30 am Service
Mary Sumner Day.
Join congregation for refreshments
after service.

20th Informal meeting 8 pm
At the home of Sharon Firminger
34 Marine Parade.

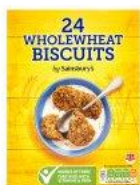
If you are interested in joining MU,
please contact Sheila 554044 or
Angela 477126

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In August we are collecting Cereals;



Mayonnaise; Ketchup;  
Brown Sauce; Vinegar;  
Apple Sauce.



## CELL OF OUR LADY OF WALSINGHAM

There is no August meeting.

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Significant Days in August

6th - Transfiguration of our Lord

15th - Assumption of Blessed Virgin
Mary to Heaven

24th - St Bartholomew, Apostle

28th - St Augustine of Hippo

30th - John Bunyan (spiritual writer)

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## Amusing Quotations from Parish Magazines

This evening at 7 PM  
there will be a hymn  
singing in the park  
across from the  
Church. Bring a  
blanket and come  
prepared to sin.

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The New Fair Havens Hospice

As many of you are aware I was a
Nurse-Helper at Fair Havens Hospice
for sixteen years until health issues led
me to retirement eighteen months ago.
These were the most privileged, special
and extraordinary years of my life when
I was able to help care for some of the
most vulnerable courageous and special

folk at such a pivotal point in their lives. Hospice care is quite unique and the nursing care is supported by a most dedicated chaplaincy team.

The present Fair Havens in Chalkwell Avenue now thirty-five years old and with just ten rooms, is no longer big enough to care for the demands made on it covering such a huge area and the nursing team is often hard pressed to minister through such narrow corridors. They are amazing. I have such thanksgiving to have had a share in this work and ministry and also in a real sense to have a share in His pain, the pain of redemptive Love.

I believe that the time is drawing nearer for the new Hospice to come to life, and I also believe that a 'brown envelope' is to be delivered to every household in this area asking for help and support for this new building and equipment. I am also hoping that our PCC might allow a retiring collection on a Sunday in the summer, an opportunity to give prayerfully and generously. There is a copy of the Prayer Diary on the prayer board every month, and using this every day is a loving way to support both staff and patients. I can always get more copies.

Margaret Royce.



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The Diary of a Walking Pilgrim 2017

Day 4

**Tue 30th May -St Andrew's Lower
Layham - St Mary's Mendlesham -
approx. 22 miles**

All slept very well and this morning we indulged in spam fritters for breakfast! We're not going for the "healthy" option on this pilgrimage and this would be a long day. After Morning prayer and the obligatory "selfie" we set off. Anthony had declared himself "fit", even though his foot was looking gruesome. We were soon in Hadleigh as the locals were slowing emerging and then crossed the busy A11 with care. Soon after, a footpath seemed to offer a slight diversion off the route and the saving of the need to go up and down some contours. The grass was a tad wet, but walking on a softer surface, even though it was around a mile put a lift in our step. Back on the road we reached Alphreton where the telephone box is a library. Short break for photos, then on for a snack break. By this time we were around halfway there and this instigated our second major pilgrimage song (to the Walsingham Hymn tune) with the chorus "Halfway, halfway, halfway to Walsingham" rather than the traditional "Ave, Ave, Ave Maria". We had sung many of the hymns in our booklet and the Walsingham Hymn itself took around three quarters of a mile! We had no inhibitions about bellowing out verses of our favourite hymns at 200 decibels to whatever farm animal

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or village inhabitant was in earshot! Our new song required two lines to be sung (which would roughly rhyme) followed by our own adopted chorus. The noise did not concern the odd sheep or cow and was a wonderful way for all of us to walk together and "knock-off" the miles. It made the distance seem a lot less.

After Barking, we again had the "comfort" of a soft footpath for around a mile as we headed into Needham Market. Here John had arranged with one of the pubs that we could sit in their back garden for our sandwiches and wraps. When we arrived there was a beer already in place on the bench - what a welcome! Again a small time for outreach with the other people in the pub garden who were naturally inquisitive about the purpose of our walk.

Revived and refreshed we set off again and soon had to walk under a long bridge holding up the A14. The acoustics were absolutely perfect for a louder than usual rendition of the "Lloyd George" song (it was actually recorded on a mobile 'phone and sounds like a much bigger choir than just the six of us)!

With the last two miles still stretching in front, we could see St Mary's tower in the distance as we completed our longest day so far. Gallons of tea awaited our arrival as we had a chance to put our feet up and rest inside the beautiful church. Tonight we would all be sleeping in a bed (no - not the same one!). My brother's sister in law (wife of

the vicar) had organised several people of the parish to offer us a bed for that night. At the evening mass (Fr's Bill & Philip concelebrated and Thomas was thurifer) we were joined by several parishioners. After mass they stayed for a shared evening meal including 4 different puddings! (all tasted wonderful). The seating was arranged such that we mingled with the parishioners and enjoyed a great evening. After Evening Prayer each host took their pilgrim back to their house and I was duly transported back to the vicarage with Andrew & Thomas. Not only a bed - but also a bath! The lack of showers en-route had deterred a few potential pilgrims, but I can't say that was ever an issue with us. We all got used to it!

And so to bed!

Donald Fraser

The Cold Shoulder

I wonder whether you have ever been given the cold shoulder ? Or, even worse, whether you have ever given the cold shoulder to somebody else ? We've all heard that expression and we all know what it means. To give somebody the cold shoulder means to act towards them in an unfriendly manner, to make it plain that we have little time for them.

But where did such a strange expression come from and how did it find its way into our common speech ? Well, like so many of the sayings that we often take for granted, the answer lies in the mists of history.

In the Middle Ages, with its code of chivalry, it was expected that a knight would always give a welcome to a fellow knight who came to visit him. Not only was he expected to give him board and lodging but also to serve him with the finest food and drink that he could provide. Furthermore, he was expected to do that for as long as the visiting knight chose to stay.

Of course, sometimes, a visiting knight played upon this hospitality and took advantage of the custom by outstaying his welcome until the host knight longed for him to go away !

When that happened the host would instruct the kitchen to serve no longer the best of food and drink but to offer in its place cold shoulder of mutton. This was regarded as a meal only fit for servants. A visiting knight served with cold shoulder of mutton knew that the time had come for him to leave.

That is why the phrase is still used today. When one person shows himself unfriendly to another the cold shoulder is given.

One person who never gave anyone the cold shoulder was Jesus. The Gospels tell how people visited him day and night - people who were sick, anxious, or worried - and Jesus always had time for them. Better still Jesus always has time for you and me, "Anyone who comes to me I will never drive away" (John 6 v.37). Likewise, we too, should always have time for our fellow human beings.

Fr Ron

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## Congratulations to Francesca Mills on her Graduation.

A proud day for all the family.



## Did you spot the mistakes?

In last month's Bulletin I gave the wrong email addresses for Bulletin and for Holiday Club. However, due to circumstances beyond our control the email addresses have since had to be adjusted. From now-on all email addresses for church matters will have the same domain name e.g.  
**bulletin@saintmargaretsleigh.org**  
**vicar@saintmargaretsleigh.org**  
**churchwarden@saintmaragetsleigh.org**  
**holidayclub@saintmargaretsleigh.org**  
 Did you spot the other error in the July Bulletin? All I will say is that Bulletin was proof read by two men and the errors were spotted later by two ladies.

No further comment.

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## Dates for Your Diary

You are invited to join us  
at



*A Greek Night*  
on Saturday  
22nd September

7 pm in the church hall.

*Tickets: £10*

*children 12 and under*

*£5*

*On Sale soon.*



*Meal included:*

*Greek Salad &  
Moussaka*

*Plus Entertainment*

***BRING YOUR  
OWN DRINKS***

## Michaelmas Fayre

Saturday 29th September

1000 - 1400

## Grand Draw

Barbecue

Stalls

Cake Stall

Choirs

Apple Bobbing  
Tombolas

Book Stall

Teddy Stall

Face Painting

Bouncy Castle

Cafe

and lots more

At 12 noon a free  
Fancy Dress competition  
for children aged 4 - 12  
Come dressed as a  
character from  
'The Wizard of Oz'