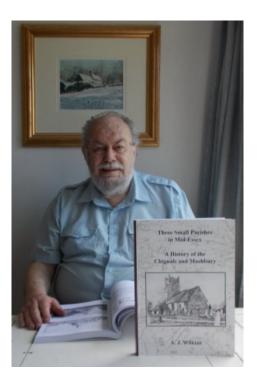
Tony Wilkins 1939 – 2016

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Myra and Huw would like to thank everyone who attended the funeral and many thanks to Reverend Caroline who took such a sensitive and personal service. Thanks to the three readers at the service: Louise (Colin Beeton's daughter), Anita and Peter. Peter lived next door to us for a few years.

To all our friends and neighbours your visits, letters, cards, emails, phone calls, flowers and cakes have helped a great deal. We'd especially like to thank Helen and Tony and the church members, and Janet and the WI. Thanks to Chris and Elliot who cut the church yard grass and checked that all was tidy and of course the church flower arrangers Mary Jane, Helen, Joan, Kate and Sandra who made our beautiful church quite magical. Thanks to the Pig & Whistle who put on a splendid buffet.

Tony has been very ill over the last two years but he dealt with his problems stoically and he was always uncomplaining. He was at home for the last month and we can never thank enough the carers and nurses who looked after him with much kindness and compassion.

Tony had lived in Chignal for 48 years and loved it here.

Gardening Club

At the end of October our hedgerows and gardens were ablaze with autumnal colour and it's been warm enough to enjoy being outside to do some light pruning and get some new plants established before the soil cools down.

We had great fun at our September meeting handling Japanese pruning tools and trying on unique hats fashioned from tarpaulin that had been recycled from trucks carrying coffee in South America. Darren Lerigo from Modern Mint www.modernmint.co.uk very generously shared his professional gardening tips and recent experience of specialist pruning in Kent with topiary expert Charlotte Molesworth and several members brought along favourite tools for others to try out.

In October Michael Sullivan from the Alpine Plants Garden Society spoke to us about "Starting with Alpines". www.alpinegardensociety.net/groups/essex. To grow alpine plants successfully, we learned that it's necessary to understand where they grow naturally: in rocky exposed positions with well- drained thin soil and limited amounts of water. Replicating similar conditions in lowland Essex is challenging but can be achieved by creating raised scree beds or planting in shallow containers with lots of grit.

Now for something completely different: for our **16th November** talk, we are delighted that Zsuzsa Serer from Herbal Haven has agreed to speak to us again, this time on "Tropical" plants. Zsuzsa wil bring along some of her plants for us to touch and smell and will explain how to propagate and care for them.

This meeting will start at 7.30pm at the United Reformed Church, Mashbury Road, Chignal Smealey, Chelmsford CM1 4TE. Cost: £3.00 includes refreshments.

In the New Year we are hoping that we shall be able to return to the Village Hall for our meetings but in the middle of January we are planning an outdoor practical fruit tree pruning demonstration in the gardens of two of our members in Chignal St James: date and time to be confirmed.

On Wednesday **15**th **February** 2017 Ian Tinton from Woodview Garden Maintenance will tell us all about "Soil improvement using wool compost and bracken" whilst on Wednesday **14**th **March** we are pleased to welcome Richard Ayres who will speak about "Anglesey Abbey Gardens".

We are a very informal club and give a warm welcome to newcomers. All of our meetings are open to guests and non-members and as a special incentive, we can offer you one free "taster" session so you can see whether you'd like to come along more regularly and join the club (a bargain at only £2.00 a year).

For more information, please contact Graham Andrews (Chairman) on 01245 442625 or Lynn Ballard (Secretary) on 01245 440880, email: gardening.chignalsmashbury@gmail.com

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Wine Discovery

We returned in September after our summer break to an unusual tasting, in fact, a tasting of unusual grape varieties. The evening was presented by Stephen Heminway from Peter Watts Wines in Coggeshall. Needless to say the evening was a voyage of discovery with all but one of the grape varieties being new to the group. This did not detract from the fun with those present being split between the odd Marmite moment where you either loved the wines......or not!!

The October tasting looked to be a more normal evening with Joanna Goodman of the Wine Society presenting "Anything but Chianti" – a tasting of Italian Wines. Joanna had just returned from Italy where she had been accompanying a buyer for the Wine Society and had chosen to present some of her favourite, but less well known wines, from her visit. Although we tasted Prosecco and Montepulciano the wines were of a very high quality, we also tasted less well known wines such as the exquisite desert wine Orvieto which rounded off a superb evening.

The Chignal Saint James Wine Discovery Group meet on the second Friday of every month and enjoy a variety of tastings from a wide diverse range of presenters. If you are interested in wine and would like to know more please contact:

Dave on 01245 442474.

Women's Institute - by Janet Campen

At our September Meeting Gary Baugh gave us some interesting memories of growing up with the influence of the Salvation Army, and even accompanied us with his Cornet when singing Happy Birthday.

In October Dr. Fabrizo told us of the long history of Colchester Hospital, from the 19th Century, when operations were carried out without anaesthetic! to the present day where such amazing treatment is given.

At our November meeting the talk will be 'Guide Dogs for the Blind'. When you would be welcome to join us.



North Melbourne Library
1st Saturday of every month, 2pm

Enjoy sitting and chatting in our lovely garden too!







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"POETRY, PLEASE!"

Flower arrangers from fifteen local organisations and churches including St Nicholas' Church in Chignal Smealey took part in a flower festival at St Martin's Church, Little Waltham, recently.

'Poetry Please!' was the overall theme of the event with each flower arranging group being allocated a poem to inspire their design. The poems were diverse and included 'The Diary of a Church Mouse' by Sir John Betjamin and 'The Battle Hymn of the American Republic' by Julia Ward Howe. The Chignals with Mashbury Churches were given the title 'We Plough The Fields (and scatter the good seed on the land)'.

Our floral interpretation centred around ploughing equipment and a wheat sheaf lent by Tony and Helen Towns, supported with arrangements of sunflowers, vegetables and scattered seeds. After the festival the arrangement was dismantled and reinstalled in St Nicholas' Church.

There were also stalls, teas and lunches over the course of the weekend and overall the event was a great success raising over £1,500. Not only that but it was a delight to meet and work with other people from local community groups on a joint project.

The photograph shows, left to right, Joan Smith, Kate Middleditch and Helen Towns with their arrangement on behalf of the Chignal and Mashbury Churches.



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Advance Notice: Chelmsford 10Km Road Race - Sunday 20th November (afternoon)

Chelmsford Athletic Club are holding their annual 10K road race on Sun 20th November. It is anticipated that approximately 600 runners will start at 2 pm from the Chignal Road/Copperfield Road junction, run around the 'Chignal loop' (past the Pig and Whistle, Church, Three Elms etc) and on to finish at the Chelmsford Sports and Athletic Centre.

Expect disruption from about 1.45 pm as runners gather for the start and then gradually thin out as they run around the loop. By 3 pm all runners should have pretty much completed the course. (by 2.30pm Church - Copperfield Road section should be clear).

Thank you for your consideration.

Community Photos - Trick - or Treat





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Macmillan Coffee Morning

Steve, Kate and Elaine would like to thank all those who attended, brought along marvellous cakes and donated to the collection at the Macmillan coffee morning held at the United Reformed Church.

The event was held to support the Macmillan "Worlds Biggest Coffee Morning" fund raiser.

A special thanks to Irene and Malcolm for extending their generous hospitality and allowing us to use the chapel meeting room and catering facilities for the event.

We hoped you enjoyed the wide selection of yummy home made cakes and scones and refreshments available. The event managed to raise just over £200 for the MacMillan Cancer support Charity.

Macmillan Cancer Support's goal is to reach and improve the lives of everyone living with cancer in the UK and provides specialist <u>health care</u>, information and financial support to people affected by <u>cancer</u>.

As well as helping with the medical needs of people affected by cancer, Macmillan also looks at the social, emotional and practical impact cancer can have, and campaigns for better <u>cancer care</u>.



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From the County Council



No one in Essex needs to suffer because of the cold.

During the winter months, lots of people suffer because of the cold. No one in Essex needs to suffer. Winter conditions can be bad for our health, particularly for those most vulnerable. So this winter, Essex County Council's Public Health team are teaming up with partners and organisations across Essex to keep the county's most vulnerable residents well and warm.

The 'Stay Well this Winter' campaign will launch on 1st November and aims to highlight how you can keep well this winter and signpost those at risk this winter to help and support in their local area. The campaign also

aims to raise awareness of the importance of making sure your home is ready for winter and how to keep warm when temperatures drop. For further information see website:

www.livingwellessex.org/health-and-well-being/taking-care-of-yourself/stay-well-this-winter

Bright future for LED rollout

The two-year project to upgrade 19,000 street lights and save taxpayers £600,000 each year began in August and to date 1,191 LED streetlights have been installed in Essex. Castle Point district has had 307 of its 414 all-night lights upgraded. Rochford district is underway, with 113 lights replaced of a total 429. Work has started in Basildon with 771 LEDs in place. Uttlesford, **Chelmsford** and sites along the A127 are next on the list with all-night lights there due to be upgraded by May 2017. These new LED lamps last longer, so they use less electricity and do not need as many expensive repairs and replacements.

Spotlight on unscrupulous solar panel salespeople

Essex County Council's Trading Standards Team have issued a warning to those of us who have solar panels to be wary of firms offering solar panel upgrades or maintenance, following reports that teams of rogue salesmen are operating in Essex. It is important to exercise caution when someone calls you offering to do work, even if they present themselves as experts in the field; never invite cold callers into your home. If you have concerns, please report it and seek advice from The Citizens Advice Consumer Helpline on 03454 040506.

Redevelopment of former St Peter's College site

Residents are being invited to give their views on plans for the future development of the former St Peter's College site, in North West Chelmsford which closed in 2011. Essex County Council, which owns the land, is working alongside Chelmsford City Council to develop plans that would see two new special schools, new open spaces and housing created. Residents are all invited to give their views via a newly created website. Drop-in sessions are also planned as part of the consultation process which will run until 14 November. For more information and to comment on the consultation visit www.chelmsford.gov.uk/stpeters or www.stpetersfuture.co.uk

If you have any problems about **County Council** matters please let me know on **01245 421524** email cllr.john.aldridge@essex.gov.uk and see my blog http://dnn.essex.gov.uk/chairmanblog/Home.aspx

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Chignal Parish Council Meeting 12th September 2016

Present:

Cllr Chris Anstey, Cllr Malcolm Feltwell, Cllr Miss Lynn Ballard (Chair) Cllr Steve Middleditch

In Attendance:

Cllr John Aldridge Essex County Council Mrs. Janet Mills (Parish Clerk) and 4 Parishioners

1. Apologies For Absence

Cllr Martyn Towns
Cllr Linda Nelson (Vice Chair)
Cllr Nicolette Chambers, Chelmsford City
Council

2. Register Of Declarations Of Interests

None

3. To Approve The Minutes Of the 11 July 2016

The minutes were approved and signed by the Chairman as a correct record.

4. Matters Arising From The Minutes

(a) Chelmsford Local Plan

The City Council proposed to drop all of the 3 Spatial Options proposed in the Issues and Options Document. Parish Councils had been invited to attend a workshop on 22 September to receive information on the next stage of the Local Plan process and the evidence base that would be used to generate a Preferred Spatial Option. Cllrs Anstey, Ballard and Towns would also attend a further joint meeting with neighbouring parishes in North West Chelmsford following this workshop.

(b) Broadband.

There had been no new information given regarding the roll out of Broadband. It appears that those living closest to Lt. Waltham would be connected this year and those closest to Broomfield would be connected next year. Letters would be sent to the 15 to 17 houses in the Parish that appeared not to be included in the roll out.

(c) Damaged Manhole Covers

Local residents were frustrated and disappointed that, despite numerous requests, work to repair the damaged manhole cover by Stevens Farm was still outstanding. With winter approaching, the Highways Department would be urged to

undertake the work. It was noted that work to clear the neighbouring ditches and culverts had been undertaken. The outstanding request to repair the damaged manhole cover at Howletts Corner would be followed up with Highways by Cllr Aldridge.

(d) Gardening Express

In her absence Cllr Nicolette Chambers (CCC) had sent the following report of a recent telephone conversation with the Owners. Cllr Chambers was advised that work on the new barn had started. Permissions were needed to put in a new culvert. The Parish Council was concerned to hear that a number of cars belonging to staff had been damaged and obscene graffiti had been painted on the gates of Pieces Cottage. It was acknowledged that work had begun on site and it was hoped that the hard standing upon which large lorries could load and unload would be a priority as problems were still arising with very large lorries turning in the village.

(a) Bridleway 33

Concerns regarding unauthorised access had been raised by residents living close to the entrance to the bridleway. Enquiries had been made about how to prevent unauthorised access to Pengy Mill by erecting a lawful barrier. Investigations had revealed that the track leading to the bridleway from the Green was part of the public highway. It was agreed that the Clerk would contact the Highways department to ascertain whether a road sign stating "No Through Road" could be erected in the first instance.

(b) BT Representative

In the absence of Cllr Nelson there was no report at this time.

(c) New IT Equipment

The Clerk reported that a new laptop, printer security software and hard drive had now been purchased using the grant awarded from the Transparency Fund.

5. Public Question Time

a)

A question was raised as to when the local roads would be resurfaced. Members of the public raised concerns regarding the poor condition of the road surfacing, in particular the stretches of road from Stevens Farm to Chignal Hall Lane, Boundary Cottages to Langleys Farm and Beadles Cross to Maple View. It was noted that pot holes had been patch repaired. A local land owner had recently undertaken necessary ditching work between Pitt Cottages and Stevens Farm. Questions were

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b) In answer to a question regarding speeding traffic and concerns for public safety in Chignal Smealey, the meeting was advised that this had been highlighted in the recent Parish Plan and that ECC would be requested to undertake a traffic survey on Chignal Road, 100m north of the start of the 40 mph signs to record the number of vehicles and their speed. Cllr Aldridge agreed to assist in the matter.

6. Chairman's Report

The Chairman gave the following report: A note of thanks was given to Mr. Wheldon who had recently given his time to repair the Parish Council notice board by the Green. Given proposals in the Parish Plan to develop the website and email alerts to residents, further evidence was required to justify the provision of a new notice board on Chignal Road to replace the one in the grounds of the Pig and Whistle: this would cost approximately £550.00. Local residents should be consulted on whether they would use a notice board sited in this part of Chignal Smealey: local landowners would also need to be involved.

7. County and City Councillors' Reports Cllr Aldridge gave the following report.

A) Travelling Community

There had recently been a number of unfortunate incidents involving the travelling community in nearby Roxwell. The ECC Traveller Unit worked in partnership with other authorities to co-ordinate responses to use Section 61powers to move travellers from the Roxwell School field. The meeting was advised that CCC was not part of the partnership arrangements. It was acknowledged that there were not enough authorised sites in Essex. District Councils, as part of their Local Plans, were responsible for providing these.

B) Broadband

Work on the roll out of Superfast Broadband was making good progress.

C) Fly Tipping

Concerns had been raised regarding a possible rise in Fly Tipping due to the introduction of the new waste re-cycling restrictions at some sites. Local farmers could report Fly Tipping on the

ECC web site: as yet, there had been no evidence of increased Fly Tipping from other pilot sites. The meeting was advised that the Chelmsford waste and recycling centre was not a restricted site.

D) Chairman's Blog

As Chairman of the ECC Cllr Aldridge had been asked to set up a Chairman's Blog, giving details of the role of the Chairman and a Twitter Account.

E) Cllr Aldridge was pleased to announce that an ECC celebratory function for those connected to the military and associated voluntary workers was to be arranged for later in the year.

8. Budget Committee

Minutes of the meeting held 1 July were received and approved. The Chairman updated the meeting as follows: the Budget Committee had met earlier this evening to ascertain the priorities and potential projects for the use of the CIL funding as set out in the Parish Plan. It was agreed to fund tables and chairs for the new Village Hall, a secure storage facility on the playing field and possibly a new mower for the Orchard. Local groups and organisations would be asked to submit detailed bids as soon as possible. The Budget Committee would also fund the production of the new Welcome Pack from the CIL monies. The next meeting of the Budget Committee proposed on 31st October would recommend the Parish Council Precept for 2017/2018 for approval at the 14 November Parish Council meeting.

9. Parish Plan Committee

Councillor Feltwell proposed and Cllr Ballard seconded a motion that the final draft of the Parish Plan and the Action Plan be approved by the Council. With no objections the motion was carried. The meeting received a progress report from the Chairman of the Committee. The meeting was advised that it had been agreed that 500 copies of the 28 page plus the cover document would be printed as this gave the best value of money. This would cost £522.00. Two hundred copies of the 8 page Action Plan had been printed at a cost of just £43.00.

A note of thanks was given to the Committee Members for their hard work in producing such a professional document. All of the printing costs were covered by the grant from ECC.

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- The minutes from the Committee meeting held on 23 August 2016 were received and noted. Cllr Feltwell advised the meeting that a recent Saturday working party had cut the grass and generally tided the Orchard. A note of thanks was given to those who had helped at the event. The meeting was reminded of the Fruit Celebration Event to be held on 16 October in conjunction with the Harvest Festival at St Nicolas Church.
- 11. **Planning Applications**<u>The following decisions where noted:</u>

Decisions to Note:

14/00976/MAT/1 to MAT/9 Western Parcel Land, North of Copperfield Road, Chelmsford - Material amendment to permission reference 14/00976/FUL(Residential development of 60 dwellings together with associated and ancillary development including access, roadworks to Hollow Lane, servicing, amenity space and landscaping.) MAT 1 to 2 and 5 to MAT9 permitted MAT 3 and MAT 4 Pending Consideration

16/00877/FUL: Brick Barns Farm, Mashbury Road, Chignal St James-conversion of existing barn to a two bedroom dwelling. *Permitted.* 16/01093/OUT: Land South West of 213 Chignal Road, Chelmsford. Outline planning application for residential development comprising three dwellings. *Pending consideration*

16/00905/FUL and 16/00906/LBC: Site at Grays Farm, Chignal Road, Chignal Smealey – change of use of redundant barn to residential use.

16/0090/FUL Application Withdrawn16/00906/LBC Application Withdrawn

It was noted that there were no New Applications for consideration at this time.

12. Representatives' Reports – To note a) Playing Field – a high security padlock and chain had been purchased to secure the entrance gate.

- b) Village Hall Liaison- it was envisaged that the new Hall would be completed by November. Updates on progress would be published in the Newsletter.
- c) Newsletter Including Website the September edition had been issued.
- d) Gravel Liaison a small party consisting of Parish Cllrs and near neighbours had visited the landfill site to view progress on the restoration works. One meadow had been seeded with a bumblebee friendly wildflower mix. A further meadow was to be sown in the same way and a small pond had been created. Work was progressing to construct the permissive bridleway and discussions were continuing on providing controlled access gates for horseriders.
- e) Community Safety- Cllr. Middleditch had attended an Essex Police Conference recently. The conference had been advised that there would be more visual policing and that there was to be a strong focus on reducing antisocial behaviour, domestic abuse, drug related crimes, gang violence and improving road safety. It was noted that there were only 10 community police officers dedicated to rural crime in the Maldon and Chelmsford area
- f) Highways- No further report at this time.
- g) Footpaths/Bridleways The report given at 'item d' above was noted: there was no further report at this time
- h) Telephone Box Chignal St. James- it had been suggested that a defibrillator be placed inside the telephone box. The matter was being given further consideration in conjunction with the Village Hall Committee.
- i) Tree Warden concerns about the safety of the diseased/damaged branch of the Hybrid Black Popular that overhangs the highway on the bend between Brickbarns and Pieces Cottage had also been brought to the attention of the landowner.

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13. Finance - The following was noted and approved

- **a)** Balances in the accounts, as at 30 June were: Current Account £21,582.80; Savings Account £3,240.13
- b) Cheques issued since last meeting

Taylor- Grass Cutting £234.00 Clerks wage 6 month net £750.48 HMRC £187.08

c) Audit of Accounts - The Clerk advised that the accounts had

been externally audited successfully. Thanks were given to the Clerk and to Mr Graham Randall for producing the audit information.

14. Correspondence for Information- None

15. Late Urgent Business for Information

- a) The Chairman noted with sadness the recent death of Mr Tony Wilkins. Mr Wilkins, a well respected member of the Parish, who had published a book on the history of The Chignals and Mashbury. A note of thanks was also given for his involvement with the Parish Council on projects such as the Chignal Villages Design Statement, a Welcome Pack and for his services to the Neighbourhood Watch. Parish Council Members would be attending his funeral which was to be held on Monday 1 October at St. Nicolas Church.
- b) It was noted that the Cricket Ground had been withdrawn from sale at Auction. It was understood that family members had retained ownership of the Ground. The Parish Council had requested new CCC guidance giving details of registering a Community Right to Bid. There being no further business the meeting closed at 9.40 pm.
- 16. Date of Next Meeting: Monday 14th November 2016, 7.30pm in the United Reformed Church, Mashbury Road, Chignal Smealey CM1 4TE.

United Reform Church - Chignal Chapel

The Village Carol Service this year is at St Nicholas and we shall be joining with them on Sunday 18th December at 11.30 am.

There will be no service at Chignal Chapel.

We shall be holding our usual Christmas day service at 9.30 am Service as usual on Sunday December 31st at 10.45 am.

We do hope everyone has a happy and healthy Christmas and New Year.

Every good wish to you all.

Thank you to those who came to celebrate our Harvest Thanksgiving with us. We were able to send £300 to Children in Distress.

Malcolm and Irene

The Chignals and Mashbury Jubilee Orchard

Yet again we were blessed with a gorgeous midday event - a great turnout who brought and took away wonderful local produce, including the first bumper apple crop from the orchard!

Big thanks must go to Moira Tarrant who lovingly prepared and packaged the apples ready for distributing.

Also, thanks to Jackie and Malcolm Feltwell for providing tea and coffee from their marvellous camper van.

Kind regards, Sandra and the Orchard Committee

The Three Elms

The Three Elms would like to thank all those who attended the quiz supporting The Chignals & Mashbury Jubilee Orchard. Being Camra Cider Pub of The Year two years running it was fitting to celebrate apples as well as cider at our October festival. We are also proud to announce that we are in Good Beer Guide 2016!

Please keep an eye on our website for forthcoming events

Malcolm Feltwell, the Community Orchard Chairman accepting the Quiz night donation from Gill and Pete.



Three Elms Apple and Cider quiz night raises £100 for the Community Orchard

Pete and Gill hosted another of their popular charity guiz nights on Halloween night.

The bar had been decorated to match the occasion with scary bats, spiders and skulls hanging from the beams and bar.

The 'Garden Gnomes' team, which included three Garden Club members, Elaine, Kate and Steve along with Dave and Kyla won convincingly.

£100 was donated from the evenings proceeds to the Community Orchard. The orchard committee are grateful to Gill and Pete, landlords of 'The Three Elms' for organising the evening and for their continuing support for the orchard – including their interest in cider making in the future when we have bigger apple crops!

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St Nicholas Church

Harvest was a wonderful service with a lovely lot of Chignal and Mashbury folk and Alan Adcock sharing with us the worms from his wormery. The children, even the little ones, were surprisingly un-squeamish about having a worm put in their hands. The church looked beautiful with all the flowers and we enjoyed classic harvest hymns. The fruit celebration in the orchard was well attended and good fun, and is such a good link between church and community. It is lovely to be celebrating the fruitfulness of our orchard, and appreciating the unusual varieties of apples and pears, as well as enjoying the produce and sharing recipes.

We hope you will come and join us over November and December for Remembrance Day and then to celebrate Christmas.

November & December Services - at St Nicholas unless otherwise stated

As usual services are normally held every Sunday at 9.30 am at Ford End and 11 am at Great Waltham

13th November 11 am Remembrance Day led by Bill Styles and Roger Bearman

20th November 11 am Communion led by Revd Sandra Sykes

27th November 10.30 am

Joint service at Great Leighs with Bishop John to celebrate 65 years of ministry for Sam Marriage. Come and join us to celebrate this wonderful achievement.

5 pm at Ford End – evensong and children's advent service

4th December 4.30 pm lighting of Christmas Tree and Father Christmas coming – Banbury Square, Great Waltham and then 5pm Christingle with play Oliver and lighting of candles

18th December 11.30 am Joint Carol Service with URC church with Revd Caroline Brown. Please note slightly later time. Followed by festive refreshments.

Monday 19th or Tuesday 20th December – hoping to sing Carols in 3 Elms pub.

Sat 24th December

5 pm Crib service St Nicholas with Revd Sandra Sykes.

A great way to start Christmas.

11.30 Midnight service at Great Waltham with Revd Caroline Brown

25th December

9.30 am Christmas day Communion Ford End with Revd Caroline Brown

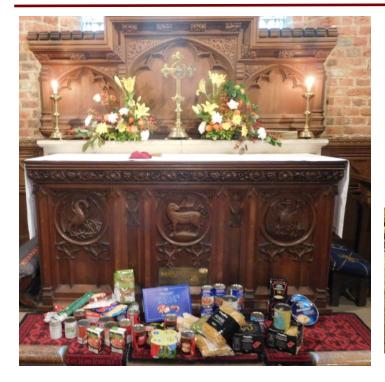
11 am Christmas Day Communion Great Waltham with Revd Caroline Brown

This is a wonderful community to be part of and I look forward to whatever 2017 will hold.

Revd. Caroline Brown

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St Nicholas Harvest Festival & Orchard Fruit Swap









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