

The next **Senior Tea** will be on Monday 27th April at 2pm at Woodstock, Ford End. Do let me know if you are coming please and also if you need a lift. Sheila 07977077945

“Do not be anxious about anything, but in every situation, by prayer and petition, with thanksgiving, present your requests to God. And the peace of God, which transcends all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus. Philippians 4:6-7

The April **prayer meeting** at Ashcroft will be on Wednesday 1st April at 2pm. Everyone is warmly welcome, talk to Jo or Carol Pritchard for more info.

Wednesday 15th is **Coffee with Christ** at St Johns, Little Leighs. Breakfast is served at 9.30 and this is followed by morning prayer and a discussion.

Little Leighs choir rehearsals are at 8.00pm at St Johns, Little Leighs on April 8th and 22nd.

The **APCM For Gt Waltham with Ford End** will be on Sunday 19th April following the 11am service at Great Waltham.

The **APCM for The Leighs and Little Waltham** is on Sunday April 12th at 10.30am immediately following the 9.30am service at St Johns, Little Leighs. All members of the congregation are encouraged to stay for this and the meeting will be followed by refreshments.

Ford End Churchyard Spring clear up Saturday 25th April from 9.30am. Please come and help to do a spring tidy up of our Church yard. Some tools available. Tea, coffee and biscuits provided. For more info contact Roger Bearman on 07740 880246.

Spring Cleaning?

If you find yourself with an excess of towels or coloured duvet covers would you consider donating them to the Pachamama Project to be made into re-useable sanitary products?

The Pachamama Project is a Chelmsford based charity with volunteers across the globe it has distributed over 180,000 hand made reusable period pads to refugees and vulnerable women in 11 countries.

The charity would be grateful for towels, sheeting, old poly cotton fabric or even old reels of thread. Pachamama works very closely with other local charities so anything that cannot be used by them will be re-distributed. If you have a sewing machine or some skills and would like to get involved the sewing is very simple and I would be happy to demonstrate. Sarah Matthews 07971 152000

“The great gift of Easter is hope – Christian hope which makes us have that confidence in God, in his ultimate triumph, and in his goodness and love, which nothing can shake.” Basil C. Hume

If you would like the pew sheet by email please let Alison know, admin@littleandgreat.org.uk, and she will add you to the mailing list.

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Church Websites: www.greatwalthamchurch.org.uk

<https://churchesattheleighsandlittlewaltham.org>



He is risen!



Welcome to Gracefields Pew Sheet for April 2026

Gracefields' April Services

Thursday 2nd April

6.00pm – Still Waters Maundy Thursday – Little Waltham

Friday 3rd April

2.00pm – Good Friday Meditation – Great Leighs

Sunday 5th April

9.30am – Easter Day Communion – Little Leighs

11.00am – Easter Day Communion - Great Waltham

Thursday 9th April

6.00pm – Still Waters Communion – Little Waltham

Sunday 12th April

9.30am – Communion with Sunday School followed by APCM – Little Leighs

11.00am – Family Communion – Ford End

Thursday 16th April

6.00pm – Still Waters Communion – Little Waltham

Sunday 19th April

9.30am – Family Service – Little Leighs

11.00am – Communion – Great Waltham followed by APCM

Thursday 23rd April

6.00pm – Still Waters Communion – Little Waltham

Sunday 26th April

9.30am – Communion – Great Leighs

10.00am – Family Worship – Ford End

11.00am – Easter Communion – The Chignals

Thursday 30th April

6.00pm – Still Waters Communion – Little Waltham

Sunday 3rd May

11.00am – Gracefields' Joint Service - Great Waltham

Private Prayer

Little Waltham: open every day 9.30am to 4.30pm

Little Leighs: open daily for private prayer

Ford End: open daily 9am – 4pm for private prayer

The Chignals: closed apart from Church services.

Great Waltham: open Mondays 1-2.30pm, 1st Tuesday of the month 9.30-11am and last Wednesday of the month 10-12pm.



Please Pray:

- We thank You Heavenly Father for the promise of new life and hope that Easter brings. We are grateful for the gift of Your Son, who sacrificed Himself for our sins. May our lives reflect His victory over death and may we bring glory to Your name in all we do. (Christianity.com)
- Father, help us to be like Jesus Christ your Son, who loved the world and died for our salvation. Inspire us by His love and guide us by His example.
- Help us not to be selfish Lord, help us to love our neighbours and care for those in need if we are able to.
- Jesus, you rode into your city in triumph on Palm Sunday, receiving the shouts and welcome of many. Come into our Churches today. Receive our welcomes and our acclaim. Come to rule in the hearts and minds of all who lead us and help us all to go out and proclaim You as King over all the world.
- Keep us, good Lord, under the shadow of your mercy. Sustain and support the anxious, be with those who care for the sick, and lift up all who are brought low; that we may find comfort knowing that nothing can separate us from your love in Christ Jesus our Lord.
- For those people who have lost family and friends to knife crime. We pray that our streets with be filled with peace and not violence.
- Please pray for all who will be visiting their local churches at Easter. May we all be encouraged to put down deep roots of hope by connecting with God who is with us at all times.
- For all those who need our prayers due to sickness or ill health, especially Luke Wiffen, Richard Gibson, Joanne McLachlan, Izzy Reed, Teddie Emmett, Mick Duke, Tony Neal, Bridget Wright, Keith Derry, Janet Luckin, Peter Wells, Rachel Threlfall, Alan Baker, Danny Fincham, Jake Bamford and others we know.
- For those who mourn.

What, then, shall we say in response to these things?
If God is for us, who can be against us? Romans 8:31

The angel said to the women, "Do not be afraid; for I know that you seek Jesus who was crucified. He is not here; for He has risen, as He said." Matthew 28: 5-6

You are invited to **Small Steps for Big Change book launch** Saturday 18th April 6-7.30pm at Costa Coffee, 1 Eagle Way, Little Waltham, Chelmsford, CM3 3FY.
This inspirational evening includes live music from local singer/songwriter Dan Pierce, as well as interviews with the author, Patrick Regan.
Please RSVP to: hello@brighterdays.life

"Faith sees the invisible, believes the unbelievable and receives the impossible."
Corrie ten Boom

Great Waltham Art Show
Great Waltham Church – 2nd and 3rd May
Look out for posters with more information.

Be Joyful, Keep The Faith, Do The Little Things St David

Rejoice always, pray continually, give thanks in all circumstances; for this is God's will for you in Christ Jesus.
1 Thessalonians 5:16-18

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... As well as holding tight to the principles of love and hope and justice it is our role to pray and to pray fervently. In this diocese, we are in the midst of a 100 days of prayer as we seek to discern God's call for sustaining ministry in the next phase of our life together. I wonder how many of you have responded to the invitation to join the 100 days of prayer? I hope that many of you have. I hope that our churches are taking up this call as a demonstration of our belief in the power of prayer, of our desire to hear God's voice, and as a sign of our commitment to one another. There are resources on the website to help you with this and I urge you to participate, if you are not already doing so.

But I digress. Let me return to prayer and the current conflict (Iran and the Middle East). Several people have asked me how to pray. I wish there was an easy answer. I find myself coming before God with a cry of anguish which cannot find words, with a longing that cannot find expression. So the only wisdom I can offer is to keep on coming before God, praying for peace, justice and reconciliation; for wisdom, compassion and moderation in the hearts of the rulers; for strength, hope and healing in the lives of those who suffer.

Prayer works. Whether spoken or silent, coherent or confused, prayer is a mystery that beckons us to go deeper. It changes hearts and minds and it propels us towards action. We do not know the ways of God nor understand God's timings. But we do believe that in the fulness of time all creation will be gathered into the heart of God. There will be a new heaven and a new earth; every tear will be wiped away; death will be no more; mourning and crying and pain will be no more. Until then, let us continue to be the Church and let us hold before God the suffering of the world.

*Ever loving God,
who hears us in our anguish and distress,
and longs for us to be free.
We pray for the people of Iran and the wider Middle East,
at this time of fear and uncertainty.
Be near to those who are anxious;
bring comfort to all who are suffering.
Guide those with the power to make decisions,
and lead them in the ways of wisdom, compassion and moderation:
that people of good will would seek harmony and reconciliation.
Join us with our Christian brothers and sisters in all places,
in praying for peace with justice,
through him who is the prince of peace,
Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.*

+Guli Chelmsford

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21 March 2026

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Before you speak, it is necessary for you to listen, for God speaks in the silence of the heart. Mother Teresa