

The next **Senior Tea** will be on Monday 26th October at the Autumn time of 2pm at Woodstock, Ford End. Do let me know if you are coming please and also if you need a lift. Sheila 07977077945

The October **prayer meeting** at Ashcroft will be on Wednesday 7th October at 2pm. Everyone is warmly welcome, talk to Jo or Carol Pritchard for more info.

Nothing Can Separate Us from God's Love

What shall we say about such wonderful things as these? If God is for us, who can ever be against us?
Romans 8.31

Choir Practice at St John's, Little Leighs on Wednesday October 14th and 28th at 8.00 pm.

Coffee with Christ will be on Wednesday October 21st at St John's, Little Leighs starting with breakfast at 9.30 and followed by morning prayer and a discussion. You are warmly invited to join us.

The **Colchester Area Vocations Day** will take place on Saturday 7 Nov from 9am to 1pm at Great Notley Church CM77 7GN.



You are invited

to join us for a service to remember
loved ones we have lost

Great Waltham Church

Saturday 24th October 11.00am

St Mary's Church Great Leighs

Sunday 25th October 4.00pm

Light a candle Hear their name read out

Say a prayer Sing familiar hymns

Tea, coffee and cake

All welcome



Welcome to Gracefields Pew Sheet for October 2026

Gracefields' October Services

Thursday 1st

6.00pm – Still Waters Communion – Little Waltham

Sunday 4th

11.00am – Gracefields' Joint Service - Great Waltham

Thursday 8th

6.00pm – Still Waters Communion – Little Waltham

Sunday 11th

9.30am – Harvest Communion – Little Leighs

11.00am - Harvest Communion – Ford End

Thursday 15th

6.00pm – Still Waters Communion – Little Waltham

Sunday 18th

9.30am – Family Service – Little Leighs

11.00am – Harvest Communion – Great Waltham

Thursday 22nd

6.00pm – Still Waters Communion – Little Waltham

Sunday 25th

9.30am – Communion – Great Leighs

10.00am – Family Worship – Ford End

11.00am – Harvest Communion – The Chignals

Thursday 29th

6.00pm – Still Waters Communion – Little Waltham

Sunday 1st November

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.

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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<https://churchesattheleighsandlittlewaltham.org>



Please Pray:

- Lord Jesus You are the Prince of Peace, please bring unity to our world and free it from violence and war. Please give wisdom to World leaders and help them make fair choices. Please comfort all those people who are suffering and fearful.
- Sunday 4th October is Animal Welfare Sunday: Please Pray for all charities involved in the care and protection of our animals, and for veterinary surgeons and all who work for the welfare of animals.
- For everyone struggling financially please guide them to organisations where they can receive help.
- God of compassion, please be close to those who are ill, afraid or in isolation. In their loneliness, be their consolation; in their anxiety, be their hope; in their darkness, be their light. Amen.
- Sunday 25th October is Bible Sunday - Lord, help us to grow in faith, hope and love as we spend time with You and Your Word. Help us also to support others as they grow in their faith.
- For all students who are living away from home at university or college. Please help them to study & enjoy themselves safely.
- 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, Jake Bamford, Dawn Lennox, Maria Maddock and others we know.
- For those who mourn, especially the family and friends of Violet Ives, Ann Harbour, Andrew Coyle, Lynette Wright and Linda Lee.

The light shines in the darkness, and the darkness has not overcome it.

John 1:5

Revd Dan will be leading an Advent course based around his book 'Man Made'. More details to follow...

A moment of gratitude makes a difference in your attitude.
Bruce Wilkinson



Would YOU be able to help Father Christmas again this year by making up a Christmas Shoe Box for children in Ukraine and Moldova? Graham Whicker hopes to deliver them again through the charities UK-Aid (uk-aid.org) and TEECH (teech.org) and has all the details you require. Please WhatsApp or contact him on 07770 930538 or email gwhicker@btinternet.com if you can help.

For I know the plans I have for you," says the Lord. "They are plans for good and not for disaster, to give you a future and a hope.
Jeremiah 29.11

Harvest Supper

Friday 16th October 7pm for 7.30pm
Great Waltham Village Hall

£10 includes glass of wine
Please bring a plate, bowl, cutlery and a glass

Places are limited so tickets are available on a first come first served basis.
Please give your name and payment by 3rd October to one of the following people:
Jean Blaber for Great Waltham,
Sheila Bearman for Ford End,
Marion Richardson for
Great Leighs and Little Leighs,
Vanessa Watson for Little Waltham,
and Helen Towns for The Chignals

Please contact Alison Bates
admin@littleandgreat.org.uk for more info

Great Waltham with Ford End,
Little Leighs, Great Leighs,
Little Waltham and The Chignals

OPEN INVITATION

You are invited to attend
The Friends of Great Waltham and Ford End Churches Trust
Annual General meeting
To be held at Ford End Church on Tuesday 20th October 2026 at 19:00.

All are welcome

(Correction to Parish News-the AGM of the Friends will be in Ford End church not Great Waltham church).

Not all of us can do great things but we can do small things with great love.
Mother Theresa

A prayer for Black History Month

Compassionate God, who sent Jesus Christ to deliver us from all manner of injustices and inequalities, create in us new hearts and enlarged visions, to see the image of God in every person irrespective of background, race and ethnicity. May we be generous in our love of others as we work towards ending racism and injustice; creating communities of human flourishing, through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord, who is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever.
Amen.
(The Church of England)

Replace worry with prayer. Make the decision to pray whenever you catch yourself worrying.
Elizabeth George