

Wethersfield Chamber Concerts 2017

All Concerts in Church at 4.00 pm

Sunday, April 9th **Daniel Lehardt** Piano

In 2014 at the age of 22 Daniel Lehardt won 1st Prize at the Young Concert Artists auditions in Paris and New York. A year later he was selected by Young Classical Artists Trust in London and in 2016 won the Most Promising Pianist prize at the Sydney International Piano Competition.

Sunday, 23rd April **Jess Gillam** Saxophone *Piano Steve Lodder*

18 year old saxophonist Jess Gillam from Ulverston, Cumbria, began playing saxophone 11 years ago, aged 7.

In 2016, Jess made history as the first ever saxophonist to win the Woodwind Final of BBC Young Musician of the Year and after competing in the Semi Final, she reached the Grand Final where she performed a concerto with the BBC Symphony Orchestra at London's Barbican to critical acclaim.

Ticket Prices

	Ticket	Concession	Child under 16
9 April 2017 at 4pm	£17	£15	Free
23 April 2017 at 4pm	£17	£15	Free
7 May 2017 at 4pm	£17	£15	Free
All Three Concerts	£45	£39	Free

Please telephone 01371 851704 or 01371 850510 to reserve your ticket for payment on the day. Tickets can also be purchased at the door, from 45 minutes before the start of the performance.

CHURCH SERVICES IN APRIL

Sunday 2nd April

(The Fifth Sunday of Lent)

8.00am Holy Communion, Wethersfield

9.30am Morning Prayer, Cornish Hall End

9.30am Family Service, Shalford

11.00am Sung Eucharist, Finchingfield

Palm Sunday 9th April

11.00am United Benefice Service, Wethersfield, beginning with a donkey led procession from the village green at 10.30am

Maundy Thursday 13th April

6.30pm Holy Communion, Cornish Hall End

Good Friday 14th April

3.00pm Devotional Service, Shalford

Easter Sunday 16th April

9.30am Easter Communion, Cornish Hall End

9.30am Easter Communion, Shalford

11.00am Easter Communion, Wethersfield

11.00am Easter Communion, Finchingfield

Sunday 23rd April

(The Second Sunday of Easter)

8.00am Holy Communion, Shalford

9.30am Sung Eucharist, Cornish Hall End

11.00am Family Service, Finchingfield

Sunday 30th April

(The Third Sunday of Easter)

11.00am United Benefice Service, Finchingfield

**If you would like a lift to any of the services in the benefice, or wish to receive Holy Communion at home, please contact your local Churchwardens or Revd. Colin Wilson.
For details of the benefice Children's Church, please contact Mrs Sarah Pilgrim: 01371 850781.**

From the Vicarage...

When I was growing up I remember that around this time of year my grandmother would carry out a thorough spring clean of her house, even though her house always seemed to be very clean and tidy to me. Today we hear about this being done less and less. Perhaps it is because with modern detergents and vacuum cleaners etc., we stay more on top of the world of dirt all year round. Another factor is that we also have better lighting in our homes. In the past the darkness of winter made it more difficult to see where all the dust was accumulating. In rural areas it would be the time of rain and mud, which would constantly be brought into the house and not seen clearly in oil or candle light, while in towns industrial smoke and grit would find their way indoors and decorate the crevices and tops of cupboards and windowsills.

If there is the same grime around now it tends to be more chemical by nature and less visible, so we don't see the same urgent need to clean as the stronger sunlight shows up the cobwebs and streaky patterns that appear as if from nowhere. Perhaps this seeming invisibility has made us lazier. Certainly modern technology means that we do not have to use as much elbow grease to get rid of dirt as maybe our mothers and grandmothers once did. I cannot remember when I last saw someone on her or his hands and knees attacking a doorstep with a scrubbing brush. We seem to have lost that community sense of this being the time and the occasion as Easter approaches when everyone makes a shared attack on the dark residue of winter to bring in the sparkling new world of spring.

When Jesus drove out from the Temple in Jerusalem all those who bought and sold beasts and birds and dealt in money-changing, he wanted to make the point that the people had lost sight of the real meaning of the Temple. They were using it for commercial considerations and no longer put God's commandments at the centre of their lives. They had forgotten about God. The time was right for some spring cleaning to be done.

As we look forward to Easter, perhaps now is a good time to reflect on our own preoccupations and allegiances. Where is Jesus Christ in our lives? Do we have time for him, or do we let our daily concerns and ways of living leave him little time or space? If our relationship with Christ is central, then the business of our daily living will flow from it, and we will have a sense of peace and direction. If we try to work the other way round,

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Helen Marr
Richard Webb
Colin Wilson*



Readers

*John Burrow
David Cobb
Frank Easton
Marylyn Whaymand*



Sunday 23rd April 2017 at 3.00pm

Tickets £5

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CHILDREN'S EASTER
ACTIVITY MORNING

For 3-11 year olds
Saturday 15th April 11.00am - 12.30pm

in Wethersfield Parish Church

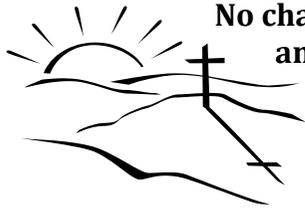


Come along and join in decorating the church for Easter.

Help create an Easter garden and hunt for hidden eggs.

**No charge - bring a coin for the collection
and a few flowers or some greenery if you
have any.**

**Enquiries to: Sarah Pilgrim
(Tel: 01371 850781)**



Advance notice of Church Fête Sunday 11th June

At Wethersfield Hall by courtesy of Mr & Mrs Walmsley



however, bringing Jesus Christ into our lives as secondary or even accidental assistance, we are likely to find ourselves lost and confused.

A core element in our preparation for the celebration of Easter is getting rid of whatever stops Jesus being at the centre of our life and uplifting us with the gift of his Spirit. We may no longer find ourselves on our hands and knees scrubbing doorsteps etc., but we can pray (in the words of Psalm 51:10) "*Make me a clean heart, O God: and renew a right spirit within me.*" Whether it is spring or autumn in our world, the need for renewal remains the same.

Colin Wilson (Revd.)

From the Registers:

Holy Baptism:

19th March – Arthur George Seymour

Funerals:

2nd March – Frank Cooper (86yrs)

7th March – Victor Edward Cunnell (90yrs)

9th March – William Prior Cole (93yrs)

10th March – Winifred Lucy Hall (90yrs)

13th March – Elaine Norah Ambrose (75yrs)

CHURCH WARDEN'S NOTES

Looking back at two services in our church in March:

Firstly the World Women's Day of Prayer which made us all put our thinking caps on about how we treat other people. "Am I being unfair to you?" - something to ponder on. The Service is prepared by a different country each year; this year it was the Philippines. As well as producing the order of Service, they provide background notes about their country, and often an indigenous recipe. As usual after the Service we indulged in some delicious cakes provided by members of our sister Churches, and this year Sarah Seacombe for Wethersfield kindly tried out the "Filipino Mini Muffins with Coconut". It was suggested that I should include the recipe in the magazine for others to try, so here goes:—

Ingredients- 100g softened butter
100g sugar
2 eggs
tin {397g} condensed milk,
½ teaspoon vanilla extract
200g desiccated coconut
80g plain flour.

(Makes 48 mini or 24 ordinary muffins)

Cream butter and sugar, beat in eggs one at a time, add condensed milk and vanilla, mix well, and then mix in flour and coconut.

Bake 15 to 20 mins in preheated oven, 350F 180C gas 6.

Hope you enjoy them as we did!

On a glorious spring day, Monday 13th March we said “Good Bye” and paid our tributes to a loyal member of our Church Council, Elaine Ambrose. Others will remember Elaine in their own way but I just wanted to record my fond recollections of working with her in Church and fund raising. Elaine was a great “Chivvier”(as her daughters will testify!). Although in later years not physically able to help as much as she would have liked, she was always there, interested and prompting. In fact our recent Rummage Sale was a case in point; she loved a good rummage and spurred us all on. Sadly she was not there to share in the “fun”(?), but we dedicated the day to Elaine. She would have been delighted with the £490 we raised for her Church. We must now keep on keeping on, just as she did.

This nicely leads on to the forthcoming Annual Meeting, to be held in the Church at 7.30pm on Thursday 20th April. At this meeting we need to elect six members of the Church Council and two new Church Wardens. Members of the Council should be selected from the Church Electoral Roll, a copy of which is on display in the Church. If you wish to have your name added to or removed from the Roll please see the notice currently in Church. Application forms for position of Church Warden are available in the Church and completed forms should be lodged with the Vicar before the meeting. You are strongly encouraged to attend this meeting to ensure the Church remains a viable link in Village life.

History Group website for visiting times. The hall is home to many groups and clubs, for example TWIGGS, Floral Arts, Wine Club, Bowls Club, WAP – oh yes, just a mention here for WAP, they are planning a big change for their next production, it's going to be a PANTOMIME – oh yes it is....! Keep your eyes open for more details and don't forget to look BEHIND YOU!! Great fun for all the family, and indeed this may be the year you decide to join in and take part! Teas in the Pavilion has been running for some considerable time but for those who don't know we now have a similar lunch time arrangement in the Village Hall, namely “Soup and Chat”. Great fun, good company and delicious home made soup, so if you are interested in coming along just give me a ring. We can arrange transport for you. Oh yes, just a small point, in mentioning some of the groups who meet at the Hall, if you want to start a new club or society we will be more than pleased to welcome you.

The DFPFA are reviving the Wethersfield Fun Day this year, Sunday 16th July, but in order to have a bit of fun on Saturday evening the Village Hall will be holding a quiz, just to get you in a relaxed state of mind! On Saturday 15th July at 7.30 pm come along to the hall, bringing your own drink and food/nibbles and of course your friends and family to make up a table of eight. A good night out for very little cost – save your money to spend on Fun Day when there will be lots of attractions.

Look out for changes and get in touch if you want to book the hall or find out any information. Must stop now or I shall get into trouble with Roy!!!! (Sorry Roy)!

Best wishes

Mair Godley

Chairman & Secretary, WVH.

Contact Mair: mairandnick@btinternet.com or 01371 850620

To book the hall contact Wendy Martin: wendyanmartin@btinternet.com or 01371 850312

The next meeting of the
Wethersfield History Group
will be on Thursday 13th April, when the speaker will be
**Tony Tuckwell, on the History of New Hall,
Henry VIII's Palace of Beaulieu, near Chelmsford.**
As usual, the meeting will be held
in the Pavilion, Hedingham Road (CM7 4BZ) at 8.00pm.
All are welcome, £2 at the door to include coffee.

News from the Village Hall

Well, impossible as it may seem but a month has gone by since my last report from the Village Hall and, as hoped, things are moving!

The work on the refurbishment of the toilets will start on Monday 27th March, a little later than originally thought but this time it's going to happen (I hope I don't have to eat my words here)! The original intention was to then move on to the Main Hall. However, the discovery that the asbestos is breaking down on the roof of the Small Hall has naturally prioritised the work schedule to the small hall. We have applied for planning permission and also some grant aid specific to this work. The small hall will be quite different when it's complete – a higher ceiling and some skylights, so it will bask in sunshine most of the day during the summer months! It will be totally transformed!

I have received some really interesting information from Richard and Pam Wenley of the history group regarding the early years of the Village Hall. Hopefully when the new website is up and running our “about” page will sparkle a little more than it does at present. Many thanks to them. Bring on the new website!

As you know the History Group takes great care of the Village Archive which has its permanent home in the Village Hall, you can check the

Looking ahead to Easter in St Mary' s:

Palm Sunday April 9th: this is a Benefice Service when all four Churches come together at 11 am after the traditional Palm Sunday walk around the Village led by the donkey from Boydell's.

Easter Sunday 16th April: 11am Holy Communion.

We will be doing Flowers for Easter on Saturday 15th. If you would like to make a donation for Remembrance Flowers for Easter in memory of a loved one, contact Sarah or Eve (details at front of magazine) by Friday 7* April, or, if you would just like to do your own flowers, please join us on 15th

Other Easter Services are featured at the front of the Magazine

Advance Notice:

The next Fund Raising Social activity for the Church will be the Fete at Wethersfield Hall kindly hosted by Ben and Leonora Walmsley on Sunday 11th of June. Please contact Ben if you are able to help. He is also seeking sponsors for various activities, or if you are able provide cakes, prizes etc. - 07939 030833

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**Every journey made with Jesus will change us.
And as we change, so will our homes, churches, friends,
habits and ambitions. These small changes will get
us ready for the greatest journey as we walk
with Jesus through death and into eternal life.
Let's welcome the changes! Happy Easter!**

Canon Dr Roger Matthews

Elaine Norah Ambrose

4th February 1942 – 18th February 2017

Family, friends and glorious sunshine filled Wethersfield Church on Monday 13th March for the service of thanksgiving for the life of Elaine Ambrose.

Elaine, who was born in North London, evacuated to Bradford and then brought up in Pebmarsh, Essex, moved to Wethersfield on her marriage to Mike some 55 years ago and became an active, committed and much loved member of the village community. She will be particularly remembered for her work with the children of the village and her active participation in the life of the church, spurred on by her deep Christian faith.

Elaine started up the playgroup in the village hall, which now meets in the pavilion and celebrates its 50th anniversary this year. She also ran a children's dance and singing club – The Wot-Nots – with annual shows, ran the Church Sunday School and served on Wethersfield Primary School governing body and the Parochial Church Council for many years. The local horticultural shows saw Elaine as a proud judge, particularly enjoying viewing and awarding prizes for the children's entries.

Many will have other memories of Elaine and her contribution to the life of our village of Wethersfield as she was always so keen to give to others in any way she could.

All this Elaine did despite the extreme eyesight problems which had lived with her from childhood – she never thought she would *see* her grandchildren but modern medicine delayed the degeneration of her sight so she was able to achieve this. In recent years Elaine battled with multiple health problems alongside the loss of her dear husband, Mike, and on 18th February this year, whilst in hospital, she suffered a fatal heart attack.

Elaine touched so many lives, despite her own difficulties - a true Christian example to all.

“God saw you getting tired Elaine and a cure was not to be, so He put his arms around you and whispered, ‘Come to Me’.”

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**Lady Funeral Director
Invites you to
Light a Candle at**

**A Service of Thanksgiving
On Sunday 7th May 2017 at 3.00pm
At St Mary's Church, Bocking, Braintree**

Our Annual Service of Thanksgiving will take place in May for families who have lost a loved one recently or in the distant past who wish to 'Light a Candle' in their memory. This very special Service of Remembrance will take place on Sunday 7th May 2017 at St Mary the Virgin Church, Bocking in Braintree at 3.00pm.

During the service those attending will be given a candle and invited to bring the candle, with the name(s) of their loved one(s) to the altar for a blessing. This is a wonderful service in which to give thanks for those we love and have lost, everyone is most welcome to come along with family and friends.

It is hoped this service will give families the opportunity to celebrate and give thanks for the lives of those who have died. This service, in the lovely surroundings of Bocking's beautiful Parish Church, is open to anyone who would like to attend.

Bereavement is a disturbance of life's regular course that is deeply painful and distressing. It is likely to be encountered by us all. At the time of suffering it is a bewildering and often very lonely and frightening experience. Death will strike the young and the old, the expected, the unexpected, the Christian and the non-believer. Each bereavement is unique and through bereavement we encounter some of the deepest realities of our existence and the fact is that everyone who dies leaves behind someone with a need for help, the bereaved.

Lady Funeral Director Janet Davies understands that grieving doesn't end on the day of the funeral. Janet explained, "I feel privileged to be able to offer support and comfort by arranging this Annual Service of Remembrance."

For further details please Contact Janet C Davies Funeral Directors on
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