



# THE PARISHES OF ARDLEIGH AND THE BROMLEYS BENEFACTICE NEWS August 2010



## Calendar

**August 1**

### **9th SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY**

8am Eucharist at St Mary's  
10.30am The Parish Eucharist at  
St George's  
6.30pm Evensong at St Mary's

**August 8**

### **10th SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY**

8am Eucharist at St George's  
10.30am The Parish Eucharist at  
St Mary's

**August 14**

### **ASSUMPTION OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY**

7.30pm Patronal Eucharist at  
St Mary's, Ardleigh

**August 15**

### **THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY 11th SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY**

8am Eucharist at St Mary's  
10.30am The Parish Eucharist at  
St George's  
6.30pm Evensong at St Mary's

**August 22**

### **12th SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY**

8am Eucharist at St George's  
10.30am The Parish Eucharist at  
St Mary's

**August 29**

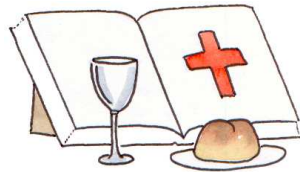
### **13th SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY**

8am Eucharist at St Mary's  
10.30am The Parish Eucharist at  
St George's  
6.30pm at Evensong at St Mary's

**September 5**

### **14th SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY**

8am Eucharist at St George's  
10.30am The Parish Eucharist at  
St Mary's



## August Eucharists

August 7th 9a.m. St. Mary's  
August 21st 9a.m. St. Mary's  
August 24th 9.30a.m. St. Mary's  
August 31st 9.30a.m. St. George's

Dear Friends,

We are now in the holiday season proper, and it is the time of year when many people like to get away from home and work and the roads and railways are crammed with people making for the coast or to the airport for two weeks in the sun.

There is nothing more that so many people prefer than to seek the sun and the sea. Water possesses an unfailing attraction and people flock to sandy beaches and safe bathing.

The psalmist wrote in Psalm 104, “O Lord how manifold are thy works: in wisdom hast thou made them all: the earth is full of thy riches. So is the great and wide sea also”.

Although the people of Israel were not a great seafaring nation, the sea was a place of significance. Indeed it marked their deliverance from oppression. They had been slaves in Egypt, and Pharaoh was a hard taskmaster and Moses and his contemporaries knew the rod of oppression until finally they could tolerate it no longer. They called upon God and one night the angel of the Lord brought death and havoc upon the Egyptians and the Israelites were able to make their bid for freedom.

They reached the Red Sea, but how were they to cross to the other side? By now the Egyptian army had assembled itself and was in hot pursuit. Soon they would be trapped, recaptured and taken back into captivity and given even more gruelling work.

However the unexpected happened. The waves abated and the sea receded! They were able to walk through to the

other side. All this was providential. When the Egyptians tried to follow, their horses got bogged down in the mud and then the water came swirling back. The waves beat over them and they came to a watery grave.

We find another significant incident at sea if we turn to the New Testament, where the Sea of Galilee featured so large in the ministry of Jesus. On one occasion the disciples were in a boat when a storm blew up. The wind increased and whipped up the waves so that they started to break into the vessel and threatened to sink the boat. The sea can be dangerous and even experienced sailors, such as some of the disciples were scared out of their wits. The boat was about to go under and they would have to swim to safety. Meanwhile Jesus had remained behind and from his vantage point on the shore he saw their difficulty and he set out, walking across the water to them. Not unnaturally the disciples thought he was a ghost and that made them even more terrified. However, Jesus revealed himself to them and he climbed into the boat. The wind ceased. The sea calmed and all was well.

When the weather is calm the sea is pleasant. Yet danger always lurks; a gentle breeze which becomes stronger can mean that within the space of minutes the same stretch of water can become very dangerous.

The sea can represent life – our life. All goes along smoothly, but the calamity strikes, the storm hits us and we are battered on every side. We are

sorely troubled and we despair of what will happen. Our efforts are in vain. We feel ourselves being dragged down and it is only a matter of time before we are being pulled under. We are liable to clutch at any passing straws, but they will not support us. Slowly hope begins to ebb away.

It is at times like this that we do well to remember that the God of deliverance sees our difficulty and that he will save us from danger. It is as though he throws a lifebelt to us and that lifeline is his son Jesus Christ. He has come as rescuer as Saviour. "He climbed into the boat with them and the wind ceased". If Christ is with us there is a peace even within the storms of life. The words of one of our hymns express this so well –

'The storm may roar without me,  
My heart may low be laid;  
But God is round about me,  
And can I be dismayed?'

If Christ is with us on the sea of life that makes a world of difference. If we should feel that all human help has failed, that every human effort is to no avail, though we endure great hardship, know many difficulties; suffer calamity and shipwreck, if God in Christ is with us who is against us?

Christ comes and assists us to put matters into perspective – for how often do we make a mountain out of a molehill? He helps us look at the full force of life and to be undefeated by it.

These two incidents – Moses at the Red Sea and Jesus at the Sea Galilee testify to the God of deliverance and to

his power and peace which is given in Christ. In times of great crisis God makes himself known and unmistakably so.

The question remains however – will the sea always be a place of danger and crisis. The answer is a resounding no. There will be a time when trouble and anxiety will be over and gone, a thing of the past. John the Divine saw the time coming when the troubles of this world will pass away. The place of danger will become one of safety and delight.

"Then I saw a new heaven and a new earth: for the first heaven and the first earth had passed away and THE SEA WAS NO MORE".

The sea and all it represents: all trials and tribulations of life, all danger and distress, all which threatens and all which makes us despair of ever getting our head above water again – all of this will be over, for "the sea was no more".

And until that day we may rest confident and secure knowing that God us our deliverer, and in Christ he shows his power and bring his peace in the stormy sea of life.

May the peace of the Lord be always with you.

Fr. Robert

This is your Benefice News. If you have nothing to include, why not ask someone else to write a piece? Please send items for inclusion in the September issue to Hilary Powell by Sunday 22 August by e-mail if possible to [beneficeneews@aol.com](mailto:beneficeneews@aol.com)

## Ordination at Tendring

On the hottest afternoon in midsummer members of the churches in our deanery filled St Edmund's Church, Tendring for the ordination to the priesthood of Gill Moore.

Whereas most of the world was watching events in Bloemfontein our attention – and our love and prayers - was focused on Gill Moore. The service was somewhat unusual in that Gill was the only candidate, therefore it was personal and very poignant as the declarations and promises were made by a lone voice.

Bishop Christopher assisted by the Archdeacon and Rural Dean conducted the lengthy service which, as always was set within the Eucharist. At the point of ordination the Bishop, Archdeacon and the deanery clergy laid their hands upon the candidate and invoked the Holy Spirit on Gill, for her work, witness and service as a priest in the Church of God. She was then anointed with holy oil and her deacon's stole adjusted into a priest's vestment.

Later in the service the Bishop presented Gill with a bible saying:

“Receive this book as a sign of the authority God has given you this day to preach the gospel of Christ and to minister his holy sacraments.”

It was an unforgettable occasion for all who took part (and that was the congregation - for everyone was involved). Many found it moving and at times emotional. The churches

within the deanery were well represented – six people from our benefice (including churchwardens). Let us all continue to pray for Gill as she exercises her ministry as our Deanery Curate.

Dee Barrell

## Great Bromley Fun Day June 12th 2010

A magnificent effort and a welcome amount raised for our general fund at St. George's.

Thanks to all who helped and supported.

Overall profits were

£53.00 Triply,

£65 Strawberries and Cream,

£50.80 Children's Activities,

£223.24 Bar B Q.

Half of all profits are placed in the Parish Council “Pot” to be divided 4 ways and St George's retain the rest, so a good result.

The day was packed with Family Fun and Community Spirit. Thanks also to the organising committee who worked so hard to present such an event.

Jenny Nicholls

<p>St George's PCC has bought a Common Worship Altar Book at a cost of £90. Some donations have already been received but more would be welcome. Please talk to Marion.</p>
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**Rector: Fr Robert Farrell 231923**  
**Pastoral Assistant: Mrs Claire Scargill**  
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*S Mary The Virgin*  
*The Street, Ardleigh, Essex*

**Churchwardens** Mr R Hill 792046 &  
Mr I Young 322387

**Secretary** Mrs D Arnold 231127

**Treasurer** Mr F Perera 231094

**Child protection** Mrs M Bromfield  
230089

**Organist** Mr M Simmonds 394143

**Flowers** Mrs S Hulbert 230458

**Bells** Mr D Thorne 230645



*S George The Martyr*  
*Badley Hall Rd, Great Bromley,*  
*Essex*

**Churchwardens** Mrs J Nicholls 230688 &  
Mrs A Fairley 250229

**Treasurer & Child Protection** Mrs M  
Bromfield 230089

**Sacristan & Verger** Mr P Wenden  
230613

**Organist** Mr G Frostick 01473 424469

**Flowers** Mrs J Nicholls 230688

**Bells** Mr D Wenden 250260

## The Rectory Tea

Afternoon tea was enjoyed by 38 people, excellent food and fabulous weather.

Mrs B Hill made and donated a Dundee cake, we had to guess its weight and the winner was Rev. G Moore who was spot on – 4lbs and 4ozs this added £34.00 to the fundraising. Next was the raffle with many prizes and it made £32.00.

Father Robert made an excellent host and he thanked everyone attending and helping to make the afternoon such a great success. Total raised was approx. £200.00

Ruth Brown

## Flower Arrangers' Shed

Our shed was in a sorry state! Holes in the floor where the rats came and went. Leaks in the roof where the rain came through. Very kindly Peter, Henry and Fred have refurbished and reroofed the shed, it has also been freshly painted with a suitable Harvest Brown stain. A splendid shelf inside now holds some of the flower arranging vases and baskets etc. Three sturdy boxes stand in an orderly fashion and contain such things as oasis, dishes and candles, very necessary for our flower arranging ladies.

Thank you chaps for all your hard work, it is very much appreciated by the flower arrangers, P.C.C and wardens.

## **St George's Festival Weekend**

Although on a smaller scale than the bi-annual Flower Festival, the different activities at St George's Festival Weekend on July 17th and 18th proved extremely enjoyable.

On Saturday evening the talented Cavender singers from Clacton entertained us with Songs from the Shows. David Hylands, an excellent baritone from the Essex Police Choir then sang some well known Gilbert and Sullivan numbers. It was a beautiful evening and during the interval the audience were able to go into the churchyard to enjoy a glass of wine and refreshments.

Gregory Frostick was very busy on Sunday afternoon, firstly sharing his extensive knowledge of the history and architecture of the church while leading 'Church tours,' and then giving an organ recital. The more energetic visitors were also able to climb the 96 steps to the top of the tower led by Eddy East and Sue Orriss. They were then able to enjoy a cup of tea and a piece of delicious cake baked by Barbara Hall.

The raffle was well supported and we also received a number of generous donations bringing the total profit from the weekend to a pleasing £1,275. Many thanks to everyone who helped, particularly Jenny Nicholls, whose organisation was, as always, meticulous.

Marion Bromfield

## **The Bromleys' Scarecrow Festival**

Feeling a bit gloomy with the thought of winter approaching? Brighten up your village by building a scarecrow for all to admire.

Great and Little Bromley invite you to design and make a scarecrow in time for their Harvest Festival celebrations.

St George's, Great Bromley 25th/26th  
September

St Mary's, Little Bromley 2nd/3rd  
October.

Registration forms will be available (£1. Donation) from September 2nd 2010.

Contact Carol on 01206395103 or  
Jenny 01206230688 for further details