

# The Church Chimes

Dedham and Ardleigh Parishes

Sunday, 11<sup>th</sup> March 2018

*"As a mother comforts her child, so will I comfort you; and you will be comforted over Jerusalem"* (Isaiah 66:13)

## Please pray for

**Monday:** Dedham and Ardleigh Primary Schools; for the office staff, playground assistants, and catering staff. Pray today for children who find it difficult to come to school and those who try to encourage them.

**Tuesday:** Ministry Team as they meet to plan and pray for the ministry in our parishes; the Home Groups and Life Explored which meet today; pray for the Easter Flower Meeting which takes place today in Dedham and give thanks for the ministry that the flowers arrangers give us through the beauty of their skills and God's creation of flowers.

**Wednesday:** the Finances of both parishes and those who have responsibility for our finances. Pray also for the work of the Friends of Dedham Church and the Dedham Lectureship Trust and other trust which support our parishes and give thanks for those who serve through fundraising events.

**Thursday:** the Friendship Group that meets in Ardleigh. Pray too for opportunities to befriend people who are lonely or new to our villages.

**Friday:** Christian Aid as they work in South America – promoting peace building in Colombia and gender justice in Brazil and supporting marginalised communities to earn a living in El Salvador.

**Saturday:** Men's Breakfast as they run a Dads and Children's breakfast and craft morning in Dedham; pray for the Mission Bake sale which takes place in the Marlborough Head this morning; pray for the recently bereaved and for those who are struggling in any way; for your family and your neighbours and those you find hard to love.

*If you would like someone to be named here please contact the office.*

## Giving to the church – thank you for your generosity!

The cost of the ministry and mission of our churches is approximately £2,500 per week

*If you would like to give please use the gift envelopes and complete so that we can take advantage of gift aid if you are a taxpayer. You can also set up a standing order - forms at the back of church.*

## Parishes Contact details

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**Items for inclusion** in the new sheet need to be emailed or handed to the office by Wednesday each week.

**Newsheet by email?** If you would like to receive this newsheet each week electronically please email the office.

## Services and Readings

### for Mothering Sunday

8.00am	Holy Communion BCP	Ardleigh
9.30am	Morning Praise <i>for Mothering Sunday</i>	Dedham
11.00am	Morning Prayer <i>for Mothering Sunday</i>	Ardleigh

### Readings:

Hosea 11:1-11 (p908); Luke 1: 46-55 (p1026)

## Welcome to our services

Please do stay for coffee or tea afterwards.



## Diary

<b>Tuesday</b> <b>13 March</b>	10.30am	Morning Prayer	Dedham
	10.30am	Easter Flower Meeting, Fountain House, Dedham	Dedham
	11.00am	Home Group	Dedham
		(Please contact Ann Shaw 322192)	
	12.30pm	Home Group	Vicarage
<b>Wednesday</b> <b>14 March</b>	11.15am	Thanksgiving Service for Philip Jones	Dedham
	7.30pm	Home Group	Dedham
<b>Thursday</b> <b>15 March</b>	5.00pm	Evening Prayer	Ardleigh
<b>Friday</b> <b>16 March</b>	9.15am	Home Group	Dedham
		(Please contact Jo Hole 323881)	
	6.30pm	Junior Choir Practice	Dedham
	7.00pm	Choir Practice	Dedham
<b>Saturday</b> <b>17 March</b>	9.30am	Quiet Prayer	Dedham
	9.30am	Ardleigh PCC	Vicarage
<b>Sunday</b> <b>18 March</b>	8.00am	Holy Communion BCP	Dedham
	9.30am	Matins BCP	Dedham
	11.00am	Parish Eucharist CW	Ardleigh

## News

**Is the God of the Old Testament the same as the God of the New Testament?** What about war in the Old Testament? a seminar: Sunday 25th March after 9.30am service at Dedham.

### Easter Week in both our churches....

**All week: The Stations of the Cross** depict the last week of Jesus' life in paintings – both churches will be open for you to come and explore some beautiful modern paintings on this theme, activities for children too.



**Maundy Thursday Meal and Holy Communion**– 6pm at Ardleigh on 29 March. *Bring bread or cheese or fruit to share.*

**Good Friday Get-together** 10am-12 at Ardleigh.

Come and make an Easter garden and enjoy a hot cross bun

**Good Friday Stations of the Cross walk** – starting Dedham Church at 10am – relive the events of the first Easter in a walk through and around the villages.

**Good Friday Meditation** – service of readings and songs 2-3pm at Dedham Church.

**Easter Eve** – come and support our 3 confirmation candidates at Chelmsford Cathedral at 7pm 31<sup>st</sup> March.

**APCM Reports for Dedham** – these are now due. Please could you send your completed report to the Parish office by Wednesday, 14th February.

**Easter Lilies of Remembrance** - Both flower groups will again be arranging lilies in church for Easter Sunday. **Dedham** - If you would like to buy a lily in memory of a loved one to be included, please put your money in a plain envelope marked 'Easter Lilies' with your name and contact number and place it in the church money box by the entrance, or deliver it to the Parish office mailbox near the entrance to the Assembly rooms. The cost is £3 per stem. Helen Sims (321286). **Ardleigh** – donations for Easter lilies will be accepted by Sue Hulbert. To order please contact Sue on 230458.

**Ardleigh Church BIG CLEAN morning** – Saturday, 24th March from 10am - please come and help if you can.

**Muheza Hospice Care** – there is a short film and talk about palliative care service in Tanzania at Bradfield Village Hall on Monday, 26th March 7pm. Free entrance, light refreshments, raffle and donations.

**Muniment Library – Missing items** - we have recently discovered the 'disappearance' of several albums of postcards and other, loose, postcards from their home in the Muniment Library. Space in the Library is at a premium and it may be that these items are in safekeeping elsewhere in the village. Both the parish magazine and the Dedham visitor guide editors would be glad to have access to the postcards. If anyone can help us to locate their whereabouts, Suzanne Woods, 01255 870640 would be delighted to receive a call.