

WEEKLY

NEWSLETTER



Sunday 20 Sept	9.30 am 11.00 am 4.00 pm	Traditional Communion, St. Greg's All-In Contemporary Service, St. Greg's Harvest Festival, St. Mary's, Chilton
Wednesday 23 Sept	11.00 am	Holy Communion, St. Greg's
Thursday 24 Sept	6.00 pm	Meditation, St. Greg's
Sunday 27 Sept	10.00 am	Holy Communion, St. Greg's

The *Writings from the Rectory* for September are available [here](#).

St. Greg's Evensong first Thursdays of the month beg. 1 October to 4 March incl. 4.30-5.30 pm

Irene Harding Payne is now at Melford Court Nursing Home, Long Melford. We anticipate a lot of visitors, so please ring beforehand to see if it is OK to visit. 01787 880545. Please use Bull Lane to get to there, as long traffic lights via other route.

St Gregory's Fellowship We extend an open invitation to fellow Church members & Newsletter recipients. Why not come to our meetings at 2.30pm, Commonlands Room (Ground Floor) Christopher Centre, Gainsboro St, Sudbury. £3.50 includes Tea/Coffee and Biscuits. Next meeting details to follow.

Prayer Breakfasts 8-9.30 am for light breakfast, a time of fellowship and a time for prayer. 19th Sept. All Saints Church, Church Hall, Church Street. 26th Sept Sudbury Baptist Church.

St. Greg's Dates for 2026: Civic Service 4 October 2.30 pm / Children's Light Party 30 October / Parade Service 8 November / Hospice Light Up A Life Service 3.00 pm 29 November / Christmas Through the Key Hole 25-28 November

Harvest Thank You ... to Mandy & her helpers for the wonderful decorating, Mark & his helpers for organising the Supper last night and to everyone who has brought in Harvest Produce Gifts for Storebank in Sudbury. *"Bring the whole tithe into the storehouse, that there may be food in my house."* Malachi 3

An After School Church Club is beginning this Thursday 17th September at St. Gregory's School. Please do pray for this new initiative. This will take the place of any junior choir plans.

Please note that the Newsletter deadline is now a Tuesday 5.00 pm. Whilst you get used to this change, if you miss this, Notices at Sunday morning service, might be able to be an alternative.

Newsflash! We have a **BUSY** Church. St. Gregory's is really on the map. Claire is receiving more & more requests to visit the church, have a tour of the church, questions on the architecture, the churchyard, and lots more. Isn't this fabulous? *"And I tell you that you are Peter, and on this rock I will build my church, and the gates of Hades will not overcome it"* Matthew 16

Coffee with Claire ... Some insights you might just not know! I was born in Kent, live in Essex and work in Suffolk! I was once a Funeral Director! I have been Parish Administrator and PA to a Vicar before at St. Andrew's Church, Halstead! I love coffee but love cake even more! The first limited to two per day, the latter ... well that's work in progress! I love my job here at St. Gregory's and never fail to marvel at how my email inbox can alone keep me busy for a whole day. All the hours worked for you, St. Gregory's and Andrew are extremely varied, always full of joy and smiles, sometimes taxing, rarely stressful ... but always busy! Varied snippets of my day include: phone calls, emails, texts and messages from you, the public, visitors, clergy, council reps, funeral directors ... oh, and Andrew! Creating rotas. Making diary bookings ... No mean feat in this busy world we live in. Drinking coffee. Typing up minutes of meetings. Preparing for Baptisms. Arranging Banns & Weddings. Meeting weekly with the Standing Committee & Andrew. Sourcing material. Drinking coffee. Shopping. (As I love shopping, I am often out & about getting Baptismal gifts, flowers, get well presents greetings cards, etc.) Creating this newsletter. Attending PCC meetings. Arranging Pastoral Visits. Oh, did I say and drinking coffee ...?

TODAY

Harvest Sunday
16th Sunday after Trinity

First Reading
Genesis 1:1-2:3

Second Reading
Matthew 20.1-16

Children's work:

11.00 am All-In Contemporary Service

**QR code to give to the work of
the church**



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Andrew and Claire will be available
Wednesday 23rd September after Holy
Communion in Church

**All contributions for the
Newsletter to be received by
Tuesday 5.00 pm by email:
stgregsnewsletter@gmail.com**

Fairtrade Fortnight, Monday September 21st to Sunday October 4th

As a church and as individuals, we should try to buy products with the Fairtrade mark whenever possible

Saturday 26 September – Fairtrade Stall, 9am to 12 noon, Sudbury Market.

Saturday 26 September – “Do It Fair” Morning Tea, 10.30am to 12.30pm, St John’s Methodist Church.

Monday 28 September – Fairtrade & McMillan Coffee & Tea Morning, 11am to 2pm in Sudbury Town Hall.

Saturday 3 October – Fairtrade Coffee Morning, 10.30am to 1pm hosted by the Quakers in Friars Street.

Deanery Update on Parish Shares from David, Deanery Organiser

- Share-allocation review — At a recent Deanery Organisers’ meeting, the diocese acknowledged that the current share-allocation system is overly complex. While there’s no clear evidence of unfairness between benefices, simplification remains a priority.
- General Synod elections — Candidates may stand under the Save the Parish banner, a movement encouraging the Church Commissioners to direct more of their resources toward parish ministry. David is sympathetic to this aim and encourages deanery synod members to engage thoughtfully with the upcoming vote.
- Parish contributions — Parishes are asked to contribute whatever they can toward their share.

For more information visit www.savetheparish.com

Thank you to everyone who helped and took part in last Saturday’s Ride & Stride. It was a great event with a lovely atmosphere, too. Here is Arabella McKessar outside St. Greg’s, photographed by Graham.



Autumn Glory

Red and gold and orange bright,
A colourful and wondrous sight.
God paints each leaf with loving care,
His artistry beyond compare.

"For everything there is a season, and a time for every matter under heaven." Ecclesiastes 3

Apple Picking

Apples hanging from the trees,
Gently swaying in the breeze.
God's sweet bounty, ripe and red,
Just as He has always said.

"The trees of the Lord are watered abundantly, the cedars of Lebanon that he planted." Psalm 104

England and France players involved in a prayer huddle just moments after their epic World Cup third-place play-off in Miami.

England and France's footballers put rivalry aside after their 10-goal thriller in Miami mid-July to share a poignant moment of unity on the pitch. Seven players from both national sides stood together shoulder to shoulder to form a ring and bow their heads in collective prayer just moments after their World Cup epic. The players involved in the centre circle gathering were England's hat-trick hero Bukayo Saka, Arsenal's Eberechi Eze, Trevoh Chalobah of Chelsea, Marc Guehi of Manchester City, Jean-Philippe Mateta and Maxence Lacroix of Crystal Palace and Bayern Munich's Dayot Upamecano.

The moving scene was shared widely across social media, drawing plaudits from supporters of both teams and beyond. Though this show of faith is not common among opposing teams on the pitch, it plays an important part in football. Last year Arsenal and England star Noni Madueke revealed how he and nine of his team-mates pray together and go through bible scripture before matches.



Thank you to Tony Robbins for this wonderful photo/info.