



Chelmsford Circuit

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A Warm Welcome to Mark and Sheridan Pengelly

"Can you tell us something about yourself?" was the suggestion as I was invited to write this, my first ever, article for the Circuit Newsletter. It's very tempting to want to grab people's attention with DRUGS & SEX & ROCKnROLL type headlines - even some Prime Ministerial candidates seem

to need to do that these days - but truth be told my story is slightly less 'tabloid gold'!

I guess it starts with farming in north Devon, where I was brought up and encountered Christian faith through a rural village Methodist chapel.

I made a decision to try and follow Christ in my teens and was challenged to consider preaching when only 16. Now in south Devon, because the family had moved farms, Sheridan, whom I married in 1990, thought she was marrying a farmer, but the economic realities of small farming and a young couple seeking scarce rural housing meant that by my early 20's the family brought to an end a tradition of four generations of farming. A variety of things followed, mainly running a guest house and becoming a 'jobbing builder' in the winter, but after a few years and somewhat reluctantly I accepted that God was calling me to ministry after the experience of being a church lay worker. Sheridan and I have two daughters, Grace and Megan, and when they were very young we

introduced them to the excitement of the Methodist itinerant ministry: we trained in Bristol and have had appointments in Chesterfield (Derbys.), Worksop (Notts.) and most recently Liskeard (Cornwall). Grace has a husband Owen and they all live in north London; we're looking forward to being closer to them.

If anyone did want to do a tabloid expose about me I hope the headline might read something like: MINISTER REVEALS THE TRUTH - OF GOD'S LOVE! As we pack up the house I am reminded I have many (perhaps too many!) hobbies, interests and enthusiasms - (which perhaps I'll tell you about another time), but the common denominator of them all is 'communication'. I think that's what makes me tick - trying to communicate God's love. I am very much looking forward to new adventures encountering the 'love that Christ reveals', as we seek to be disciples together. Let's try and make this Good News story hit the headlines eh?!

Peace,
Mark



YOU'RE ALL INVITED

Come along and join us

Welcome Service' on Friday 30th August 2019

Revd Mark Pengelly & his wife, Sheridan Pengelly

7.30pm, Trinity Methodist Church, Chelmsford.

Please join us for light refreshments the end of the service.

Church car parking is limited. Please use this link for alternative car parks in Chelmsford.
<https://www.chelmsford.gov.uk/parking-and-travel/find-a-car-park/map-of-all-our-car-parks/>



The Bradwell Pilgrimage & Gathering



A great success with over 300 pilgrims journeying together on the day

The Revd Caroline Brown, who is currently Priest in Charge of Great Waltham and Ford End, The Chignals, Great & Little Leighs and Little Waltham, has been appointed Priest in Charge (House for Duty) of St. Augustine's North Springfield. Caroline will be licensed by the Bishop of Bradwell on Tuesday 5th November 2019.



Dear Friends

Is your life one of constant thankfulness to God for all His many benefits towards you? Are you committed to praising Him on a daily basis for the countless different ways in which He demonstrates His love for you, even when such expressions of love, at times, leave you feeling more bemused than blessed. I pray so! You'll perhaps recall the opening lines of the hymn written by Johnson Oatman Jnr in 1897, a hymn based on the above scripture which serves to underline not only the importance of giving thanks in every circumstance but also fundamentally the reason why -

'When upon life's billows you are tempest tossed,
When you are discouraged, thinking all is lost,
Count your many blessings, name them one by one,
And it will surprise you what the Lord has done!'

'And it will surprise you what the Lord has done!'

What has God done exactly? God has done as much in the struggle of faith as He has in the success of faith. Often more so! More so because it is in the struggle of faith, remaining thankful to the One who remains ever faithful to us, that we grow! I.e. That we grow in faith, that we grow in the knowledge of who God is and His love for us, that we grow in our understanding and appreciation of the eternal hope to which, in Christ, He has called us. Battered we may be at times, blessed we most surely are.

Either way let us give thanks, always!

With love and best wishes from us all here at Christ Church, Coggeshall
John Prothero.

**'Give thanks
in all
circumstances,
for this is God's
will for you in
Christ Jesus.'
1 Thessaloni-
ans 5:17-18.**

Dates for your diary

Friday 30th August 2019—Mark Pengelly -Welcome Service

Trinity Methodist 7.30pm

Wednesday 25th September 2019—Circuit Meeting

Trinity Methodist 7.30pm

Please pray for us as we launch our Alpha Course this coming autumn in the home of one of our church members. |(Christchurch Braintree) .The course, a series of interactive sessions that sets out to freely explore the fundamentals of the Christian faith in a user friendly, informative and relaxed way starts on Wednesday, September 11th at 7:30 pm, concluding no later than 9:15 pm. Please pray that the folk who will be attending will come to a clearer and deeper understanding of the reality of who Jesus really is and what He has accomplished on behalf of us all.

John Prothero



News from Christchurch Braintree

Weekend of Welcome was held on 21 – 23rd of June. We kicked off with a Youth evening on the Friday with their favourite food and played games. The Youth invited their friends along and we had 6 new, 4 of which have attended since then. Saturday morning commenced with a coffee morning. Current members brought friends along and enjoyed a cup of tea/coffee with lovely cakes that were baked by Christ Church members. Saturday evening we had John Archer as seen on Britain's Got Talent with his comedy magic show.

On Sunday we had two welcoming services, after the 9:30 service we had a music quiz session, followed by a barbeque after the second service.

We had a successful Interfaith cricket match on Sunday 7 July between Braintree Mosque and Christ Church Braintree. This was well attended by the community.

Our website is in the process of being updated.

The Youth from Christ Church Braintree will be attending Soul Survivor in August and currently raising funds.

Dad's from Christ Church have started a new group Who let the Dad's out which takes place the last Saturday of each month at the Church from 9:30 – 11 am.

Elders' are having a Away Day to start looking at how we plan for 2020 a year of outreach to the community to fulfil part of our Mission Statement to Transform Community. To work towards this we will be forming a group to plan events and a group to underpin it all with prayer.

Many thanks
Zelma Holt

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The Methodist Church

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CIRCUIT SAFEGUARDING OFFICER**

**Part-time: 10 hours per month/Salary:
£10.00 per hour**

Hours to be reviewed after 6 months

Closing Date for applications: 16 August 2019
(More details on our website)

The Methodist Church

**MALDON SECTION OF
CHELMSFORD METHODIST CIRCUIT 3409**

Part-time Schools, Youth and Family Worker
£11440 Annualised Salary
(To be reviewed after 6 months)

Closing Dates for applications: 13th September 2019
(More details on our website)

WELCOME TO CHELMSFORD CIRCUIT

New Supernumerary

Rev Olufemi Cole-Njie.

Hope you will be happy in your new Circuit.

Femi will be available for the plan
December 2019 onwards.

Safeguarding Advanced Module

**Church Safeguarding Officers, Local Preachers and
Worship Leaders** plus other key personnel need to
attend.

Friday 13 September 9.30 to 1.30pm at
Moulsham Lodge. Please book on-line.

https://css_advanced_module_july_nov_19.eventbrite.co.uk

Please note: Bookings close 4 days before the event.



REMINDER PLEASE

Gentle reminder please that the
following are due.

Data Protection Forms,
Data Mapping information (both
details on the Web Site) and

changes to the Resources Directory.

Thanks, Karen

Karen

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**Deadline for October/
November to Karen by
Mid September
please.**