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Confirmation

The Bishop of Colchester, the Rt. Rev. Roger Morris will be with us on the evening of Monday 9th June for the Harwich Deanery Confirmation service. It takes place at St Michael's at 7.30pm. Two from our parish will be confirmed – Andy Meighan and Callum Shean. Please come and support them.

Happy birthday to the Nicene Creed! 1700 years old this year.

Across churches around the world there is common agreement that the fullest statement about God was made in two stages and summarised in the words of the Nicene creed. Hundreds of bishops, many with differing views, met in Nicea, current day Iznik in Turkey. After much discussion they agreed a form of words to describe how they would describe God, Father, Son and Holy Spirit and it was recited every Sunday in their churches.

We have a chance to study it and relate it to today's world in a six week course at All Saints church, in the Fryatt room. There is a free booklet to go with the course. The course begins at 7pm on Wednesday June 11th, then 18th and 25th, July 2nd, 9th and 16th.

Don Thomson Residential Home

We have been invited to attend and lead a short service in the Don Thomson residential home. We will be there each first Tuesday of the month at 11am. Parking is very limited in their car park and we don't want to swamp the small lounge where the service will be held. If you are interested in attending please let Ian Smith know.

ALL SAINTS 900

The church of All Saints in Dovercourt is marking its 900th anniversary this year and the celebration will last all year and think about the future. We are waiting for a second quote to repair the clock, repaint and re gild the clock face and we may have an experiment to see how we can improve the lighting.

Saints Alive!

A course to run over 9 sessions introducing/reintroducing the Christian faith – AUTUMN 2025. This will be in the Fryatt Room.

ANNUAL MEETING 2025 – big changes followed!

Here are the headlines:

Church Wardens (1 per church)	St Michael's St Nicholas All Saints	Linda Anthony Janet Goodall Joan Hurst
Deanery Synod (4 places)	Liz McLeod	
PCC (9 places)	John Wallace Chris Wallace Diane Butler Anna Rendell-Knights Teresa Monshall Sarah Abbott Julie Teatheredge Kellie Norris Maureen Townsend	

- The Team Rector and Team Vicar will be on the PCC
- There will be no meetings of the DCCs in 2025
- The PCC has the power to co-opt someone it feels would add to the council's mix of talent and skill or isn't represented
- The first meeting of the new PCC will be at 7pm at a location to be confirmed on Wednesday July 30th. It will decide on the parish Treasurer, Secretary, Safeguarding Officer, Vice Chair and Standing Committee.

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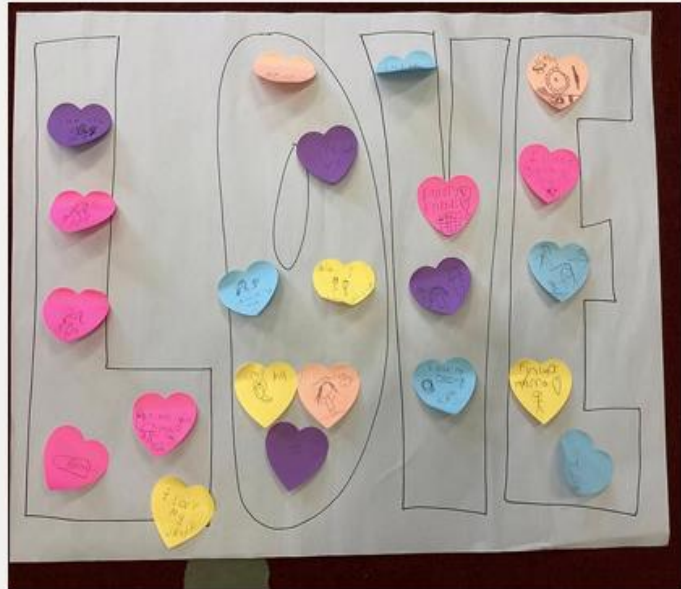
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HELLO SUMMER

As we find ourselves half way through another year I'd like to share with you some of the great works that have been undertaken in our local schools as well as our forthcoming plans.

Spring was certainly a fruitful season for our Children's ministry with continued growth of our Little Saints Toddler group as well as wonderful opportunities to further build on our growing involvement with our local primary schools



EASTER WORKSHOPS

Our Easter workshops were very popular again this year. These were delivered at Mayflower, Chase Lane, All Saints and St Michael's Primary schools, with over 600 children taking part and exploring the themes of Love and Sacrifice alongside the Easter story.

'For God so loved the world that he gave his only begotten son' John 3:16

The children thought about people and things that they love and then considered the difficulty in sacrificing these, as God sacrificed his Son. We also thought about how much Jesus loves us, how he loved us enough to give his life for our salvation.

The children were all really engaged in the different activities that had been prepared for them.





Building on solid ground

Exploring firm foundations,
strong roots, dreams & aspirations
with our year 6 school leavers.

Year 6 School Leavers Transition Workshops

I will be holding special year 6 school transition sessions in our two church schools this term.

The workshop is titled 'Building on Solid Ground' and is loosely based around the parable of the wise and foolish builders. The main focus of the sessions will be identifying the children's aspirations and dreams for the future and discussing the best foundations on which to build them on.

We will be creating an art piece which includes painting rocks and creating aspirational 'leaves' for tree branches. A tree within the school grounds will be nominated for use as a focal point and each child will place their painted rock at the root (foundation) and carefully hang decorated handmade leaves containing their dreams and aspirations to the branches.

I look forward to seeing where God leads this new initiative.

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