

Dates for the Diary

Music: October 22 – Paul Simon Night
Act of Healing Today 1245
Souper Sunday Social 15 October
MCP: Pins and Needles Group Thursdays
6.15- 7.45pm

We pray for our world: All the casualties of war and conflict; victims of natural or manmade disasters; those who are living in poverty or under oppressive regimes; for all who have no safe place to live in. For the earth and all the damage done to it by humankind. For more empathy and compassion.

We pray for our local community: [[6: Queen's Rd, London Rd] [7: College Way, Park St] [8: Park Rd, Avenue Rd] [9: Park Lane, Parkgate][10: South Essex College, Uni of Essex] [11:NeuroDivergent Safe Space Group][12: Market Pl, Royal Terrace]

For those who are sick or in need:

David, Naomi, Eris, Lynda, Gail, John, Sonya, Richard, John Henning, David Stanley, Sammy, Pam, Jenny, Sharon Corton, Jean Wren. Wendy, Nigel, Alla, Hannah, Emma, Huw, Anna, Kim, Matty Simpkins [Priest]

Prayers for all sick in hospitals, hospices, care homes and at home. For those who are caring for them.

Recently departed:

All who have died with no-one to pray for them.

NOTE: Words for final prayer for the departed and for Hail Mary is in Mass Book

In Memoriam: October

Mikey Cartwright 25/10

Pte Criswick KIA 26/10

Christine Isobel Lane 27/10

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Parish of St Alban. Westcliff &
ST MARK, SOUTHEND

8 October 2023

18 Sunday after Trinity



Marten van Valckenborch **The Parable of the Wicked Tenants** [16th century]

The artist tells the whole story of the parable in one painting! To us it might seem rather complicated with all the different activities going on, set within a lush and fruitful landscape. But if we hone in on the top left, next to the [highly symbolic tree] – and realise that this is the part of the story whereby the land owner [God] is sending his Son [Jesus] off to deal with the wicked tenants [those who act unjustly] – we might then be able to follow the story down to the bottom right where we see those tenants killing the Son, just outside the walls of the vineyard [as Jesus was crucified outside the walls of Jerusalem.] It is the injustice of their behaviour that should stand out – look at all the rich produce of the land they have been entrusted with! God gives abundantly – we are only asked to give back – through love of God and neighbour. [Blessings and Prayers Mother Cherry](#)

[If you want to examine this painting more carefully for your self – this is really helpful!

<https://www.pottypadre.com/the-salvation-story/>]

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