

## A New School Year



For many people the start of the school year is about new beginnings or changes. Whether it's starting a new job or school or getting fresh school supplies, it is an important time of year for a lot of people. For me, this year is particularly important as this is the year I am going to secondary school.



The changes at this time of the year can often make people nervous and stressed. At these times, I believe it is more important than ever to trust in God for guidance and help. One verse that particularly stood out to me was this one from 2 Corinthians 5:17 *"Therefore, if anyone is in Christ, the new creation has come: The old has gone, the new is here!"* It reminds us all that wherever we are in our lives change is necessary and although it may sometimes seem scary or out of our control nothing is too big or too small for it to matter to God.

To me this is truly incredible. The fact that God is there for us every day through anything, ready to help us with tasks as small as finding a parking space to things like mourning a loved one, is so comforting and I believe it is really important for all Christians, whether young or old.

**Ellen Hayward**

### ***One more step along the world I go by Sydney Carter (1915-2004)***

*This song was written for a service at Southwark Cathedral School at the end of the summer term in 1971, to be sung by children about to move on to their next school. It expresses the same confidence and trust in God that Ellen does in this month's front page.*

#### ***Revd Marianne Hayward***

One more step along the world I go,  
One more step along the world I go;  
From the old things to the new,  
Keep me travelling along with you:  
And it's from the old I travel to the new;  
Keep me travelling along with you.

Round the corners of the world I turn,  
More and more about the world I learn;  
All the new things that I see  
You'll be looking at along with me.  
And it's from the old I travel to the new;  
Keep me travelling along with you.

As I travel through the bad and good,  
Keep me travelling the way I should.  
Where I see no way to go,  
You'll be telling me the way, I know.  
And it's from the old I travel to the new;  
Keep me travelling along with you.

Give me courage when the world is rough,  
Keep me loving though the world is tough;  
Leap and sing in all I do,  
Keep me travelling along with you:  
And it's from the old I travel to the new;  
Keep me travelling along with you.

You are older than the world can be,  
You are younger than the life in me;  
Ever old and ever new,  
Keep me travelling along with you:  
And it's from the old I travel to the new;  
Keep me travelling along with you.

# What's on

Events for this column: please send them to the editor  
 article.bullseye@parishofhornchurch.co.uk  
 or "M" pigeon hole

## Weekly meetings

<b>Mon.</b>	10.00am to 11.30 am 2.30 and 7.00 pm 8.30 pm	<b>Tadpoles</b> St Andrew's large hall, for children and their adults <b>Time Out</b> 2nd Monday of month meeting is 7pm North Street hall and 4th Monday meeting 2.30pm St Andrew's. <b>Escape</b> (1st & 3rd) small hall
<b>Tues.</b>	~ ~	~ ~
<b>Wed.</b>	9.30-11.00 am	<b>0-2 Playgroup</b> St Andrew's hall. Toys, songs and craft, refreshments. All enquiries to Parish Office
<b>Thur.</b>	1.30 pm	<b>Little Fishes</b> St Andrew's large hall. Toys, stories and craft, refreshments, all welcome
<b>Fri.</b>	15.15—17.17	<b>Table Top Fun</b> St Matthew's

**Uniformed organisations** meet on various nights of the week. Please contact their representatives for times (see back page for telephone numbers)

## For All Parish Giving Scheme Donors

The Parish Giving Scheme is at 76 Kingsholm Road, Gloucester GL1 3BD. Telephone will be 0333 002 1260 and the email address [info@parishgiving.org.uk](mailto:info@parishgiving.org.uk) Can you please note these details should you need to contact them.



## Parish Mission Statement

**What is our purpose?  
We strive to:**

### Love God

Jesus said - "Love the Lord your God with all your heart, soul, mind and strength"  
Mark 12.30 NIV

"Worship in spirit and in truth"  
John 4.24 NIV

### Grow in Faith and Understanding

St Paul said - "Grow up in Christ until you reach the measure of the stature of the fullness of Christ"  
Ephesians 4.13 & 15 NIV

### Bring others to knowledge of and faith in Jesus Christ

Jesus said - "Make all nations My disciples" Matthew 28.19 NIV

### Serve the community

Jesus said - "Love your neighbour as yourself" Mark 12.31 NIV

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Readers on-line who wish to complete the sudoku puzzle on Page 8 or the crossword puzzle on Page 9 will need to print those pages; the PDF format is not interactive.

## Bullseye programme Contents to the Editor 2024

October Bullseye Sunday 1st September  
November Bullseye Sunday 6th October

### Collating

October Bullseye Wed. 25th September  
November Bullseye Wed. 27th October

**The Bullseye for October will be in the churches and online by Sunday 29th September 2024**

## Useful Telephone Numbers

We now have access to all our buildings but there are still other ways to access church. Search elsewhere on the website ([www.parishofhornchurch.co.uk](http://www.parishofhornchurch.co.uk)) for links to our services as well as regular updates on our various Facebook pages – the parish and Messy Church. Additionally visit [www.churchofengland.org](http://www.churchofengland.org) and [www.chelmsford.anglican.org](http://www.chelmsford.anglican.org) for further inspiration and resources to aid your worship and faith. Or simply call 0800 804 8044 a free national Church of England number to bring services and prayers to those not online. Please pass this number on to those you know may be in this position.

## Pastoral care / Prayer requests

There is a dedicated phone number for prayer and pastoral care requests: **0789 55 12480**  
Please use this number if you would like the Pastoral Care team to contact you. It can also be used to request prayer by our Healing Prayer team who would be delighted to pray for you. Leave a voicemail or text message and someone will contact you within a couple of days.



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**Parish Services**

The pattern of Sunday morning services is set out on page 16 and below. Holy Communion continues at St Andrew's at 10am every Thursday, and livestream Morning Prayer on Facebook at 9am Monday to Friday except Bank Holidays. Entrance to St Andrew's is not structured. Hand sanitizer continues to be freely available at various places in church premises, the wearing of masks is a matter of personal decision, as is a worshipper's choice of seat. Holy Communion is available in both forms, bread and wine, and it is a personal decision whether to take both. Gluten-free wafers and alcohol-free wine are available.

**1st Sunday**

- 8.30am - BCP Holy Communion at St Andrew's
- 10.15am - Common Worship Holy Communion at St Andrew's (also livestreamed)
- 6.30pm - Evening prayer at St Andrew's.

**2nd Sunday,**

- 8.30am - Common Worship Holy Communion at St Andrew's
- 10.15am - Morning Worship at St Andrew's (also livestreamed)
- 10.15am - Common Worship Holy Communion at St George's
- 6.30pm - Evening prayer at St Andrew's.

**3rd Sunday,**

- 8.30am - BCP Holy Communion at St Andrew's
- 10.15am - Common Worship Holy Communion at St Andrew's (also livestreamed)
- 10.15am - Morning Worship and Harvest Festival at St George's
- 11.00am - Common Worship Holy Communion at St Matthew's
- 2.45 pm - The Well at St Matthew's
- 6.30pm - Reflective service at St Andrew's

**4th Sunday,**

- 8.30am - Common Worship Holy Communion at St Andrew's
- 10.15am - Parade and Harvest Festival at St Andrew's (also livestreamed)
- 10.15am - Common Worship Holy Communion at St George's
- 6.30pm - BCP Holy Communion at St Andrew's.

**5th Sunday, St Michael and All Angels**

- 8.30am - BCP Holy Communion at St Andrew's
- 10.15am - Common Worship Holy Communion at St Andrew's (also livestreamed)
- 10.15am - Morning Worship at St George's
- 6.30pm - Healing Prayer Service at St Andrew's



**Life at St George's**

Members of the church will have been sad to hear of the recent death of Roland Ragbir. Although we had not seen him for some time— due to ill health— he and his wife, Joyce, were stalwart supporters of our St George's Day Patronal festivals and really looked forward to coming along and celebrating with us.

He was a lovely, gentle man and will be much missed throughout the parish. Our thoughts and prayers are with Joyce and the rest of the family and friends at this time.



**Pat Bromhall**

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**01708 441571**



## Wednesday Afternoon Music at Hornchurch Library

May we welcome you to the first programmes of our Autumn season of music afternoons.

**Wed 2nd October - Autumnal Variations** - presented by Mike Beaman, Graham Fenegan and Stephen Raindle who will be introducing a wide selection of classics, light music, jazz plus offerings from the stage & film many with musical links to autumn. Great programme to start our new season.

**Wed 16th October - Sounds of a City** presented by Stephen Raindle with music that can be associated with a city, not one city but many across the globe. Mainly classical music but venturing into other categories of music.

Programmes continue on the 1st & 3rd Wednesdays of November & December

All programmes are of recorded music played on high quality audio equipment and take place in the 1st floor main meeting room, Hornchurch Library, North Street, RM11 1TB commencing at 2pm and finishing by 4pm. Admission £2 per person with interval refreshments available at nominal cost. Buses 165, 256 & 370 pass the library.

For further details call Stephen Raindle 01708 470670 or email [sraindle@aol.com](mailto:sraindle@aol.com)

## Working Party Needed!

**Saturday 14th September 2024  
North Street Hall**

We're having a clear out at North Street hall and we'd like all hands on deck please.

If you are available between 9am and 12 noon on the above date and would like to help get rid of some of the broken chairs and other things then please sign up.

Many hands make light work so the more the merrier.

Light refreshments will no doubt be served.

So if you are available please let the office know on [office@parishofhornchurch.co.uk](mailto:office@parishofhornchurch.co.uk) or **01708 441571**  
Protective gloves would be advisable, if you have them.



## Quiz Night

**September 7th at 7.30pm at The North Street Hall  
A Fund Raising Event for the repairs to the gates of the  
North Porch at St Andrew's Church.**

Tickets are £7.00 each. Tables of 8 people.

Bring your own nibbles / snacks.

Refreshments will be on sale (for fund raising)

Cake, coffee and tea.

Raffle tickets on sale on the night for further fund raising.

Tickets on sale now from:

Kathy Wenborn on 07808 885853

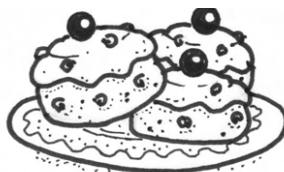
Janet Martin on 07922 138172

Graham Martin on 07922 138172

If anyone has any Raffle Prizes they would like to donate for the Quiz Night Raffle, we would be so grateful. If you could ring

**Graham Martin on 07922 138172**, he is willing to pick up any raffle prizes.

Thank you so much and God Bless you.



## Our Prayerful Meditations

God is the God of the impossible,  
You don't need to suffer in silence;  
God is only a prayer away from us,  
All our wants and desires He knows;  
God has the most awesome power,  
We see it in many storms and thunder;  
He always brings help for the helpless,  
Whether it be for strength or support;  
There has never been a more apt time  
Than when the need is at its greatest;  
God is our refuge and strength each day,  
When we start the day with Him in prayer;  
Prayer is the secret source of His blessings,  
Never does a prayer go unnoticed to Him;  
Jesus Himself spent many hours in prayer,  
And often at night when His disciples slept;  
As they couldn't even keep awake for Him,  
Prayer was at the pinnacle of His Ministry;  
Jesus had prayer at the forefront of His life,  
It's like food for the soul in a human's life;  
What peace we forfeit by neglecting prayer,  
Start each day with prayer so peace abounds;  
A new born child was at death's door, when  
The Minister arrived to pray for the situation,  
The parents rejoiced as prayer was answered;  
Many situations are resolved through prayer,  
Who can tell the power of what prayer does?  
Prayer for our children is absolutely essential,  
In the fast age of all the modern social media;  
Prayer can break down our worries and cares,  
Whether the problem is in the mind or body;  
Through prayer God can change any situation,  
When God steps in, we just have to believe it;  
He who made the Universe goes ahead of us,  
The connection for us is always through Faith;  
Jesus says, "Real Faith can Move Mountains!"  
When any person prays, it is a matter of Faith,  
Believe and receive is the proof of this reality;  
Now to Him Who is able to keep us from falling,  
May Prayer explode into our minds from today;  
Prayer always changes everything that believes,  
Take up this challenge, and see a better world;  
You can reach out in any situation with prayer,  
And there will see results in difficult situations;  
Even if you have a special need, a prayer helps,  
Having relationship with God prayer's essential;  
It doesn't even have to end with a typical Amen,  
It could be "In Thanks for an Answered Prayer!"  
The Spirit actually intercedes in many prayers,  
It's because God has a special heart for prayer!  
Lead us heavenly Father lead us in every prayer,  
Open your heart to prayer, miracles will happen;  
Every prayer is precious and important to God,  
He always knows the end from the beginning;  
After a week or so you will see so many results,  
You'll ask yourself "Why didn't I do this before!"  
Prayer becomes an essential part of our Faith!  
Is anyone in any trouble, let them pray to God,  
He knows what you need before you even ask;  
Some prayers can have Lord have mercy in this,  
It can open the door of God's heart to provide;  
Answered Prayer is always a great blessing too,  
Be bold, be brave, the Lord our God is with us;  
Prayer will overcome so many obstacles in life,  
When you pray, remember God is always there;  
And He's in the job of giving you the best result,  
So your relationship to Him grows ever stronger!

**Mark Lendon**

**Time Out**

During our break in August Val arranged a walk for members around the Romford Garden Suburb Conservation Area in Gidea Park led by a guide from the Gidea Park and District Civic Society. We were taken through streets North and South of Main Road, with a break for refreshments in our guide's home. We finished off the trip with a coffee in the local Costa, a very enjoyable and interesting walk.

The photograph (right) is taken outside a building that was originally built at White City taken down brick by brick and moved to the current site.

**Meetings in September.**

**Monday 9th 7pm** at North Street Hall. Meet and Greet. Please bring a small plate of food to share.

**Monday 23rd 2.30pm** in St Andrew's. A tour of the church.

Please contact Val on 07527 325996 for more information about the group or meetings.

**Peter and John:**

'We cannot help speaking about what we have seen and heard'. (Acts 4 v. 20.)

When Peter healed a crippled beggar, it was obvious that some people would think it was a fraud, some would be mystified and some would see it as a miracle from God.

The rulers, elders and teachers of the law, who saw it, didn't deny that it was a miracle, but still wanted to suppress it from spreading further. So, they commanded the disciples not to speak or teach in the name of Christ.

Confronted by the truth (which they acknowledged was the truth), they still wanted to suppress it.

Why is it that some who encounter God's truth, still do not want to acknowledge it, or act upon it? Is it fear of losing control or status, peer pressure, not wanting to believe? Probably many reasons, for, as we encounter God's truth, there is always a moment of decision. Do I want to follow what I have learned, or do I ignore it, and pretend it hasn't happened, and get on with my life?

I know that I have been reluctant in the past in accepting God's hand held out to me. Perhaps you, too, have done so at times. Thankfully, He gives us lots of chances and encouragements to turn around and acknowledge that He is God, and He loves us and would not lead us where we do not want to go. When we do take that step towards Him, time and again we discover our fears are groundless. For our lives are free, and, always, the choice is ours.

For Peter and John, it was a call to tell of what they had discovered. For each of us, there are paths which are right for us, all leading to God's purpose for us. And always for the good, maybe for others and always for our relationship with Him.

But one thing is clear. We will be quite certain when He is calling us. It is just whether we want to hear!! To misquote Shakespeare, we have to decide, 'to respond or not to respond, that is the question!' I'm not sure that Shakespeare had the answer, but God certainly does!

And, sometimes, like Peter and John, we just can't help speaking about what we have seen and heard.

**Revd Barbara Baker**



**Bell Ringers Coach Outing to Suffolk  
Saturday 14th September 2024**

Coach leaves St Andrew's at 8.00am  
returning by 9.00pm.  
Visiting Bures, Sudbury (lunch),  
Edwardstone and Lavenham (evening meal).

Cost is approximately £40  
including coach & evening meal.

(Lunch is own arrangements in Sudbury )

**Please contact Clive: 07896 342010**  
for more details and to reserve a seat.  
Non-ringers are especially welcome

## General Synod backs day of prayer for persecuted Christians around the world

*Editor: We have run this report long, so that you can get a good picture of the worldwide situation. It is critical issue for the Church in our time, as millions of our fellow Christians are facing persecution, imprisonment and even death – simply for being a Christian.*

The C of E's General Synod has voted to create a day of prayer for Christians who face oppression and violence around the world.

A background paper highlighted the plight of millions of Christians worldwide facing high levels of persecution and discrimination for their faith. In North Korea, where Christianity is illegal, believers risk imprisonment, torture, or execution. Similarly, in parts of the Middle East like Iraq and Syria, extremist groups like ISIS have targeted Christians, leading to mass displacement and atrocities.

In China, the government imposes strict regulations on religious practices, frequently raiding and demolishing unregistered churches. Sub-Saharan Africa also sees severe persecution, with Nigeria's Boko Haram attacking Christian villages, churches, and schools, resulting in countless deaths and abductions. In Pakistan, blasphemy laws are often misused to unjustly imprison

Christians and incite mob violence against them.

A 2024 report by 'Open Doors' concluded that 317 million Christians face 'very high or high levels of persecution' across its ranking. This equates to one in seven Christians worldwide. Geographically, it found that one in five Christians face persecution in Africa and two in five Christians face persecution in Asia. The top five countries are: North Korea, Somalia, Libya, Eritrea and Yemen.

Background information provided to Synod members also highlighted existing initiatives to highlight the plight of persecuted Christians, including #RedWednesday and The International Day of Prayer for the Persecuted Church – together with initiatives more broadly aimed at promoting Freedom of Religion or Belief (FoRB) such as the International Day Commemorating the Victims of Acts of Violence Based on Religion or Belief.

The Pew Research Centre has reported that overall FoRB is in decline, paralleling the global deterioration of democracy and human rights in general. Its 2024 report found that government restrictions on religion – laws, policies and actions by state officials that limit religious beliefs and

practices – reached a new peak globally in the year it covers (2021). Harassment of religious groups and interference in worship were two of the most common forms of government restrictions worldwide in 2021.

As a response to this crisis, the Synod backed the motion from the Diocese of London which highlighted the issue, and has proposed a national ecumenical day of prayer and action dedicated to the Persecuted Church.

The Bishop of Winchester, Philip Mounstephen, said: "The biggest threat is from overbearing, authoritarian nationalistic governments who are bolstered by their own particular theology: so Putin's regime in Russia is bolstered by the concept of Russkiy Mir: a theology shamefully expounded by the Russian Orthodox Church.

"President Xi's ambitions for Chinese hegemony are bolstered by the ancient concept of Tianxia: literally 'all under heaven' – a geopolitical system with China at the centre and Xi at the centre of the centre.

"All these ideologies are very bad news for minorities of every sort, and bad news for the wider world too."



### Guide, Rainbow and Brownie Leaders needed

Hornchurch East District are looking for enthusiastic volunteers to help at Rainbow and Brownie meetings at St Andrew's. Rainbows are girls aged between four and seven years old, and meet at 4.30pm for an hour. Brownies are girls aged between seven and ten years old and meet at 6.30pm until 8.00pm. Both groups run a varied programme, enabling the girls to learn, develop new skills and have fun. And, of course, gain badges!

No experience is necessary as full training and support will be given. A DBS disclosure will be required (paid for by Girlguiding UK). If you are interested, and/or would like more information, please contact District Administrator Sandra Cox on email: [charlesandsandra@outlook.com](mailto:charlesandsandra@outlook.com)

### Scout Leaders needed

Do you have some spare time and would be interested in volunteering with the biggest Scout Group in the Greater London Region?

8th Hornchurch are a large and successful group that are continuing to grow and they now find themselves looking for a number of

volunteers. They are specifically looking for additional leaders to support the good work of the current leaders to drive forward the ever-growing Scout Group, allowing them to continue to offer fantastic opportunities and skills for life for children aged 6-14 years. No prior experience is required as the Scout Association will provide full training. All we need is enthusiasm, an interest in working with and developing young people and a small commitment to attend training, and regular section meetings with the occasional day trip and camps.

You will have the opportunity to grow yourself by using your current skills, learning new ones and contributing to an amazing life-experience for you and your local community. This role does require a DBS disclosure (which will be paid for by Scouts).

If you are interested in hearing more, please email [gsl@8thhornchurch.org.uk](mailto:gsl@8thhornchurch.org.uk)



**The Bridge**

There were 37 members of the Bridge who met at St Andrew's Church on Wednesday 14th August to take the bus for afternoon tea at Puddledock Farm Fisheries. A very noisy group headed off in the sunshine to be plied with sandwiches, cakes and scones with cream and jam washed down with plenty of tea and coffee. We returned to St Andrew's at about 5.30pm after a lovely afternoon outing.

**Jeanette Street**



**Sailing with the Spirit**

On a calm, windless day, it can be frustrating to be in a sailing boat. Your sails are ready to go, but with no wind and only calm waters, you aren't going anywhere! Some sailors try to propel their little boat forward by paddling with their hands. Others fret over the lack of wind. But others simply stay on land, and patiently wait. For it isn't until a breeze blows up, and the sails fill out, that a sailboat can skim out towards the open sea. This scene is similar as to how the Holy Spirit works in our lives. The Bible describes the Spirit as wind and sometimes, like the sailors, we may have to wait for His energising power to guide and move us onwards. There are occasions, from a spiritual standpoint, nothing seems to be happening – for weeks and months on end. During these waiting times

we may wonder what purpose God has for us. But while some of the people in the sailing club might have left their boats to do other things, they were also watching for signs of the coming wind. No one was packing up and going home! They were waiting with a purpose. In our times of stillness and waiting, we can also wait with a purpose. We can pray for the Church, our community and the world. We can pray that we will be ready for God to move us into the next course He has planned for us. And we can keep our sails ready, for the Spirit to blow afresh into our lives!

**Lester Amann**  
Writer at Parish Pump

**Prayer for September 2024**

Lord, here we are in September – a beautiful month at the end of the summer but before the autumn has taken hold. A month of excitement and new starts for many, a month when courage is needed for our children and young people. And, Lord, we pray for courage, compassion and integrity for our new Prime Minister and our new government. We pray for justice and peace in our country and in the world. Help us, Lord, to know that You are Lord of September; You are Lord and giver of every new month, every new day, every new minute. Help us to put our trust in You for our adventures and for our mundane everyday routines. You are our generous, loving Father and promise that You will never leave us or forsake us when we trust in You, through Jesus Christ, our Lord and Saviour.

Amen.

**Daphne Kitching**

**Little Fishes Craft and Gift Fair**  
our 20th event

**Saturday 5th October**

11am to 3pm at the North Street Hall  
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**St James the Least of All**

*Editor: The Rev Dr Gary Bowness continues his tongue-in-cheek letters from 'Uncle Eustace'...*

**On why you should never replace your hymn books . . .**

From: The Rectory,  
 St James the Least of All

My Dear nephew Darren  
 I am surprised you are considering buying a new set of hymn books for your church. I had assumed everything you sang would be projected on to one of those screens which are invariably placed to obscure the altar.

In my – fortunately limited – experience of such devices, they provide the projectionist with endless opportunities for showing the wrong hymn, or the right hymn but from another edition, which will contain either one verse too many or one too few. Should the hymn run to two pages, then the turnover always takes place some milliseconds after that verse has started, so that the congregation is faced with the snap decision of either trying to sing two lines at double time, or just to join in late, making a nonsense of the words.

When we decided to change hymn books some years ago, the reverberations made the consequences of that little event in Sarajevo seem insignificant. The proposal was to move from *Hymns Ancient and More Ancient* to the more recent version: *Hymns Ancient and Slightly Less Ancient*.

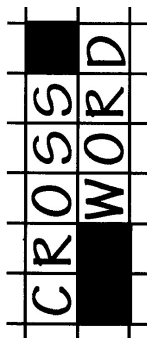
Colonel Wainwright said he would be happy so long as we continued fighting good fights and urging Christian soldiers onwards. The men wanted the hymns they remembered from school, the ladies those they sang at their weddings, and no one would consider anything that dropped 'thines' or 'wouldsts'. The basses in the choir wanted hymns they knew the tenors found difficult and those who couldn't read music wanted more hymns sung in unison. When a rumour started that the books may contain hymns written in the last 50 years, timetables were consulted for bus services to the next village.

Eventually we reached a perfect compromise: doing something which made no change whatsoever. Miss Simpson was charged with buying yards of sticky backed plastic and repairing the current books. She put a note on the front of every copy that if the page for the hymn they wanted was missing, they should share with the person sitting next to them – an experience which will be almost as traumatic as being invited to pass the peace. Yet another decision has thereby been deferred for a Church Council to make some time next century. Harmony reigns once again.

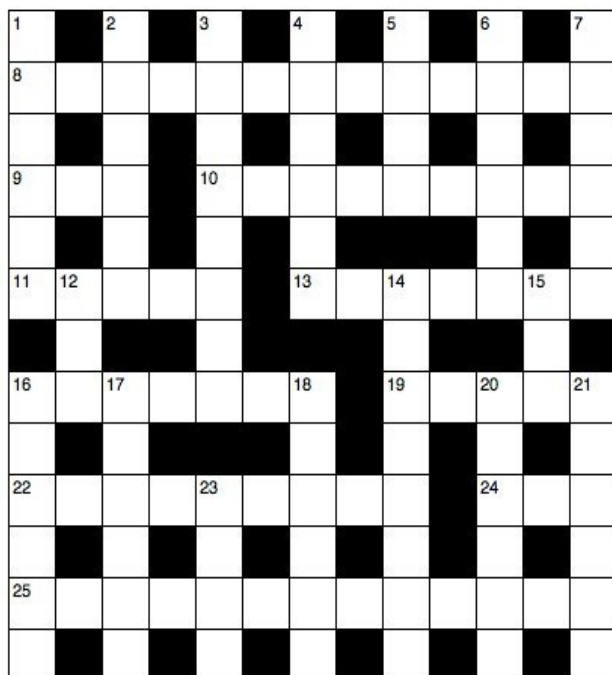
Your loving uncle,  
**Eustace**







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**Across**

- 8 Where the ark of the covenant was kept for 20 years (1 Samuel 7:1) (7,6)
- 9 One of the parts of the body on which blood and oil were put in the ritual cleansing from infectious skin diseases (Leviticus 14:14-17) (3)
- 10 Uncomfortable (3,2,4)
- 11 Yet I have loved Jacob, but Esau I have — ' (Malachi 1:3) (5)
- 13 Where Paul said farewell to the elders of the church in Ephesus (Acts 20:17) (7)
- 16 'Jesus bent down and — to write on the ground with his finger' (John 8:6) (7)
- 19 Prophet from Moresheth (Jeremiah 26:18) (5)
- 22 Comes between Exodus and Numbers (9)
- 24 and 2 Down 'Then Elkanah went home to Ramah, but the boy ministered before the Lord under — the — ' (1 Samuel 2:11) (3,6)
- 25 There was no room for them in the inn (Luke 2:7) (4,3,6)

**Down**

- 1 Rough drawing (2 Kings 16:10) (6)
- 2 See 24 Across
- 3 Underground literature (including Christian books) circulated in the Soviet Union (8)
- 4 Lo, mash (anag.) (6)
- 5 The Bible's shortest verse: 'Jesus — ' (John 11:35) (4)
- 6 'Can a mother forget the baby at her — and have no compassion on the child she has borne?' (Isaiah 49:15) (6)
- 7 Can be seen in a dying fire (Psalm 102:3) (6)
- 12 'Send me, therefore, a man... experienced in the — of engraving, to work in Judah and Jerusalem' (2 Chronicles 2:7) (3)
- 14 Second city of Cyprus (8)
- 15 United Nations Association (1,1,1)
- 16 One of the women who first heard that Jesus had risen from the dead (Mark 16:1) (6)
- 17 Braved (anag.) (6)
- 18 — of Evangelism, outreach initiative in the 1990s (6)
- 20 'Woe to those who are wise in their own eyes and — in their own sight' (Isaiah 5:21) (6)
- 21 'Neither — nor depth... will be able to separate us from the love of God' (Romans 8:39) (6)
- 23 What Jesus shed in 5 Down (4)

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**Down:** 1, Sketch; 2, Priest; 3, Samizdat; 4, Shalom; 5, Wept; 6, Breast; 7, Embers; 12, Art; 14, Limassol; 15, UNA; 16, Salome; 17, Adverb; 18, Decade; 20, Clever; 21, Height; 23, Tear.

**Across:** 8, Kirith Jearm; 9, Toe; 10, Ill at ease; 11, Hated; 13, Milletus; 16, Started; 19, Micah; 22, Leviticus; 24, Eli; 25, Mary and Joseph.

**Flag Days for 2024**

- (Union Jack unless otherwise stated)
- Sunday Sept. 8th: Accession of HM The King
- Sunday Sept. 15th: Battle of Britain Day
- Sun Nov. 10th – Monday Nov. 11th: Remembrance Sunday and Remembrance Day
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We are currently offering Nature Tots as a block booking.

We are trialing a 10% discount on all sibling tickets and have a limited number of places available for families in receipt of universal credit. We may be able to offer free taster sessions and shorter blocks of sessions priced at £8 per week. To find out more please email our Wilder Learning Officer at [learning@essexwt.org.uk](mailto:learning@essexwt.org.uk)

The current block will take place ~

**every Tuesday** from 10 September to 22 October (7 weeks). Dates: 10, 17, 24 September 1, 8, 15, 22 October. £49 (7 weeks) and

**every Friday** 13 September to 25 October EXCLUDING 4th October (6 weeks). Dates: 13, 20, 27 September 11, 18, 25 October £42 (6 weeks)

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We are trialing a 10% discount on all sibling tickets for both age groups and have a limited number of places available for families in receipt of universal credit. We may be able to offer free taster sessions and shorter blocks of sessions priced at £8 per week

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### 31st August—1st September Hornchurch and the Zeppelin Raids of WWI

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[www.essexwt.org.uk/reserves/ingrebourne](http://www.essexwt.org.uk/reserves/ingrebourne)

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*Many thanks to all who have sponsored the floodlighting during September 2024:*

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The Parish Men’s Group is made up mainly of retired men from both within the Parish of Hornchurch and outside. It includes regular churchgoers and those who don’t attend church. We meet for lunch at the Cranleigh Restaurant on the second Wednesday in each month from 12 noon for 12.30 sit down. The three-course lunch is followed by a speaker. The cost of the lunch is £19 and for those planning to come on a regular basis there is an annual membership fee of £5 to cover incidental costs of administration. Our aim is to provide friendship and fellowship in a relaxed and informal environment. We also have occasional outings to local places of interest and elsewhere using public transport. New members are always welcome and in the first instance should contact:

**Peter Fanning on 01708 456578**

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**At Messy Church**

We Learn about God ♦ Welcome all the Family  
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♦ Hear Bible Stories

**Dates for your Diary**

**Sunday 8th September:** Harvest Celebrations; I am the True Vine. 3.30—5pm outdoors in St Andrew’s church grounds

**Thursday 31st October:** Light Party: I am the Light of the World. 4.30 to 7.30 pm North Street Halls.

**Saturday 9th November:** Remembering our loved ones. 3.30 to 5pm, Main hall and outdoors in St Andrew’s church grounds

**Sunday 1st December:** Advent and Campfire Christingle. 2.30 to 4pm main hall and outdoors in St Andrew’s Church grounds

All ages are welcome. Please wear weather-appropriate clothing and footwear for the outdoor sessions

Book via Eventbright.

Take a look at our Facebook page  
<https://www.facebook.com/messychurchinhornchurch>

Or [www.parishofhornchurch.co.uk](http://www.parishofhornchurch.co.uk) for regular updates and further details about when and where Messy Church is meeting.

We look forward to seeing you at a Messy Church session very soon.



**Charity of the Month for September ~ Christian Family Concern**

It all began with the founding of Haven of Hope in 1893 by Janet Ransome Wallis in East London after the death of her daughter when her son was seriously ill. She saw other mothers who were so scared to leave the hospital as they had nowhere to go with the child. She prayed for her son to recover and vowed that if he did she would devote her life to helping the mothers and children less fortunate. The son survived and so she began the charity which was to change many lives.

Initially there were 12 cots for the children but a year later they were all full and so the charity moved to bigger premises in Walthamstow which could accommodate 40 children up to the age of 10 years. Through the years the charity moved a number of times to increase the number of children and mothers it could help, into the 1900's. In 1908 they became a limited company and the following year lobbied the Royal Commission to make a change in the Poor Law stating that unsupported mothers and children were not well cared for in the workhouse. Janet's aim was to provide care for the mother during the pregnancy and after, with the child having foster parents or being adopted. In 1913 two maternity homes were purchased, one in Streatham and the other in Denmark Hill. By 1914 Janet's husband had joined her in the venture. When World War 1 broke out there was more demand for unsupported mothers needing help. The charity changed its name again to Mission of Hope. By 1922 they were running six children's homes. Janet retired when her daughter took over in 1924. IN 1934 the charity was reconstituted as a 'Faith Mission' and meant that they would trust in God to provide the financial support and help they needed. After the death of Janet her daughter Adeline continued to increase the size and the numbers of people it helped. In 1980 it merged with an adoption society that it had closely worked with. In 1980 it became 'Christian Family Concern' and not long after the adoption agency closed and records were given to the local authority.

Currently the charity provides supported housing for new mothers to help them adjust and learn to care for a child, nursery places for children and a counselling service for everyone regardless of gender, religion or race. If you would like to help support these families please give through their website <https://christianfamilyconcern.org.uk/donate/> or via a cheque payable to 'Hornchurch PCC'. (write COM Christian Family Concern' on the back). All donations received at the church are collated together at the end of the month and sent to the charity. If you have any charities to suggest, please email or leave a note for me at the parish office



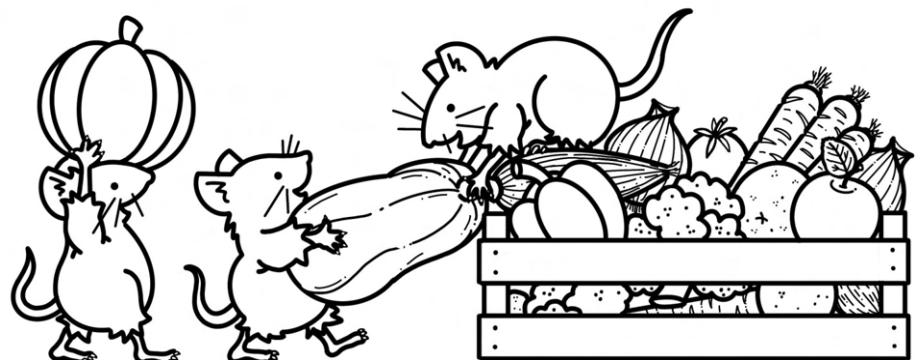
**Arlene Trump**

**Extra caretaker needed**

Our halls are hired for various private functions like birthday parties, baby showers, awards presentations, etc. To facilitate this we need caretakers to do the following;

1. Unlock the hall to let the hirers in
  2. Show them where everything is kept, etc
  3. Be available by phone during the hire period in case of any queries
  4. Return at the end to ensure the hirer has left the hall clean and tidy and secure the building
  5. Report any problems with the hall or the hire to the Parish Office
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**Arlene Trump**



**Table Top Fun**

**Every Friday 15.15 to 17.15  
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Welcome to our free and fun gathering for all ages. Enjoy crafts, Warhammer, board games, tasty food and drinks. Come make new friends and create memories with your family.

All children need to be accompanied by an adult.

## Ardleigh Green's Forgotten Police Station

Professor Ged Martin, who until 2020 wrote a column in the Romford Recorder on local history, has very kindly allowed Bullseye to reproduce some of his essays about the history of Hornchurch and Havering from his website at <https://www.gedmartin.net/martinalia-mainmenu-3>.



■ Emerson Park police station in July 1965

Fifty years ago, there was a police station on the Southend Arterial Road, about 300 yards east of Squirrels Heath Road traffic lights, backing on to Harwood Avenue. I think its official name was Emerson Park police station. Why, I don't know. It's nowhere near Emerson Park. In fact, there were three semi-detached residences, known locally as the Police Houses. All six homes were rented to police families. Essex Constabulary, who maintained law and order in Havering until 1965, didn't spend money on paint. The Police Houses always looked grim. Nowadays, they are cheerfully painted private properties. I lived opposite during my early years but I don't recall any children from the Police Houses. Probably they were starter homes, let to young married coppers until they could buy their own places. Everybody called it the police station — never the cop shop or any other rude nickname. The actual police station was a ground-floor office at the right-hand side of the centre building. If there were cells, I never saw them! The Arterial Road carriageways were narrower back then. On either side,

there were cycle tracks, long since swallowed by road widening. Patrolling on bikes, the bobbies got to know local people. When my father was gardening out front, constables sometimes stopped to gossip. In front of the police station stood an air-raid siren, a relic of World War Two. It was used to summon volunteer firemen for emergencies. The long steady note of the All Clear was a familiar noise. One day, around 1960, something went wrong, and the siren let off the warbling, howling Air Raid warning. It's the only time I've ever heard that stomach-churning sound of the Blitz. This was the era of the Cold War against Russia. If nuclear conflict broke out, we would get four minutes' warning — if that. There was mild panic locally. One lady ran around shouting, "Are we going to be bombed? Are we going to be bombed?" In 1963, I was one of a team of youngsters who put on a satirical review. Satire was popular, but theatre censorship was still in force. Scripts had to be submitted to an official called the Lord Chamberlain before being allowed on stage. Two of my sketches were banned. I'm still

proud of that achievement. One of our skits involved a police officer. We had no budget for costumes, so I called into the police station and explained our problem. Without hesitation, a young constable lent me his helmet, which I returned after the show. I wonder if that would happen today? Although it was main road location, I don't remember police cars. In fact, they were a new form of policing. The iconic TV series, *Z-Cars*, only began in 1962. Indeed, the police station wasn't ideally located for police cars. It was too close to the congested traffic lights for a quick getaway. The Arterial Road police station closed in April 1965. I suppose this was part of a reorganisation when Havering became part of Greater London, and transferred to the Metropolitan Police. Officialdom didn't explain much in those days, so I don't know.

**Prof Ged Martin**

### Escape Men's Group

We meet on the first and third Monday at 8.30pm at St Andrew's church.  
For further details contact **John Speller** on 07599 791420  
or by e-mail [john.speller@hotmail.co.uk](mailto:john.speller@hotmail.co.uk)

*Editor: Nigel Beeton writes: September, of course, is the time of the autumnal equinox, that point in the calendar when the nights become longer than the days, and the summer is technically over, and it can be a poignant moment, but should it be?*

**When Autumn Comes**

Should we be sad  
 When autumn comes  
 And winter looms ahead?  
 Is it so bad  
 That days grow short  
 And verdant leaves grow red?  
 We'll miss the sun  
 And long, hot days  
 We'll miss the sea and sand;  
 But soon will come  
 The starry nights  
 And wintry landscapes grand!  
 Perhaps it's best  
 That nature sleeps  
 And things no longer grow;  
 We get a rest  
 From vibrant weeds  
 And grass we need not mow.  
 So celebrate  
 The equinox  
 The autumn season's here!  
 It is a date  
 To mark, with joy  
 The turning of the year.

**Nigel Beeton**

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Sudoku solution from P8

**Message from St Andrew's Choir**

Young voices play a very special part in the traditional church choir sound. We will be recruiting boys and girls aged 7 and above to come and experience the choir and see if their voice has potential. Please speak to Bill after any 10.15 service at St Andrew's or drop him an email to [william.brooks861@gmail.com](mailto:william.brooks861@gmail.com)

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 Display of Zeppelin artefacts  
 Miss Lorraine Cater Vintage Singer, will be singing live on both days...  
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**Climate Action Now August 2024 Pew sheet suggested words, QR codes and links**

As the church has become more involved with Eco and carbon footprint issues, the organisations promoting this have been sending various emails to us. The Parish office has downloaded and attached the Pew sheet digest, for your interest.

We often think of environmentalism as being something new and usually coming from western richer countries. Wangari Maathai was a pioneering environmentalist from Kenya who set up the Green Belt Movement to empower women in Africa, particularly through tree planting. In 2004, she won the Nobel Peace Prize for her work which transformed the lives of many. Find out more: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=yC9wZTJmDqA>



Since 2004, an organisation called Buglife has been collecting data on the decline of flying insects in the UK. From 2023 data they estimated that there had been a 78% decrease in flying insects over 20 years. **Dr Lawrence Ball of Kent Wildlife Trust stated:** "These results are extremely concerning, particularly if insect splats serve as an accurate measure of insect populations. This is a red flag for the state of nature in the UK that shouldn't be ignored. Find out why this matters so much:

<https://www.buglife.org.uk/news/bugs-matter-citizen-science-survey-shows-further-decreases-in-uk-insect-numbers/#>



An increasing number of people think it is too late to avert a climate catastrophe; that there is nothing we can do. This isn't true. While the situation is dire, the United Nations Environment Programme's latest Emissions Gap Report found that the world could still limit global temperature rise to 1.5°C compared with pre-industrial levels by cutting greenhouse emissions by 42 per cent by 2030. Find out what else the Emissions Gap Report says:

<https://www.unep.org/resources/emissions-gap-report-2023>



The Season of Creation (1st September to 4th October) is a chance to celebrate our Creator and Creation. This year's theme is "To hope and act with Creation." On October 2nd we are celebrating all the work done in the Diocese this year. There will be stalls and a chance to chat to others, followed by evening prayer with input from young people and a panel Q&A discussion. Please join us! There are details of this and other events going on in the Diocese during the Season of Creation at:

<https://www.chelmsford.anglican.org/season-of-creation-2024#events>



If you care about what is happening to our climate and to nature, join the Zero Hour Campaign and Write to your MP about the Climate and Nature Bill. This bill plans to see a new UK law that addresses the full extent of the climate and nature crisis in line with the most up-to-date science:

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Kenilworth Gardens RM12 4SG**St Matthew's Church**  
Chelmsford Drive RM14 2PH**Messy Church****Hornchurch Parish Churches****July 2024****Baptisms****July 14th** Ryker Kann Ronald Bush  
Jacob Oliver Field  
**28th** Theo James Porter  
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Maddison Anne Gillmore Grossett**Marriages****July 20th** Charles Bryan and Kylie Heath-Lawrence**In Memoriam "I am the resurrection and the life" John 11v25****July 9th** Carol Florence Osborne 76  
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