

Bullseye

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November, a time to commemorate:

Hallowe'en, The eve of All Hallows, that is, of All Saints' Day, when we might charitably pray for all who died unprepared, unevangelised, or even truly malevolent.

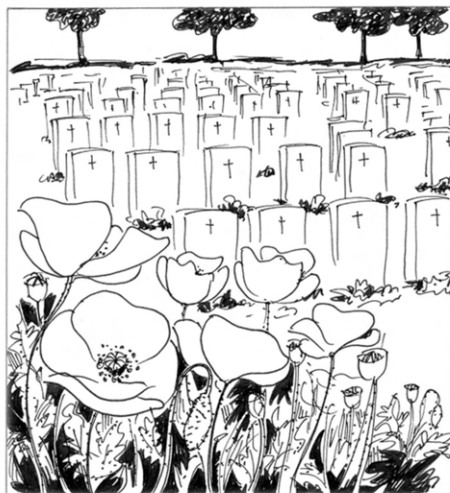
All Saints, who heroically endured insult, torture and death rather than deny Christ.

All Souls, especially of our own families and fellowships, who received a Christian funeral.

Gunpowder, Treason and Plot, when it was intended that King, Lords, and Commons should perish, but were saved.

Armistice Day, when hostilities ceased.

Remembrance Sunday, honouring all who served, and all who died, from all countries of the Commonwealth, and all who joined us, especially from Europe,



Eire and the USA, in resisting tyranny.

Yes, we are grateful to God and to those who died for our freedom, and we have opportunity to show our gratitude by enabling the freedom of our brothers and sisters in peril, by contributing to Church Mission Society, Barnabas Fund, Christian Solidarity Worldwide, and the like.

Jeremiah wrote: "You saved me, and I was safe; You healed me, and I was well" (Jer 17v14). Let us get into action, and feel what Jeremiah felt, real safety and well-being, as we experience real fellowship in Christ.

Revd Peter Evans



Celebration of Two Years of the Well at St Matthew's. More on Page 7

News from the Parish of Hornchurch
St Andrew's, St George's, St Matthew's and Messy Church



What's on

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

Weekly meetings

Mon.	10.00am to 11.30 am 2.30 and 7.00 pm 8.30 pm	Tadpoles St Andrew's large hall, for children and their adults Time Out 2nd Monday of month meeting is 7pm North Street hall and 4th Monday meeting 2.30pm St Andrew's. Escape (1st & 3rd) small hall
Tues.	~ ~	~ ~
Wed.	9.30-11.00 am	0-2 Playgroup St Andrew's hall. Toys, songs and craft, refreshments. All enquiries to Parish Office
Thur.	1.30 pm	Little Fishes St Andrew's large hall. Toys, stories and craft, refreshments, all welcome
Fri.	15.15—17.17	Table Top Fun 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 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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Bullseye programme Contents to the Editor 2024/5

December Bullseye Sunday 3rd November
 January Bullseye Sunday 1st December

Collating

December Bullseye Wed. 27th November
 January Bullseye Wed. 30th December

The Bullseye for December will be in the churches and online by Sunday 1st December 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) 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 and 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 - Choral Evensong at St Andrew's.

2nd Sunday, 10th November Remembrance Sunday

8.30am - Common Worship Holy Communion at St Andrew's
 10.40am - **Act of Remembrance St Andrew's War Memorial** with church open for prayer.
 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 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 Civic Service 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,

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



Prayer for November 2024

Dear Lord,

November can be a dreary month. Even the first syllable is negative and reminds us of all the things we are missing: the long light days, summer breaks, blossom and fresh green leaves.

As we walk through the dark days, help us to remember that You brought light into this dark world. You sent Jesus, Who is that light in person, Your positive who overcame all negatives by His death on the cross.

November leads us closer to the time of celebration of His coming. Lord, thank You for Jesus. Thank You for November!

In Jesus' Name. Amen.

Daphne Kitching



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Guide, Brownie and Rainbow News



5th Hornchurch (St George's) Guides

Chloe, Eaton, Avneet and Edie (above) were proud to make their Promise as Guides.

Bella and Amy (right) did very well to complete their Guide Silver Award.



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

A blue recruitment poster for Scouts 8th Hornchurch. The text reads: 'Calling all give it a go-ers', 'Do you have a skill, talent or hobby that could make for an engaging evening for young people aged 6-14 years?', '8th Hornchurch are looking for individuals to support the excellent work of our current volunteers by offering to run an exciting session for Beavers, Cubs or Scouts, 1-2 times a year.', 'Whether it's something adventurous, creative, hands-on or part of your day job we would love to hear from you.', 'For further information please email administrator@8thhornchurch.org.uk'. At the bottom, there is a logo for Scouts 8th Hornchurch and a graphic of colorful hands reaching up. A small note at the bottom left says 'Made with PosterMyWall.com'.

Bell Ringers Win Call Change Competition

On Saturday 21st September, St Andrew’s bell ringers entered a team in the District Call Change Competition at Leytonstone church. Each team of 6 ringers had 3 minutes practice to get used to a different set of bells. This was followed by 5 to 8 minutes of competition ringing. The order of the bells was changed regularly and the accuracy of the striking assessed by 2 judges sitting in the churchyard.

Our team rang very well and was placed first out of the 6 teams that took part.

Photograph 1 right: Ethan receives the trophy from the judges

Photograph 2 right: The winning team of Clive, Jane, Michelle, James, Ethan and Mark outside Leytonstone church



Bell Ringing Prize on Promotion Sunday

The achievements of St Andrew’s bell ringers are recognised when they have rung their first quarter peal.

During the past year, young bell ringer Carys Hayward successfully completed her first quarter peal at St Andrew’s in June.

She rang continuously for 45 minutes following a set pattern (method) whilst her mother (Marianne) conducted the changes. Congratulations to Carys who received her award from Ken during the morning service on 29th September.

Photograph below: Carys with her bell ringing award



Time Out

On Monday 23rd September there were 22 members who met in the church where Val told us the history of the church; we were also given the opportunity to try out ringing a bell, all very interesting. Pat Watts also awarded a prize to the winner of the cryptic quiz set at the previous meeting.

On Monday 14th October 20 members and friends met at North Street Hall to make angels to decorate the assembly area in response to the project organised by the Dorcas group. Following a demonstration by Jeanette everyone was very enthusiastic in their crafting and 50 angels were made. A wonderful result. Photographs right.

Meetings for November are:
Monday 11th November 7pm in North Street Hall. Speaker on the Battlefields of Northern France, all welcome.

Monday 25th November 2.30pm at St Andrew's Hall. A crafting session making Christmas stars.

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

Jeanette

The Bridge

On Wednesday 25th September members and volunteers hosted a Macmillan Coffee Morning in North Street Hall. The tables were very quickly filled with visitors all enjoying tea or coffee and cake, plus plenty of conversation. We calculated at least 75 people attended and we raised the wonderful total of £787 + gift aid, taking the total to over £800, a really impressive amount. Many thanks go to members of the Bridge and the volunteers, who made all the cakes on offer during the morning.



Jeanette



Jesus Love to Us

Celebration ~ Two Years of The Well

He came to this earth in a humble birth,
 With a Stable and Manger for His home;
 He was born to be our King and Saviour,
 To this world of sin, broken and forlorn;
 With no one else worthy to do this work,
 That causes man so much grief and pain;
 And was it worth it? Yes, it was, every time,
 So great the number of Souls already slain;
 For Sin had such a grip on the hearts of men,
 Some for hours, some for days, some for life;
 Choked and unable to fight back that Enemy,
 As "He has a Legal Right to the Souls of men!"
 As man had willingly broken God's instructions,
 The price He paid was pain, strife and suffering;
 In God's eyes only a Perfect Sacrifice would do,
 To redeem men from the curse of Sin and Death;
 And offering Eternal Life for all the Human Race,
 A Perfect Sinless man must shed his own blood;
 To satisfy the wrath of God and redeem all men,
 To lift the deep stains of sin from a guilty world;
 The pain to bear to restore all of God's purpose,
 Someone who could intercede for every human;
 Restoring each Soul of man to fulfill redemption,
 And can it be that we should all be benefactors,
 Through the Love of God through this Sacrifice!
 Why, Oh Why, does man bring on so much pain,
 On himself through endless strife and suffering?
 As to God each Soul is precious to this Holy God,
 And none can look away, as we are all so guilty!
 Endless pain and suffering of our Perfect Saviour,
 It was the only remedy for the Sins of everyone;
 And a clean slate for all those who would believe!
 Salvation can only be achieved through Sacrifice,
 And Jesus came for that purpose to set men free;
 We can never replay that endless Tape of History,
 The Job of Salvation is through a Perfect Sacrifice;
 Man himself "Could never escape the guilt of Sin"
 Deeply embedded in the human Soul already slain;
 Sin had become like an increasing mutating disease,
 With men unable to stop the onslaught of his Enemy;
 For man was created by God as His crowning glory,
 That all may come to know Him through Salvation!
 Salvation's the most important decision for all men,
 For every human knows we have an immortal Soul;
 Jesus came so we can all be forgiven and redeemed,
 His suffering was to set us free from the pains of life;
 No longer under the rule of bondage and addictions,
 For men to redeem themselves would be impossible;
 As a fallen Human Race has suffered enough already!
 When seeing so endless suffering to innocent people,
 And every heart should always question, why is it so?
 There is always a reason and it is all in man's rebellion,
 Rejecting the Law of a Creator, Perfect and Holy God;
 Who could conquer Death and Sin, only a Perfect Man!
 Jesus Who laid down His life, giving redemption to Men,
 This love was never so deeply expressed to any human;
 The pains of Crucifixion, we should all understand this!
 Jesus endured the Cross, so we could attain Salvation,
 Jesus' last words before dying were:- "It is Finished!"

More chairs had to be brought out at the Well at St Matthew's, on Sunday afternoon (20/10), as our regulars and many friends gathered for our 2nd birthday celebration.

It was a very special occasion, with an extra special birthday cake, as well as our usual homemade delights. Blessed by the presence of Archdeacon Chris, we enjoyed our usual free style of worship, singing, playing instruments and dancing round the church, as well as having story time and a drama illustrating the story. The signed Lord's Prayer, and our Pebble Prayers were for all to join in, (just putting pebbles in pool as sign of our prayers) and everyone took part throughout. Our lovely congregation made it a special occasion and our team of hard-working leaders, once again produced such a lovely accessible service for all ages and abilities. So, if you like the sound of The Well, do come along any 3rd Sunday at 2.45pm till 4pm. You will be very welcome.

Revd Barbara Baker



Mark Lendon

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

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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 the C of E should never combine parishes . . .

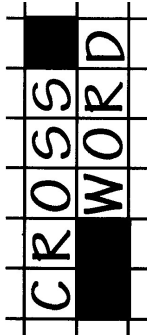
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My dear Nephew Darren

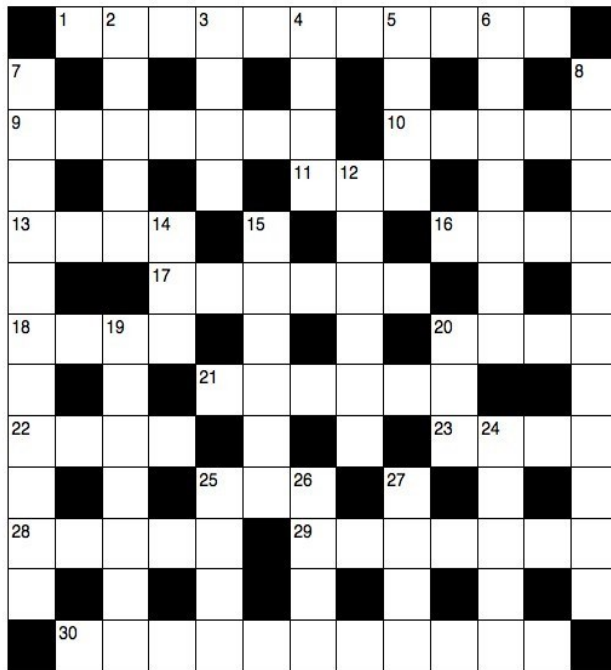
I suppose it had to come, but combining parishes is now firmly on the agenda for our villages. I had always wondered what the first Earl of Stowe was trying to prove, building a church here in 1347 to accommodate 800 people when the total population has never exceeded 250. In the short term – which in this village is measured in centuries—it seems to have been to house the tombs of his 13 successors. I now realise it was to make uniting with adjoining parishes in the 21st century more difficult. Clearly the first Earl had formidable foresight. None of our neighbouring churches seem too keen to share their reserves to help maintain our cathedral-sized building. The threat of the closure of St Herve the Bard has, inevitably, caused outrage – not so much from its regular congregation of three, but from all those in the village who would never think of attending. People do so *like* to have a church not to go to. The church of St Bregowine, built by a wealthy parishioner in the 19th century because she did not like the high church practices of the parish church of St Iwig, is refusing to re-unite, even though the two churches stand only 100 yards apart, in a village with a diameter of 300 yards. If only they could get over the trauma of seeing the incumbent putting water in the wine on Easter Day in 1894. (Although it must be conceded that the Bregowinians were equally affronted that when the daughter church opened in 1895, they found that the Iwigers had provided no brass troughs at the end of the pews for umbrellas. That they have subsequently refused to install them has only compounded the offence.)

Meanwhile St Plegmund is in discussions with the Church of South India as a way of avoiding uniting with anyone. Should it happen, I will be interested to see what travelling expenses the new incumbent claims. It will be difficult to tell when the present incumbent resigns, as he has not been seen at a clerical meeting for the last 30 years. Some of my colleagues suspect he is mythical, that a bloodless coup took place in the 1980s and that the church is now entirely run by the Mothers' Union. The church of St Maximus of Constantinople in our nearest town has rather grandly offered to take all of our churches under its wing, but as a parishioner has pointed out: how could we possibly consider joining with a parish that fought on the other side at the Battle of Bosworth in 1485. In the meantime, we will serenely carry on, as we seem to have done for the past six centuries; parish mergers and reductions in numbers of clergy seem to be of less interest than debating the suggestion that we change the brand of coffee served after Services.

Your loving uncle,
Eustace



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Across

- 1 In David's battle with the Arameans, 700 of these were killed (2 Samuel 10:18) (11)
- 9 'No —, impure or greedy person has any inheritance in the kingdom of God' (Ephesians 5:5) (7)
- 10 City on the banks of the River Nile (5)
- 11 Stamped addressed envelope (1,1,1)
- 13 Taverns (4)
- 16 Be on your guard; stand — in the faith' (1 Corinthians 16:13) (4)
- 17 'He will not always —, nor will he harbour his anger for ever' (Psalm 103:9) (6)
- 18 and 27 Down Where the magi came from and what guided them (Matthew 2:1-2) (4,4)
- 20 Ancient Celtic alphabet of 20 characters (4)
- 21 She married Esau when he was 40 years old (Genesis 26:34) (6)
- 22 A great-grandson of Noah (Genesis 10:7) (4)
- 23 Title accorded to certain Roman Catholic clerics (abbrev.) (4)
- 25 'My house will be a house of prayer; but you have made it a — of robbers' (Luke 19:46) (3)
- 28 Annie (anag.) (5)
- 29 Plead with (Zechariah 7:2) (7)
- 30 Tenth foundation of the new Jerusalem (Revelation 21:20) (11)

Down

- 2 'We have a building from God, an eternal house in heaven, not built by — hands' (2 Corinthians 5:1) (5)
- 3 Uncommon excellence (Proverbs 20:15) (4)
- 4 'You have exalted my horn like that of a wild ox; fine — have been poured upon me' (Psalm 92:10) (4)
- 5 — Homo ('Behold the Man') (4)
- 6 'He has given proof of this to all men by — him from the dead' (Acts 17:31) (7)
- 7 'Our — is in heaven' (Philippians 3:20) (11)
- 8 'This is a day you are to —' (Exodus 12:14) (11)
- 12 Assault (Psalm 17:9) (6)
- 14 'Jesus found a young donkey and — upon it' (John 12:14) (3)
- 15 Liverpool dialect (6)
- 19 'Remember the — day by keeping it holy' (Exodus 20:8) (7)
- 20 Nineteenth-century German physicist after whom the unit of electrical resistance is named (3)
- 24 Nazirites were not allowed to eat this part of a grape (Numbers 6:4) (5)
- 25 'If anyone would come after me, he must — himself and take up his cross and follow me' (Mark 8:34) (4)
- 26 Evil Roman emperor from AD54 to 68, responsible for condemning hundreds of Christians to cruel deaths (4)
- 27 See 18 Across

Across: 1, Charoteers. 9, Immoral. 10, Cairo. 11, SAE. 13, Inns. 16, Firm. 17, Accuse. 18, East. 20, Ogam. 21, Judith. 22, Seba. 23, Msgr. 25, Den. 28, Inane. 29, Entreat. 30, Chrysoprase.
Down: 2, Humann. 3, Rare. 4, Oils. 5, Ecce. 6, Raising. 7, Citizenship. 8, Commemorate. 12, Assail. 14, Sat. 15, Scouse. 19, Sabbath. 20, Ohm. 24, Seeds. 25, Deny. 26, Nero. 27, Star.

Flag Days for 2024

- (Union Jack unless otherwise stated)
- Sun Nov. 10th – Monday Nov. 11th: Remembrance Sunday and Remembrance Day
- Thursday Nov. 14th: Birthday of HM The King
- Saturday Nov. 30th: St Andrew's Day (St Andrew's flag)
- Wednesday Dec. 25th: Christmas Day

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Nature Babies Every Wednesday For parents or carers of an infant under 18 months old. Bring your buggy for a gentle stroll around the fields and forest guided by one of our team. Children can explore the natural world or snooze while adults have a chance to talk to others, enjoy exercise in the fresh air and learn about the natural world. Sessions 60 minutes; meet at the nature discovery centre at 1.30. Come dressed for the weather, including layer/sun hats for the little one. £4 per child, or £20 for 6 sessions if booked in advance. Contact Michelle via ingrebourne@essexwt.org.uk

Nature Tots. As the seasons change, discover and learn each week through a range of fun wildlife themed activities from bug hunting and leaf spotting to natural painting and stick creatures. Suitable for ages 18 months to 5 years. Children must be accompanied by an adult. Please come suitably dressed for the weather as we will be outside for the whole session. Meet outside the Visitor Centre on arrival. There will be access to

toilet facilities if required. Advance booking is essential. £49 (7 weeks) You only need to book a place for the child attending, you do not book a place for the accompanying adult or younger sibling under 18 months.

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

The current block will take place ~

every Tuesday from 5th November to 10th December (6 weeks). Dates: 5, 12, 19, 26 November, 3, 10 December. £42 and **every Friday** 8th November to 6th December (4 weeks). Dates: 8, 15, 29 November 6 December £28

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Events run in block sessions and take place weekly, **every Wednesday** from Wednesday 6 November 2024 -

Wednesday 11 December 2024 (6 weeks). Dates: 6, 13, 20, 27 November 4, 11 December. 10am-12pm 7 weeks £42 per child. Children must be accompanied by an adult. Please meet outside the Nature Discovery Centre and come suitably dressed for the weather as we will be outside for the whole session. There will be access to toilet facilities if required.

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

To find out more please email our Wilder Learning Officer at learning@essexwt.org.uk

Contact number: 01708 520364 Contact e-mail: ingrebourne@essexwt.org.uk

Tuesday 29th October 2024 9am-3pm Ingrebourne Wilder Holiday club for children aged 5 to 11

All our activities take place outdoors and children will need to come dressed for the weather. We recommend layers that can get mucky including long sleeves and trousers to protect against scratches and stings, waterproofs and boots, trainers, or wellies. Sandals and open-toed shoes are not permitted.

Your child will require a snack, water, and a packed lunch. We are nut-free All rubbish will need to be returned home with your child. We need a completed consent form for each child attending Wilder Holiday Club. Child ticket £37

Friday 1st November 2024 10:00am - 12:00pm Autumnal fun and crafts, for children aged 3-10 years. Meet at the Ingrebourne Nature Discovery Centre. We intend to host the session outside in our Forest School site, so please come dressed appropriately for the weather. We may hold activities inside the Centre if heavy rain/high winds are forecast. Advance booking is essential. Children must be accompanied by an adult. £7.73 per child

9th -10th November Remembrance and First World War Exhibition

Admission by donation with percentage to the Essex Wildlife Trust.

Monthly Wildlife Talk - Rainham Marshes Monday 11th November 2024 2:00pm - 3:30pm £5 which includes talk, tea, coffee and biscuits

www.essexwt.org.uk/reserves/ingrebourne

Floodlighting of St Andrew's Church, Hornchurch

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

Paul and Eudeen Shrubsole ~ In loving memory of our son **Aaron James:**
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**A Tribute to the late Roland Ragbir
A life well lived**



Roland was born in the idyllic island of Trinidad in the Caribbean. He was one of eight siblings. He was brought up in a Hindu home. At the age of fifteen years he attended a Pentecostal crusade on

the island. That night was a God-filled night. Roland had an encounter with the Holy Spirit. He experienced the filling of the Holy Spirit and the miraculous happened when he openly spoke in tongues – ‘God’s language’. From then on his hunger for God became more and more apparent. Though Roland was limited in his abilities through Parkinsons he never failed to evangelise Christ to his carers and visitors every time he had the opportunity. He was a light in their darkened world. His love and encouragement helped them to navigate any situation with grace and ease. Without the validation from others, he encouraged them to

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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

Sunday 5th January 2025: Epiphany Explorers. 3.30 to 5pm 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 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.



accomplish their goals and dreams without the control of others in their life. He always maintained that God should never be left out of the equation but always factor Him in every detail of their lives. Roland was a trailblazer and a symbol of resilience. He was a bridge that connects with people. God gave us him to show that there is love in this world to bring us joy and hope. Roland was proof of God in us. Imagine finding love and friendship in one person. Roland has run the best race for God. He has finished the course. He is now in receipt of his crown in glory. What comforts me most is that he is with the saints around the throne of God enduring a joyful everlasting life.

Joyce Ragbir

Charity of the Month for November ~ a second month with Through the Roof

This charity began with the gifted writer and speaker Joni Eareckson Tada in the 1980's. She started to give disabilities a higher profile in churches worldwide through her tours. There was a major European church conference of Joni and Friends in 1994 in Hungary. There were 28 UK delegates and among them was Paul Dicken who lectured on 'The Accessible Gospel' and publisher Colin Reeves. The idea emerged at follow-up meetings that a UK branch of Joni and Friends could be effective. The concept was to promote to UK churches the awareness of disability and the full inclusion of them in Christian ministry. It was to cover all forms of disability.

In 1996 Paul asked the USA board of Joni and Friends to endorse the UK version to aid the fledgling ministry. It was agreed and Colin was asked to form a board and become the chair, a seeding donation was also given. In 1997 Paul started the ministry in his home by writing to 300 JAF supporters who then became the core support group. Later that year Joni spoke to packed UK meetings in Salisbury cathedral and Westminster Chapel, which attracted many new supporters. In Belfast at the Whitewell Metropolitan Tabernacle over 1,000 disabled people attended.

The pastor prayed at the meeting drawing an analogy from the banquet account in Luke 14 'Go out quickly into the streets and alleys of the town and bring in the poor, the crippled, the blind and the lame....' Now over 100 disabled people attend church each Sunday.

When the Disability Discrimination Act came into effect demand for TTR skills and materials grew. This was a key part of the Churches for All campaign, with simple guidelines for church personnel.

Through the Roof continues its core ministry while readily adapting to new opportunities and partnerships echoing Christ's call to 'Go out to the roads and country lanes and make them come in, so that my house will be full'.

To donate to this ministry either visit their website <https://throughtheroof.org/donate-2/> or bring a cheque to St Andrew's payable to 'Hornchurch PCC' with COM Through the Roof written on the back. At the end of the month the donations are collected together 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

Table Top Fun

**Every Friday 15.15 to 17.15
St Matthew's Church
Chelmsford Drive RM14 2PH**



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.

Contact Revd Mark Smeed for more information.

**ST ANDREW'S CHURCH
CHRISTMAS MARKET**



Saturday 23rd November 2024

10am—2pm

North Street Hall

**Stalls including Cakes, Toys, Books, Raffle,
Tombola, Preserves, Crafts, Lucky Dip,
Wood Carvings, Jewellery, Refreshments
Father Christmas**

Remembering Frank Spall who died recently aged 98 years

On Monday 30th September, his family, members of his church and around 30 ex Thresholders attended a Service of Celebration for Frank's life at his church in Hastings. Frank and his wife Frances came to Hornchurch in 1955. They attended confirmation classes at St Andrew's and soon became active members of the Parish. Throughout their time at St Andrew's they organised Parish Socials, Barn Dances and Rambles but their greatest claim to fame must have been leading the Thresholders Youth Club at the Large North Street Hall for 36 years! Many people from St Andrew's and many of those who have grown up in Hornchurch will remember Frank and Frances Spall with fondness and admiration.



For those of you who may not have heard of the Thresholders (which incidentally was at one time, the largest youth club in Essex) let me explain. This was no ordinary youth club that young people turned up to every week to listen to music, play snooker, darts or table tennis and chat with friends over coffee in a safe welcoming atmosphere. It was that, but so much more! There were regular Club outings to the seaside, rambles, night hikes, weekends away, annual variety shows, dances and discos, all organised and enabled by Frank and Frances and their team of dedicated helpers. However, central to it all was the sharing of the Christian faith. On Thursdays there was always a short break in the middle of the evening for notices and prayers. Thresholders had been set up initially by the curate Hugo Wallace and then the Revd Tony Bowering but very soon adults from the church were recruited and eventually Frank and Frances took over with their friends and helpers Harry and Lily Hepworth and Win Boxhall to name but a few.

The purpose of Thresholders was: 'To help young men and women on the Threshold of life to accept Christ'. In order to enjoy all the activities on a Thursday evening, young people had to attend the Thresholder Service at the hall each Sunday morning. This

was a short act of worship with hymns, readings and prayers and for some time there was even a Thresholder Choir! Attendance here (or those who preferred, church) was not an option, a membership card was date stamped and had to be shown to gain entry on a Thursday evening. It all sounds rather like blackmail but hundreds of young people over the years accepted these conditions and were encouraged and inspired by the dedication and faith of Frank and Frances. Some of these young people were from church families but the majority were not. There were many other youth clubs to choose from including Robert Beard which had far more facilities, but many young people chose to attend Thresholders. This was outreach big time! Frank and Frances had no children of their own but with Thresholders they cared for the biggest family that you could imagine! The door of their house in Chestnut Ave was always open, they were always there with a listening ear, to share problems and joys over a cup of tea and a biscuit. By any standards Frank was a remarkable man, his disarming smile and strong welcoming handshake could tame the toughest, and most undesirable-looking youth looking to be admitted to a Thresholders dance or disco! Not that such encounters

were always trouble free! An electrician by trade, Frank was always ready to use his skills for the good of others and was often involved with installation and maintenance projects at St Andrew's. When he retired in 1991 and moved to Hastings this continued as he soon became Church Warden and chief handyman at his local church. He didn't stop there though, he loved life and kept busier than ever. He learned to tap dance, he gave ballroom dancing lessons at his church, he played the guitar at services, he led regular 5 mile rambles and he even took a masseurs course! Until very recently he volunteered with Shop Mobility in Hastings repairing electric mobility scooters.

The tributes paid to Frank during the last few weeks are testament to what a remarkable man he was and how much he and Frances influenced so many lives for the good.

The Revd Jeremy Allum was curate at St Andrew's from 1962 until 1967 and was chaplain to the Thresholders youth club for that time and subsequently a good friend to Frank. He recently wrote a tribute to Frank on the Thresholders Facebook page telling of his admiration for the dedication and incredible commitment of both Frank and Frances to the young people of Hornchurch. He ended his tribute with these words:

"I would fail Frank however if I were not to record that for Frank and Frances their personal faith in the Lord Jesus Christ was both a rock and a magnetic North. It underpinned his life's work. Thresholders was his expression of his faith, showing his care and love for the youngsters of Hornchurch. This meant that the club was to be a place where Faith and Fun in Sorrow and in Joy were woven seamlessly together. He lived faith so naturally. He will be missed. May he rest in peace and rise in glory."

Eileen Morris

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'Christmas Voices'

**Saturday 7th December, 7pm (doors open 6.30pm)
St Andrew's Church, Hornchurch**

Featuring St Andrew's Church Choir, Saint Francis Hospice Choir and the Cappella Singers.

This is our annual concert in aid of Saint Francis Hospice. It includes carols for choir and audience directed by John Morris. Please join us for a good sing and to raise much needed funds for the Hospice.

Admission £5.00 (children free)

Sudoku solution from P8

9	4	8	5	7	6	3	1	2
1	2	5	4	8	3	9	7	6
6	3	7	2	9	1	8	4	5
7	5	9	8	6	4	1	2	3
3	8	2	1	5	7	6	9	4
4	6	1	3	2	9	5	8	7
5	9	6	7	4	8	2	3	1
8	7	3	6	1	2	4	5	9
2	1	4	9	3	5	7	6	8

**Wednesday Afternoon Music at
Hornchurch Library**

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

Wed 6th November - Travelling Music Show - presented by Mike Beaman who will take you on a musical trail around the globe that will involve any number of different modes of travel starting out by *Walking to New Orleans*. No passport required but no duty free either.

Wed 20th November - Loud, Fast & Furious presented by Graham Fenegan with a selection of classical, film and show music plus jazz, big bands and even some rock & pop. Despite the title, Graham can assure you that ear defenders will not be necessary. Programmes continue on the 1st & 3rd Wednesdays during 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 Rindale 01708 470670 or email srindale@aol.com

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

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**Grand Draw at Winter Market
North Street Hall
Saturday 23rd November 2024**

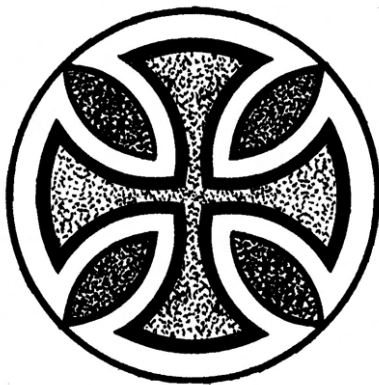
We are holding a Winter Market from 10.00am till 2.00pm at the North Street Hall which includes a Grand Draw Raffle, refreshments, craft stalls, tombolas, wood carving, home-made cakes, brick a brac etc. The money raised is for St Andrew's Church towards the running costs and upkeep of the fabric of the church. If you could donate an item for the Grand Draw Raffle, we would really appreciate it. If you so wish, we could include your details in the Grand Draw Programme as donors. We are willing to pick up your donations, contact us on the mobile or email below. Thank you so much 07922 138172 or g_t_martin@yahoo.co.uk

Graham and Janet Martin

Quiz Night

Graham and Janet Martin would like to thank everyone who supported the Quiz Night on Saturday 7th September. We believe it was a very successful evening and everyone seemed to enjoy themselves. Thank you. We are now collecting Raffle prizes for the Grand Draw for the Christmas Market in November. We are happy to collect any items you may have, Contact details below. We look forward to a successful Christmas Market. The next fundraising event for funds towards the North Porch Gate is Saturday 1st February 2025. We are holding a Table Top Sale at the North Street Hall from 11.00am till 3.00pm. If you wish to book a Table for this event, Tables cost £12.00 each (table supplied) and if you wish to bring a Clothes Rail (not supplied) this is an additional £2.00 per rail. Please contact Graham & Janet Martin on 07922 138172 or email g_t_martin@yahoo.co.uk to book your table in advance, as space is limited. Thank you very much.

Graham and Janet Martin



For Sale

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St George's Church

Kenilworth Gardens RM12 4SG

St Matthew's Church

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Messy Church**Hornchurch Parish Churches****September 2024****Baptisms**

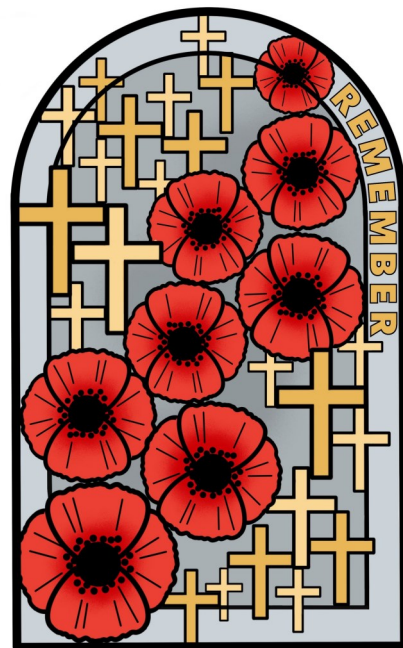
September 15th Iris Katherine Olive Luck-Renham **22nd** Hallie Florence Moore
 Ameila Rose Nicholls
 Ivy Skye Nicholls

Marriages

None

In Memoriam "I am the resurrection and the life" John 11v25

September 11th Margaret Ann Theresa Cook 87
16th Tracy Ann Tucker 59

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