

The Bishop of Chelmsford's New Year message

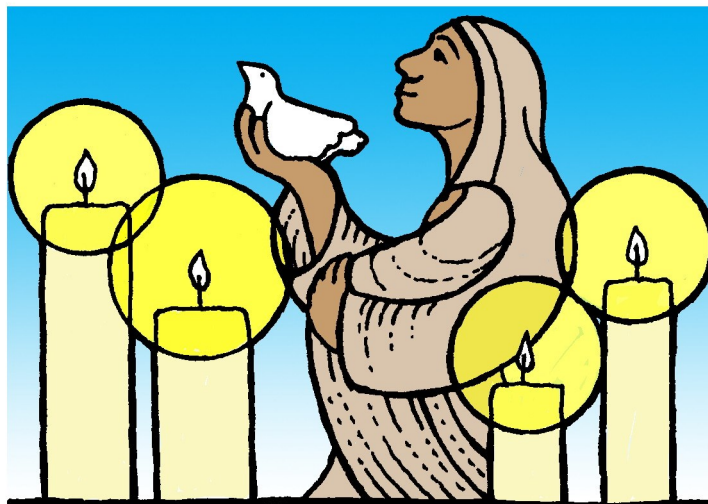


News from the Parish of Hornchurch
St Andrew's, St George's, St Matthew's and Messy Church

For many people, celebrations at New Year are marked by grand gestures: large gatherings and spectacular fireworks; lavish feasts and late nights. There's probably something about wanting to recognise the significance of the past year and properly mark its ending; but also a deliberate leaning into that which lies ahead – eager anticipation for what the New Year might bring. There's nothing wrong with a good party at New Year, but many of us will also recognise how the glitz and glamour can sometimes provide a cover for the deeper complex of emotions we often experience as the old year passes to the new: those little successes and failures, joys and sorrows, hopes and regrets that have shaped us.

The truth is that, whether it's New Year or any other time of year, if we focus too much on the extravagant and large scale we might just miss some of the poignancy contained in the smaller treasures: the sight of the first tiny bulbs poking through the soil, hints of a lighter evening sky, a small act of kindness from a friend, gentle signs of healing in a relationship that's been damaged.

In the life of the church, too, as we look for the signs of the coming of God's kingdom, it's perhaps natural to seek out the exciting and remarkable. The prophecy of Jesus, recorded in Matthew's Gospel, about "the son of man seated at the right hand of power and coming on the clouds of heaven" (Matt 26:64) would seem to speak to this. Again, there's nothing wrong with this and it's part of the Christian story. At the same time, it's perfectly possible to catch glimpses of the kingdom in the smaller, more ordinary things of life. And to notice these we have to resist being dazzled by those things which appear



impressive and successful and we must be open to seeing God in the small and marginal. To recognise Christ in unlikely people and places is to be alive to the signs of God's presence which might otherwise easily pass us by.

My sense is that much of the church's life is like this. Small things, acts of love and generosity which may not, by themselves, feel particularly significant, but gathered together transform the worlds we inhabit. These are tangible reminders of God's ongoing love and presence in our communities.

So as the first bulbs begin to poke their way through the Spring soil, beautiful in their fleeting vulnerability, I give thanks for the small and fragile ways in which God's kingdom is evident here in Chelmsford Diocese. These are signs which require us to slow down, stay awhile, and look closely. As we do so this New Year, may we be encouraged and renewed in faith and may our hearts be filled with joy for the many ways in which God is at work in the world.

**The Right Reverend
Dr Guli Francis-Dehqani**

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
Tues.	~ ~ ~ ~
Wed.	9.30-11.00 am
Thur.	1.30 pm
Fri.	15.15—17.17 7-9pm

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

0-2 Playgroup St Andrew's hall. Toys, songs and craft, refreshments. All enquiries to Parish Office

Little Fishes St Andrew's large hall. Toys, stories and craft, refreshments, all welcome

Table Top Fun St Matthew's

St Andrew's Choir practice. St Andrew's church

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

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 2025

March Bullseye Sunday 2nd February
 April Bullseye Sunday 9th March 2025

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March Bullseye Wed. 26th February
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The Bullseye for March will be in the churches and online by Sunday 2nd March 2025

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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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Services

The pattern of Sunday morning services is set out on page 14 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.

Sunday 2nd February Presentation of Christ in the Temple

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.

Sunday 9th,

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

Sunday 16th,

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

Sunday 23rd,

8.30am - Common Worship Holy Communion at St Andrew's
 10.15am - Parade 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.

Guide, Brownie and Rainbow News

Frankie from the 14th Hornchurch Brownies is our first Brownie from the pack to complete all 18 interest badges! We awarded her a special badge; this is an amazing achievement and we are so proud of her!

Amy Saunders



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Time Out

At our meeting on Monday 10th January 29 members plus members of Escape met for a quiz and raffle. The Escape team won the quiz and £77 was raised for St Francis Hospice.

Meetings in February are:

Monday 10th at 7pm in North Street Hall - Book Swap

Monday 24th at 2.30pm at St Andrew's - Talk and demonstration with handbells by Clive Stevenson.

Contact Val on 07527 325996 for details of meetings or more information about the group.

Editor: Nigel Beeton writes: "2nd February is Candlemas - when we commemorate the presentation of Christ in the Temple. Simeon had been told by God that he would meet the Messiah before his death, and his beautiful prayer in Luke 2:29-32 became known as 'Nunc Dimittis.' It is very familiar to those of us who use the Compline service".

Nunc dimittis

A child within my arms now lays
Asleep, He's in my care
The Son of God, the Spirit says
And now I speak this prayer:

*O Lord, now let me go in peace
According to Your Word
My earthly life may gladly cease,
For I have seen You, Lord*

Salvation You have now prepared
Before the face of men
Salvation with the world is shared
So all may live again

*O Lord, now let me go in peace
According to Your Word
My earthly life may gladly cease,
For I have seen You, Lord*

A light upon the Gentiles, He
And Israel's glory, too
Now all Your saving love may see
And all may come to You.

*O Lord, now let me go in peace
According to Your Word
My earthly life may gladly cease,
For I have seen You, Lord.*

Nigel Beeton

Tribute to Brian Bromhall

Brian was born on 2nd December 1941 in Watford. As a schoolboy, he was a keen cricketer and played for a local team. After finishing his apprenticeship as an instrument maker, he worked for R J Beck – an optical manufacturer of microscopes and telescopes in Watford until retirement, rising to the position of production manager.

In 1964, he married Christine – a marriage that lasted for over 40 years. They had two sons and six grandchildren. After Christine sadly passed away, Brian decided to do something that he had always wanted to do and that was to go on a train journey across Europe. He booked a trip to Austria with a company called Great Rail Journeys and that was how, on 12th September 2010 he found himself on Eurostar making up a foursome with Don and Maggie Harris who, together with Pat, were already seasoned travellers with the company. Brian tagged along with them for the rest of the holiday and, although he admitted that he had not been looking for anyone else, he said that, when he met Pat, "something just happened" and he wanted to keep in contact with her. However, having lived on her own for almost 30 years and with painful experiences behind her, she was reluctant to encourage him. However, Brian refused to give up and he kept on with a dogged persistence after they returned, regularly travelling round the M25 from Dunstable to Hornchurch, always armed with a bunch of flowers. His persistence eventually paid off and they were married in St Andrew's on 1st September 2014. After Brian moved to Hornchurch the two of them continued to share their love of rail travel and enjoy more European holidays with Great Rail Journeys, even having their romance featured on the company website. They also travelled to many places in the UK by rail from Cornwall to Scotland (something that Brian had never done before). They enjoyed days out locally – their favourite being to Southend so that they could enjoy lunch at Tomassis's Italian



restaurant – especially their delicious ice cream desserts! They also indulged their joint interest in Jigsaw puzzles, as well as watching TV documentaries about Ancient Egypt and enjoying the music of the Dutch violinist, Andre Rieu and his Johann Strauss Orchestra. Brian had been a keen bowler and had won a number of awards with Dunstable Town Bowls club, as well as representing Bedfordshire. He joined a local indoor and outdoor bowls club in Hornchurch and carried on playing until various health issues made it virtually impossible to carry on. He loved watching football and was a lifelong supporter of Luton Town. He was elated when they were promoted to the Premier League recently but philosophical when they went straight back down the following season! Although his general health and mobility were becoming a problem, last year Pat and Brian managed to fit in four breaks away in the UK – the most significant of which was to Torquay to celebrate their 10th wedding anniversary. However, just a few weeks after they returned from their last break away, Brian had a stroke and sadly passed away in Queen's Hospital on 13th December. His numerous pre-existing medical problems had made it almost impossible for him to recover from that. He will be much missed by all those who knew him.

The Holy Spirit and You

Some things which the Holy Spirit imparts to us,
 That's because the Holy Spirit is a Communicator;
 The first that transpires is a change in language,
 Often from the profane, to the Queen's English;
 Experiencing this will be an act of the Holy Spirit,
 Usually Friends and Family will begin to notice this;
 Why, because the Holy Spirit inspires our language,
 Often people speak a New Language called Tongues;
 It's the evidence of the Holy Spirit's presence in us,
 Confirmation of the Holy Spirit is for those present;
 You will see this from the Book of Acts 2 verses 3+4.
 This happened to affect all on The Day of Pentecost!
 Jesus filled with the Spirit gave Commandments to
 The Apostles before Ascending to Heaven Acts 1 v 2;
 As the Holy Spirit comes, He'll change conversations,
 And renew Topics of Divine Interest to new believers;
 Sometimes a Boldness comes into new conversations,
 Especially about God's Creation and Evolution Theory;
 Wow, that is a very interesting topic of conversation,
 And we all know that God created the Sun on Day 4;
 So what was the first thing God created, check it out,
 It's all recorded in the first few Chapters of Genesis;
 Of course there are those who are not too sure of this,
 But I encourage you all to check it out for yourself too;
 I would always point to Scripture because it's accurate,
 As the first 5 Books of The Bible were written by Moses;
 He was a servant of God and wrote under instruction of
 The Holy Spirit as Isaiah, Ezekiel, Jeremiah, and Micah;
 We see that the Holy Spirit's also a Teacher John 14 v 26,
 So, we can absorb more of God's Word into our Souls;
 That's because God always looks on the heart, knowing
 The motives of us and all those other people around us;
 Why does that matter? Because God has an Assignment,
 Yes He does, for all of those who diligently seek to know;
 That's why we all need to be a friend of the Holy Spirit,
 Through whom we overcome the problems of the world;
 When we "Embrace the Holy Spirit" good things happen!

Mark Lendon

Prayer for February 2025

Dear Lord,

February can be a trying month, but there are special associations too and we thank You for the hope they bring. In February we remember how Jesus was taken, as a baby, to the Temple. Simeon took Him in his arms and by the power of the Holy Spirit, recognised Him as the Saviour You had sent as a light, to bring revelation to the whole world. And how this world needs Your light and revelation in this new year, 2025.

Lord, as we notice more light in the lengthening days of this month, as we see the promise of the Spring in the bobbing heads of the beautiful snowdrops, help us most of all to recognise Jesus as our Light and to trust in Him as our Lord and Saviour. Thank You, Lord, for the gift of each new day. In Jesus' Name. Amen.

Daphne Kitching

My favourite moment of many

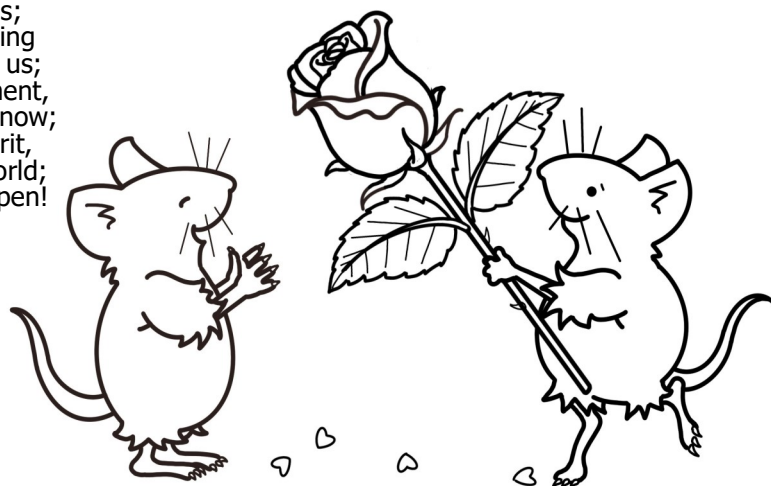
Late at night when the house was quiet after a day of laughter, games and stories shared. A precious moment was given quite unexpectedly. The family dog, Rodney resembling "Tramp" in the classic Walt Disney film made his way to me, avoiding obstacles on the way, clothed in his warm blanket, rested gently on my feet on top of my cosy warm slippers, promptly falling fast asleep. I knew instinctively I was accepted and loved as he too trusted in me to receive him in the same way. I didn't want to move. It was a quiet and warmth not expected, no words needed just knowing all was well. I wonder how often we may miss these precious gifts given to us in the ever increasing demands made on our time and energy.

Mark 6 v 30

The apostles gathered round Jesus and reported to Him all they had done and taught. Then, because so many people were coming and going that they did not even have a chance to eat, He said to them, "Come with me by yourselves to a quiet place and get some rest"

Rest -a -while

Marion Popkin



Flag Days for 2025

(Union Jack unless otherwise stated)

- Sunday April 20th: Easter Sunday
- Wednesday April 23rd: St Georges Day (St George's flag)
- Tuesday May 6th: Coronation Day
- Thursday May 8th: 80th Anniversary of VE Day
- Saturday June 21st: Official Birthday of HM The King
- Friday August 15th: 80th Anniversary of VJ Day (End of WWII)
- Monday September 8th: Accession of HM The King
- Monday September 15th: Battle of Britain Day
- Sunday November 9th– Tuesday November 11th: Remembrance Sunday & Remembrance Day
- Friday November 14th: Birthday of HM The King
- Sunday November 30th: St Andrew's Day (St Andrew's flag)
- Thursday December 25th: Christmas Day

Food Bank

Donations are always needed, in food or cash. For a donation in money please continue to send a cheque, payable to Kingdom Storehouse Ltd, to the Harold Hill Food Bank, Unit 1, Guardian Business Centre, Faringdon Avenue, Romford, RM3 8FD, or you go online to <https://haroldhill.foodbank.org.uk/give-help/donate-money/>

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Easy Sudoku solution on Page 12

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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 the peculiarities of ordination candidates . . .

From: The Rectory,
 St James the Least of All

My dear Nephew Darren

I was quite happy to see the young person from your church whom you are encouraging to get ordained – even though we did not entirely see eye to eye.

When I answered the door to someone dressed in T-shirt, jeans and trainers, I naturally assumed he was the gardener; it was only after I had given him the wheelbarrow and shown him where the spades were, that I found out who he really was. His assurance that this is how Jesus would dress, were He to visit in person again, jarred somewhat. I think that a three-piece suit and stout pair of brogues would be far more likely. We agreed to differ.

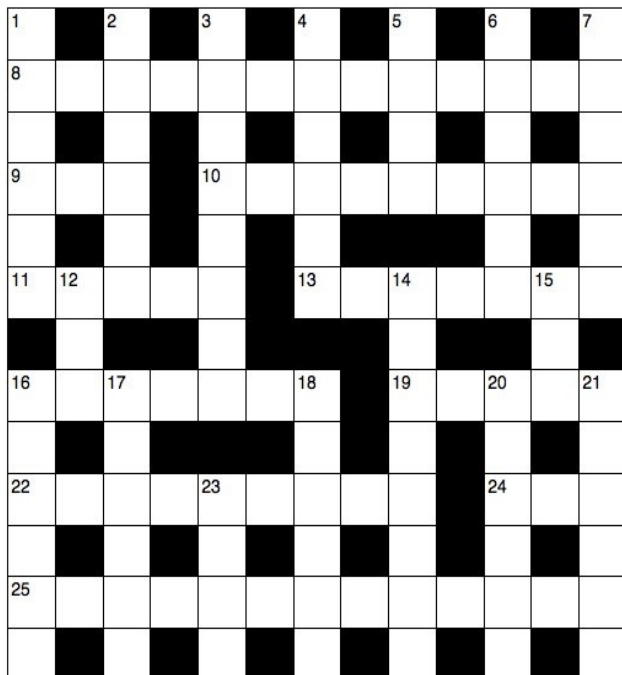
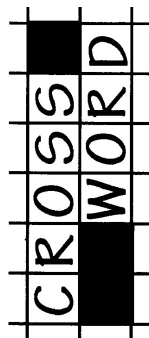
I was interested to hear that he was a church musician. Wanting to know if he sang tenor or bass, or even played the organ, he told me that he was the drummer in the worship band and provided backing vocals. I felt obliged to comment that I was not sure how that would fit in with Mattins, but he told me that he had never heard of that Service, and only attended Mega Rock Praise. Since I suspected it would not have been written by Cranmer, we moved on.

I had hoped we may have been on safer ground when I asked him whether he preferred early perpendicular or Victorian gothic, but as he had apparently only ever worshipped in your converted cinema, he was unable to offer any opinion. His reaction to my offer to show him round our late Norman church prompted him to tell me that he believed all churches should be closed and people should gather in each other's homes, like the early Christians.

In a last despairing attempt to find common ground I asked him if he had ever preached. He was slightly apologetic to admit that he had done so very rarely, as he found it took such a long time to write an hour-long sermon. When I mentioned that I did not think I had ever exceeded eight minutes in my entire life, he gave me such a look of withering astonishment that it was only with heroic Christian charity, that I did not beat him over the head with the Bible he was carrying.

Your loving uncle,
Eustace





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Across

- 8 Interrogated (Acts 12:19) (5-8)
- 9 'Burn it in a wood fire on the — heap' (Leviticus 4:12) (3)
- 10 Tobit, Judith, Baruch and the books of Esdras and the Maccabees are part of it (9)
- 11 Science fiction (abbrev.) (3-2)
- 13 Clay pit (anag.) (7)
- 16 Went to (John 4:46) (7)
- 19 'Therefore, I urge you, brothers, in view of God's mercy, to — your bodies as living sacrifices' (Romans 12:1) (5)
- 22 David's plea to God concerning those referred to in 14 Down: 'On — — let them escape' (Psalm 56:7) (2,7)
- 24 Royal Automobile Club (1,1,1)
- 25 How the book of Ezekiel refers to God more than 200 times (Ezekiel 2:4) (9,4)

Down

- 1 Seas (Proverbs 8:24) (6)
- 2 One of the sons of Eli the priest, killed in battle by the Philistines (1 Samuel 4:11) (6)
- 3 Specialist in the study of the Muslim religion (8)
- 4 'Do not rebuke an older man harshly, but — him as if he were your father' (1 Timothy 5:1) (6)
- 5 One of Esau's grandsons (Genesis 36:11) (4)
- 6 Taking a chance (colloq.) (2,4)
- 7 God's instructions to the Israelites concerning grain offerings: ' — salt to — your offerings' (Leviticus 2:13) (3,3)
- 12 Confederation of British Industry (1,1,1)
- 14 'All day long they twist my words; they are always — to harm me' (Psalm 56:5) (8)
- 15 The crowd's reaction to Jesus bringing back to life a widow's son in Nain (Luke 7:16) (3)
- 16 Disappear (Psalm 104:35) (6)
- 17 How Jeremiah was likely to die if he wasn't rescued from the cistern where he was imprisoned (Jeremiah 38:9) (6)
- 18 What the prophets do to a wall, with whitewash (Ezekiel 13:10, RSV) (4,2)
- 20 Made by a plough (Job 39:10) (6)
- 21 Noah was relieved when the flood waters continued to — (Genesis 8:5) (6)
- 23 Jesus gave the Twelve the power and authority to do this to diseases (Luke 9:1) (4)

21, Recede. 23, Cure.
 15, Ave. 16, Vanish. 17, Starve. 18, Daub it. 20, Furrow.
 5, Omar. 6, On spec. 7, Add all. 12, CBI. 14, Plotting.
Down: 1, Oceans. 2, Hophni. 3, Israelist. 4, Exhort.
 22, No account. 24, RAC. 25, Sovereign Lord.
 11, Sci-fi. 13, Typical. 16, Visited. 19, Offer.
Across: 8, Cross-examined. 9, Ash. 10, Apocrypha.



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Essex Wildlife Trust's Ingrebourne Valley Nature Discovery Centre is a partnership project between Essex Wildlife Trust and Havering Council. Built in Hornchurch Country Park, the centre overlooks the fantastic marshland and reedbeds of the River Ingrebourne Valley. Dogs are not permitted in the Nature Discovery Centre

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. 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

Forthcoming blocks of sessions are: **Tuesdays** 14th January 2025 - Tuesday 11th February 2025. 10am-12pm £35.00 (5 weeks) followed by Tuesday 25th February 2025 - Tuesday 1st April 2025 10am-12pm £42.00 (6 weeks) and

Fridays Friday 17th January 2025 - Friday 14th February 2024 10am-12pm £35 per child (5 weeks) followed by Friday 7th March 2025 - Friday 28th March 2025 £28 per child (4 weeks).

Ingrebourne Home Education Group Age 5-11 In relaxed outdoor settings we run a number of home education groups where children can be themselves and work together to develop social skills and to foster a deep understanding of wildlife and a love of the natural world. Activities may include den building, woodland crafts, using tools and fire lighting.

Events run in block sessions and take place weekly; the next block will be **Wednesday** from Wednesday 15th January 2025 - Wednesday 12th February 2025 10am-12pm £35.00 per child (5 weeks) 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

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Ingrebourne Family Forest Fun

Saturday 8th February 2025 at 10:00am - 12:00pm and **Thursday 20th February 2025** at 10:30am - 12:30pm.

A morning of wintery woodland fun for all the family! We will be exploring the forest, creating natural crafts, den building, and (weather permitting) finishing off by toasting a snack together on the fire. (Please note that food is not provided but suggestions and info will be sent on booking). This session is most suitable for over 5s. We will be outside for the whole session, so please come dressed for the winter weather. Children must be accompanied by an adult. Toilet and café facilities are available in the Nature Discovery Centre. £7.73 per child. Advance booking essential

Ingrebourne Wilder Holiday Club

Tuesday 18 February 2025 at 9am-3pm All our activities take place outdoors and children will need to come dressed for the weather. Please note that toilets may be a 5-10 minute walk depending on each site.

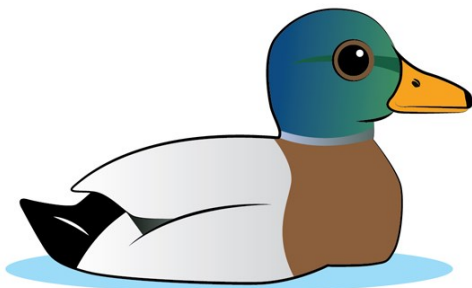
Your child will require a snack, water, and a packed lunch. We are nut-free so please do not include any items containing nuts. All rubbish will need to be returned home with your child. Some sites may have a campfire and toasting suggestions will be sent on booking.

We need a completed consent form for each child attending Wilder Holiday Club. Without this, your child will not be able to attend. Child ticket £37, advance booking essential.

Contact number: 01708 520364 Contact e-mail:

ingrebourne@essexwt.org.uk

www.essexwt.org.uk/reserves/ingrebourne

**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

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.



WE ARE HAVING FUN at Table Top Fun at St Matthew's.



At Messy Church

We Learn about God ♦ Welcome all the Family ♦ Activities & Crafts ♦ Eat Food ♦ Hear Bible Stories

Dates for your Diary

- Saturday 1st March** 3:30-5pm St Andrew's church grounds: Lent
- Saturday 12th April** 3:30-5pm St Andrew's Church grounds: Journey through Holy Week
- Sunday 8th June** 3:30-5pm St Andrew's Church grounds: Pentecost
- Saturday 30th August** 3:30-5:30pm St Andrew's Church grounds: Harvest Praise and Picnic
- Friday 31st October** 4:30-6:30pm North Street Hall: Light Party
- Saturday 6th December** 3:30-5pm St Andrew's Church Hall: Advent
- Sunday 1st February 2026** 3:30-5pm St Andrew's Church Hall: Candlemas

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

Book via Eventbrite.

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.



Messy Church in Hornchurch

Floodlighting of St Andrew's Church, Hornchurch

Many thanks to all who have sponsored the floodlighting during February 2025:

Colin Jones ~ In memory of a dear friend **Doreen Chignell**.

If you are interested in being a sponsor please telephone the Parish Office on 01708 441571



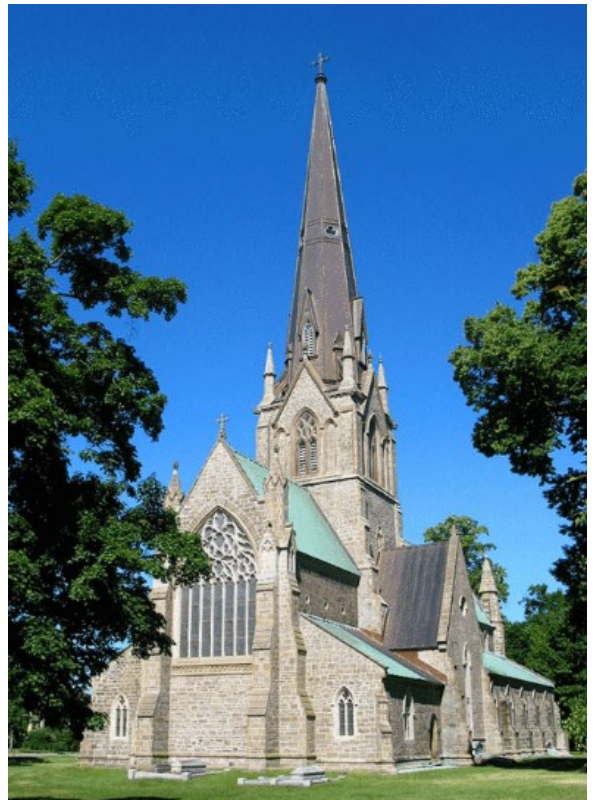
Imitation is the sincerest form of flattery ~ Twin Towers I

Back in October, on hearing that I was about to go on holiday to Hunstanton in Norfolk, Professor Martin recommended a visit to the parish church of nearby Snettisham. He told me the spire of St Mary's was the model for the Anglican Christ Church Cathedral of the diocese of Fredericton in Canada. There is not a direct Hornchurch connection (other than both have an impressive parish church with a significant tower and spire) but why not; there is life north of the A127. The whole church is very impressive and contains the Snettisham Heritage centre of local history. According to the leaflet I was given, the tower and spire are 175 feet high. The spire was originally finished around 1390 and rebuilt in 1895. It is visible from some distance and like St Andrew's is a marker for mariners, here it is The

about organising a more suitable cathedral for the new country than the modest wooden church currently in use. Bishop Medley was an enthusiast of the Ecclesiological Society, a reformist Anglican movement that sought a return to the architecture of the Middle Ages. He engaged two architects for the project. First was Frank Wills also an enthusiast for the mediaeval style; he was followed by William Butterfield who worked on the final design. Before he left for Canada Bishop Medley sent Frank Wills to Snettisham to look closely at St Mary's as the model for the Canadian cathedral. When they saw the plans the Ecclesiological Society declared that magnificent as



St Mary's is as a parish church a little more was needed for a Cathedral. Adjustments were made to the height of the roof, the height of the tower increased and features like the clerestory windows were copied from Exeter Cathedral, the East window from Selby Abbey, the clock is a copy of Big Ben in London and the west window and aisle windows also copied from Snettisham and made by the Beer studio of Exeter. The original design was for two towers but this was too expensive and was changed to one, shorter than intended, heightening the similarity to Norfolk. However, it was not built in



Wash not the Thames. But it is not so obvious within the village; however, a sign saying Church Road was a BIG clue. *Photograph above.* The only Norfolk spire more impressive is that at Norwich cathedral. There are some lovely windows and an interesting font (*top right, looking to east window*). I looked up the history of Christ Church Fredericton. Bishop John Medley was sent to the See of Fredericton in 1845 from Exeter cathedral. He immediately set

stone but wood covered with zinc. This spire and the bells melted in 1911 in the fire that followed a lightning strike. The new tower was rebuilt to the original specification of 198 feet and still closely resembles that of St Mary's. *Photograph above right.* Nikolaus Pevsner called St Mary's Snettisham 'the most exciting Decorated parish church in Norfolk. According to the Fredericton Heritage Trust Christ Church 'is universally regarded as the most important

Gothic Revival building in North America.' Snettisham is an easier visit from Hornchurch and I can recommend the area.

CA Metcalfe

Charity of the Month ~ January and February 2025

A child referred to the charity may be suffering from emotional scars from trauma and abuse in their young lives. Dandelion Time through the help of its centre helps children to reconnect safely with other children and adults and learn to trust again.

The centre is in a natural environment to encourage children to slowly and gently reconnect. It helps the child and their wider family to understand and pull each other through the hard times. The natural environment is perfect for this as it helps the children to become sensitive again in an undemanding natural place where nature can nurture and heal. There are crafts which offer a more tactile approach with pottery, baking and also animal care. Over time there are 78% who have more confidence from attending the centre and go on to have a full and productive life.

Dandelion Time has grown from a fledging charity in 2003 to an established organisation that has now transformed the lives of over 1,000 children and families. We wouldn't be here now without the generous support of individuals, companies and trusts who choose to back Dandelion Time in this exciting journey. As we grow by developing our HQ & opening more branches to support more children, more than ever we need your help to make it happen.

Donate via the website <https://donate.justgiving.com/charity/dtfc/donation-amount> or by leaving a cheque payable to 'Hornchurch PCC@' at St Andrew's Church with COM Dandelion Time written on the back. We collate all donations given and then pay them to the charity once its bi monthly support has ended. If you have any charities to suggest, please email or leave a note for me at the parish office



Dandelion Time

Arlene Trump

New Windmill Hall

ST. MARY'S LANE, UPMINSTER, RM14 2QH

Community Café

**Every Friday
11am – 3pm**



A warm welcome space

Optional activities to support your health and wellbeing

Come alone or bring a friend

Join the jigsaw table— get artsy with some crafts— read a book or write your own—play our baby grand piano and have a sing-a-long!

Refreshments and snacks at affordable prices*

Come for lunch —all proceeds will help to sustain our community café for the future

Let's build something great, together!

For more details email newwindmill@hotmail.co.uk or call 01708 220242

**You do not need to purchase snacks or drinks in order to enjoy the community cafe*

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

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Wednesday Afternoon Music at Hornchurch Library

Sudoku solution from P6

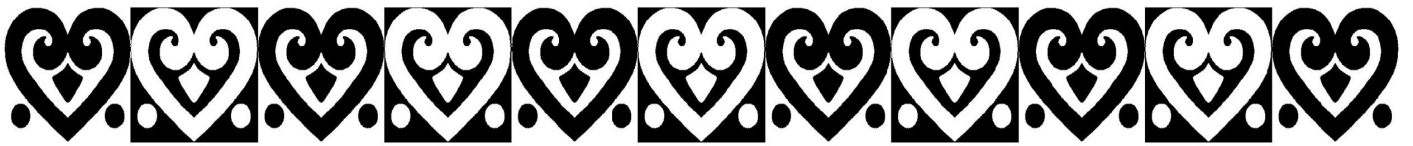
Wed 5th February - From Winter to Spring presented by Stephen Raindle who will be offering a mostly classical and light music programme relating to the Winter months but moving towards brighter skies, we hope, and the joys of Spring so expect the birds to be singing and flowers blooming before the programme is over.

Wed 19th February - When Rock 'n' Roll Came of Age. Mike Beaman looks at early 60's America with the music of writers such as Goffin & King, Bacharach & David and Pomus & Shuman recorded by artists including the Shirelles, Drifters, Ricky Nelson, Aretha Franklin, Bobby Vee, Four Seasons, Dion and many others.

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

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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 from 7 years 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

Winter Maintenance

The RAF Hornchurch Heritage centre is currently closed for the winter and will reopen on Saturday 1st March 2025.

Partner Sought
To enjoy an equal share of the work and produce from 1½ plots here at Grey Towers Allotments
Call Chris on – 01708 442707

RAF HORNCHURCH HERITAGE CENTRE

Great Day Out of Family Fun & Education

Our Heritage Centre is aimed at educating all and preserving the memory of those who served at Suttons Farm and RAF Hornchurch.

We have themed rooms to walk you through the past of the historic WW1 and WW2 Airfield in Hornchurch and the people who lived nearby.

Open 'Every Weekend' from 11am to 4pm, and available for group/school bookings at other times.

Suttons House, 119-121 Suttons Lane, Hornchurch, RM12 6RU
Tel: 01708 898091 Email: info@rafhornchurch.com

www.rafhornchurch.com

Extra caretaker needed

Our halls are hired for 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
- Note, this is an as and when needed role not a set hours job, although a fee will be paid for each caretaking undertaken. Training will be given for the role so you know where things are and how they work. Interested? Please email the Parish Office at office@parishofhornchurch.co.uk and provide your name and phone number plus your connection to the church or call us with the same information, 01708 441571.

Parenting for Faith Course

The Parish will be running the Parenting for Faith, 5-week course each **Sunday afternoon from**

19th January to 16th February 2025 from 2.30 to 3.45pm in St. Andrew's Church Hall

All Toddler groups and Baptism families will be invited but we would love you to spread the word and bring along your friends to share in this course.

All who have care for children whether as parent, carer, child minder, grandparent or Godparent are welcome to come along as we explore together how to introduce God into our everyday lives and those of our children.

As parents God has given you the wonderful gift of a child/children and you are best placed as a parent to know your child and understand their needs – the church is there to help support and encourage you in your role.

The course will enable you to meet new people, to share experiences and together discover ways that you can encourage your child to know God. This is not something more to add in to your busy lives but hopefully something which can become a regular part of everyday life.

We will meet at 2.30 for drinks and cake and start promptly at 2.45pm – there will be a chance to watch a short video and share in discussion as we enjoy fellowship together.

You are welcome to bring your child/children who will be provided with toys and activities by some of the leaders of our toddler groups.

Please see flyer on church notice board, pick up a letter in the assembly area. You are still welcome to join the course – just come along on Sunday afternoons.

For further details speak to **Revd Ken Wylie or Christine Withers**



**Table Top Sale & Gift Fair
Saturday 1st February 2025**

This fund raising event is to raise more funds for repairs to the gate of the North Porch. We are looking for any volunteers who would like to help us on the day, refreshments, home made cakes, raffle, putting out tables and putting the tables away etc.

We are also looking for any donations for a raffle to be held on the day, for further fund raising.

If you would like to purchase a table for the event, or for volunteering / donations for the raffle, please contact us on 07922 138172 or email to g_t_martin@yahoo.co.uk

We would also like to thank everyone for their donations for the Grand Draw at the Winter Market on Saturday 23rd November 2024. It was a very successful day, raising a considerable amount of money for St Andrew's Church, the money will be used for repairs to the Church fabric.

Thank you very much

Graham & Janet 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

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SUNDAY SERVICES in the Parish of Hornchurch

8.30 am: Morning Worship at St Andrew's Church
10.15 am: Parish Worship at St Andrew's **4th Sunday** Parade Service
6.30 pm: Evening Services at St Andrew's.
2nd, 3rd, 4th and 5th Sundays at St George's Parish Worship at **10.15 am**
3rd Sunday only at St Matthew's **11.00 am** Holy Communion, **2.45pm** The Well, other churches as above as usual.
Thursdays 10.00 am Mid-week Holy Communion at St Andrew's See **Page 3** for greater detail

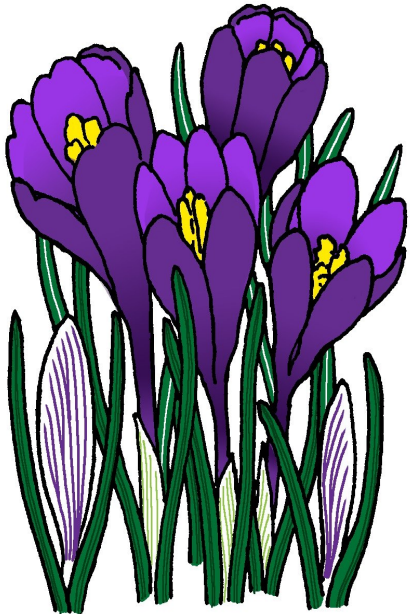
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Hornchurch Parish Churches **Winter 2024**

Baptisms
None

Marriages
None

In Memoriam "I am the resurrection and the life" John 11v25
None since the January edition



<p>PARISH STAFF (Days off in brackets)</p> <p>Vicar Revd Ken Wylie (Friday) 01708 441571</p> <p>Associate Vicar Revd Lisa Bewick (Monday)</p> <p>Associate Priest Revd Dr Marianne Hayward</p> <p>Curate Revd Mark Smeed all 01708 441571</p> <p>Readers Pat Bromhall 01708 441571 Carole Sherratt 01708 441571</p> <p>Authorised Local Preachers Anne Jarrett 01708 441571 Mark Cornish 01708 441571</p> <p>Pastoral Care Team 0789 55 12480</p> <p>SAFEGUARDING TEAM by e-mail to</p> <p>Children child.safeguarding@parishofhornchurch.co.uk</p>	<p>WHO'S WHO in the Parish of Hornchurch</p> <p>PARISH OFFICE 222 High Street, Hornchurch, RM12 6QP</p> <p>www.parishofhornchurch.co.uk Office hours: Monday—Thursday 10.00am - 4.00pm Friday 10.00—12 noon. General enquiries about Baptism, Marriages and Hall bookings should be made to St Andrew's Parish Office Staff: Arlene Trump and Jackie Bruniges Tel: 01708 441571 e-mail: office@parishofhornchurch.co.uk</p> <p>UNIFORMED ORGANISATIONS</p> <p>Scouts, Cubs and Beavers: Andrew Rice 01277 262702</p> <p>Girls' Brigade: Karen Speller 01708 442848</p> <p>Guides, Brownies and Rainbows: Sandra Cox 01708 442625</p>	<p>CHURCH WARDENS Nigel McCarren 01708 441571 Jeremy Shearmur 01708 441571</p> <p>Choir Master Bill Brooks 01708 509489</p> <p>Organist and Worship Band coordinator Andy Losq</p> <p>PRAYER NETWORK Jane Harder and Jacquie Humphreys 01708 441571</p> <p>BULLSEYE</p> <p>Editor: Carol Metcalfe 01708 451535 article.bullseye@parishofhornchurch.co.uk</p> <p>Advertising: Arlene Trump advert.bullseye@parishofhornchurch.co.uk</p> <p>Distribution: Via the Parish Office</p>
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