

Jesus is the Name!

Given to Mary's child on the eighth day, at His circumcision. A name so powerful that, for a while, long ago, I could only dare say it as a prayer. Yet, a name that was as common as "Joseph" and almost as common as "Mary", that our Jesus had a disciple of the same name, who went as a missionary to Kashmir. He healed so many people in the name of Jesus, that when he died they buried him with great ceremony and raised up for him the most gorgeous tomb.

Alas, that Jesus and the locals could hardly understand one another, so that no church was founded. But they never forgot him!

The same happened to Mary Magdalene, when she fetched up in

Marseille*. Wonderful miracles, but no understanding, until a steadfast companion of Paul the apostle arrived, who had learned from Paul how "to be all things to all people". And so a church grew, that no persecution could extinguish.

Be glad, and be proud, that in the Name of Jesus we have the victory, and we shall see glory!

Revd Peter Evans



Nativity and Toy Service

The toys donated by children and adults of the parish at the Nativity and Toy Service on 8th December. You and Me Counselling collected the toys from us and wrapped them, and then distributed them to various local schools who advised them of any families who may be struggling and others went to the local Women's Refuge.

* Not in the Bible but according to early church history, oral tradition and documented elsewhere.



What's on

Events for this column: please send them to the editor
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 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 7-9pm	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)

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 2025

February Bullseye Sunday 5th January 2025
March Bullseye Sunday 9th February

Collating

February Bullseye Wed. 29 January 2025
March Bullseye Wed. 26th February

The Bullseye for February will be in the churches and online by Sunday 2nd February 2025

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.

Parish Christmas 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.

Sunday 5th January Epiphany

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.

Sunday 12th,

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 19th,

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 26th,

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.



Brian Bromhall

Pat Bromhall would like to thank all those who have offered thoughts, prayers and practical support at this difficult time.

"Sadly, my lovely husband, Brian, passed away on 13th December.

His funeral will take place at St Andrew's on Monday 20th January at 1pm.

Anyone who knew him would be very welcome to attend."

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Pat Bromhall

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Guide, Brownie and Rainbow News



14th Hornchurch Brownies

on Pack Holiday at Chigwell Row. 18 Brownies came away with us and took part in crate stacking, climbing, grass sledging and completed their archeology badge.

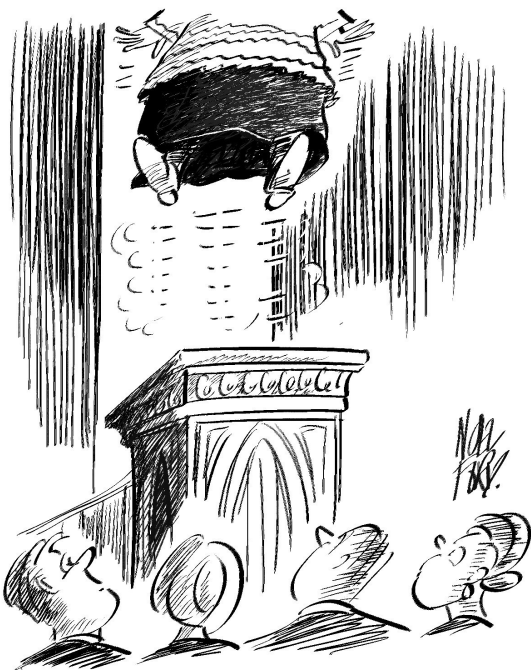
Amy Saunders

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



The fan-heater under the cassock idea proved not to be such a good one

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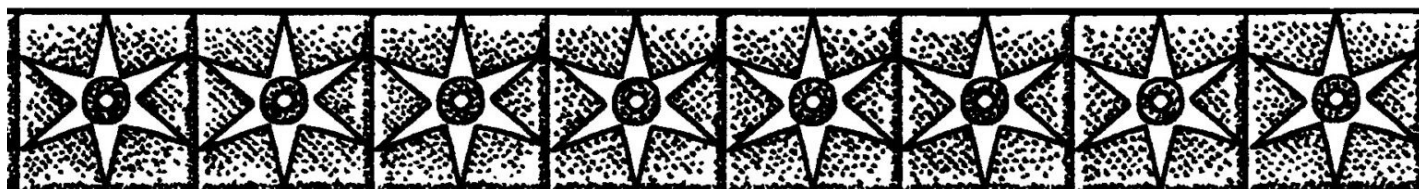


The Bridge

On Wednesday 11th December members of the Bridge coffee morning were treated to a Christmas concert given by children from Scotts Primary School. The children entertained us with their songs, one with sign language, and then came and mingled with the guests for a chat, which everyone really enjoyed. Many thanks to the teachers and helpers who were very active behind the scenes with encouragement. Photos attached. Members of the Bridge met to enjoy their Christmas Party on 18th December. There were mince pies and stollen to eat to start followed by Christmas tree building and decorating, Pass the Parcel, a Christmas Quiz, Carol singing then sandwiches for lunch, all accompanied by lots of tea and coffee. The guests all left with a gift from Santa. We come back after the Christmas period on Wednesday 8th January 2025.



Jeanette



Time Out

At our meeting on 25th November 12 members met to make felt stars, demonstrated by Karen. We all enjoyed stitching and chatting, our efforts are shown in the photograph bottom right.

On Friday 29th November 4 members met for a visit to Rainham Hall. There was a short introduction and history given in the entrance hall after which you were invited to visit the other rooms at your leisure. We completed our visit with refreshments in the cafe, all very enjoyable. Photo right shows us on the entrance steps.

Our last meeting of 2024 was on Monday 9th December, our Carol Service with readings in church. There were 23 attendees, including members of Escape and guests. Thanks to Brian Haggard on the organ. We all enjoyed tea, coffee and mince pies in the hall afterwards. There was a retiring collection after the service, we raised £101.00 for the Trussell Trust which a member kindly sent and included Gift Aid which would add a further £25.25 to the total. Time Out again manned the homemade cake stall at the Christmas Market on 23rd November. The table groaned under the weight of donations, we were also serving mulled wine. We raised the magnificent total of £588, the best on the day, a really wonderful achievement. Many thanks to all helpers and shoppers. Photo below right.

Meetings for **January:**
Monday 13th at 7pm in North Street Hall. A quiz and raffle
Monday 27th at 2.30pm in St Andrew's Hall will be a speaker from Pinney Talford Solicitors.
 Please contact Val on 07527 325996 for more information about the meetings or group.



Jeanette

Christmas Market

Our market this year was on Saturday 23rd November in North Street Hall. There were 14 stalls including books, toys, preserves, jewellery and tombolas. There were also children's activities and Santa Claus was available in the small hall. The hall very quickly filled up with eager shoppers and the tables put out for refreshments were soon occupied. The day finished with the draw for the Grant Raffle. We raised the wonderful total of over £3,113, all going towards church funds. A tiring but worthwhile day which was enjoyed by many.



Jeanette



New Year, New Life, New Beginning

Jesus was hailed as King in Matthew's Gospel,
 And hailed as the Suffering Servant in Mark's;
 Luke's Gospel, Jesus, Miracle Wonder-Worker,
 John describes him as God's Son, The Messiah;
 Each Gospel records the life of Jesus Ministry!
 Matthew, Mark, Luke & John are eyewitnesses,
 To the life and testimony of Jesus as they saw it;
 The Birth of Jesus is prophesied in Isaiah 7 v 14,
 The Virgin will conceive and give birth to a Son;
 It's recorded in Micah 5 v 2 that Jesus birth was,
 To happen in a small Town of Bethlehem Judah;
 From you will come one who'll be ruler of Israel,
 Isaiah II v 1-3 the Spirit of the Lord will be on him;
 That is the Spirit of Wisdom and Understanding,
 That's the Spirit of Counsel and that of Might too,
 And the Spirit of Knowledge and Fear of the Lord,
 He'll delight in the fear of the Lord God Almighty;
 In Isaiah 9 v 7 it is stated that "The increase of his
 Government and of his Peace there'll be no end!"
 In Isaiah 40 v 3, Isaiah speaks of his vision of one,
 Calling in the wilderness and urging the people to
 Prepare the way for the Lord and make straight in
 The dessert, a highway for our "Messiah and King"
 The imagery of one making paths straight, not only
 Symbolizes the physical preparation, but also the
 Spiritual readiness to receive the coming Messiah!
 Malachi 3 v 1, confirms it, I will send my Messenger
 Ahead of you, to prepare a way forward before me;
 Even "The Star" was prophesied in Numbers 24 v 17,
 A Star will come out of Jacob, a Sceptre out of Israel;
 There's so much prophecy about the coming of Jesus,
 Even the most ardent unbeliever can never refute it;
 The Joy for all believer's is, knowing the life of Jesus,
 Is meticulously documented in the New Testament!
 My challenge for 2025, is to read any Gospel, or even
 The Book of Romans, after reading see it for yourself!

Mark Lendon

New Year 2025

If we put our hand in God's hand
 As we enter this New Year
 Not knowing what the future holds
 But that our Friend is near.

We shall not fear what lies ahead
 If He is by our side,
 Nor wander from the pathway
 If He will be our guide.

The Sinless One from heaven came
 To dwell with us on earth,
 He sought and bought us with His blood
 And offered us new birth.

Now as we travel through this year
 He knows the things He's planned,
 So let us trust and know just this -
 Our times are in His hands.

Megan Carter

Bell Ringing for Christmas 2024

As well as ringing on Christmas morning and at mid-night
 on New Year's Eve, the bell ringers had two extended rings
 in the build up to Christmas. The first was a full peal the
 week before Christmas on 15th December. This took 3
 hours to complete with full details as follows:

Hornchurch, Essex St Andrew's
 Sunday, 15th December 2024 in 3h
5056 Spliced Surprise Major (12m)
 (576 Superlative; 448 Bristol ; 384 Aldenham,
 Ashtead, Cambridge , Cassiobury, Lincolnshire ,
 London, Pudsey, Rutland , Uxbridge, Yorkshire ;)
 Arranged from M.C.W. Sherwood
 1 Colin Friend
 2 Helen J Carter
 3 M Louise Booth
 4 Anthony J Bloomfield
 5 Adrian C Malton (C)
 6 Jonathan R Slack
 7 Clive J Stephenson
 8 Matthew E Rayner
 Rung for the Season of Advent.
 First of Spliced S Major - 2.
 Most methods - 6, 7.

The second extended piece of ringing was a date touch on
 Christmas Eve. This was 2024 changes to celebrate
 Christmas 2024 and took about 1 hour and 15 minutes to
 complete. Full details as follows:

Hornchurch, Essex St Andrew's
 Tuesday, 24th December 2024
2024 Spliced Plain Major (2m)
 (8 Little Bob; 2016 Plain Bob)
 Composed by Donald F Morrison
 1 Julie A Bloomfield
 2 Michelle A Stephenson
 3 Anthony J Bloomfield
 4 John M Church
 5 William J Stungo
 6 Andrew P Barham
 7 Roderic K Bickerton
 8 Clive J Stephenson (C)
 Rung for Christmas 2024. Longest length - 2.

Food Bank

Donations are always needed, in food or cash. For a donation in money
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Easy Sudoku solution on Page 14

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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 importance of NOT keeping accurate minutes . . .

From: The Rectory,
 St James the Least of All

My dear Nephew Darren

Since you were the one to ask this parishioner of yours to act as PCC secretary, you have no reason to complain about the minutes of meetings she produces. You should never let anyone act as a secretary unless they cannot speak English or are hard of hearing, and preferably, both. The more significant the committee and the more contentious the issues being debated, the more you should nobly put yourself forward both to chair the meeting and take the minutes. In the majority of cases, that will spare the other members that awkward moment when you ask for a volunteer, and they all feel the sudden need to stare at their feet.

If you act as secretary, then you can be certain that accounts of what took place will only be what you had wanted to happen and that the decisions taken will be what you had already decided before discussions started. Any inconvenient observations from other committee members can be omitted entirely.

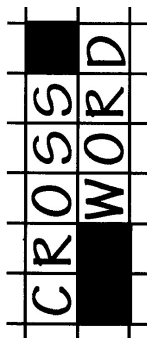
Admittedly, the more observant may notice that your accounts of the meeting may not wholly agree with their recollections, but the skill of being a secretary is not to produce the minutes of the previous meeting until the day before the next one. This will mean that the great majority will have long forgotten what actually did happen two months previously, and that many will not have had the time to read them anyway and will avoid having to admit that fact by passing them.

Only the deeply committed will want to pursue apparent discrepancies. In that case, confess to the meeting that your hand-written notes were accidentally left on a bus and so you can no longer check the accuracy of what you have written. As a way of appearing helpful, you could even give the person challenging you the bus route number and time of day you travelled. Further challenges will rally the rest of the committee to your side, and soon someone will suggest you proceed to the next item on the agenda. Since you are also the chairman, you naturally bow to their request. Just in the way that church rotas bear no resemblance to the people who actually turn up to do the jobs, minutes of meetings need not bear too much resemblance to what actually happened, especially if what did happen is inconvenient for you.

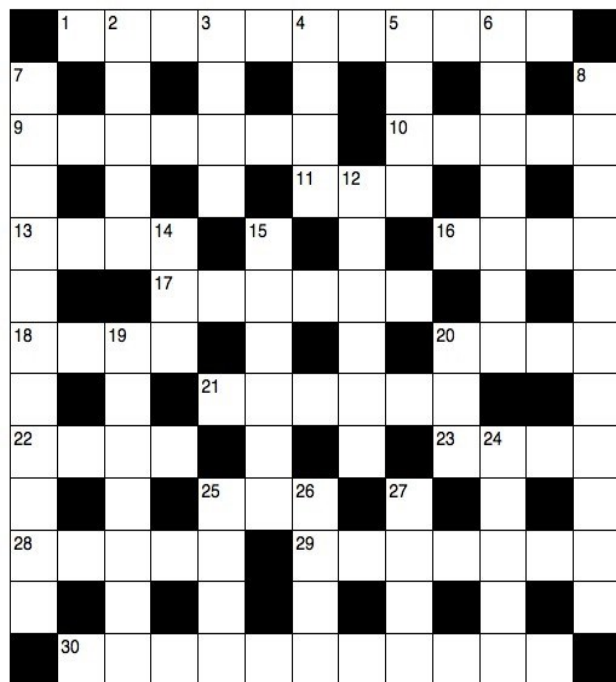
After all, democracy is all very well - provided a benign dictator is in overall control.

Your loving uncle,
Eustace





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Across

- 1 Paul said the wrath of God 'is being revealed from heaven' against this (Romans 1:18) (11)
- 9 Go smite (anag.) (7)
- 10 'But — I have risen, I will go ahead of you into Galilee' (Matthew 26:32) (5)
- 11 'Take and —; this is my body' (Matthew 26:26) (3)
- 13 Type (2 Thessalonians 2:10) (4)
- 16 'Woe to those who — iniquity' (Micah 2:1) (4)
- 17 'How shall we — if we ignore such a great salvation?' (Hebrews 2:3) (6)
- 18 Opposite of evens (4)
- 20 Previously cited (Latin) (4)
- 21 'There is surely — of God in this place, and they will kill me because of my wife' (Genesis 20:11) (2,4)
- 22 The Thessalonians were warned to keep away from every brother who was this (2 Thessalonians 3:6) (4)
- 23 Beat (anag.) (4)
- 25 To trouble or afflict (Job 16:3) (3)
- 28 Part of a roof (1 Kings 7:9) (5)
- 29 Attain (Job 5:12) (7)
- 30 Insect noted for its gymnastic ability (Psalm 78:46) (11)

Down

- 2 Smell (John 11:39) (5)
- 3 Lion's home (Jeremiah 25:38) (4)
- 4 'Jesus Christ is the — yesterday and today and for ever' (Hebrews 13:8) (4)
- 5 Tidy (4)
- 6 Made their home (Genesis 47:27) (7)
- 7 Their task was to carry the curtains of the tabernacle (Numbers 4:25–26) (11)
- 8 Timothy's was called Lois (2 Timothy 1:5) (11)
- 12 The Lover likened the fragrance of the Beloved's breath to these (Song of Songs 7:8) (6)
- 14 Times Educational Supplement (1,1,1)
- 15 Eight-tentacled sea creatures (6)
- 19 'And lead us not into temptation, but — us from the evil one' (Matthew 6:13) (7)
- 20 D.L. Moody's legendary song leader, — D. Sankey (3)
- 24 Rarely used musical note (5)
- 25 'Your will be done on earth — it — in heaven' (Matthew 6:10) (2,2)
- 26 and 27 'The Lord Almighty will — them with a —, as when he struck down Midian at the rock of Oreb' (Isaiah 10:26) (4,4)
- 27 See 26 Down

Across: 1, Godlessness, 9, Egotism, 10, After, 11, Eat, 13, Sort, 16, Plan, 17, Escape, 18, Odds, 20, Idem, 21, No fear, 22, Idle, 23, Abel, 25, All, 28, Eaves, 29, Achieve, 30, Grasshopper.
Down: 2, Odour, 3, Lar, 4, Same, 5, Neat, 6, Settled, 7, Gershonites, 8, Grandmother, 12, Apples, 14, TES, 15, Octopi, 19, Deliver, 20, Ira, 24, Breve, 25, As is, 26, Lash, 27, Whip.



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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. 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.

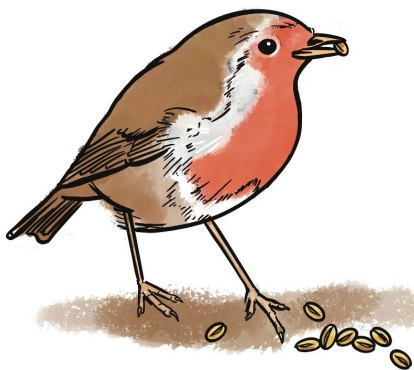
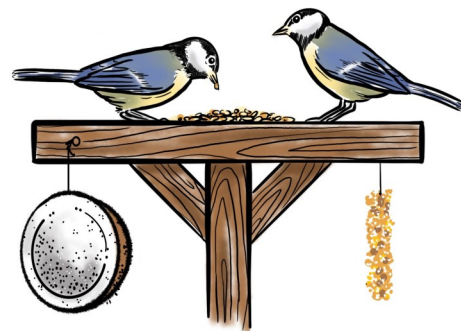
We are trialing a 10% discount on all sibling tickets and have a limited number of places available for families in receipt of universal credit. We may be able to offer free taster sessions and shorter blocks of sessions priced at £8 per week. To find out more please email our Wilder Learning Officer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

The next block is scheduled for ~

Tuesdays 14th January 2025 - Tuesday 11th February 2025. 10am-12pm £35.00 (5 weeks) and **Fridays** Friday 17th January 2025 - Friday 14th February 2024 10am-12pm £35 per child (5 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

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



Wednesday 1st January 2025 10:30am - 12:30pm Wildlife Walk All

welcome. No need to book. No charge Accessible but hard surface paths suitable for adults and accompanied older children. We hope to see wildfowl, waders and other winter visitors.

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

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Prayer for New Year 2025

Dear Lord,

We begin a New Year! We all have hopes, expectations, fears and uncertainties, as we move into 2025 – already a quarter of the way through this new century!

We can't know what will happen in the world, in our country, in our lives during this year, but we come before You, thankful that if we put our trust in Jesus and what He achieved on the cross, we need not be afraid; we are safe and secure.

He takes all our hopes and fears and gives us His Peace and His Spirit in return, to sustain and equip us this New Year and always. Thank You, gracious Father. Thank You, Lord of all the years.

In Jesus' name,

Amen.

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.

Time to Think

We all have moments in life when our circumstances change dramatically, and we wonder how things are going to work out. Perhaps it was like this for Mary. One moment she was planning her marriage to Joseph, when an angel announced she was to give birth to God's Son. A few months later she had to leave home, while pregnant, and travel to Bethlehem. Following the birth, in a grim environment, some shepherds visited her. They had seen the angels sing, and had heeded their news that the Messiah had been born.

The Gospel record says that Mary pondered (or remembered or treasured) on all this. (Luke 2:19) Quite an understatement! Mary knew her life would never be the same again. But despite the difficulties, she knew God was with her. God had called her to a task.

As we enter a New Year, how have we seen God at work in our lives so far? Like Mary, we too might need to remind ourselves of God's special touch, to reflect on what has happened already. Mary was aware that she was 'favoured' by God, so whatever was to happen in the future, she knew God was with her, and in control.

God loves us too. We too are special in His sight. Let us step out in faith and obedience to God's call on *our* lives this year, and let us be reassured that God is with us in every situation.

From Parish Pump

Floodlighting of St Andrew's Church, Hornchurch

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

Valerie Swain and Sylvia Clarke ~ A tribute to celebrate the life of **Walter (Wally) Clarke**, who died on 23rd January 2022. Love always, **Sylvia, Valerie and Richard**;

Christine Baker ~ In memory of her parents **Winnie and Bill** married at St Andrew's 27th January 1945;

Marion Popkin ~ In Loving Memory of **Susan Popkin** on her birthday 30th January and John Burke, both precious. From all their Family;

Mrs M Redwood ~ In Loving Memory of **Herbert (Bert) Redwood**, Husband, Dad, Grandad, Great Grandad on our Anniversary RIP;

Colin Jones ~ In memory of my sister **Mrs Pamela Woodward** on her birthday 14th January;

David Mortimer ~ In memory of Mum **Jennie Mortimer**, on 16th January, and **Uncle Alf and Auntie Anne (Herapath)** on 16th and 20th January respectively.

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



At Messy Church

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

Dates for your Diary

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 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.



Romford ~ Wide Ford or Meeting Place?

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>.

Romford does not mean "ford over the Rom". The old name of the river, still used in Collier Row, was Bourne Brook.

Downstream, a tree trunk footbridge at Rainham Road South probably gave the name "Beam" to its lower reaches. The name "Rom" is what's called a "back formation". The Chelmer at Chelmsford and the Wid at Widford are similar made-up names.

The River Ching in Chingford is another. Chingford was the King's (or Cyng's) Ford over the River Lea; a small stream was given the name Ching some time during the 19th century. Anyway, Romford was "Rumford" to local people for centuries.

In his 1935 book, Place Names of Essex, Dr P.H. Reaney suggested "the wide ford". (His surname rhymed with "brainy" and he was one of Britain's first PhDs.) Reaney traced the name to the Anglo-Saxon word "rum" (with an -oo- sound), meaning "spacious" (or, nowadays, "roomy"). Romney Marsh in Kent, with its wide open spaces, is an example.

But does the theory fit the locality? You could hardly call the Rom a wide river! Was the ford wide from side to side? A century ago, the A124 crossed the Rom near Roneo Corner through a water splash, with a footbridge to one side. Until 1895, there was a similar wide ford-and-bridge crossing over the Ingrebourne at Upminster Bridge. But where was the roomy side-to-side river crossing in Romford's narrow High Street? "Wide ford" simply doesn't fit the location.

A Swedish expert, Professor Eilert Ekwall, doubted the spacious-ford theory. The early spellings didn't seem right. He suggested a rare word "hruna", meaning a fallen tree trunk. In 1200, there was a reference to the "wood of Romford" in the Mawneys area, so fallen-tree-ford sounds



possible. But Ekwall also wondered whether the root word was "run" (also with an -oo- sound), meaning "council" or "discussion". Runnymede, the island in the Thames, is an example of the term. King John famously conceded Magna Carta there 800 years ago because Runnymede was a traditional meeting place between monarch and barons. And there's an example near us. Runwell, near Wickford, was probably a well where gatherings took place. Ekwall speculated that the "-nf-" sound had become the more easily pronounced "-mf-" of Romford. Prof. Ekwall studied all of England. Even his mighty brain couldn't handle local detail. So he probably didn't know that Romford seems always to have been Havering's capital. Romford was the midpoint for the royal manor of Havering which stretched from Noak Hill to the Thames. It was also a convenient spot for royal officials riding down from London to squeeze money out of the King's tenants. So, maybe Romford means "meeting-place ford"?

Havering Town Hall stands at the opposite end of the ancient town — but perhaps it can claim a thousand-year tradition as the place where people meet to discuss local affairs? There's one even more intriguing possibility. Romford may have been — we don't really know — the Roman settlement called Durolitum. 'Duro-' (stronghold) is a common element in Roman place names. Rochester in Kent was Durobrivae. There, the first syllable was dropped, and the second ('Ro-') evolved into Rochester. Was Durolitum shortened to 'Rom'? Did the arriving Saxons associate it with their word for 'roomy'? I admit it's unlikely, but who knows? Alas, we'll never have the answer — but the guessing game is fun.

Prof Ged Martin

Since Prof Martin wrote this for the Romford Recorder work has been done to re-wild the River Rom some of which is detailed at the website of the Thames 21 organisation.

www.thames21.org.uk/improving-rivers/rewilding-the-rom/

Some of this work is in conjunction with the Land of the Fanns partnership.

*Other work, in particular the proposal to improve and naturalise the culverted length of the river in Romford town centre, is within the London Borough of Havering's Romford Masterplan which can be viewed at libraries and the council website. Photograph credit above from Wikicommons. **Editor***

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

Scouts
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Wednesday Afternoon Music at Hornchurch Library

Sudoku solution from P8

Wed 15th January - Musical Tribute to Brian Luck followed by a Preview of our Spring Programme
 Presenters Stephen and Graham offer a few reminiscences, verbally and musically of our much loved presenter Brian Luck. These will be followed by each of our presenters previewing the types of music that will make up their forthcoming programmes which will continue on 1st & 3rd Wednesdays until June.
 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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Stitches of Hope

Thank you to all who have contributed to this over the years. Christian Hope International who runs this has moved offices and can no longer run this project. I have searched around for an alternative but most charities want you to post goods to them which will be expensive. I have therefore approached the St Francis Hospice shop in Hornchurch and they have agreed to take these items for use towards their charity. Please take any items you have directly to them. There will no longer be a collection box at church.
 Many thanks also for all the items you have contributed as well. I am sad to see this fold.

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**

Arlene Trump

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.

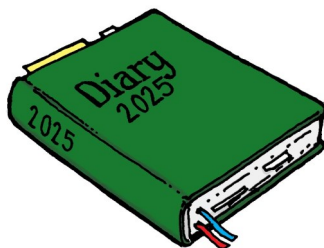
Suttons House, 119-121 Suttons Lane, Hornchurch, RM12 6RU
 Tel: 01708 898091 Email: info@rafhornchurch.com

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 or contact the Parish Office 01708 441571, office@parishofhornchurch.co.uk by

Sunday 15th December so we know you wish to attend.

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

St Andrew's Church 222 High Street RM12 6QP **St George's Church** Kenilworth Gardens RM12 4SG **St Matthew's Church** Chelmsford Drive RM14 2PH **Messy Church**

Hornchurch Parish Churches

November and December 2024

Baptisms

November 17th Liam Poku
 Alayan Poku
 Jarel Poku
24th Michael Raymond Khan

Marriages

None

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

November 10th Eileen May Maycock 88	December 13th Brian Stead 91
11th Susan Patricia Bartlett 62	" " Brian Leonard Bromhall 83
24th Linda Ann Box 78	
29th Robert Brian Box 77	



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