

April
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Bullseye

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Bathe in the presence of the Risen Son



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

Easter is, of course, later in the calendar this year and we may be celebrating in warmer and – definitely – lighter times as welcome the longer days. As I have been preparing this, we have been experiencing the first of some bright days this year (and some have even been warm).

There is definitely a sense of greater wellbeing when the sun shines, individually and as a community. It is almost as though we collectively relax and unwind a little from the tension that is held when we are cold and trying to keep warm in the midst of winter.

In some ways I feel this is similar to when we experience life in the light of the Son, the Light of the World. We can relax in the light and warmth of Christ's presence as we hand over our cares and concerns to the Lord – whether that be in receiving God's forgiveness for our sins or in knowing – as the Psalmists did – that in the midst of troubles or dark times, God continues to be by our side. Holding us, carrying us, when and where necessary.

In our worship together, day by day and week by week, we express our wonder and praise of God in various ways, including through music, imagery and words. Yet, it always feels that we are never able to capture all that it means to express our thoughts about, or gratitude to, God.

Words never quite express exactly what we might mean. We have been exploring some of this in the Lent Course, thinking on how the early church grappled with meanings and belief that we take for granted today, as they debated and developed the Nicene Creed over 1,600 years ago! And how, all these years later, we continue to grapple with meaning and understanding of what God is saying to us and inspiring us to be, as we serve one another and the parish we are privileged to be a part of.

Even though we are still in Lent, I am excited at the anticipation of our Easter Sunday services gathering in joyful and



wonder-filled celebrations at the thought that the Creator and Almighty God loved us so much as to enter the world – like us – and yet gave everything for us, dying and defeating death in the Resurrection to bring new life and hope to each one of us.

In the midst of uncertain and troubling times when individual leaders of nations seem to hold so much sway over international affairs, I hope we can be comforted to know God for ourselves and to be assured that ALL of creation WILL bow down before God and acknowledge our Saviour and holder of true Peace. We are equal before our Maker!

Let us rejoice and respond accordingly, in our praise and worship and in our actions as we pray for one another and the needs of the world.

And may we all be able to find space to spend time in the best version of Sabbath, allowing God's presence and peace to minister to our needs.

It is a little early to be saying this when Bullseye is first published but let us be ready, on Easter Sunday, to shout out "Christ is risen; He is risen indeed! Alleluia!"

Revd Canon Ken Wylie

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.



Front page illustration, St Andrew's on 22nd March taken by Jackie Bruniges

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

Bullseye programme Contents to the Editor 2025

May Bullseye Sunday 6th April
June Bullseye Sunday 4th May 2025

Uploading

May Bullseye Wed. 30th April
June Bullseye Wed. 28th May 2025

The Bullseye for May will be in the churches and online by Sunday 4th May 2025

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

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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.

Easter and Holy Week 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 continue to be permissible and are available.

Sunday 6th April

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.

Sunday 13th, Palm Sunday

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 - Easter Reflections at St Andrew's.

Thursday 17th Maundy Thursday

10 am Holy Communion at St Andrew's as usual.
 8pm. Holy Communion for Maundy Thursday at St Andrew's

18th Good Friday

10.15 meet outside St Andrew's for the Walk of witness
 11.am service on the Queens Theatre Green
 12.00 noon to 3.00pm Reflections at the foot of the Cross at St Andrew's
 Reflections at St Andrew's

Sunday 20th, Easter Day

6.00am Dawn Eucharist St Andrew's
 8.30am - BCP Holy Communion at St Andrew's
 10.15am - Common Worship Holy Communion at St Andrew's (also livestreamed)
 10.15am - Holy Communion at St George's
 11.00am - Common Worship Holy Communion at St Matthew's
 2.45 pm - No service of The Well at St Matthew's
 6.30pm - Holy Communion at St Andrew's

Sunday 227th, 2nd Sunday of Easter

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.

Steps

At 88, one tends to look back, more than one looks forward, and one thing I am beginning to see is that my life has been a series of steps. Born into a non-churchgoing family, I vaguely believed in God, and, as someone who thought a lot (but didn't do much!), I realised that I would have to take a step forward in my Christian life, otherwise it would pass me by!

My first step was to emigrate to New Zealand, where my second step was to attend church in Auckland, acknowledging that, if God existed, it was important that I get to know Him. The third step was a really important one - to commit to what I had learnt and was Confirmed on my return to UK. Years of learning, and growing commitment followed - step 4.

So, step 5 was accepting what God was saying to me - to train as a Reader, then ordination eventually when women were admitted. Since then, I have been, and still am, learning about the God I follow.

It seems to me, that when one takes a step forward, it is then, and only then, that we see more clearly what the next step will be.

Of course, there will always be fallow periods, or times when life sweeps us along. But, ultimately, we realise that while our human life will one day end, our Christian life is still just beginning. God never lets us down when we listen to Him, and life is truly changed for the better. I wonder what is in store for you and me next?!

Revd Barbara Baker

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NEXT DATE:
18TH MAY 2025
 There will not be a Well service on Easter Day, Sunday 20th April; Holy Communion will be at St Matthew's at 11am as usual.



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Guide, Brownie and Rainbow News



14th Hornchurch Brownies took part in the Anglia PJ sleepover at St George's church in February. 15 Brownies and 3 leaders slept overnight in the church and earned their Winter badge. We took part in lots of crafts, made chocolate-covered strawberries and chocolate pizzas. The Brownies can't wait for the next one! Mia was very proud to be awarded her Gold award which is the highest award you can earn as a Brownie. Well done Mia on all your hard work.

Amy Saunders
14th Hornchurch Brownies



Prayer for April 2025

Living Lord Jesus,
We, Your Easter People of today,
thank You for the Easter People of the
Gospel accounts.
For the women, who loved You so
much that they went to the tomb,
early in the morning, while it was still
dark. Thank You especially for Mary, who wept, then
rejoiced, then ran to tell the others, "I have seen the
Lord!"

Thank You for Thomas, who doubted, then devoted his
life to You, his Lord and his God; for the disciples who
ate breakfast on the beach with You; for Peter, who was
forgiven and re-commissioned by You.
Thank You for them and Your witnesses through all
generations.
Thank You for Your true and living written Word,
proclaiming You, our true and living Lord, Who lived and
died and rose again to offer us forgiveness and life.
Thank You, Lord, that because You live, we have hope
and assurance, whatever challenges the world might
bring.

*Christ has died
Christ is risen
Christ will come again
Hallelujah!*

Daphne Kitching

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

Beavers Wanted

The Beaver Scout Colony meeting at the Scout Hall in
Chelmsford Drive on Thursdays 6 - 7 p.m. has vacancies
for children aged 6 and 7 yrs.
Please contact Mao@8thhornchurch.org.uk
Sue: Beaver Leader, 8th Hornchurch.

Blessing of Bell Ringers' Peal Board Given in Memory of Andrew Salisbury

During the morning service on 9th March, Revd Ken blessed our new peal board, gave thanks for the work of the bell ringers and prayed for their continued service within the church.

Many of the peals rung at St Andrew's have been for significant Royal occasions and there are a number of peal boards already in the tower.

For example, there are peal boards celebrating the Silver Wedding Anniversary of King George VI and Queen Elizabeth (who we knew as the Queen Mother) in 1948 and also one for the Golden Jubilee of Queen Elizabeth II in 2002.

Our most recent peal board is a double peal board celebrating two very special events in our country's recent history side by side on the same board. The first peal commemorates our late monarch, Queen Elizabeth II's Platinum Jubilee (70 years on the throne) in 2022 and next to that is the recent Coronation peal of King Charles III in 2023. We decided to get this beautiful, hand-made board not only because they were such special occasions but also because we were given a very



generous donation in memory of one of our former ringers, Andrew Salisbury; and his name is remembered on the board. Andy Salisbury was taught to ring by former Ringing Master, Frank Gant, and he rang at St Andrew's from 1947 – 65 before moving to Norwich to further his teaching career. Andy's brother, Donald, also rang at Hornchurch and Andy was also a

member of the William of Wykeham Guild where he made a life-long friendship with former PCC member, Dicky Bird, who wishes to be remembered along with Andy. The peal board was designed and constructed by Barbara Caswell. Barbara moved to England from America and started her own design business in Haselmere, Surrey, whilst simultaneously learning to ring at her local church. She then combined her design skills with her bell ringing hobby and has produced peal boards for a number of churches in London and Southern England. The crown on our peal board was the crown used on the Olympic (2012) post boxes which Barbara sourced from the internet.

We are very grateful for the donation given for this peal board and delighted that Andrew's son, Martin, and daughter-in-law, Tracey, were able to join us for the blessing on 9th March.

The photos show: Revd Ken blessing the board during the service Clive, Revd Ken, Martin & Tracey Salisbury with the board.



Church opening for private prayer and reflection

St Andrew's church is currently open for private prayer and reflection two days a week. This is a short trial for three months, which started in February and which if satisfactory we hope to continue.

At the moment the church will be open on Thursday mornings from 11 am (ie immediately after mid-week Holy Communion at 10am) until 1pm, and on Tuesdays from 10am until 12 noon, unless the church is needed for a funeral or other service.

Two volunteer stewards will be in attendance for each session.

Come, sit, light a candle, pray, reflect and find peace

Please pray in support of this venture to bring the church back into public use outside times of formal worship.

**Charity of the Month ~ March and April 2025
RSPCA East London and Havering Branch**

We are the RSPCA East London and Havering Branch CIO, with registered charity number 1207065 (previously known as the RSPCA East London and Havering Branch with registered charity number 285472). Our website is: <https://www.rspcaeastlondonandhavering.org.uk/>

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We support animals in need across East London, Havering and Harold Hill. We take in cats that are sick, injured, abandoned or in circumstances where there are welfare concerns. These cats usually come in to us via RSPCA inspectors, who have picked up the cats from



Basil came to us from a multi-cat household. He'd clearly had to fight for food and would gobble down all the food we gave him straightaway, to the point of making himself sick. He was extremely shut down and would just sit hunched in his bed with his eyes closed, trying to block out the world. We moved Basil to a foster home for some one-on-one TLC and care. With a consistent feeding routine and lots of love, Basil is gradually relaxing, asking for fuss, and even starting to play a little!

situations where the cat is in immediate need, but we also take in cats from members of the public where there is an urgent welfare issue. We care for these cats, provide a safe boarding environment, all vet care needed, behavioural and physical rehabilitation, lots and lots of TLC, and find them appropriate homes when they're ready. We also provide advice to the public

in many areas on a daily basis, such as animal cruelty or welfare concerns, wildlife care, giving up animals, and general pet care. We support our local inspectorate team, providing equipment such as carriers and leads when needed.

We fundraise in person and online, run social media comms to provide advice on animal care and rehoming appeals, carry out all required governance activities and manage a small number of volunteers. We regularly fundraise in store at our partner Pets at Home store to raise awareness and engage with people. Last year we rehomed 102 cats, all vaccinated, microchipped and neutered. We currently have 17 cats in our care, and you can find out a bit more about them below.

As you can see from the above, a lot of cats that come into our care need not only expensive vet treatment, but often extensive rehabilitation. This all comes at a cost. Each RSPCA branch is a separate charity so we are fully responsible for running it ourselves, and our branch has no paid staff – we are all volunteers with full time day jobs.

Times are hard but we will always do the very best we can for all the cats that come into our care. Anything you can do to help would be appreciated so much – whether that's a donation, buying something from our Amazon wishlist, or making blankets for our cats to take to their new homes with them!

**Natalie
RSPCA East London and
Havering Branch**

Further to Natalie's information, if you wish to donate via St Andrew's you can as usual by giving Cheques payable to 'Hornchurch PCC' with COM RSPCA written on the back. We will collate the donations and send them on. If you are interested in knitting the small blankets for the cats they have to be approximately 25 x 25 cm and you will need to contact the branch to arrange to send or drop them off (they are in Noak Hill).

If you have any charities to suggest, please email or leave a note for me at the parish office

Arlene Trump



Unfortunately we take in a lot of cats dumped in various places like our local vet practice and our Pets at Home partner store. As you can see, these four kittens were dumped at a vet practice at night in a plastic basket. Kittens are always popular but their adoption fee nowhere near covers the cost of their food, boarding, neutering, chipping and vaccinations. Not to mention all the treats and toys they deserve! Happily these four all now have lovely new homes lined up.

The Holy Spirit and You

The true Theme of The Holy Spirit is inspirational, As it's the precursor to what drives all our beliefs; The Building Blocks of all Concepts are our beliefs! Of course, we know that we are made up of 3 parts, Body, Soul and Spirit but what really does it mean? Well, we could say, Emotions, Reasoning & Intellect, That's our Will, Understanding or Thinking Through; And like accepting the Godhead or Trinity Doctrine! God is God, Jesus is God's Representative on Earth, As Jesus was received back The Holy Spirit is given; It was always quite exclusive in the Old Testament! Moses received The Holy Spirit at The Burning Bush, Nevertheless God gave The Holy Spirit as The Power To drive The Church to continue the work He started; And Jesus started The Church that continues today! No one ever thought it would grow so vast and wide, And St Andrew's is part of Jesus' legacy to Hornchurch. Whatever we think St Andrew's goes back to 1476, And that's the true measure of The Holy Spirit's work; One can wonder how St Andrew's came to be an Icon Of the place we all know as Hornchurch on local Maps; Yes, it's an Awesome Church with a Rich Proud History! The Stained Glass Windows are steeped in fine detail, And if you look closely all the stunning detail is unique; Who do you think inspired all gone before to do this? Stained Glass Work's always been a Highly Skilled Craft; Get a little closer and look at all the detail, it's amazing! God through "The Holy Spirit" inspired this human skill, It's written in every Brush Stroke of this incredible Skill; No two Stained Glass Windows are ever truly the same. So we see that everyone who has a skill has inspiration, And where does that come from, The Holy Spirit of God. Perhaps next time you see an Ambulance or Paramedic, Think how long their Skills take in Learning and Training; They have to know as much as any General Practitioner! God gives Gifts to everyone; The Holy Spirit has Gifts too, There's a 'Complete List' in 1 Corinthians 12 v 4-11 for us; It's to see what God has in store for committed Believers. Be bold and remember think about it too; Ask and Receive, Music is a Gift, Singing is a Gift and even Bellringing's a Gift; And everyone has a Gift, so let's use it for the Glory of God!

Mark Lendon

Flag Days for 2025

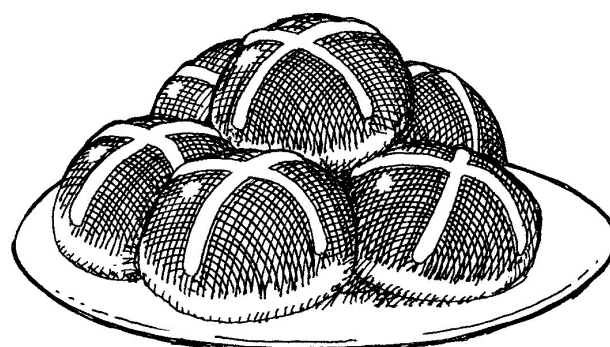
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- Sunday April 20th: Easter Sunday
- April 23rd: St Georges Day (St George's flag)
- Tuesday May 6th: Coronation Day
- Thursday May 8th: 80th Anniversary of VE Day
- Saturday June 21st: Official Birthday of HM The King
- Friday August 15th: 80th Anniversary 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

The Revd Canon Ken Wylie

March 9th 2025, was the day St Andrew's gained its third Canon. Last year, Canons Nathan Whitehead and Marlene Wylie were installed as Lay Canons of Chelmsford Cathedral; this year, our Vicar, Ken, joined them as an Honorary Non-residentiary Canon of the Cathedral. To be made Canon is a recognition by the Bishop for distinguished service to the Diocese or the Church of England and is indeed an honour. Clergy Canons have the right to wear the coat of arms of the Diocese on their preaching scarf. Lay Canons wear an academic gown edged with light blue, bearing the coat of arms of the Diocese. The service was within Choral Evensong, which was beautifully sung and included the first public outing for the newly formed girls' choir, which made the whole day more special. The three new Canons from across the diocese, along with an ecumenical Canon, Revd Christian Krieger, who was also the preacher, made oaths to the Bishop and the Dean of the Cathedral. A couple of questions have arisen since the announcement of Ken's appointment, which we can answer easily – he isn't about to be fired (boom, boom), nor is he about to go anywhere else. The position of Canon is simply a title (yes, with some commitments to the College of Canons), but it is not a new "job." Ken remains as our Vicar and Area Dean of Havering. In being made Canon, he recognises and thanks the huge support he receives within the parish and deanery, acknowledging that if he has achieved anything, it is built upon the amazing and selfless giving of time, energy, gifts and talents of clergy, leaders and countless volunteers who ensure that we can maintain our presence within the community that we are called to serve. Ken has been humbled by the many messages of congratulations he has received, and he thanks those who were able to attend the Choral Evensong in person on this special occasion.

Marlene Wylie



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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 why you should never encourage your congregation . . .

From: The Rectory,
 St James the Least of All

My dear Nephew Darren

There are times when I indulge you too much; why I ever let you run your course 'Taking Responsibility for your Church' among our congregation, I am now unable to understand. I had hopes that it might encourage a few more people to volunteer for the flower rota, or to give occasional help mowing the churchyard. I even had a vague fantasy that someone might turn detective, and discover who had been eating the chocolate biscuits between Sundays, condemning the rest of us to munch on Rich Tea after Services.

Unfortunately, your course turned out to be inspirational, and it has fired up our members to take on all sorts of new initiatives. Enthusiasm in a congregation can be a very dangerous thing, especially if people start making decisions on their own.

Those who formed a welcoming group are admittedly well-meaning – although it was more than a little traumatic for those coming through the door the next Sunday to be greeted with frenzied handshakes, big toothy smiles, and even hymnbooks. That is unheard of in this church – we always ignore people and leave them to find hymnbooks – if they can.

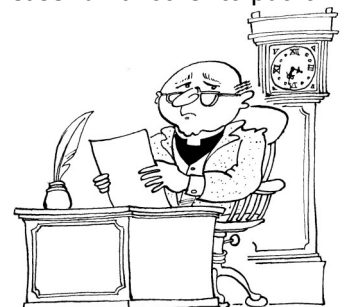
Naturally, all those offering to take the prayers, produce new Orders of Service and even to give the occasional sermon have been booked on the appropriate training courses. By the time they have been completed, I can only hope they will have gone off the idea.

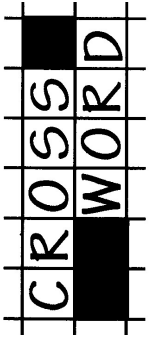
But it was the group which decided to "beautify" the church who have proved the most tiresome. Hanging the Christmas tree lights round the altar made it look as if I was standing behind a fairground stall, waiting to invite people to throw hoops round teddy bears – although I would have rather enjoyed making winners sit for the rest of the Service holding a polythene bag containing a goldfish.

Our pulpit has also been given a makeover, with the various panels painted in contrasting colours; I am sure the sixteenth century Flemish woodcarvers would be delighted with the result, although the next time any medieval historians come to view it, I shall take the day off – probably travelling abroad.

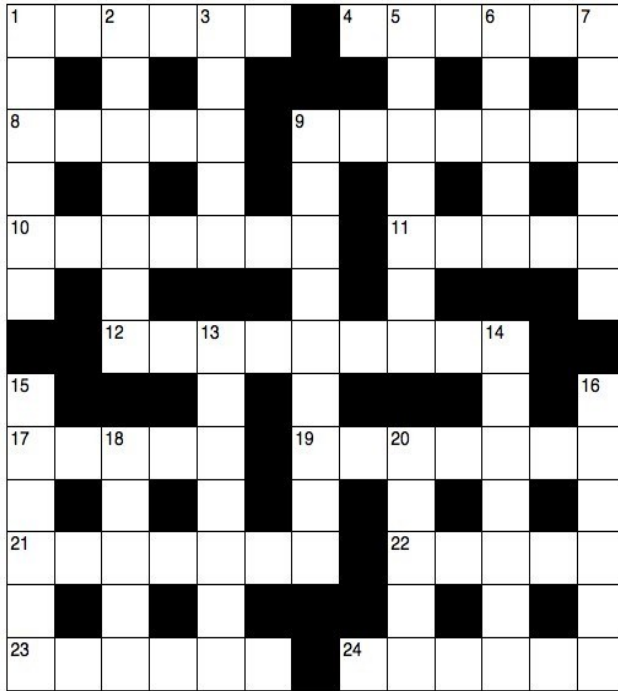
My dear Darren, your course took the stopper out of the bottle; would you please run another to put it back?

Your loving uncle,
Eustace





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Across

- 1 Relating to the whole universe (6)
- 4 The disciple who made the remark in 8 Across (John 20:24) (6)
- 8 'Unless I see the nail marks — — hands, I will not believe it' (John 20:25) (2,3)
- 9 He urged King Jehoiakim not to burn the scroll containing Jeremiah's message (Jeremiah 36:25) (7)
- 10 Baptist minister and controversial founder of America's Moral Majority, Jerry — (7)
- 11 'Look, here is — . Why shouldn't I be baptized?' (Acts 8:36) (5)
- 12 Repossessed (Genesis 14:16) (9)
- 17 Port from which Paul sailed on his last journey to Rome (Acts 27:3-4) (5)
- 19 'Moses was not aware that his face was — because he had spoken with the Lord' (Exodus 34:29) (7)
- 21 Roonwit, C.S. Lewis's half-man, half-horse (7)
- 22 Grill (Luke 24:42) (5)
- 23 'The lot fell to Matthias; so he was added to the — apostles' (Acts 1:26) (6)
- 24 'I was sick and you looked after me, I was in — and you came to visit me' (Matthew 25:36) (6)

Down

- 1 Coastal rockfaces (Psalm 141:6) (6)
- 2 Academic (1 Corinthians 1:20) (7)
- 3 Publish (Daniel 6:26) (5)
- 5 For example, the Crusades (4,3)
- 6 11 Across is certainly this (5)
- 7 He reps (anag.) (6)
- 9 Liberator (Psalm 18:2) (9)
- 13 Man who asked the question in 11 Across was in charge of all her treasury (Acts 8:27) (7)
- 14 They must be 'worthy of respect, sincere, not indulging in much wine' (1 Timothy 3:8) (7)
- 15 The human mind or soul (6)
- 16 'O Lord, while precious children starve, the tools of war increase; their bread is — ' (Graham Kendrick) (6)
- 18 'We played the flute for you, and you did not — ' (Matthew 11:17) (5)
- 20 Bared (anag.) (5)

Across: 1, Cosmic. 4, Thomas. 8, In his. 9, Deliah. 10, Fallowell. 11, Water. 12, Recovered. 17, Sidon. 19, Radiant. 21, Centaur. 22, Broil. 23, Eleven. 24, Prison.
Down: 1, Cliffs. 2, Scholar. 3, Issue. 5, Holy war. 6, Moist. 7, Sphere. 9, Deliverer. 13, Candace. 14, Deacons. 15, Psyche. 16, Stolen. 18, Dance. 20, Debar.



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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

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We are currently offering Nature Tots as a block booking.

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

The next sessions are: **Tuesdays** Tuesday 22 April 2025 - Tuesday 20 May 2025 10am-12pm £35.00 (5 weeks) and **Fridays** 2nd to 23rd May 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 dates of the next block are Wednesday 23 April 2025 -

Wednesday 21st May 2025. £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

Ingrebourne Family Forest Fun

Saturday 12th April 2025 at 10:30am - 12:30pm 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

Tuesdays 8th and 15th April 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.

Spring Explorers and Adventurers Wednesday 16th April. Discover wildlife and forest pursuits. The fire-based activities are weather-dependent and will be substituted by alternative activities if need be, Please come dressed for the weather as we will be outside for the whole session. See website for greater detail

Age 5+ 1:00pm - 3:00pm Not a drop-off session, so children must be accompanied by an adult at all times £8.74 per child Advanced booking essential

Age 8+ 10.00 to 12 noon This is a 2-hour drop-off session for older aged children so is only suitable for those aged 8+. £12.94 per child Advanced booking essential

Ingrebourne Owl Flight & Talk Show Saturday 12th April 2025 4:30pm - 6:30pm meet at Cafe Side Door. Arrivals from 16:00 for the show to commence at 16:30. Barley Lands Farm Park bring their informative and fun show to Ingrebourne. This is a 2 hour talk with a 15-minute Q and A / tea break in the middle. £10.85

Ingrebourne Easter Craft Monday 21st April 2025 10:00am - 12:30pm Two sessions are available to book on to 10:00 - 11:00 or 11:30 - 12:30. Suitable for ages 5+ only. £7.75

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



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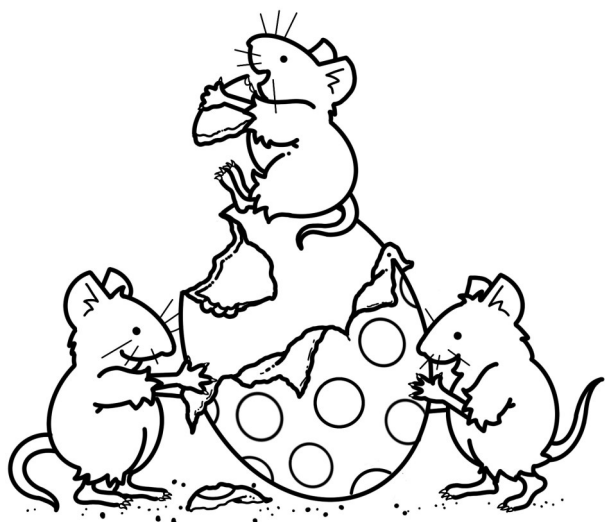
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All ages are welcome. Please wear weather-appropriate clothing and footwear for the outdoor sessions

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



Hornchurch Parish Men's Group

The Hornchurch Parish Men's Group held their final lunch at The Cranleigh on 11th December 2024 when twenty-seven members attended. Due to our membership declining and the Cranleigh closing for redevelopment into flats, it was decided the Group would cease to meet on a formal basis.

Attempts were made to find another suitable venue in Hornchurch, but this was not successful. However, a number of our members have gone on to attend a Probus group which meets in Upminster.

Meanwhile as a 3 month trial the Group is having an informal lunch on the 3rd Wednesday in the month at the The Railway Hotel, Station Lane, Hornchurch, (meeting from 12.00 onwards), At the first lunch in January there were 8 members who had an enjoyable time and agreed to carry on for the time being. If you would like to join us please come along.

David Scrutton is organising the trial arrangements and can be contacted on 07776 210052

Floodlighting of St Andrew's Church, Hornchurch

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

Win Bulmer and family ~ In loving memory of **George**, a dear husband and Dad;
Denis Carrington ~ In loving memory of dearest **Elizabeth (Betty)** Loving wife, mother and granny;
 In Memory of my dear wife **Anna Stanbridge** who passed on 28th April 2021 after 64 years happy marriage. Always love you ~ God bless you, **Derek**.



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

Why we say West HAM, and not West'um

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>.

This article was contributed to the *Newham Recorder* in July 2020. It argues that the pronunciation of West HAM (not West'um) reflects the continuing influence of an Anglo-Saxon four-letter word.

Have you ever wondered we say West HAM and East HAM, but talk of Dagen'um not DagenHAM – and, of course, New'um? The answer goes back over a thousand years, to two similar words in the Old English language, "ham", meaning a farm or settlement, and the much less common "hamm", denoting riverside grazing land.

We can trace Dagenham back thirteen hundred years, to 692 AD, when it was "Deccanhaam", the farm of somebody called Daecca. Photograph above—God's Little Acre, St Peter's Dagenham wild flower garden.

Waltham Abbey was named not after a person but from its location. It has the same origin as North and South Weald, which refer to forest. Thus Newham's next-door neighbour, Waltham Forest, means "forest place forest"!

You might think it's odd that a word referring to something so basic as a farm should have died out as Old English evolved into our modern form of speech. In fact, its influence is still around. We use a diminutive version: just as a piglet is a small pig, so a hamlet is a small settlement. And "ham" itself turned into a word that means a lot to us all. Through a process called vowel shift, it's become "home". We share the basic term with the Germans, but with them the vowel moved in a different direction, making their word for home "heim". North of the Border, poet Robert Burns used the traditional Scots form "hame". Maybe that sounds quaint to us Sassenachs, but the Scots word is probably closest to the original.

Sometimes "ham" was used as the first syllable of a place-name, often protectively padded with the letter P: Hampstead was the farm place, Hampton the farm enclosure. More often, "ham" was the final syllable, which probably explains how it's



become gulped down to a mere 'um sound. There is an interesting variant in place-names like Corringham, referring to "the people of Curra". Photograph below, the Bull pub Corringham Here "ham" must describe the settlement of the followers of some Saxon chieftain, not just a small farm. An intriguing example is Nottingham. In 922 AD, the Anglo-Saxon Chronicle called it "Snotingaham" – the settlement of the followers of Snota. The letters –sn- are impossible to pronounce together in French, so the Normans dropped the S. Luckily, Snottingham became Nottingham. East and West Ham weren't called after farms, but take their name from that similar but less common word, "hamm". The double-M suggests that it was more emphatically spoken. There are about a dozen other places called Ham across southern England, mostly small and low-lying, but all firmly pronounced. The best-known is



Ham Common at Richmond-upon-Thames in south-west London. "Hamm" referred to grazing land, alongside the bend of a river. There's a similar word in Frisian, an ancient language of the Netherlands which resembles English. The bend of the Thames is still there. That specialised grazing land is now Silvertown and London City Airport. A recent housing development, Hamme Building at Royal Albert Wharf, happily revives the old name.

A document from the year 958 – over a thousand years ago – shows that Hamme was a single community. It had been split by the time of Domesday Book in 1086, but both parts shared the name, spelt "Hame". North of the pastureland there were woods – "frith" in Old English. They're recalled by Manor Park's Hamfrith Road. We first hear, in fake Latin, of "Westhamma" in 1186, and "Estham" in 1206. But even with those new names, local peasants knew they were talking about "hamm", describing grazing land, not the wobbly "ham" that referred to a farm and was swallowed at the end of a word. West Ham never degenerated into West'um.

Centuries later, we preserve that difference inherited from forgotten Old English speech – West HAM, East HAM. When the two were merged to form a London Borough in 1965, a neutral name was coined – New-HAM. But the half-mumbled "ham" was just too familiar, and so nowadays it's become New-'um!

Sources: P.H. Reaney, *The Place -Names of Essex* (Cambridge, 1935) and E. Ekwall, *The Concise Oxford Dictionary of English Place-Names* (4th ed., Oxford, 1960, first ed. 1936).

Prof Ged Martin

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Time Out

At our meeting on Monday 24th February we welcomed Clive and Michelle Stephenson, Clive is the Ringing Master at St Andrew's. He told us a bit about the history of bellringing and then we were invited to try ringing the handbells. Two teams volunteered, it's more difficult than it looks, but I think eventually we were all fairly successful. Then Clive and Michelle rang the handbells themselves which was very impressive.

On Monday 10th March 8 members joined the Brownies in St Andrew's hall to help them with a 'Speaking Out' badge. We split into three groups to discuss possible issues to present to the rest of the group. All the Brownies spoke well and certainly put their opinions across.

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For further details call **Stephen Raindle 01708 470670** or email **sraindle@aol.com**

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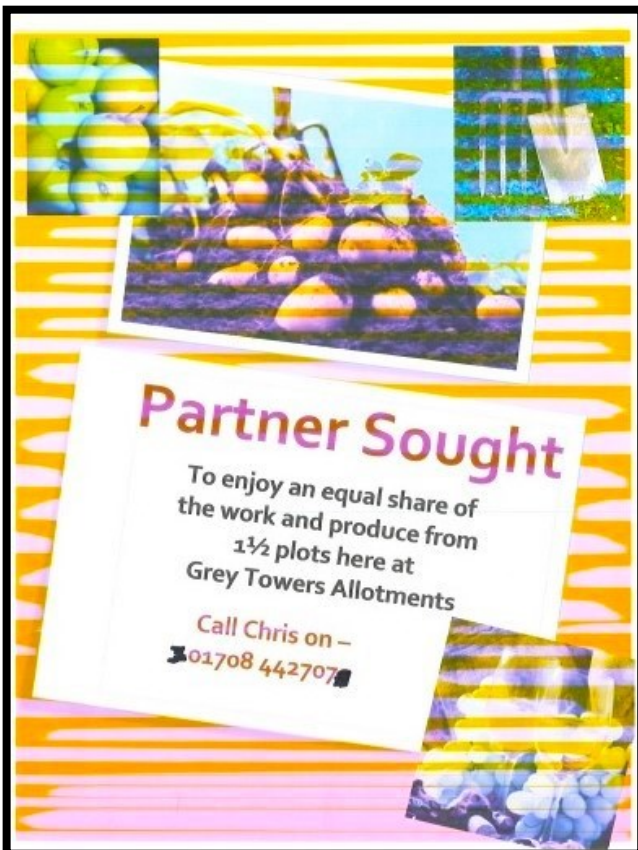
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February 16th Charlie Anne Webster
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In Memoriam "I am the resurrection and the life" John 11v25

January 18th Diane Patricia Kathleen Margrie-Sowden 77
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