In just over a year, the green beside the Queen’s Theatre becomes once more Jerusalem! Yes, the time has flown, and the Hornchurch Passion Play is only twelve short months from being in full swing of rehearsal and production! So now is the opportunity to consider how each of us may prosper this endeavour. For those who have been involved before, a reminder call to gird one’s loins for another Biblical adventure and for those who may have thought of taking part but, for whatever reason, have not come forward in the past, to ask themselves if this opportunity to witness to their faith in their local community is just the challenge for which they have been waiting.

In September we will be calling for volunteers to visit church services across the borough to talk about and publicise The Play. In this age of technology, we will be asking for people to visit our website and register their sphere of interest for, although most people only see the performers of our end-product, there are a myriad of ways to contribute to the production. Actors, singers and musicians certainly; but also, stage crew, prayer-supporters, stewards, first-aiders, rehearsal tea-and-coffee makers, props and costume gatherers and makers, scene-builders and painters, publicity spreaders, copiers and printers etc. etc.

Jesus said “Many are called, and few are chosen” but for The Hornchurch Passion Play many are called and ALL are chosen. Wherever a volunteer’s talents lie we can utilise those skills to tell, as vividly as we may, the greatest story ever told.

In October there will be a big meeting for anyone interested in any aspect of the event, followed by several Sundays of Auditions for actors. By mid-December the cast will be finalised and announced and on the first Sunday of January 2020 the first read-through of the whole Play will kick-off rehearsals proper.

In September just gone, Hornchurch hosted the national Passion Trust Conference where we were held up as an example for other Passion Plays up and down the country to emulate. Our first performances were in 1995 and we have been raising our standards five-yearly since then. Easter 2020 will be the sixth incarnation of The Play and, after 25 years at the helm, will be the last that I will direct. I hope to make it the biggest and best yet so entreat you to consider seriously whether this time you will join us too. Please do visit the website at www.hornchurchpp.co.uk

God bless,

Kevin Walsh
Director,
Hornchurch Passion Play
February 2019

Bullseye News from the Parish of Hornchurch

What’s on

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

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We have vacancies for girls aged between 4 and 8 years. We do badge work, games, trips out, theme nights. Come along and make new friends and have fun.

For further details contact Karen Speller on 01708-442848

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

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The Bullseye for March will be in the churches by Sunday 24th February 2019

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Life at St George’s

There was a full house once again at St George’s for our Christmas Eve “Christingle” service — without the Christingles. This year we were invited to “Follow the star” led by Revd Saffron Ryan. After the usual twelve days of Christmas the “star” selected children at random who were encouraged to put on the costume they were handed while we heard the Christmas story in rhyme, interspersed with carols.

This was the first time we had done this kind of service on Christmas Eve and, although I can’t speak for everyone — and of course we are always pleased to welcome very small excited, noisy children — those sitting towards the main door had problems hearing what was said and so found it difficult to follow the story. Also those in the back rows could not see the action. However, that being said, it was difficult to judge the reaction of the majority of the congregation, who probably had not realised that there was going to be a change, as most of them do not attend services throughout the year.

On a positive note, the battery-operated tea lights were certainly a lot safer than real candles — while having the same effect when the lights were turned out — no wet tea towels needed this year! At the end of the service there was a snow machine which delighted children of all ages and bags of chocolate money were handed out as people left.

Thanks, as always, to all those who helped set up the hall and clear up afterwards and everyone who took part.

Pat Bromhall

2 degrees AND rain = Extreme Carol Singing!

Thirty brave souls left the warmth of their homes to stand in Hornchurch town centre for an hour on Saturday 15th December to remind passers-by of the real meaning of Christmas and to raise money for Kenya. In temperatures of just 2 degrees, Jane was undoubtedly the hero of the hour (and more) as she accompanied our singing (keeping us in key and in time) but was only able to wear fingerless gloves in order to play her instrument (most of our hands were freezing even with gloves on!) And this was after she was Angel Gabriel in the ‘4 Minute Nativity’ group, who all gathered an audience and then performed in town before joining us to sing carols! Sadly only £73 was raised for Kenya but we were able to hand out Christmas services cards and magazines to passers-by, so at least we were able to bring ‘church’ into town again. Thank you to all who came and supported us and a big thanks to Sandy of the Fatling and Firkin pub for letting us use their grounds again. See you next year . . . ?

Terry Keens

Charity of the Month

SAT-7 KIDS

TV audience: 4.5 million across the MENA (Middle East and North Africa)
Cost per viewer per year: just 50 pence!
A sample testimony, from a child: “I am a non-Christian girl from Tunisia. I was so delighted when you celebrated my birthday on screen. I never celebrated my birthday before, because my family says it’s a sin, even though they celebrate my brother’s birthday. When you celebrated me on screen and sang Happy Birthday, I cried, because I finally felt appreciated as a human being.”

Micah Group

Time Out

Our ladies group is an informal social group of mixed ages. We meet just one evening a month on the second Monday. Meet in Andrews small hall on Monday 11th February from 8pm for an evening playing Pictionary! Hot/soft drinks and biscuits provided. All welcome, just join a team!

For details contact Lindsey by text 07855192943 or email lindsey.portsmouth@icloud.com

Christian Hope International

Thank you all for still providing such quality knitting for the charity. Our friends in Rwanda and Uganda in Africa thank God for our visits which give them hope.

Ena Smith

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Editor: The National Gallery at Trafalgar Square in London houses one of the finest collections of European paintings in the world. It is home to 2,300 works spanning the centuries of artistic creation.

‘The Presentation in the Temple’ by Guercino

This month of February opens with the celebration of Candlemas. On the 2nd we recall that special moment of enlightenment when Mary and Joseph bring Jesus to the temple. They meet Simeon, who represents the waiting people of Israel – a nation looking for a better world now that the holy city was in the hands of Roman invaders. Simeon clung to the hope that God would come to bring freedom and a new life. When it came, there was no fanfare, no warning. St Luke in his Gospel tells us of an ordinary family from faraway Nazareth who go to Jerusalem to perform the religious duties for the firstborn son. But in their encounter with Simeon we see and hear something extraordinary. The scene is captured in this beautiful painting of 1623 that hangs in the National Gallery: ‘The Presentation in the Temple’ by Guercino. The artist Giovanni Barbieri had the curious nickname Guercino which means ‘Squinty.’ Why squinty, we are not sure, for all is clear and lyrical in this work. At the base of the canvas we see the turtle doves with two ducks, but the heart of the scene focuses on Mary, Joseph and Simeon linked by the Christ-Child. Notice the gentle hands of Mary, the strong, supportive hands of Joseph, and the outstretched, waiting hands of Simeon. He may be an old man, but he is ready to welcome the babe, Who is offered as a sign of hope and light for the future. A candle burns at the right side to emphasise the light shed by this meeting of infancy and old age. St Luke by tradition was an artist himself, depicting the stories of his gospel with the deft strokes of a painter. In this scene the words of the evangelist and the skill of a 17th century Italian artist tell us that, at whatever age we are, we can also find light and hope as we offer our hands and our hearts to welcome the Christ-Child.

Rev Michael Burgess
Writer at Parish Pump

Epiphany Party 2019

Families from Messy Church and J.A.M. Sunday Club took part in star themed crafts, game and activities followed by a screening of ‘The Star’ dvd whilst finding out more about Epiphany. The Epiphany party was a relaxed and fun opportunity to spend time playing games, colouring, drawing, reading and making stars out of sticks, card, paper or playdough after the busyness of Advent and Christmas. Sharing a meal together at the end of the party enabled friendships to grow as people chatted and enjoyed the amazing range of food families contributed towards the meal. Thank you to all the J.A.M and Messy Church team members who helped out before, during or after the Epiphany party. Take a look at the Messy Church in Hornchurch Facebook page for details about events and sessions in 2019...we look forward to welcoming you soon.

The Messy Church Team

At Messy Church
We Learn about God
Welcome all the Family Activities & Crafts
Eat Food  Hear Bible Stories
Thursday 28th February
North Street Hall 4.30-6.30pm

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

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HEALING SERVICE

St Andrew’s Parish Church, Hornchurch RM12 6QP
Sunday 31st March 6.30 pm

You are warmly invited to this Service of worship, teaching and testimony. There will be an opportunity to receive prayers for healing, either for yourself or on behalf of a loved one.

Christians in the Middle East face 'imminent extinction'

Christians have been in the Middle East for nearly 2000 years, but they now face the threat of 'imminent extinction', the Archbishop of Canterbury has warned.

In a recent letter to The Sunday Telegraph, Archbishop Justin Welby told of a visit he had made about 15 years ago to the home of an elderly Palestinian Christian man in Galilee. 'Foolishly, I asked, “How long has your family been Christian?” The man gave me a look and replied, “Since about the time of St Paul”.'

Yet, now Christians in the region are facing ‘the worst situation since the Mongol invasions of the 13th Century’, Archbishop Justin said. It is vital that these Christians in the Middle East know 'they are not forgotten by the world, or treated as an irrelevant minority, a societal optional extra, or even a threat'.

Archbishop Justin called on the Government to take in more refugees.

According to the Barnabas Fund, following a freedom of information request, the Home Office has not admitted a single Christian among the 1,112 Syrian refugees resettled in the UK in the first three months of last year.

The four Christians out of 1,358 Syrian refugees recommended by the UN High Commissioner for Refugees (UNHCR) for resettlement in the UK were rejected. Only Muslim refugees were granted permission to resettle.

Whiteley Bell

St George’s church has a bell which it may not be appreciated has a name. I do not know if it is in fact so inscribed, but it is the Whiteley bell. It was donated, I guess at or soon after the building of St Georges, by the Whiteley family whose home was situated nearby. They were a circus family of some repute, who, when not travelling far and wide, were proud to be based locally and to worship in Hornchurch.

I, as a member of the William of Wykeham Guild in the 1960s first encountered the Whiteleys when we visited the elderly and housebound Mrs Whiteley to wish her and her son, Harold, a Merry Christmas. Harold would always ensure that we did not leave before being entertained on the piano, or with a reminiscence or two.

Mrs Whiteley was a bare back rider who appeared in the Russian state circus among others and Harold and his two brothers were circus clowns (although they branched out as variety entertainers, acrobats, styling themselves "Tom, Dick and Harry"). At least one of the brothers would appear as a straight actor on TV from time to time.

Harold was a white faced clown and before he retired to the Southend area he would entertain church groups in North Street Hall wearing his colourful cloak and conical hat with his face made up as Clown Rainbow.

His extensive collection of Circus memorabilia is today held by a museum of clown history at Southend having been donated in his will and I have a copy of Harold’s father’s autobiography outlining the family’s activities in the 19th century.

A Friend for all Time

"What a Friend we have in Jesus"; so runs a line from an old hymn. Jesus does not distinguish between one person or another. A situation which so often happens in life, and easily leads to feelings of jealousy and envy.

Jesus is all things. He is just and impartial and His friendship is universal. He recognises the good in us all, even though He is also aware of our failings and shortcomings.

It is His magnificence, an overwhelming love He has for everyone, and which perhaps, we do not fully understand or comprehend.

Holding us together against our uncertainties and difficulties, He throws us a lifeline and support us. By our prayers, worship and thanksgiving we hold on to this lifeline of love and friendship, so freely given, and so very dear to us at all times.

Stamps and Postcards

For many years used postage stamps and postcards have been donated for the benefit of the Sudan Church Association via me and previously Marjorie Weaver. The pigeonhole has seen one or two stamps left, a small plastic bag or envelope and sometimes shoebbox size containers.

Then every 6 months or so an elderly gentleman would give me a call to say he was going to be in the vicinity and would pick up the donations. His area covered Kent to Hants to Wilts and Bucks and sometimes even further afield.

Now with advancing years, sadly, he can no longer carry on picking up the donations from the numerous locations or be able to sell the stamps and postcards for the benefit of the SCA. In addition, the supply and demand for such items has dropped dramatically over the last few years.

Accordingly, I would appreciate it if you could no longer leave your stamps or cards in the pigeonhole at St Andrew’s. Thank you so very much for your contributions over the years. Some local charity shops will take used postage stamps e.g. St Francis Hospice.

David Scrutton

Terence Trimmer

Val Cooper

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On how to survive a parish retreat . . .

From: The Rectory, St James the Least

My dear Nephew Darren

We have just returned from our annual parish three-day silent retreat at St Epiphanius’ Priory. We had the usual attendees: those husbands who see it as an opportunity to stop their wives talking, however briefly; those wives who can keep their husbands temporarily from the 19th hole at the golf club; and those who want to see if it might be a suitable home in which to park an inconvenient relative.

It can come as quite a shock for first-timers: the ladies are appalled to discover that there is neither coffee shop nor hairdressers, and the men that there is no bar or billiards table. The resident community certainly frowned on the four men among us who were discovered silently pushing a car down the drive late one evening before starting it at the main gates as they escaped to the nearest pub. Those of us who are older hands know to bring our own supplies – carefully wrapped, so that the clinking of bottles is not too obvious as one ascends the main staircase. The near universal retreat to bedrooms before dinner is less an opportunity for quiet reflection and more one for a restorative sherry.

The more experienced also know that temperatures in the house are Siberian. All the movement and hand waving during Services is less charismatic enthusiasm and more an attempt to maintain blood flow to the extremities. The series of addresses were given by an aged member of the community. That some of our party fell asleep during the addresses was excusable; that the person giving them also occasionally did so, was not.

During one stroll round the gardens, I noticed clouds of smoke coming from behind the hedges near the chapel. My hope that it was parishioners experimenting with incense to be used in church on our return was soon crushed when I found it was a group of hardened parishioners topping up their nicotine levels. Seeing them nervously huddled in the shrubbery made one think of schools and bike sheds. I now find it difficult not to picture them all in short trousers and wearing caps.

And so we return, knowing that we have done our bit once again for the spiritual vigour of the parish, and also that three days of vegetarian cooking will mean a long queue at the village butchers tomorrow morning.

New Opportunity Groups Havering

Creative opportunities for adults with a learning disability
Groups provided • Sensory Music and Movement
• Music and Movement workshop • Sensory and Creative Art
• Drama Workshop • Pom Pom dancing

Very reasonably priced ~ refreshments included
No one is turned away ~ All Welcome
Contact Joanne Metcalfe 07912947953 or wrjjoanne@hotmail.com

Your loving uncle,
Eustace
Wednesday Music Evenings at Hornchurch Library

Wednesday 13th February
NATIONAL MUSICAL IDENTITY presented by Stephen Raindle.
National identity of a country can often be associated with a certain piece or pieces of music or maybe a composer who captured the soul of a nation. This programme will feature music identified with many such countries including the USA, Finland, Sweden, Norway as well as the home nations.

Wednesday 27th February
CLASSICS IN THE CINEMA presented by Alan Tomlin.
Classical music used in films actually does bring the music to a wider and appreciative audience and at the same time often greatly enhances the mood and action of the films themselves. Alan will doubtless have much music to choose from and it will be a programme to suit all tastes.

Music played will be from recordings reproduced on high quality sound equipment.

All programmes take place in the 1st Floor Meeting Room, Hornchurch Library, North Street and commence at 7.30pm ending by 9.30pm. Admission is free but a small donation is requested to cover interval refreshments. No need to book a seat — just turn up. Should you require more information contact Stephen Raindle 01708 470670 or email sraindle@aol.com

Parish Peace Celebrations 1919

Extract from Hornchurch During the Great War written in 1920 by CT Perfect, who at that time was the Vicar’s Warden at St Andrew’s.

If some people doubted the wisdom of the Hornchurch peace Celebrations Committee in deferring the parish festivities until August 9th they had to admit themselves in the wrong, for the venture was considerably more successful than many of the more hastily planned projects in other parishes, and was attended with brilliant weather, in contrast to the irritating drizzle that nearly spoiled Peace Day.

The programme was a long and excellent one, including a dinner to old folks and widows, a carnival, sports, a concert, and various guessing competitions. There were sideshows, visitors being especially asked to see “Dora” the pig, offered as a prize in one of the competitions, also a “country fair” with its leaping horses, swings, roundabouts, and everything calculated to provide a happy day for young and old. During the afternoon the Cottage Homes’ Band gave selections of music, and in the evening their place was taken by the Village Band, conducted by Mr Reed.

The dinner, which was provided by the generosity of Mr W Varco Williams and Mrs Williams, was held in the Drill Hall, and was attended by 220 old folks and widows, amongst the guests being our oldest inhabitant, Mrs Mary Ann Smith from Appleton’s Alms-houses, who notwithstanding her 93 years, was one of the merriest of those present.

...As the guests left the Hall the men were presented with a packet of tobacco and the women with a packet of tea, the gifts of a parishioner. The chairs were then removed from the Hall and placed on the side walks, where the guests were able to witness in comfort the passing of the carnival procession.

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Thames Chase Forest Centre, Pike Lane, Cranham

Thames Chase – ‘Give what you are good at!’

With a very busy year ahead, the Thames Chase Trust Board of Trustees is looking for a new Chair to lead the Trust in its management of the Community Forest Project. Having a strong interest in and understanding of the natural environment and local landscape management is essential along with an awareness of the charity world and working with volunteers as well as employed staff. Anyone taking on this role will need to have both time and knowledge of working with a wide range of partners including local and national government. The Community Forest has a strong history from the time it was established in 1990 in regaining our green environment around this part of east London and Essex and the small board of trustees needs to gain both physical and financial support to continue its work. If you value the number of green spaces that are growing around us and the increasing amount of wildlife they bring, please help the challenges ahead either in this role or as a volunteer. Please contact mary.wright@thameschase.org.uk if you would like more information.

Thames Chase events
Friday 8th February ~ Quiz Night at the Old Chapel, Upminster. Come and have fun whilst fundraising for the Community Forest. Arrive at 7pm for a 7.30pm start. Tables of eight available and prizes to be won. Bring your own refreshments. £5 per person. Booking essential at the Forest Centre.
Friday 15th February 2.20-4.30pm ~ Cream tea with light music to celebrate Valentine’s Day. £9 per person (booking essential)
Sunday 17th February 10am-2pm ~ Sunday Market and children’s Welly Hunt.
19th, 20th, 21st February 10.30am-12.30pm ~ children’s half term holiday activities on the theme ‘Reduce, reuse, recycle’.

More information on all our events from the website www.thameschase.org.uk or at the Visitor Centre telephone number 01708 642970.
**Nature Tots ~** Tuesdays and Fridays (including School Holidays) 10.30am-midday. Indoor and outdoor fun for toddlers and preschoolers with parents and carers; £6 donation in advance per child per session, £4 additional siblings. First session free taster. **It’s never too late to get online – Many Mondays ~** Phone to check then drop in between 10.30am-12.30pm. Improve your computer and digital skills with help and advice from one of our friendly volunteers; help setting up email accounts to ordering shopping online or using Skype. Bring along your own device to the Visitor Centre reception desk. No need to book. Free of charge

**EVERY SECOND SATURDAY of the month ~ 10.00am-midday** Join us on a walk around Hornchurch Country Park and the surrounding Living Landscape to experience the fantastic array of wildlife that the valley holds. Suitable for beginners. Binoculars and scopes will be available to use. Meet at the Visitor Centre. £5 donation in advance per person, booking essential.

**MERLINS BIRD WATCHING CLUB for Young People ~** Every Thursday in the school holidays and once a month on Saturdays during term time ~ Armed with binoculars, bird guide and notepad (all provided) join friendly volunteer Brenda our birdwatching guide to spot, observe and identify the bird life of Hornchurch Country Park. Suitable for 8 years + (unaccompanied). £6 donation in advance per child, siblings £4.

**BIRDIE BIRDS ~ A Sociable Bird Watching Club for Women ~** One Sunday per month ~ Join Brenda and enjoy a walk around Hornchurch Country Park and surrounding areas spotting and identifying birds and other wildlife along the way. £5 donation in advance per person, booking essential.

**Forest Schools – Every Tuesday Afternoon 1.00pm – 2.30pm**

Learning through nature and play with trained Level 3 Forest School Leaders. Outdoors activities and fun in the woods. Gain skills and work towards confidence in the outdoors. Age pre school 2/1/2 to 5 years. Donation £6.00 First Child, Siblings £4 (Children must be accompanied by an Adult) Booking essential.

**Dragons in the Woods Tuesday 19th February**

10.30am - 11.30am, 11.45 - 12.45pm. Join us for some dragon fun, make a dragon’s nest out of leaves in the woods, then head back to the centre to make a variety of dragon craft. Children must be accompanied by an adult. Age guide is 4 years upwards.

Donation £6.00 per child

**Dinosaur Discovery Tuesday 19th February**

1.30pm – 2.30pm. Come and learn about fossils. Take one take home and start your very own collection. Have a go at excavating your very own dino fossil. Children must be accompanied by an adult. Age guide is 4 years upwards.

Donation £6.00 per child

**Super Moon Tuesday 19th February 6.00pm – 8.00pm.** The Moon will be at its closest approach to the Earth and will look larger and brighter than usual. Use our telescopes or bring your own and we can help set them up for you and see if you can find the sea of tranquility or even the bay of Rainbows. Great Family Fun. Weather Dependent. Please wrap up warm. Warm drinks will be available to buy in the café on the evening. Children must be accompanied by an adult. Age guide is 4 years and upwards.

Donation £6.00 per child

**Science Experiments Wednesday 20th February**

10.00am – 11.00am, 11.30am – 12.30pm. Have fun with science and conduct your very own experiments. Including bottle Rockets, Larva lamps, A3 airplanes and bouncy balls. Children must be accompanied by an adult. Age guide is 4 years and upwards. Donation £6.00 per child, £2.00 per adult.

**Bird Box Making. Thursday 21st February**

10.00am – 11.00am, 11.30am – 12.30pm. Put your DIY skills to the test by using a hammer and nails to make our feather friends a nest box. We will show you step by step how to make a nest box for a robin or blue tit. Donation £6.00 per child. Suitable for ages 5+

**BOOKING IS ESSENTIAL ON ALL OUR EVENTS Please telephone 01708 520364 to book your places.**

**Practical Conservation Volunteer Days ~** The Friends of Ingrebourne Valley and Hornchurch Country Park run Conservation Volunteer Days on a Sunday, usually the third Sunday of the month. For information or to find out about their next volunteer day, please contact Ray by email at admin@Ingrebournevalleyfriends.org or ring 07933-172921. Please leave message if not answered.

http://www.essexwt.org.uk/reserves/ingrebourne

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**Floodlighting of St Andrew’s Church, Hornchurch**

**Many thanks to all below for sponsoring the floodlighting during February 2019:**

**Brenda Reynolds ~** In loving memory of my parents Doris and Robert Baxter and my husband Donald Reynolds.

If you are interested in being a sponsor please telephone the Parish Office on 01708 441571
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Across
1  Salary (Isaiah 19:10) (4)
3  Question Jesus asked of those healed of leprosy, 'Were not all ten — ?' (Luke 17:17) (6)
9  Wide, elevated level area of land (Joshua 13:9) (7)
10 'So you also must be — , because the Son of Man will come... when you do not expect him' (Matthew 24:44) (5)
11 'He' said to the man, "Stretch out your hand." He — — , and his hand was completely restored' (Luke 6:10) (3,2)
12 Who has gathered up the wind in the — of his hand?' (Proverbs 30:4) (6)
14 Not born again (13)
17 'Again and again he — the same sacrifices, which can never take away sins' (Hebrews 10:11) (6)
19 Mails (anag.) (5)
22 'He — — here; he has risen' (Matthew 28:6) (2,3)
23 Defeated (Judges 20:43) (7)
24 Soldiers’ quarters (Acts 21:34) (8)
25 'Pillars of marble' were how the Beloved described those of her Lover (Song of Songs 5:15) (4)

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1  Totally destroyed (Genesis 7:23) (5,3)
2  What the Philippian jailer was told to do with his prisoners Paul and Silas (Acts 16:23) (5)
4  Object of ridicule (Job 12:4) (8-5)
5  In most years, the month in which Easter falls (5)
6  For example, Caesarea, Joppa, Tyre, Sidon (7)
7  'Jesus' was in the desert for forty — , being tempted by Satan' (Mark 1:13) (4)
8  'Hallelujah! Salvation and glory and power — to our God!' (Revelation 19:1) (6)
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15 Purifier (Malachi 3:3) (7)
16 Attacked (1 Samuel 27:8) (6)
17 Again and again he — the same sacrifices, which can never take away sins' (Hebrews 10:11) (6)
18 The good Samaritan to the innkeeper: 'When I return, I will reimburse you for any — expense you may have' (Luke 10:35) (5)
20 How Matthew described the crowds who followed Jesus (Matthew 4:25) (5)
21 For example, one of 25 Across (Judges 19:29) (4)

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Sudoku solution from P7
During my schooldays in the early 1930s The Dell was obviously an area from where sand excavation had been carried out for some considerable time. Writing one hundred years ago Hornchurch historian Charles T Perfect described it as “the local spot” and records show that most of the local events such as wrestling for a boar’s head at Christmas, prize and cock fighting took place there. Others have described this ‘perfect amphitheatre‘ as a ‘most advantageous hollow‘ ~ see the Bullseye of July 2018 for a description of the prize fight in the Dell in 1795 between Daniel Mendoza and John Jackson. Editor.

The area in those days was generally referred to as the Millfields, from the Hornchurch post Mill at the southern extreme, with the accompanying Mill Cottage thought to be, with Dury Falls, the oldest buildings in Hornchurch. The windmill was destroyed in 1921 by a grass fire which got out of control. Earlier there was a plan to purchase the area and convert it into a recreation ground to commemorate the coronation of King George V in 1911. I have not been able to find out what, if anything, came of this plan.

In the 1930s sand was still being extracted and a large notice was erected, where the church car park now is, which carried the name AG Sibthorp. Sibthorp’s were a local building firm who had carried out the work on St Andrew’s in 1913 when the present organ was installed. Sibthorp’s had offices in the High Street almost opposite Billet Lane with a yard at the rear.

Following WWII a large electrical complex was built in the Dell; the warning on the gate warned of death by electrocution.

The result being that the once dreamed of recreation ground, apart from the two footpaths, has become a no-go area. The footpath connecting with Mill Park Avenue is officially numbered as No 189. The Dell today has become overgrown wasteland and in some areas ponds have formed.

Russell Spencer

But within the undergrowth, wild flowers can be seen creeping up to remind us of spring, and all sorts of birds and wildlife have a home there. Editor.
SUNDAY SERVICES in the Parish of Hornchurch

8.30 am: Morning Worship at St Andrew's Church
10.15 am: at St Andrew's, St George's and 11.00 am at St Matthew’s Parish Worship
(on the 1st Sunday, the daughter churches have a combined Holy Communion at St Andrew’s.)
6.30 pm: Evening Services at St Andrew’s. 3rd Sunday Contemporary Service at St Matthew’s
Thursdays 10.00 am Mid-week Holy Communion at St Andrew’s

WHO’s WHO in the Parish of Hornchurch

Hornchurch Parish Churches

December 2018

Baptisms
None

Marriages
1 Laurence Elliott Halton HOBBS/Laura Louise STEVENS
28 Tyler Jay DALE/Harley Linda HILL

In Memoriam “I am the resurrection and the life” John 1v25
24 Danny BRYAN 95

Prayer for Revelation

Heavenly Father,
Thank You for loving us.
Thank You for sending Jesus and for the work of Your Holy Spirit in opening people’s eyes to recognise Him.
Please open our eyes and hearts afresh to Him.
Help us to truly trust Him and to be aware of the price He paid so that we can know Your peace and live with You forever.

Daphne Kitching