August means one thing to me: holidays! For some of us, the ideal holiday is sitting in the back garden with a book. For others, it is being scared witless by some extreme sport. This year, my sister is going to Greece to feed her mind with history and I am going to Alaska to be rejuvenated by the natural world. We shall both forget our day-to-day responsibilities and come back ready (we hope) to deal with whatever the autumn has for us.

Many of us have been raised on the saying that a change is as good as a rest. I am sure this is true in some circumstances. But for me a holiday needs to have an element of rest. When I did an internet search about resting, I was inundated with fitness websites stressing the importance of rest days in a fitness programme. Our bodies need time to regroup, and so do our minds and souls.

We know Jesus often goes away by Himself to pray and recharge His strength. He is also concerned about the well-being of His disciples. I love the bit in Mark 6 when they return after Jesus sent them out on their first mission. Jesus says: “Come with me by yourselves to a quiet place and get some rest.” Mark explains that there are so many people coming that the disciples don’t have time even to eat. Unfortunately, the rest is short-lived as the people chase after the group and Jesus ends up feeding the 5000.

Rest is very important to God. He sets the standard when after six days of creation He rests from His labours. The seventh-day rest from work (the meaning of Sabbath) is enshrined in the Ten Commandments. By Jesus’s day it is so tied up in rules and regulations that the original purpose seems to have been lost. So, in Mark 2 we hear Jesus say: “The Sabbath was made for man, not man for the Sabbath”. Sabbath rest is God’s gift to us. It is one of those things that God knows is good for us, but we often find hard to put into practice. The day and the length of time we rest is, for me, less important than the need to rest.

In Matthew 11 Jesus says: “Come to me, all you who are weary and burdened, and I will give you rest.” We all know that being a Christian doesn’t mean putting our feet up. But being a Christian does mean we can rest from trying to earn our own salvation; a project doomed to failure. We can rest in what Jesus has done for us, enjoy being with God, and be recharged to build God’s kingdom.

I hope that however short or long your holiday this year you feel rested at the end of it. And, as you rest in Jesus, you will feel ready for anything.

Anne Jarrett
Authorised Local Preacher
What’s on

Weekly meetings

Mon. 10.15 am  Tadpoles St Andrew’s large hall, for children and their adults
8.00 pm  Time Out (2nd)
8.30 pm  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. ~ ~  ~ ~

Uniformed organisations meet on various nights of the week. Please contact their representatives for times (see page 12 for telephone numbers)

Parish Mission Statement
What is our purpose?
We strive to:

Love God
Jesus said - “Love the Lord your God with all your heart, soul, mind and strength”
Mark 12.30 NIV
“Worship in spirit and in truth”
John 4.24 NIV

Grow in Faith and Understanding
St Paul said - “Grow up in Christ until you reach the measure of the stature of the fullness of Christ”
Ephesians 4.13 & 15 NIV

Bring others to knowledge of and faith in Jesus Christ
Jesus said - “Make all nations My disciples” Matthew 28.19 NIV

Serve the community
Jesus said - “Love your neighbour as yourself”  Mark 12.31 NIV

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An Apology

On May Bullseye front page I indulged a passion, for which I apologise. Too many preachers have gone on repeating that “Jesus died a young man”, i.e. that a crucifixion date of AD30 meant he was only 30 when He won our redemption; or, that Mary was an unknown peasant girl without education. Whereas, it is reasonably certain
1) that Herod died in 4BC,
2) that there was a census in 8/7BC. (Cyrene Edicts, discovered and published 1927)
3) that Herod did kill the babies. (Macrobius, Saturnalia, ca 400, #11 “When Augustus learned that among the two year olds or younger whom Herod had ordered to be executed, the king’s own son had died, he said ‘I’d rather be Herod’s swine than his son’.
4) Mary had to be of status near enough to that of Joseph, senior of the House of David, to be engaged to him.

The prologue to the gospels attributed to St James, to be found in editions of post apostolic writings, gives details, some legendary. It was written for sale to private individuals to satisfy their curiosity about events leading up to the Nativity, and to rebut the slander of Mary by non-Christian Jews.

A reader kindly asked me to give evidence for “Shoot from the stump” as the meaning of Nazareth. It is true that the Greek zeta transliterates either of two Hebrew letters, and it is only the discovery of a Hebrew inscription of about AD600 about forty years ago that enabled certainty. The Hebrew letter makes a ts sound. So, Natserat is how it is pronounced now in Israel; except in Nazareth.

So, I do apologise for lack of detail/references, and for animus.

Revd Peter Evans

How to Make a Difference

We have been supporting the village of Myanga in Kenya since 2004 but it still amazes me how we can change lives with spare change. Florence came to the Poor Clares asking for prayer when a spot on her foot had grown into a large wound and she was convinced it was cancer. When she returned to see the nuns in May (5 months later) it had grown even bigger and was causing her “excruciating pain”; she had been referred to a distant hospital but didn’t have the equivalent of £23.37p for the fare. Her husband had died some years ago and her only son is poor and has his own family to look after!

Money we have raised and sent out previously ensures that we can help not only with her fares but with any surgery she may need after her biopsy.

Gloria was 4 months old and had hydrocephalus when her mother brought her to the nuns for help. Eunice had 2 other children but her husband had still abandoned them when Gloria’s head started to swell. Sister Reginaiah gave her the money for the £15.58 fare into Uganda where they did the first operation to remove the fluid for free. And they don’t have to worry, because we have the money to cover future travel costs plus anything they may charge for the next operations as they gradually “draw out the liquid”.

God bless every one of you who has helped in any way to raise these funds so that we can continue to help the desperate.

Terry Keens

Charity of the Month
Safari

Our biggest act of mission deserves your fullest act of support, to back up the many hours of preparation and the commitment of the PCC on our behalf.

The Micah Group
**Bullseye News from the Parish of Hornchurch**

**The Robin Sang**

The robin sang, the flowers bloomed, all nature played its part,
The only discord in this scene was man’s reluctant heart.
The Creator’s manual he ignored so a path of pain he trod,
Thinking that he knew the best, man turned away from God.

The mess we’re in has been self-made, all answers lie with Him,
A world of beauty now laid waste, infected with man’s sin.
But, knowing that these things would be, God had another plan,
Though undeserved and full of grace, in love He reached to man.

His Son, His own Beloved One, came down upon this earth,
He died, He rose, He ever lives to give to man rebirth.
Heaven and earth will pass away, a new Creation formed,
Where birds will sing, the flowers bloom and all will be reborn.

Megan Carter

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**Blinded by the Light**

At Messy Church on 27th June we got to do an all action story when we focussed on Saul’s conversion on the Road to Damascus. It was the perfect opportunity for everyone to join in and act out Saul’s emotions from **anger** at the disciples continuing Jesus’ work after His death, to being **frightened** by the blinding light from Heaven (just a torch, lack of funds) and the sound of the voice of Jesus from Heaven (Ken, off stage) and from trying to get to Damascus after being literally ‘blinded by the light’, to the happiness of being healed by Ananias and finding faith. So we all learnt that no matter how good or bad we are, a relationship with Jesus changes us all. Saul became Paul and became one of His strongest followers (travelling and preaching and writing 13 books of the Bible), but we don’t have to change our names when we commit our lives to God, but our **lives will change**!

The team once again thanks all of our loyal helpers: people setting up and clearing away, welcoming visitors, catering the 2 course dinner and providing and manning the activity tables, we couldn’t do it without you! And if anyone else wants to join our happy band of workers, see one of the clergy and if you want to learn more about a relationship with Jesus, again speak to the office or one of the clergy! Hope to see you at the next Messy Event which is Messy Outdoors on Thursday 15th August in St Andrew’s Churchyard 3.00-6.00pm. See our website parishofhornchurch.co.uk for dates and other venues.

**The 3rd Hornchurch Girls’ Brigade Company**

meets on a Friday night during term time between 6 pm and 7.30 pm at St Andrew’s Church, High Street, Hornchurch. We have vacancies for girls aged between 4 and 6 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

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**At Messy Church**

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

Thursday 15th August Messy Outdoors St. Andrew’s Churchyard 3.00-6.00pm

All welcome to enjoy an afternoon of crafts, activities, fellowship, food and fun based on the story of Ruth.

**Includes a picnic tea** — so please sign up via office 01708 441571 or complete a flyer to help with catering.

Further details via Facebook or through Summer Safari.

**Messy Church is also supporting the Hornchurch Traders Summer Fayre**

Saturday 17th August 10.00-4.00pm

North Street Hall will be open for crafts and activities and tea and coffee from 10.00-12.00pm all welcome to come along.

**Thursday 26th September Messy Church 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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Sponsored Ring Total
The sponsored bell ringing on 25th June raised a total of £588.52 for the Tom Wilson Memorial Charity which supports raising awareness of organ donation. This is a very impressive amount and our thanks go to everyone who took part, supported and gave money. A special thanks to Jeanette and Doreen for organising the refreshments.

Clive Stephenson

Bell Ringers Coach Outing to Bedford Area

Saturday 14th September 2019

Visiting Toddington, Husborne Crawley, Biddenham, Bedford and Kempston Lunch is at Bromham Water Mill and an evening meal is also provided Coach leaves St Andrew’s at 8.15am returning by 9.15pm Cost is approx. £33 inclusive For more information and to book a seat please contact Clive Stephenson on 07896 342010 Non Ringers are very welcome

Time Out

Our ladies group is an informal social group of mixed ages. We meet just one evening a month on the second Monday. We have planned meetings such as walks, games nights, pamper evenings, stretch and tone, swap shop, meals out, theatre. We also have impromptu evenings such as cinema, pub and catch up, quiz nights, theatre events and our book club.

Please contact lindsey.portsmouth@icloud.com You will be very welcome.

British Red Cross

Open Gardens

2 DAYS COTTAGES with Doddinghurst Art Society Sunday 4th August, 11.30am to 5.30pm Days Lane Pilgrims Hatch CM15 9SJ INGATESTONE HALL OPEN DAY Sunday 11th August, 12pm to 5pm Iggestone CM4 9NS Refreshments and lunches available

Dr Ruth Bancewicz
Writer at Parish Pump

The Wounds of Jesus

Perhaps we tend not to think too much about the cruel wounds sustained by our Dear Lord when He was crucified upon the cross.
At Easter time, perhaps, we become more aware of the pain and suffering He endured; the nails which pierced His hands and feet, and the spear which penetrated His side.
When the disciples met Jesus, the Risen Lord, for the first time, Thomas was not with them. The disciples later told Thomas about their meeting with Jesus. Thomas had doubts and would not believe what they had seen. He wanted to see the marks of the nails to His Master’s hands, and to put his fingers into the mark of the nails, and his hand into His side.
Some time later, the disciples, including Thomas, were able to meet again and Jesus appeared among them. Jesus spoke to Thomas and invited him to place his fingers on His hand, and side. Jesus then said to Thomas “Do not doubt but believe”.
We are not sure from the Biblical text (John 20:24-29) whether Thomas actually touched the wounds of Jesus or simply looked down on them. Thomas, the doubting one, would have been overwhelmed by the gesture Jesus made, and in awe of his master cried out “My Lord and my God”.
The compassion shown by Jesus for Thomas prevailed and as a result of his doubts, Thomas was given the means to reaffirm his faith to the Risen Lord.
When at prayer and with our hands tightly clenched, may we be reminded of the sacred wounds and the faith which overcomes all doubt.

Keeping Calm in the Storm

One of the most famous stories about Jesus is the calming of the storm (Luke 8:22-25). Of course, anyone could say that the wind stopped suddenly of its own accord, but the disciples were not fooled. They had seen a number of these ‘coincidences’ in Jesus’ ministry, and they weren’t about to ignore this one. Jesus had calmed the waves with only His words. Wasn’t this an act of God? Who else could be in complete control of creation? Jesus dealt graciously with the very pressing and practical issue of the raging storm before He did a bit of teaching, asking His followers “Where is your faith?” It’s not surprising that they were scared, given the circumstances, but clearly Jesus expected better of them. He had already been teaching them for some time, and clearly knew they were ready to trust Him.
In similar circumstances, Christians often do several things in quick succession. We start by panicking and being afraid. After a while we might remember what we know about God’s character and pray for help, trusting that whatever happens He will help us to handle it. Most often, we don’t get the storm-calming effect when we ask for it, but battling on with faith and God’s help is much easier than trying to keep going in a panic. “Peace’ in this kind of situation is a very active holding on to what we know about God. The difference between trusting and not trusting can be like night and day in terms of stress levels. I have found that it can make the difference between unmanageable stress and something that stretches me and teaches me something new.
Knowing some science can help us to trust God. A being who created the whole universe, sustaining the wonderfully creative processes that produced diverse life on earth, must be both extremely powerful and extremely wise. The God who can both calm the waves and walk on them must be in complete control of the things He made. When this knowledge goes hand in hand with experience of God’s intimate love for us and care for us in every situation that we find ourselves in, I am reassured that He’s got things in hand. I will always need help from others to pray faithfully in stormy situations, but hopefully I’ve seen enough now not to panic for too long. Time (and my closest friends) will tell!

Terence Trimmer

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St James the Least of All
On the discovery of a long-lost crypt ...

From: The Rectory,  
St James the Least of All

My dear Nephew Darren,

Since your church is a former cinema, I suspect that were the floor to be removed, cigarette ash, sweet wrappings and tickets for the last Charlie Chaplin film would be revealed. Our marble flooring in the chancel was raised last week to try and find the rat that had died on an underfloor heating pipe. It made its presence so un-ignoreable last winter that it gave me the excuse to use incense.

But we have made an exciting discovery: the long-lost crypt containing the tombs of the Lords Staveley. They flourished in this area, until a little domestic disagreement with Henry II made the family realise that life in Italy might be pleasanter if they wished to retain their heads. The stone from their manor house soon became our lady chapel; an example of re-cycling as a euphemism for theft.

Inevitably, as soon as we had made the discovery, rumours of vast treasure flew round the parish. Long before anyone had descended into it, the treasurer had the fortune earmarked for re-wiring the church, the organist decided it should be spent on enlarging the organ, and Mrs Millington had decided it should keep the flower arrangers in chicken wire until the next millennium-but-one. I confess that even I toyed with the idea of a conservatory with discreet drinks cabinet at the rectory.

Sadly, it was not to be. Our ‘treasure’ consisted of rows of coffins in various stages of decay, enough bat droppings to keep our Verger’s vegetable patch enriched for the coming year and long-lost peppermints dropped by generations of choristers sitting above, as they munched their way through the sermons.

Later that evening, when the workmen had left, I decided to have one last look. Taking a torch, I descended the stone steps, but lost my footing. The now-broken torch went one way and I another. After floundering round in total darkness and unable to find the stairs to get out, I resigned myself to an uncomfortable night in the crypt until daybreak. In the early hours, I heard steps on the same stairs and in their torchlight, saw it was someone who must have heard the rumours of treasure and decided to liberate some of it. He, too, tripped, fell and lost his torch and in the total darkness I heard him fumbling about at the other end of the crypt among the coffins.

Intending to be helpful, I called to him softly, saying that I’d been trying to get out of here myself for a long time and had never made it, so he may as well give up. But do you know, he found his way out in no time.

Your loving uncle,  
Eustace
Mary Sumner ~ founder of the Mothers' Union

The Mothers' Union is now more than 140 years old. It has accomplished a staggering amount in that time, and nowadays numbers more than four million members, doing good work in 83 countries. That is a far cry from the modest circle of prayer for mothers who cared about family life, which is how it all began with a rector's wife, Mary Sumner.

Mary was born in late 1828 in Swinton, near Manchester. When she was four, her family moved to Herefordshire. Mary's father, Thomas Heywood, was a banker and historian. Her mother has been described as a woman of "faith, charm and sympathy" – qualities which Mary certainly inherited. Mrs Heywood also held informal 'mothers' meetings' at her home, to encourage local women. Those meetings may well have inspired Mary's later work.

Mary was educated at home, spoke three foreign languages, and sang well. While in her late teens, on a visit to Rome she met George Sumner, a son of the Bishop of Winchester. It was a well-connected family: George's uncle became Archbishop of Canterbury, and his second cousin was William Wilberforce. Mary and George married in July 1848, soon after his ordination. They moved to Old Aylesford in 1851 and had three children: Margaret, Louise and George. Mary dedicated herself to raising her children and supporting her husband’s ministry by providing music and Bible classes. When in 1876 Mary's eldest daughter Margaret, gave birth, Mary was reminded how difficult she had found the burden of motherhood. Soon she decided to hold a meeting to which she invited the local women not only of her own class, but also all the village mothers. Her aim was to find out if women could be brought together to offer each other prayer and mutual support in their roles as wives and mothers. That meeting at Old Aylesford Rectory was the inaugural meeting of the Mothers’ Union.

For 11 years, the Mothers’ Union was limited to Old Aylesford. Then in 1885 the Bishop of Newcastle invited Mary to address the women churchgoers of the Portsmouth Church Congress, some 20 miles away.

Mary gave a passionate speech about the poor state of national morality, and the vital need for women to use their vocation as mothers to change the nation for the better. A number of the women present went back to their parishes to found mothers' meetings on Sumner's pattern. Soon, the Mothers’ Union spread to the dioceses of Ely, Exeter, Hereford, Lichfield and Newcastle. By 1892, there were already 60,000 members in 28 dioceses, and by 1900 there were 169,000 members. By the time Mary died in 1921, she had seen MU cross the seas and become an international organisation of prayer and good purpose.

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Thames Chase Forest Centre, Pike Lane, Cranham

Thames Chase Community Forest
The annual Thames Chase Art and Sculpture Exhibition at the Forest Centre returns in August, with artists from across the Community Forest and surrounding areas showing examples of their works. On the theme of ‘Ideas and Imagination’, artists will display their interpretation of the subject in their favourite medium. The variety of artists this year will include watercolourist James Merritt, landscape artist, Beverley Hughes, metal sculptor Otis Griffiths and our Upminster-based portrait artist finalist in Sky Arts Portrait Artist of the Year 2019, Tom Mead. The exhibition runs from 13th to 26th August and is open each day from 10am-4pm. Budding young artists are not forgotten. Running alongside the Exhibition young artists from 5—16 years can submit their favourite picture or design taking inspiration from the title Woodland Wonders to depict creatures and animals that are found in or could have once been a part of the Community Forest area into a competition judged in three age brackets. Information about contributing artists and conditions for the children’s competition are on the website www.thameschase.org.uk

Events at the Forest Centre in August
Tuesday and Wednesday each week through August 10am-12noon ~ children’s activity programme based on favourite forest animals fox, squirrel and badger. Drop-in sessions for 4-10 year olds. £3 donation per child.
Thursday evenings through August 7-8.30pm ~ summer yoga school with a variety of qualified instructors. Tickets: £7
Friday 16th August 2.30-4.30pm ~ tea dance in the barn with delicious cream tea and live music. £9 per person
Sunday 18th August 10am-2pm ~ Sunday craft and produce market.
Friday 23rd August ~ Jazz in the Barn 8-11pm. Dave Browning’s All Star Jazz Band returns for their second visit to the Forest Centre’s Essex Barn this summer. Tickets £14. Bring your own food and drink. Booking essential
Friday 31st August ~ Murder Mystery Evening in Broadfields Barn. Arrive 7.30pm. Tickets £18 per person including Ploughman’s Supper. Bring your own drink (tea and coffee available) Booking at the Visitor Centre or on 01708 642970

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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 ~ Every Tuesday ~ 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.

AUGUST SUMMER HOLIDAY ACTIVITIES FOR CHILDREN AND PARENTS
These all look to be enormous fun but space is limited in Bullseye for fine details. Ask at Visitors Centre for full flyer.

Thursday 1st 10.30am – 12.30pm 12.30pm-2.30pm Family Fishing Licence required
Friday 2nd–10.00am – 11.00am, 11.0am – 12.00pm Discovering Dinosaurs
Friday 2nd and 23rd 1.00pm – 2.30pm Forest Schools
Tuesday 6th 10.30am – 11.30am. Pirates Ahoy
Tuesday 6th: 12.30pm - 1.30pm Pond Dipping
Wednesday 7th Bug Hunting Drop in between 10.00am – 2.00pm
Thursday 8th 10.00am – 11.00am, 11.00 am – 12. 30 pm. Wildlife SOS
Thursday 8th 1.00pm 2.00pm 2pm – 3.00pm. Clay Faces and Beaded Jewellery.
Friday 9th 10.30am-11.30am 12.00pm-1.00pm. Bottle Rockets AND Soft Archery 2.00pm – 3.00pm, 3.00pm – 4.00pm
Saturday 10th and Sunday 11th 10.00am – 11.00am, 11.00am – 12.00pm, 12.00pm – 1.00pm Pixies & Fairies
Monday 12th 10.30pm – 3.30pm Teddy Bear Trail
Tuesday 13th 10.30am – Nature Tots
Friday 16th Family Fishing as 1st above
Tuesday 20th 10.30am – 11.30am, 11.30am -12.30pm Barny Army and Science Experiment 1.00pm -2.00pm
Wednesday 21st 10.30am – 11.30am, 11.30am – 12.30pm Soft Archery and River Dipping 1.30pm – 2.30pm 2.30pm – 3.30pm Meet at Hacton Lane Car Park (RM12 6EA).
Friday 23rd : 10.30am – 11.30am,11.30am – 12. Bug Hunt
Friday 23rd– 10.30am-midday Nature Tots
Saturday 24th & Sunday 25th 10.30am – 11.30am, 11.30am - 12.30pm, 1 2.30pm – 1.00pm 1.30pm - 2.30pm Alice in the Woods
Monday 26th 11.00am – 4.00pm Dinosaur Trail
Wednesday 28th 10.30am-11.30am, 12.30pm – 1.30pm Bird Feeders

Donations vary for each session ~ booking is essential for most. Please telephone Visitor’s Centre 01708 520364 for booking and to check equipment and clothing requirments, age range, parental input and other information.

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

Floodlighting of St Andrew’s Church, Hornchurch

Many thanks to all below for sponsoring the floodlighting during August 2019:
Anne Degiorgio ~ In memory of my beloved husband Peter Raymond for our wedding anniversary on 24th August;
Joyce Wheeler ~ Dearest Ned, happy birthday on the 31st August, love you with all my heart, Joy;
Jillian Atkins ~ In loving memory of my dearest husband Robert on his birthday 28th August;
Barbara Price ~ In celebration of her 75th birthday on 3rd August.

If you are interested in being a sponsor please telephone the Parish Office on 01708 441571
**Across**
1. The people were — at his teaching’ (Mark 1:22) (6)
8. He addressed the crowd in Jerusalem on the day of Pentecost (Acts 2:14) (6)
9. Father of James and John (Matthew 4:21) (7)
10. One who charges another with an offence (Job 31:35) (7)
11. ‘ — thy ministers with righteousness’ (Book of Common Prayer) (5)
12. and 15 Down ‘All — is God-breathed and is — for teaching, rebuking, correcting and training in righteousness’ (2 Timothy 3:16) (9,6)

**Down**
1. To make a serious request (1 Corinthians 1:10) (6)
2. Launches an assault against (Genesis 32:8) (7)
3. ‘The wicked man — deceptive wages’ (Proverbs 11:18) (5)
5. ‘The day thou gavest, Lord, is —’ (5)
6. ‘The day thou gavest, Lord, is —’ (5)
7. Old Testament measure of weight, equivalent to about 12 grammes (Exodus 30:13) (6)
9. Where Elijah restored life to the son of a widow with whom he lodged (1 Kings 17:10) (9)

**ACROSS:**

**DOWN:**

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God in the Arts
He gave us eyes to see them: ‘The Ambassadors’ by Hans Holbein

The National Gallery at Trafalgar Square in London houses one of the finest collections of European paintings in the world, with some 2,300 works spanning the centuries. During this year we are journeying through the gallery to explore one of those treasures each month.

‘We can never know the secret of great art or music until we have learned to look and listen with a self-oblivious reverence.’ Those words of Evelyn Underhill remind us that when we visit an art gallery, we are tempted to cram as much as we can into the experience. But then the value of what we see can easily remain at a superficial level.

This month’s painting in the National Gallery is a famous work by Hans Holbein: ‘The Ambassadors’ of 1533. Holbein was born in Germany, and then with the help of Erasmus gained the patronage of Henry VIII. Holbein has portrayed two young men: the one on the left wears sumptuous clothes, and the scholar on the right has become a bishop at just 25 years of age.

They are both learned men for we can see a variety of books and instruments between them. The upper table holds a celestial globe, a sundial and a quadrant to study the heavens above. On the lower table we see signs of this world – a globe, a hymn book, lute and flutes. All are beautifully portrayed against a background of rich damask. The two ambassadors are masters of heavenly and worldly knowledge: figures of wealth, education and authority.

But we need to look more closely. One of the strings on the lute is broken, and the strange shape at the front viewed at an angle is a skull. We see signs of life, but also signs of death. And then, just visible on the top left hand side, is a crucifix. It is virtually hidden and unseen, but with the eyes of faith a sign that gives meaning to the realities of life and death that dominate the canvas. The two globes turn on their pivots, and Holbein is perhaps saying that the lives of these two men move on the pivots of growth, achievement and death. And to what end? The crucifix proclaims an eternal life and salvation for all who look and see their Lord and Saviour.

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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

Hornchurch Parish Churches June 2019

Baptisms
- 16 Oliver Matthew WHITE
- 23 Samuel Colin BERRY
- 30 Ellis Steven James RENHAM

Marriages
- None

In Memoriam “I am the resurrection and the life” John 11v25
May 27 Pamela Ann HEATHCOTE 79  June 2 Patricia LAW 80
                 7 John HAWES 82

Request
(Luke 11:1b)
Well Lord God, here I am, believing in You, trusting in Jesus, knowing that You sent Your Spirit to connect us. But sometimes the signal seems weak, As though I’ve wandered out of range. Lord, I want to grow closer, to hear Your voice and know Your guidance in the nitty-gritty of the life You have given me. I know it’s been said before, Lord, but please, teach me to pray.

Daphne Kitching

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