Discernment

When the PCC met with the Archdeacon in September 2019, he said that by being engaged in that meeting we would be part of the process of discerning who our new vicar should be – a task for the two Parish Representatives but one in which we as a PCC prepare the ground by confirming the Parish Profile as a true and fair reflection of the parish and its needs.

At the time, some of us, hearing the Archdeacon use the word “discernment”, rather than something like “the process of choosing a new vicar”, knew we would be reaching for the dictionary when we got home to make doubly sure we understood the distinction he was making!

And, for those who researched their dictionaries, this is what they found:

“Discernment” – noun - keen perception or judgement
“discern” – verb – to recognise or perceive clearly

So, what the PCC were engaged in during that evening in September was preparing the ground by giving the Archdeacon, who is new to the Diocese, a fair reflection of the parish and its needs. This was a key element in process of discerning who our new vicar should be not least because the Archdeacon plays an important role in advising us.

We have chosen two brief Bible passages mentioning discernment:
The first from Psalm 119: verse 169: “O Lord, listen to my cry; give me the discerning mind you promised”.
The second from Paul’s letter to the Philippians, chapter 1, verses 9-11: “And I pray this: that your love will keep on growing in knowledge and every kind of discernment, so that you can approve the things that are superior and can be pure and blameless in the day of Christ, filled with the fruit of righteousness that comes through Jesus Christ to the glory and praise of God.”

These verses seem to us to emphasise two key elements of what we are about in the Interregnum: we need mutual love and understanding to grow in knowledge and discernment and, if we listen carefully, God will answer our call.

Although the discernment of our next vicar is, under church rules, the concern of the two Parish Representatives elected by the PCC for that responsibility (Anne Jarrett and Sandra) it is a concern in which the whole Parish can be involved by supporting them in prayer.

It is also important that we support Ken, Saffron and the rest of the clergy team who are taking on extra duties until we find the right person to be our next vicar. We can best do this, again firstly in prayer, but also reflecting on our own part in the work of the Parish and whether we have gifts of time or skills that may help to ease their workload. The wise men travelled a great distance to offer their gifts to the Christ child – we should be prepared to “go the extra mile” too!

Sandra and Mike
Sandra Cox and Mike Harder
Parish Wardens
What’s on

Weekly meetings

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We Learn about God
Welcome all the Family
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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

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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The Bullseye for February will be in the churches by Sunday 26th January 2020

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Visiting

The Pastoral Care Team now have a dedicated phone number ~ **0789 55 12480.** Therefore if you would like a home visit, hospital visit or even a chat please leave a voicemail or a text message on this number. Please note it may not be answered immediately but someone should contact you within a couple of days.

Candidates Confirmed by Bishop Stephen

18 candidates were confirmed (and one also baptised) at St Andrew’s church on Sunday 1st December by the Rt Revd Stephen Cottrell, Bishop of Chelmsford. They were: **From St Andrew’s**
- William Beech
- Hollie Goddard
- Alexander Green
- Lucy Hill
- Christine Kirkwood
- Layla Maskell
- Ethan Musham
- Hayden Musham
- Ava Musham
- Skye Ryan
- Phoebe Ryan
- Paige Shankshaft
- Hannah Thomas
- Seth Wylie

And from **St Luke’s Cranham**
- Nicole Blunt
- Michael Blunt
- Jonathan Blunt
- Andrew Layton

Bishop Stephen preached an Advent sermon on Judgment taking Matthew Chapter 25 verses 31—40 as his text.

As we turn the calendar to a new year, I wonder what thoughts are in our minds? Are we the kind of person who looks backwards on the previous year to things that have happened and think, "I’m glad that’s over", or do we look forward to the blank pages of the new year with all its possibilities? So I wonder what our thoughts are as a church family? As we look back on the previous year what positive things can we take from it? It should be more than just the fact that we are still open for services! For instance, we can take heart from the fact that numbers have remained stable, although it would have been nice if they’d grown! The building has had a re-vamp and members of the congregation have been involved with some exciting innovations in the parish. During the year we have lost members of our congregation, either those who have passed away, or those who are no longer able to attend due to poor health, and our thought are very much with them.

Looking forward, we have no idea what the future holds as we await a new vicar to replace Barry. However, one thing we can be sure of is that God will be with us. One of my favourite texts is from the prophet Jeremiah to God’s people of his day. "I know the plans I have for you," says the Lord. "They are plans for good and not for disaster, to give you a future and a hope." (Ch 29.11) However, that does not mean that we can just sit back and wait. We need to be prayerful and seek God’s will for us, remembering that it may be nothing like we expect!

Last, but not least, a very happy New Year to all of our readers.

Pat Bromhall

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**

Life at St George’s

**Bullseye News from the Parish of Hornchurch**

January 2020

www.parishofhornchurch.co.uk 3 article.bullseye@parishofhornchurch.co.uk
Messy Nativity 2019

For obvious reasons our December Messy Church isn’t held on the usual last Thursday of the month (we’re going to be a bit preoccupied on Boxing Day!) so Thursday 5th December saw our 9th Messy Nativity being held at North Street Hall. As usual we had a magnificent multitude of heavenly angels from the Brownies and a ‘Mary’ already in costume (thank you Lily Ann) but despite plenty of young people attending, very few wanted to be shepherds or sheep or Kings, not even a Joseph was forthcoming! But with a bit of cajoling and some adults stepping into vacant roles, we managed to tell the Christmas story with joy and enthusiasm! A vast array of Christmas crafts and other activities kept everyone happy, from paper chain prayers to a fresh flower Christmas candle holder in a small oasis (thanks to our church flower arrangers) so they had lots to take home with them to remind them of the Nativity. Jane and her team excelled with a ‘themed’ meal of turkey and cranberry pie with vegetables and chocolate Yule log for dessert (with dietary options of course!), there was such a happy atmosphere as everyone tucked into their dinner and the many new visitors were suitably impressed with their first MC experience.

Thanks to the generosity of the parish we collected enough money to give an Advent calendar to every child as they left for home, as well as booklets and cards and invites to our Epiphany Party which will be the next MC/Sunday Groups event in St Andrew’s church hall on Friday 3rd January, which will be over by the time you read this but which we are still looking forward to!

The Messy Church Team

Carols for Kenya

We started our fund raising Carol Singing for Kenya in 2006 with a couple of collecting tins and around 25 hardy souls belting out Carols to the passing shoppers in Hornchurch. I say “hardy” because we’ve had all sorts of weather extremes over the years and even if it’s ‘only’ 10 degrees as it was on Saturday 7th December, an hour standing still outside the Fatling Pub (God bless you Sandy and team yet again for allowing us!) makes you pretty chilly! As I say every year, it’s not just about raising funds for the poor and needy of Myanga, Kenya; it’s also about reminding the people of Hornchurch that Christmas is because of Jesus’ birth and not all about Santa; because with Christmas songs being played endlessly in practically every shop you go into from the middle of November onwards, people (especially children), can forget what the season is really all about! This year there was some serious outreach happening too: with the 4 minute Nativity cast joining us to sing and Christmas Service flyers, Bullseye magazines and Messy Church details also being handed out, we reached out to the community and showed what we have to offer them in our churches. My thanks again to everyone who came and supported this event and I’m pleased to say that we raised £106.37 in just one hour, worth the cold toes and fingers then!

Terry Keens
CHRISTMAS MARKET 2019

Well done to everyone who worked so hard in preparing for the stalls to be taken up, prizes donated, event advertised, the huge efforts on the (long) day and redoubled efforts subsequently in getting all the surplus goods removed from the church and halls. It can never be underestimated how much planning and work goes into these events, with over 300 adults plus children attending during the day.
To have the highest total, £3,466.76, ‘since records began’ in 2009 (so, yes, 2019’s total is second only to the figure in 2009!) is a really fantastic result.
Well done also to the counting staff in the office on the day who work hard keeping track of the donations and were encouraged by the large total sum collected for the church.
From those on the entrance, to all stall holders and helpers, those in the kitchen plus not forgetting Graham in the chill of the outdoors and, of course, Father Christmas. It is a true demonstration of what can be achieved with focus and effort from the sterling people who organise the whole operation.
Here’s to the planning for 2020!

Jeanette Street

Charity of the Month
St Barnabas’ College

This pioneering home for aged clergy, widows and missionaries, very much needs your help.
1) Not all clergy can afford the full fees.
2) Prudence requires a reserve of six month’s expenditure.
3) The heating system is really old, and doesn’t work properly.

But it is a wonderful place, a house of prayer, with potential. If you like, I could show you!

God bless you with a wonderful New Year.

Peter Evans
The Micah Group

Call for prayer for Christians in Pakistan

UK-based Release International has made Pakistan its focus for prayer this year, and continues to be deeply concerned for Christians in that country.
As a spokesman for Release International explains, “Most Christians in Pakistan are poor, illiterate and vulnerable to abuse, especially young women and girls. Believers face discrimination in education, employment and the law. Pakistan’s blasphemy laws have been used to make false allegations against Christians, often to settle personal vendettas.”
Release has helped Christians who have been falsely accused of blasphemy and given support to families of prisoners like Asia Bibi, a mother who spent 10 years in jail on charges that were later thrown out by the Supreme Court.
Speaking recently from Canada, the 54-year old called on Christians everywhere to remember others behind bars.

In a YouTube video, she says: “I, Asia Bibi, believe in Jesus. My belief is strong. I never let my belief weaken.”

And Asia gave this a message to the world: “Stay true to your beliefs. Even if you have to face the sword, please hold firm to your faith. Even if you have to sacrifice everything.”

Asia was picking berries in a field when she brought water for her Muslim co-workers to drink. But they refused, calling her and her water unclean, because she was a Christian. They went on to accuse her of committing blasphemy against the prophet Mohammed.

The Supreme Court ruled the charges against Asia were false and malicious, and threw out the case – after eight years on death row.
You can read more of Asia’s story at https://releaseinternational.org/asia-bibi-speaks-out-from-canada/
Release has long campaigned for Pakistan’s blasphemy laws to be repealed. It is working with partners in the country to support and care for prisoners of faith.

“Yet despite the persecution in Pakistan, the church remains strong in faith and hope,” says Release CEO Paul Robinson.

“Will your church support them in that?”

Have you been to Morning Prayer Lately?

Start your day off well by spending half an hour in God’s company, held at 9am every weekday morning in St Andrew’s side chapel.
Our regular prayer time is informal, with a psalm, a reading (plus a few comments about the reading) followed by prayer for the world, our parish and for those on our sick list. There is also time for a few moments quiet personal prayer (either silent or shared).
If you haven’t been before, do come and try it. It will set you up for the day.

God bless

Revd Barbara Baker

Burning bright

As I leave the busy city
I pass an open door,
Time enough to stay awhile,
Refuge from the troubled roar.

I pause to take a candle,
A prayer of silent light,
A simple way to remember
To praise within His sight.

‘Tho the flame will burn in glory
The supplication will remain.
Its brightness filling my vision
I have found my God again.

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January 2020

St James the Least of All
On how to mix town and country – or not . . .

From: The Rectory,
St James the Least of All

Your idea for our two churches to hold a combined New Year’s Day walk was an admirable one, although I could sense a certain clash of cultures when your party arrived at the starting point with boots, waterproofs and GPS equipment. Our own group, rather anticipating tottering between tea shops, with a little light shopping in between, sported tweed suits, shopping bags and furled umbrellas.

Even the two sets of dogs seemed bemused with one another, with your Westies and King Charles spaniels making enough noise to scare all the wildlife in the county, and our Retrievers puzzled why the pheasants were not dropping from the sky. Dear Miss Mills’ miniature poodle, with the painted toenails, will probably need life-long counselling; the furthest she had walked previously was from her bed to beside the dining room table.

The electronic navigation equipment brought by members of your group made me think that if only the wise men had had these blessings, they wouldn’t have had to follow anything as unreliable as a star. Although I suppose that instead of gold, frankincense and myrrh, they would then have arrived with an MP3 player, a mobile phone which would have been obsolete before Jesus’ first birthday and a CD of Madonna’s greatest hits.

I do concede that our two congregations learned much from one another. Our ladies were most interested to hear about the latest in personal trainers, while yours discovered how to bring a pan of jam to a rolling boil. Your men seemed impressed to hear of squirrel shooting while ours gathered useful tips for caravaning abroad. And poor Miss Mills’ poodle learned that the great outdoors was a parallel and hostile universe.

By mid-afternoon, however, the balance of power shifted. When the leader of the walk from your group lost his SatNav, our members felt the need to assert themselves. The gentlemen navigated using wind direction, moss on trees and angles of the sun, while our ladies, with tweed skirts furled somewhat higher than one would have wished, showed yours how to wade through peat bog without complaining.

Perhaps town and country really can learn from one another. But if Major Bullock’s wife arrives for Mattins next Sunday sporting the latest gym gear, you will have much to answer for.

Your loving uncle,
Eustace

...Joshua says he’s very sorry - but it’s something to do with the recent weapons procurement review...
Leaders needed
Do you have some spare time and would be interested in volunteering with the biggest Scout Group in the Greater London Region? 8th Hornchurch are a large and successful group that are continuing to grow and they now find themselves looking for a number of volunteers. They are specifically looking for additional leaders to support the good work of the current Leaders to drive forward the ever growing Scout Group, allowing them to continue to offer fantastic opportunities and skills for life for children aged 6-14 years. No prior experience is required as the Scout Association will provide full training. All we need is enthusiasm, an interest in working with and developing young people and a small commitment to attend training, and regular section meetings with the occasional day trip and camps.
You will have the opportunity to grow yourself by using your current skills, learning new ones and contributing to an amazing life-experience for you and your local community. This role does require a DBS disclosure (which will be paid for by Scouts). If you are interested in hearing more, please email gsl@8thhornchurch.org.uk

Tadpoles bid Farewell to Pat Mears
In December the children, their adults and leaders of Tadpoles the Monday toddler group said goodbye to one of the founders, Pat Mears. We wish her all the best as she concentrates on her work in schools and spending time with her husband Tom.

Little Fishes Christmas Party
Leaders, children, parents and grandparents had fun at the Little Fishes Christmas party on Thursday 12th December. Father Christmas visited and was made very welcome. A good time was had by all.

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Forest Church
Candlemas and St Brigid’s Day
2.00 pm Saturday 1st February
Come and join us at
St Andrew’s Church
222 High Street Hornchurch RM12 6QP
For more information contact Revd Tracey Harvey 07742 999 633
Thank You For Packing Shoeboxes This Year

Thank you so much for taking part in Operation Christmas Child this year!
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Your amazing generosity means hundreds of thousands of children will soon be receiving gifts of love they will never forget.

If you included a barcode in your shoebox, don’t forget to look out for an email towards the end of January letting you know which country your shoebox gift was sent to.

Thank you once again for partnering with us to share God’s love and to send Good News and great joy to the world’s children!

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Ingrebourne Valley Visitor Centre Open daily 9am - 4pm: (winter hours from November)
Café, Gift shop, Picnic facilities, Toilets, Site of Special Scientific Interest (SSSI)

**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

**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 ½ to 5 years Donation £6.00 First Child, Siblings £4. (Children must be accompanied by an Adult) Booking essential.

**Introduction to Wildlife.** Dates to be confirmed Time 10.00am – 12.00noon
Join local naturalist Dave McGough on a walk around Hornchurch Country park and surrounding area to experience the fantastic array of wildlife that the valley holds. Suitable for beginners. Please bring your own Binoculars. Meet at the Visitors Centre. Donation: £5.00 per person. Booking Essential.

**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 min@Ingrebournevalleyfriends.org or ring 07933-172921.

Please leave message if not answered.

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

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**Thames Chase Forest Centre, Pike Lane, Cranham**

**Congratulations Thames Chase**
The Thames Chase Community Forest is a remarkable initiative, actively transforming 40 square miles of East London and South West Essex. Launched by Frank Bruno in 1990, in 2020, the Thames Chase Community Forest will be celebrating 30 years of landscape regeneration, transforming the green environment for the 650,000 population living through and around its boundaries. With just 6% tree cover in 1990 and the loss of 16% of green space to mineral extraction followed by landfill in the second half of the last century, the 48 varied sites that have been either restored or created provide local communities with access to quality green environments for health, recreation and education. The ‘Land of the Fanns’ project is at present drawing together the history and heritage of this unique area. A great deal has been achieved in its first 30 years with a wide range of partner organisations, particularly with the Forestry Commission, now Forestry England, who manage 10 of the restored woodlands open to the public. There is much for local families and the dedicated army of volunteers to celebrate in all that the Community Forest has achieved and we aim to make 2020 a year to remember and set the Forest on track for the next 30 years of regeneration, protection and development.

For our events in January, please visit the website www.thameschse.org.uk or contact the Visitor Centre on 01708 642970. The Visitor Centre will be open over the Christmas season except Christmas Day. Visit the website www.thameschse.org.uk for more information.

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

Many thanks to all below for sponsoring the floodlighting during January 2020:

- **Ken Potter** ~ In loving memory of my wife **Barbara**;
- **Christine Baker** ~ In loving memory of her parents, **Winnie and Bill Baker**. Married at St Andrew's 27th January 1945;
- **David Mortimer** ~ In memory of Mum, **Jennie Mortimer**, on 16 January, and **Uncle Alf and Auntie Anne (Herapath)** on 16 January and 20 January respectively;
- **Mrs M Redwood** ~ In loving memory of **Herbert (Bert) Redwood**, Husband, Dad, Grandad, Great Grandad; Anniversary R.I.P;
- **Colin Jones** ~ In memory of my sister **Mrs Pamela Woodward** on her birthday 14th January.

If you are interested in being a sponsor please telephone the Parish Office on 01708 441571
Across
1 ‘Again Peter denied it, and at that moment a — began to crow’ (John 18:27) (4)
3 Fetters (Job 33:11) (8)
8 Perform on a musical instrument (1 Samuel 16:23) (4)
9 Paul describes it as ‘the third heaven’ (2 Corinthians 12:2–4) (8)
11 Loyally (Deuteronomy 11:13) (10)
14 Hens? Men? (anag.) (6)
15 Not visible (Matthew 6:6) (6)
17 Predicted site of the final great battle (Revelation 16:16) (10)
20 Jacob’s youngest son (Genesis 35:18) (6)
21 One of Zophar’s eleven sons (1 Chronicles 7:36) (4)
22 For example, London, Paris, Rome (8)
23 United Society for the Propagation of the Gospel (1,1,1,1)

Down
1 Favourite church activity: Fellowship round a — — — (3,2,3)
2 Divinely bestowed powers or talents (8)
4 Pile together (1 Thessalonians 2:16) (4,2)
5 Commanded to justify (John 8:13) (10)
6 Timothy’s grandmother (2 Timothy 1:5) (4)
7 Killed (Psalm 78:34) (4)
10 One of Graham Kendrick’s best-known songs, — — King (3,7)
13 Unceasing (Jeremiah 15:18) (8)
16 He prophesied ‘the abomination that causes desolation’ (Matthew 24:15) (6)
18 British Board of Film Classification (1,1,1,1)
19 Paris (anag.) (4)

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It can be imagined rebuilding work provided employment for a great number of architects, two of whom were pupils of Wren: Nicholas Hawksmoor and John Vanbrugh. In 1711 the Fifty New Churches Act was passed and Hawksmoor was given the contract for designing six of these. It did not take long to realise that this number (50) would never be achieved and in total just twelve were built. Of these, Hawksmoor was the architect of four: St Alfege, Greenwich, (left) St George Bloomsbury, St George in the East Stepney (right) and Christchurch Spitalfields; the latter could probably be described as his masterpiece. St George in the East had its interior destroyed by fire in WWII. It was afterwards restored by a modern interior with a considerably shortened nave built within the remaining building.

Russell Spencer

**Fifty New Churches**

Wednesday Music Evenings at Hornchurch Library

**Wednesday 15th January - Bits & Pieces: The Final Chapter.** A programme of music associated with and as a tribute to our former presenter Jim Uffindell so expect generous helpings of his favourites Andre Rieu, John Wilson and James Last.

**Wednesday 29th January - Over the Moon** presented by Mike Beaman. A programme to celebrate the 50th anniversary of the first manned moon landing and the music will be associated with the moon and moonlight. Expect classical, jazz and modern.

Admission is FREE to all programmes but we do ask for a nominal contribution towards interval refreshments. All music is from recorded sources and is played on quality reproduction equipment. Programmes start at 7.30pm and finish by 9.30pm and are held in the 1st floor meeting room at Hornchurch Library, North Street. Buses 165, 256 and 370 stop nearby. No need to book - just come along. Further details from Stephen 01708 470670 or email sraindle@aol.com

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**Sudoku solution from P7**

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**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.

**Monday 27th January at 8.10pm.** Meet and greet in St Andrew’s small hall. Bring a small plate of finger food to share. We’ll plan for the coming year and enjoy the fellowship. Subs £2. Contact lindsey.portsmouth@icloud.com You will be very welcome.

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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

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St George’s Church
Kenilworth Gardens RM12 4SG

St Matthew’s Church
Chelmsford Drive RM14 2PH

Hornchurch Parish Churches

Baptisms
None

Marriages
2 Jake Robert HARDING/Sarah Lloyd WEAVER

In Memoriam “I am the resurrection and the life” John 11v25

Oct 25 Jacqueline Anne SEARLE 66
2 Ernest Frederick JONES 97
7 Yvonne COOK 54
17 Angela BAKSH 75
26 Peter David MATTINGLEY 73

A waking prayer

Living Lord, You have watched over me, and put Your hand on my head, during the long, dark hours of night. Your holy angels have protected me from all harm and pain. To You, Lord, I owe life itself. Continue to watch over me and bless me during the hours of day.

Jacob Boehme (1575 – 1624)

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