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# Bullseye

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**And now we give You thanks that You have called these Your servants, whom we ordain in Your Name, to share as priests in the ministry of the Gospel of Christ**



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

On 31st October 1517, Martin Luther nailed his '95 Theses' to the church door at Wittenberg, Germany, triggering the Protestant Reformation. The 95 Theses set out Luther's theological beliefs (shared by many others) and had at their heart two central beliefs – that the Bible is the central religious authority, and that we may reach salvation only through faith and not through works. Nailing his Theses to the church door (if that is indeed what he did... there is some debate) was a very public statement by Luther about his faith and his vision for the church.

Of course, when we come together in worship, we make public statements of faith together – notably in the words of the Creed – but there are other times when we may be called to set out our theological beliefs and make public statements of faith.

Over the coming weeks, you begin to see the 'results' (if they can be called that!) of a particular public statement about faith and vision for the church. Perhaps the most obvious of those will be seeing our Curate, Mark Smeed, presiding at Holy Communion services.

Mark was ordained as a deacon last year, and has followed the "usual" pattern of serving for one year as a deacon before being ordained priest. During the service where they are ordained priest, those being ordained make declarations of faith and commit to particular faith practices in the context of their new ministry. It is, of course, a great privilege to make those declarations but the Bishop's words that immediately follow them reflect the enormity of all that priests are called to do and to be:

"Brothers and sisters, you have heard how great is the charge that these



ordinands are ready to undertake... Will you continually pray for them? ... Will you uphold and encourage them in their ministry?"

Being a priest is both a privilege and a great charge. As he enters this new phase in his ministry, please do pray particularly for Mark and for Angela and their children – Jonah, Elijah and Naomi... Continue to pray too for the others who have a priestly ministry in this parish – for Ken, Marianne, Barbara, Sonia and me; your prayers and encouragement uphold us in this ministry in which – by the grace of God – we are privileged to share.

**Revd Lisa Bewick  
Associate Vicar**

# What's on

Events for this column: please send them to the editor  
[article.bullseye@parishofhornchurch.co.uk](mailto:article.bullseye@parishofhornchurch.co.uk)  
 or "M" pigeon hole

## Weekly meetings

**Mon. 10.00am to 11.30 am** **Tadpoles** St Andrew's large hall, for children and their adults  
**2.30 and 7.00 pm** **Time Out** 2nd Monday of month meeting is 7pm North Street hall and 4th Monday meeting 2.30pm St Andrews.  
**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. 15.15—17.17** **Table Top Fun** St Matthew's

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

## For All Parish Giving Scheme Donors

The Parish Giving Scheme is at 76 Kingsholm Road, Gloucester GL1 3BD. Telephone will be 0333 002 1260 and the email address [info@parishgiving.org.uk](mailto:info@parishgiving.org.uk) Can you please note these details should you need to contact them.



## Parish Mission Statement

**What is our purpose?  
We strive to:**

### Love God

Jesus said - "Love the Lord your God with all your heart, soul, mind and strength"  
 Mark 12.30 NIV

"Worship in spirit and in truth"  
 John 4.24 NIV

### Grow in Faith and Understanding

St Paul said - "Grow up in Christ until you reach the measure of the stature of the fullness of Christ"  
 Ephesians 4.13 & 15 NIV

### Bring others to knowledge of and faith in Jesus Christ

Jesus said - "Make all nations My disciples" Matthew 28.19 NIV

### Serve the community

Jesus said - "Love your neighbour as yourself" Mark 12.31 NIV

## Bullseye programme Contents to the Editor 2023

November Bullseye Sunday 8th October  
 December Bullseye Sunday 5th November

### Collating

November Bullseye Wed. 25th October  
 December Bullseye Wed. 29th November

**The Bullseye for November will be in the churches and online by Sunday 29th October 2023**

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

## Useful Telephone Numbers

We now have access to all our buildings but there are still other ways to access church. Search elsewhere on the website ([www.parishofhornchurch.co.uk](http://www.parishofhornchurch.co.uk)) for links to our services as well as regular updates on our various Facebook pages – the parish and Messy Church. Additionally visit [www.churchofengland.org](http://www.churchofengland.org) and [www.chelmsford.anglican.org](http://www.chelmsford.anglican.org) for further inspiration and resources to aid your worship and faith. Or simply call 0800 804 8044 a free national Church of England number to bring services and prayers to those not online. Please pass this number on to those you know may be in this position.

## Pastoral care / Prayer requests

There is a dedicated phone number for prayer and pastoral care requests: **0789 55 12480**  
 Please use this number if you would like the Pastoral Care team to contact you. It can also be used to request prayer by our Healing Prayer team who would be delighted to pray for you. Leave a voicemail or text message and someone will contact you within a couple of days.



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## Parish Services

Sunday morning services have now settled down into a monthly pattern which is set out on page 16 and below. From September the parish is trying out a pattern of evening services.

Holy Communion continues at St Andrew's at 10am every Thursday, and livestream Morning Prayer on Facebook at 9am Monday to Friday except Bank Holidays.

### 1st Sunday

8.30am - BCP Holy Communion at St Andrew's  
10.15am - Common Worship Holy Communion at St Andrew's (also livestreamed)  
6.30pm - Choral Evensong at St Andrew's.

### 2nd Sunday,

8.30am - Common Worship Holy Communion at St Andrew's  
10.15am - Morning Worship at St Andrew's (also livestreamed)  
10.15am - Common Worship Holy Communion at St George's  
6.30pm - BCP Evening prayer at St Andrew's.

### 3rd Sunday,

8.30am - BCP Holy Communion at St Andrew's  
10.15am - Common Worship Holy Communion at St Andrew's (also livestreamed)  
10.15am - Morning Worship at St George's  
11.00am - Common Worship Holy Communion at St Matthew's  
3.00pm - The Well at St Matthew's  
6.30pm - Reflective service at St Andrew's

### 4th Sunday,

8.30am - Common Worship Holy Communion at St Andrew's  
10.15am - Parade at St Andrew's (also livestreamed)  
10.15am - Common Worship Holy Communion at St George's  
6.30pm - BCP Holy Communion at St Andrew's.

### 5th Sunday,

8.30am - BCP Holy Communion at St Andrew's  
10.15am - Common Worship Holy Communion at St Andrew's (also livestreamed)  
10.15am - Morning Worship at St George's  
6.30pm - Healing Prayer Service at St Andrew's

Entrance to St Andrew's is no longer structured. Hand sanitizer continues to be freely available at various places in church premises, the wearing of masks is a matter of personal decision, as is a worshipper's choice of seat.

Holy Communion is available in both forms, bread and wine, and it is a personal decision whether to take both. Gluten-free wafers and alcohol-free wine are available.

## Barbara Ellen Felstead ~1945-2023

Barbara Felstead, a valued member of this parish, died on 10th August. At her funeral on 4th September her family spoke of her thus:

Her husband Chris began:

Today we say goodbye to Barb, who I have known for over 60 years and who has been in the parish since 1975. She was actively involved in many of the church activities, Baptism visiting, community care, Mothers' Union and various other charity organisations. Her most rewarding was being Raksha, the she-wolf, in the Cubs. She really enjoyed taking a group of Cubs on Saturday morning to purchase their breakfast food, and then getting them to cook it as part of their cookery badge. She was also very proud of being part of our first

Passion Play, looking after the small children in the cast.

Barb also volunteered at St Edward's School and did not stop helping until her health forced her to stop. Barb, we love and miss you.

Her sons Kevin, Paul and Robert also paid tribute to their Mum:

"Mum was intelligent, funny, and loving and really was the best Mum we could have wished for."

They spoke of how Barbara knitted jumpers for them, and read and told stories to encourage them in reading and further study.

Robert sang the solo "Jesu, Joy of Man's Desiring."



Any of us who ever worked with Barbara can confirm how hard she worked both for her family and in parish activities. She made tea for Little Fishes for several years when the group first started in 1998. She always spoke with such love and pride of her sons and later her and Chris's grandchildren.

A woman who fears the LORD is to be praised. Give her the reward she has earned, and let her works bring her praise at the city gate. Proverbs 31:30

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## Creation's Story

When you were born the world rejoiced,  
 With Mother, Father and Family Friends too;  
 Into this world came a Precious New Life!  
 The God of heaven had birthed a New Soul,  
 With Love and Blessings to make you whole;  
 His purpose is that you may truly know Him,  
 The Author of Creation and every living thing;  
 We never understand but God has it all planned,  
 With twists and turns, and in every direction;  
 The plan of your life, worked out to perfection!  
 With early days and with other Toddlers too,  
 What will become of the Brand New You?  
 With Love and Nurture we enter our Schooling,  
 New friends and faces with Teachers to help;  
 To soar to new heights of Education and progress,  
 Who knows where life's journey will take you!  
 With Love from the Heart you'll surely succeed,  
 And be useful and helpful to all those in need;  
 Who holds the future for all those who seek?  
 To be like the Servant to all, and the meek;  
 The Love of our God can never ever depart,  
 From those who seek Him with a genuine heart;  
 An open invitation is all that it requires,  
 With Joy the Heart is alive and inspires;  
 To All those who accept this Wondrous Invitation  
 Will go forth in boldness to inspire the Nation;  
 How great is the life surrendered to this cause  
 Of winning lost Souls, not stopping to pause;  
 Even as a Sparrow falls to the ground, the Father knows,  
 The pain and suffering of all that's been lost  
 Is redeemed for all those accepting Jesus and the Cross!  
 Salvation is Free, the Free Gift of reconciliation to God,  
 For as Jesus proclaimed before he died, "It is Finished!"  
 Salvation came to redeem us to our Heavenly Father,  
 Oh to remember and repeat The Lord's Prayer each day;  
 The words are profound and have mysterious power too,  
 God comforts the stranger and all those who are forlorn;  
 "Thank God and Give Thanks" for the day you were born!  
 For Jesus is Lord, and truly He's conquered the grave,  
 That Sin is defeated and we are no longer slaves;  
 The Enemy of our Soul is defeated and no longer reigns,  
 No one can comprehend what was Won through The Cross;  
 All that suffering was experienced so we can be Free,  
 For Salvation to all those who willingly 'Bow the Knee!'

## We Plough the Fields of Hornchurch

It was 21st September as the PCC safely gathered in the items on another agenda.  
 Crops reaped included:

♦ No vegetating for our Parish Wardens who are involved in organising and overseeing huge amounts of work in all our buildings. A lot of essential repairs and improvements have surfaced in recent months, and we are also awaiting quotes for St Andrew's roof. To keep all things bright and beautiful is time consuming and expensive and we really appreciate how they tend and cultivate everything.

♦ Harvesting our resources. Valuable income results from hiring out our halls but we are conscious of the pressures on our hirers and their clients in these challenging financial times. As a Church we have had to plough our own way through increased costs, and for the last few years we have only increased our hall hire fees by small amounts. After digging over the issues, it was agreed that the 2024 increase would again be very modest, sowing the seeds of God's love in Hornchurch.

♦ Financial farming. Our Parish Share Assessment for 2024 is a slight increase on 2023 at £167,250. The Deanery as a whole has to meet an allotted sum, and last year we as a parish elected to pay more than our assessment to help out. Taking all things into account, the PCC decided we must pay the £167,250 but cannot offer any additional amount this time. All good gifts around us are sent from Heaven above and we are challenged how we use them as individuals and a parish.

♦ Let us with a gladsome mind celebrate that our Curate, Marianne, has been licenced to stay on at St Andrew's after the completion of her curacy term. She and her family have become much loved members of our church family, and we are delighted they will continue to grow and bloom here.

♦ No farmland in Hornchurch anymore but many mission fields to work on. Fed and watered by God, we seek to respond to His abundance with humble thankful hearts.

Mark Lendon



Carole Sherratt

## Christmas Market

The popular Christmas Market will be back this year on Saturday 25th November in North Street Hall 10am - 2pm. The Grand Draw, missing last year, will take place this year and we are looking for new items to include as prizes. If you have something that you think would be suitable could you please contact Graham and Janet Martin on 07922 138172 to arrange collection or delivery.

**Please do not bring items to the church.**

Many thanks,

Jeanette Street



## Flag Days for 2023

A flag will be flown from St Andrew's tower on the dates listed below during 2023.

The flag will be the Union Jack unless otherwise stated.

**Saturday Nov 11th – Sun Nov 12th:** Remembrance Day and Remembrance Sunday

**Tuesday Nov 14th:** Birthday of HM The King

**Thursday Nov 30th:** St Andrew's Day (St Andrew's flag)

**Monday Dec 25th:** Christmas Day

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### Macmillan at the Bridge

On Wednesday 20th September members and volunteers hosted a Macmillan Coffee Morning at North Street Hall. The number of tables available quickly expanded to accommodate the people arriving to enjoy tea/coffee and cake. There was a raffle and sale table, with items supplied by members who also sold the tickets, and a 'guess the weight of the cake' competition. Angela, the PCSO, was in attendance with advice and safety items available. The magnificent sum of £608.46 was raised in just 2 hours, and at time of publication this has risen to £638.46. This is a really impressive total and many thanks go to members and volunteers who worked very hard before and during the day.

Jeanette



### Little Fishes Craft and Gift Fair

our 19th event

**Saturday 7th October**

11am to 3pm at the North Street Hall  
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### Parish Men's Group

The Parish Men's Group is made up mainly of retired men from both within the Parish of Hornchurch and outside. It includes regular churchgoers and those who don't attend church. We meet for lunch at the Cranleigh Restaurant on the second Wednesday in each month from 12 noon for 12.30 sit down. The three-course lunch is followed by a speaker. The cost of the lunch is £18 and for those planning to come on a regular basis there is an annual membership fee of £5 to cover incidental costs of administration. Our aim is to provide friendship and fellowship in a relaxed and informal environment. We also have occasional outings to local places of interest and elsewhere using public transport. New members are always welcome and in the first instance should contact:

**Peter Fanning on  
01708 456578**

### I did I it!

Just to let you know, I managed to do "the Big Half" (a half marathon, 13.1 miles) on 3rd September. It was quite hard going as the weather had decided to heat up a bit, but my official time was 3 hours 30 minutes and 30 seconds. I even managed a bit of a sprint at the end as the crowd's cheers spurred me on.

Thank you to everyone who has sponsored me in aid of Sane - changing mental health for good.

If you would like to sponsor me there is still time and my link is

<https://2023thebighalf.enthuse.com/pf/jacqueline-bruniges>

If you are struggling with your mental health please speak to someone; there is help out there.

Thanks again,

Jackie Bruniges



### Time Out

Following the Summer break we resumed our meetings with a 'Meet and Greet' on Monday 11th September where 16 members met for food and a catch-up at 7pm in North Street Hall. Photo left. Just one meeting in

**October:**

**Monday 9th at 7pm at North Street Hall.**

Kim McClean will be taking us through a 'keep fit' routine.

Contact

**Val on 07527 325996** if you wish to know more about the group or for details of meetings.

### Escape Men's Group ~ Guest Speaker

Cllr Gillian Ford will be giving a talk to the men's Escape Group about her life as a Councillor.

**Monday 2nd October, St Andrew's small hall, 8.15 p.m.** All are welcome. Tea and coffee will be provided'

We meet on the first and third Monday at 8.30pm St Andrew's church.

For further details contact **John Speller** on 07599 791420 or by e-mail [john.speller@hotmail.co.uk](mailto:john.speller@hotmail.co.uk)

### Wednesday Afternoon Music at Hornchurch Library

We will be pleased to see you at our Autumn programme of music afternoons which will commence in October and continue until Christmas. These are our opening programmes.

**Wednesday 4th October 2023 at 2pm - Dance, Dance, Dance**

Stephen Raindle presents just about as varied a programme of music related to dancing as you can get in a single afternoon. There will be classics, ballet, film & stage music plus some light music and one or two pop offerings to get your toes tapping.

**Wednesday 18th October 2023 at 2pm - Some Reminiscences, Some Jazz, Some Swing**

Graham Fenegan presents his first programme that will feature Johnny Dankworth, Duke Ellington, Chris Barber and Peggy Lee who will rub shoulders with non-jazzers Cat Stevens, Jacqueline Du Pré and the Concertgebouw Orchestra. Looks like a something for everyone programme.

**Wednesday 1st November 2023 at 2pm - Local Heroes**

Mike Beaman unearths a considerable number of musicians, performers and composers who were born locally or have local connections. We will hear music from Vera Lynn, the King Brothers, Joe Brown and Dudley Moore plus unexpected local connections with Paul Simon and the Fab-Four.

All music is played on high quality audio equipment. Meetings will be held in the main 1st floor meeting room at Hornchurch Library, North Street on the 1st & 3rd Wednesday afternoons (2pm-4pm). Admission £2 per person and interval refreshments will be available at nominal cost. No need to book, just turn up on the day and you will be made welcome. Buses 165, 256 & 370 stop very near to the library. For any further details contact

**Stephen Raindle** on 01708 470670 or email [sraindle@aol.com](mailto:sraindle@aol.com)



## Bitter Tears

We read in 2 Samuel (II) of King David's desire for Bathsheba, wife of Uriah, one of his commanders in the field of battle. David deliberately placed Uriah in the forefront of the action knowing he would not survive. This would give David the opportunity to take Bathsheba as his lover and later his wife.

David soon realized he had sinned and betrayed his love for God, and urgently sought to seek his forgiveness. He composed a special plea (Psalm 51) for God to hear, begging for absolution and pardon for his sin, and abuse of power and trust. David did not wish to lose the loving association he shared with God, the possibility of which greatly disturbed him. For example, David had written "I know of my transgression and my sin is ever before me" and also "restore me to the joy of Your salvation."

Although God is forever understanding of the wrongful ways and frailty of His people, He is always prepared to forgive, but often there is a price to pay as when we read that the first child born to Bathsheba died. Our atonement may be sincere, even though remorse may serve as a punishment as witnessed here. When I awake my sinful deeds stand before me. Like sentinel guardians they mirror my remorse, and on their reflection, I so with bitter tears weep and regret.

However, King David's psalm says it all.

## Scout 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](mailto:gsl@8thhornchurch.org.uk)

## Rainbow and Brownie Leaders needed

Hornchurch East District are looking for enthusiastic volunteers to help at Rainbow and Brownie meetings at St Andrew's.

Rainbows are girls aged between four and seven years old, and meet at 4.30pm for an hour. Brownies are girls aged between seven and ten years old and meet at 6.30pm until 8.00pm. Both groups run a varied programme, enabling the girls to learn, develop new skills and have fun. And, of course, gain badges!

No experience is necessary as full training and support will be given. A DBS disclosure will be required (paid for by Girlguiding UK). If you are interested, and/or would like more information, please contact Kim Kemp on email: [kim.kemp@ntlworld.com](mailto:kim.kemp@ntlworld.com).

Or you can just come and have a chat with me on a Sunday morning after the 10.15am service. Thank you.



Terence Trimmer

## Operation Christmas Child shoeboxes

The church will be collecting Shoeboxes again for the Operation Christmas Child appeal. We would like to invite your groups to take part. There are printed boxes and leaflets on the black table in the assembly area at St Andrew's or children and cover and fill their own shoeboxes. The filled boxes need to be returned to St Andrew's by **Friday 10th November**, so we can organise a collection by the charity during collection week.

If you require more details please visit the website

[samaritans-purse.org.uk/occ](http://samaritans-purse.org.uk/occ)

I look forward to receiving your boxes.

**Arlene Trump**

Parish Administrator

## Christians in Pakistan recovering after mob attack

Christians in Pakistan are considering how to rebuild their homes and churches in the aftermath of recent attacks on townships in Jaranwala, Punjab, following unsubstantiated allegations of blasphemy.

Partners of UK-based Release International held services out of doors after mobs recently set fire to houses, churches and Bibles. Efforts are underway to galvanise emergency relief aid for the thousands of Christians driven from their homes.

During the attack, thousands of Muslims descended on Jaranwala. Initial estimates said they burned down five churches, damaged 21 others, torched 40 homes of Christians, and attacked more than 100 others.

But a new report by Human Rights Focus Pakistan estimates the damage was more widespread. They say 19 churches were burned, 89 Christian houses were destroyed, and more than 400 homes damaged. The rampage against three Christian

townships in the area followed claims over mosque loudspeakers that torn pages of the Koran had been found in the Christian district. Thousands of protestors armed with sticks were finally restrained by the army. But first they set fire to churches, including the Salvation Army, United Presbyterian Church, Allied Foundation Church, and Saint Paul Catholic Church. Release International's partner in Pakistan says, 'Thank God there were no injuries or deaths, because after the announcement on the mosque loudspeakers, every Christian managed to flee. They left everything behind to save their lives.'

Release International's partner, Reverend Waseem Khokhar visited the aftermath of the attack under the protection of the Punjab police. He said, "We don't have words to describe the terrible destruction of church buildings, and everything in them. All we could see were ashes."

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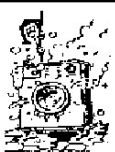
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**St James the Least of All**

*Editor: The Rev Dr Gary Bowness continues his  
 tongue-in-cheek letters from 'Uncle Eustace'...*

**On the perils of Harvest . . .**

From: The Rectory,  
 St James the Least of All

My Dear Nephew Darren,

In the unlikely event of ever being put in charge of designing the course for those being trained for ordination, I would make a few significant changes. Modules on doctrine, Church history and Greek would all be dropped as unnecessary. In their place, I would add courses on how to run a tight jumble sale, ways to keep your church council in order, and especially close to my heart at present, how to negotiate Harvest.

The first skirmish starts in early Summer when it becomes clear that the flower arrangers' plans mean that the choir would disappear behind a huge array of chrysanthemums. The choir then retaliate by announcing that their Harvest anthem must take place just when the Sunday School intended to re-enact the parable of the Good Samaritan. They, in turn, raise the stakes by insisting that a stage will be needed for their performance, thus ensuring that I will be separated from the congregation by an impenetrable barricade.

In September, therefore, there is the traditional meeting to iron out all these little difficulties. This inevitably results with the annual act of the verger handing in his resignation, of the bell ringers threatening a mass walk-out, and those who organise coffee afterwards demanding that my sermon lasts no more than three minutes so there will be plenty of time for socialising after the Service.

I greet all suggestions with a spontaneous burst of indifference, smile, agree with it all – and do nothing (this, incidentally, is a good policy for all decision-making). Inevitably, everything goes ahead exactly as it has always done for the last century.

Come the day, there will be the usual arrangement of eggs round the font, with the strategically placed card saying 'Given anonymously by Elsie Jones' and the pyramid of apples temptingly near the choirboys, so designed that when someone tries to pinch one during the sermon the whole pile disintegrates as they roll all over the chancel.

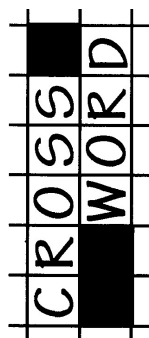
On the following Friday, all will leave after the Harvest Supper saying that the entertainment was worse than the previous year and that the absence of red cabbage had quite ruined the hot pot. Everyone therefore has had an enjoyable evening.

My Harvest training course would be compulsory and a pass mark of 90% would be needed before ordination could be considered.

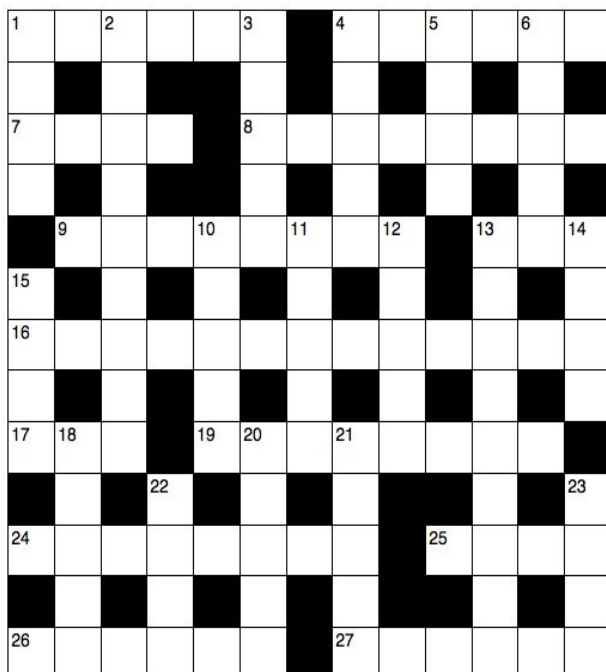
Your loving uncle,  
**Eustace**







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### Across

- 1 He must be 'the husband of but one wife and must manage his children and his household well' (1 Timothy 3:12) (6)
- 4 'For we must all — before the judgement seat of Christ' (2 Corinthians 5:10) (6)
- 7 'They reeled and staggered like drunken men; they were at their — end' (Ps 107:27) (4)
- 8 See 19 Across
- 9 It concerned who among the disciples would be the greatest (Luke 9:46) (8)
- 13 Formed by the Jews in Thessalonica to root out Paul and Silas (Acts 17:5) (3)
- 16 'He has sent me to bind up the — ' (Isaiah 61:1) (6-7)
- 17 Moved rapidly on foot (Matthew 28:8) (3)
- 19 and 8 — a great company of the — host appeared with the angel' (Luke 2:13) (8,8)
- 24 Hindrance (Romans 14:13) (8)
- 25 Comes between Luke and Acts (4)
- 26 Empower (Acts 4:29) (6)
- 27 'Get these out of here! How dare you turn my Father's house into a — !' (John 2:16) (6)

### Down

- 1 Sunrise (Psalm 119:147) (4)
- 2 The part of the day when Cornelius the Caesarean centurion had a vision of an angel of God (Acts 10:3) (9)
- 3 He was one of those who returned with Zerubbabel from exile in Babylon to Jerusalem (Nehemiah 7:7) (5)
- 4 'No one can see the kingdom of God unless he is born — ' (John 3:3) (5)
- 5 Animal hunted or killed as food (Ezekiel 22:25) (4)
- 6 'He encouraged them — — remain true to the Lord' (Acts 11:23) (3,2)
- 10 Ruses (anag.) (5)
- 11 Jewish priestly vestment (Exodus 28:6) (5)
- 12 Visible sign of what had been there (Daniel 2:35) (5)
- 13 This was the trade of Alexander, who did Paul 'a great deal of harm' (2 Timothy 4:14) (9)
- 14 'This is my — , which is for you; do this in remembrance of me' (1 Corinthians 11:24) (4)
- 15 One of Noah's great-great-grandsons (Genesis 10:24) (4)
- 18 Traditionally the first British Christian martyr (5)
- 20 Relationship of Ner to Saul (1 Samuel 14:50) (5)
- 21 Jacob had one at a place he named Bethel while on his way to Haran, fleeing from Esau (Genesis 28:12) (5)
- 22 Bats (anag.) (4)
- 23 'You strain out a — but swallow a camel' (Matthew 23:24) (4)

Across: 1, Deacon, 4, Apppear, 7, Wits, 8, Heavenly, 9, Argument, 13, Mob, 16, Broken-hearted, 17, Ran, 19, Suddenly, 24, Obstacle, 25, John, 26, Enable, 27, Market, 28, Dawn, 2, Afternoon, 3, Nehum, 4, Again, 5, Prey, 6, All to, 10, Users, 11, Ephod, 12, Trace, 13, Metalmwork, 14, Body, 15, Eber, 18, Alban, 20, Uncle, 21, Dream, 22, Stab, 23, Gnat.



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Essex Wildlife Trust's Ingrebourne Valley Nature Discovery Centre is a partnership project between Essex Wildlife Trust and Havering Council. Built in Hornchurch Country Park, the centre overlooks the fantastic marshland and reedbeds of the River Ingrebourne Valley. Dogs are not permitted in the Nature Discovery Centre

**Ingrebourne Nature Tots** . Friday 29th September 2023 - Friday 20 October inclusive. Both days from 10am to 12 noon, offered as a block booking of 4 weeks . £28 (4 weeks)

As the seasons change, discover and learn each week through a range of fun wildlife themed activities from bug hunting and leaf spotting to natural painting and stick creatures. Suitable for ages 18 months to 4 years. Children must be accompanied by an adult. Please come suitably dressed for the weather as we will be outside for the whole session. Meet outside the visitor centre on arrival. There will be access to toilet facilities if required. Advance booking is essential. You only need to book a place for the child attending, you do not book a place for the accompanying adult or younger sibling under 18 months and babes in arms are free.

**Ingrebourne Home Education Group** (age 5-11) In relaxed outdoor settings we run a number of home education groups where children can be themselves and work together to develop social skills and to foster a deep understanding of wildlife and a love of the natural world. Activities may include den building, woodland crafts, using tools and fire lighting. Events run in block sessions and take place weekly, every Wednesday from 6th September to 25th October inclusive (8 weeks). Suitable for children aged 5-11 years old. Children must be accompanied by an adult. Please meet outside the Nature Discovery Centre and come suitably dressed for the weather as we will be outside for the whole session. There will be access to toilet facilities if required. Advance booking essential. You only need to book a place for the child attending and not the accompanying adult. We are able to offer a limited number of free places for families in receipt of universal credit. Please contact our education officer directly if you are eligible and would like to claim a space.

### Monday 23rd October 2023 10:30am-2:30pm Orchard Adventure

Ingrebourne has its own orchard; come and explore this fantastic habitat.

No need to prebook, just buy your tickets at the Visitor Centre on the day and drop in any time between 10.30 and 2.30. £5 per child, accompanying adults go free. The activities are suitable for children aged 3-10 years.

**Drop Off Day Tuesday 24th October 2023** 9am - 4pm. For children aged 5 and over in small groups to explore our fabulous park for wildlife.

Meet outside the Visitor Centre on arrival. Please bring packed lunch and wear suitable outdoor clothing with waterproofs. Sessions will be outdoors no matter what the weather! There will be access to toilet facilities if required. Minimum age 5 years. A child consent form must be completed for each child attending. £30 per child, advance booking essential.

**Thursday 26th October 2023** 10am-12pm **Autumn Activities** including pumpkin carving and whittling. Meet at the Ingrebourne Nature Discovery Centre. We will endeavour to be outside so we can host a campfire as part of the activities, so please come dressed appropriately. We may hold activities inside the Centre if heavy rain/high winds are forecast. The activities are suitable for children aged 3-10 years. Advance booking is essential. £7 a child Children must be accompanied by an adult.

All at Ingrebourne Nature Discovery Centre; check website or at the Visitor Centre for booking and details.

Contact number: 01708 520364 Contact email: [ingrebourne@essexwt.org.uk](mailto:ingrebourne@essexwt.org.uk)

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## Floodlighting of St Andrew's Church, Hornchurch

*Many thanks to all who have sponsored the floodlighting during October 2023:*

**Colin Jones** ~ In memory of my dear friend **Doreen Chignall**. October 6th would have been her birthday;

**Mary, Tony and family** ~ In loving memory of **Dorothy and Geoff Tucker**, a dear Mum and Dad, Nanny and Grandad;

**Julien Quest** ~ In loving memory of my husband **Gerald Quest**;

**Colin Nunn** ~ For **Mavis Laura Nunn**, Happy Birthday to a very special Nan, Mum and wife. We all love and miss you loads xxx;

**Anne Degiorgio** ~ In memory of my Mother **Gee Breadmore** on her birthday 20th October. Much loved and missed by her family and friends;

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Brian recited the 39 articles as he did up each button

Sudoku solution from P8

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7	3	8	4	2	5	1	9	6
9	6	4	1	3	8	2	5	7
5	9	2	3	1	4	7	6	8
4	7	1	8	5	6	9	3	2
3	8	6	2	7	9	5	1	4
6	2	9	7	4	1	3	8	5
1	4	3	5	8	2	6	7	9
8	5	7	9	6	3	4	2	1

A Prayer for October

Dear Lord and Creator of all things,  
In this fast-moving and high-tech world, help us to slow down – just occasionally – to notice the rhythms of Your creation; the beauty of the colours of autumn; the annual ritual of falling leaves and darkening evenings. All part of Your cycle of the year that we often take for granted.  
And yet, Lord, there is evidence of changes in our climate – extremes of temperature, droughts, floods and wildfires. There is evidence that our behaviour might be responsible for damaging Your world.  
Lord, we thank You for Your goodness and faithfulness and grace to us. We are sorry when we get things wrong. Thank You for sending Jesus to show us the way to be in a right relationship with You. Help us to put our trust in Him and, as part of living Christian lives, to accept our responsibility for caring for the world You created.  
In Jesus’ Name, Amen

Daphne Kitching

## Charity of the Month for October ~ London Air Ambulance Charity

In London the helicopter can reach casualties within 11 minutes and the crew can carry out live-saving surgery at the scene if necessary. Every day there at least 5 people who have need of this vital service.

The helicopters they are currently using have been in service for 20 years and are becoming old and difficult to maintain so need replacing urgently. Their appeal 'Up Against Time' is aiming to raise £15 million by autumn 2024 to replace their whole fleet, (2 helicopters).

The Air Ambulance receives no funding from the NHS or government. They are funded predominantly by public donations although they are supported by the Barts NHS Trust. The Air Ambulance London is a registered charity in its own right.

This charity has been working tirelessly with the NHS to develop rapid response pre-hospital medicine. The average cost of a patient is £2,290 and the charity has to raise around £10 million each year in order to meet its running costs. Being their own charity allows them flexibility when developing procedures for patient care, as this is a unique and non-sterile environment they are required to work in.

How can you help? Either donate via our Charity of the Month appeal by dropping in a cheque to St Andrew's Church payable to 'Hornchurch PCC' and clearly written on the back 'Charity of the Month Air Ambulance London', and we will collate donations and give to the charity at the end of the month; or you can donate via their website

<https://www.londonsairambulance.org.uk/donate?reason=up-against-time-appeal>

If you have any charities to suggest, please email [advert.bullseye@parishofhornchurch.co.uk](mailto:advert.bullseye@parishofhornchurch.co.uk) or leave a note for me at the parish office.



### Arlene Trump

### Harvest Festival

The Harvest offerings from our Parade service on Sunday 24th September. All of this will go to Rainham foodbank, thanks to the generosity of the uniformed organisations and our congregations at St Andrew's and St George's!



### Table Top Fun

**Every Friday 15.15 to 17.15**  
**St Matthew's Church**  
**Chelmsford Drive**  
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Welcome to our free and fun gathering for all ages. Enjoy crafts, Warhammer, board games, tasty food and drinks.

Come make new friends and create memories with your family. Under 10s need to be accompanied by an adult.

Contact Revd Mark Smeed for more information





## Nuclear Physics: the Hornchurch Connection

Professor Ged Martin, who until 2020 wrote a column in the Romford Recorder on local history, has very kindly allowed Bullseye to reproduce some of his essays about the history of Hornchurch and Havering from his website at <https://www.gedmartin.net/martinalia-mainmenu-3>.

Martha Thompson was born in Hornchurch in 1842. Hardly the start of an earth-shaking story, you might say — but you'd be wrong. Martha's father, Charles Edwin Thompson, appears in the 1851 census as "Agricultural Machine Maker". Hornchurch had two foundries, manufacturing ploughs and farm equipment. One of them was Wedlake and Thompson's Union Foundry. Its site is now Sainsbury's. In 1851, the family lived somewhere on the south side of Hornchurch High Street. Martha would have known the clang of the hammers and the heat of the furnaces.

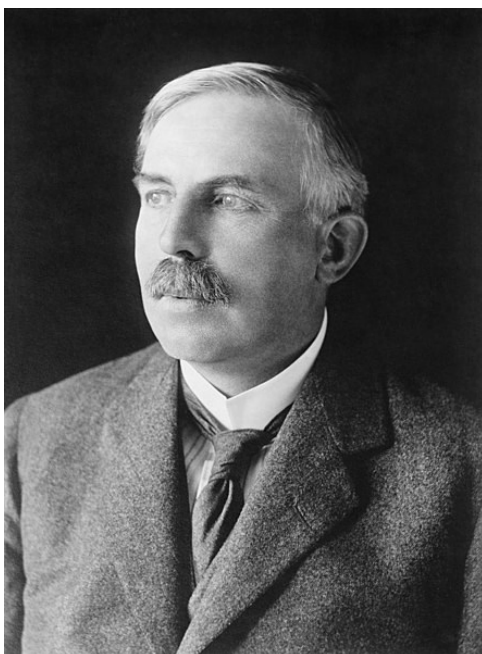
The key to Martha's life was education. Maybe she was taught at home by her mother, Caroline, who came from Barking. In 1844, an Anglican primary school opened opposite St Andrew's church, and Martha probably acquired her enthusiasm for education there. It's moved twice since those days, but its successor is Langton's in Westland Avenue.

Disaster struck in 1853, when Charles Edwin died, aged just 34. I've traced no report of a foundry accident. Far too often in those days, people died far too young. Caroline took her brood of children to the rising colony of New Zealand. Martha became a schoolteacher. I doubt if she had any formal teacher training. Her Hornchurch education was her qualification for the classroom.

In 1866, in Nelson, she married James Rutherford. He was a wheelwright, and perhaps reminded her of the foundry. They had ten children, one of whom — Ernest — became famous. James was great at solving practical problems, a skill his son inherited. But his education was poor. He even registered the boy's name as "Earnest", which caused problems in later life.

It was Martha who encouraged her son to study. At the small university in Christchurch, Ernest gained first class honours in maths and science. In 1895, he won a scholarship to Cambridge, where the famous Cavendish Laboratory led the world in scientific research.

Cambridge physicists had discovered that the atom — the basic building



you could release untold energy from the shattered nucleus. The New Zealander became the first scientist to split the atom. He won the Nobel Prize, received the Order of Merit and became Lord Rutherford of Nelson. When he died in 1937, his ashes were buried in Westminster Abbey.

Ernest Rutherford wrote long letters to his mother about his work, and revisited New Zealand four times to see his parents. It seems that Martha never returned to Britain. In the 1890s, a cousin, Darius Thompson, a successful dentist, lived at the Manor House in Squirrels Heath (Manor Avenue at The Drill preserves the name). Perhaps he welcomed the young colonial to England.

No doubt there were people in the Hornchurch of 1850 who scoffed at the idea of educating girls. Women should learn to clean and cook, not stick their heads in books! But you can never foretell the indirect benefits of education. Martha Thompson's Hornchurch childhood forms part of a world-shaking story.



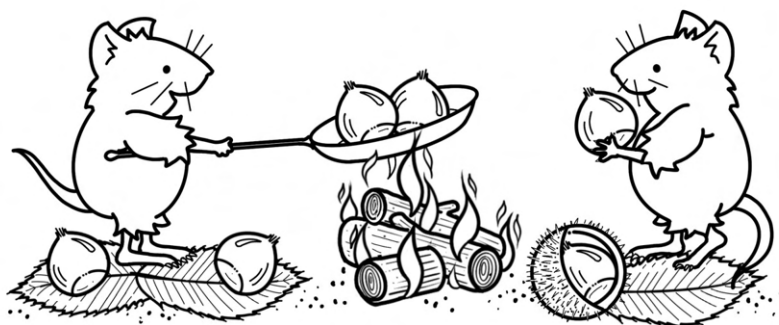
**Professor Ged Martin**

Photograph of Lord Rutherford from the US Library of Congress and

block of the universe — was itself composed of particles. In 1911, Ernest Rutherford suggested that those particles mostly formed a core, which he called the "nucleus". They were like the red snooker balls at the start of the frame. With the right cue ball,

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Photograph of the small hall and former teacher's house in North Street editor's own.





## Bell Ringing Awards for First Quarter Peals

On Sunday 10th September 2023, the commitment and achievements of 3 of our bell ringers was recognised during the morning family service. Mark Lendon, Valerie Swain and James Riley have all achieved ringing their first quarter peal during the past year. This means ringing continuously for about 45 minutes and involves considerable physical and mental effort. Mark returned to ringing after the pandemic having learnt to ring as a youngster. He has rung several quarter peals in the past year. Val learnt to ring in 2018 for Ringing Remembers' and has rung regularly ever since including 2 quarter peals. James learnt to ring in 2022 and has now rung 2 quarter peals in little over a year. Congratulations to all 3 ringers shown in the photograph (right) holding their bell ringing prizes presented to them by Revd Ken Wylie and ringing master Clive Stephenson during the morning service.



## Clive Stephenson

### Bell Ringers' Outing to Suffolk

On Saturday 16th September, our coach of 47 bell ringers and friends left St Andrew's for our autumn outing to Suffolk. The day was organised by John Church helped by Jonathan Slack who learnt to ring in Suffolk as a child. Our first stop was the pretty village of Boxford where we were welcomed with coffee and cake in the church. The bells here were heavy and quite difficult but we managed to ring Stedman, Cambridge and Rutland. Our lunch stop was Hadleigh, another heavy ring of 8 bells with the tenor just over a ton. One of our ringers, James Riley, has family in Hadleigh and they were able to watch and listen to him ring the tenor to Grandsire Triples. Following our excellent lunch, we travelled to Buxhall, a newly augmented ring of 8 bells; followed by Great Finborough, an easy-going ring of 6 bells in a beautiful country setting. Our final stop of the day was Stowmarket where we were provided with tea and cakes in the church café. We were privileged to be the first visiting band to ring on the improved and re-tuned bells which have just been augmented from 8 to 10. Jamie Slack was able to ring with his Granddad who rings in Suffolk and Carys Hayward rang Plain Hunt on 9 for the first time. The more experienced ringers rang Stedman Caters and Little Bob Royal. Everyone enjoyed the day and our thanks go to John and Jonathan for all their hard work.



## Clive Stephenson

Above right: Carys Hayward at Hadleigh with Mum and sister

Right: Jamie Slack at Stowmarket with Father Jonathan (far right) and John Church (far left)

Cont. on P15: Experienced ringers at Stowmarket





## Foodbank update

The Harold Hill and Rainham Foodbanks are very grateful indeed for the generous continuing donations from the parish. They have experienced a fall in donations of up to 60% but demand keeps growing and is unlikely to reduce any time soon so a heartfelt "thank you" to all who donated.

If you would like to donate money instead of goods, the details are given below. The foodbanks have to pay for rent, heating and lighting so funds are always gratefully received.

Again, thank you for your generosity – it is very much appreciated. You could send a cheque, payable to Kingdom Storehouse Ltd, to the Harold Hill Food Bank, Unit 1, Guardian Business Centre, Faringdon Avenue, Romford, RM3 8FD, or you could go online to <https://haroldhill.foodbank.org.uk/give-help/donate-money/> Please consider donating – it could make so much difference to a family in need.

### A message from Rainham Foodbank:

"With the ULEZ extension now upon us, we are finding it extremely hard to fund a new van which will allow us to continue helping our community. As a charity, we are struggling to find one within our budget as our main spending focus is providing any living essentials that may not get donated. The van is the lifeline of The Rainham Foodbank and is used daily: without it we cannot collect our donations, or drop off parcels to our vulnerable clients."

The van is an essential item for the Foodbank: they have a GoFundMe page - please donate if you can.

<https://gofund.me/f66155fd>

## Pat Clark

Bell-ringers from P14

Experienced ringers at Stowmarket



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3.30 – 5.30pm in the grounds of St Andrew's.



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

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**10.15 am:** Parish Worship at St Andrew's **4th Sunday** Parade Service

**6.30 pm:** Evening Services at St Andrew's.

**2nd, 3rd, 4th and 5th Sundays** at St George's Parish Worship at **10.15 am**

**3rd Sunday** only at St Matthew's **11.00 am** Holy Communion, **3pm** The Well, other churches as above as usual.

**Thursdays 10.00 am** Mid-week Holy Communion at St Andrew's See **Page 3** for greater detail

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**Messy Church**

## Hornchurch Parish Churches

August 2023

### Baptisms

**August 13th** Ophella Alice Rice  
Ava Poppy Rice  
Ada-Rose Violet Jessie Bash  
Edie-Mae Caroline Anne Bash  
Millie-Alice Lesley Calder

**20th** Evelyn Ann Curtis  
**27th** Ruby Margaret Walkinshaw

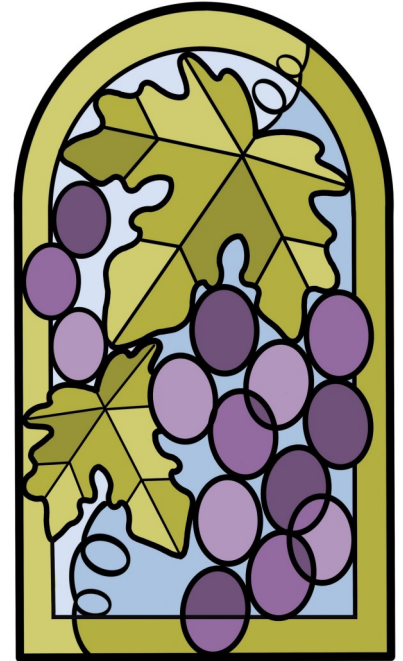
### Marriages

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### In Memoriam "I am the resurrection and the life" John 1v25

**August 1st** Lynne Stone 81  
**3rd** Gladys Simpson 97

**10th** Barbara Ellen Felstead 77  
**23rd** Iris Ellen Evett 91



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