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Tears of sadness, tears of joy



You number my wanderings; Put my tears into Your bottle; Are they not in Your book? (Psalm 56.8) say, on the cross – in His desperation

So, we come near the end of our journey through Lent. A journey, this year, marked by a great deal of rain. Probably more rain than we expected or hoped for.

Too much rain and we see floods which can bring ruination to both housing and early Spring crops which will rot in the ground. And yet, there are also the benefits of refilling reservoirs and aquifers that we might be spared the threat of a water shortage later in the year.

Rain is the necessary bringer of hydration to our bodies and the land around us to enable growth of our food crops. Life is not possible without rain. And, as the sun has begun to shine and bring warmth so we have seen the rapid growth of grass and plants in our gardens, parks and roadsides. Those reminders of Spring and new life that Easter heralds – physically and spiritually.

As we have travelled through Lent the rain has often caused me to pause and think of tears. Not necessarily the old adage of rain being God's tears (though there is so much to weep – and pray – over in the world), rather the thought of our tears of contrition and repentance.

On Good Friday, as we spend time at the foot of the cross, we might shed tears:at the realisation of all that God, our maker and Saviour, has done for us to draw us closer in deep relationship; at the reality of an innocent man taking on the sins of the world for us; at the pain and humility that Jesus experienced, the loneliness in death of being raised up above the crowd in excruciating pain.

Let us not forget Christ's own tears – in the Garden of Gethsemane and, I dare

to fulfil His calling to the world.

We are reassured that God knows our tears as recorded in Psalm 56 (above) and knows all about us...And loves us!

Ultimately, our tears can be a source of new life, much as rain is. When we have wept in desperation and felt a release of pressure, then new perspectives may come into a situation bringing fresh growth and hope. And our tears of sadness may turn into tears of gladness, our mourning

turn into dancing, that we may be clothed with joy, as the psalmist experienced (Psalm 30.11).

This Easter, may we know and rejoice at Christ's sacrifice. May we be thankful and eager to receive the blessings of God and be looking for new life in our lives and those around us – individually and in community. Let us proclaim afresh the salvation of the Lord and live lives that may allow others to find God through our witness.

Be assured of my prayers and the prayers of your church that we may know God's joy, comfort and, ultimately, His Peace as we celebrate Christ's resurrection and journey, with hope, through the Easter season.

Christ is risen; He is risen indeed! Alleluia!

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

Revd Ken Wylie Vicar

Love God

Mark 12.30 NIV

What's on

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

Weekly meetings

Mon. 10.00am to **Tadpoles** St Andrew's large hall, for children and their adults 11.30 am

2.30 and Time Out 2nd Monday of month meeting is 7pm North Street hall and 4th Monday meeting 2.30pm St Andrew's.

8.30 pm **Escape** (1st & 3rd) small hall

Tues. ~ ~ ~ ~ ~

Wed. 9.30- **0-2 Playgroup** St Andrew's hall. Toys, songs and craft,

11.00 am 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

7-9pm **St Andrew's Choir practice**. St Andrew's church

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 <code>info@parishgiving.org.uk</code> Can you please note these details should you need to contact them.



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"Worship in spirit and in truth" John 4.24 NIV **Grow in Faith and**

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

Parish Mission

Statement

What is our purpose?

We strive to:

Jesus said - "Love the Lord your God with

all your heart, soul, mind and strength"

Bring others to knowledge of and faith in Jesus Christ

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

Serve the communityJesus said - "Love your neighbour as yourself" Mark 12.31 NIV

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Bullseye programme Contents to the Editor 2024

May Bullseye Sunday 31st March June Bullseye Sunday 5th May

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May Bullseye Wed. 24th April June Bullseye Wed. 29th May

The Bullseye for May will be in the churches and online by Sunday 28th April 2024

Useful Telephone Numbers

We now have access to all our buildings but there are still other ways to access church. Search elsewhere on the website (**www.parishofhornchurch.co.uk**) for links to our services as well as regular updates on our various Facebook pages – the parish and Messy Church. Additionally visit **www.churchofengland.org** and

www.chelmsford.anglican.org for further inspiration and resources to aid your worship and faith. Or simply call 0800 804 8044 a free national Church of England number to bring services and prayers to those not online. Please pass this number on to those you know may be in this position.

Pastoral care / Prayer requests

There is a dedicated phone number for prayer and pastoral care requests: **0789 55 12480**

Please use this number if you would like the Pastoral Care team to contact you. It can also be used to request prayer by our Healing Prayer team who would be delighted to pray for you. Leave a voicemail or text message and someone will contact you within a couple of days.

Parish Services

The pattern of Sunday morning services is set out on page 16 and below. Holy Communion continues at St Andrew's at 10am every Thursday, and livestream Morning Prayer on Facebook at 9am Monday to Friday except Bank Holidays.

Entrance to St Andrew's is not structured. Hand sanitizer continues to be freely available at various places in church premises, the wearing of masks is a matter of personal decision, as is a worshipper's choice of seat. Holy Communion is available in both forms, bread and wine, and it is a personal decision whether to take both. Gluten-free wafers and alcohol-free wine are available.

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 (also livestreamed)

10.15am - Common Worship Holy Communion at St George's

6.30pm - 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)

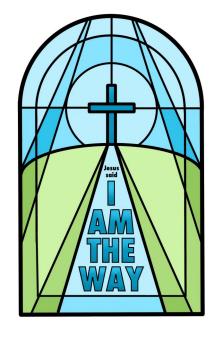
10.15am - Morning Worship at St George's 6.30pm - Healing Prayer Service at St Andrew's

Palm Sunday 24th March 8.30am - BCP Holy Communion at St Andrew's

10.15am - Parade at St Andrew's

10.15am - Holy Communion at St George's

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Services during Holy Week and Easter

March 28th Maundy Thursday

8pm Eucharist St Andrew's Church

March 29th Good Friday

10:15am meet outside St Andrew's Church for the Walk of Witness

11am Service on the Queen's Green

12-3pm Reflections at the foot of the Cross St Andrew's Church.

<u> March 31st: Easter Sunday</u>

6am Dawn Eucharist St Andrew's Church

8:30am Holy Communion St Andrew's Church

10:15am Holy Communion St Andrew's Church

10:15am Holy Communion St George's Church

6.30pm Holy Communion St Andrew's Church

Margaret Gammans 1934-2024

Margaret Gammans was born and grew up in Dagenham. As a young woman she worked at May and Baker the pharmaceutical company as a secretary. Dagenham was an independent borough then and held an annual carnival and Town Show. One year May and Baker entered a float in the carnival. Margaret and her friends were on the body of the float promoting the firm and that is how Margaret met Ron Gammans of May and Baker Transport division who was driving the lorry. They married and moved to Hornchurch and had two sons Michael and Andrew. They both married and Margaret had 4 grandchildren and up to now three great-grandchildren. Margaret was enormously proud of all her family, her daughters-in-law, grandchildren and grandchildren-in-law included and all their achievements and careers. Once her sons were grown up she worked at Scotts School as a dinner lady. It was not uncommon when out with Margaret to meet a former pupil who remembered her with affection. I met Margaret in the 1996 cohort of Confirmation candidates. Sadly Ron had not long died. Margaret began to play the piano for the toddlers at Baby Fellowship on Thursday afternoons and when Baby Fellowship was retired in 1998 she joined the committee that formed the Little Fishes which opened in the same spot



later that year. She continued to play the piano and then moved on to keep our register and other paperwork and the most important task of welcoming our children and their adults. Before the pandemic she was also part of the Welcome Team at St Andrew's on Sunday morning, greeting worshippers and making them welcome, particularly important for newcomers. It was a job for which she was especially suited, as she loved people and was always so cheerful and approachable. Outside church she was involved with

the Residents Association and other neighbourhood projects. She was an enthusiastic Avon Lady. As well as her music and administrative skills she was a superb cook and catered for many a church event and/or church family occasion. She made gorgeous fruit cakes and her wedding cakes with icing were professional standard.

She enjoyed keeping up with her wide circle of friends and family and, while she was fit enough to do so, travelling to visit them, as far afield as Australia. She was adept with new technology and in later years used Facebook, Skype and the rest to keep in touch. She loved either a lunch out or company round her home. She was kind and endlessly patient with the children.

Margaret's unexpected death in February, only a few days after celebrating Pancake Day at Little Fishes, was a shock. She leaves a Margaret-shaped hole, but also a legacy of happy children and the memory of her support, wisdom and humour.

Carol Metcalfe



Myra Florence Hughes was born on 30 April 1936 in Stepney to Myra and Jim Stamp. Myra has one sister, Margaret.

They lived in Poplar for her first 4 years before a move to Dagenham. Myra had – what is for us today - the unimaginable experience during the Second World War of not seeing her father for the majority of it; Jim was

Myra Hughes

fighting in Burma. It must have been a strange day when he returned to the family home to see his daughters so grown up.

Myra attended Hunters Hall Primary School and Eastbrook Secondary Modern. She left at the age of 15 and began work at Prudential Insurance. It was around this time that Myra was also a member of the Air Training Corps.

She met, loved and married Frederick George Hughes. They were married in 1955 at St George's Church, Dagenham and had various homes in Customs House, Forest Gate and East Ham before settling in Hornchurch in 1976. They were blessed with 4 children.

Between children and once they were all at school Myra had various jobs including cleaning at Bennetts Gym where Arnold Schwarzenegger trained Revd Ken Wylie when he first came to Britain. For a better wage, Myra moved on and found herself ultimately, working in Social Work in Newham and, later, Havering until retirement. Myra was always busy and this

continued in retirement. She sang with Havering Singers and volunteered for the Alzheimer's Society. Following Fred's death in 2012 Myra committed herself to their "Singing for the Brain" initiative. More latterly she and one of her daughters, Lisa, have been running the Dementia Music and Social Club. She was a much loved and valued member of St Andrew's Church, involved in many areas of parish life, not least, for a number of years as a volunteer welcomer on the front desk.

Wendy Warren

Wendy Warren who died last month was a very active and hardworking member of the parish. She was a Civil Servant in Whitehall for some years and later, she and her husband Tony ran a local off licence shop. Their children were Carolyne, Christopher and Nigel

Having moved to Hornchurch in the mid 1960s, their son Christoper was baptized in St Andrews, both sons were in the choir, and later married at St Andrew's. Among other duties Wendy was very much involved in

Wedding bookings.

Her daughter Carolyne said that "For Mum, church was just part of life". Wendy was the PCC Secretary for many years, serving a few different vicars in this role. She was also the secretary for Revd Peter Peatfield, and instrumental in the forming and running of the Friends of St Andrew's charity, which ran various fund raisers for the church. When the table top sales were running you could always find Wendy in the kitchen cooking. She kept up her friendship with Canon Peatfield for years after his retirement.

One of her joys was reading the prayers and intercessions during services. She also enjoyed singing in the special choir on Christmas Eve and the annual outing with the Bell ringers.

She had a great love of the history

Memories of St Edward's CofE Comprehensive School Romford

I recently visited 96 year old Rafiq Alam who taught history at St Edward's C. of E. Comprehensive School for many years. He started teaching in St Edward's Secondary School when it was near the Market Place, behind the old Library and where Asda is now. He was there a year before the school moved to the new building in London Road. He must be the last St Edward's teacher alive who taught in the original building.

Incidentally I have a friend whose son Lindsey Walker carried the St Edward's banner in a procession from the old school to new London Road building when it opened.

Sue Cash

of the church and was very upset when the horns were stolen. Her research and work on the church history is much valued. With the Friends of St Andrew's she organised various displays showing the array of documents and photos we have of the building and people. Her guide to the church is still in use and her research papers will be a valuable resource.

She was a great supporter of small local businesses if she needed any work done in the house.

Tony Warren died before her and his ashes are interred at St Andrew's. Wendy was one of those hardworking and reliable people that are the mainstay of every parish. She will be missed by many people, not just for her work, but her personal qualities of faithfulness and energy.

The Crossroad

The road was hard, no turning back, The way ordained by mighty God. 'Your will, not mine' was all He said, As humbly down that path He trod.

The crowd that cheered Him once with palms

Began to shout for Him to die, They chose Barabbas in his stead And with one voice cried 'Crucify!'

Between two thieves on Calvary's hill They put to death the Prince of Life One cried for help, the other cursed. The first was promised Paradise.

This promise now is for us all: Christ gave His life to set us free. The Cross divides, it always will -The question is: what side are we?

Megan Carter

Memories of Wendy from Carolyne, Jeanette and the Parish

Message from St Andrew's Choir

Young voices play a very special part in the traditional church choir sound.

After Easter, we will be recruiting boys and girls aged 7 and above to come and experience the choir and see if their voice has potential.

Please speak to Bill after any 10.15 service at St Andrew's or drop him an email to william.brooks861@qmail.com

Bell Ringers Coach Outing to Sussex

Saturday 18th May 2024

Coach leaves St Andrew's at 8.00am returning by 9.00pm. Visiting East Grinstead, Balcombe, Warnham, Rudgwick & Cranleigh. Cost is approximately £50 including coach, lunch & dinner.

Please contact Clive: 07896 342010 for more details and to reserve a seat.

Non-ringers are especially welcome

Music Event

St Andrew's Church Choir and Saint Francis Hospice Choir join forces again to raise money for the Hospice and to provide an evening of entertainment. This Cafe-style Concert at North Street Hall will be a relaxed evening for you to join with your friends to enjoy a selection of light music with some audience participation and the opportunity to chat between sets. You are invited to bring your own drink and glasses etc. Please join us and help to raise funds for Saint Francis Hospice.

27th April, 7.00 pm start, Large North Street Hall, Hornchurch. Admission by ticket in advance only £10.00

Available from John Morris 01708 229241

Guide, Brownie and Rainbow News



14th Hornchurch **Brownies**

To celebrate World Thinking Day we attended a county run event in Dunmow where the Brownies visited all 5 of the Girl Guiding centres across the world. They took part in Mexican weaving, Indian dancing and art, Switzerland songs, African drumming and making tea light holders in London. All the Brownies earned a special World Thinking Day badge for attending.

14th Hornchurch Brownies

Happy Anniversary Myanga!

I didn't realise until someone pointed it out to me the other day, but the parish of Hornchurch has been supporting 'Coins for Kenya' for 20 years! My first payment was a cheque for £113.00 back in April 2004 and how many lives have we changed since then?

Only God knows . .

Early on we sent out several boxes of second-hand (or should it be secondfoot?) football boots for the kids of the village who were playing games barefoot. We decided against sending out second-hand wheelchairs and crutches for the disabled school in the village because of transportation costs, so we raised money instead and they bought new ones. We have paid for sacks of grain/pulses to be given out to the hungry by the Poor Claire Nuns and helped several people to start again or set up a new small business to support themselves and their families after a misfortune. We then started paying for building

projects; school rooms, latrines, school desks and benches, beds for the boarding school for the disabled plus mattresses and several mud hut homes that had been washed away in the rainy season were replaced using our money

Back in 2013 we sponsored Leah through her teacher training and now paying for secondary schooling is our preferred option as an education is the only hope of a happy future for most young girls. I will write more about this next month, but for now, thank you so much to everyone who has supported us over the last 20 years, long may we continue changing lives for the better! God bless you.

Terry Keens



Time Out

On Monday 11th March 22 members met at North Street Hall to decorate eggs for Easter. We were all very creative as you can see by the photos of our efforts.

Meetings for April
Monday 8th - no meeting
Monday 22nd - TBC

Please contact Val on 07527 325996 for more information about the group or meeting details.

Jeanette





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

Scouts 8th Hornchurch 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

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:

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

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St James the Least of All

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

On why a church should always resist change

From: The Rectory, St James the Least of All

My Dear Nephew Darren,

I am not the least surprised you have got yourself into trouble; innovation is never to be encouraged. New ideas tend to cause revolutions. The move from incandescent lightbulbs to energy saving ones may ultimately change the Church of England.

Change is something everyone claims to be in favour of — provided it has no measurable effect on their own lives. I remember as a young curate once suggesting that, at the Harvest Supper, tables might be enlarged so that eight people could sit together rather than the traditional six, thus helping more people get to know one another. The response would have been similar if I had suggested we travel to London to murder the Prime Minister. I was firmly told that tables for six had been perfectly adequate for parishioners in Queen Victoria's day. For the rest of my curacy, I was regarded as a revolutionary, to be watched carefully.

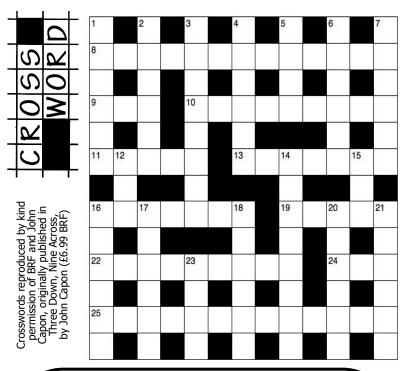
So, at your last visit to our church, to suggest that our 11am Mattins might be moved to 10.30am, in order to encourage those who wanted to have more of the day free to themselves, certainly lobbed a hand grenade among the post-Service coffee cups. The only person who was mildly in favour was Colonel Wainwright, who quickly realised that it would give him an extra half-hour at the gin and tonics before lunch.

Should you ever feel that people lack imagination, you should watch them in action when they find reasons for resisting an unwelcome suggestion. One said that the time couldn't be moved, since it would then be too early for the local bus — omitting to mention that none of our congregation travel to church by bus and that the bus service doesn't run on Sundays anyway. Another pointed out that it would confuse those who didn't attend church — not explaining why, if they never attended, it mattered what time the Service was. A third rather touchingly mentioned that it wouldn't give the rector time to enjoy his breakfast after the rigours of the 8am Service.

Your suggestion did, however, serve one useful purpose; it brought our congregation together in united opposition. They may not necessarily always know what they are for, but they certainly know what they are against. For that, I thank you.

Your loving uncle, **Eustace**





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- 'He poured out his life unto death, and was numbered
- with the '(Isaiah 53:12) (13)

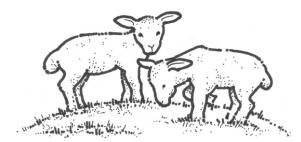
 9 'When they had sung a hymn, they went to the Mount of Olives (Matthew 26:30) (3)

 10 Comes between Galatians and Philippians (9)
- 11 'Your heart will and swell with joy' (Isaiah 60:5) (5)
- 13 Muslim holy month (7)
- 16 Ten ears (anag.) (7) 19 Under (poetic abbrev.) (5) 22 How Abram described himself to God when he complained that his inheritance would pass to a servant (Genesis 15:2) (9)
- 24 'Go to the , you sluggard' (Proverbs 6:6) (3) 25 Debar from receiving Communion (13)

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- 1 My for His Highest (Oswald Chambers' best-known book) (6)
- Festival of the resurrection (6)
- 'His sons will prepare for war and a great army' (Daniel 11:10) (8)
- 'Let not the string his bow' (Jeremiah 51:3) (6)
- Name of the River Thames in and around Oxford (4)
- 'From then on Judas watched for an opportunity
- him over' (Matthew 26:16) (2,4) 'But Christ is faithful ——— over over God's house' (Hebrews 3:6) (2,1,3)
- Long-handled implement used to till the soil
- (Isaiah 7:25) (3) 14 Order to which monks and nuns devote themselves (8)
- 15 Appropriate (Proverbs 15:23) (3)
- 16 I, uncle (anag.) (6) 17 They gave him of broiled fish' (Luke 24:42) (1,5)
- 17 They gave him —— of brofiled fish (Luke 24:42) (1,5)
 18 'Weren't there three men that we —— and threw into
 the fire?' (Daniel 3:24) (4,2)
 20 Mountain where Noah's ark came to rest
- (Genesis 8:4) (6)
- 21 'Don't you know that friendship with the world is towards God?' (James 4:4) (6)
 23 Prominent architectural feature of large cathedrals
- such as St Paul's (4)

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Ingrebourne Valley Visitor Centre Open daily 10am - 5pm: Café, Gift shop, Picnic facilities, Toilets, Site of Special Scientific Interest (SSSI)

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 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. Babes in arms are free.

We are currently offering Nature Tots as a block booking. The current block will continue to take place **every Tuesday** 16 April 2024 - Tuesday 14 May 2024 10am-12pm and **every Friday** Friday 19 April 2024 - Friday 17 May 2024 10am-12pm We are trialling a 10% discount on all sibling tickets and have a limited number of places available for families in receipt of universal credit. We may be able to offer free taster sessions and shorter blocks of sessions priced at £8 per week. To find out more please email our Wilder Learning Officer at **learning@essexwt.org.uk**

Ingrebourne Home Education Group 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

Age 5-11 Events run in block sessions and take place weekly, every Wednesday Wednesday 17 April 2024 -Wednesday 15 May 2024 5 weeks £35 per child. 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.

Age Over 11 Events run in block sessions and take place weekly. **Every Monday** from Monday 15 April 2024 - Monday 20 May 2024 1:30pm-3:30pm 5 weeks £32 per child. Suitable for children of secondary school age. Children must be accompanied by an adult. Please come suitably dressed for the weather as we will be outside for the whole session. Advance booking essential. You only need to book a place for the child attending and not the accompanying

We are trialling a 10% discount on all sibling tickets for both age groups and have a limited number of places available for families in receipt of universal credit. We may be able to offer free taster sessions and shorter blocks of sessions priced at £8 per week.

Easter Holiday Activities

At time of publication the Ingrebourne Drop off Days for the over 5s on Thursday 4th and 11th April are fully

booked. Friday 5th and Tuesday 9th April Family Forest Fun ages 2-9. 10:30am-12:30pm A morning full of fun in

nature - look for mini-beasts, dig in the mud kitchen, build dens, climb trees,

creative crafts, and enjoy a campfire (weather permitting). Suitable for children aged 2-9. Please come dressed for the weather as we will be outside for the whole session. Children must be accompanied by an adult.

Advance booking required. Please meet outside the Visitor Centre on arrival. There will be access to toilet facilities if required. £7 per child, advance booking essential

Wednesday 10th Wild Wednesday: Plant Power an hour of springthemed activities in the forest, including cooking and creating art with foraged plants. Then complete our plants and pollinators trail through the park to claim your eggcellent prize.

To secure a place, choose your preferred time slot for the hour of activities (10am, 11am or 12pm) when you book your child's ticket in advance, or you can turn up and pay on the day at the Visitor Centre (subject to availability).

Please meet outside the Visitor Centre on arrival. There will be access to toilet facilities if required.

Advanced booking essential. £7 per child To find out more please email our Wilder Learning Officer at

learning@essexwt.org.uk

Contact number: 01708 520364 Contact email: ingrebourne@essexwt.org.uk

www.essexwt.org.uk/reserves/ingrebourne



Floodlighting of St Andrew's Church, Hornchurch

Many thanks to all who have sponsored the floodlighting during April 2024:

Derek Stanbridge ~ In loving memory of my dear wife, **Anna Stanbridge**, who fell asleep on 28th April 2021. Love you always. God bless you. **Derek**;

Win Bulmer and family ~ In loving memory of George, a dear husband and Dad;

Denis Carrington ~ In loving memory of dearest **Elizabeth (Betty).** Loving wife, mother and granny.

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







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 £19 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

Hornchurch Library

At 44 North Street Hornchurch.

Not just for books; talks, activities and more. Contact the librarians on

01708 434903 or **libraryevents@havering.gov.uk** or visit the Havering Libraries Facebook page or see the Council website for more information.

Wednesday Afternoon Music at Hornchurch Library

Wednesday 3rd April at 2pm MUSICAL ALPHABET

Mike Beaman presents a musical A-Z with Alfie Boe and Zoot Sims taking care of the first and final letters but along the way there will be Dion, Elvis, Matt Monro, Nicola Benedetti, Queen and Ute Lemperer. Perhaps you might like to guess which letters Mike will omit.

Wednesday 17th April at 2pm THANKS FOR THE MEMORY Part 2

Brian Luck continues his long musical journey of his life and as well as music there will be some humorous anecdotes.

We meet in the main meeting room, 1st floor (lift available), Hornchurch Library, North Street starting at 2pm and finish by 4pm. All are welcome. Admission £2 per person - interval drinks available at a nominal cost. If you would like more details contact Stephen Raindle 01708 470670 or email sraindle@aol.com

At Messy Church

We Learn about God ◆ Welcome all the Family

◆ Activities & Crafts ◆ Eat Food

Hear Bible Stories

Dates for your Diary

Saturday 20th April: Communion I am the Bread of Life 3.30 to 5pm outdoors in St Andrew's Church grounds

Sunday 12th May: Prayer Walk and Pentecost 3.30 to 5pm outdoors in St Andrew's Church grounds and short walk in local area

Saturday 1st June: using our gifts; don't bury your talents. 3.30 to 5pm outdoors in St Andrew's Church grounds

Sunday 7th July; Running the Race; I am Victorious. 3.30 to 5pm outdoors in St Andrew's Church grounds

All ages are welcome. Please wear weatherappropriate clothing and footwear for the outdoor sessions

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

Or **www.parishofhornchurch.co.uk** 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.





Bullseye News from the Parish of Hornchurch

Charity of the Month for April Sue Ryder



The Sue Ryder charity was founded by Lady Sue Ryder who was a humanitarian. She dedicated her life to the relief of suffering. She started her work in WW11 helping people who had been displaced by the war. After the war ended she widened her scope to support people across the UK and internationally. When she died on 2nd November 2000 she left behind a legacy of charities around the world which continue her work promoting compassion and the relief of suffering.

The Sue Ryder charity aims to support anyone who is living with a life-limiting condition and their families at the most difficult of times. They are there to support people through their grief, with their 'Dying Matters' campaign bringing this more to the forefront. If you would like to donate to the charity either visit

their website https://www.sueryder.org/donate or bring a cheque to St Andrew's Church clearly written on the back 'COM Sue Ryder'. We

will collate all donations and those made for cards in the entrance area together at the end of the month and send it to Sue Ryder.

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

70th Birthday Celebrations for Mark

On Friday 8th March 2024, Mark Lendon celebrated his 70th birthday. To honour the occasion, a team of 6 bell ringers (including Mark) met at St Andrew's to ring a celebratory quarter peal:

Hornchurch, Essex

St Andrew

Friday, 8 March 2024 1260 Plain Bob Doubles

- 1 Valerie A Swain
- 2 Ethan J Musham
- 3 Michael J Warren
- 4 John M Church
- 5 Clive J Stephenson (C)
- 6 Mark E Lendon

Rung to celebrate the 70th birthday of Mark Lendon on this day.

The following day a gathering of family and friends continued the celebrations in St Andrew's Hall where Mark arranged a delicious buffet.

Revd Ken spoke of Mark's commitment to the church (including bell ringing) and we drank a toast to Mark and his loving family. Mark and Carol celebrate their Golden Wedding Anniversary later this year.

Photo below:

The team of bell ringers with Mark (far right)

Arlene Trump

Prayer for April 2024

based on John 20: 19-end

Almighty Father,

In these weeks after Easter, help us to receive afresh the new life Jesus' resurrection makes possible.

Lord, come to us. Walk through the locked doors of our fears. Bring us Your peace. Fill us with Your Holy Spirit.

Send us onto our daily front lines to share Your resurrection peace and hope and love with those who are lost and lonely.

Thank you for meeting us in Jesus, our Lord and our God. We are your Easter people. Hallelujah. Amen.

Daphne Kitching

Flag Days for 2024

(Union Jack unless otherwise stated)

Sun March 31st: Easter Sunday
Tue April 23rd: St George's Day (St George's flag)
Mon May 6th: Coronation Day

Thur Jun 6th: 80th Anniversary of D-Day Sat Jun 8th: Official Birthday of HM The King Sun Sep 8th: Accession of HM The King

Sun Sep 15th: Battle of Britain Day Sun Nov 10th – Mon Nov 11th: Remembrance

Sunday and Remembrance Day

Thur Nov 14th: Birthday of HM The King

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

Wed Dec 25th: Christmas Day

Up the Boro! Romford never reached Football's Top Flight

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.

The first Romford Football Club was founded in 1876. In 1881, the team reached the Fifth Round of the FA Cup. They had managed a draw in Round One – and their opponents failed to show up for the replay. Unluckily, in the Fifth Round, Darwen, a fiery Lancashire team, beat them 15

Early Romford teams were short-lived. By the 1920s, only Romford Town Thursday carried the name. The Recorder played a big part in launching a new Romford club in 1929. Editor Glyn Richards published a letter complaining that the growing suburb lacked a team. A handbill, announcing a fantasy fixture, "Romford vs. Aston Villa", triggered massive support. Aston Villa were the superteam in those days. Twenty year earlier, Harold Wood Athletic had based their shirts on the Villa strip. At Romford's North Street ground, Brooklands, the tiny grandstand carried just one advertising slogan: "The Recorder". Romford were amateurs, playing in the top-flight Athenian and Isthmian Leagues.

Amateur football was almost as big as the professional game until the 1950s.In 1949, Romford played Bromley in the Amateur Cup Final, the first ever staged at Wembley, before an astonishing 94,000 people. A 14minute youtube video shows the carnival atmosphere as supporters headed for Wembley in fleets of coaches. A major rendezvous was Roneo Corner, in days before the South Street exit to

the A118 was replaced by Rom Valley Way. There's also a glimpse of Eastern Avenue with blissfully little traffic.

Romford played attacking football, but Bromley scored the only goal and won the Cup. A four-minute youtube video shows smudgy snatches of the game. Be warned: Match of the Day it ain't! The club's ambitious directors talked of building a 50,000 seat stadium, and gaining Football League status. In 1959, the Boro turned professional. There was no Conference in those days, so they joined the Southern League, becoming champions in 1967. There was no automatic promotion into the Football League either. Each

year the bottom clubs in Division Four (now League Two) had to reapply for membership, but an "Old Pals' Act" usually kept them. For example, year after year, mighty Midland League Peterborough were Cup giant killers, but they hammered at the door in vain until finally elected to the league in 1960.

Brooklands was by now superior to many League grounds, but Romford never managed to make their game match their facilities. In November 1960, the Boro reached the Second Round of the FA Cup, drawn at home against Third Division (League One) Northampton Town. From the terraces, I watched sorrowfully as the Cobblers sliced their way to a 5-1 victory. Northampton striker Laurie Brown strolled through the home defence. Soon after, he was sold to Arsenal for £35,000 — a huge fee in that era.

By 1975, financial troubles forced the sale of Brooklands. The site was used for a new housing development; all that remains are the gateposts to the entrance. The homeless club folded



three years later. In 2007, it was the promotion-winning Daggers who brought League football to the Essex suburbs.

A new Romford team arose in 1992, inheriting the blue and gold colours and the Boro nickname. Finding a stadium remains their biggest challenge, with successive groundsharing arrangements in Hornchurch, Rush Green, Collier Row, Thurrock and Aveley. They are currently playing at Barking FC in Mayesbrook. The club aspires to play in Romford again.

Thoughts of Mary Magdalene

When Mary Magdalene a disciple

and good friend of Jesus, visited His tomb on the third day of His death, she found it empty. The large stone which had protected the tomb from possible marauders was rolled away and the tomb empty except for two guardian angels. The burial linens were neatly folded and placed near to where the body had lain. Mary became deeply distressed and tears of absolute sorrow ran from her eyes "What have they done to my Lord?" she cried out to a man she thought to be the gardener. "Mary" the man replied. She recognized the voice of Jesus, her beloved Lord. Mary stepped forward to embrace him as tears of sorrow were replaced by those of joy. "You must not touch me" Jesus said gently to her. "I have not yet seen The Father" Mary understood immediately. Jesus, the Son of the Almighty Father, would need the Father's blessing once more before being recognized as being raised from the dead.

"Go tell the disciples and our friends you have seen me and we shall meet together later".

Jesus hurried away and Mary

continued to look on in His direction.

"Oh Jesus" Mary thought. "My sweet Jesus." Her tears returned again as she pondered on life without Jesus on earth when he finally rejoined the Father and ascended into heaven.

There will be great rejoicing, she mused, and rightly so, but we, left to carry on God's work will miss our great Teacher. I know You will bless and give us the strength we will need in spreading the new Gospel.

Dear Lamb of God, my Lord and Saviour, may Your sweet embrace forever enfold me for I cannot lose you; I dare not use you.

Dear gentle Jesus, You have given me such love and inspiration, and the great gift of renewing my soul. I praise my Lord and my God forevermore.

Terence Trimmer

Food Bank

The editor anticipates an update in due course. Meanwhile donations are always needed, in food or cash. For a donation in money please continue to 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 go online to

https://haroldhill.foodbank.org.uk/give-help/donate-money/

Bishop welcomes MPs' recommendations for end-of-life care

The Bishop of London, Sarah Mullally, has responded to the publication by The Health and Social Care Committee of its report on Assisted Dying/Assisted Suicide. Bishop Sarah, a former Chief Nursing Officer for England, said: "In over 20 years of working in the NHS, I witnessed first-hand the critical role that palliative care plays for patients and for their families. Particularly in my time as a cancer nurse in the capital, the difference I saw it make was deeply moving and inspirational in equal measure. This country has some of the best palliative care services in the world but they are currently underfunded and ovérly-reliant on charitable donations.

"This is why I welcome the report's call for the Government to ensure universal coverage of palliative and end-of-life services, including hospice care at home, and its recommendation that the Government commits to an uplift of

funding to guarantee support for hospices in need of financial help. I also welcome the call for better mental health support for terminally ill people.

"In 2022, the Church of England's General Synod members voted overwhelmingly to oppose a change in the law and the DPP's guidelines on Assisted Suicide and called for adequate funding and resourcing of palliative care services. This is about offering compassion and direct support for the terminally ill, to ensure the highest possible standard of care for all."

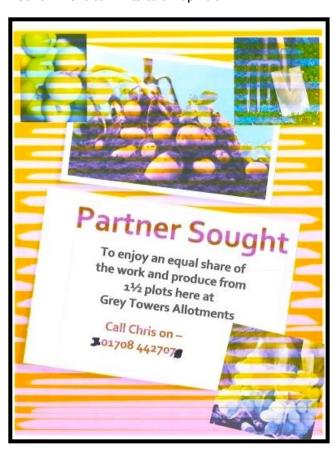
Life at St George's

This month I am sorry to have to report the death of another stalwart member of our congregation – Brian Allen. Brian had been a regular attendee at St George's (and also at St Andrew's on the 1st Sunday of the month) for a number of years. Even though he had been struggling to get around in recent months, he still managed to get along to services – latterly with the help of a lift from Chris Dunne.

Over the past weeks Brian had been in and out of hospital due to falls and

and out of hospital due to falls and sadly died there on 14th March – exactly a month after his 86th birthday. At the time of writing, there are no details about his funeral, but that will follow in due course. In the meantime, our thoughts and prayers are with his family and friends.

Pat Bromhall





Passover to Freedom

In the darkness of an April evening the Disciples gathered for contemplation, Peter and the Apostles waited together with expectation in the Upper Room; Longing for their Saviour, "Jesus Christ their Lord" to come and visit on them, Who offered up His Soul and Life for the Forgiveness of Man's Sinful Nature; He comes to the table with Water, which He uses to Wash these Men's Feet, His voice resounds with Humility, be Humble and Love one another like this! At Judas He looks in sadness, knowing the mind of him who is betraying Him, Judas gets up and leaves the table, and hurries away to execute this betrayal; Peter also betrays his love of Jesus, as recorded and denies Him three times, A Cock Crows to bring reality and grips Peter with remorse on his lonely Soul; Then "Peter is offered Intercession" and the position to look after Jesus' Flock, This moment aroused John the youngest of the Disciples to rise and ask Jesus. "Lord, why dippest the morsel in sauce before we eat Meat with bitter Herbs?" Jesus rose-up from the table saying, "The Angel of Death has landed on Israel!" The Angel of Death is now over Israel to perform and execute a Heinous Crime, After eating The Passover Lamb and Herbs with Sauce and Unleavened Bread; As also Moses had led his people Free, out of the land of suffering and slavery; Through the Desert to a Hill Country, full of Valleys to "God's Promised Land!" Remember that night; Tell the story and Praise the Lord in His Holy Communion; So it will be, that our children and children's children will know and never forget, As God in His Love for His People has kept Covenant to God's precious children; Promising that His Son would be The Saviour and Redeemer of the Human Race! Jesus then gave it to each of His Disciples in turn as a token of His Love for them; He said, "This is my Body, which is given for you; Do this in remembrance of me!" Jesus then gave it to each of His Disciples in turn as a token of His Love for them; He said, "This is my Body, which is given for you; Do this in remembran

Table Top Fun

Every Friday 15.15 to 17.15 St Matthew's Church Chelmsford Drive RM14 2PH

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.



All children need to be accompanied by an adult.

Contact Revd Mark Smeed for more information

Mark Lendon



Sudoku solution from P8

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



SUNDAY SERVICES in the Parish of Hornchurch

8.30 am: Morning Worship at St Andrew's Church **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

St Andrew's Church 222 High Street RM12 6QP

St George's Church Kenilworth Gardens RM12 4SG

St Matthew's Church Chelmsford Drive RM14 2PH **Messy Church**

Hornchurch Parish Churches

February 2024

Baptisms

February 11th Rory James Robinson

Oscar Andrew Robinson **18th** Oscar Roe Ridgewell

Marriages

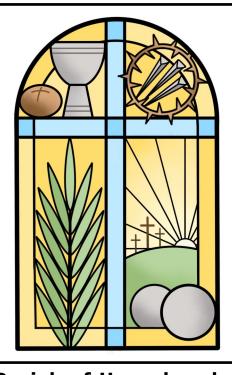
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In Memoriam "I am the resurrection and the life" John 11v25

February 7th Myra Florence Hughes 87

20th Margaret Elizabeth Gammans 89

26th Wendy Ann Warren 87



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