

Growing Stronger



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

As a Licenced lay Preacher (Reader) I have to do the Diocesan Safeguarding Leadership training courses every three years. These are online individual and group sessions. Along the way, there are questions to answer (to progress to the next level) and assessed homework to complete. It is hard work but is designed to test us to ensure we have really taken in the courses.

Sometimes life throws up scenarios which can test us and the Holy Spirit does not always lead us "beside quiet waters". God never tempts people to do wrong but He does allow us to be tested in order that we can grow stronger and move forward.

Lent is when we remember how Jesus was tested through the temptations of Satan in the wilderness.

What Jesus faced was unique to Him. None of us could turn stones to bread, command an army of angels or rule the world. But the questions behind these challenges, and the way He met them, are relevant to us.

Jesus had to decide how He would deal with physical weakness, how to use the strengths God gave Him, and whether He would compromise His integrity – all things we will face.

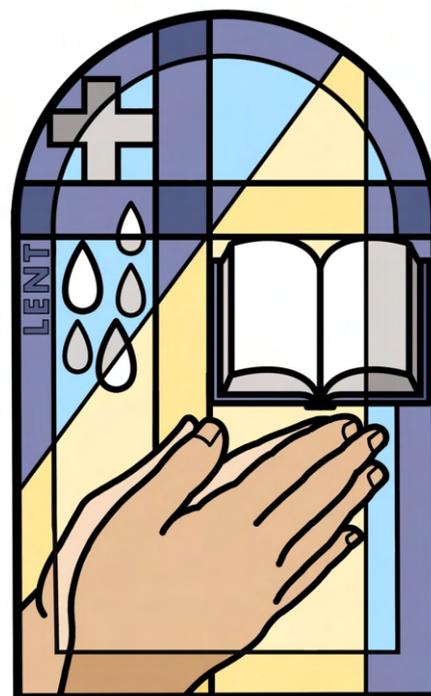
So how did He deal with these? He countered them with a knowledge of Scripture and applied it to His life. The more we know God's word, the better equipped we are.

Our journey of discipleship involves coming to know ourselves better (as we work through trials along the way) and coming to know more of God's Will for our lives (as we follow Jesus).

It is not easy but remember, as St Paul said "No temptation has seized you except what is common to man. And God is faithful. He will not let you be tempted beyond what you can bear. But when you are tempted, He will also provide a way out so that you can stand up under it." (1 Corinthians 10v13).

May we grow in knowledge and love of God this Lent, to enable us to stand strong as Jesus did.

**Carole Sherratt
Reader**



Church opening for private prayer and reflection

St Andrew's church is currently open for private prayer and reflection two days a week. This is a short trial for three months, which started in February and which if satisfactory we hope to continue.

At the moment the church will be open on Thursday mornings from 11 am (ie immediately after mid-week Holy Communion at 10am) until 1pm, and on Tuesdays from 10am until 12 noon, unless the church is needed for a funeral or other service.

Two volunteer stewards will be in attendance for each session.

Come, sit, light a candle, pray, reflect and find peace

Please pray in support of this venture to bring the church back into public use outside times of formal worship.

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 11.30 am 2.30 and 7.00 pm 8.30 pm	Tadpoles St Andrew's large hall, for children and their adults Time Out 2nd Monday of month meeting is 7pm North Street hall and 4th Monday meeting 2.30pm St Andrew's. 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 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

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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.

Bullseye programme Contents to the Editor 2025

April Bullseye Sunday 2nd March 2025
May Bullseye Sunday 4th May

Uploading

April Bullseye Wed. 26th March 2025
May Bullseye Wed. 30th April

The Bullseye for April will be in the churches and online by Sunday 30th March 2025

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.



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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 continue to be permissible and are available.

Sunday 2nd March

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.

Wednesday 5th March Ash Wednesday To be advised.

Sunday 9th, First Sunday of Lent

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

Sunday 16th,

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
2.45 pm - The Well at St Matthew's
6.30pm - Reflective service at St Andrew's

Sunday 23rd,

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.

Sunday 30th Mothering Sunday

8.30am - BCP Holy Communion at St Andrew's
10.15am - Holy Communion at St Andrew's
10.15am - Morning Worship Holy Communion at St George's
6.30pm - Healing prayer at St Andrew's

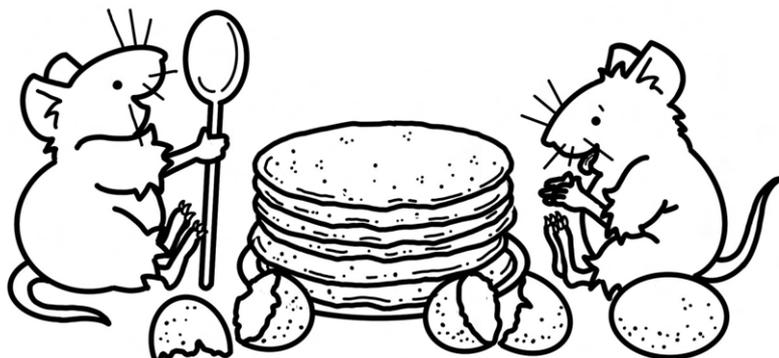
Quiz Night for Kenya

North Street Hall on Saturday
8th March.
7pm for 7.30pm start.
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Guide, Brownie and Rainbow News

2nd Hornchurch Rainbows

Lamayssa (left) was proud to complete her Rainbow Gold Award. Ella (below left) was excited to look after the flag at her First Church Parade as a Rainbow



5th Hornchurch (St George's) Guides
Ava (above) was delighted to make her Promise as a Guide

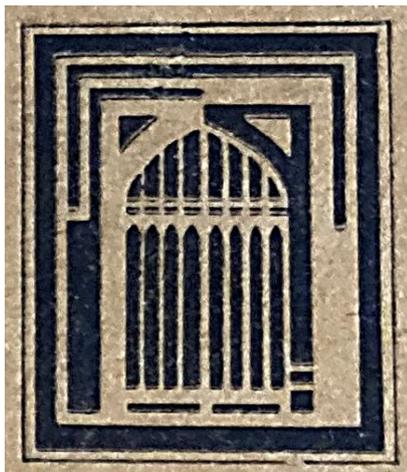
Guide, Rainbow and Brownie Leaders needed

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 District Administrator Sandra Cox on email:

charlesandsandra@outlook.com

**Calling all ex-Thresholders
THE LAST CALL!**

You may remember reading about the sad death of Frank Spall in the November issue of Bullseye. We now find ourselves in the possession of a quantity of memorabilia relating to the Thresholders church youth club, which we feel we should share. This church group existed from 1955 to 1991 and therefore involved a large number of young people from our parish over the years. We would like to invite anyone associated with Thresholders to join us for one last get together, to share some memories and celebrate all that Frank and Frances Spall achieved. This will be held on Saturday 15th March at 2pm at St Andrews Hall. For further details please contact : **Eileen** tel:01708 229241 or **Alan** email: sail_away@btinternet.com



How do we find the next Archbishop of Canterbury?

It is not a simple process. And now Stephen Knott, The Archbishops' Secretary for Appointments, has written to members of General Synod to confirm expected timings for the process of nominating the next Archbishop of Canterbury. He writes: "The Canterbury Diocese 'Vacancy in See' process commenced in December and, late last year, it was announced from Downing Street that the Prime Minister had appointed Lord (Jonathan) Evans of Weardale to chair the Crown Nominations Commission (CNC). My colleagues and I are supporting Lord Evans, working with him on the detailed planning. "During February and March, Jonathan Hellewell (the Prime Minister's Appointments Secretary) and I will undertake an extensive consultation exercise and, as part of this consultation, it will be possible for you to contribute. "The themes that emerge through this consultation will then sit alongside the 'Statement of Needs' produced by the Diocese of Canterbury, as well as other information provided by the National Church and Anglican Communion, in informing the CNC of the needs of the mission of the Church of England and the wider Anglican Communion. "It is expected that the full membership of the Commission will be known by mid-March, by which time the names of the three individuals elected from the Diocese of Canterbury's Vacancy in See Committee, the outcome of

the election of the episcopal member(s), the Central Members and the Anglican Communion representatives will be announced. The election process for the episcopal membership will be overseen by the Central Secretariat and further information on this will be circulated in the next weeks. "Once the Diocese of Canterbury's Vacancy in See process has concluded, the extensive consultation exercise has been completed, and the full membership of the CNC is known, the Commission will convene for its first meeting in May, followed by two further meetings – one in July and one in September. "Through these meetings, the Commission will agree the 'Role Profile' and 'Person Specification' for the next Archbishop, as well as longlist, shortlist and interview potential candidates. "While the discernment of the Crown Nominations Commission is necessarily confidential, we are committed to sharing relevant updates and information whenever available. To provide clarity on the timeline and sequence of events concerning the appointment and CNC process, there is a dedicated page on the C of E website for your reference."

**https://
www.churchofengland.org/
about/governance/
archbishops/appointing-new-
archbishop-canterbury**

Nigel Beeton writes: Eighty years ago WWII was, thankfully, entering its final stages. As Allied troops advanced across Europe the Nazi war machine was losing the territory and resources with which to fight. On 29th March the very last VI 'doodlebug' flying bomb was launched before its launch ramp was captured, and, again thankfully, it crashed harmlessly into a field near Woolmer Green in Hertfordshire.

Editor

Sadly it wasn't the last bomb to threaten Britain. Since then we have faced the IRA bombing campaign of the later 20th century and jihadist suicide bombers more recently. Not to mention conflicts abroad.

The Last Bomb

09:00 29th March 1945 Woolmer Green, Hertfordshire:

They heard it rattle, and they heard it stop.
They ran for cover, and they heard it drop.
A mighty bang – but far away
They watched the smoke cloud drift away.

"No-one hurt!" The news went round,
"Within a field it hit the ground!"
There was joy that day in Woolmer Green
But no-one knew just what they'd seen!

The bomb that fell that fell upon that day
The last that ever came our way!
The launching sites were overrun
The German bombs no more could come.

For five and sixty months they fell
Causing death and living hell
Forty thousand folk – now dead
Our whole nation lived in dread.

For our lost people still we grieve
We wonder what their loss achieved?
The old and children don't fight wars;
Their deaths advanced no evil cause.

And yet, right to the present day
In wars they're fighting far away
Upon the young, the old, the ill
The futile bombs are falling still.

Nigel Beeton

Charity of the Month ~ March and April 2025
RSPCA East London and Havering Branch

We are the RSPCA East London and Havering Branch CIO, with registered charity number 1207065 (previously known as the RSPCA East London and Havering Branch with registered charity number 285472). Our website is: <https://www.rspcaeastlondonandhavering.org.uk/>

We support animals in need across East London, Havering and Harold Hill. We take in cats that are sick, injured, abandoned or in circumstances where there are welfare concerns. These cats usually come in to us via RSPCA inspectors, who have picked up the cats from situations where the cat is in immediate need, but we also take in cats from members of the public where there is an urgent welfare issue. We care for these cats, provide a safe boarding environment, all vet care needed, behavioural and physical rehabilitation, lots and lots of TLC, and find them appropriate homes when they're ready. We also provide advice to the public in many areas on a daily basis, such as animal cruelty or welfare concerns,



This is Lionel and he's around 14 years old. The RSPCA was called after someone saw him fall off a fence and, being blind, he obviously urgently needed help. He's in very poor condition and needs dental surgery. He must have been owned at one time, but he's not microchipped and we haven't been able to find an owner sadly. He's understandably worried and taking time to settle in, but he does absolutely love chicken and really enjoys that!



This is Tui. He's had to have two operations on his back knees, as they were slipping in and out of place. The poor boy has been on crate rest for many weeks but is finally nearly ready to be rehomed! He's really affectionate and, at only 2 years old, very ready to start again and finally have his own forever home.

Katinelis is in a permanent foster home. As a very old lady with a thyroid condition needing expensive medication and regular blood tests, we continue to pay for her vet care but she gets to live out her days in a lovely home with a wonderful fosterer. We believe she's now around 18 years old, but still enjoys pottering around and watching squirrels!



COM RSPCA written on the back. We will collate the donations and send on to them. If you are interested in knitting the small blankets for the cats they have to be approximately 25 x 25 cm and you will need to contact the branch to arrange to send or drop them off (they are in Noak Hill).

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

wildlife care, giving up animals, and general pet care. We support our local inspectorate team, providing equipment such as carriers and leads when needed.

We fundraise in person and online, run social media comms to provide advice on animal care and rehoming appeals, carry out all required governance activities and manage a small number of volunteers. We regularly fundraise in store at our partner Pets at Home store to raise awareness and engage with people. Last year we rehomed 102 cats, all vaccinated, microchipped and neutered. We currently have 17 cats in our care, and you can find out a bit more about them below.

As you can see from the above, a lot of cats that come into our care need not only expensive vet treatment, but often extensive rehabilitation. This all

comes at a cost. Each RSPCA branch is a separate charity so we are fully responsible for running it ourselves, and our branch has no paid staff – we are all volunteers with full time day jobs.

Times are hard but we will always do the very best we can for all the cats that come into our care. Anything you can do to help would be appreciated so much – whether that's a donation, buying something from our Amazon wishlist, or making blankets for our cats to take to their new homes with them!

Natalie
RSPCA East London and Havering Branch

Further to Natalie's information, if you wish to donate via St Andrew's you can as usual by giving Cheques payable to 'Hornchurch PCC' with

Arlene Trump



The Holy Spirit and You

We see The Holy Spirit of God as an "Active Force!" That's a Force above all Human Thinking or Intellect. The Holy Spirit is God's instrument of all His Works; In the Original Story of Creation, God's Spoken Word! God's Word performing each Creation into His reality. The end result is borne-out, by it actually happening; Because God is a Spirit, His Word is enough to Create, And "We are all His Creation" through His Holy Spirit! We all know God Created You in your Mother's Womb, It's clearly explained in Psalm 139, so let's check it out. We see that "God Creates Us with Absolute Precision!" Wow, we are getting a glimpse into all Human existence. The Power of The Holy Spirit in Creation is Awesome!!! There is "No Guesswork in The Creation of You and Me" Every detail of Your Creation is a Unique Miracle of God; Yes "You are a Unique Miracle" there's only one like You! God was Creating You at the Moment of Your Conception. The reality of that is the Colour of Your Eyes, Hair & Skin; And The Holy Spirit chooses the Day that You will be Born. He even "Chooses Your Parents and Your Nationality too!" Evolutionists don't even know where all this comes from. And we all must have come from somewhere, didn't we? Look at any Flower and you will see it's a Unique Creation. A Rose, a Daffodil, a Pansy, a Primrose, a Dahlia or a Poppy; They're all Created through the Power of God's Holy Spirit! If you ever meet an Atheist take them to a nice Flower Stall; Ask "Why are these Flowers all so different and Colourful?" I don't think they can come up with a Real Credible Answer; You can say that of different Dog or Cat Breeds or Birds too. That's "The Amazing Power of The Holy Spirit in all Creation" So, how many days in "The Creation Story" we call a week? And after all that, The Bible states that God rested on Day 7. This is "Such Amazing Stuff they don't Teach You at School" Your very DNA is all unique and Created by The Holy Spirit! "The Holy Spirit decides if you're going to be a Girl or Boy!" That in itself is a Big Question for any Scientist to Answer? Genesis 2 verse 7 tells us of the Power of The Holy Spirit, To Form Man from The Dust of The Earth in our Creation; You can hear this said regularly at most people's Funerals, Earth to Earth, Dust to Dust; and Job 33 verse 4 clarifies it. We can also see The Power of The Holy Spirit when we see The Anointing of David (The Psalms), 1 Samuel 16 v 12+13; The Power of The Holy Spirit expressed in Psalm 33 verse 6, It's in all God's Creation, that usually we don't often notice.

Time Out

At our meeting on Monday 27th January we welcomed a speaker in St Andrew's Hall from Pinney Talfourd Solicitors. They spoke to us about making a will and arranging a Lasting Power of Attorney, very interesting. On Monday 10th February we met in North Street Hall for a book swap, the books discussed were: Giver of Stars - Jo Jo Moyes
Green Darkness - Anya Seaton
Catherine - Anya Seaton
The Nightingale - Kristan Hannah
Patchwork Marriage - Jane Green
Girl on a Train - Paula Hawkins
The Ship Beneath the Ice - Mosun Bounds
Of Mice and Men - John Steinbeck
Meetings in March
Monday 10th - we will be spending the evening with the Brownies in St Andrew's Hall to help with badge work. Meet at 6.30 - 6.45pm
Monday 24th - 2.30pm at St Andrew's Hall. Speaker from the Alzheimer's Society.
Please contact **Val on 07527 325996** for more information about the group or meetings.

St Matthew's, Table Top Fun and Tiffin Kitchen in Focus Magazine

Councillor Bryan Vincent of St Andrew's and Upminster Bridge ward visited St Matthew's on Friday recently during Table Top fun. He was pleased that it was also the afternoon that Mum Anupa Aggarwal was exhibiting samples of her Tiffin Kitchen menu of healthy, fresh, homecooked vegetarian Indian food, available for delivery. He was so pleased that he mentioned this in the February edition of Focus the monthly magazine of the Hornchurch Residents' Association. See Page 11 for more about Table Top Fun. Anupa can be contacted on 0792 121 4135 or at www.tiffin-kitchen.co.uk

2nd March: Chad, the recycled bishop

Chad should be the patron saint of any modern bishop whose consecration is questioned by another bishop. Chad was consecrated a bishop, then deposed - and then re-consecrated! It all began about the middle of the 7th century, when Oswiu, King of Northumbria, made Chad the bishop of the Northumbrian see. But due to a scarcity of appropriate bishops, two dubious bishops did the job of consecrating him. This led to Theodore, Archbishop of Canterbury, deciding to depose him about three years later. Chad took his dismissal with good heart, and peacefully retired. But then Theodore had second thoughts: Chad was of excellent character: humble, devout, and zealous. So, Theodore re-consecrated him - to be the first bishop of the Mercians. Second time around, Chad was a great success - again. When Chad died in about 672AD, he was quickly venerated as a saint. People took a great fancy to his bones, believing that they would bring healing. Even today, four large bones, dating from the 7th century, and believed to be Chad's, are in the R.C. cathedral in Birmingham. Bishops today may still argue about consecration, but they are unlikely to have their bones disturbed.



Mark Lendon

Flag Days for 2025

(Union Jack unless otherwise stated)

- Sunday April 20th: Easter Sunday
- Wednesday April 23rd: St Georges Day (St George's flag)
- Tuesday May 6th: Coronation Day
- Thursday May 8th: 80th Anniversary of VE Day
- Saturday June 21st: Official Birthday of HM The King
- Friday August 15th: 80th Anniversary of VJ Day (End of WWII)
- Monday September 8th: Accession of HM The King
- Monday September 15th: Battle of Britain Day
- Sunday November 9th– Tuesday November 11th: Remembrance Sunday & Remembrance Day
- Friday November 14th: Birthday of HM The King
- Sunday November 30th: St Andrew's Day (St Andrew's flag)
- Thursday December 25th: Christmas Day

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Easy Sudoku solution on Page 14

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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 parking near church . . .

From: The Rectory,
 St James the Least of All

My dear Nephew Darren

I cannot be wholly sympathetic because your church car park is now inadequate, only having space for 100 cars. Your solution of advising members of the congregation to park in the adjoining supermarket car park may not have been wise. The maximum time people can stop there is 90 minutes, and as your services often reach that length, returning to find their cars clamped may not make you universally popular – although it may give your congregation the opportunity of practising Christian forgiveness.

Since the medieval architect who built St James the Least of All was not overly concerned with car parking, the only space we have is along the road by the church. Inevitably, it gets blocked, which causes us all immense satisfaction when those not attending church but intending to have a morning shopping find themselves unable to get out of the village until Mattins is over.

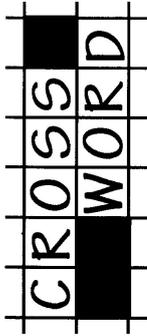
I did once encourage people to walk to church across the fields but after we had nearly lost the present Earl in that swampy bit near the brook, I decided the idea was best dropped.

For most, the inconvenience of parking only makes attending church more of a pleasurable challenge; we so enjoy having something to complain about. Major Hastings, however, who has complained endlessly about parking problems, made a point last Christmas by leaving his car in the middle of the vicarage lawn. I was so pleased he happened to park just where I had had a garden pond filled in only the previous week. He returned to find that the car had sunk up to the windscreen and needed a crane to remove it.

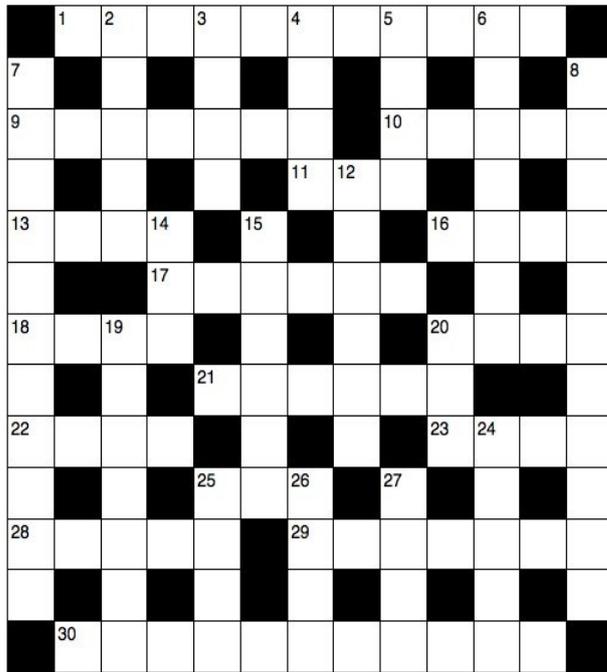
For weddings, a farmer allows us to use the field adjoining the church. While he rarely attends church on Sundays, he is always there the week before – I suspect praying for heavy rain, so he can make a fortune charging to tow out with his tractor those who have got stuck. Perhaps the greatest act of witness your church could perform would be to get everyone attending church to park on the ring road, bringing the entire town to a halt until your Sunday morning Service is over.

Your loving uncle,
Eustace





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Across

- 1 These letters come between Romans and Galatians (11)
- 9 'You will not — me to the grave' (Psalm 16:10) (7)
- 10 King of Moab to whom the Israelites were subject for 18 years (Judges 3:14) (5)
- 11 Town possessing mineral spring (3)
- 13 Mede (anag.) (4)
- 16 High-fidelity (abbrev.) (4)
- 17 He succeeded his father Rehoboam as king of Judah (1 Kings 14:31) (6)
- 18 A son of Simeon (Genesis 46:10) (4)
- 20 Controversial religious book of the 1970s, The — of God Incarnate (4)
- 21 'He has received from the Father the promised Holy Spirit and has poured out what you — and hear' (Acts 2:33) (3,3)
- 22 'You — me together in my mother's womb' (Psalm 139:13) (4)
- 23 Edit (anag.) (4)
- 25 'Who has believed our message and to whom has the — of the Lord been revealed?' (Isaiah 53:1) (3)
- 28 Abraham's brother (Genesis 22:23) (5)
- 29 'When Mordecai learned of — that had been — , he tore his clothes' (Esther 4:1) (3,4)
- 30 Sympathetic (Proverbs 11:16) (4-7)

Down

- 2 'That was why his parents said, "He is — —; ask him"' (John 9:23) (2,3)
- 3 Integrated Services Digital Network (1,1,1,1) 4
- 4 'Saul has slain his thousands, and David his — of thousands' (1 Samuel 18:7) (4)
- 5 Concept (John 8:14) (4)
- 6 'Do we, then, — the law by this faith? Not at all! Rather, we uphold the law' (Romans 3:31) (7)
- 7 Industrious (2 Timothy 2:6) (11)
- 8 'I pray also that the eyes of your heart may be — in order that you may know the hope to which he has called you (Ephesians 1:18) (11)
- 12 'Out of the same mouth come — and cursing' (James 3:10) (6)
- 14 This was how many of the Jewish leaders described Jesus (John 10:20) (3)
- 15 Vitality (Job 20:11) (6)
- 19 He urged David to kill Saul at Hakilah (1 Samuel 26:8) (7)
- 20 'So for a whole year Barnabas and Saul — with the church and taught great numbers of people' (Acts 11:26) (3)
- 24 'Hear, O Israel: The Lord our God, the Lord — —' (Deuteronomy 6:4) (2,3)
- 25 Parched (Matthew 12:43) (4)
- 26 'In the image of God he created him; — and female he created them' (Genesis 1:27) (4)
- 27 Disparagement (Psalm 15:3) (4)

Across: 1, Corinthians; 9, Abandon; 10, Eglon; 11, Spa; 13, Deem; 16, Hi-fi; 17, Abijah; 18, Ohad; 20, Myth; 21, Now see; 22, Knit; 23, Tide; 25, Arm; 28, Nahor; 29, All done; 30, Kind-hearted.
Down: 2, Of age; 3, ISDN; 4, Tens; 5, Idea; 6, Nullify; 7, Hardworking; 8, Enlightened; 12, Praise; 14, Mad; 15, Vigour; 19, Abishai; 20, Met; 24, Is one; 25, Aird; 26, Male; 27, Slur.



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Ingrebourne Valley Visitor Centre Open daily 10am - 4pm: (Winter times)
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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

Nature Babies Every Wednesday For parents or carers of an infant under 18 months old. Bring your buggy for a gentle stroll around the fields and forest guided by one of our team. Children can explore the natural world or snooze while adults have a chance to talk to others, enjoy exercise in the fresh air and learn about the natural world. Sessions 60 minutes; meet at the Nature Discovery Centre at 1.30. Come dressed for the weather, including layer/sun hats for the little one. £4 per child, or £20 for 6 sessions if booked in advance. Contact Michelle via ingrebourne@essexwt.org.uk

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 5 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.

We are currently offering Nature Tots as a block booking.

We are trialing 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

The current sessions are: **Tuesdays** Tuesday 25th February 2025 - Tuesday 1st April 2025 10am-12pm £42.00 (6 weeks) and **Fridays** Friday 7th March 2025 - Friday 28th March 2025 £28 per child (4 weeks).

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; the next block is **Wednesday** from Wednesday 26th February 2025 - Wednesday 2nd April 2025 10am-12pm £42.00 per child (6 weeks). 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.

We are trialing 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

To find out more please email our Wilder Learning Officer at learning@essexwt.org.uk

Sunday 16th March Historian Paul Hunt and the Life of Anne Frank On the 80th anniversary of the liberation of the Concentration Camps. Open from 10am to 4pm. Presentations by Paul Hunt at 11am, 1pm and 2.30pm. Photographic display and memorabilia, plus documentary throughout the day. Please be aware that you may find some of the content upsetting. Admission £3 adult, children free.

Ingrebourne Family Forest Fun

Saturday 12th April 2025 at 10:30am - 12:30pm and Thursday 20th February 2025 at 10:30am - 12:30pm. A morning of wintery woodland fun for all the family! We will be exploring the forest, creating natural crafts, den building, and (weather permitting) finishing off by toasting a snack together on the fire. (Please note that food is not provided but suggestions and info will be sent on booking). This session is most suitable for over 5s. We will be outside for the whole session, so please come dressed for the winter weather. Children must be accompanied by an adult. Toilet and café facilities are available in the Nature Discovery Centre. £7.73 per child. Advance booking essential

Ingrebourne Wilder Holiday Club

Tuesdays 8th and 15th April 2025 at 9am-3pm All our activities take place outdoors and children will need to come dressed for the weather. Please note that toilets may be a 5-10 minute walk depending on each site.

Your child will require a snack, water, and a packed lunch. We are nut-free so please do not include any items containing nuts. All rubbish will need to be returned home with your child. Some sites may have a campfire and toasting suggestions will be sent on booking.

We need a completed consent form for each child attending Wilder Holiday Club. Without this, your child will not be able to attend. Child ticket £37, advance booking essential.

Spring Explorers Wednesday 16th April. Discover wildlife and forest pursuits. The fire-based activities are weather-dependent and will be substituted for alternative activities if need be, Please come dressed for the weather as we will be outside for the whole session. See website for greater detail

Age 5+ 1:00pm - 3:00pm Not a drop-off session, so children must be accompanied by an adult at all times £8.74 per child Advanced booking essential

Age 8+ 10.00 to 12 noon This is a 2-hour drop-off session for older aged children so is only suitable for those aged 8+. £12.94 per child Advanced booking essential

Contact number: 01708 520364 Contact e-mail: ingrebourne@essexwt.org.uk
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Saturday 12th April 3:30-5pm St Andrew's Church grounds:
Journey through Holy Week

Sunday 8th June 3:30-5pm St Andrew's Church grounds:
Pentecost

Saturday 30th August 3:30-5:30pm
St Andrew's Church grounds: Harvest Praise and Picnic

Friday 31st October 4:30-6:30pm North Street Hall: Light Party

Saturday 6th December 3:30-5pm St Andrew's Church Hall:
Advent

Sunday 1st February 2026 3:30-5pm
St Andrew's Church Hall: Candlemas

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

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Take a look at our Facebook page
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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.



Messy Church
in Hornchurch

Hornchurch Parish Men's Group

The Hornchurch Parish Men's Group held their final lunch at The Cranleigh on 11th December 2024 when twenty-seven members attended. Due to our membership declining and the Cranleigh closing for redevelopment into flats, it was decided the Group would cease to meet on a formal basis.

Attempts were made to find another suitable venue in Hornchurch, but this was not successful. However, a number of our members have gone on to attend a Probus group which meets in Upminster.

Meanwhile as a 3 month trial the Group is having an informal lunch on the 3rd Wednesday in the month at the The Railway Hotel, Station Lane, Hornchurch, (meeting from 12.00 onwards). At the first lunch in January there were 8 members who had an enjoyable time and agreed to carry on for the time being. If you would like to join us please come along.

David Scrutton is organising the trial arrangements and can be contacted on 07776 210052

Floodlighting of St Andrew's Church, Hornchurch

Many thanks to all who have sponsored the floodlighting during March 2025:

Susan King and family ~ In loving memory of **Frany**, just a breath away, 4th March 2002. Devoted wife, Mum, Nan and Greatnanna;

Julie John ~ In loving memory of my grandparents **Mary and Harold Fitzgerald.**

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**Imitation is the sincerest form of flattery ~ Twin Towers II
St Andrew's Hornchurch and the bell tower of New College Oxford**

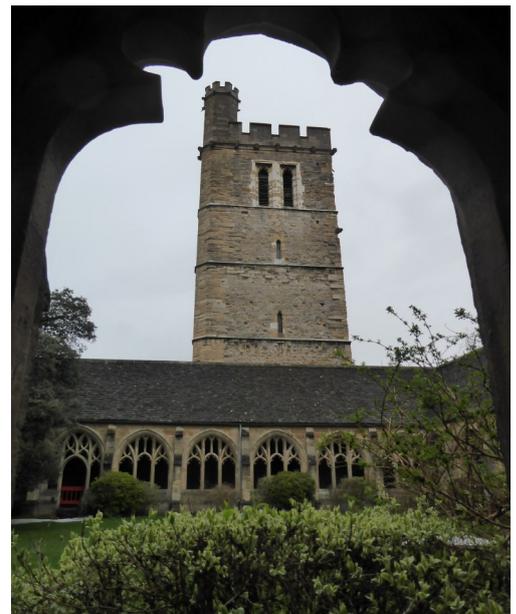
In 1845 the decision to build the tower of Christ Church Cathedral in Fredericton as a copy of St Mary's Snettersham was quite deliberate and well documented. The close resemblance of our tower at St Andrew's to one of the three towers (the bell tower) at New College Oxford is less definite but still interesting.

As we know, our parish church was for 200 years the Priory church for the Monks of Savoy until foreign houses were closed by order of King Richard II in 1392. Hornchurch was bought by William of Wykeham so that the rents of the church and lands would support his foundation of New College. New College was dedicated to the Virgin Mary and became known as 'New' college to distinguish it from the older Oriel College also dedicated to the Virgin Mary. William of Wykeham also founded Winchester College as a free school, to prepare 86 poorer boys for the university college. Education of the young and architecture were his great passions. He designed many projects himself, including fortifications of Windsor Castle and worked closely with the two great master masons of the age: William Winford and Henry Yeveley. Our parish website says that "The tower is thought to have been built by William of Wykeham and the fact that it closely resembles New College, Oxford supports this theory. At the top of the West face of one of the turrets is a figure of a bishop believed to represent William."

The Victoria County History of Essex says that after New College bought the benefice work was done on the priory church; between 1405 and 1408 the chancel and aisles were rebuilt and new glass installed which no longer survives. That publication gives the date of the tower as "planned by 1476 and completed c.1491-2."

William of Wykeham had died in 1404. But it was said of him that "everything was done by him, and nothing was done without him." The plans for the 15th century work on St Andrew's may well have been drawn up in his time, and with his approval and input. In the century after the Black Death reduced the population there was great competition for labour and prestige projects like New College and the Cathedrals took priority.

As to whether our tower is a copy of the New College Bell tower (built 1396-1405 according to its listing in Historic England) there are two photographs above to judge for yourself. There are similarities, and



the other towers at the college while square do look totally different. The bell tower is freestanding and I took this view from the cloisters in front. It was a wet miserable day.

The three figures of the Angel Gabriel and Bishop William of Wykeham paying respects to the Virgin Mary are above the Gatehouse and repeated inside the quadrangle. Some figures



have needed recent restoration/ replacement. The figure on our tower does look like a bishop, and William of Wykeham is the bishop most closely associated with our church. Therefore I think his likeness on our tower and in New Hall is not a coincidence. See also P16. A trip to Oxford is always an interesting day out.

Carol Metcalfe

Extra caretaker needed

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Note, this is an as and when needed role not a set hours job, although a fee will be paid for each caretaking undertaken. Training will be given for the role so you know where things are and how they work. Interested? Please email the Parish Office at office@parishofhornchurch.co.uk and provide your name and phone number plus your connection to the church or call us with the same information, 01708 441571.

Prayer for March 2025

Dear Lord,

In this month when Lent begins, we remember the difficult journey Jesus made to the cross, to take upon Himself our sins and the sins of the whole world, to bring us the hope of eternal life by His resurrection. Lord, we bring to You our own journeys through our daily lives. We bring our disappointments, our bewilderment, our pain, as well as our happy times. We thank You that You are with us in and through all of it. We thank you that the message of Christmas is the message of Lent and the message of every day – You, our God, are with us always, giving us hope and life, because of Jesus.

Thank You that He made that journey for us, and all we have to do is trust in Him. Help us to do that and to share His good news with others, especially those in distress. We pray in His Name. Amen.

Table Top Sale Report

A Table Top Sale was held on Saturday 1st February at the North Street Hall. This sale was for raising funds for the Gate at the North Porch at the Church. We raised £542.05 and this includes sale of tables, raffle, refreshments and sale of items on the Church tables. We would like to thank everyone who donated items for the raffle. We would also like to thank the two volunteers that stepped in to assist us with the raffle and serving refreshments. We also thank the Clergy for assistance with the raffle and clearing up at the end. Everyone that we spoke to enjoyed their time at the hall. Thank you God Bless

Graham & Janet Martin

Daphne Kitching

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Wednesday Afternoon Music at Hornchurch Library

Wed 5th March ~ Working on the Music presented by Dawn Cunningham-Clayton. We welcome Dawn, a regular audience member, who will be presenting a wide ranging programme of music all related to an even wider range of jobs of work.

Wed 19th March ~ Brazil and the Bossa Nova Graham Fenegan presents a programme containing some old favourites, some exciting but laid back sounds and some cool jazz. A time to leave the English winter behind and relax in the warm Brazilian sunshine

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For further details call **Stephen Raindle** 01708 470670 or email sraindle@aol.com

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Message from St Andrew's Choir

Young voices play a very special part in the traditional church choir sound. We will be recruiting boys and girls aged from 7 years 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@gmail.com

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parenting for faith



I thoroughly enjoyed this course—not just learning how to parent for faith but also meeting the other parents. All of us are at different stages of family life and so it was interesting to learn, each Sunday, how we had put into practice everything we'd learned the week before. While the children played, we adults were also invited to share our own experiences and faith journeys. We were assured that the group was a safe environment in which we could open up about the highs and

Having just completed a 5 week Parenting For Faith course at St Andrew's Church, I thought I would write to say a little about what the course entails and how helpful I found it. Parenting for Faith is a course which aims to equip parents and carers with the skills we need to help children grow their own relationship with God. Through videos, hand-outs and group discussion, the course offers simple and straightforward approaches to help our children meet and know God. As we found out, that doesn't mean remembering some Bible stories or

being able to sing some hymns but really encouraging them to make a vibrant and two-way connection with God and understand that He is with them every moment, loving and guiding them through not just the exciting or challenging times, but also the mundane moments in life. This course reminds us to give opportunities for children to find their own way of connecting with God—not just what we as adults feel is the correct way but to really give our children the courage and independence to explore His presence on their own terms.

not so highs of parenting...and the coffee and home made cakes on offer certainly helped with that! I'd thoroughly recommend the Parenting for Faith course for those who want to encourage their children to develop a healthy, strong and lifelong relationship with God.

Fiona



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Sara preferred to let people work out the hymns for themselves

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3rd Sunday only at St Matthew's **11.00 am** Holy Communion, **2.45pm** 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

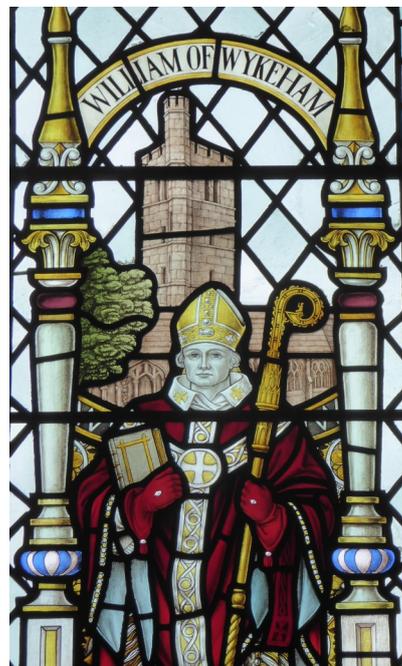
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Baptisms
January 26th Alex John Barry Fergusson

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 None

In Memoriam "I am the resurrection and the life" John 11v25
January 6th Marie Hannah Lewis 87
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 Jean Mary Constance Wood 94



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