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## Thy Kingdom Come

This month millions of Christians worldwide, of every denomination, will once again join in with *Thy Kingdom Come*, a prayer initiative between Ascension and Pentecost (29<sup>th</sup> May to 8<sup>th</sup> June), to pray for the nation to know Jesus Christ. It is a time to seek the empowering of the Holy Spirit, that we may be effective witnesses to Jesus Christ.

Praying for others to know Jesus is one of the most powerful things we can do. Persistent prayer for others brings transformation to their lives. As Paul writes: *'Devote yourselves to prayer, being watchful and thankful. And pray for us, too, that God may open a door for our message, so that we may proclaim the mystery of Christ, for which I am in chains. Pray that I may proclaim it clearly, as I should.'* (Colossians 4: 2-4).

As Paul says, consistent praying for others involves discipline (*'be devoted'*) and responding to what God is already doing in people's lives (*'being watchful and thankful'*). We can pray for *'open doors'* to point people to Jesus and what He can mean in their lives. We all have opportunities to do this, as even

Paul prayed as a prisoner in chains! *Thy Kingdom Come* encourages us to choose five people who we can pray for regularly. Why not ask God to guide you, as you settle on five names and commit to praying for them daily, perhaps by using the following prayer:

*'Loving Father, in the face of Jesus Christ your light and glory have blazed forth.*

*Send your Holy Spirit that I may share with my friends the life of your Son and your love for all.*

*Strengthen me as a witness to that love as I pledge to pray for them, for your name's sake. Amen.'*

**The Rev Paul Hardingham**  
**Writer at Parish Pump**



Churches together in Hornchurch worshipping on the Green on Good Friday 2025 and also on back page

# What's on

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

## 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

## Weekly meetings

<b>Mon.</b>	10.00am to 11.30 am 2.30 and 7.00 pm 8.30 pm	<b>Tadpoles</b> St Andrew's large hall, for children and their adults <b>Time Out</b> 2nd Monday of month meeting is 7pm North Street hall and 4th Monday meeting 2.30pm St Andrew's. <b>Escape</b> (1st & 3rd) small hall
<b>Tues.</b>	~ ~	~ ~
<b>Wed.</b>	9.30-11.00 am	<b>0-2 Playgroup</b> St Andrew's hall. Toys, songs and craft, refreshments. All enquiries to Parish Office
<b>Thur.</b>	1.30 pm	<b>Little Fishes</b> St Andrew's large hall. Toys, stories and craft, refreshments, all welcome
<b>Fri.</b>	15.15—17.17 7-9pm	<b>Table Top Fun</b> St Matthew's <b>St Andrew's Choir practice.</b> 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 [info@parishgiving.org.uk](mailto:info@parishgiving.org.uk)  
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## Bullseye programme Contents to the Editor 2025

June Bullseye Sunday 4th May 2025  
 July Bullseye Sunday 1st June

### Uploading

June Bullseye Wed. 28th May 2025  
 July Bullseye Wed. 25th June

**The Bullseye for June will be in the churches and online by Sunday 4th May 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](http://www.parishofhornchurch.co.uk)) for links to our services as well as regular updates on our various Facebook pages – the parish and Messy Church. Additionally visit [www.churchofengland.org](http://www.churchofengland.org) and [www.chelmsford.anglican.org](http://www.chelmsford.anglican.org) for further inspiration and resources to aid your worship and faith. Or simply call 0800 804 8044 a free national Church of England number to bring services and prayers to those not online. Please pass this number on to those you know may be in this position.

## Pastoral care / Prayer requests

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



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**Services for May**

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 4th May**

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.

**Sunday 11th,**

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 18th,**

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 25th, 6th Sunday of Easter**

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.



**Life at St George's**

This month I bring news of the death of 3 people with connections to St George's.

Firstly, our thoughts and prayers are with Peter Brown and his family in the loss of his mother at the age of 94. As she had lived in Clacton, we had not been able to meet her, and only knew of her through Peter. Her funeral takes place in the Clacton district on 30th April.

Secondly, our thoughts and prayers are with Graham on the loss of his mother, May Redwood. Some years ago, they used to be regular attendees at our morning service and later attended our 6.30pm Evensong, while it was running. During the last few years they attended St Andrew's but it is always good to see Graham when he is able to come along to St George's. Her funeral was on 31st March at South Essex crematorium.

Lastly, our thoughts and prayers are with the family of erstwhile councilor John Mylod. Although not a member of our church, he first came along to our St George's day Patronal service as the current mayor and he kept coming back year after year because he always looked forward to this special event and often mentioned it in the Hornchurch Residents' Association Focus magazine. He had also been invited to give talks at our former Women's' Fellowship. Regardless of our political persuasion, he was a good friend to our church. His funeral took place on 10th April at St Joseph's Roman Catholic Church in Upminster.

**Pat Bromhall**

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## Outreach Saturday 5th April 2025 North Street Hall and across Hornchurch. Three reports.

It was our community's concern and love for those who have yet to encounter the family of the church in Hornchurch which led Christine Withers to encourage us to be bold and take the church to the town. On Saturday 5th April, about 27 volunteers from our churches gathered in North St. Hall to pray for God's blessing on our outreach into the town centre.

From there, several groups of three went out and around, armed with invitations to the Easter services and activities of St Andrew's, St George's, and St Matthew's, as well as Holy Cross and All Saints, Ardleigh Green. Reactions, of course, were varied when they were 'politely offered' an invitation. But who knows how God will use those meetings, at some time in the lives of those we encounter. Back at the hall, a mixture of people arrived, responding to the invitation, and were able to have a cuppa and cake and a chat with church members, who had given up their precious time to share with our visitors and to cater for their physical needs!

All sorts came. From those searching for meaning, or looking for activities for their children, to those new to the area, and some with problems in their lives. We had people of other faiths and even an atheist or two, sympathetic to the Christian way of life. Messy Church and the Bridge were two points of interest. Children who were present were able to amuse themselves with playdough (and cake, of course!) But also, to remind us that we need to help the next generation to grow in knowledge and understanding of what can bring them good and fulfilling lives.

On the whole, a good start to the renewal of our outreach into the community around us. But this has been a reminder that in this area, we, who are witnesses, must be more of a visible presence. For if we stay within our walls, how can people learn about this God Who loves them, and so be able to seek Him themselves?

**Revd Barbara Baker**

It was good to be joined by Revd Julian Patching and other members of Holy Cross congregation, now joined with St Andrew's. A real show of unity amongst the churches.

I spoke briefly with several people on Saturday morning, but had much deeper conversations with three people.

First a delightful Sikh lady who lives in Ilford and had seen the event advertised so decided to come along. As part of my ordination training I had visited a Gurdwara (Sikh place of worship) in Ilford to learn about the Sikh religion and all they do to support the community. So we had a long conversation about our respective religions, as well as family values, grandchildren and the state of the world. The conversation felt a special time of sharing and we parted with the Hindu gesture - 'Namaste' which roughly translates to the divine in me recognises the divine in you. The next lady I spoke with said she wasn't a church goer but did have lots of friends who went to church and she would go with them if they asked her to. She said she'd often seen the Alpha Course advertised and wondered about going to that. I suggested she may like to try out the Bridge, as it was just a very friendly group of people which she may feel at home in. She did mention she had decide to go to St Andrew's for a 6.30pm service but found only a small handful of people, where she had imagine there would be lots of people. This provoked the comment that if someone had gone there for the first time they wouldn't have bothered to return. However, we discussed that St. Andrew's has many different services, so it would be much better to try out a few different services, at different times of the day, before making judgement.

I was very grateful we had cards with the Easter services clearly printed on them to give out.

The final lady that left an impression on me had frequented various services over the years including the Dementia Friendly service and in more recent years The Well. The question I always ask myself is ... "are

we doing enough to show the Love of God to someone who doesn't feel they quite fit in in the church services we offer?"

Psalm 139:14 highlights that everyone is 'fearfully and wonderfully made' emphasising individuality and divine intention.

Romans 12:4-5 speaks about unity in diversity, likening believers to parts of the body, each with a unique role. - Are we doing enough?

**Revd Sonia Groombridge**

The place that St Andrew's holds in the heart was a theme; several people who commented that St Andrew's is part of them as they were married there and one lady made her confirmation there. She did say she is a little disillusioned with the Church of England and also that she would like to see our services advertised on Facebook.

Someone said they were pleased to see us all out.

We had the sense that Hornchurch High Street and shops etc are blessed by God; it is a God/good place and one gentleman shared his desire to move here from Newham. I felt that he needed to tell someone a little bit about his life and family and we listened.

One gentleman said he should not take the service card as he is 'bad', I told him that he is not 'bad'. He described why he feels he is bad and I said that only God is good and he loves us all, as we are. He took the card.

One of the leaders from the Baptist church (Alison) encouraged us and we had fellowship with her.

One gentleman asked if St Andrew's is a Church of England church and seemed interested in the services.

God bless,

**Debby McCarren**



### 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.

**Charity of the Month ~ May and June 2025  
First Step**

First Step is a small charity based in Havering, which is recognised as a highly professional, specialised, experienced and caring Family Support organisation, working with families of babies and young children with special needs and/or disabilities. For over 36 years, families have contacted First Step at a moment of crisis and uncertainty, normally pre-diagnosis, fearing all is not well with their child. Sometimes they are struggling to be listened to by medical professionals, feeling overwhelmed with the implications of supporting a child with special needs and can often feel isolated.

Families can be referred by professionals or contact us directly. A family focus group recently highlighted how crucial the initial emotional and practical support provided was, as there is little other assistance available to them. In the words of Andrea, mum of Andrew: "there's no support anywhere else like it"

At First Step, we offer support through Family Support Groups, which meet on a weekly basis for a session in the morning or afternoon during school term time, with additional Holiday sessions spread over the year that siblings under 8 can also attend.



Whilst a lot of our work is facilitated through the Family Support Groups, additional one to one work is carried out by our Senior workers to address the specific needs of individual families, and to assist in the preparation for application for Disability Living Allowance (DLA) which can be a daunting task. Families tell us that the support they receive from First Step contributes to an overall improvement to their mental health and wellbeing for the whole family. Their child with needs is more able to convey their wants and needs, reducing anxiety, frustration and meltdowns. Parents tell us they

feel more in control of life improving their own anxiety and worry and life for the whole family is then improved. First Step is entirely dependent on donations and fundraising to support the work of the charity and we appreciate the support of the wider community to help fund the work with families of children with special needs and disabilities.

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**Janet of First Step**

If you wish to donate via St Andrew's you can as usual by giving Cheques payable to 'Hornchurch PCC' with FIRST STEP written on the back. We will collate the donations and send them on.

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

**Arlene Trump**

**Craft and Gift Fair**

**Saturday 17th May 11am to 3pm North Street Hall**

Fundraising for local Guide selected for the  
Girlguiding Anglia International Community  
Expedition to Canada

Stalls selling toys, knitting and  
crochet, books, textiles, jewelry,  
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**Hello, my name is Lucy**

I'm delighted to be holding a craft fayre North Street hall on 17th May 11am-3pm as part of my fundraising for Girlguiding. I've been selected to take a trip to Toronto, Canada in 2026 and the craft fayre would be a great help with our fund-raising. Please come along to have a look around our stalls, or tuck into one of the many homemade cakes. I used to be a Little Fish, I attend when free from school and have helped at their annual craft fayres the last few years. Hope you will all be able to come along and support all the stall holders and make the day a success.

**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:

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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 people should ALWAYS sit in the same pew . . .**

From: The Rectory,  
St James the Least of All

My dear Nephew Darren

I have to say that the couple who complained that you never noticed they had been missing from church for a month had a point. There is a simple way of noticing when someone is absent: everyone sits in the same pew. Every Sunday. Always.

Little Miss Margison sits in the pew after the third pillar on the right here at St James the Least. As she walks up the aisle, you can sense her counting the pillars until she reaches the right one, which then allows her to sit in front of it. I have speculated that, if I ever had that pillar removed, then the following Sunday she would have a complete mental collapse.

One Sunday a visiting family arrived early and sat down; three people in an empty church seating 200. Colonel Wainwright and his wife were the first of our regulars to arrive and froze in horror. The Colonel said in a deafening whisper to his wife: "There's someone sitting in our pew."

At least they had the grace – no matter how reluctant – for one week, to sit somewhere else. Unlike the Prentice family of husband, wife and three children, who arrived to discover that a visiting family of husband, wife and four children were sitting in their pew; six people in a pew that held eight. Or, it normally holds eight. That Sunday, it held thirteen.

We at least have one iconoclast in Miss Pemberton, who makes a point of sitting in a different place every week. This thoroughly unsettles the rest of the congregation, who fear she may sit in their seats during her nomadic wanderings. I sometimes wonder if she has a chart at home with all the pew spaces marked on it and she strikes one off each week as she returns home after Mattins.

Occasionally the unexpected can happen. Mrs Cholmondeley arrived one week in good time, settled herself in her accustomed place, but half-way through the Service suddenly ran out of the building. Ten minutes later, she was back and in her usual place once again. It was only when the church filled with the smell of burned bacon that we understood.

That is why replacing pews with chairs in your church was a mistake. Pews can never be moved. You know where everybody is – or should be!



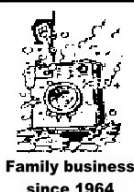
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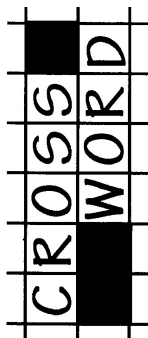
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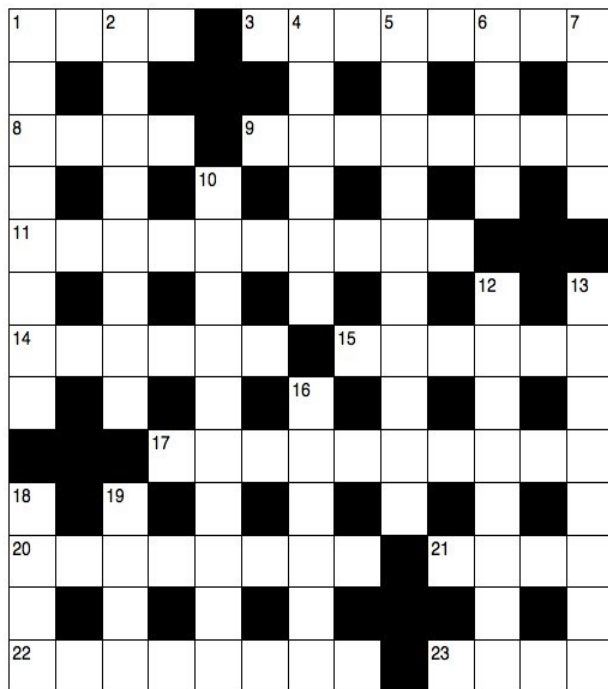
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**Across**

- 1 Infant (Luke 2:12) (4)
- 3 Luis must (anag.) (8)
- 8 What Jesus called the devil (John 8:44) (4)
- 9 'My God, my God, why have you — me?' (Matthew 27:46) (8)
- 11 Anglican form of church government (10)
- 14 'Those who hope in the Lord will renew their strength. They will soar on wings like —' (Isaiah 40:31) (6)
- 15 Ministers of religion (6)
- 17 Make stronger (1 Thessalonians 3:13) (10)
- 20 Devoutness (1 Timothy 2:2) (8)
- 21 The father of Jesse (Ruth 4:22) (4)
- 22 Pool where Jesus healed a man who had been an invalid for 38 years (John 5:2) (8)
- 23 '[Jesus] said to them, " — here and keep watch"' (Mark 14:34) (4)

**Down**

- 1 Follower of Christ (Acts 16:1) (8)
- 2 One of the punishments endured by Paul (2 Corinthians 6:5) (8)
- 4 Soldiers (Exodus 14:9) (6)
- 5 Scholarly study of melody, harmony and rhythm (10)
- 6 'I am God, and there is none — me' (Isaiah 46:9) (4)
- 7 'And how can they preach unless they are —?' (Romans 10:15) (4)
- 10 Favourable reception (1 Timothy 1:15) (10)
- 12 Hip orbit (anag.) (8)
- 13 End of life (Isaiah 22:14) (5,3)
- 16 'About midnight the sailors — they were approaching land' (Acts 27:27) (6)
- 18 He married Jezebel (1 Kings 16:30–31) (4)
- 19 'According to your great compassion — out my transgressions' (Psalm 51:1) (4)

**Across:** 1, Baby, 3, Stimulus, 8, Liar, 9, Forsaken, 11, Episcopacy, 14, Eagles, 15, Clergy, 17, Strengthen, 20, Holiness, 21, Obed, 22, Bethesda, 23, Stay, 24, Troops, 25, Musicology, 6, Like, 7, Sent, 10, Acceptance, 12, Prohibit, 13, Dying day, 16, Sensed, 18, Ahab, 19, Blot.

**Prayer for Ascension Day**

Dear God, our loving, sending and almighty Father, Thank You that because Jesus died, rose and ascended into heaven, You were able to send Your Holy Spirit to empower Your disciples then and today. That, equipped by that same Spirit, we can confidently work for Your kingdom to come on earth, as in heaven.

Lord, in these strange, topsy-turvy days, where earthly rulers terrify and destroy and disappoint, we rejoice that You are the Sovereign Lord of all things, and all times, and all places.

*You, our God and Father, truly reign.* We are Your people. We are secure within Your love and protection. Thank You that at the name of Jesus every knee shall ultimately bow—and we pray, thankfully in His name, Amen.



**Daphne Kitching**

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**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](mailto: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](mailto:learning@essexwt.org.uk)

The next sessions are: **Tuesdays** Tuesday 22 April 2025 - Tuesday 20 May 2025 10am-12pm £35.00 (5 weeks) and **Fridays** 2nd to 23rd May 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 dates of the next block are Wednesday 23 April 2025 -

Wednesday 21st May 2025. £35.00 per child (5 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](mailto:learning@essexwt.org.uk)

**Ingrebourne Birdwatching Experience Friday 2 May 2025 11:00am - 12:00pm** Meet outside the Nature Discovery Centre All experience levels are welcome, whether a complete beginner or an avid birder. It is recommended to bring your own binoculars & appropriate clothing on the day. A limited number of binoculars can be hired from the Visitor Centre if required. Minimum age requirement of 10+ , any children joining the walk must be supervised by an adult at all times. Booking in advance is essential £4

**Ingrebourne Wilder Holiday Club** Friday 30 May 2025 9am-3pm for children aged 5 to 11 All our activities take place outdoors and children will need to come dressed for the weather. We recommend layers that can get mucky including long sleeves and trousers to protect against scratches and stings, waterproofs and boots, trainers, or wellies. Sandals and open-toed shoes are not permitted. In hot and sunny weather we also recommend sun hats and sun cream. 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. We need a completed consent form for each child attending Wilder Holiday Club. Without this, your child will not be able to attend. £37

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

[www.essexwt.org.uk/reserves/ingrebourne](http://www.essexwt.org.uk/reserves/ingrebourne)

**Beavers Wanted**

The Beaver Scout Colony meeting at the Scout Hall in Chelmsford Drive on Thursdays 6 - 7 p.m. has vacancies for children aged 6 and 7 yrs. Please contact

[Mao@8thhornchurch.org.uk](mailto:Mao@8thhornchurch.org.uk)

Sue: Beaver Leader,  
8th Hornchurch.

**Food Bank**

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/>

### Table Top Fun

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

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 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.

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Our halls are hired for private functions like birthday parties, baby showers, awards presentations, etc. To facilitate this we need caretakers to do the following;

1. Unlock the hall to let the hirers in
2. Show them where everything is kept, etc
3. Be available by phone during the hire period in case of any queries
4. Return at the end to ensure the hirer has left the hall clean and tidy and secure the building
5. Report any problems with the hall or the hire to the Parish Office

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](mailto: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.

### At Messy Church

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

#### Dates for your Diary

**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

Book via Eventbrite.

Take a look at our Facebook page

<https://www.facebook.com/messychurchinhornchurch>

Or [www.parishofhornchurch.co.uk](http://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.



### 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 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 May 2025:*

**Revd Barry Hobson** ~ In loving memory of **Joy Hobson**, a wonderful wife and mother to our children.

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



## Brentwood Museum ~ Another good afternoon out

A place for an interesting afternoon out not far from Hornchurch does not seem to be widely known locally. Brentwood Museum is now open for the summer season; the first Saturday, Sunday and Monday of every month from 2.30 pm to 4.30 on Saturday and Sunday, 10.30 to 12.30 on Mondays. Next open on 3rd May, last day Monday 6th October.

**[www.brentwoodmuseum.uk](http://www.brentwoodmuseum.uk)**

I went on the first open day in early April.

The museum is in Lorne Road Warley CM14 5HH situated at the entrance of Lorne Road cemetery and nature reserve. Their premises used to be the home of the Sexton and family. There are three main rooms, the entrance lobby, and the sunken garden. One room is of Brentwood history which includes information about the Essex Regiment (now part of the Royal Anglians) who had their garrison on Warley Common.

The next room is best described as domestic history. They call it 'things your grandmother threw away'. I recognized quite a lot of artifacts (I still own something similar.)

The lobby has an exhibition of toys and information on the graves outside, about which more later.

The final room is the annual exhibition. This year is Food Glorious Food (picture middle right)

The sunken garden has large outdoor exhibits including the bell wheel from St Thomas' Church.

The cemetery has over 40 Commonwealth War graves, the majority of men of the Irish Guards who were barrack guests of the Essex Regiment during WWI.

Two other notable graves are Sergeant James Owens VC and his wife and other family. He died in 1901 and my first thought was Boer War. But as a young man he was one of the earliest recipients (1856) of the new Victoria Cross award for gallantry and conspicuous bravery in the presence of the enemy. In 1854 during the siege of Sevastopol he saved the life of his commanding officer. After retirement from the army he later became a Yeoman Warder at the Tower of London. He and his wife raised their family in Brentwood and he died in the Victoria Hospital in Romford.

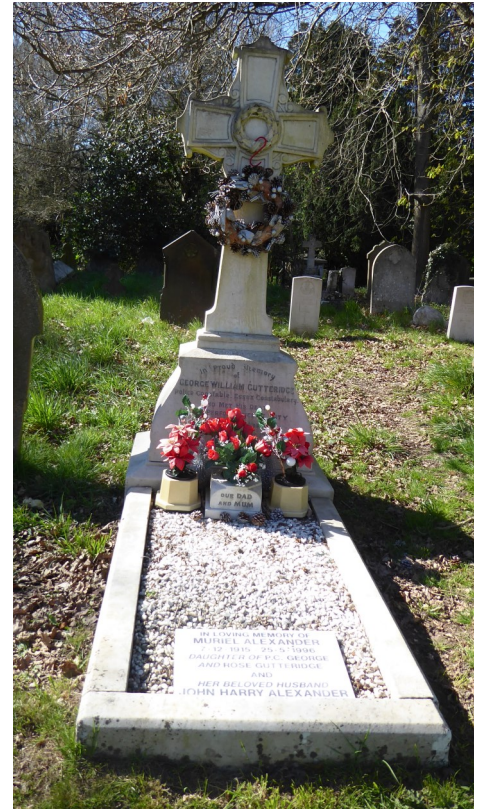
The other grave (top right) a few yards away is of PC George William Gutteridge and his family. PC Gutteridge was on night duty one night in September 1927 when he stopped to question a suspicious looking car. His suspicions were correct; the car was stolen and contained a pair of armed criminals

Frederick Guy Browne and William Kennedy who shot and murdered him. When eventually arrested Kennedy (who had fled home to Liverpool) tried to shoot the arresting officer but the gun jammed. Two things are historic about the case. Browne and Kennedy were the first convictions secured by ballistics technology. They were sentenced to hang.

The second feature is this. PC Gutteridge's body was found by a local garage owner. He raised the alarm but his attempts to contact the police were delayed by his being told he had telephoned the wrong station as he was not stationed in Romford but to phone Ongar instead. The operator required him to pay 2d first; during the ensuing argument the Postmistress had to intervene. The result was the beginning of the 999 system of free calls to the Emergency Services and blue Police boxes for members of those services.

The museum (bottom right) is run by volunteers and entrance is free and well worth a decent donation. There is also parking on a grassy path at the edge of the cemetery. The cemetery is open on foot during reasonable daylight hours via a gate by the War Memorial. During the winter season a programme of talks is usually run on third Thursday evenings in Shenfield Parish Hall. I recommend a visit.

**Carol Metcalfe**



## Life in Myanga

The 'dry season' has finally passed in Myanga but although the rainy season has now arrived, some crops still have to be sown and then the wait begins for them to grow. Sister Regginah wrote at the beginning of April "Here the financial situation is terrible and people are really struggling. So people have been coming now, the majority of them for seeds and fertiliser." It seems that seeds companies aren't rich enough, so they have developed 'Suicide or Terminator Seeds' so that now, poor people around the world have to buy seeds every year. Because the scientists have made their seeds 'sterile', they can only be used once, and then they die. In Myanga, most people have to eat the food that they grow because they can't afford to buy food. Now it is costing them a lot more to do that! They are experiencing the same price rises as we are and people are starving. The sisters have been using some of the money we raised at the last Quiz Night for Kenya to give food to the Red Cross charity, who liaise with the local village chiefs to feed those most in need. In the past they would buy sacks of seeds and grain to give out to those in need, but once the word spread that these women are giving out free food; it became too dangerous.

Meanwhile, we are still helping the young people with their school fees and doing as much as we can. I'm hoping to hold another Cake Sale for Kenya soon, but until then I am, as always, more than happy to pass on any cash, cheques or small change given to me, so that the Poor Clare Sisters can continue their good work. Thank you

## Time Out

At our meeting on Monday 24th March 25 members and friends welcomed Pauline Oliver from the Alzheimers Society. She talked to us about the illness and the help the Society offers to sufferers and their families. Time Out donated £100 to the charity which included donations from members plus an amount from funds.

### Meeting in May

Monday 12th May - 2.30pm in St Andrew's Hall - Flower Arranging demonstration.

Please contact **Val on 07527 325996**

for more information about the meetings or the group.

## Flag Days for 2025

(Union Jack unless otherwise stated)

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

## Terry Keens

**Calling all give it a go-ers**

Do you have a skill, talent or hobby that could make for an engaging evening for young people aged 6-14 years?

8th Hornchurch are looking for individuals to support the excellent work of our current volunteers by offering to run an exciting session for Beavers, Cubs or Scouts, 1-2 times a year.

Whether it's something adventurous, creative, hands-on or part of your day job we would love to hear from you.

For further information please email [administrator@8thhornchurch.org.uk](mailto:administrator@8thhornchurch.org.uk)

Scouts 8th Hornchurch

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*\*You do not need to purchase snacks or drinks in order to enjoy the community café*

### Wednesday Afternoon Music at Hornchurch Library

**Wed 7th May** at 2pm **3-4-5 Plus** presented by Graham Fenegan. Music from Trios, Quartets, Quintets and maybe more. A selection of music ranging through classical, popular, traditional and jazz genres written as or played by such musical formations.

**Wed 21st May** at 2pm **Taken Too Soon** presented by Stephen Raindle. Music by composers who died young but left an indelible mark on the music world. Mozart, Schubert, Mendelssohn and Butterworth all left this world before their late 30s. You can also expect to hear recordings by Buddy Holly, Amy Winehouse and Otis Redding. A varied programme from classics to popular music. All programmes are of recorded music played on high quality audio equipment and take place in the 1st floor main meeting room, Hornchurch Library, North Street, RM11 1TB commencing at 2pm and finishing by 4pm. Admission £2 per person with interval refreshments available at nominal cost. Buses 165, 256 & 370 pass the library.

For further details call  
**Stephen Raindle 01708 470670** or  
email [sraindle@aol.com](mailto:sraindle@aol.com)

Sudoku solution from P6

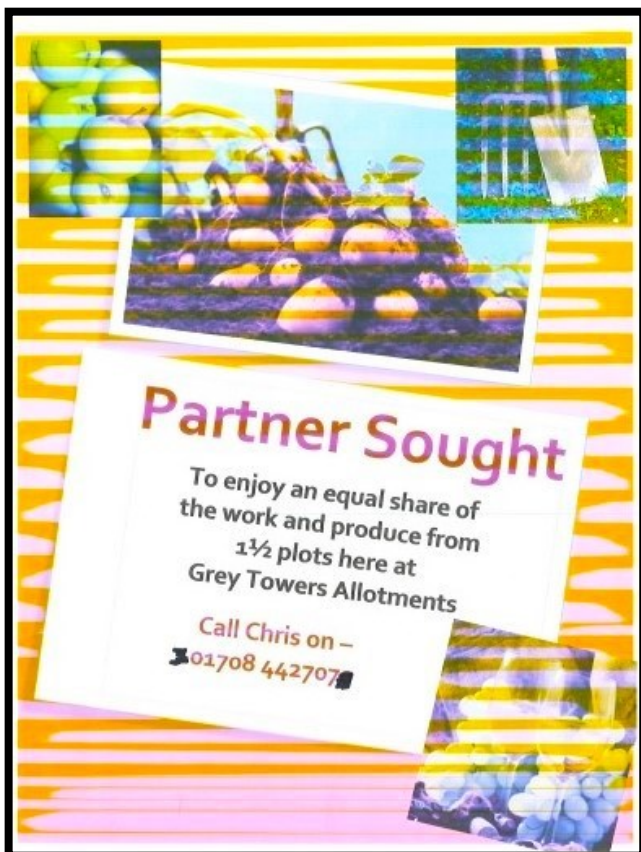
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### Message from St Andrew's Choir

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](mailto:william.brooks861@gmail.com)**



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### Escape Men's Group

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## **'Assisted Dying' Bill fails to protect the vulnerable, Bishop of London warns**

The Bishop of London has warned of the 'serious risk' that people would opt for 'assisted dying' because they felt they were a burden. She said the risks of this happening would be multiplied by the pressures on the NHS and social care – if the Terminally Ill Adults (End of Life) Bill comes into force in England and Wales.

In a recent submission to the Terminally Ill Adults Bill Committee, Bishop Sarah Mullally, a former Chief Nursing Officer, says there are no measures in the proposed legislation nor are there safeguards that could prevent people opting for assisted suicide because they felt a burden, should the Bill come into force.

Evidence from Oregon and Washington State in the US and Canada where 'assisted dying' is legal shows between 43 per cent and 59 per cent of the people who opted to die by assisted suicide reported feeling a burden, she says.

The danger of this happening in the UK would be exacerbated by the pressures on adult social care, in which people increasingly pay for care, she says, and the long-term challenges facing the NHS and palliative care.

"The Church of England's opposition to the Terminally Ill Adults Bill is rooted in the impact the Bill would have on the most vulnerable members of society," she says.

"This is a concern shared by people of many different faiths as well as people with no faith."

She adds: "The irreducible value of every human person means that no one is a burden, every life is precious, every life is worthy of care. No one should feel compelled to hasten their own death."

"For centuries this has been an unquestioned societal assumption, acting as a bedrock for social and relational flourishing."

"During the last year it has been particularly concerning to see some high-profile social commentators argue that feeling like a burden is actually an appropriate reason to pursue assisted suicide."

## **Hornchurch Library**

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or visit the Havering Libraries Facebook page or see the Council website for more information.

## **Bell Ringers Coach Outing to Surrey Saturday 3rd May 2025**

Coach leaves St Andrew's at 8.00am  
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Visiting Ashted, Leatherhead, Esher,  
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including coach, lunch by the Thames

and evening meal on Epsom Downs

Please contact Clive: 07896 342010

for more details and to reserve a seat.

**Non-ringers are especially welcome**

## **The Holy Spirit and You**

The Holy Spirit's a reality to be awakened within,  
All He needs, is a true and confirmed invitation;  
Each morning as we start a new day, can we say,  
Holy Spirit, welcome into every area of our lives?  
Fill us afresh and fill us anew Lord, for Your glory,  
It means 'Surrendering our Will, to do God's Will'  
And may seem a sacrifice, but ends up a blessing;  
And the Holy Spirit has work for each of us to do!  
Many Believers want more from this relationship,  
That comes from being a truly committed disciple;  
Jesus tells us this saying, 'Ask and you will Receive'  
We have to ask in a polite way because Jesus is the  
One who Baptises and confers the Holy Spirit to us;  
When the Spirit of God comes we often go through  
What is known in Spiritual Terms as "The Overflow!"  
Often we receive "The Gift of Speaking in Tongues"  
And it's not the only Gift God can bestow upon us;  
The Holy Spirit has a repertoire of Gifts for Service,  
Only the Holy Spirit can impart these to a believer;  
Not by power or by might but by my Spirit says God!  
Only we see this occur in the Book of Acts 8 v 14-17,  
And there's the first recording of Laying on of Hands;  
It doesn't appear so, even on "The Day of Pentecost"  
Peter and John expected they'd already received it,  
So when they Laid Hands on the Samaritan converts,  
They then received "The Baptism of the Holy Spirit"  
What an experience for the New Believers in Jesus!  
One can hardly imagine the Joy that filled those converts;  
This Baptism of the Holy Spirit is what defines all of  
Us Believers in Jesus Christ as our Lord and Saviour!  
There are also many 'Signs and Wonders' of the Spirit  
Which accompany those filled with the Spirit of God;  
It may be Speaking in Tongues, Prophecy or healing,  
There's a List of attributes of the Spirit in Galatians 5  
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Goodness, Faithfulness, Gentleness and Self-Control;  
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**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, **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

**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

Spring 2025

### Baptisms

**March 30th** Charles David Jackson  
George Daniel Jackson  
Daniel Day

**April 6th** Benjamin George Carver

### Marriages

**April 17th** Jack Robert Lemon and Merika Sam-German-Samms  
**19th** Peter Brian Hay and Ann Marie Hodgkinson

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

None



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Staff: Arlene Trump and Jackie  
Bruniges

Tel: 01708 441571 e-mail:

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