

June
2025

Bullseye

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A Time for Every Season

As we step into June, we find ourselves at a moment of change. According to the meteorological calendar, summer begins on the first of June—bringing with it longer days, warmer air, and a sense of new energy. This year, the transition feels particularly striking, with spring having already delivered record-breaking warmth.

And yet, this seasonal change is nothing new. The world turns, flowers bloom, fruit ripens, and then the leaves eventually fall. Nature moves to a rhythm set in motion long before any of us walked the earth. As Ecclesiastes 3 reminds us:

*"There is a time for everything,
and a season for every activity
under the heavens."*

These verses are poetic. They speak of the reality that life is full of seasons—not just weather-wise, but emotionally, spiritually, and communally. There are times for joy and times for sadness. Times to begin, and times to let go. And most importantly, God is present in them all.

Many of us don't find change easy. Even good change can feel unsettling. A child finishing school. A friend moving house. The ending of a role. A new responsibility. We can feel unsteady when the familiar gives way to the unknown.

But perhaps the wisdom of Ecclesiastes is this: we are not meant to hold on to one season forever. Each one brings its own purpose and blessing. Scripture tells us that "God changes times and seasons" (Daniel 2:21), and we can

trust that He knows what each moment is for—even if we don't yet see it clearly.

So as summer begins, perhaps we can ask ourselves:

- What season am I in, personally or spiritually?
- What is God doing in me, right now—not in the past, or the future, but in this present moment?
- Is there something to let go of... or something new to embrace?

Change can be uncomfortable, but it is also often where God is most active. As one chapter ends and another begins—whether in nature, in the church, or in our own hearts—may we find peace in knowing that our unchanging God holds every season in His hands.

Revd Mark Smeed



Church opening for private prayer and reflection

St Andrew's church is currently open for private prayer and reflection two days a week. This was a short trial for three months, which started in February and which we now intend 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 7-9pm	Table Top Fun St Matthew's St Andrew's Choir practice. St Andrew's church

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

For All Parish Giving Scheme Donors

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



Parish Mission Statement

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

Love God

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

"Worship in spirit and in truth"
John 4.24 NIV

Grow in Faith and Understanding

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

Bring others to knowledge of and faith in Jesus Christ

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

Serve the community

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

Bullseye programme Contents to the Editor 2025

July Bullseye Sunday 1st June
August Bullseye Sunday 6th July 2025

Uploading

July Bullseye Wed. 25th June
August Bullseye Wed. 30th July 2025

The Bullseye for July will be in the churches and online by Sunday 29th June 2025

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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 for June

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.

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 1st June

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 8th, Pentecost

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 - Memorial Service at St Andrew's.

Sunday 15th, Trinity Sunday

8.30am - BCP Holy Communion at St Andrew's

10.15am - Common Worship Holy Communion at St Andrew's (also livestreamed)

10.15am - Morning Worship at St George's

11.00am - Common Worship Holy Communion at St Matthew's

2.45 pm - The Well at St Matthew's

6.30pm - Evening Prayer at St Andrew's

Sunday 22nd, 1st after Trinity

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 29th,

8.30am - Common Worship Holy Communion at St Andrew's

10.15am - Holy Communion at St Andrew's (also livestreamed)

10.15am - Morning Worship at St George's

6.30pm - Healing Prayer at St Andrew's

PENTECOST

Prayer for June 2025

Dear Lord,

June is the loveliest month, with long days and the beauty of summer all around us.

Thank You that, in the church's year this month, we remember one of the loveliest of your followers – Barnabas, known as the Son of Encouragement.

He encouraged the believers in Antioch to *remain true to the Lord* with all their hearts. Through his ministry of encouragement, a great number of people were brought to know you.

Lord, we all thrive when we are encouraged. And we, Your people, so need to be encouraged today in this world which can seem so confusing and discouraging.

So, thank You for those who have encouraged us in the past, and for those who encourage us now.

Help us to read Your living unchanging Word and to remain true to You with all our hearts. Help us to be a *Barnabas* to those we know who might be struggling. May we bear fruit in our discipleship.

In Jesus' Name.

Amen.

Daphne Kitching

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Guide, Brownie and Rainbow News



14th Hornchurch Brownies

Isla (right) received her gold award. Isla has been a Rainbow and a Brownie and we are very proud of her for earning the highest Brownie award. She is now off on her next adventure after leaving Brownies!

Amy Saunders 14th Hornchurch Brownies



2nd Hornchurch (St Andrew's) Rainbows

Phoebe, Olivia (S), Sadie Ella, Olivia D and Mabel were excited and happy to make their Promise as Rainbows.
Photograph above

5th Hornchurch (St George's) Guides

Emma (left) worked hard and was proud to have completed her Guide Bronze Award

Katelyn-Rose (far left) has worked hard to complete her Guide Silver Award. She was very pleased to complete the activities to gain the certificate and badge



Child Sponsorship through World Vision

A number of years ago the congregation at St Matthew's Church decided that they would like to Sponsor a child in various countries around the world. At the monthly Café-style service a collection was taken and prayers said specifically for the child and family, past and present, and this paid for the sponsorship. Over the years many children have benefited from this generous support from the congregation.

In the early 2000s St Matthew's hosted a World Vision celebration lunch attended by a speaker from World Vision and it was notable how many parish families also sponsored a child of their own. Photographs and letters were passed round with joy. At that time St Matthew's sponsored a small boy called Damiawe, also from West Africa. As the numbers of the congregation sadly reduced during that period (but are recovering) the PCC took on paying monthly for the sponsorship. World Vision has always suggested who needed the most help and kept us up to date with their progress. The last child, Mustapha, has been receiving our help for four years. It has changed his life with hope and encouragement and given him life essentials and skills needed for the future. Now Mustapha is in a better position and, although he has moved away with his relatives, this is opening up better opportunities for him. We send him all our good wishes for his future.

World Vision has come to us suggesting we sponsor Morie, which we began this April. Morie is 2 years old and lives in Imperi in southern Sierra Leone close to the coast. His



full name is Morie Kongbako, his birthday is 27th April. Morie lives with his parents, both of whom are self-employed. Morie attends preschool and enjoys drawing and loves to play. By taking on this sponsorship we hope to provide Morie with a better life as many of the children of this area suffer from malnutrition and are afraid as they suffer abuse so need education and protection. As Morie grows and things change for him we will bring more news so that you can see where the PCC sponsorship is used.

Arlene Trump

Tabletop Fun at St Matthew's Church

Tabletop Fun meets every Friday straight from school. There are many activities for the children of all ages to do. Emma (aged 10) and Benjy (aged 1) enjoyed colouring a picture.

Sandra Cox

For more information see the notice on Page 11

Anniversary celebration on 13th June, with bouncy castles!

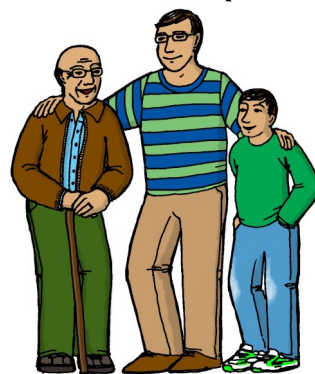


Editor: This year Father's Day is on 15th June. Here is a poem which well describes the loving fatherhood of God...

'O Lord, Seek Us'

O Lord, seek us, O Lord, find us
In Thy patient care;
By Thy love before, behind us,
Round us everywhere:
Lest the god of this world bind us,
Lest he speak us fair,
Lest he forge a chain to bind us,
Lest he bait a snare.
Turn not from us, call to mind us,
Find, embrace us, bear;
Be Thy love before, behind us,
Round us, everywhere.

By Christina Rossetti (1830 – 94)



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

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**
Sue: Beaver Leader, 8th Hornchurch.

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.

First Step Opportunity Group
RCN: 1106002
T: 01708 556355
E: enquiries@firststep.org.uk

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

Flag Days for 2025

(Union Jack unless otherwise stated)

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



Extra caretaker needed

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 and provide your name and phone number plus your connection to the church or call us with the same information, 01708 441571.

Bell Ringing for the 80th Anniversary of VE Day

Thursday 8th May 2025 was the 80th anniversary of Victory in Europe Day (VE Day). Hitler had already committed suicide and the German forces surrendered on 7th May 1945 after nearly 6 years of war. This led to peace in Europe and many people took to the streets to erect British flags and light bonfires. Winston Churchill declared 8th May 1945 a national holiday. Many hosted street parties and a crowd of 100,000 people gathered outside Buckingham Palace and The Mall. During the war, bell ringing was banned from June 1940. The ban was lifted in 1943 and there were enough bell ringers to ring on VE Day 1945. This tradition has continued over the years with all major milestones celebrated with the ringing of bells. The 80th anniversary, however, was the last major milestone where a number of WW2 veterans were still alive to share their memories. This gave significant importance to the occasion and at St Andrew's we joined other ringers around the country to ring the bells on 8th May 2025 at 6.30pm.

The photograph shows the bell ringers who took part in the national event.

The occasion was also marked with a quarter peal on 8th May and a full 3 hour peal on 9th May, both shown below:

Hornchurch,

Essex St Andrew
Thursday, 8th May 2025
1260 Plain Bob Doubles
1 James P Riley
2 Dennis Ellisdon
3 Alwyn Brock
4 John M Church
5 Clive J Stephenson (C)
6 Mark E Lendon

Rung to mark the 80th Anniversary of VE Day, clearly remembered by Dennis Ellisdon who was a young boy at the time.

Essex Association Hornchurch,

Essex St Andrew
Friday, 9th May 2025 in 3h 10
(18-0-0 in Eb)

5040 Plain Bob Royal
Composed by David Heighton

1 Jon Waters
2 Helen J Carter
3 William J Stungo
4 Elle G Buttery
5 Roderic K Bickerton
6 M Louise Booth
7 Andrew P Barham
8 Hugo L Tracey
9 Lucas J Owen
10 Clive J Stephenson (C)

Rung to commemorate the 80th Anniversary of VE Day.
First Royal - 4.
First Royal in the method and 35th peal - 8.

Clive J Stephenson

The Holy Spirit and You

One of the most common Gifts of The Spirit is Prophecy! Prophecy is to bring the Church to Maturity as recorded in Ephesians 4 v 8 and 11-16. Jesus was acknowledged as A Prophet as in John 4 v 19. Jesus would have had all the Gifts of The Spirit and Prophecy's essential to any Church; May be the selection of a Minister over other candidates. It can be for Commitment or Direction in a Church setting, Even Prophecy spoken to correct a nagging Church issue; Any Prophecy given should be judged by Church Leaders! As with many Church Groups Rainbows, Beavers, Brownies, Girl Guides, Girls Brigades, Boys Brigades, Cubs and Scouts; They all need The Best People to lead them in every case! The words of any Prophet need to be tested as in scripture And that should be done by the Ministry Team & Deacons; As we are advised in 1 Corinthians 13 v 9, testing the Spirit. We are not always aware how important Prophecy is to us, And The War Cabinet had a lot of this during World War II. We find in the Old Testament, God can even use a Donkey! Prophecy can be used for Health, Emotional and Physical Conditions and is not just for Church Functional situations; Prophecy can be used alongside Prayer for Confidence and Emotional Conditions. Many illnesses are emotional based, The most common of all these in the last few years is Stress. Prayer and Prophecy always go well together in this respect. Prayer can often be more specific with a particular ailment, If Prophecy is used correctly, we can get answers to Prayer! Many Emotional issues are related to Anger & Resentment, And we can see this Spiritually as unresolved Unforgiveness. Prophecy can be used for direction in Jobs, Careers etc and Is not just about the intellect or decision-making processes. St Paul says 'Hold fast to all which is good' I Thess 5 v 20+21. The definition of a Prophet is revealed in Revelation I v 6, The New Testament is Full of The Prophecies of Jesus Christ, As Jesus has fulfilled every Prophecy of the coming Messiah. The Book of Revelation is Full of Prophecy and the end times!

Mark Lendon B.A. Soc



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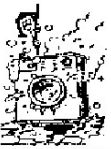
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St James the Least of All

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

On what security cameras in church will tell you . . .

From: The Rectory,
St James the Least of All

My dear Nephew Darren

Much against my better judgement, after a recent series of small thefts, we have installed security cameras here at St James the Least of All. Thank goodness the suggestion for trip wires that opened the gate to Mrs Poppleroy's garden next door, thereby setting loose her deranged Pekingese, was narrowly defeated – though I had to use my casting vote.

So now we have a complete record of everything that goes on when no one is about. It makes such interesting viewing that I have cancelled my television licence and spend every evening watching the antics of my parishioners. I wonder if there is some niche television channel which would be interested; it could help the tower restoration fund no end.

Miss Margison seems to imagine she is now part of some theatrical performance every time she cleans the church; her body language as she wields a feather duster is of operatic proportions, as is her final bow to the cameras as she leaves.

I have at last found the several hiding places where Mr Prentice secretes his bottle of whisky every week when he comes to wind the tower clock.

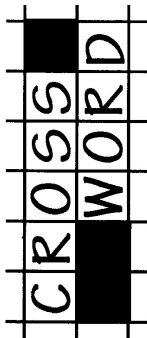
Colonel Wainwright, who served for some time in the security services, is now worried that photographs of him cleaning the brass will be circulated in Russia. He fails to appreciate that his disguise as a French onion seller, with striped jersey, beret and waxed moustache does tend to make his presence rather more interesting than he imagines – to us, if not to the KGB.

The flower arrangers seem to imagine that we are recording sound as well as pictures and so whenever they are in church together, all gossip is written down and passed round by hand as they work in total silence. So far, they have remembered to take their pieces of paper home with them. One slip and I shall probably learn more about my parishioners in five minutes than I have done in the last five years.

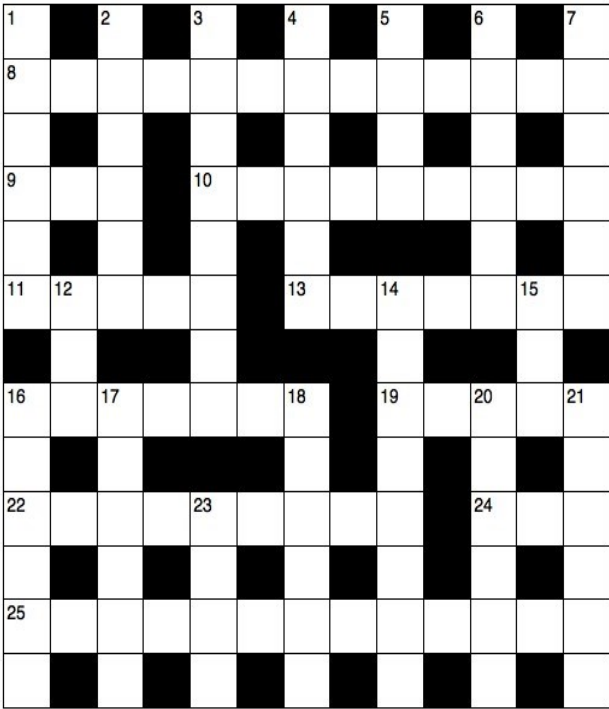
The cameras have also solved the mystery of who has been pilfering the items – and even the nest where they have hidden it. If only I could teach the magpies to extract money from pockets and place it on the collection plate.

Your loving uncle,
Eustace





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Across

- 8 Laban complained he had not been allowed to kiss them when Jacob fled with his family (Genesis 31:28) (13)
- 9 In favour of (3)
- 10 'The child's father and mother — at what was said about him' (Luke 2:33) (9)
- 11 Swagger (Psalm 12:8) (5)
- 13 'Terrors — him on every side and dog his every step' (Job 18:11) (7)
- 16 Bay bits (anag.) (7)
- 19 Preach, address an audience, speak in public (5)
- 22 Holy Communion (9)
- 24 'On their way to — out the land, Joshua instructed them, "Go and make a survey of the land"' (Joshua 18:8) (3)
- 25 Joseph advised Pharaoh to appoint these to administer his grain storage plan (Genesis 41:34) (13)

Down

- 1 'Assyria's pride will be brought down and — sceptre will pass away' (Zechariah 10:11) (6)
- 2 'And Jesus grew in wisdom and stature, and in — with God and men' (Luke 2:52) (6)
- 3 The descendants of Esau (Genesis 36:9) (8)
- 4 The components of the crown that Jesus was made to wear before his crucifixion (John 19:2) (6)
- 5 Colour of cloth which was to cover holy objects in the tabernacle when moving camp (Numbers 4:6-12) (4)
- 6 One of the gold articles plundered from the Midianites offered to the Lord by the Israelite army 'to make atonement' (Numbers 31:50) (6)
- 7 'The fathers have eaten sour grapes, and the children's teeth are set — —' (Jeremiah 31:29) (2,4)
- 12 Ate (anag.) (3)
- 14 'We ourselves... groan inwardly as we wait eagerly for our — as sons' (Romans 8:23) (8)
- 15 Abram's nephew (Genesis 14:12) (3)
- 16 Rupture (Job 30:14) (6)
- 17 'Yet to all who received him... he gave the right to — children of God' (John 1:12) (6)
- 18 'I... asked him the true meaning of all — . — he told me and gave me the interpretation of these things' (Daniel 7:16) (4,2)
- 20 Military units (Exodus 14:20) (6)
- 21 'Joseph her husband was a righteous man and did not want to — her to public disgrace' (Matthew 1:19) (6)
- 23 Diva (anag.) (4)

21, Expose. 23, Avid.
16, Breach. 17, Become. 18, This So. 20, Armies.
6, Armlet. 7, On edge. 12, Tea. 14, Adoption. 15, Lot.

Down:

1, Egypt's. 2, Favour. 3, Edomites. 4, Thorns. 5, Blue.
8, Grandchildren. 9, Pro. 10, Marvelled. 11, Strut.
13, Startle. 16, Babysit. 19, Orate. 22, Eucharist.
24, Map. 25, Commissioners.

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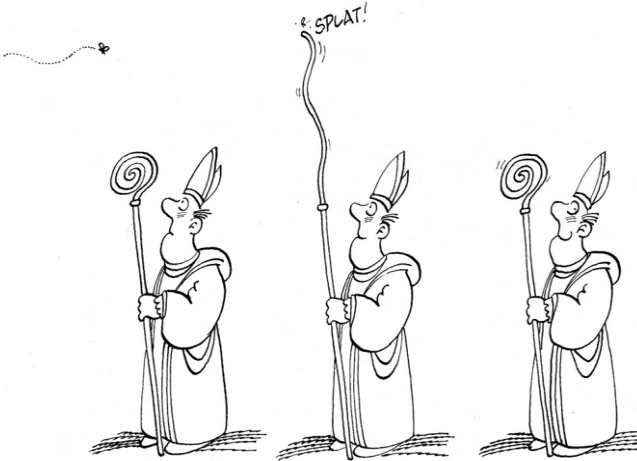
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Essex Wildlife Trust's Ingrebourne Valley Nature Discovery Centre is a partnership project between Essex Wildlife Trust and Havering Council. Built in Hornchurch Country Park, the centre overlooks the fantastic marshland and reedbeds of the River Ingrebourne 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 next sessions are: **Tuesdays** 3rd June to 8th July (6 weeks) £42 and **Fridays** 6th June to 11th July (6 weeks) £42.

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 4th June - 16th July (7 weeks). £49.00 per child. Children must be accompanied by an adult. Please meet outside the Nature Discovery Centre and come suitably dressed for the weather as we will be outside for the whole session. There will be access to toilet facilities if required.

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**

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

Ingrebourne Birdwatching Experience Friday 6 June 2025,
11am to 12 noon

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. £4 per person

Contact number: 01708 520364 www.essexwt.org.uk/reserves/ingrebourne

**New Dawn Chorus Community Choir ~ Summer Concert!**

NDC are delighted to announce that we will be appearing at Cranham Community Centre, 115A Marlborough Gardens, Upminster, RM14 1SR on Saturday, 12th July at 2.30pm

Ample free parking and refreshments at customer-friendly prices!

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Tickets: £5 Available by emailing: **ndcchoir2025@gmail.com** or call: Lorraine at 01245 284483

Our 3 performances at the Queen's Theatre were sold out weeks in advance so
BOOK EARLY to avoid disappointment!

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

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St Matthew's Church Chelmsford Drive RM14 2PH

Welcome to our free and fun gathering for all ages. Enjoy crafts, Warhammer, board games, tasty food and drinks.

Come make new friends and create memories with your family.

All children need to be accompanied by an adult.

Contact Revd Mark Smeed for more information.



Request for History Articles

I have written a couple of articles about either local history or things of local interest recently, but it isn't my intention to take this over in the way our friend the late Russell Spencer wrote for many years.

Prof Martin has been very generous with his archive and has written more since he retired from his column in the Romford Recorder which I will be publishing during the summer.

But I would be delighted to hear from anybody who remembers or experienced life in Hornchurch in previous years, or who has an interest in events earlier than our own lifetimes. For example

The first Safari Summer Holiday club was 30 years ago; were you involved?

What are your memories of Queen Elizabeth's Silver Jubilee in 1977? (It was wet)

My e-mail address is on the back page and I use the 'M' pigeonhole at St Andrew's.

I would be very pleased to hear from you.

Carol Metcalfe
Editor

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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 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 June 2025:

Maureen Pudney, Stephen Pudney and Andrea Izod ~ In Memory of **Bob** a loving Husband and dad on his birthday 5th June;

Mrs Margaret Barnard ~ In loving memory of **Walter James Barnard**. Always in our hearts. With much love from his family;

Jane Harder ~ In Loving Memory of **Fred and Mary Thomas** for their lives of Christian witness to family and community;

David Mortimer ~ In Loving Memory of dad, **David Grant Mortimer**.

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



Another Grand Day Out

Last month I recommended Brentwood Museum as a good afternoon out. During the May Day bank holiday we went further afield to the WWI aerodrome at Stow Maries. The aerodrome opened in 1916 as home to B Flight of No 37(HD) Squadron, Royal Flying Corps, like our own Suttons Farm, in response to the German aerial threat to London and the South East. It is the most complete WWI era aerodrome in the country; it must be remembered that some aerodromes continued in use, or were



Stow Maries and parts of others to view in the hangars. The ones capable of flight are replicas but there are original parts of machines now over 100 years old. Restoration and conservation work is in progress and the techniques and



craftsmanship are fascinating. Left is one of the original hangars showing the variety of machinery to be seen.

We were very lucky that two of the replica machines were undergoing their licence tests for the summer season that day, and part of the testing process included test flights. We saw the German Albatros DVA in the colours of Leutnant Paul Baeumer and his edelweiss emblem (above left). And a French Nieuport (I forget which marque) which was flown by the RFC, plus the French Air force and the United States Army Air Service (predecessor of the USAF)

There is a good café and shop. The airfield is dog friendly (well behaved of course) and the presence of the WWI station cat remains through his/her paw prints in the concrete floor of the café toilets and its photograph in the exhibition with Captain Albert Fanstone who was noted for his fondness for dogs and cats. The

recommissioned after 10-15 years (as happened at Suttons Farm) and thus their facilities were updated again and again. Stow Maries ceased operating in 1919 and reverted to Flambards Farm with the buildings used as barns.

However, because from the air it continued to look like an airfield, it was bombed during WWII and also received emergency landings from at least one damaged Hurricane. It was not an official decoy airfield.

In 1997 the site was surveyed by the Royal Commission for Historical Monuments in England who found evidence of the existence of 47 buildings, half of which have either survived completely or sufficiently to be restored effectively. They now have Grade II listed status. Since 2009 Air history enthusiasts have been maintaining the airfield as a military aviation museum and a working aerodrome.

The day we visited the Living History



group the 10th Essex Regiment were in attendance. They were re-enacting life in the Royal Flying Corp. The RFC was the air arm of the Army until 1st April 1918 when it merged with the Royal Naval Air Service (RNAS) to form the RAF we know today. The 10th Essex also included some navy personnel in that day's re-enactment to show the inter service co-operation.

There are several aeroplanes based at

Wings and Wags dog show doesn't seem to be on during 2025, but other events are; look up the website at this address

www.stowmaries.org.uk

These two young men of 10th Essex (left) were teaching each other semaphore. They were startled not just to know that I remember a few letters, but that I was taught it in the Brownies, this being considered a useful skill for 8 year old girls in 1962.

The aerodrome is open most Fridays, Saturdays and Sundays until December

2025 unless closed for a special event (check before you leave) but not Bank Holiday Mondays or Saturday 14th June 2015. The address is Hackmans Lane Purleigh Chelmsford Essex.

Carol Metcalfe

Time Out

There were 18 members in the audience for the play 'Granny Takes the Helm' which was presented in North Street Hall on Monday 28th April. All the actors did very well with their lines and movement around the stage, a lot to remember when you're not used to performing. Well done everyone!

Time Out group also met on May 12th and enjoyed an inspiring flower arranging demonstration by a local florist. The various arrangements were later raffled and several members went home with lovely displays of flowers (photograph below) while one of them was placed in church (P16) for visitors to admire.

June meetings:- On **9th June** an afternoon tea in the grounds of St Andrew's and on **23rd June** an afternoon seated yoga session.

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



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Wednesday Afternoon Music at Hornchurch Library

Wed 4th June at 2pm **Had Time Allowed** ~ Our presenters take the opportunity to add one or more pieces of music that perhaps they would have liked to include in this season's programmes but didn't have quite enough time. Impossible to say what will be in this programme but it will be varied and enjoyable with something for everyone. A fitting end to our successful Spring season. We take a break through the summer and will return on

Wednesday 1st October.

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 or to be added to our email list call **Stephen Raindle 01708 470670** or email **sraindle@aol.com**

Sudoku solution from P8

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

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Escape Men's Group

We meet on the first and third Monday at 8.30pm at St Andrew's church. For further details contact **John Speller** on 07599 791420 or by e-mail **john.speller@hotmail.co.uk**

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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www.rafhornchurch.com

Bell Ringers' Spring Outing to Surrey

On Saturday 3rd May, the sun was shining as our full coach of 51 ringers and friends left St Andrew's for our journey to Surrey. It took just over an hour to reach our first stop in Ashted, an unspoilt town with plenty of interest for non-ringers. The 8 bells here were enjoyable to ring and well managed by our young ringers, Ellen and Jamie, as they did throughout the day. They rang well to Call Changes as did John & Michelle to Cambridge Major.

Our next church in Leatherhead had 10 bells in an attractive setting overlooking the downs. Here it was Carys' & James' turn to ring well to course of Bob Caters.

Our lunch stop in Thames Ditton was an old historical pub once used by King Henry VIII on his journey to Hampton Court Palace. We enjoyed our lunch in the sunshine on the banks of the River Thames.



After lunch we rang in the busy town of Esher close to Sandown racecourse before moving on to the 8 bells of Epsom Common. The church here is surrounded by woodland and Marianne & Paul rang some well-struck Superlative Major.

Our final stop in Epsom town centre had 10 bells and Tony organised some successful Stedman Caters for Alex, Jan and Michelle, all ringing it for the first time. It was then a short drive for our evening meal at a venue overlooking Epsom racecourse and downs before our journey home after a full and successful day.

Clive Stephenson

Photo 1 above: Lunch by the Thames

Photo 2 top right : Ringers outside Leatherhead church

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SUNDAY SERVICES in the Parish of Hornchurch

8.30 am: Morning Worship at St Andrew's Church

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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

April and May 2025

Baptisms

April 24th Eloise Sienna Coles
Reece John Patrick Coles
May 4th Ruby Mae Tracey
11th Max Logan Mumford
Phoebe Evelyn Mumford
Wendy Amelia Hobbs
15th Chloe Jade Franklin

Marriages

None

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

April 19th Robert John Edwin Ferridge 87
25th Roland George Simms 86
28th Eileen Wood 72
May 16th Teresa Angela Cannell 92
26th Douglas Hayes 97



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