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# Bullseye

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## Here Comes Summer

Parish of



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

The summer brings the hope of warm weather, longer days and time away from school, studies or work to 'recharge our batteries' both physically and spiritually. For many, this will provide the opportunity to slow down, to spend time in nature, maybe a walk around a local park, a new city or seaside town on holiday or visit friends and family. A time to rest.

The great outdoors with the beauty of a wide range of green plants, shrubs and trees, blue skies, animals and insects in a spectrum of colours crawling or flying, birds chirping, the wide variety of landscapes, sunsets and sunrises help us to feel more peaceful and connect us deeper with God the Creator as at the end of each day we rest.

However, for those unable to explore outside due to physical or mental health, limited mobility or caring responsibilities the connection to nature may initially seem limited and the opportunities to experience the peace and beauty of Creation may feel removed from daily life. God is with us in our struggles and wants us to connect and worship with Him. Taking time to rest whilst looking at a book with landscape illustrations, observing works of art, photos or postcards, television programmes about the natural world, online searches for familiar or unfamiliar places, animals or plants in the UK or around the planet can help make meaningful connections to the

beauty and peace of God's world. We can observe the amazing variety of things God created during the six days of creation, and rest because He rested.

At Messy Church we enjoy spending time in the beautiful grounds of St Andrew's Church discovering Bible characters and stories or Christian Festivals through activities using natural resources, creative expressions, the features of the churchyard and exploring the local area. We spend time reflecting, wondering, praying, eating and discussing with all ages. Yes, we could do much of this indoors but then we would miss out on the sensory experience of being surrounded by the good things God created. Everyone is welcome to join in our Services and celebrate Creator God during worship and within God's presence also rest.

As you continue to reflect on the beauty of God's creation this summer may it also be a time of rest and renewal. Consider how you can engage with God in nature in ways that are accessible and meaningful to you. Take time to reflect on how often do we look around us and see the good things that God created? Pause and consider, Are you taking time to rest?

### Messy Church in Hornchurch



# What's on

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

## Weekly meetings

<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) 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

August Bullseye Sunday 6th July 2025  
September Bullseye Sunday 3rd August

### Uploading

August Bullseye Wed. 30th July 2025  
September Bullseye Wed. 27th August

**The Bullseye for August will be in the churches and online by Sunday 3rd August 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](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 July**

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 6th July**

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 13th, 8.30am - Common Worship Holy Communion at St Andrew's**

10.15am - Parade service

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

6.30pm – Evening Prayer at St Andrew's.

**Sunday 20th,**

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 27th,**

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

10.15am - Morning Worship St Andrew's (also livestreamed)

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

6.30pm – BCP Holy Communion at St Andrew's.

**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. From September the church will also be open at the same time on Monday mornings.

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.

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

NDC are delighted to announce that we will be appearing at

**Cranham Community Centre,  
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**Saturday, 12th July at 2.30pm**

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MANDY GREEN**  
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## Guide, Brownie and Rainbow News



### 2nd Hornchurch (St Andrew's) Rainbows

Left: Louisa and Penny were excited and proud to make their Rainbow Promise

Right; Ruby worked hard to complete her Rainbow Bronze Award. She was delighted to receive her Certificate and Badge. Well done, Ruby



### 5th Hornchurch (St George's) Guides

Left: Daisy, who is a Young Leader at Brownies and Guides, was proud to gain her Bronze Duke of Edinburgh Certificate

Below: Pippa and Daisy were proud to have completed their Guide Bronze Award.

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## **More Guide, Brownie and Rainbow News 5th Hornchurch (St George's) Guides**

Sophie, Eden and Mia  
Were happy and excited to make their Promise as Guides



## **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 ~ July and August 2025 Tearfund ~ Bring life-changing training to communities in need**

There are many aspects to the Tearfund organisation and one of them is the above help to communities and people like Chuchu who live in them. Chuchu had lived for years on her husband's small salary with which they tried to feed four children with little to eat and no thought of education for the children. Chuchu was invited to join Tearfund's life-changing training through her local church. Through the training she realised the resources God had given her and with much needed financial assistance and access to self-help groups, she found the skills and confidence to start her own small business. This enabled her to feed her own family better and today Chuchu is running a small business selling milk. This was all possible with the help of her local church and generous Tearfund supporters. Chuchu is now lifting herself and her family out of poverty.

The difference a small donation can make is amazing — £5 can train a community leader to run a self help group, provide materials to sustain farming projects and help people like Chuchu lift themselves and their families out of poverty. Faith and action go hand in hand and are there for all to see.

If you want to donate please visit **<https://www.tearfund.org/campaigns/bring-hope-change-lives>**

Or give a donation to St Andrew's (cheques payable to 'Hornchurch PCC' with COM Tearfund written on the back) and we will collate the money and send as one larger donation.

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

**Arlene Trump**





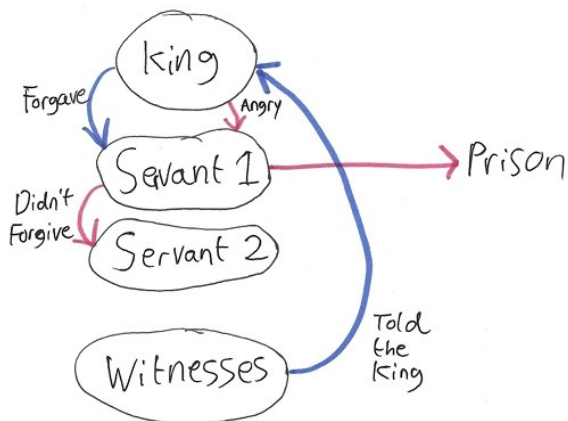
## Trinity Sunday at The Well

Alexander and Sophie demonstrated how babies are baptised - in the name of The Father and The Son and The Holy Spirit. Then we went on to think about the unknowable mystery of the Trinity using water in three forms: liquid, ice and steam. For those who enjoy colouring we had a Triquetra or Celtic Trinity Knot - and of course we had cake beautifully decorated to represent the Trinity. The Well is an Accessible Church Service at St Matthew's Church on the third Sunday of the month, 2.45 - 4pm. Visitors are always welcome.

**Revd Sonia Groombridge**



Matthew 18:21



I drew this Because  
It helped me understand  
the story and What Jesus  
Was saying about ~  
Forgiveness and how  
everyone should forgive  
each other.

Matt  
😊

## An afternoon of three Matthews at The Well

In May we were thinking about forgiveness, focusing on the parable of the unmerciful servant (Mt 18:21-35). One of the young men attending drew the picture (left) to help him think about the message of the story. We were very impressed and thought it might be helpful for others too.

**Revd Marianne Hayward**



Messy Church News



Saturday 30th August 2025  
Harvest Praise and Picnic

3:30pm-5:30pm in the grounds of St Andrew's, Hornchurch.

All ages are welcome to join Messy Church in Hornchurch outdoors for a summer holiday get together as we celebrate Harvest with activities, crafts, games, prayers and worship followed by a picnic tea. If you are able, please bring item/s to donate to the Food Bank. Please check the weather forecast and wear weather appropriate clothing and footwear.

Booking via Eventbrite. Further details: visit Messy Church in Hornchurch Facebook page or The Parish of Hornchurch website or contact the Parish Office. Free: donations welcome.



All ages gathered in the grounds of St Andrew's as Messy Church in Hornchurch discovered the events of Pentecost and shared prayer activities that we can continue to do at home and share with others. We prayed the Lord's Prayer in different languages and felt the power of the Holy Spirit as we heard the familiar in unfamiliar words. Our young helpers are a valuable part of our volunteer team and are learning about the different roles and responsibilities and at Pentecost they supported the kitchen team in the preparation, serving and tidying up. Our next Messy Church Service takes place at the end of the School Summer holiday on Saturday 30th August 3:30-5:30pm with a picnic tea. We will be celebrating Harvest. If you are able to bring food or toiletries for the Food Bank, they will be gratefully received. All ages are welcome, join in with outdoor activities, crafts, games and worship in the grounds of St Andrew's Church. It's FREE to attend, donations are welcome.





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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' If you would like a copy of our published booklet of Uncle Eustace's letters, please email us at:*

**enquiries@parishpump.co.uk**

**On why people complain to the vicar – and how to ignore them**

From: The Rectory,  
 St James the Least of All

My dear Nephew Darren

So, you have received your first letter of complaint. I am not wholly unsympathetic with your complainant, as attempting to marry the bride to the best man would have created havoc with the seating arrangements at the reception. However, you must learn that receiving letters of complaint is an integral part of the ordained ministry. After 50 years of parish life, the number of such letters I have received are now held in bound volumes.

The anonymous ones you will receive, invariably written in green ink on lined notepaper, can be safely consigned to your wastepaper basket, along with all mail, from whatever source, labelled 'Urgent'. You will receive letters complaining that you did not pray for someone who was in hospital, regardless of the fact that you knew nothing of it. Probably by the next post, you will receive a letter complaining that you did pray for someone in hospital – when they had wanted to keep their cosmetic surgery secret.

Those who regard themselves as guardians of doctrinal purity will write complaining of the heresies contained in the previous Sunday's sermon. These can be filed with those letters that complain that your sermons are too short, along with those who complain that they are too long.

The hourly striking of the church clock is a perennial favourite for complaints. I usually reply by saying that we are currently exploring the possibility of getting it to strike the quarters too.

Letters of complaint will arrive in November, complaining that the church is too cold, so making prayer impossible. Others will drop on the doormat in April saying that it is too hot, so making prayer impossible. In Spring, some will write that the churchyard should be mown more often, while others will complain that it is mown too often and ruins it as a habitat for wildlife. The annual Summer 'Procession of Witness' generates complaints that the brass band ruined the slumbers of parishioners having a Sunday lie-in. Then come Harvest, there will be the letters complaining that they did not receive a Harvest gift, which was particularly unforgivable, as their grandmother had once sung in the choir. Thus, the annual round is accompanied by reams of notepaper.

The only letter of complaint I have really treasured came from the bishop, rebuking me for never having attended any meeting when he was present. I have had it framed and hung on the study wall.

Your loving uncle,  
**Eustace**

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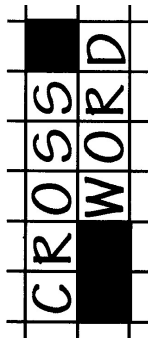
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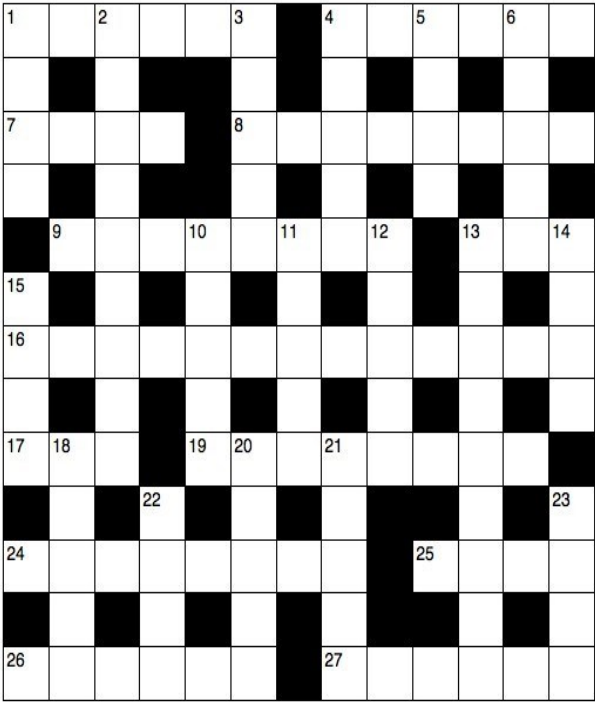
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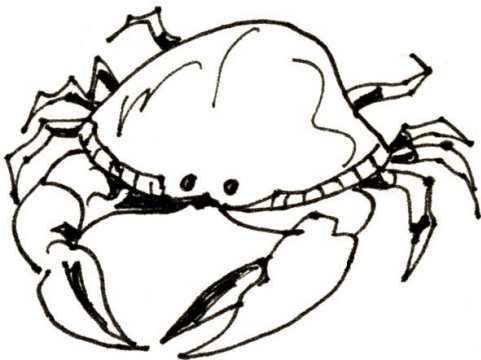
Across

- 1 'I pray that out of his glorious — he may strengthen you with power through his Spirit in your inner being' (Ephesians 3:16) (6)
- 4 'Saul's father Kish and — father Ner were sons of Abiel' (1 Samuel 14:51) (6)
- 7 'Praise the Lord, O my —' (Psalm 103:1) (4)
- 8 See 5 Down
- 9 Laws (1 Kings 11:33) (8)
- 13 'Who of you by worrying can — a single hour to his life?' (Luke 12:25) (3)
- 16 Artistry (Exodus 31:5) (13)
- 17 'Your young men will see visions, your — men will dream dreams' (Acts 2:17) (3)
- 19 How David described his Lord (Psalm 19:14) (8)
- 24 'If this city is built and its — — restored, you will be left with nothing in Trans-Euphrates' (Ezra 4:16) (5,3)
- 25 'The holy Scriptures, which are able to make you — for salvation through faith in Christ Jesus' (2 Timothy 3:15) (4)
- 26 Intended destination of arrows (Lamentations 3:12) (6)
- 27 Eve hit (anag.) (6)

Down

- 1 'For I am gentle and humble in heart, and you will find — for your souls' (Matthew 11:29) (4)
- 2 Where Peter was when he denied Christ three times (Luke 22:55) (9)
- 3 Remarkable early 20th-century Indian evangelist, a convert from Hinduism, — Sundar Singh (5)
- 4 'Now the king had put the officer on whose — — leaned in charge of the gate' (2 Kings 7:17) (3,2)
- 5 and 8 Across The Lover describes this facial feature of the Beloved thus: 'Your — is like the tower of Lebanon looking towards —' (Song of Songs 7:4) (4,8)
- 6 'Stand firm then, with the belt of truth buckled — your waist' (Ephesians 6:14) (5)
- 10 Trout (anag.) (5)
- 11 Easily frightened (1 Thessalonians 5:14) (5)
- 12 The ability to perceive (Ecclesiastes 10:3) (5)
- 13 One of the clans descended from Benjamin (Numbers 26:38) (9)
- 14 "It is one of the Twelve," he replied, "one who — bread into the bowl with me" (Mark 14:20) (4)
- 15 Resound (Zephaniah 2:14) (4)
- 18 Traditional seat of the Dalai Lama (5)
- 20 Precise (John 4:53) (5)
- 21 Build (Ezekiel 4:2) (5)
- 22 Beat harshly (Acts 22:25) (4)
- 23 Darius, who succeeded Belshazzar as king of the Babylonians, was one (Daniel 5:31) (4)

- 22, Flog. 23, Mede.  
14, Dips. 15, Echo. 18, Lhasa. 20, Exact. 21, Erect.  
6, Round. 10, Tutor. 11, Timid. 12, Sense. 13, Ashbelite.  
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- Down:**  
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**Visit the RAF Hornchurch Remembrance Collection**—a brief history of the aerodrome from 1915 to 1962. Free entry during normal opening hours.

**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** 3rd June to 8th July (6 weeks) £42 and **Fridays** 6th June to 11th July (6 weeks) £42.

**Ingrebourne Nature Tots Summer Specials** Friday 1st and 15th August 2025. 9:30-11am or 11:30am-1pm £6.67 per child An adventure full of fun in our wonderful woodland setting; we will finish the session around the campfire weather permitting. Suitable for ages 18 months to 5 years. Children must be accompanied by an adult.

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

**Ingrebourne Birdwatching Experience Friday 4th July 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

**Ingrebourne Women In War Exhibition Saturday 12th July 2025 - Sunday 13th July 2025**

10:00am - 4:00pm £2 per person pay on the door. The roles of Women in the Armed and Civilian Services during the Two World Wars and other conflicts.

**Ingrebourne Wilder Holiday Club Tuesday 29th July** 9am to 3pm children aged 5 to 11 Includes themed, inspiring activities led by our team of experts. There will be plenty of opportunities for nature discovery, learning new skills, and following your interests with lots of time for free play £37 per child Usual conditions and recommendations.

**Ingrebourne Family Forest Fun (2-9 years) Thursday 31st July** sessions 9:30 to 11am or 11:30am to 1pm A morning full of fun in nature. £6.77 per child

**Ingrebourne Build your own Robin nest box Friday 1st August** 11:00am - 12:30pm suitable for age 5+ £10.90 per child

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**Contact number: 01708 520364 [www.essexwt.org.uk/reserves/ingrebourne](http://www.essexwt.org.uk/reserves/ingrebourne)**

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## 'Chilling reading' Bishop Sarah responds to assisted suicide impact assessments

The Bishop of London, Sarah Mullally, the Church of England's lead bishop for health and social care, has recently responded to the Government impact assessments on the bill to introduce assisted suicide in England and Wales.

The Department of Health and Social Care (DHSC), together with the Ministry of Justice, had published a main assessment and an equality impact assessment on the Terminally Ill Adults (End of Life) Bill.

Bishop Sarah said: "The impact assessment of the Terminally Ill Adults (End of Life) Bill makes for chilling reading as it highlights particular groups who would be put at risk by a change in the law, including those who are subject to health inequalities, and those vulnerable to domestic abuse.

"It also sets out the financial savings of introducing an assisted dying service, through reduction in care costs, palliative and end of life care costs and state-provided benefits.

"It is crude to see these cost savings set out in this way, and it is easy to see how numbers of this nature could contribute to someone feeling that they should pursue an assisted death rather than receive care.

"Each human life is immeasurably more valuable than the money that may be saved through their premature death.

"Every person is made in the image of God and holds an irreducible value that is worthy of care and support until the end of their life.

"We must oppose any change in the law that puts the vulnerable at risk rather than working to improve access to desperately needed palliative care services."

## Flag Days for 2025

(Union Jack unless otherwise stated)

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

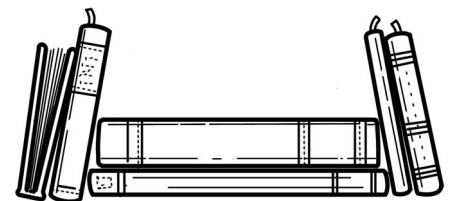
(St Andrew's flag)

Thursday December 25th: Christmas Day

## The Holy Spirit and You

The Gift of Healing can be Miracles, Power and Faith, And that combination probably covers most Healing; Healing & Miracles are Mental, Emotional or Physical, These are the areas of Healing thro' Faith & Reflection; There is always an Emotional element to most Healing, Or just combinations of Emotional or Physical ailments; There's no single element in process to getting Healing, It's always a matter of Faith & Spiritual understanding; Often there is no single answer to Emotional Problems, That's because Mental Health is such a challenging area; There's always a Spiritual Element to Healing & Emotions, As they are driven by our decision-making and intellect; As often individual decision-making's Emotionally based, Healing taps into a Spiritual Vacuum of the Unconscious; Consequently that can touch a raw nerve in the individual, And that's the reason for so many of Man's Mental issues; So, understanding the three elements of Healing we see:- The Conscious, The Unconscious, and The Sub-Conscious; Upbringing & Environment are peripheral in this respect! Oh yes, they can have some limited attitudes in thoughts, And thought patterns, but they are not the driving force- Of decision-making and thoughts into process and action; Healing can Tap-Into all or most of the decision processes, That qualifies the intellect to select the process of action; Healing's usually Accessed through Prayer for an individual, Usually by the preferred method of at least two Believers; When The Holy Spirit's given Access to touch an individual! And should always ask if it's alright to Pray for their Healing. This is essential as Permission is a response to God's Access, The gateway to the movement of "The Holy Spirit in action!" God is able to reach into every recess of an individual's Spirit, An Astounding Statement that "Opens The Door to Healing!" So, when we truly surrender in Faith, The Holy Spirit moves; Believing in Faith for Miracles is part of the Healing process. "Faith can Move Mountains" which are usually in the Mind! It can often be through conditioning, habit or brain-washing, And, yes, that does still occur through Education and Training; When the Soul is released, then Healing and Miracles occur! A vast range of Mental Conditions which are caused by Stress, By daily assaults on the mind through reasoning of decisions; "The Mind is a Battlefield" where the Enemy plants his seeds, As St Paul says, "Strongholds of The Enemy are in the Mind!" Ephesians 6 v 10-13. We could say, "If head and heart unite, In Believing" then all things are possible with the Holy Spirit!

Mark Lendon. B.A. Soc.



## Floodlighting of St Andrew's Church, Hornchurch

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

**Helen Vivers** ~ In loving memory of my Mum and Dad, **Jean and Robert Vivers;**

**Carol Wood** ~ In loving memory of my darling husband **Ray**, we miss you.

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



## Safari Memories

Have you kept any of your Safari badges?

The editor asked in the last Bullseye if anyone had memories of the summer Safari which prompted me to sort out my badges which I had squirrelled away.

I always remember Safari as being sweltering hot with fans everywhere and trying to shield the children on the green from the blazing sun. There must have been times when it rained but very few.

The first Safari we went to was Circus Safari when Lewis (my son who's now 30) was about 4 years old. Katie my daughter must have been nearly 3 and at that time not old enough to join, although in later years 3 year olds were able to join and not be confined to the crèche.

I volunteered to be a helper the first year and helped on a table led by Jonathan Withers.

I think I volunteered for the following years and was usually found in the Infants or lower junior groups. When I first started Safari it was in 2 sessions, one in the morning and one in the afternoon after we'd all gone home for lunch but in later years we just had the morning session.

We had trips out, entertainers in, songs galore and lots of water being thrown around and "custard" pies flung in faces. But we also had prayer, fellowship and dancing and drama teaching us about Jesus's love for us and how we can show our love for Him. There were lots of little moments that I remember; too many to recount here, not least some of the friendships I made with the other volunteers.

At the end of the week a little gift was usually bought for the children and they in turn would give us a thank you gift. It was a treasured time and one I look back to with fondness.



Jackie Bruniges

## Table Top Fun

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

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

Come make new friends and create memories with your family.



All children need to be accompanied by an adult.  
 Contact Revd Mark Smeed for more information.  
 See Page 13 for the anniversary celebration.

## Hornchurch Library

At 44 North Street Hornchurch.  
 Not just for books; talks, activities and more.

Contact the librarians on 01708 434903 or  
[libraryevents@haverling.gov.uk](mailto:libraryevents@haverling.gov.uk)

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

## 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



## Table Top Fun Turns Two!

What a celebration! On Thursday 13th June, Table Top Fun marked its second birthday—and it was bursting with life, laughter, and community spirit. It was a hot day, but that didn't stop us from squeezing two bouncy castles into St Matthew's Church! From the moment the doors opened, people began arriving—starting with the children from the preschool group who use the cabin behind the church, and soon joined by a steady stream of families from across our parish groups, friends of friends, and even those who had spotted the event on Facebook.

We had planned for around 80 guests, but were thrilled (and a little surprised!) when around 120 people joined us throughout the afternoon. Among them were ward councillors and local clergy, who kindly stepped in to support our volunteers and join in the celebration. It was a joyful sight—children bouncing, laughing, and building weird and wonderful LEGO creations; parents sitting down to play Uno with their kids; and a beautiful cacophony of joy filling the church space. These are the moments that remind us why we do what we do. I'd like to take this opportunity to say a heartfelt thank you to Kim and Jeanette, who have supported Table Top Fun faithfully for over two years. Their commitment and care are at the heart of this ministry, and we truly couldn't do it without them.

As we look ahead, we're excited to see how Table Top Fun continues to grow, bringing together people of all ages to laugh, play, and build community.

**Revd Mark Smeed**





### 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.

Sudoku solution from P8

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

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### Escape Men's Group

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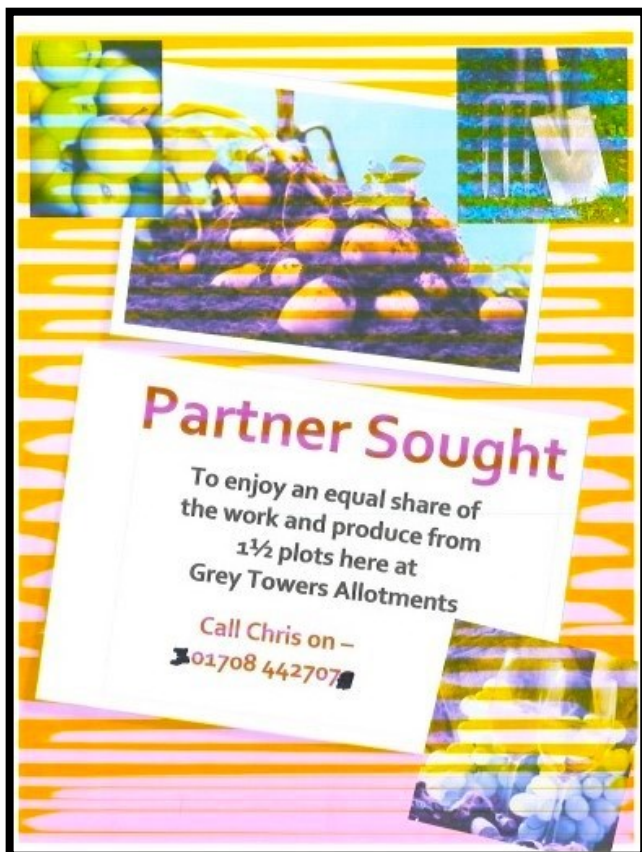
### Message from St Andrew's Choir

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

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Tel: 01708 898091 Email: [info@rafhornchurch.com](mailto:info@rafhornchurch.com)

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**Every Friday**  
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**A warm welcome space**

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Join the jigsaw table— get artsy with some crafts— read a book or write your own—play our baby grand piano and have a sing-a-long!

**Refreshments and snacks at affordable prices\***

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**Let's build something great, together!**

For more details email [newwindmill@hotmail.co.uk](mailto:newwindmill@hotmail.co.uk) or call 01708 220242

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

## Time Out

Time Out members enjoyed an afternoon tea on June 9th to celebrate belatedly VE80. About 20 ladies had delicious homemade cakes and a cuppa while chatting and listening to music from that era. The next meeting will be the AGM on 14th July in North St Hall at 7pm with a fish and chip supper.

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

## Prayer for July 2025

Lord, in this month, we, Your church, remember Thomas.

Thomas, who asked questions and doubted when he didn't see You with his own eyes. And Lord, You walked through those locked doors of his questions and doubts specifically to meet his needs.

Help us to come to You, honestly, with our questions and doubts, knowing that You understand and will meet our needs too.

Help us to recognize You with eyes of faith — the only One who can help us.

May we declare, with Thomas, in humility, devotion and thankfulness, 'My Lord and my God!'

We pray in your powerful name, Lord Jesus.

Amen.

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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

June 2025

### Baptisms

**June 9th** James Jeffrey Whiley  
Edward Charles Whiley  
**15th** Peyton Florence Faye Thompson

### Marriages

None

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

**April 30th** Darrell Michael Wright 63  
**June 8th** Sheila Hall 87  
**9th** John Alfred Allen 90  
**12th** Vera Edgley 94

## Denis Carrington

We are sad to report the passing of Denis Carrington on Saturday 21st June at Ravenscourt Nursing home.

He died peacefully after a short illness with family with him.

The funeral service will be held at St Andrews church on Monday 28th July at 11am.

A reception will be held afterwards at the Warley Park golf course Magpie Lane, Little Warley, Brentwood Essex CM13 3DX

All who knew Denis are welcome to attend.



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