

# Bullseye

## I have called you by name.... Isaiah 43:1



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

Names are more than mere labels; they are profound markers of individuality and collective identity. Across cultures and throughout history, names have carried immense significance, acting as a bridge between personal stories and the shared tapestry of human experience.

At their core, names are an essential part of communication. They distinguish one person, place, or object from another, making interaction and connection smoother. But beyond their practical utility, names hold symbolic value.

The list of names in the Bible from A to Z holds great significance and meaning. It represents the vastness and diversity of God's creation, showcasing the multitude of individuals who have played a part in His story of redemption. From Adam, the first man, to Zechariah, the prophet, each name carries a unique identity and purpose within the biblical narrative. It reminds us that God knows and values each person individually, weaving their lives into His grand plan of salvation. As we explore these names, we can glean valuable insights into God's character, His faithfulness, and His desire to reconcile humanity to Himself.

In many societies, naming is a deeply ceremonial act. Indeed, in Christianity in the Baptism service, the Priest says "I Baptise you in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit". In other traditions, names may honour ancestors by passing names down through generations, creating a sense of continuity and familial pride, my eldest daughter for example is named after my Grandmother, Alice.

In May my wife and I visited the Somme Battlefield in Northern France. We managed to trace one of the names from the St Andrew's War Memorial: HP Hitch. We found his grave in Pozieres British Cemetery in France. From this simple name we were able to discover his age at death

(18), that he was a drummer, lived in Romford and worked as a Clerk for the Great Eastern Railway in Ilford.

Ultimately, names are far more than a collection of sounds or characters. They are gifts, chosen with care, carrying the weight of meaning, memory, and identity. They connect us to our roots while serving as a canvas for the stories we create. In the vast ocean of human existence, names anchor us, ensuring that we are recognised, remembered, and cherished. As God say in Isaiah 43 "I've called your name. You're mine."

**Mark Cornish**  
**Authorised Local Preacher**



# What's on

Events for this column: please send them to the editor  
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 or "M" pigeon hole

## Weekly meetings

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|--------------|--|--|
| <b>Mon.</b>  | 10.00am to 11.30 am<br>2.30 and 7.00 pm<br>8.30 pm | <b>Tadpoles</b> St Andrew's large hall, for children and their adults<br><b>Time Out</b> 2nd Monday of month meeting is 7pm North Street hall and 4th Monday meeting 2.30pm St Andrew's.<br><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<br>7-9pm                               | <b>Table Top Fun</b> St Matthew's<br><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

September Bullseye Sunday 3rd August  
October Bullseye Sunday 31st August 2025

### Uploading

September Bullseye Wed. 27th August  
October Bullseye Wed. 24th September 2025

**The Bullseye for September will be in the churches and online by Sunday 31st 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 August**

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 3rd August**

8.30am - BCP Holy Communion at St Andrew's

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

6.30pm - Evening Prayer.

**Sunday 10th, 8.30am - Common Worship Holy Communion at St Andrew's**

10.15am - Morning Worship at St Andrew's

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

6.30pm - Evening Prayer at St Andrew's.

**Sunday 17th,**

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 24th,**

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.

**Sunday 31st,**

8.30am - BCP 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

**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.

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**FOR MORE INFORMATION CONTACT:  
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MANDY GREEN**



**VIA THE PARISH OFFICE:  
01708 441571**

**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.

Table Top Fun has broken up for the summer holiday and will resume in September. See the next edition of Bullseye or the Parish notices for the exact date. Until then have fun!

**August 2025**

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

The 14th Hornchurch Brownies took part in the county nuclear races mud run. The girls all had lots of fun taking part in all the obstacles and getting very wet and muddy! They were all very brave and worked so well as a team to complete the course. We are very proud of them all. Photograph below

### **And**

A little news story about a leader:  
Kim was awarded her 30 year long service award at the end of year Essex west cream tea at Thames Chase. Photograph below right.  
Well done Kim!

**Amy Saunders**



## **Bullseye News from the Parish of Hornchurch**

### **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**



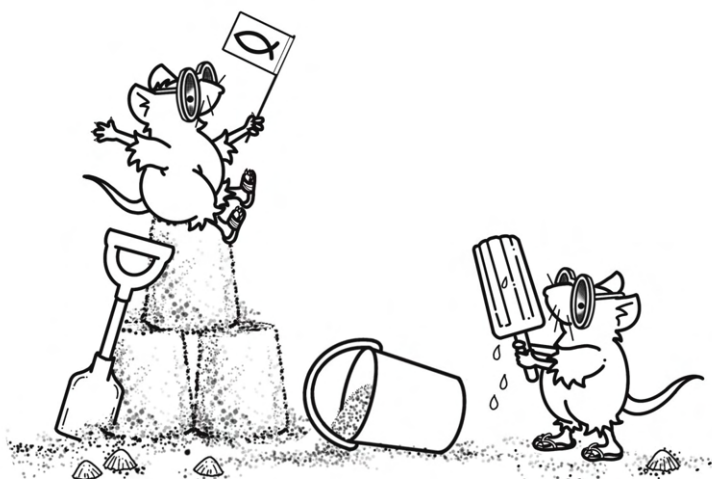
### **Beavers Wanted**

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.





## Time Out

There were 18 members at our meeting on Monday 23rd June when we all enjoyed an exercise class given by Kim McClean. Everyone was able to take part as the exercises were also suitable from a seated position. Always enjoyable.

On Monday 14th July 30 members attended our AGM with fish and chip supper in North Street Hall. This was followed by ice cream, strawberries or cheesecake with hot or cold drinks. A good way to attend an AGM!

We now have a break for August, maybe an adhoc meeting will be arranged. Our next planned meeting is on Monday 8th September with our 'Meet and Greet' at 7pm in North Street Hall. If anyone would like to know more about the group please contact

**Val on 07527 325996.**



### 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**





## Hornchurch Bell Ringers Finish Third in Competition



### Easy Sudoku solution on Page 12

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On Saturday 12th July, St Andrew's bell ringers took part in the Essex Association Striking Competition finals at Sandon, near Chelmsford. There were 10 teams from all over Essex taking part and the standard of ringing was very high as it is every year. Each team rang 240 changes of their chosen method which took about 7 minutes. We were the first to ring and were pleased with our performance containing very few errors. The judges commented later that we 'made a confident start' and 'set the tone for the day.' We were delighted to finish in 3rd place which is our best achievement in this event for about 30 years.

Our relatively inexperienced team rang as follows:

Marianne Hayward – Treble

Carys Hayward – 2

Michelle Stephenson – 3

Nick Allen – 4

Clive Stephenson – 5

Mark Lendon – Tenor

Congratulations to all our ringers especially Carys Hayward who took part in this competition for the very first time, aged 15. The photograph above shows our ringers in the order in which they rang.

**Clive Stephenson**

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## St James the Least of All

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***enquiries@parishpump.co.uk***

**On the annual war of pumpkin-growing**

From: The Rectory,  
St James the Least of All

My dear Nephew Darren

Anyone who thinks that the English are a peaceful race has obviously never organised the annual pumpkin growing competition. Very regrettably, one of the Pilgrim Fathers sent a handful of pumpkin seeds to a relation in this parish in the 17th century and ever since, the church has been obliged to hold an annual competition to see who can grow the largest. I suspect some of the original recipients of those seeds still compete. There is a certain irony that the church, which is supposed to promote peace and harmony, sponsors the most war-like activity in the annual calendar.

Mobilisation starts at the beginning of the year when seeds are planted. From that moment on, every other potential entrant is regarded as the Enemy. Once seedlings are planted out, then heavy armaments are placed at boundaries to deter possible invasion. By late Spring, paranoia has taken over and rumours begin to circulate of espionage and sinister undetectable herbicides. Anyone in the village with a beard is looked on with deep suspicion.

In the weeks before the competition, homes, partners and children are abandoned, as contestants talk to their pumpkins by day and snuggle up with them at night. Should bad weather arrive at this point, then I am blamed for not having prayed sufficiently fervently for sunshine and light rain. If only I had such

influence.

On the day before the show, tables are put out and woe betide anyone who places their cake stand where Mrs Cholmondeley has put her tea urn for the past 25 years; she now believes she has squatters' rights to that place, and any challenge to her claim would probably result in litigation.

I find this competitive spirit a little bemusing, as for the last 25 years, the Earl of Stowe has always won first prize. That his mother, the Dowager Countess, is the judge, is, I am sure, pure coincidence. That she has arrived for the past three years with a white stick and accompanied by a golden Labrador does, however, raise doubts.

To award the Earl any prize at all does seem a little unfair, when the only time he ever gets mud on his boots is when he falls off his horse while hunting. I suspect he would be hard pressed to find where the kitchen garden is on his estate. But to give any credit to his gardening staff would be seen as bad form, so we all keep quiet. It has been tentatively suggested that another judge should be appointed, but no one has so far had the courage to step forward. They may have the privilege of nominating the winner, but they would also have to face a 12 month period of hatred from all those who were not successful. Christmas card lists will be amended. Families may have sat next to them in church for generations, but would suddenly find it more congenial to worship in another part of the church. Letters would be strangely mis-delivered, and the butcher's boy would suddenly deliver lamb when pork had been ordered. Who could dare to take on such a poisoned chalice?

Your loving uncle,  
**Eustace**



Jeanette



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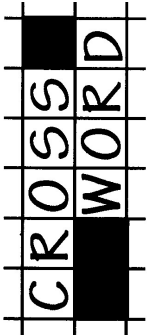
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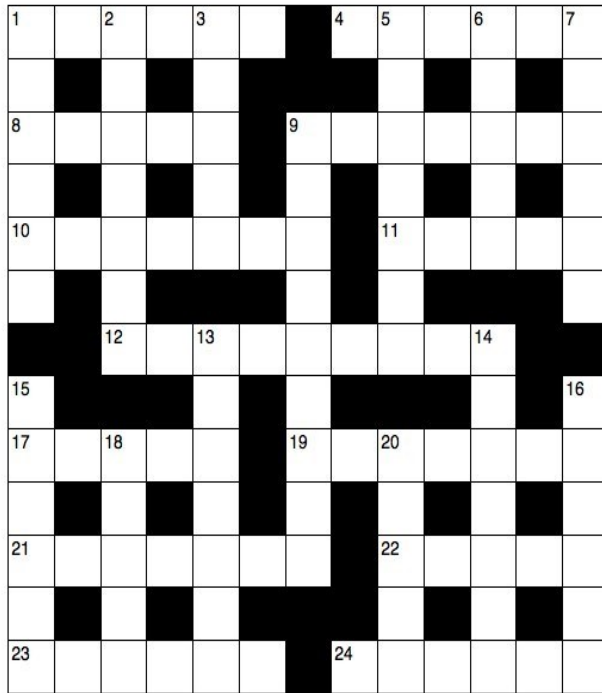
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**Across**

- 1 'The people were — at his teaching' (Mark 1:22) (6)
- 4 'He saved —; let him save himself' (Luke 23:35) (6)
- 8 He addressed the crowd in Jerusalem on the day of Pentecost (Acts 2:14) (5)
- 9 Father of James and John (Matthew 4:21) (7)
- 10 One who charges another with an offence (Job 31:35) (7)
- 11 '— thy ministers with righteousness' (Book of Common Prayer) (5)
- 12 and 15 Down 'All — is God-breathed and is — for teaching, rebuking, correcting and training in righteousness' (2 Timothy 3:16) (9,6)
- 17 'No — of the field had yet appeared on the earth and no plant of the field had yet sprung up' (Genesis 2:5) (5)
- 19 Made to feel embarrassed (Isaiah 24:23) (7)
- 21 This man built his house on sand (Matthew 7:26) (7)
- 22 David's hypocritical message to Joab on the death in battle of Uriah: 'Don't let this — you' (2 Samuel 11:25) (5)
- 23 Detest (Job 10:1) (6)
- 24 'God made two great lights, the greater light to govern the day and the — light to govern the night' (Genesis 1:16) (6)

**Down**

- 1 To make a serious request (1 Corinthians 1:10) (6)
- 2 Launches an assault against (Genesis 32:8) (7)
- 3 'The wicked man — deceptive wages' (Proverbs 11:18) (5)
- 5 Tuba ale (anag.) (7)
- 6 'The day thou gavest, Lord, is —' (5)
- 7 Old Testament measure of weight, equivalent to about 12 grammes (Exodus 30:13) (6)
- 9 Where Elijah restored life to the son of a widow with whom he lodged (1 Kings 17:10) (9)
- 13 Paul said of whatever was to his profit, 'I consider them —, that I may gain Christ and be found in him' (Philippians 3:8) (7)
- 14 City visited by Paul, described by the city clerk as 'the guardian of the temple of the great Artemis' (Acts 19:35) (7)
- 15 See 12 Across
- 16 Rioted (anag.) (6)
- 18 She had a surprise when she answered the door and found 8 Across outside (Acts 12:13) (5)
- 20 Maltreat (1 Chronicles 10:4) (5)

**Across:** 1, Amazed, 4, Others, 8, Peter, 9, Zebedee, 10, Accuser, 11, Endue, 12, Scripture, 17, Shrub, 19, Abashed, 21, Foolish, 22, Upset, 23, Loathe, 24, Lesser.  
**Down:** 1, Appeal, 2, Attacks, 3, Earns, 5, Tableau, 6, Ended, 7, Shekel, 9, Zarephath, 13, Rubbish, 14, Ephesus, 15, Useful, 16, Editor, 18, Rhoda, 20, Abuse.



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**Flag Days for 2025**

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- 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



**Hornchurch Country Park, Squadrons Approach, Hornchurch, RM12 6DF**

Ingrebourne Valley Visitor Centre Open daily 10am - 5pm: (Summer times)  
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Essex Wildlife Trust's Ingrebourne Valley Nature Discovery Centre is a partnership project between Essex Wildlife Trust and Havering Council. Built in Hornchurch Country Park, the centre overlooks the fantastic marshland and reedbeds of the River Ingrebourne Valley. Dogs are not permitted in the Nature Discovery Centre

**Visit the RAF Hornchurch Remembrance Collection**—a brief history of the aerodrome from 1915 to 1962. Free entry during normal opening hours.

**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 Family Forest Fun (2-9 years) Thursday 31st July and Thursday 14 August** 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

**Ingrebourne Birds of Prey Flight & Talk Show Saturday 2nd August 2025** Arrivals from 16:30 Barleylands Farm Park bring their informative and fun show to Ingrebourne. This is a 2 hour talk with a 15-minute Q and A / tea break in the middle. £10.85 Advance booking essential, suitable for families and adults

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

**Ingrebourne Wilder Holiday Club 5+ Tuesdays** 5th, (already fully booked) 12th, and 19th August. 9am-3pm £37

**Ingrebourne Friday Flower Fun (age 4-14) Friday** 8th and 22nd August 2025 9:30-10:30am or 10:45-11:45am. This event is primarily aimed at families with children aged 4-14 and each attendee, including adults and children, will require a ticket to attend. £5.64 per person, child or adult

**Ingrebourne Summer Adventurers (age 5+) Thursday 21st August 2025** 10am-12pm or 1pm-3pm £7.73 per person child or adult

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.

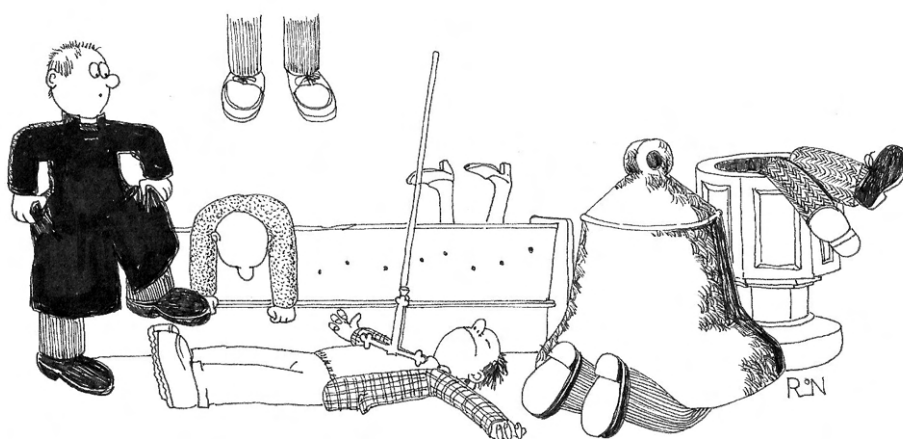
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**Ingrebourne VJ Day & The Atomic Bomb 80th Anniversary Exhibition**  
**Saturday 9th August 2025 -**

**Sunday 10th August** 10am to 4pm  
Commemorating the final end of the Second World War against Imperial Empire Of Japan, as well as the story of the development of the Atomic Bomb, £2 per person, entry on the door

**Ingrebourne Monthly Wildlife Walking Safari for Adults**  
**Thursday 21st August 2025** 10am to 12 noon £6.67 per person

Information about **Nature Babies, Nature Tots** and the **Ingrebourne Home Education Group** for the autumn term will be available in due course; contact the Visitors Centre for earlier details.



*It was a normal Sunday Morning in Midsomer Parish Church*

## 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/>

Editor: *Nigel Beeton writes:*

*It was nearly 20 years ago that I took over the editorship of our parish magazine, and I well recall being instructed by my predecessor that I must proof-read thoroughly before submitting it for publication. Advice I gladly took, for (as some of my poems have shown) I'm something of a pedant myself when it comes to written English, but even so I did let a few errors slip through.*

*One thing we didn't agree on, though. He insisted on spelling 'realize', when I had always used 'realise' and '-ise' in many other spellings. I dismissed 'realize' as 'American English', but in fact we were both correct. '-ize' comes from the Latin form '-izer', So technically, 'ize' is correct, but following the Norman conquest the French form '-ise' came to dominate written English. This included the French word 'surprise' which even Noah Webster retained for American English!*

## Surprising realizations!

Sometimes the way we spell our words  
May change from shore to shore  
The structuring of nouns and verbs  
Can sometimes be a chore!

Our friends across the pond delight  
In colors, - splendors too!  
The British think it's only right  
By putting in a 'u'!

The New York man may mark his land  
By putting in a 'fence';  
But if you cross it, understand  
That you will cause 'offense'!

Pedants may, perhaps surprised  
With U.S. friends agree;  
For both will spell out 'realized'  
By dropping 's' for zee!

And nether nation's pundits wise  
Will cease their harmony  
Both will spell the word 'surprise'  
With no sign of a zee!

(But Gentle Reader, we both know  
That they will fight instead -  
Their arguments will hotly flow -  
Should it be 'zee', or 'zed'?)

**Nigel Beeton**

## The Holy Spirit and You

The Gift of Tongues is also sign of the Holy Spirit's presence, That's usually after the individual makes a firm commitment Of surrender to be a committed believer in Jesus our Saviour! For some it's their instant response to a calling to be Baptised, To others it's a Gift given by God for making such commitment Because it's a commandment of God that all should be Baptised. This usually occurs when the spirit of a Man or Woman is under Conviction of the Holy Spirit to surrender to the call of salvation; This is not the just an act of obedience but of surrender in faith, To believe God has a calling for each of us, through Jesus Christ; One can't assume that those called are usually firm believers! Many are Called, but few are Chosen is a profound expression, And lots of people are called but an individual response matters; It can't be emphasized enough, as we are dealing with God here, And through His Grace and Mercy He wishes that we all get Saved; Sometimes it's through The Love of God which touches the Soul, For others it can happen through answered solutions to prayer. It can also be a spontaneous reaction to Full Immersion Baptism! Whichever way it occurs, it's a turning point in a believer's life, And that's how God has ordained that Believers receive this Gift It's often said, "That we all believe in something" but with God's Involvement in situations the dynamic changes to our advantage! That's because God's Omnipotent, Omnipresent and All Knowing, David the Psalmist says, "If I go up to heaven You are there, and If I go down to the depths of the earth you are there!" watching; So, when you hear someone "Speaking in Tongues" and may not Quite understand, don't be alarmed. Thank God for His Presence; For He's The Creator of all things visible and invisible to all of us!

**Mark London. B.A. Soc.**



## 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.



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## Floodlighting of St Andrew's Church, Hornchurch

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

**Marion Popkin and Linda Hill** ~ Always in our hearts **Reginald Popkin and Susie Popkin;**  
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**Anne Degiorgio** ~ In memory of my beloved husband **Peter Raymond** for our Wedding Anniversary on 24th August.

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





## South Knockthemdown – Worth Seeing, Once

Professor Ged Martin, who until 2020 wrote a column in the Romford Recorder on local history, has very kindly allowed Bullseye to reproduce some of his essays about the history of Hornchurch and Havering from his website at <https://www.gedmartin.net/martinalia-mainmenu-3>.

Just over the border in Thurrock, South Ockendon is worth a visit – but you needn't pencil in a full day! South Ockendon has two unusual features – a church with a round tower, and a village green.

It's surprising that Essex has only six round towers, since the county lacked the hard building stone needed for sharp corners. South Ockendon's tower was built in the 13th century, mainly using flint. It was originally topped by a wooden spire, but this was destroyed by lightning around 1652, and never replaced. The tower was rebuilt after partially collapsing in 1744. The Victorians inserted fake Norman windows in 1866. A more genuine feature is the Norman doorway, characteristically round-headed and carved with chevrons. It was originally built around 1180, and was moved to its present location during a rebuilding in the 15th century. Inside, there's a fine monument, and charming inscription, to Sir Richard Saltonstall, Lord Mayor of London in 1597. His wife was from North Ockendon. They had sixteen children. Sir Richard added a seventeenth by a girlfriend. Around 1630, his nephew emigrated to Massachusetts, and founded one of the smartest families in Boston, about as close as the USA gets to an aristocracy.

In 1606, the village's manorial court was held under an elm tree on the green. In Charles II's time, South Ockendon was terrorised by a couple of hoodlums called John Foakes and Thomas Levitt. In 1664, South Ockendon demanded action against them as "Deare Stealers, Sheepe-stealers, Geese-stealers, cheates, idle and Lazei fellows, seldom or never doing any work and given to all Cunning and Craft[y] Villainie whatsoever." Their criminal skills included forging the signatures of the parish constables to official documents, so they could dodge



prosecution. A local satirist in 1790 hinted that "South Knockthemdown" was still a lively place.

The Royal Oak pub, a quaint feature of the village green, dates back before 1500. Next to it stands a single-storey "Gothick" cottage, so-called from its pointy church-like windows. In 1795, the king of Spain gave George III a valuable flock of merino sheep. The animals fell sick at Windsor, but some were bought by a South Ockendon farmer, Thomas Sturgeon. He nursed them, bred them and exported them to New South Wales, where they became the basis of Australia's wool industry. In the 19th century, villagers quarrelled with the rector, the Reverend Henry Eve. Out of a population of 1200, only fifteen attended Anglican services. The Methodist chapel, near the station, bears the date 1847. The railway arrived in 1892, but did not immediately shake up the village. The red-brick station building still has a rural "feel".

During the First World War, captured

German soldiers were held at a prison camp in South Ockendon. In 1932, the site was re-developed as "The Colony" to house children with learning difficulties in a farm setting. As health services improved, children with disabilities lived longer. The Colony became South Ockendon Hospital, providing long-term care for vulnerable adults. As so often, patient numbers increased faster than resources. Local families were proud to have been employed at the hospital, but in 1974 a critical report into conditions forced a national rethink of the way Britain dealt with mental health. South Ockendon Hospital closed in 1994. The site is now housing.

Unlike its nearby twin village of North Ockendon, part of Havering but still very rural, South Ockendon is now a detached part of London. It's about forty minutes by train from Romford, with a change at Upminster. By bus, it's around half an hour from Hornchurch on route 370, and about the same from Harold Wood on the less frequent route 347. If you don't want to spend the whole day in South Ockendon, both buses go on to the Lakeside Shopping Centre.



Prof Ged Martin



### Extra caretaker needed

Sudoku solution from P6

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.

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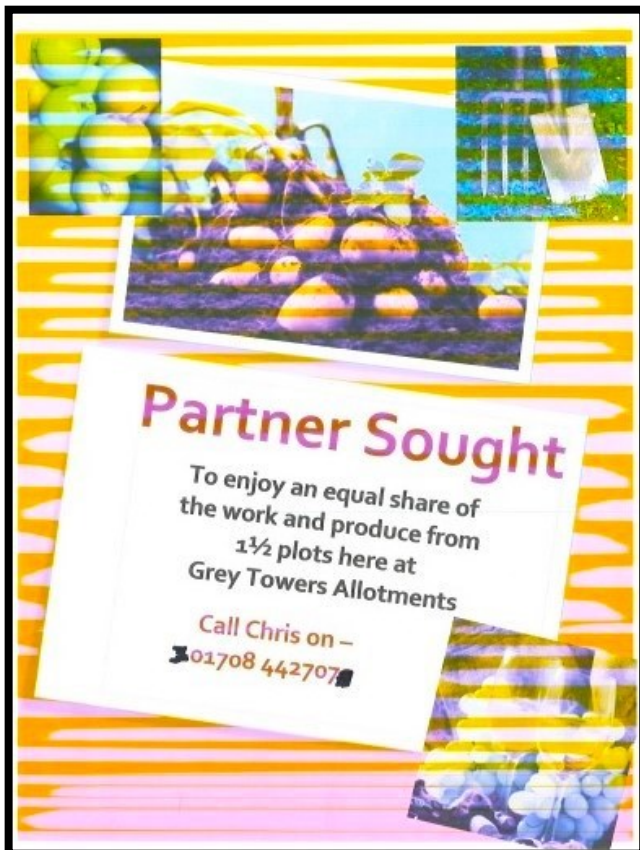
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## Prayer for August 2025

### New Windmill Hall

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

**Scouts**  
8th Hornchurch

Heavenly Father,

August – summer holidays and sunny skies. All should be well and yet, around the world all is *not* well! Every day, it seems, new wars begin, catastrophes occur, world politicians play power games—and people suffer.

It can feel overwhelming and we want to bury our heads in the sand, rather than build sandcastles on the beach. Help us Lord, to look up; to see things with Your perspective; to remember that Jesus warned us that in this world we will have trouble. Then help us to remember that He told us to take heart, because He has overcome the world.

Father, help us to savor the summer, as we put our trust in You—our strength, our hope, our ultimate and unfailing security.

In Jesus Name,

Amen.

### Daphne Kitching

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**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**  
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**St George's Church**  
Kenilworth Gardens RM12 4SG

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

**Messy Church**

## Hornchurch Parish Churches 2025

## Summer

### Baptisms

**June 22nd** Maggie Rose Denham  
Elsie Patricia Denham  
**June 29th** Bonnie Franklin  
Teddy Franklin

**July 20th** Olive Eliza Middleton  
Jack Peter Bage

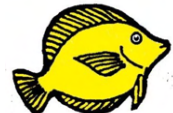
### Marriages

None

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

**June 7th** Betty Sylvia Smith 90  
**12th** Jacqueline Elizabeth Ladlow 73  
**14th** Sylvia Margaret Bruniges 87  
**21st** Denis Carrington 92

**July 16th** James George Kellard 78



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