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## New Beginnings

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

September is the time of year when we get back to our routines after the summer break. As whole-life disciples (lit: *learners*) we are all called to learn from Jesus and live like Him. God wants us to make a difference in our workplaces and schools, and with family and friends. As Paul writes:

*'And whatever you do, whether in word or deed, do it all in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks to God the Father through Him.'* (Colossians 3:17).

**'WHATEVER you do':** God is at work in every aspect of our lives. He can use whatever we do to make a difference to those around. Do we believe this? Our lives shouldn't be like an orange, segmented into the sacred and secular, but more like an apple, in which all of our lives are available to Him.

**'Whatever YOU do':** God wants to use us to share God's love as we serve others around us, wherever we spend time. We can trust Him for the resources we need hour by hour, day by day, year by year. What do we need from Him?

**'Whatever you DO':** We work for God alone, in responding to God's love for us. How does this perspective make a difference when what we do is hard, unrewarding, or even unappreciated by others?

A man standing on a train platform was asked one day: *'Who are you?'* He replied, *'I am a Christian thinly disguised as an accountant.'*

If we were asked the same question ourselves, how would we respond? As disciples of Jesus Christ, our identity is rooted in God and His call upon our lives. For each of us, September means learning from Jesus about how we might live for Him in the different places we find ourselves.

**Canon Paul Hardingham**

Writer at Parish Pump



# 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) St Andrew's 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

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## Bullseye programme Contents to the Editor 2025

October Bullseye Sunday 31st August 2025  
 November Bullseye Sunday 5th October

### Uploading

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

**The Bullseye for October will be in the churches and online by Sunday 28th September 2025**

## Useful Telephone Numbers

We now have access to all our buildings but there are still other ways to access church. Search elsewhere on the website ([www.parishofhornchurch.co.uk](http://www.parishofhornchurch.co.uk)) for links to our services as well as regular updates on our various Facebook pages – the parish and Messy Church. Additionally visit [www.churchofengland.org](http://www.churchofengland.org) and [www.chelmsford.anglican.org](http://www.chelmsford.anglican.org) for further inspiration and resources to aid your worship and faith. Or simply call 0800 804 8044 a free national Church of England number to bring services and prayers to those not online. Please pass this number on to those you know may be in this position.

## Pastoral care / Prayer requests

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



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## **Services for September**

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 7th September**

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 14th, 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 21st,**

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 and Harvest Festival 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 28th,**

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

10.15am - Morning Worship, Parade and Harvest Festival 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**

From September, St Andrew's church will be open for private prayer and reflection three days a week. The short trial which started in February has gone well and can be extended.

The church will be open on Thursday mornings from 11 am (ie immediately after mid-week Holy Communion at 10am) until 1pm, and on Mondays and 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.

## **Flag Days for 2025**

(Union Jack unless otherwise stated)

Monday September 8th: Accession of HM The King

Monday September 15th: Battle of Britain Day

Sunday November 9th ~ Tuesday November 11th:

Remembrance Sunday & Remembrance Day

Friday November 14th: Birthday of HM The King

Sunday November 30th: St Andrew's Day (St Andrew's flag)

Thursday December 25th: Christmas Day



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01708 441571

## The Bridge

On Wednesday 20th August there were 32 members and volunteers who took the coach to afternoon tea at Top Meadow Golf Club. The tables looked lovely when we arrived and we were quickly served with sandwiches, cakes and scones with jam and cream together with endless cups of tea or coffee. There was a slight drama when the very large coach attempted to turn to exit the car park. Thanks to the driver and the very helpful staff we managed to exit the car park safely.

### Jeanette Street



### **Time Out**

There were 17 members at an informal get-together during August where we celebrated a special birthday for one member.

Meetings for September are:

**Monday 8th** at 7pm in North Street Hall - Meet and Greet evening. Please invite friends who you think may be interested in joining us. Please bring a 'small' plate of food to share.

**Monday 22nd** at 2.30pm in St Andrew's Hall. We will be welcoming a speaker telling us about setting up a Charity Shop. The speaker coming from the Rainbow Trust Children's Charity is known to be very interesting and amusing. All welcome

If anyone would like to know more about the group please contact

**Val on 07527 325996.**

### **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.

### **Theology and Action for God's Creation ~ speakers**

On June 17th, over 100 people listened to Revd Dr Dave Bookless and Jo Herbert-James, both from A Rocha, talk about Theology and Action for God's Creation. Dave highlighted how all of the major interventions of God in our world - creation, covenant, Christ's coming, the birth of the Church and the return of Christ, are not only about us but also about the whole of Creation.

Jo Herbert-James emphasised that Eco Church, while it is a programme and a survey, is primarily a community, formed nine years ago as A Rocha's response to Christians beginning to recognise that caring for the whole of Creation is part of our Christian calling and asking "So what do we do next?" Her talk was packed with great illustrations and practical ideas.

**<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=FZZDn1dAdts>**

### **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](mailto:charlesandsandra@outlook.com)**

### **Christian Blind Mission Charity of the Month ~ September and October 2025**

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Over the years the work has expanded into Africa and Asia where CBM strives for justice for all people with disabilities. The charity is rooted in Christian values - no matter where they live in the world - all people with disabilities should have access to healthcare, education and the opportunity to earn a living. Like Chandrakala 32, who wanted to be a beautician but because of her disability she could not get the training. Now with the help of local partners DECN futuremakers have given her the chance. Now Chandrakala has her own business and with their help she was able to fulfil her dreams.

For further details or to make a donation visit

**<https://www.tearfund.org/campaigns/bring-hope-change-lives>** or leave a cheque payable to 'Hornchurch PCC' at the parish office and we will collate and donate the monies to the charity on your behalf after the two months have passed.

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

**Arlene Trump**



## Life at St George's

Sunday 27th July was a very unusual day at St George's. Why? Because we had to put out a lot more chairs before the service started! More and more people kept arriving and we ended up with a congregation of 30 – the most we have had for a very long time, and it was wonderful to see them all.

Rev'd Ken Wylie led our service of Holy Communion and, with our sound system now up and running, people were able to hear clearly. Also, with the music now at an acceptable level, we were able to sing along with gusto to the hymns he had chosen.

It was a lovely service and was good to catch up with people afterwards over tea and coffee, recalling (as Ken had reminded us in his sermon) that, whatever we see when we look at ourselves in the bathroom mirror in the mornings, we are beautiful in God's sight – which is a great comfort to many of us who are not as young as we used to be!

During the notices, Ken told us that Sid Letch had left a bequest to St George's church and that this would go some way towards paying for the repairs to the roof over the Connaught rooms. He continued that this was very appropriate because Sid had lived opposite the church all his life and had witnessed the original building work being carried out. Joan then announced that our service on 31st August (being a 5th Sunday) would be a family service led by Rev'd Mark Smeed. Based on a suggestion by Gill, it is going to be a teddy bear service and we are encouraged to bring along our favourite teddy. If we don't have one, then to bring along something that is very special to us – something that has meant a lot to us in the past; still means a lot to us now and that will be carried on into the future. Everyone is welcome to join us with whatever they decide to bring and it should be a very interesting service! Last, but by no means least, the end of August is also the diamond wedding anniversary of Jean and Jim and we all send our love and congratulations to them on reaching this very special time in their lives.

**Pat Bromhall**

## 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](mailto:john.speller@hotmail.co.uk)

## General Synod calls for a funding of palliative care instead of 'unworkable and unsafe' assisted suicide law.

General Synod has called on the Government to improve funding for "desperately needed" palliative care, rather than putting vulnerable people at risk through "unworkable and unsafe" legislation to introduce assisted suicide.

Members of the Synod recently backed a call by the Bishop of London for the Government to increase funding for palliative care and palliative care research to enable people to live their lives in full until they die.

The debate heard speeches opposing a change in the law and backing increased funding for palliative care from a range of different Synod members including clergy who work in hospice care, NHS consultant surgeons, GPs and a psychiatrist.

Bishop Sarah Mullally, who is a former Chief Nursing Officer for England, said she was "deeply concerned" by the Terminally Ill Adults (End of Life) Bill, which would legalise assisted suicide, being brought by Kim Leadbeater Bill MP.

And she called on General Synod members to pray and to "engage" with peers in the House of Lords as the Bill goes to the House of Lords. She told the Synod the Bill was "unsafe and unworkable" and would put vulnerable groups at risk, including terminally ill people who cannot access the end-of-life care they need.

"Successive governments have failed to reduce inequalities in health," she said. "These inequalities mean that some people will have up to 20 fewer good years in health than others and certain groups face persistently worse health outcomes than others."

"These inequalities are also pronounced at the end of life, with only one in four people who need end-of-life care being able to access it, and there continues to be widespread misunderstanding and distrust of palliative care."

"It is into this context that the Terminally Ill Adults Bill is being proposed. So, with only a third of all hospice care being funded by the NHS, the proposals are accompanied by a government commitment to fund in full an assisted suicide service should the bill be passed."

"Rather than funding assisted dying, the Government should be funding palliative care and palliative care research to enable people to live their lives to the full until they die." Bishop Sarah said the Government's own equality impact assessment recognised that some vulnerable people may choose an "assisted" death either because they cannot access the care that they need, or because they may feel pressure to end their lives due to the cost of the care.

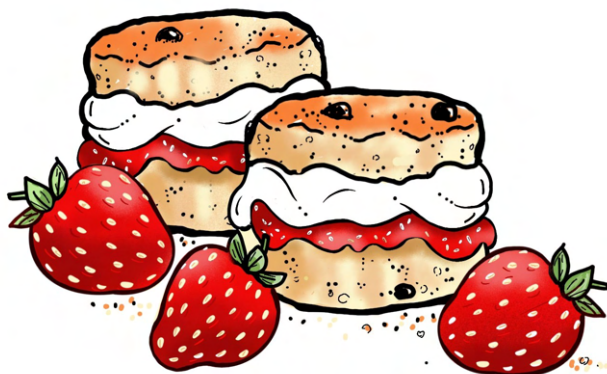
## Visit of Japanese Students

On the 29th July I was privileged to help with showing a group of Japanese students and some of their host families and teachers around the Church. Reverend Lisa introduced them to the church and gave them a picture list of items to find in the Church.

The students were polite, enthusiastic and inquisitive. I enjoyed showing them the 400 year old Bible. They enjoyed going up to the pulpit. Details about baptisms fascinated them.

Afterwards they went to the hall and made English cream teas, cakes and sandwiches. Which I enjoyed sampling! The volunteers, led admirably by Christine Withers, worked so hard, but I am sure that they enjoyed the afternoon as much as I did.

**John Speller**



Bells Rung for VJ Day 80th Anniversary

80 years ago, Victory Over Japan (VJ) Day marked the surrender of Japanese forces, which essentially ended the Second World War. On Friday 15th August 2025, the 80th anniversary of VJ Day was commemorated at St Andrew’s with a special ringing of the bells at 6.30pm. This was part of a national event with bell ringers across the country ringing together at the same time. We had 10 ringers taking part and one piece of ringing is listed below:  
**Hornchurch**, Essex, St Andrew, Friday, 15th August 2025



Rounds and Call Changes on 10 Roller-coaster  
1 Michelle Stephenson (C)  
2 Valerie Swain  
3 Angela Harvey  
4 Adam Carpenter  
5 Charles Page  
6 Kim Mullan  
7 Clive Stephenson  
8 James Riley  
9 Gavin Carpenter  
10 Mark Lendon  
Rung to commemorate the 80th Anniversary of VJ Day.

Earlier in the day, a quarter peal was also rung to mark the occasion:

**Hornchurch**, Essex, St Andrew, Friday, 15th August 2025  
1260 Plain Bob Minor  
1 James P Riley  
2 John M Church  
3 Carys E Hayward  
4 Helen J Carter  
5 Marianne R Hayward  
6 Clive J Stephenson (C)  
Rung to commemorate the 80th Anniversary of VJ Day.

The photograph shows the ringers taking part in the quarter peal.

Easy Sudoku solution on Page 14

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Clive Stephenson

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**On hymns – ancient and more ancient**

From: The Rectory,  
 St James the Least of All

My dear Nephew Darren

So, your church does not bother with hymn books but uses one of those hideous screens which are invariably strategically placed to obscure the altar. I suppose I am not bothered, as wherever you placed it in your converted cinema, it could never spoil its architectural aesthetics.

In my - fortunately limited - experience of such devices, they provide the projectionist with endless opportunities for showing the wrong hymn, or the right hymn but wrong verse, or the right hymn and right verse, but all upside down. In any case, the turnover from one verse to the next always takes place some milliseconds after that verse has started. This means that the congregation, having been silenced for lack of words, is then faced with the challenge of singing two lines at double time.

When we decided to move from *Hymns More Ancient* to *Hymns Slightly Less Ancient* some years ago, our Sunday attempts to 'make a joyful noise unto the Lord' threatened to get lost in the noise of battle.

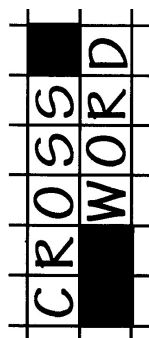
Colonel Wainwright was happy so long as we continued fighting good fights and urging Christian soldiers onwards. Very keen on smiting is the Colonel; under his command, the Midianites wouldn't have stood a chance. The men wanted the hymns they remembered from school, the ladies wanted those they had sung at their weddings, and no one would consider anything that dropped 'thine's or 'wouldst's. Then a vicious rumour started that the new hymn book might even offer hymns written in the last 50 years. At this, timetables were consulted for bus services to the next village (and church).

Eventually we reached the perfect solution: we did nothing. Instead, Miss Simpson was charged with buying yards of sticky backed plastic and repairing the current books. But there was still a crisis to come: her young (and radical) niece decided to add a note in the front of every copy. It suggested that if the page for the hymn you wanted was missing, then you could share with the person sitting next to you. Of course, no one has done that yet; it would be an experience almost as traumatic as being invited to pass the peace.

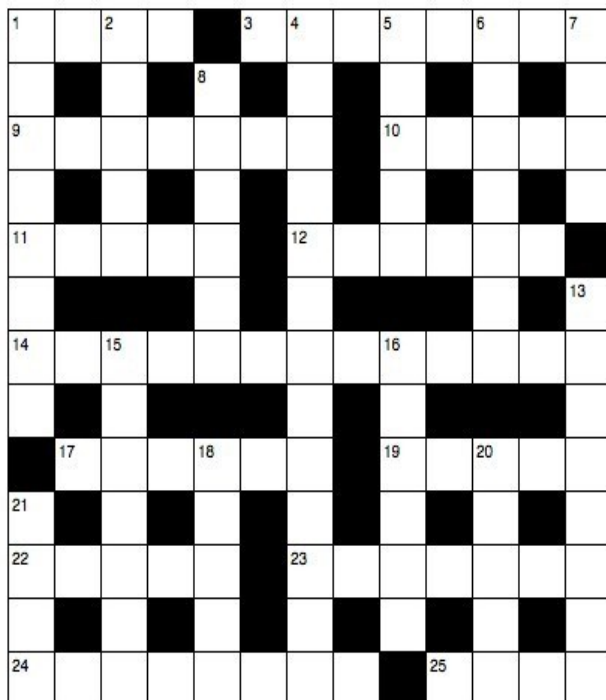
And so, we struggle on with our *Hymns More Ancient*, whenever we can find the words. Harmony reigns once again.



Your loving uncle,  
**Eustace**



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### Across

- 1 'A little later someone else saw Peter and said, "You — are one of them"' (Luke 22:58) (4)
- 3 Giving (1 Peter 2:5) (8)
- 9 They came to Jerusalem seeking an infant king (Matthew 2:7) (3,4)
- 10 'An athlete... does not receive the victor's crown unless he competes according to the —' (2 Timothy 2:5) (5)
- 11 Pacifist, temperance advocate, open-air preacher, leading 20th-century Methodist, Donald — (5)
- 12 'Come quickly to — —, O Lord my Saviour' (Psalm 38:22) (4,2)
- 14 'The God of Abraham, — — —, the God of our fathers, has glorified his servant Jesus' (Acts 3:13) (5,3,5)
- 17 Sear by intense heat (Revelation 16:8) (6)
- 19 'It is better to take refuge in the Lord than to trust — —' (Psalm 118:8) (2,3)
- 22 Goods (Nehemiah 13:15) (5)
- 23 i.e. train (anag.) (7)
- 24 Surrounding area (Luke 24:50) (8)
- 25 'Righteousness will be his — and faithfulness the sash round his waist' (Isaiah 11:5) (4)

### Down

- 1 Elegant and creative (Exodus 31:4) (8)
- 2 'Listen, I tell you a mystery: We will not all —, but we will all be changed' (1 Corinthians 15:51) (5)
- 4 'I... delight to see how orderly you are and how firm your — — is' (Colossians 2:5) (5,2,6)
- 5 Enlist (2 Samuel 24:2) (5)
- 6 Of the Muslim faith (7)
- 7 Sharp intake of breath (Job 11:20) (4)
- 8 Woven cloth (Ezekiel 16:13) (6)
- 13 Plentiful (Romans 5:17) (8)
- 15 CIA char (anag.) (7)
- 16 Paul and Silas stopped him committing suicide after an earthquake in Philippi (Acts 16:27-28) (6)
- 18 One of the ingredients in the making of incense for the Lord (Exodus 30:34) (5)
- 20 Episcopal headwear (5)
- 21 Inhabitant of, say, Russia, Ukraine, Poland, Slovakia or Bulgaria (4)

**Across:** 1, Also, 3, Offering, 9, The Magi, 10, Rules, 11, Soper, 12, Help me, 14, Isaac and Jacob, 17, Scotch, 19, In man, 22, Loads, 23, Inertia, 24, Vicinity, 25, Belt, 26, Down: 1, Artistic, 2, Sleep, 4, Faith in Christ, 5, Enrol, 6, Islamic, 7, Gasp, 8, Fabric, 13, Abundant, 15, Archaic, 16, Jailer, 18, Resin, 20, Mitre, 21, Slav.



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

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

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<https://www.facebook.com/messychurchinhornchurch> Or [www.parishofhornchurch.co.uk](http://www.parishofhornchurch.co.uk)  
 for regular updates and further details about when and where Messy Church is meeting.

We look forward to seeing you at a Messy Church session very soon.



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

Ingrebourne Valley Visitor Centre Open daily 10am - 5pm: (Summer times)  
Café, Gift shop, Picnic facilities, Toilets, Site of Special Scientific Interest (SSSI)

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.

**Battle Of Britain 85th Anniversary Exhibition Saturday 6th September 2025 - Sunday 7th September 2025** 10:00am - 4:00pm

**Ingrebourne Nature Tots Tuesday 9th September 2025** . 10am-12pm

Step into the enchanting world of Nature Tots, where your little ones can embark on an outdoor adventure. Activities vary each week, from muddy pancakes in the mud kitchen, lots of fun in the hammock, creative crafts, and so much more! These sessions are designed to spark curiosity about the natural world and empower you to embrace the holistic benefits of outdoor play for your child's well-being and development

The sessions run in a block of 7 sessions and take place weekly during term time—every **Tuesday** from 9 September to 21 October (7 weeks). At booking, you have the option to purchase a 7-week block ticket or a 1-week ticket. Dates: 9, 16, 23, 30 September, 7, 14, 21 October. Suitable for ages 18 months to 5 years. Children must be accompanied by an adult. 7-week block ticket - £56.00 1-week block ticket - £9.50 Advanced booking essential

**Ingrebourne Nature Tots Friday** Dates: 12, 19, 26 September, 3, 10, 17, 24 October. Prices and activities as the Tuesday group.

**Ingrebourne Monthly Wildlife Walking Safari for Adults** Thursday 18th September 2025 10am to 12 noon £6.67 per person

**Ingrebourne 110th Anniversary Of RFC & RAF Hornchurch Aerodrome exhibition Saturday 4th October 2025 - Sunday 5th October 2025** 10:00am - 4:00pm

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

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



*Editor: A senior Army officer recently addressed General Synod. Here are some excerpts...*

### Pray for Armed Forces amid 'uncertain' times, General Synod hears

A senior Army officer has urged the Church to pray for and support members of the Armed Forces “who put themselves in harm’s way to protect our nation”.

In a recent address to the General Synod, Brigadier Jaish Mahan, Deputy Commander of the 1st UK Division – who has served in Kosovo, Sierra Leone, Iraq and Afghanistan – spoke of how the world is in a “complex place” currently with conflict in Europe and in the Middle East, and several other “unstable” regions around the world.

He said the Army is “hugely privileged” to be supported by “truly exceptional” chaplains who, he said, are “part of the fabric of our family”.

“Their role is complex, from pastoral and spiritual, through to moral, often helping our leaders make the right decisions on a difficult day,” he said.

“My own personal experience of chaplains across my career and deployments has been that they have been truly exceptional people,” he added.

Brigadier Mahan, a practising Christian, asked members to pray for and support members of the Armed Forces who face dangers to protect the nation.

He drew a connection between the place of the Armed Forces and the Church which he said had “always

stood fast in times of crisis”.

He said: “First, please continue to pray for and support those men and women, and their families, who put themselves in harm’s way to protect our nation.

“Secondly, please consider how you as the church leadership might support our nation, now in this time of uncertainty and should, heaven forbid, we find ourselves in a largescale conflict.

“The military, like the Church, is part of the fabric of our nation, fundamental pillars that hold together our house, our society.”

### 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/>

## Organ Donation Week The Power to Save Lives

This September, we're celebrating Organ Donation Week – a time to raise awareness, spark conversations, and celebrate the incredible gift of life that organ donation provides.

Every day, lives are completely changed and saved through organ transplants. As of the end of March 2025, 8,085 people remain on the transplant waiting list in the UK, each one hoping for a second chance at life. Despite incredible medical progress and the tireless efforts of healthcare professionals, there simply aren't enough organ donors to meet the growing need. Right now, thousands of people and their families, hold onto hope for the call that could change everything. However, every day in the UK, someone loses their fight whilst waiting for a transplant because there just aren't enough donors to save them.

If you choose to become an organ donor after you die, you could save and improve the lives of up to nine people and even more by donating tissue. Only about 1% of individuals who pass away are in circumstances suitable for organ donation. This is a powerful reminder of the impact each of us could have. In choosing to become an organ donor, you offer hope to families in their darkest moments by turning loss into a powerful act of kindness and giving others the chance to live on through your legacy.

It's also so important to have the conversation. Letting your loved ones know your decision ensures your wishes are honoured and makes it easier for them during what can be a very difficult time.

Whether you're already a registered donor or considering the decision for the first time, Organ Donation Week is absolutely the perfect opportunity to learn more, reflect, and talk about it with others. Visit the NHS Organ Donation website to register and find more information:

**[www.organdonation.nhs.uk/register-your-decision](http://www.organdonation.nhs.uk/register-your-decision)**

Together, we can close the gap between the number of people who say they support donation and those who are actually on the register.

Be a part of something life changing. This September, talk about organ donation – and consider giving the gift of life.

**Lauren, Georgia and Maria;  
Specialist Nurses in Organ Donation,  
Queen's Hospital, Romford.**

### 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.

## The Holy Spirit and You

The Spirit of Faith goes from Genesis to Revelation, But there's only one definition given in the Bible; It's found in the Book of Hebrews: "Now Faith is, The substance of things hoped for, the evidence of, Things not seen" Hebrews 11 v 1; Learn from this; As this Statement is more profound than you think! Faith has to be "Now" or it's not actually Faith at all; Faith is always Present Tense, Hope is Future Tense! Faith is always believing before seeing, but it always Brings substance to all that which we have believed; Everyone, Believers and Non-Believers understand, That we all experience and feel natural human faith; People have faith in the many things of this world, But it's not the same as Faith in God to do Miracles; God is always able to perform Miracles cos He's God! All of the Miracles performed by God through Jesus Were performed through his confirmed Faith in God; "Seeing is believing" and True Faith comes from God! Without Faith it's impossible to please God; Heb. 11v6. Salvation of itself doesn't come from good deeds, but From our Faith in Jesus Christ who is the only Saviour; "Believe and have Faith in the Lord Jesus, and you will Be Saved" as given and recorded for us in Acts 16 v 31. So, the true Faith of a Believer is not seeing is believing, But "Believing before seeing" that's God's type of Faith; Only by the power of the Holy Spirit can we have Faith! Faith comes by hearing and hearing by the word of God; All Christians are given a measure of Faith, Rom. 12v3. Faith is technically our trust of, and belief in, Jesus Christ, As Jesus is the only truly perfect person who's ever lived; In Faith we hear the word of God and respond to His call, That often comes from "Conviction of Sin in our lives" or The love of God calling us through one of our five senses. Our part is to truly respond with a pure and faithful heart; Initial Faith and continual Faith bring rewards to succeed, Not just for today but tomorrow and the rest of your life!

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

### Bell Ringers Coach Outing to Herts/Beds

**Saturday 13th September 2025**

Coach leaves St Andrew's at 8.00am returning by 9.00pm.  
Visiting Stevenage, Baldock, Henlow, Clifton  
& Biggleswade

Cost is approximately £50  
including coach, lunch and evening meal.

Please contact Clive: 07896 342010 for more details  
and to reserve a seat.  
Non-ringers are especially welcome

### Floodlighting of St Andrew's Church, Hornchurch

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

**Anne Degiorgio** ~ Thinking of my beloved husband **Peter Raymond** especially on his birthday 8th September;

**Mrs M Barnard** ~ In loving memory of **Kevin Barnard** who is always in our hearts. With much love from his family.

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



## Yet Another Good Day Out; Barnards Farm, Garden, Sculpture Park and Miniature Railway



I owe the recommendation for this day out to Terry Keens who suggested it many years ago for Safari activity day. But it has taken me this long to actually go. Barnards farm is on the A128, turn right out of West Horndon towards Orsett and the entrance is on the right not far past the railway bridge. This is the full size C2C railway to Southend, which at one point is parallel to the miniature railway, a slightly surreal experience. Entrance to the garden is by a £10 donation to the Christabella Charitable Trust who help fund volunteer run projects, preferably in the East London and Essex area. Rides on the railway are a separate ticket depending on how far and how long you want to ride. The carriages are pulled by a variety of Little Engines, some steam and some diesel, driven by a very enthusiastic team of rail volunteers.



*Trying to Recall—Lameck Bonjisi  
From Desert Quartet—Elizabeth Frink*

Barnards Farm also maintains the largest collection of malus (ornamental crab apple) trees in Western Europe.

There are good refreshments and excellent toilet facilities.

The sculpture is varied; works by celebrated artists like Elizabeth Frink, Anthony Gormley and the late Lameck Bonjisi of Zimbabwe share space with quirky abstracts, a few tongue in cheek pieces like Critical Window and gnomes and animals (for the children – of course)

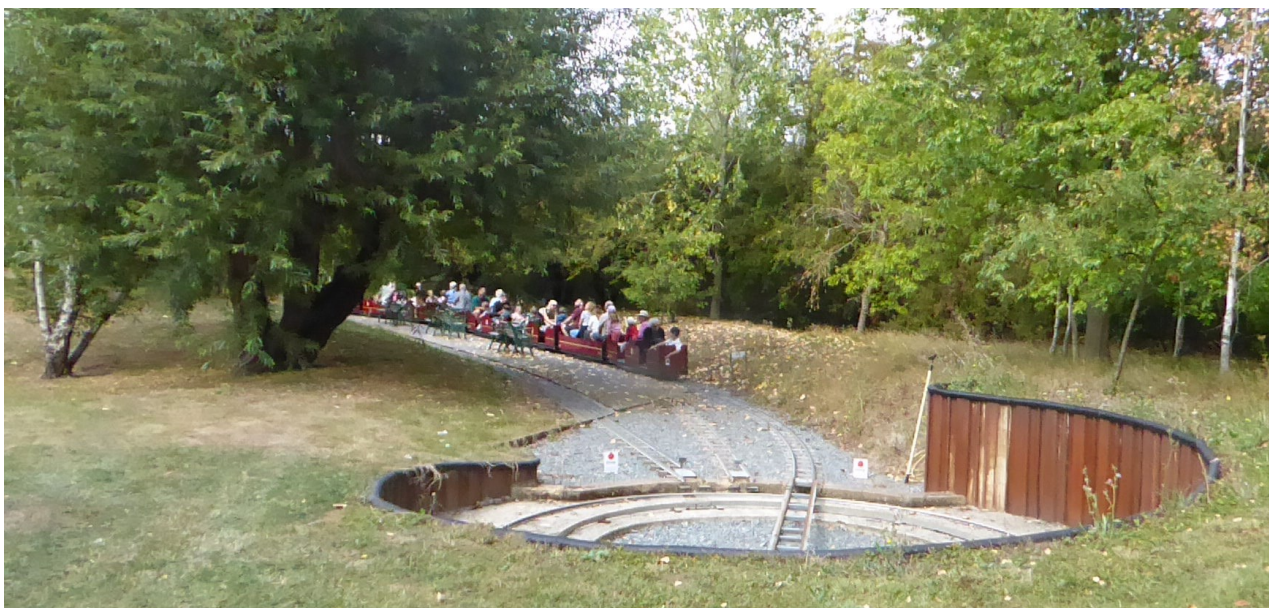
The garden is easy and accessible on foot although I wouldn't like to assess it for wheelchair or mobility scooter use. There are several ponds, a yew walk with the larger more imposing sculptures, a stream and even a landing strip for visitors who wish to fly in.

The summer holiday programme of Thursday openings will be over by the time this edition of Bullseye is published but there is a programme of events during autumn and up to Christmas. It would be best to check the websites at <https://barnardsfarm.eu> and <https://barnardsminiaturerailway.eu> Highlights are the National Garden Open day on 7th September, the Winter Lights runs in November and the Santa Express runs in December.



**Carol Metcalfe**

The  
turntable  
at Angel  
Green;  
the end  
of the  
main line



## An invitation to a MacMillan Coffee Morning

hosted by "The Bridge"

**On Wednesday September 24th**



**At the North St Hall,  
Hornchurch  
Time 10 -12 noon**

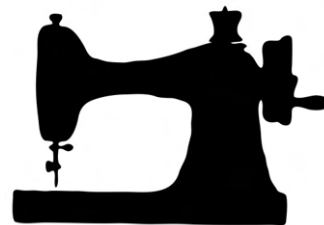
Come for cake, a chat & a coffee & help raise funds to support cancer sufferers.

## Little Fishes Craft and Gift Fair

our 21st event

**Saturday 18th October**

11am to 3pm at the North Street Hall Hornchurch



A variety of stalls selling Crafts and Gifts  
Refreshments and light lunches  
Admission free

Contact us at [littlefishes2007@yahoo.co.uk](mailto:littlefishes2007@yahoo.co.uk)



## Harvest Festival

was held St Matthew's church on Sunday 17th August, at the morning Holy Communion service and in the afternoon at The Well  
All donations will go to the food bank in due course.

**VE 80**

**Dinner and Dance**

**Saturday 13th September 2025**

**7:00pm for 7:30pm**

**North Street Halls**  
**Hornchurch RM11 1QX**

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### 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

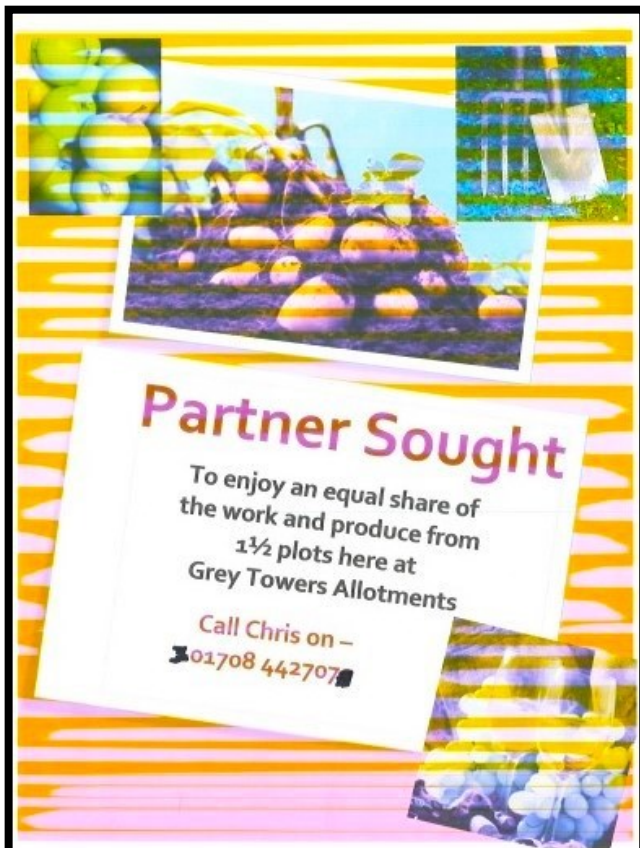
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### Message from St Andrew's Choir

Young voices play a very special part in the traditional church choir sound. We will be recruiting boys and girls aged from 7 years to come and experience the choir and see if their voice has potential. Please speak to Bill after any 10.15 service at St Andrew's or drop him an email to **william.brooks861@gmail.com**



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Sudoku solution from P7

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

### Battle of Britain Weekend Saturday 13th and Sunday 14th September.

#### RAF HORNCHURCH HERITAGE CENTRE



#### Great Day Out of Family Fun & Education



Our Heritage Centre is aimed at educating all and preserving the memory of those who served at Suttons Farm and RAF Hornchurch.

We have themed rooms to walk you through the past of the historic WW1 and WW2 Airfield in Hornchurch and the people who lived nearby.

Open 'Every Weekend' from 11am to 4pm, and available for group/school bookings at other times.

Suttons House, 119-121 Suttons Lane, Hornchurch, RM12 6RU  
Tel: 01708 898091 Email: [info@rafhornchurch.com](mailto:info@rafhornchurch.com)



[www.rafhornchurch.com](http://www.rafhornchurch.com)

## New Windmill Hall

ST. MARY'S LANE, UPMINSTER, RM14 2QH

## Community Café

Every Friday  
11am – 3pm



## A warm welcome space

Optional activities to support your health and wellbeing

## Come alone or bring a friend

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\*

Come for lunch —all proceeds will help to sustain our community café for the future

## 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

## Calling all give it a go-ers

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

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

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

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

**Scouts**  
8th Hornchurch

## Prayer for September 2025

Heavenly Father,

September is the month of new starts for so many. New starts can be exciting, but they can also be daunting. We don't always know what to expect and sometimes we feel as if we are on our own in a strange new place, or situation.

Help us to know that, as Your people, we are never alone. You promised, through Jesus, to be with us always and You gave us Your Holy Spirit to empower us. In some ways every day is a new start – a new gift from You. As we unwrap the gift of each new day, this September, encourage us to receive it confidently and expectantly.

Help us to know that we can do all things, through Christ Jesus, who strengthens us. We can!

In Jesus' Name,  
Amen.

Daphne Kitching

## 21st September ~ St Matthew

Matthew was one of 12 apostles. But he began as a publican i.e. a tax-collector of Jewish race who worked for the Romans, before he left all at the call of Christ. From earliest times, he was regarded as the author of the first of the four Gospels.

The Gospel of Matthew is in correct, concise style, very suitable for public reading.

His usual emblem as an evangelist is a man, because his genealogy emphasised the family ties of Christ. In art, he has been represented as either an evangelist or as an apostle. As an evangelist, he has been depicted sitting at a desk, writing his gospel with an angel holding the inkwell. In the Middle Ages he was even given a pair of spectacles.

Matthew was martyred by a sword or a spear, some think in Ethiopia.

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## SUNDAY SERVICES in the Parish of Hornchurch

**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

Summer 2025

#### Baptisms

**July 27th** Daniel Graham Powell  
Abbie Laura Baldock

#### Marriages

**August 9th** Emily Jupp and Paul Evans  
**24th** Lauren Malone and Martin Hart

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

**August 7th** Derek Stanbridge 94



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