

Tempus fugit

It's hard to believe that we are already coming into the last quarter of this year! At the end of the month the clocks will change as we head towards winter once again. I don't know about you but, the older I get, the quicker the time seems to go.

For many of us, getting older can present a challenge. Our health may be declining and so will our energy levels! Yet old age is what we make it and it need not always be negative. William Gladstone served as Prime Minister at the age of 83; Michelangelo was still producing masterpieces at 89 and Monet was doing the same at 85. In the Bible, God called a number of older people to carry out some momentous tasks. Abraham was certainly elderly when he was called to leave his native land and go where God directed him and Moses spent many years in obscurity before he was called to lead the People of Israel out of slavery in Egypt to the Promised Land.

However, such people are very rare and we can't all be like them! So, if we are starting to feel that our days of "active" Christian service are over perhaps we should look for other ways in which to serve. There are numerous opportunities open to older people who tend to have more time on their hands; our attitude is what is important.

There are many lonely people out there and a chat over a cup of tea or coffee, or even the occasional phone call to check if they are

OK, does not involve a lot of action, but it can be invaluable. Just being there for them is God's way of letting them know that they are not alone and encourage some of them to want to know more about Him. However, at the end of the day, if all else fails, then we can PRAY; pray for those still in active service; for events happening locally or in the wider world. They certainly need it!

Like the approach of winter, there is nothing we can do to stop the aging process. So, as we alter our clocks this month, perhaps it's time for some of us to alter our outlook. Age is no problem for God, as long as people are willing; and there is still much that we can do in His service.

Pat Bromhall
Reader



Macmillan Coffee Morning hosted by The Bridge—see Page 10



What's on

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

Weekly meetings

Mon. 10.00am to 11.30 am **Tadpoles** St Andrew's large hall, for children and their adults
 2.30 and 7.00 pm **Time Out** 2nd Monday of month meeting is 7pm North Street hall and 4th Monday meeting 2.30pm St Andrew's.
 8.30 pm

Tues. ~ ~ ~ ~

Wed. 9.30-11.00 am **0-2 Playgroup** St Andrew's hall. Toys, songs and craft, refreshments. All enquiries to Parish Office

Thur. 1.30 pm **Little Fishes** St Andrew's large hall. Toys, stories and craft, refreshments, all welcome

Fri. 15.15—17.17 **Table Top Fun** St Matthew's
 7-9pm **St Andrew's Choir practice.** St Andrew's church

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

For All Parish Giving Scheme Donors

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



Parish Mission Statement

What is our purpose?
We strive to:

Love God

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

"Worship in spirit and in truth"
 John 4.24 NIV

Grow in Faith and Understanding

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

Bring others to knowledge of and faith in Jesus Christ

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

Serve the community

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

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Bullseye programme Contents to the Editor 2025

November Bullseye Sunday 5th October
 December Bullseye Sunday 2nd November

Uploading

November Bullseye Wed. 29th October
 December Bullseye Wed. 26th November

The Bullseye for November will be in the churches and online by Sunday 2nd November 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) for links to our services as well as regular updates on our various Facebook pages – the parish and Messy Church. Additionally visit www.churchofengland.org and www.chelmsford.anglican.org for further inspiration and resources to aid your worship and faith. Or simply call 0800 804 8044 a free national Church of England number to bring services and prayers to those not online. Please pass this number on to those you know may be in this position.

Pastoral care / Prayer requests

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



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Services for October

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 5th October

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 12th, 8.30am - Common Worship Holy Communion at St Andrew's

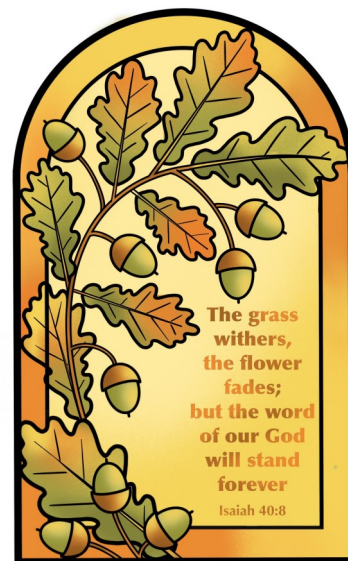
10.15am - Morning Worship at St Andrew's
10.15am - Common Worship Holy Communion at St George's
6.30pm - Evening Prayer at St Andrew's.

Sunday 19th,

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 26th,

8.30am - Common Worship Holy Communion at St Andrew's
10.15am - Morning Worship and Parade 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)

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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Guide, Brownie and Rainbow News

5th Hornchurch (St Georges) Guides

Molly, Lana and Mia were proud to have gained their Guide Bronze Awards (Left)

Ella worked very hard to gain her Guide Gold Award before moving to Brownies as a Young Leader (Below left)

Chloe was very happy and proud to complete her Guide Bronze Award

(Below right)



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.

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**

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.

Table Top fun is not running this autumn term. Watch out for more news in due course.



Life at St George's

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There was a sense of déjà vu on Sunday 31st August as, once again, more chairs were needed as people arrived for our 10.15am family service. As detailed in last month's magazine, this one was a special "Teddy Bear" service, led by Revd Mark Smeed. In the end, there were 32 of us in the congregation clutching an assortment of teddy bears or other items that had been brought along, together with the stories that went with them.

After prayers, started off by his daughter, Naomi, Mark invited those of us who wished to do so to share these stories and explain why the item we had brought along was special to us. Each story was unique and very personal. However, the one that probably stood out for most of us was from Sienna, who showed us a blanket that had been superimposed with numerous family photos, including ones of herself when she was a baby.

In his sermon, Mark advised us that the comfort we get from a teddy bear (or other such item) is a reminder of the love and comfort that we are able to receive from God. This should, in

turn, be offered to those around us. As St Paul said in his 2nd letter to the church in Corinth, *"God ... comforts us in all our troubles, so that we can comfort those in any trouble with the comfort we ourselves receive from God."*

After our final hymn, Mark blessed all the items – and us – before we adjourned for tea, coffee and some of Joan's delicious home made buns. It was also an opportunity to see some of the other items brought along and to catch up with their stories. Sadly, we will soon be losing Mark, as he has been allocated a parish of his own. Like buses, you wait a while and then two come up together as, at the morning service on 10th August, we had to say goodbye to Rev Lisa Berwick, who is also moving on to a parish of her own. We have much enjoyed having both of them with us and we wish them, and their families, every blessing in their future ministry.

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

**Christian Blind Mission
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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

I expect many of you know by now although I expect some of you don't even know who I am, but my name is Jackie and for 13 years I was one of the Parish Administrators. But I have just retired and I wanted to say a big thank you to everyone who has helped in the office or anyone I have worked with over the years; from the clergy and church wardens, to volunteers and group leaders, you have been a pleasure. And obviously a big thank you to Arlene and Elizabeth who continue their duties in the office along with new lady Nina. I wish Nina all the best and hope she enjoys her time in the office as much as I have. Catch you on Sundays still.

Jackie Bruniges

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St Matthew's Patronal Festival

St Matthew's day was celebrated at St Matthew's church on Sunday 21st September during two services. The first at 11am was Holy Communion celebrated by Revd Sonia while Carole Sherratt preached. Carole spoke of the reaction of the Pharisees when Matthew met Jesus and threw a party to introduce him to his friends. The pharisees saw a low sinner; Jesus saw a man in need. Later Matthew was unusual among the disciples in that by following Christ he lost his livelihood. The fishermen carried on fishing all through Christ's ministry and



afterwards. But no one would have employed a failed tax-collector. However Matthew kept his pen from his former trade and became the group's record keeper, writing a Gospel which shows an insight into finance, the law and marginalized people.

Carol Metcalfe

Later at The Well we celebrated the patronal festival by acting out the call of Matthew. (Matthew 9:9-13) Revd Barbara who had been priest in charge of St Matthews

for over 10 years, and also worked in finance (not a tax collector though!) prior to entering ministry, was nominated to represent Matthew. She sat in her booth collecting the taxes for the king and then, when no-one was looking, pocketing her share of the money.

Once Jesus called to Matthew to follow him, the money, in the form of chocolate coins, were redistributed to the people.

We then used the banquet, where Matthew had invited his friends and other tax collectors to his home to meet Jesus, as a celebration for Revd Barbara's Birthday. For this one of our congregation had made an amazing birthday cake for her.

Last month The Well celebrated Harvest Festival. Not only did we give thanks for the many gifts of tinned and packaged foods, brought as an offering for the Food Bank. But for the many and varied gifts of our wonderful target congregation, who ably led the service, wrote and read prayers and played the piano when the music to one of our chosen songs went wrong.

So often as church leaders we feel we know best when it comes to planning and leading a service. We stick to the rubrics, guidelines, which dictate how a service should be conducted. However for our Harvest Festival - we handed over the reins to our faithful congregation: Matthew, Tom, Alexander and Garry all surprised us with their individual talents. It certainly was a service filled and led by the Holy Spirit.

Revd Sonia Groombridge



The bell ringers' autumn coach outing took 40 of us to Hertfordshire for the morning and Bedfordshire for the afternoon. We started in Stevenage, the first of England's 'New Towns' with the church a long way from the town centre. The church had excellent facilities and we were provided with refreshments throughout our visit. The bells here were easy to ring and everyone rang well from Call Changes to Bristol Major. Our next stop in Baldock coincided with the annual 'Balstock' street festival to entertain our non-ringing friends. Here the bells were heavy and more difficult but our young ringers Charles, James Dunhill and James Riley enjoyed the challenge of the tenor to Grandsire Triples and Stedman Triples. Our lunch venue in Henlow was opposite the church and aptly named 'The Five Bells'; non-ringers could take their time whilst the ringers went off to ring. At Clifton we enjoyed another pleasant and easy-going set of bells before our final stop in the market town of Biggleswade. These are a lovely ring of 10 bells where we were able to ring Stedman Caters and Little Bob Royal. Our younger ringers were able to ring well here with Jamie Slack ringing the treble to Bob Caters and Ellen Hayward the treble to Grandsire Caters; both for the first time. The photos right show both Jamie and Ellen outside the church at Henlow along with their parents and other ringers. Our thanks must go to organisers John Church and Jonathan Slack for a well-planned day with excellent food, ringing and company from our members and friends.

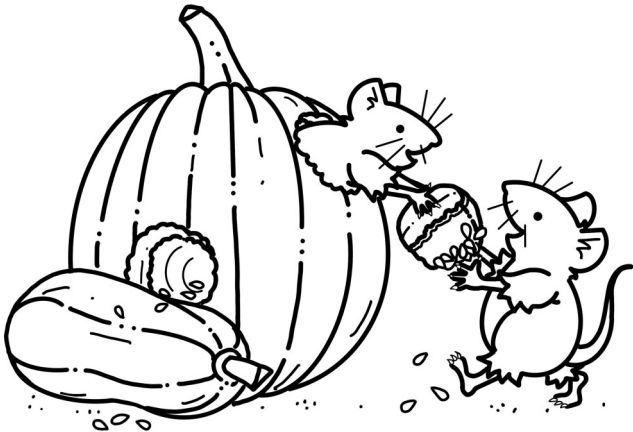


Clive Stephenson

Easy Sudoku solution on Page 14

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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 what those adverts from parishes wanting clergy REALLY mean...

From: The Rectory,
St James the Least of All

My dear Nephew Darren

So, you are being encouraged to look at adverts for parishes for that happy day when you will have charge of your own church. You wonder if you should look to moving to another part of the country; I suspect it may be better if you look to moving to another planet, as your reputation may not yet have travelled that far.

The specifications that parishes provide, giving a picture of life in their community need to be read in the same way as estate agents' specifications for houses for sale. Both demonstrate a triumph of optimism over reality. Let me help you decode some of the statements you will find:

"We look to grow our Sunday School"; We do not have a Sunday School.

"We have an enthusiastic choir"; We have a choir totally out of control.

"Our youth group is always eager to learn"; Our youth group experiments with some strange substances.

"The new incumbent should be sympathetic to our musical tradition"; The new incumbent must be able to play the organ as well as lead the Services.

"While cherishing our traditions, we see the need for change"; We always see the need for change, but alter anything at your peril.

"Plans for church renovations are in hand"; The building is in imminent danger of collapse.

"We have a large range of church groups"; You will have to run a large range of church groups singlehandedly.

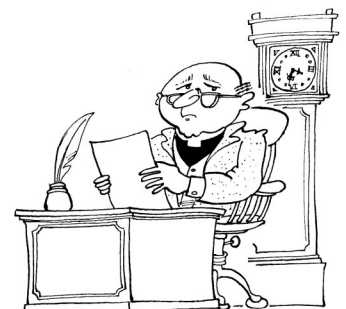
"The vicarage is being refurbished"; The vicarage is a death trap. Its rising damp and dangerous electrics will not be fixed for many months yet.

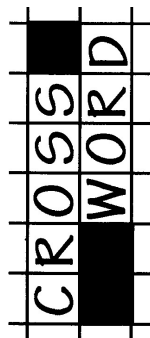
"There is opportunity for developing ecumenical relations"; No one in living memory has ever spoken to clergy of other denominations in our town.

"The new incumbent should have a sense of humour"; He or she will need it when reading this specification.

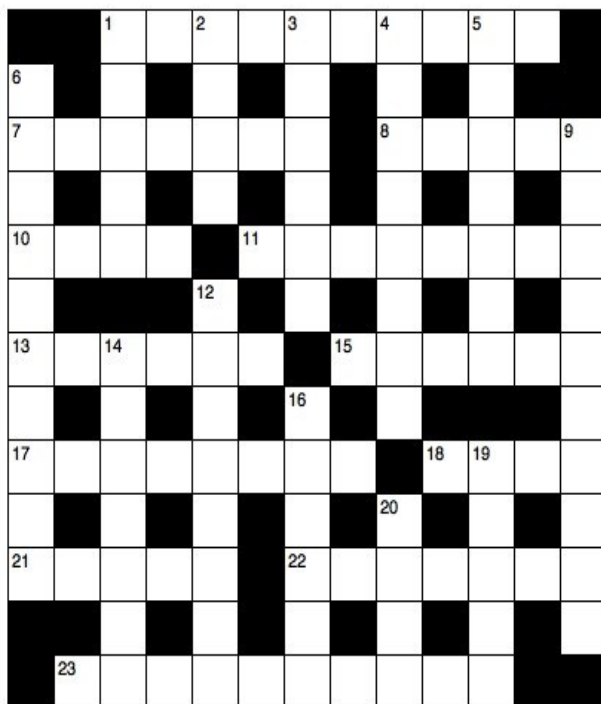
My dear nephew, *caveat emptor*. Let the buyer beware!

Your loving uncle,
Eustace





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Across

- 1 He was replaced as king of Judah by his uncle Mattaniah (2 Kings 24:17) (10)
- 7 'Let us fix our eyes on Jesus... who for the joy set before him — the cross' (Hebrews 12:2) (7)
- 8 Relieved (5)
- 10 Impetuous (Acts 19:36) (4)
- 11 Surprised and alarmed (Luke 24:37) (8)
- 13 'It is — for a camel to go through the eye of a needle than for the rich to enter the kingdom of God' (Mark 10:25) (6)
- 15 Directions for the conduct of a church service (6)
- 17 One of the acts of the sinful nature (Galatians 5:19) (8)
- 18 and 20 Down 'She began to wet his — with her tears. Then she wiped them with her —' (Luke 7:38) (4,4)
- 21 'We will all be changed, in a flash, in the twinkling of an —, — the last trumpet' (1 Corinthians 15:51–52) (3,2)
- 22 'But he replied, "Lord, I am — — go with you to prison and to death"' (Luke 22:33) (5,2)
- 23 Third person of the Trinity (2 Corinthians 13:14) (4,6)

Down

- 1 He betrayed Jesus (Matthew 27:3) (5)
- 2 Paul's assurance to the Philippian jailer: 'Don't — yourself! We are all here!' (Acts 16:28) (4)
- 3 'Fear God and keep his commandments, for this — the whole — of man' (Ecclesiastes 12:13) (2,4)
- 4 The sort of giver God loves (2 Corinthians 9:7) (8)
- 5 Sun rail (anag.) (7)
- 6 Naboth, the ill-fated vineyard owner, was one (1 Kings 21:1) (10)
- 9 Paul said of young widows, 'When their sensual desires overcome their — to Christ, they want to marry' (1 Timothy 5:11) (10)
- 12 This was how Joseph of Arimathea practised his discipleship 'because he feared the Jews' (John 19:38) (8)
- 14 Mop ruse (anag.) (7)
- 16 Foment (Philippians 1:17) (4,2)
- 19 Where Joseph and Mary escaped to with the baby Jesus (Matthew 2:14) (5)
- 20 See 18 Across

Across: 1, Jehoiachin. 7, Endured. 8, Eased. 10, Rash. 11, Startled. 13, Easier. 15, Rubric. 17, Impurity. 18, Feet. 21, Eye at. 22, Ready to. 23, Holy Spirit.
Down: 1, Judas. 2, Harm. 3, Is duty. 4, Cheerful. 5, Insular. 6, Jezreelite. 9, Dedication. 12, Secretly. 14, Supremo. 16, Stir up. 19, Egypt. 20, Hair.



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

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Ingrebourne Nature Tots Tuesdays 2025 . 10am-12pm

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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 16th October 2025 10am to 12 noon £6.67 per person

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**Macmillan
Coffee and Cake hosted
by The Bridge**

There was a great turn out on Wednesday 24th September to the North Street Hall for the annual Macmillan Cancer Support Coffee Morning.

The atmosphere was friendly and warm, as was the tea and coffee. The cakes were delicious and we enjoyed fellowship and a fun raffle.

At time of going to press the amount raised is not known but we can be sure that a good sum was generously given.



Food Bank

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Messy Church News

On Saturday 20th April, Messy Church met in the grounds of St Andrew's church to explore the topic of Communion together. We began by decorating an "I'm invited" card and thought about how Jesus invites us to spend time with Him. In the Bible, Jesus told His friends to eat bread and wine to remember Him. We joined in with various activities to prepare ourselves for the special time of sharing bread and wine at the end of the session. We each had a tortilla wrap which we broke in half to represent the things that had gone wrong for us that week, and then said 'Sorry' to God for them. We thought about that even when things go wrong, God forgives us and gives us a new start. To represent this, with our broken pieces of bread, we tried to make something that was new and different before eating it, the creations included a boat, a heart, a beaver and a dragon! Next, to prepare the table, we decorated the

cloth with fabric pens. There were some wonderful drawings of bread, wine, grapes and Jesus. Then we thought about how Jesus invites everyone to His table and, in the Bible, He said, "I am the bread of life. Whoever comes to Me will never be hungry, and whoever believes in Me will never be thirsty." We wrote prayers on pictures of bread and wine, then offered them up to God when we shared communion. After that we all shared Holy Communion together; bread and grape juice. The special Communion Prayer we heard reminded us that Jesus died and rose from the dead, and He did this because He loves us. To remind us of that, we made an empty tomb, using biscuits, green icing and Maltesers. The session ended with the Messy Church grace.

Elizabeth Field

Time Out

Our meeting after the summer was on Monday 8th September where 28 members met in North Street Hall for a bring and share supper. Members were asked to bring a bag containing 5 items personal to them, we were all asked to guess who's bag it was - very enlightening. Also, we bought photos of local landmarks to guess.

On Monday 22nd 27 members welcomed Pauline Obe from the Rainbow Children's Charity to tell us all about her experiences of opening and running a charity shop, very interesting and amusing. Photo below (Pauline is sitting with us in the front row)

Meeting for October Monday 13th 7pm in North Street Hall where we will have a speaker from Hornchurch Passion Play plus Bingo. If anyone would like to know more about the group please contact **Val on 07527 325996.**

Jeanette



Floodlighting of St Andrew's Church, Hornchurch

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

Mary, Tony and family ~ In loving memory of **Dorothy and Geoff Tucker**, a dear Mum and Dad, Nanny and Grandad;

Julien Quest ~ In loving memory of my dear husband, **Gerry**, for his birthday, 7th October;

Colin Nunn ~ For **Mavis Laura Nunn**, Happy Birthday to a very special Nan, Mum and wife. We all love and miss you loads xxx;

Anne Degiorgio ~ In memory of my Mother **Gee Breadmore** on her birthday 20th October. Much loved and missed by her family and friends;

Michelle Pease ~ In loving memory of **Peter Chambers** from **Carolyn, Keith, Michelle,**

Martin, Nicholas, Michael and Victoria for 27th October;

Debbie and Dean Craig ~ In loving memory of our daughter **Amy Louise.**

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



Romford's Garden Suburb: the origins of Gidea Park

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>. This long essay about the history of Gidea Park was written recently and never published in the Recorder. We are going to publish extracts over the coming months. <https://www.gedmartin.net/martinalia-mainmenu-3/420-origins-of-gidea-park>



The name 'Gidea Park' was coined in 1909 for a small-scale housing development (in North America, it would be called a 'subdivision') close to the Essex market town of Romford, now part of the Borough of Havering, and controlled within the GLA.

The project of Herbert Raphael, a wealthy Liberal MP, Gidea Park was influenced by the Garden City movement, which had produced Letchworth (begun 1903) and Hampstead Garden Suburb (from 1906). Raphael had been hoping to develop his Gidea Hall estate – the park attached to one of the area's grandest mansions – for some years. He had acquired the property while

hoping to be elected as MP for the Romford constituency, which included a wide swathe of Essex suburbs. Since Gidea Hall had previously belonged to a building company controlled by another Liberal politician, Jabez Balfour, a notorious swindler, Raphael presented his scheme in a philanthropic guise. Segments of the estate were hived off, to form a golf course at one end and a public park at the other (the golf course predated Raphael's acquisition of Gidea Hall, but he seems to have been involved from the start). This left a relatively narrow central corridor for housing, with the result that Raphael's Gidea Park would eventually become at least overshadowed if not swamped by the suburban sprawl of the interwar period. Two other points may be noted at this stage. First, Raphael's plans were hampered by problems of providing transport links to the planned subdivision, necessary since the quality of housing envisaged was aimed at the families of professionals and businessmen who were employed in London. Much of the Edwardian decade was taken up by fruitless schemes for a local tramway network, of which Raphael would have been a beneficiary although he does not seem to have been actively involved. When the tramway projects were abandoned, he persuaded the Great Eastern Railway company to open a station at the lonely hamlet of Squirrels Heath, which soon annexed the Gidea Park name. The solution was not ideal for the Garden Suburb, but the new suburban halt encouraged large-scale local building projects from the

nineteen-twenties, not all of them aimed at the same select clientele. Second, the invented name acquired a distinctive pronunciation. The balance of evidence strongly suggests that the 'Gidea' of Gidea Hall had been pronounced as two syllables, identical with 'giddy'. However, in the derived version, Gidea Park, 'Gidea' became trisyllabic. This may well have been a marketing ploy, but how it was achieved is a mystery.

The Gidea Hall estate and Romford c. 1900. The growing town was becoming an uncomfortable neighbour.

Gidea Hall: a fine mansion in the wrong place

It had been obvious for a quarter of a century before the project was launched that the Gidea Hall estate was a likely target for house-building. Its land-holdings extended for three-quarters of a mile along the north side of the Great Essex Road, from Pettits Lane in the west eastward towards a lonely junction called Gallows Corner which, in the twentieth century, would become the location of a notorious roundabout. As an auctioneer pointed out in 1893, the main-road frontage "could be developed for building without interfering at all with the hall and the seclusion it enjoyed". The mansion itself stood about half a mile north-east of the town of Romford. A large and handsome structure, it had replaced an earlier grand house around 1720 and had been further embellished in the seventeen-eighties. It was surrounded by formal gardens which included a five-acre lake, known as Black's Canal, after Alexander Black, who had purchased the estate in 1802. In fact, in its sinuous Victorian form, this ornamental sheet of water was the product of eighteenth-century landscaping – and its origins went back several hundred years before that time, almost certainly to a former water mill.

Perversely, the elegant magnificence of Gidea Hall became a disadvantage during the nineteenth century.



Gidea Hall, about 1900. Rebuilt shortly after 1720, it was one of the finest mansions in Essex. Picture kindly supplied by Havering Libraries Local Studies.

Prof Ged Martin

Denis Carrington

Denis Carrington was born in December 1932 in St Andrew's Hospital, Bromley-By-Bow, the only child of John and Rose Carrington. He spent most of his childhood living in Lindale Street, Poplar with his parents and doting Grandma. He had many cousins, aunts & uncles who lived in the neighbouring streets. The kids all played together and were like brothers and sisters to him.

He attended Hay Currie School but due to World War 2 and the Blitz, his education was interrupted and his school attendance very infrequent. Denis and his school friends would search for shrapnel around the bomb sites, explore bombed out houses and make camps from any broken furniture, cups and plates they could find (no health and safety in those days!). One vivid memory he had during the war was being blown off his feet when a V2 rocket fell very near to his home.

Even though his education was interrupted a lot during the war years he had a great love of reading. He discovered the local Public Library in Poplar and became an avid reader. His favourite reading subjects were military history, and anything to do with cricket or rugby.

Denis left school at 14 to become an apprentice Lithographer in the printing trade.

In 1951, at the age of 18 he was called up to do his 2 years National Service with The Royal Engineers Regiment. Being an apprentice in the printing trade, he applied to be assigned to the School of Military Survey (Map printing section). Denis loved his time in the army. Being a keen sportsman he was in his Unit's football team. This gave him an unexpected advantage when one night on a training manoeuvre he was found by his NCO asleep on duty. The NCO took his rifle and when he woke up he knew he was in trouble. Luckily for him this NCO played right-half to his right-back in the Unit football team, so his punishment was just a good telling off and extra duties! After his basic and trade training Denis was posted to Wembley, at the Survey

Production Centre, where he produced Ordinance Survey maps. He reached the rank of Lance Corporal by the end of his service.

Denis was also a regular member of the South Poplar Youth club or SPY Club. This was run by the clergy team at All Saints and it was here that he met Betty in 1952.

Denis and Betty were married in February 1956 at All Saints, Poplar and their first home was a maisonette in Maywin Drive in Hornchurch. Their first child, Ian, was born in 1958. Two years later Doug was born, then 4 years later Lois was born, then 2 more years later Neil was born.

Denis was a very devout Christian all his life, something which his mum Rose instilled in him. As a boy he was in the church choir and was a server at All Saints, Poplar.

Denis and Betty had been regular members of the congregation at St Andrews Hornchurch since moving to Hornchurch in 1956. They always encouraged us children to be involved in the church. We all went to Sunday school, the boys were in the choir and cubs, Lois was a Brownie then a Girl Guide, and all of us became bell ringers.

They both loved to travel and see new places especially when they had both retired, and so they went on many holidays abroad. They particularly enjoyed some great cruises. Denis said recently that he was so glad he and Betty spent time travelling as he had wonderful memories to look back on.

Denis worked in the printing trade as a Lithographer from the age of 14 right up to 65.

Denis loved sports of all kinds and particularly enjoyed rugby, football, cricket and athletics. He was a lifelong West Ham supporter too (well someone has to !!) He even played for the West Ham Colts team when he was a youngster.

He was an active member of the PTA committee at St Edward's CofE Secondary school in Romford which we all attended, and was also quite involved in The Old Edwardians Rugby Club.

He was the Sports Club chairman of the Hornchurch Athletic Cricket and Football club, as well as a former player in the football team.

On retirement Denis kept busy. He joined the Upminster Probus group and the St Andrew's Retired Men's Group.

Another of Denis's passions was gardening. He loved to potter, growing tomatoes, tending his hanging baskets and mowing the lawn. He also liked to fix things that were broken and we often joked that he was a master bodger!

Denis was also a very proud Grandad to 6 grandchildren.

Denis and Betty reached their milestone 60th (Diamond) Wedding anniversary in 2016 and were very excited to receive a card from the Queen which was framed and proudly displayed in their home.

Unfortunately, Betty passed away in April 2020 just after the Covid-19 lockdown started. Denis coped remarkably well following the loss of Betty.

During the pandemic lockdowns Denis formed a bubble with his dear neighbours Maureen and Vivian. They would arrange to meet up a couple of times a week for tea, cake and a chat, taking it in turns to host. Their meetings helped Denis to cope with his loss and loneliness.

In March 2024 it became all too obvious that Denis wasn't coping at home. Even though he had lovely carers coming in a couple of times a week he really needed 24 hour care. He therefore moved to the Ravenscourt Nursing home just about half a mile from the family home. The staff there have been very kind and caring.

In early June this year Denis became very unwell and breathless suffering an infection. Sadly on 21st June he lost his fight and passed away peacefully at Ravenscourt.

Lois Blissett (née Carrington)

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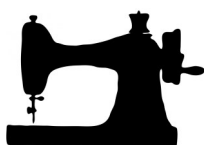
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Contact us at

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Winter Market - Grand Draw

The Winter Market is taking place on Saturday 22nd November at North Street Hall. We are running a Grand Draw Raffle to raise money for the Church. If you would consider donating a prize suitable for the Grand Draw we would really appreciate it. Graham is willing to pick up any raffle prizes you have; please contact him on 07922 138172. Thank you very much. God Bless.

Graham & Janet Martin

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Sudoku solution from P7

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

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A Little Child Will Lead Them

Oh little child with shining eyes and a face so fresh,
Lead along the road to this beautiful abundant life;
Put aside all nervous guilt of adult misconceptions,
To pursue a more resilient clear charge to freedom;
Look forward with enthusiasm at being overjoyed,
As each new day springs up with fresh expectation;
Of all the wonderful awesome things life throws up,
To grip and grasp all fertile thoughts of imagination;
In a mind of visionary aspects in this modern world,
Up with the fairies and fantasies of all the unknown;
In raptures of intimacy to see the world as God does,
Knowing all He does is filled with awe and perfection,
Soldiers in an army of glistening, golden instruments;
With awesome songs and exclamation to a Holy God,
With radiant curiosity in a fresh chapter of existence;
Simple things, flowing as like the perfume of flowers,
Wafting over our senses that bring us to exhilaration;
With miracles of flowing water and fresh snowflakes,
Engrained in waves of ecstasy and vivid imaginations;
In a world where there's no grudges or silly quarrels,
Where all is calm and serenity to the awakened soul;
That revels in the uniqueness of this fragile creation,
As God's abundant love is flowing in endless streams;
No soul can doubt the immaculate perfection of God,
As he's committed to perfection in all of its capacity;
The vastness of intellect with perfect understanding,
Realization to scale that's beyond human boundaries;
With courage and determination to pressing forward,
To the endless building of planets in the vast universe;
Never defeated in anything, optimistic for the future,
Where all is accomplished and nothing can defeat us;
The believing heart that trusts and never is defeated,
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6.30 pm: Evening Services at St Andrew's.

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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

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Messy Church

Prayer for October 2025

Hornchurch Parish Churches

August 2025

Baptisms

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17th Elsie Lily-May Kensit-O'Neale
Olivia May Venables

Marriages

None since September edition

In Memoriam

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

August 9th Nathane George Colby 86

Dear Lord,

In this autumn season, when the harvest is gathered, we thank You for Your provision for us. We have so much, and yet we see terrible images of starving children on our televisions and smartphones and in our newspapers.

Lord, prompt us to do what we can to change things, whether that is by writing a letter or email to someone with influence, or by contributing in some way to aid agencies.

Lord, we ask You to touch the hearts of those leaders of nations whose decisions cause such hunger and suffering. Soften those hard hearts, Lord. Fill them with Your compassion. May there be a new harvest of love - and a kinder world.

In Jesus' Name, Amen.

Daphne Kitching

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