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Active Remembrance

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

November begins with the celebration of All Saints on 1st November. Ten days later we come to Remembrance Day. It is a time that invites us to look back at

people and events of the past and reflect on their influence on our life today. I love the imagery at the beginning of Hebrews 12

¹"Therefore, since we are surrounded by such a huge crowd of witnesses to the life of faith, let us strip off every weight that slows us down, especially the sin that so easily trips us up. And let us run with endurance the race God has set before us. ²We do this by keeping our eyes on Jesus, the champion who initiates and perfects our faith. Because of the joy awaiting Him, He endured the cross, disregarding its shame. Now He is seated in the place of honour beside God's throne." (NLT)

Looking at the lives of people of faith I can feel overwhelmed by the things they endure to share God's love and totally inadequate to the task. I feel the same way considering the millions of people who fight to protect the rights and freedom of others. Because one thing that doesn't change with the decades and centuries is the need to keep standing up for the values of God's kingdom: justice, peace, love. It is a battle: sometimes physical, sometimes emotional, sometimes psychological, often all three. We need to believe firmly in what we are campaigning for to be able to endure.

Every year when we gather to remember those who died in conflict, we remember also those whose lives were changed forever and whose personal struggles continue. Every year when we fall silent for two minutes, it is in the knowledge that somewhere in the world conflict continues and more people are suffering and dying. In our silence we feel sorrow and compassion. Maybe it is also a time to recommit ourselves to running that difficult race that is following Jesus and serving God. Jesus died so that we might be forgiven and draw closer to God. Following Jesus



means fighting to get free of the things that hold us back from serving God in love and gratitude for all He offers, and then helping others to do the same.

I don't believe God will ask us to run someone else's race, but I am sure He will equip us to run our race. We can look at how Jesus ran His race and then apply that to whatever God has for us. We don't know what it will cost us, but we do know that it will be challenging because standing up for mercy, justice and peace upsets the way the world is. We can give thanks for everyone who has already challenged the ways of the world and commit to playing our part in bringing in God's kingdom. God has done so much for us, in gratitude we can help others discover that too. The more of us working together and cheering each other on the easier the race will become.

Anne Jarrett
Authorised Local Preacher

What's on

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

Weekly meetings

Mon.	10.00am to 11.30 am 2.30 and 7.00 pm 8.30 pm	Tadpoles St Andrew's large hall, for children and their adults Time Out 2nd Monday of month meeting is 7pm North Street hall and 4th Monday meeting 2.30pm St Andrew's.
Tues.	~ ~	~ ~
Wed.	9.30-11.00 am	0-2 Playgroup St Andrew's hall. Toys, songs and craft, refreshments. All enquiries to Parish Office
Thur.	1.30 pm	Little Fishes St Andrew's large hall. Toys, stories and craft, refreshments, all welcome
Fri.	15.15—17.17 7-9pm	Table Top Fun St Matthew's St Andrew's Choir practice. St Andrew's church

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

For All Parish Giving Scheme Donors

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



Parish Mission Statement

What is our purpose?
We strive to:

Love God

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

"Worship in spirit and in truth"
 John 4.24 NIV

Grow in Faith and Understanding

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

Bring others to knowledge of and faith in Jesus Christ

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

Serve the community

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

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Bullseye programme Contents to the Editor 2025/6

December Bullseye Sunday 2nd November
 January Bullseye Sunday 30th November

Uploading

December Bullseye Wed. 26th November
 January Bullseye TBA during December

The Bullseye for December will be in the churches and online by Sunday 30th 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.

Services for November

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 2nd November 4th Sunday before Advent

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 9th, Remembrance Sunday

8.30am - Common Worship Holy Communion at St Andrew's
10.45am - **Act of Remembrance at War Memorial.** St Andrew's open for prayer
10.15am - Common Worship Holy Communion at St George's
6.30pm - Healing Prayer at St Andrew's.

Sunday 16th,

8.30am - BCP Holy Communion at St Andrew's
10.15am - Common Worship Holy Communion at St Andrew's (also livestreamed)
10.15am - Morning Worship at St George's
11.00am - Common Worship Holy Communion at St Matthew's
2.45 pm - The Well at St Matthew's
6.30pm - Evening Prayer at St Andrew's

Sunday 23rd, Christ the King

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.

Sunday 30th, 1st Sunday of Advent

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 - Advent Carols 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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MANDY GREEN**
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Guide, Brownie and Rainbow News

2nd Hornchurch (St Andrew's) Rainbows

Below: The Rainbows really enjoyed doing their Bee Rescuer Badge.

Jack, who has a number of bee hives in his garden talked to the Rainbows about the bees and how he looks after them. They tried on one of his bee suits. He also bought some honey for them to taste.

Top Row: Evie, Alma, Phoebe, Jack, Louisa, Penny, Sassy

Bottom Row: Ella, Lottie, Darcey, Emily

Below left: Louisa worked hard and was very pleased to complete her Rainbow Bronze Award



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



Lisa and Mark's farewell

Sunday 5th October was both a sad and exciting day as we said farewell to Lisa and Mark and prayed blessings on them as they embarked on new stages of their respective ministries.

It was a day of celebration as well, giving thanks to God for all that they have brought to the parish over the last 4 years, for Lisa as Associate Minister and 3 years for Mark as Curate. And giving thanks for family as well: for Scott who has done so much practically – supporting the Church Wardens in many areas of work - and enabling us to Livestream each Sunday; and for Angela, Jonah, Elijah and Naomi who have supported many families and brought energy and fun to all that they have been involved in.

And, of course, there was joy as well knowing that they are going forward in their ministries; that they will be a blessing in their new situations. Lisa has not gone far – to All Saints', Ardleigh Green – and we will continue to share ministry as we develop a growing partnership between All Saints', St Andrew's and Holy Cross Church. As part of that commitment Lisa is continuing to lead Morning Prayer on our livestream though her day has changed to Wednesday. She was licensed and her and Scott welcomed to the parish on Monday 13th October – a service led by Bishop Lynne and Archdeacon Chris.

Mark is a little further afield, in Hadleigh, where he is now the focal



minister for St James the Less and St Barnabas churches in Hadleigh and part of the wider Benfleet, Thundersley and Hadleigh Team. His licensing took place on Monday 20 October in St Peter's, Thundersley, a service led by the Bishop of Bradwell, Adam Atkinson and the Archdeacon of Southend, Sue Lucas.

It was lovely to see so many from our parish attending these services. I am sure that many of us will continue to be in contact with them and I know that they were and are greatly heartened by the pages of comments, prayers and messages of love and goodwill that filled their cards. Your financial offerings were amazing and went towards: for Lisa a

Home Communion kit, some refreshment and money towards whatever they need at this time. Mark received refreshment and had requested the offering so that he can buy what he needs in his future ministry which will include a new cassock alb! Please continue to pray for Lisa and Mark, family and friends as they adjust to and flourish in their new settings.

Revd Ken Wylie

Christian Blind Mission Charity of the Month ~ November and December 2025

For over 115 years, CBM has been transforming lives around the world. We work with local partners, making sure people with disabilities in some of the world's poorest communities have access to healthcare, education and a future where they can thrive.

CBM was founded in 1908 by German Pastor Ernst Christoffel and it has been transforming the lives of people ever since. It was travelling through Turkey and seeing children who could not see, walk or hear that made him want to do something about it and so CBM was formed. A home was set up in Malatya Turkey to provide care and education for children with disabilities.

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

ST ANDREW'S CHURCH CHRISTMAS MARKET



Saturday 22nd November 2025

10am—2pm

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Christmas Voices

Saturday 6th December, 7pm
(doors open 6.30)

St Andrew's Church, Hornchurch
Admission £5.00 (children free)

Featuring St Andrew's Church Choir - Director
Bill Brooks,

Saint Francis Hospice Choir with their new
director Davida Robinson and the
Cappella Singers - director Caroline Morris.

This is our annual concert in aid of
Saint Francis Hospice.

It includes carols for choirs and audience this
year will be directed by Caroline Morris.

**Please join us to start the Christmas
season with a good sing and help raise
much needed funds for the Hospice.**



The Holy Spirit and You

The first thing the average Christian has to understand, is that The Holy Spirit has feelings, and can be grieved! This can be quantified by actions and thoughts even as we do our daily duties and functions in work situations; Doing our Job with diligence and enthusiasm in all tasks, No matter the challenges and difficulties that may arise! It's like a Paramedic having to know more than a Doctor, Because every emergency requires a hands-on decision; as The Holy Spirit is able to discern all things of the Spirit! That in turn changes the dynamics of a decision to a task, creating a fore-runner to the most professional outcome; In Medical Terms it's like a life or death situation solution, Crucial to the best possible outcome for the patient client; The Holy Spirit has feelings of Kindness, Humility, Patience, Gentleness, Compassion, Generosity and Love, not in Law; That's because there's "No Law to any of these attributes!" Love comes in at least 5 different signs under English Law, as also under French Law, namely Spouse, Children, Family, and Friends, with preference to Christians in every respect; The French have more open words for each of these signs; So, these attributes are the character of God's Holy Spirit, which accompany his discernment in every daily situation; You could quantify this in a Midwifery situation, where, a child being Born and the labour of the Mother's different; Sometimes the delivery of a child is sudden and very quick, And sometimes the child is Born after a prolonged labour! Discernment by the Spirit of God to an individual situation can be specific in regard to Stress, Anxiety and Depression; That's because we live in a fast-moving chaotic fallen world, The snare of which are Social Media, Phone Addictions etc; These platforms cause increases in Mental Health problems, Which often the mind reacts in overload through this stress; Since the first Lockdown in 2020, 2 Million cases diagnosed. The only real solution is the intervention of The Holy Spirit!

Mark London

Celebrate St Martin

First, we get St Martin's Summer, a welcome burst of sunshine in the middle of November.

Second, we celebrate a non-violent soldier who was probably allowed to train and practise as an army medic; a representative of the multitude on whom a modern army depends.

Third, we cherish a healer whose practice included both charismatic and modern elements. He was totally confident of the power and authority of Christ to heal and deliver; but also of the power of kind, patient attentiveness, asepsis, diet, and so on. Finally, we get a pioneering bishop who not only developed ministry in the large cathedral city of Tours, with facilities and staff for teaching, book copying, hospitality and provision for the sick and elderly, orphans and widows; but he also went on missions with his clergy into the wild countryside, sparsely inhabited by deeply superstitious pagans. They had no idea that hinges originally calibrated calendars, that artificial features such as ponds, pillars, groves and mounds had served as way-markers for the old straight roads, and that only their fears gave them any power.

Martin showed there was nothing to fear, that the light of Christ banished darkness, and that a Christian bishop could have such authority as to come between two armies set in battle array, and bid them lay down their arms. Truly a servant of the Prince of Peace!

I love that man!

Revd Peter Evans



Bell Ringers Win Call Change Competition

On Saturday 27th September, St Andrew’s bell ringers took part in the District Call Change Competition at Walthamstow, St Saviours. This is an annual event where teams ring for 5 to 8 minutes and are judged on the accuracy of their striking. There were 5 bands taking part this year. Our team of 6 rang very well and accrued a low score of 53 faults for our competition piece. This was good enough to win the competition for the 4th consecutive year! Congratulations to our winning team shown in the photo below. Those taking part were Clive, Michelle, Marianne (absent in photo), Charles, Ethan & Mark. The other photo shows Mark Lendon receiving the trophy from the judges.

Clive Stephenson

Easy Sudoku solution on Page 14

Where there’s smoke...

At our church, it was common for the minister to invite the children to the front of the church and have a small lesson before beginning the sermon. He would often bring in a household item, and then relate it to a teaching from the Bible. One morning, the visual aid for his lesson was a smoke detector. He asked the children if anyone knew what it meant when an alarm sounded from the smoke detector. My young son immediately raised his hand. “It means Daddy’s cooking dinner.”



A Friend of the Towler family

Parishioners will remember Fred and Margaret Towler who worshiped here before their retirement to Billericay a few years ago. You may already know that Fred had a stroke. His friend Frank has been in touch with the parish office and asks “I would like to reach out to the good people of St Andrew’s as I know there are people who will remember Fred and Margaret kindly. Perhaps via the noticeboard or parish magazine, I want to ask people to send best wishes or share memories that I can take to Fred so that he feels less isolated. People could WhatsApp or message me at **miller-francis@sky.com** or 07956587801”

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St James the Least of All

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On what it takes to be an ordinand ...

From: The Rectory,
St James the Least of All

My dear Nephew Darren

I was intrigued that you have been nurturing someone called Dave who is considering ordination. Since Dave had never travelled outside the city, your decision to send him to me was understandable. Sadly, I don't think he is cut out for the ministry.

We did our best. In a fit of hospitality, the Colonel invited this Dave to stay at the Lodge, and to join his Saturday pheasant shoot as a beater. But Dave said firmly that he was against beating any kind of bird and abhors all kinds of murder. It seems young Dave is a vegetarian! You might have warned us. The Colonel is now concerned that Dave is connected in some way with the Green Party. You cannot be too careful these days.

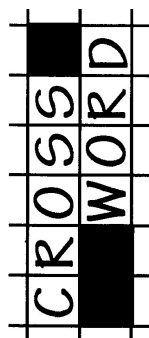
Then Miss Saxby and Miss Tarby stepped in. They enjoy mushrooming, and kindly took young Dave off to the woods. It is not their fault that they are a bit deaf and so did not hear his cries of distress when he lost them among all the trees. They just assumed he had gone back to the Colonel's, and so of course they did not organise a search party until much later. Fortunately, the church warden's spaniel has a keen nose and found Dave before midnight. During all that time, Dave seemed to have had nothing better to do than slide about on fallen leaves and trip over hidden logs in the dark. He was even babbling about having heard a crying ghost. We feared he might be delirious but then realised he meant the local owl. He also seemed surprised by the darkness and asked how we manage without any streetlights at all in the parish. We explained the obvious — we simply follow the example of the well-refreshed when leaving the pub, and feel our way along the walls.

On Sunday morning Dave rushed into the church to warn me that there were several loose sheep in the churchyard. I decided then that he should return to the safety of the city. There was no point in letting him near most of our church ladies, who would have savaged him on sight.

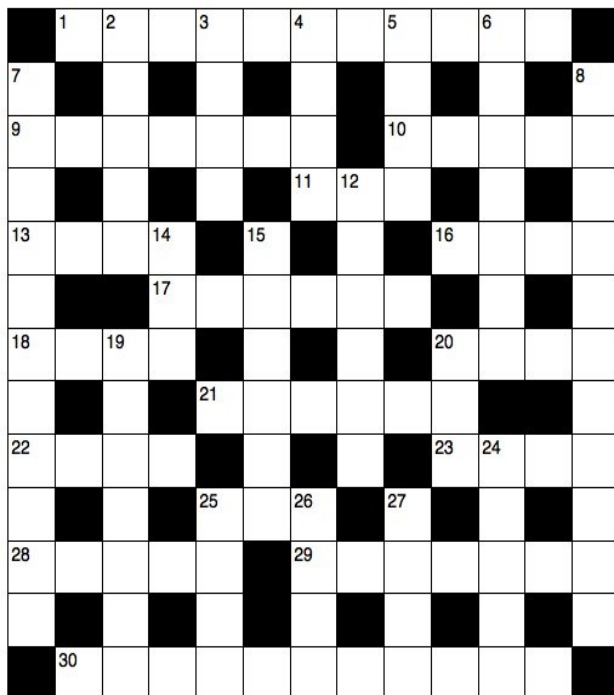
The visit only proves the obvious: potential ordinands should be carnivorous, cricketing fly-fishers, most at home in well-worn tweeds and preferably accompanied by a muddy dog. How else will they get along with normal folk?

Your loving uncle,
Eustace





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Across

- 1 The sixth disciple (Matthew 10:3) (11)
- 9 'And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from the — —' (Matthew 6:13) (4,3)
- 10 Love intensely (Song of Songs 1:4) (5)
- 11 From Mt Carmel to Jezreel, Elijah — all the way (1 Kings 18:46) (3)
- 13 One of the Midianite leaders who was captured and killed after Gideon's victory in the valley near Moreh (Judges 7:25) (4)
- 16 Metallic element (4)
- 17 At line (anag.) (6)
- 18 'Cursed is everyone who is — on a tree' (Galatians 3:13) (4)
- 20 Where Samson killed a thousand Philistines with a donkey's jawbone (Judges 15:14) (4)
- 21 He succeeded Moses (Deuteronomy 34:9) (6)
- 22 'When he saw him, he took — on him' (Luke 10:33) (4)
- 23 'For — is the gate and broad is the road that leads to destruction' (Matthew 7:13) (4)
- 25 'The god of this — has blinded the minds of unbelievers' (2 Corinthians 4:4) (3)
- 28 Fear or terror (Psalm 31:22) (5)
- 29 'We, who are many, are one body, for we all — of the one loaf' (1 Corinthians 10:17) (7)
- 30 Assyrian ruler assassinated by his sons while worshipping his god Nisroch (2 Kings 19:37) (11)

Down

- 2 'For as in Adam all die, so in Christ all will be made —' (1 Corinthians 15:22) (5)
- 3 'After supper he — the cup' (1 Corinthians 11:25) (4)
- 4 The request of a man of Macedonia in Paul's vision: 'Come — to Macedonia and help us' (Acts 16:9) (4)
- 5 He disobeyed his father Judah by refusing to impregnate his dead brother's wife (Genesis 38:9) (4)
- 6 I veto me (anag.) (7)
- 7 Fourth king of Judah (1 Kings 15:24) (11)
- 8 Priest of God Most High, who blessed Abram (Genesis 14:18) (11)
- 12 'I have made you — for the Gentiles' (Acts 13:47) (1,5)
- 14 Implore (1 Samuel 15:25) (3)
- 15 'Out of the eater, something to eat; out of the —, something sweet' (Judges 14:14) (6)
- 19 'I am the most ignorant of men; I do — a man's understanding' (Proverbs 30:2) (3,4)
- 20 'Sin shall not be your master, because you are not under —, but under grace' (Romans 6:14) (3)
- 24 Native of, say, Baghdad (5)
- 25 The last word in the Bible (Revelation 22:21) (4)
- 26 Heroic tale (4)
- 27 'Then you will know the truth, and the truth will set you —' (John 8:32) (4)

27, Free.
Have, 20, Law, 24, Iraqi, 25, Amen, 26, Epic.
12, A light, 14, Beg, 15, Strong, 19, Not
6, Emotive, 7, Jehoshaphat, 8, Melchizedek.
Down: 2, Alive, 3, Took, 4, Over, 5, Onan.
28, Alarm, 29, Partake, 30, Sennacherib.
21, Joshua, 22, Pity, 23, Wide, 25, Age.
17, Entail, 18, Hung, 20, Levi.
10, Adore, 11, Ran, 13, Oreb, 16, Zinc.
Across: 1, Bartholomew, 9, Evil one.



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

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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.



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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 Remembrance Day Exhibition Saturday 8 November 2025 - Sunday 9 November 2025

10 am to 4pm Remembering the Fallen of World War One, World War Two and other conflicts. Items such as Historical Memorabilia, Photographic & Video displays £2.50

Wilder Communities Webinar: Mammals - Winter Survival. On line event Tuesday 11 November 2025

7pm to 8pm Join John Attiwell for the latest in his successful series of Webinars, this time to examine the world of Britain's mammals, and how they get through the winter. This webinar is free to attend, and at checkout, you'll have the option to select a free ticket or contribute a donation of your choice. All donations are greatly appreciated and help support our vital conservation work. Thank you for your support! **Please note that advanced booking is essential.** Please copy this web address into your internet access to access booking

<https://www.essexwt.org.uk/events/2025-11-11-wilder-communities-webinar-mammals-winter-survival>

Contact email: events@essexwt.org.uk

Ingrebourne Nature Tots Tuesdays 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 4 November to 9 December (6 weeks). At booking, you have the option to purchase a 7-week block ticket or a 1-week ticket. Dates: 4, 11, 18, 25 November, 2, 9 December. Suitable for ages 18 months to 5 years. Children must be accompanied by an adult. 7-week block ticket - £48.00 1-week block ticket - £9.50 Advanced booking essential

Ingrebourne Nature Tots Friday 7 November 2025 - Friday 12 December 2025 6 weeks. Dates: 7, 14, 21, 28 November, 5, 12 December. Prices and activities as the Tuesday group.

Contact number: 01708 520364 Contact e-mail: ingrebourne@essexwt.org.uk

**Time Out**

Time Out met on Monday 13th October when two members shared their involvement in previous Passion Plays and made the group aware of PP26.

After some refreshments it was eyes down for a bingo session.

The next meeting is

Nov 10th in North Street Hall at 7pm when it's a 'Crafty Sew and Sew!'

Please contact **Val Cooper** for more details on 07527325996.

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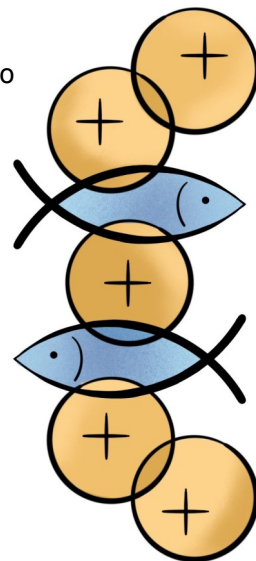
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**Escape Men's Group**

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

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/>

Messy Church News



On Saturday 31st August, Messy Church met for their Harvest celebration. We began with a prayer in the grounds of St. Andrew's church and then one of our Young Helpers read Psalm 104 from the Message version of the Bible. Everyone then joined in with various games, crafts and activities linked to Harvest. We thought about creation and some of us explored this through watercolour paintings. We thanked God for all that He has created, for the farmers and the shops for our food. People brought donations of food for our local foodbank and we prayed for people locally as well as people around the

world who do not have enough food to eat each day. Then we shared some food together; baguette with ham and cheese, salad, crisps, fruit and cakes, while enjoying fellowship together. After eating, we planted pea seeds that we took home to grow. These remind us of the farmers that produce food for us and help us to remember to thank God for His creation and all that He provides us with.

Elizabeth Field

The Well
A Place of Belonging**Scripture:**

"For where two or three gather in my name, there am I with them." – Matthew 18:20

Reflection:

At The Well, I felt truly part of the community — seen, acknowledged, and valued. The gathering was filled with warmth, laughter, and a deep sense of connection. It was a special celebration, marking both Sonia's birthday and The Well's own birthday. The message and reading Philippians 4:4-9 for the occasion were thoughtful and full of meaning, reminding us that belonging is not earned but given by God's Spirit. Sonia's kind gesture of giving everyone flowers was a simple yet profound reminder of God's love expressed through one another. It was a time of joy, cake, and sharing — a visible picture of Christ's presence among us.

Prayer:

Lord Jesus, thank You for the gift of belonging. Thank You for showing up in our gatherings, our laughter, and our shared stories. Help us to recognise Your presence in community and to extend that same welcome to others.

Amen.**Prompt for the Day:**

Where can I notice God's presence in my community today, and how can I participate in it?

Ayesha Russo

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

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

In loving memory of our son **Aaron James** from **Paul and Eudeen Shrubsole** 13th November;

In loving memory of **Dorothy Chambers** from **Carolyn, Keith, Michelle, Martin, Nicholas, Michael and Victoria** 15th November;

In loving memory of their parents **Brenda and Peter Newlyn** from **Victoria, Philip and Alison**;

"In memory of my late friend **Mrs Doreen Rosemary Chignell**, it will be 5 years since she passed away" **Colin Jones** 7th November 2025.

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

Another extract from Prof. Martin's essay on the History of Gidea Park.

<https://www.gedmartin.net/martinalia-mainmenu-3/420-origins-of-gidea-park>

Last month we ended here.

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

We continue now ~ "Converted into one residence it would be one of the finest in Essex," the 1893 auctioneer optimistically claimed. Unfortunately, any millionaire who could afford to buy such an impressive residence was unlikely to wish to live alongside one of the busiest main roads in Essex and so close to the growing town of Romford. The foundation of the town's prosperity was its weekly cattle market, and the high road that passed the gates of Gidea Hall was congested with drovers and their herds, although some of this traffic was transferred to the railway from the eighteen-forties. In 1801, the extensive parish of Romford had counted a population of 3,179, of whom perhaps slightly more than two thousand lived in the town itself – barely fifty percent more than in late-Tudor times. By 1841, the parish contained 5,317 people, suggesting that the town itself had doubled in size. The arrival of the railway two

years earlier had not only emphasised its existing position as an important local market centre, but encouraged the development of a major enterprise that would become synonymous with Romford. In 1845, Edward Ind's local brewery acquired new investment to become Ind, Coope & Co., which operated on an industrial scale: within a couple of years, it was exporting its branded Romford Ale as far away as Australia. By 1908, 450 workers were employed at the brewery complex, which occupied most of the ground between the High Street and the Great Eastern railway line, to which it was connected by a network of sidings. In earlier centuries, the owners of Gidea Hall had been able to dominate the small community located so close to their gates, but this ceased to be possible by the middle of the nineteenth century. Not only was the mansion itself no longer home to a powerful landed family but Romford gradually acquired its own institutions. In 1851, a Local Board of Health was established for the immediate area of the town. Thirty

years later, the parish had a population of 9,050 people, of whom 7,176 lived in the Local Board district. Local government reform in 1894 upgraded the Board into an Urban District Council, with greater powers and broader ambitions. By the time of the 1901 census, the parish – now shorn of the outlying districts of Havering village and Noak Hill – recorded 13,915 people, pointing to an urban population well over ten thousand. Romford was certainly not a particularly turbulent town. Although prevailing westerly winds probably wafted the unmistakable smells of the brewery as far as Gidea Hall, it is unlikely that Romford was any dirtier or less healthy than other contemporary small urban centres. But its growing size, its administrative autonomy and its increasing proximity – with residential development moving eastward from 1855 – made it a less-than-ideal neighbour for any would-be lord of the manor.

Prof. Ged Martin

St Matthew's Church to the Rescue

For the past 11 years, Store Room Youth Theatre has supported young people aged 5 to 20 in the Hornchurch area, meeting every Tuesday evening. Run entirely by volunteers, the group builds confidence, creativity, and social skills through drama, script work, and performance.

Over the years, they've welcomed more than 300 young people (including my two daughters), staged 21 shows, taken part in festivals, enjoyed many trips, celebrated Jack Petchey Award winners, and created countless happy memories.

In June, their usual hall became unusable due to building issues, and the group suddenly needed a new home. Thanks to the support of parish office staff, they found

space at St Matthew's Church in Chelmsford Drive.

With a stage and plenty of room, St Matthew's offered not just a venue—but a fresh start. The new environment sparked energy and ideas, and the older group bravely took on their biggest challenge yet: staging the musical *Grease: Lightning!*

To celebrate their 11th birthday, they performed two joyful shows to packed audiences of over 80 people each night, including families, friends, and fellow performers.

It was a truly emotional moment. I have so many special memories of events at St Matthew's over the years—but watching my daughter and others I've seen grow step onto that stage was unforgettable. A heartfelt thank you to St Matthew's Church for providing a safe, welcoming space where young people can continue to grow, express themselves, and thrive through the power of theatre.

Emma Wilkin (a thankful parent)

For more details about the Store Room Youth Theatre, please email storeroomdrama15@gmail.com or check out their Facebook at Store Room Youth Theatre.



3rd Hornchurch Girls' Brigade Company

Since returning from the summer holiday, our Company has been very busy. We are delighted to have twenty-five girls who attend regularly, supported by four dedicated leaders. At present we even have a waiting list, which is a wonderful sign of the interest in our group.

On 3rd October, we held our Awards and Parents' Evening, celebrating the achievements of all our girls. Parents joined us for this special occasion, and Rev. Ken Wylie kindly presented the awards (see photo above). The evening concluded with tea and cake, enjoyed by all. A highlight of the evening was the presentation of Jack Petchey Awards to three of our senior girls – Katie, Erin and Oma. The seniors have chosen to use some of their award money to host a special Christmas Art Evening with a professional artist and trips 2026.

This term one of our themes has been "Sharing" – sharing our time, our talents, and our love for others and for God. To put this into practice, we learned about foodbanks, made a Harvest Festival collection, and took part in the Harvest Festival Church Parade.

Looking ahead, November is a very special month for us. Our Company will celebrate 55 years of affiliation with St Andrew's Church, and we are proud to continue playing an active role in the life of the Church and parish.

Emma Wilkin



Lost bag at Macmillan Coffee morning

At the recent coffee morning, which was very successful, there was however a very disappointing incident. Janet had her Purple Tote Bag with Crosses pattern taken from the kitchen. The bag contained Janet's apron and Graham's lunch. If someone took the bag by mistake, we will be at The Bridge on Wednesday 19th November. Thank you.

Graham and Janet Martin

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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

THE BRIDGE



Meets in the Large North Street Hall every Wednesday morning 10am—12pm

A social group for anyone recently bereaved or on their own who is looking for company and conversation.

Tea, coffee and cake is available for a voluntary donation.

Please contact St Andrew's Parish Office on 01708 441571, Jane on 07981 985973 or Jeanette on 07983 527274 for information

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

Wednesday Afternoon Music at Hornchurch Library

Wed 5th November at 2pm **Musical Fireworks** presented by Stephen Raindle.

It's the date that decided this one so there will be plenty of lively music, mostly classical and culminating in a superb recording of Tchaikovsky's explosive 1812 Overture.

Wed 19 November at 2pm **Wishes & Dreams** presented by Dawn Cunningham Clayton.

Tracks from many decades with a variety of musical styles. Songs wishing for times past plus some orchestral dreams and even crazy dreams, day dreams and dream lovers. Wishing & hoping you will enjoy this one.

All programmes are of recorded music played on high quality audio equipment and take place in the 1st floor main meeting room, Hornchurch Library, North Street, RM11 1TB commencing at 2pm and finishing by 4pm. Admission £2 per person with interval refreshments available at nominal cost. Buses 165, 256 & 370 pass the library.

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

Sudoku solution from P7

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

Remembrance Sunday Service

9th November 2025 arrive from 10.30

Anybody wishing to lay a tribute will be welcome to do so.

The 10th Essex Living History Group will be present.

The centre will be open as normal on Saturday and the rest of Sunday.

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



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 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



Persecuted Christians – the story of what one woman in Nigeria faced

Asabe's life was turned upside down and devastated in one appalling, never-to-be-forgotten night earlier this year.

The Nigerian wife and mother's home was viciously attacked by Fulani Islamists, who slaughtered one of her sons and set fire to their house, killing other family members in the process.

In total, more than 50 men, women and children were killed in the evening attack on Zike village in Nigeria's Plateau State. The Fulani raiders were armed with guns and machetes.

Asabe's home was one of the first to be targeted. The family was awoken by gunshots. The attackers forced their way into the home, dragged Asabe's 14-year-old son Jerry outside and, in Asabe's words, 'killed him like a goat.'

They then ransacked the house, before setting fire to it—with the rest of the family still inside. As the fire took hold, Asabe tried to stop her six-year-old daughter Joanne from crying, fearful as she was that the militants would return and kill them all.

But then, as they were trapped inside and the heat of the blaze became unbearable, she encouraged her daughter to cry, reasoning that if the attackers returned and killed them it would be a quicker, less painful death. Thankfully, other villagers heard the cries and came to the rescue.

Asabe's husband, Moses, was taken to hospital, but later died from his burn injuries. Their ten-year-old son James was another victim, having died in the fire. Asabe's mother-in-law Talatu has been left with badly burned hands.

Many other Christian communities have suffered this year in violent raids by Islamist Fulani herdsmen.

Release International partners have been aiding Asabe and what remains of her family, providing practical and medical care. "I want to say thank you and God bless you," Asabe said, when Release International staff and Nigerian partners met her recently. Mum and daughter continue to wear protective coverings over burns on their arms.

After the attack, one of Release International's partners in Nigeria conducted a funeral service for 51 victims, who were buried in a mass grave just outside the village. Other Release International partners have provided food and essentials packs to the struggling, grieving families.

Prayer for November 2025

Heavenly Father,

Here we are in November – the month of short, dark days. A dreary, difficult month, unless you have a birthday! Lord, it seems as if the world is permanently in November at the moment. So much is so difficult for so many people, through no fault of their own. And it seems to go on and on.

Lord, would You bring Your healing light into the world's darkness. Bring transformation, compassion and a softening into the hearts of those with responsibility for the conflict and the suffering, that they might work for peace for all people. We know that nothing is impossible for You, Lord, so we pray in faith – and in the Name of Jesus.

Amen.

Daphne Kitching

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

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Kenilworth Gardens RM12 4SG

St Matthew's Church
Chelmsford Drive RM14 2PH

Messy Church

Hornchurch Parish Churches

September 2025

Baptisms

Sept 14th Reily Anthony Williams
21st Daisy Jasmine Larkin
Buddy Nicholas Larkin
Savannah Faith Winsley

28th Jaxon Andrew Burke

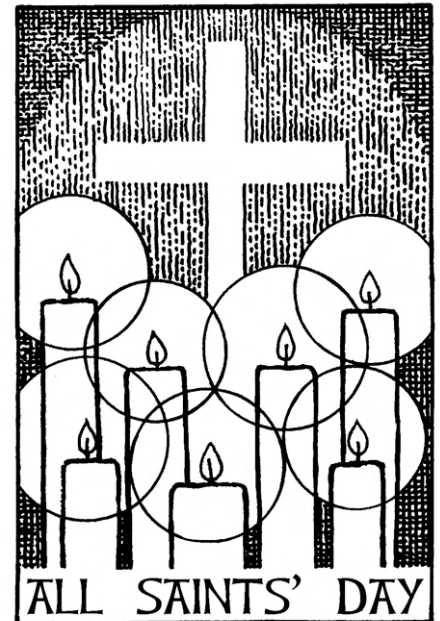
Marriages

None

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

Sept 4th Delia Rita Childs 82
14th Rosie Ann Dodson 77
Moses Wilson 73

15th Arthur George Cannell 97



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