



## Walking the Road of Love

"Love your neighbour as yourself." We hear these words so often that they can sound like a comforting slogan. Yet Jesus offers them not as a soft sentiment but as the very heart of Christian living. They call us to walk a harder, deeper road.

Recently I have been reading *The Road Less Travelled* by M Scott Peck. In it he describes love as the deliberate choice to "extend oneself" for the sake of another's growth. Real love is not effortless. It takes discipline, patience, and a willingness to be stretched. It asks us to look honestly at ourselves, to receive God's love, and then to let that love shape how we treat others. Love becomes a daily practice: listening more deeply, forgiving more freely, and choosing kindness even when it costs us something.

This commandment also challenges us to widen our understanding of who counts as "neighbour." Not just the people we naturally warm to, but the ones who irritate us, disagree with us, or stand on the other side of a debate. In a season when public life feels increasingly marked by anger, suspicion, and division, this call becomes even more urgent.

Many people today feel drawn toward political movements that trade in fear or set neighbour against neighbour. Some readers may have noticed how the rhetoric associated with certain groups can encourage us, or their followers, to see others as threats rather than fellow children of God.

As Christians, we are invited to resist that pull. Not by withdrawing from public life, but by engaging it with a different spirit: one shaped by compassion, truthfulness, and the refusal to dehumanise.

The road of love is indeed the road less travelled. But it is the road Jesus



walks ahead of us. When we choose it—together—we become a community that heals rather than harms, builds up rather than breaks down, and shows the world a better way.

May we have the courage to walk that road this month.

**Mark Cornish**  
Authorised Local Preacher

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

# What's on

Events for this column: please send them to the editor  
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## 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

### 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 **Escape** (1st & 3rd) St Andrew's small hall
- Tues.** ~ ~ ~ ~
- Wed.** 9.30-11.00 am **0-2 Playgroup** St Andrew's large hall. Toys, songs and craft, refreshments. All enquiries to Parish Office  
 10.00 -12 noon **The Bridge** Large hall North Street
- Thur.** 1.30 pm **Little Fishes** St Andrew's large hall. Toys, stories and craft, refreshments, all welcome
- Fri.** 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](mailto:info@parishgiving.org.uk)  
 Can you please note these details should you need to contact them.



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### Bullseye programme Contents to the Editor 2026

July Bullseye Sunday 7th June  
 August Bullseye Sunday 5th July

**Uploading**

July Bullseye 24th June  
 August Bullseye Wed. 29th July

**The Bullseye for July will be in the churches and online by Sunday 28th June 2026**

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### 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 June

The pattern of Sunday morning services is set out on page 14 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 June 1st Sunday after Trinity**

8.30am Holy Communion at St Andrew's  
 10.15am Holy Communion at St Andrew's (also livestreamed)  
 6.30 Choral Evensong at St Andrew's

**Sunday 14th June 2nd Sunday after Trinity**

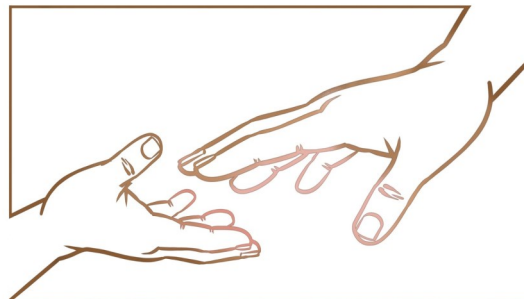
8.30am - Common Worship Holy Communion at St Andrew's  
 10.15am - Morning Worship at St Andrew's (also livestreamed)  
 10.15am - Holy Communion at St George's  
 6.30pm – Memorial Service at St Andrew's

**Sunday 21st,**

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  
 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 - Parade service at St Andrew's (also livestreamed)  
 10.15am - Holy Communion at St George's  
 6.30pm Holy Communion at St Andrew's



**Father's Day  
 What we most value in our fathers**

This year Father's Day is 21st June—a day to honour and appreciate our fathers and father figures, such as grandfathers and fathers-in-law. Many of us will make a special effort to see them on the day.

No two fathers are alike, of course, but various polls across the internet reveal some interesting similarities of what people have most valued in their dad.

These traits include: being dependable, approachable, protective, patient, affectionate, honest, willing to listen, compassionate, and having spent time with them when they were young.

That's quite a list! People whose fathers had even some of those strengths have a lot to be thankful for.

Thankfully, our Father in Heaven certainly has all those traits. Jesus said the Father is totally dependable and protective of us, longs for us to turn to Him, and is full of compassion and love. And we are to call Him 'Abba' – Daddy!

**Church opening for private prayer and reflection**

St Andrew's church is open for private prayer and reflection three days a week. These days are 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.

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Guide, Brownie and Rainbow News



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

Alma, Ella, Olivia, Sassy, Lottie, Phoebe, Florence, Emily, Avielle, April, Darcy, Louisa  
The Rainbows enjoyed doing Sip and Paint cupcakes. They all painted their own pictures, and all did extremely well.



**Eden from the 14th Hornchurch Brownies** has received her Gold Award. This is the highest achievement you can earn at Brownies. Eden held a fundraising night to raise money for Diabetes UK and is excited to be moving up to Guides for her next adventure! Well done Eden!

**Amy Saunders**



**5th Hornchurch (St George's) Guides and 2nd Hornchurch (St Andrew's) Rainbows Leaders and Young Leaders**

Megan, Ava, Darcey and Isla  
Went to Buckingham Palace after completing their Gold Duke of Edinburgh Award. They were all given a cup cake and a flask to bring home with them. They all thoroughly enjoyed their day even though it rained a little bit.  
We were all very proud of them.



**Charity of the Month for June 2026**

**Where hardship means hunger... urban farmers can grow hope.**

In the crowded and noisy settlements of Nairobi, most parents wake every single day knowing that they must go and earn money, otherwise their children won't eat that evening.

With no formal work opportunities, heartbreakingly low pay, and no social support, it's a precarious and frightening daily struggle that no family should have to face.

The aching hunger is bad enough. The relentless stress is overwhelming. 'When I wake up, I have a lot of worries. Sometimes I don't have food,' says Fridah Moraa, a recently widowed grandmother determined to support her family on what little she earns.

'Now I'm responsible for everything.' With school costs, rent and water to cover, providing food for every meal is a problem that never goes away.

With her inner strength, unstoppable resolve, and a little help from Beacon of Hope, Fridah is overcoming poverty to feed the youngest members of her family and protect them from the threat of malnutrition.

Fridah rightly takes pride in all she is achieving: 'When I harvest what I've planted, it makes me happy. Urban farming has changed my life.'

Christian Aid and its supporters are joining together once again during Christian Aid Week (10-16 May) to fundraise in all kinds of ways – from coffee mornings and craft stalls to hiking and biking for the 70k in May challenge.

With seven days to make a difference, every gift, act and prayer counts. What will you do to support someone like Fridah to grow food, protect their children from hunger, and nurture hope?

- **£5** could buy the seeds that kickstart a family's nutritious vegetable garden.
- **£10** could pay for the pair of chickens that produce fertiliser for an urban farmer.
- **£15** could purchase the hand tools that mean an urban farmer can tend their crops.
- **£30** could buy the trio of cone garden planters that host hundreds of plants in a tiny city space



Find out more about the campaign at [caweek.org](http://caweek.org)

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

**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:

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**Arlene Trump**

**Calling all Quiz night fans**

Join us on  
**Saturday 30th May 7.30pm**  
**in North Street Halls**

for a joint Kenya and Escape Group fundraising evening of Quiz rounds, Raffle and Lucky Envelopes.

Tables of 6(ish) can be booked via Terry Keens  
(07985 095702);  
John Speller (07599 791420); or Alan Ruyten (07710 570042).

Participation is £6 per person.

**Easy Sudoku** solution on Page 12

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**Flag Days for 2026**  
 (Union Jack unless otherwise stated)

- Sat Jun 13th:** Official Birthday of HM The King
- Tue Sep 8th:** Accession of HM The King
- Tue Sep 15th - Sun Sep 20th:** Battle of Britain Day through to Battle of Britain Sunday
- Sun Nov 8th – Wed Nov 11th:** Remembrance Sunday through to Armistice Day
- Sat Nov 14th:** Birthday of HM The King
- Mon Nov 30th:** St Andrew's Day (St Andrew's flag)
- Fri Dec 25th:** Christmas Day



**St James the Least of All**

*The Revd 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](mailto:enquiries@parishpump.co.uk)*

**On the struggle for life in a rectory . . .**

From: The Rectory,  
 St James the Least of All

My dear Nephew Darren

Ah, the joys of June! At last, I can return to the Rectory without putting on my overcoat before going inside. For the next four months, all windows and doors are left open, in order to let the heat *in*. If anyone else tells me how lucky I am to live in a 10-bedroom Queen Anne house, I shall have them excommunicated.

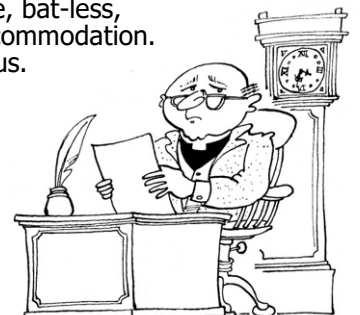
You will soon stop complaining about your one-bedroom flat should you ever have to live in a rural rectory; the days of wandering about your home in shirtsleeves will become a distant memory. In my first winter here, I had the central heating on full blast 24 hours a day. The house was almost warm, even if the boilers sounded like the Queen Mary coming into port. But that quarter's gas bill needed a substantial grant from the International Monetary Fund to cover it, so ever since, for six months of the year, I live in the kitchen. Parishioners find it either touching or sad that I sleep with my Labrador. It never occurs to them that I need her for extra heat.

It does mean that evening meetings at the rectory on winter evenings can be un-Christially satisfying. Watching committee members fighting – with infinite politeness – to get nearest to the one-bar electric fire is highly entertaining. They hold on to their coffee cups less for refreshment, more for a little extra warmth. At least it means that meetings are short.

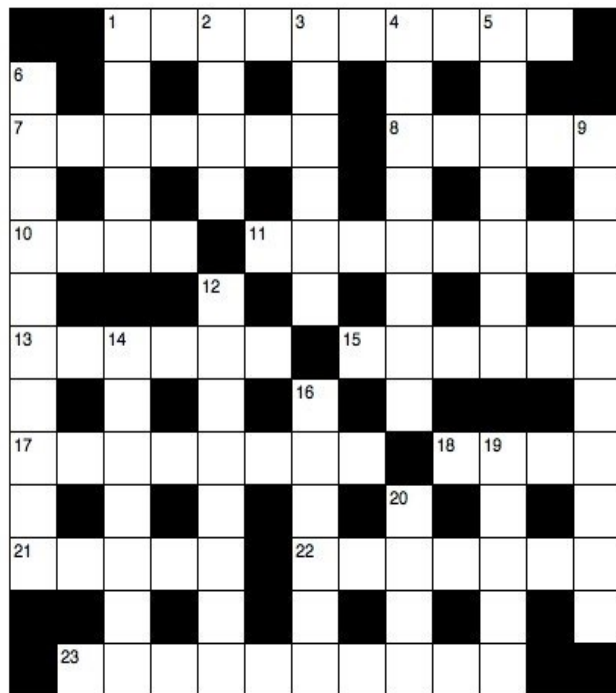
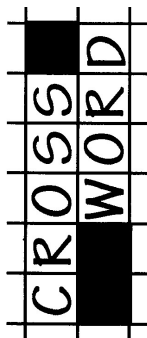
My predecessor was a model railway enthusiast and so several bedrooms were taken up with a system of such complexity that it made Crewe Junction seem trivial. He also found it helpful to put his teenage son in the turret bedroom, where he could play his drums without anyone else in the house being able to hear a thing.

Nowadays, all these extra rooms are filled with cribs and nativity play costumes, Easter gardens and spare choir cassocks. It is remarkable how all these things used to be stored quite satisfactorily in the church vestry until the parish acquired a single priest; now the empty rooms in the rectory have become vital storage space. I so hope my successor has a plethora of children, so that the parishioners have to find alternative accommodation for all the detritus vital to church life.

No, dear boy, cherish your centrally heated, dry, draft proof, mice-free, bat-less, modern-plumbed accommodation. It will not be ever thus.



Your loving uncle,  
**Eustace**



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**Across**

- 1 Evil (Genesis 6:5) (10)
- 7 Musician called for by Elisha when he met the kings of Israel, Judah and Edom (2 Kings 3:15) (7)
- 8 The request that led to the institution of the Lord's Prayer: 'Lord, — us to pray' (Luke 11:1) (5)
- 10 'We are hard pressed on every—' (2 Corinthians 4:8) (4)
- 11 Fraud (2 Corinthians 6:8) (8)
- 13 'His troops advance in force; they build a siege ramp against me and — around my tent' (Job 19:12) (6)
- 15 Where Rachel hid Laban's household gods when he searched his daughter's tent (Genesis 31:34) (6)
- 17 'Now about spiritual gifts, brothers, I do not want you to be—' (1 Corinthians 12:1) (8)
- 18 Nomadic dwelling (Genesis 26:25) (4)
- 21 'As for man, his days are like—, he flourishes like a flower of the field' (Psalm 103:15) (5)
- 22 Or I live (anag.) (7)
- 23 Those guilty of 1 Across (Romans 13:4) (10)

**Down**

- 1 'God so loved the — that he gave his one and only Son' (John 3:16) (5)
- 2 'Away in a manger, no — for a bed' (4)
- 3 Mob ten (anag.) (6)
- 4 'Each — group made its own gods in several towns where they settled' (2 Kings 17:29) (8)
- 5 Began (Luke 9:46) (7)
- 6 Speaking very softly (John 7:32) (10)
- 9 Workers Ruth joined when she arrived in Bethlehem with her mother-in-law Naomi (Ruth 2:3) (10)
- 12 Put in jail (Acts 22:19) (8)
- 14 Aceturn (anag.) (7)
- 16 Discharge (Acts 21:3) (6)
- 19 'All these—come from inside and make a man "unclean"' (Mark 7:23) (5)
- 20 'Let us rejoice and be glad and — him glory!' (Revelation 19:7) (4)

**Across:** 1, Wickedness, 7, Harpist, 8, Teach, 10, Side, 11, Impostor, 13, Encamp, 15, Saddle, 17, Ignorant, 18, Tent, 21, Grass, 22, Olivier, 23, Wrongdoers.  
**Down:** 1, World, 2, Crib, 3, Entomb, 4, National, 5, Started, 6, Whispersing, 9, Harvesters, 12, Imprison, 14, Centaur, 16, Unload, 19, Evils, 20, Give.



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**Christmas Market**

We thank Jeanette Street for all her hard work in organising the Christmas Market. In the April edition of Bullseye, Jeanette stated that she was stepping back. So we think this is the opportunity to form a Fundraising Committee for St Andrew's church. We have sounded out a few people, and the response is positive. We understand the Christmas Market will be held on Saturday 21st November 2026 at North Street Hall. If you are interested in being a member of the Fundraising Committee, would you please contact Janet & Graham Martin on 07922 138172.

Thank you. God Bless.

**Janet & Graham Martin**

**What does the healing team do when nobody comes forward?**

Rogation Sunday we prayed for the minute organisms that make a fertile soil, and for soil for them to live in. Big Tech wants an Upminster field for a data-processing centre. And water. And electricity. Lots of it. And our voices, receipts, opinions, and I don't know what, to turn into AI slop! Without our permission (Oh, that must have been in the small print), and for free!

And a farm opposite our parish, running down to the Ingrebourne, is wanted for gravel extraction. For concrete. I wasn't angry on Rogation Sunday, but I am now.

**Revd Peter Evans**

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

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

**Visit the RAF Hornchurch Remembrance Collection**

A brief history of the aerodrome from 1915 to 1962. Free entry during normal opening hours.

**Ingrebourne Nature Tots Fridays Friday 5 June 2026 - Friday 17 July 2026** £59.29 - child ticket (7-week block) £10.35 - child ticket (1 week) Or discuss block booking with the centre.

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. Advanced booking essential

**Ingrebourne Home Education Group.** Now at Grange Farm Chigwell. Contact Grange Farm via [learnrod@essexwt.org.uk](mailto:learnrod@essexwt.org.uk)

**Ingrebourne Owl Flight & Talk Show Saturday 30th May 2026** 5:00pm - 7:00pm (arrive from 4.30 for 5pm start)

Barley Lands Farm Park bring their informative and fun show to Ingrebourne.

Covering a wide range of topics that include conservation, habitat, diet, adaptations and biology. Whilst giving you the opportunity to be up close and personal with these magnificent birds, capturing your attention and imagination.

This is a 2 hour talk with a 15-minute Q and A / tea break in the middle. £10.90 adults and children

**Natural mandalas workshop Sunday 31 May 2026** 11:00am - 12:00pm In this gentle, hands-on workshop, participants are invited to design their own nature mandala using a thoughtfully curated collection of natural materials—such as leaves, stones, flowers, seeds, shells, and branches—already gathered and prepared for you. Please note this event is for ages 5+ only. All children must be accompanied by an adult. £6.70 per person

Contact number: 01708 520364

**Daytime paint and sip Thursday 4 June 2026 10am to 12 noon**

the perfect way to unwind, socialize, and explore your artistic side. Our instructor, Dani, from Paint Circle, will walk you step-by-step through creating a beautiful painting on a canvas, all while you enjoy a comforting hot drink in a bright, cheerful daytime setting. All materials provided and tea/coffee included. Adults only, advance booking essential. £30.

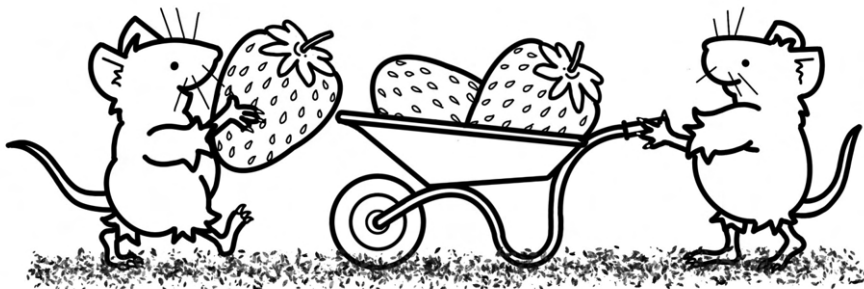
Contact e-mail: [ingrebourne@essexwt.org.uk](mailto:ingrebourne@essexwt.org.uk)

**Ingrebourne Minibeast Hunting Wednesday 23 June 2026 Home Education Session.** Join us for our special monthly outdoor learning Home Education sessions This month, we will be hunting for minibeasts – insects, spiders, and other invertebrates- looking under logs and in the bush, before using our sweep nets to hunt for them in the meadow 1pm to 2.30pm £7.73 per child. Adult price on application.

Contact number: 01708 520364

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

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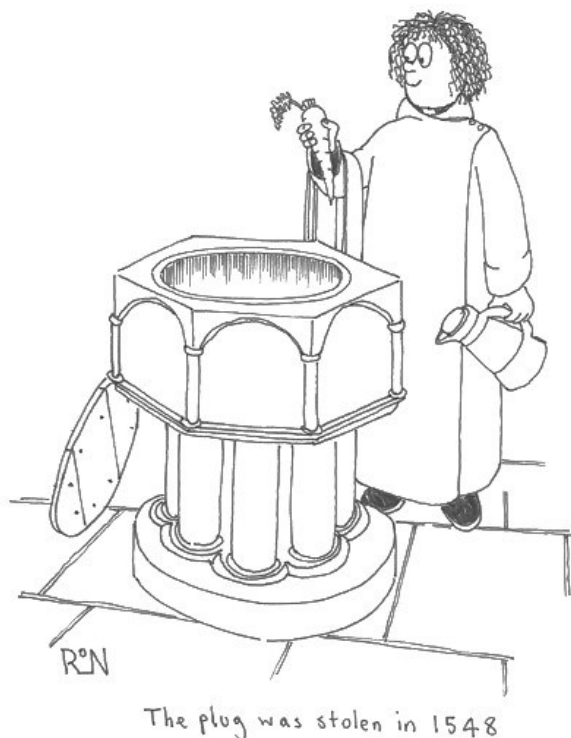
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**A Friend of the Towler family**

Parishioners will remember Fred and Margaret Towler who worshipped 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"

**Report of Gidea Park Preparatory School Visit**

To support our humanities learning, we visited St Andrew's Church in Hornchurch on Friday 24th April. It was a fantastic trip and a wonderful opportunity for the children to explore local history firsthand. The children were thoroughly engaged throughout the visit and were fascinated by the rich history of the church and its place within the local community. Revd Wylie's and John's (Weekes) explanations were clear, informative, and perfectly pitched for our Year 3 pupils, helping them to understand not only the historical significance of the building but also its continued importance today. The opportunity to see historical features up close, ask questions and experience the atmosphere of the church made a lasting impression on the children. Many of them continued discussing what they had learned back at school, showing how meaningful the visit was in bringing their classroom learning to life. We are very grateful for the time you gave us and for the warm welcome extended to our class. Visits like this are invaluable in helping children make connections between their studies and the world around them. Thank you once again for such an enjoyable and enriching experience. Kind regards,

**Miss Ali**  
**Form 3 Class Teacher**  
Gidea Park Preparatory School

**Wednesday Afternoon Music at Hornchurch Library**

**Wed 3rd June at 2pm ~ MORE FROM MIKE'S MUSICAL ALPHABET** ~ presented by Mike Beaman. Following on from his Music Alphabet programme of 2024, Mike offers a new selection from the A-Z of popular tunes. Al Bowllly to Zoot Simms via Harry Roy, Otis Redding and Sam Cooke.

**Wed 17th June at 2pm ~ HAD TIME ALLOWED** ~ we bid farewell to the season with our regular presenters playing a few tracks that they would have included in their programmes had only time allowed.

All programmes are of recorded music played on high quality audio equipment and take place in the 1st floor main meeting room (lift available), 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. After a summer break our series of programmes will continue on **Wednesday 7th October 2026.** For further details or to be added to our email list call **Stephen Raindle** 01708 470670 or email **sraindle@aol.com**

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

*Many thanks to all who have sponsored the floodlighting during June 2026:*

In Memory of **Bob** a loving Husband and dad on his birthday 5th June ~ **Maureen Pudney, Stephen Pudney and Andrea Izod;** 10th June ~ In loving memory of **Walter Barnard.** Always in our hearts. ~ **Mrs Margaret Barnard;** In Loving Memory of **Fred and Mary Thomas** for their lives of Christian witness to family and community - **Jane Harder;** 21st June ~ In Loving Memory of dad, **David Grant Mortimer ~ David Mortimer.**

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



**South Hornchurch – Not just an add-on place!**

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>.

South Hornchurch is big – over a mile across, bounded by the Ingrebourne and the Beam rivers, and stretching three miles north from the Thames. But why not call it West Rainham or East Dagenham? Until 1810, when Rainham New Road linked London with Tilbury Fort, connections to nearby places were weak. The tree-trunk bridge in Rainham Road South was probably barely a footbridge. Hence it was called Beam Bridge – which became the name of this stretch of the River Rom.

South Hornchurch was originally the South End of the vast manor of Havering. A guide book in 1818 called the scattering of cottages south from Wood Lane "the little village of Southend". Local agriculture was long dominated by cattle raising. Animals were grazed on the lush lowland meadows in summer but moved to drier, higher ground in winter. For centuries, Dovers (near Dovers Corner) was owned along with Gooshays (Harold Hill) and Bretons with Redden Court (Harold Wood).

Another Essex parish with a South End was Prittlewell, on the Thames estuary. When Southend-on-Sea mushroomed into a holiday town in the 1890s, the Post Office decided it couldn't handle two Southends, and by 1902 ours became South Hornchurch. But Southend Road recalls the older name.

By the 19th century, South Hornchurch was a thriving community but a bit of a Cinderella. A mission church opened in Southend Road 1864, but it had no resident clergyman. Services were taken by lay readers, except when the Vicar of Hornchurch visited to give Holy

Communion. The tin church was only replaced in 1957. Whybridge primary school (below) dates back to the same period. By 1899, it was teaching 150 children.

By 1920, the north-south links were weak. "South Hornchurch is to many modern Hornchurch folk an unexplored land," wrote City gent Charles Perfect in 1920, adding with embarrassment, "there are probably few parishioners who know very much about its people."

Hornchurch "proper" had become a smart commuter suburb. Meanwhile, market gardening had taken over in South Hornchurch and Rainham. The area specialised in spring cabbages and autumn fruit. The "Cherry Tree Publick House" was mentioned in 1773. The orchards sound idyllic, and a 1907 guide book called Cherry Tree Lane "a pretty spot".

But there was a hitch. London before motor vehicles depended on horses – a quarter of a million of them by 1900 – and horses cannot be toilet trained. Thousands of tons of manure were shipped downriver each year. And it was not just horses. Few of London's four and a half million people had access to proper sewerage. The stink at Rainham Creek, where the barges were shovelled out, was notorious. The cabbages and the cherries flourished on the natural fertiliser, but the respectable suburbanites further north held their noses and turned their backs. It's no surprise that when building began in South Hornchurch in the 1920s, sites were cheap and houses were down-market. Streets like Sunningdale Road and Elmer Gardens lacked tarmac and sewerage even in the mid-1950s. (I remember

them!) Problems triggered a strong sense of local identity shown in vigorous local residents' groups. Patchy development helps explain the survival of two South Hornchurch farmhouses, Albys and Bretons. South Hornchurch would never be "posh" but it is the proud product of its own heritage and history, not just an add-on to somewhere else!



**Prof Ged Martin**

**At Messy Church**

We Learn about God ♦ Welcome all the Family ♦ Activities & Crafts ♦ Eat Food ♦ Hear Bible Stories

**Wednesday 19th August** Summer 3.30 - 5 pm outside St Andrew's Church  
**Friday 30th October** Light Party 4.30 - 6.30 pm North Street Hall Hornchurch  
**Sunday 6th December** Advent 3.30 pm - 5 pm St Andrew's Church Halls



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

Book via Eventbrite. Take a look at our Facebook page <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.



## The Holy Spirit and You

Do you want "The Fruit and Spirit of Peace?"  
Well, I hope that we all want and need this,  
As it's the vital ingredient to help our sanity!  
What is Supernatural Peace that Jesus gives?  
In John 14 v 27 we read, Peace I leave with you,  
My Peace I give to you; It's profoundly explicit!  
Jesus makes it clear that "His Peace" is available  
To all and every Believer for them to experience.  
It's like a contentment of Mind, Body and Spirit!  
In human terms, we understand it as Tranquility;  
It represents a lack of conflict in all human areas.  
It doesn't mean we don't have any emotions, but  
It does mean that we don't have to react to them;  
The Peace of God however is much more than that,  
As God's Peace is Authority, it's Power and it's Real;  
It is like reaching into God's Kingdom uninhibited!  
When we learn to Live in Peace as a lifestyle, we can  
Regularly experience God's miraculous intervention  
To everyday situations that normally look impossible!  
It would be hard to think of a Modern Day situation,  
That brought an Instant Peace but it's always possible;  
One night whilst coming back from a Prayer Meeting  
From Enfield there had been a serious accident, Police  
Cordoned-off the Road with Red Traffic Accident Tape,  
Amazingly an Officer let several cars go through before  
Putting up the Tape Bollard securing the Accident Area;  
Well that brought a resounding Peace to all us driver's!  
I had many Miracles whilst out in the USA in 1999 too.  
Peace in any tense situation is a great relief to the Soul;  
"And we know that all things work together for good to  
Those who Love God, to those who are called according  
To His purpose" as written in Scripture:- Romans 8 v 28.  
If we honour God in the most difficult of circumstances,  
We can take God's Kingdom stance to bring about Peace!  
When we have Peace we are in the promise of God's Will,  
And without fail He will turn circumstances into Miracles;  
As we honour God by choosing to have His infinite Peace,  
He can bless us from the goodness of His bountiful grace;  
"Those who Honour Me, I will Honour!" 1 Samuel 2 v 30.  
Think of Peace, remember "Jesus is The Prince of Peace!"

**Mark London**

## Archbishop of Canterbury 'appalled' by rise in anti-Semitism across UK

The Archbishop of Canterbury has said that she is "appalled" by the growing aggression against Jewish communities in the UK, after a series of anti-Semitic attacks in London, including an arson incident, in Harrow, and a stabbing of two men in Golders Green.

"An attack on Jewish people is an attack on us all — we must stand together against the virulence of antisemitism that brings only violence, fear and hatred," Archbishop Mullally wrote on X. "We must face this challenge together across society and within all our communities. I want to assure the Jewish community of my wholehearted support, solidarity and prayers."

The Archbishop's social media post came after bishops in London also expressed their "solidarity" with the Jewish community, saying that they "condemn unequivocally" the "abhorrent" incidents.

They were recently joined by the Bishops of Chelmsford, Gloucester, Southwark and Norwich in condemning the current rise of anti-Semitism in Britain.

Harakat Ashab al-Yamin al-Islamiyya (HAYI), an Islamist militant group, was reported to have said that it was behind several of the attacks.

## Prayer for June 2026

Father,

Here we are in June – a beautiful month and a month when we remember a beautiful follower of Yours, Barnabas. He was a good man, full of the Holy Spirit and faith and he encouraged Your people to remain true to You in what must have been dangerous times.

Lord, in these dangerous days, when so much seems alien and out of control, how we all need to be encouraged to be steadfast in our faith and in our lives.

How we need to remember that You are our faithful, sovereign Lord; that You never change; that in Jesus You have won the victory over sin and death. If we put our trust in Jesus, we are secure for all eternity.

Thank You for the example of Barnabas. Help us to be encouraged and to encourage others. May we enjoy June in all its beauty, knowing that nothing can separate us from You.

In Jesus' Name, Amen.

## Daphne Kitching

### Stabbing of two Jewish men in Golders Green 'devastating' says Bishop of Edmonton

The Area Bishop of Edmonton, in the diocese of London, Dr Anderson Jeremiah, has expressed shock and sadness after two Jewish men were recently stabbed in Golders Green, north London,

The Jewish men, one in his 70s and one in his 30s, were treated at the scene for stab wounds; both were then taken to hospital. A 45-year-old man was arrested on suspicion of attempted murder.

Dr Jeremiah said: "This was not just an attack on individuals, but on the safety and spirit of our entire neighbourhood. In the face of such darkness, our community must stand firm. We must respond with unwavering resilience and a commitment to the kind of love and unity that overcomes bigotry."

Time Out

There were 10 members, plus the 7 on stage, at our meeting on Monday 11th May for an 'Armchair Theatre' production. The play revolved around the actions and conversations of a Quiz Team. All very amusing and the actors did really well with their characters.



Meetings for June are:

**Monday 8th 7pm** ~ Book and plant swap in North Street Hall.

**Monday 22nd 2.30pm** ~ Jane Wyndham is our speaker in St Andrew's Hall

For more information about the group or meetings please contact Val on 07527 325996.

Jeanette and Val

Steady on!

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In 1982 Morocco hosted the Arab League conference To maximise goodwill and fellow-feeling the king of Morocco invited all participants to a sumptuous banquet at a rodeo-style centre outside Marrakech. There were demonstrations of horse riding skills, and much firing of muskets. It was such good fun, that the event was all The Times had to say about the conference. But it caught my attention. On the way to Morning Prayer I began to admire and to love that king, and to form a vision of the king inviting Christians, medical missionaries perhaps, to tell him and his advisors of needs that they encountered. I began to ask for the gift of faith to believe that the king would invite a Christian to address his friends. At the end of Morning Prayer I said "Thank you God for the gift of faith, etc." Canon Peter Peatfield was so annoyed; "You can't pray for that man! Don't you know he persecutes Christians?" I did not say anything, but I cherished that belief for a year until I read that the Pope, no less, had addressed a packed stadium in Casablanca!(75,000) Doesn't the old collect say "You give us more than we either desire or deserve" ?

Sudoku solution from P5

Revd Peter Evans

### 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*

# 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**

## 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)



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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**

**April and May 2026**

**Baptisms**

**April 26th** Ryan George John Briggs  
 Jodie Louise Briggs  
**May 17th** Oliver Samuel Ridley

**Marriages**

**May 29th** Cedric Percy Koatio Sam and Katrina May Markham

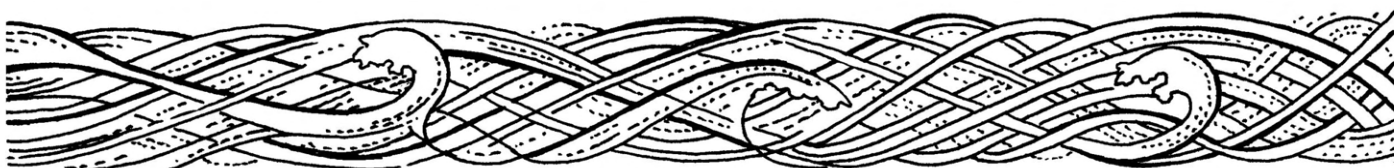
**In Memoriam "I am the resurrection and the life" John 11v25**

**April 14th** Dilys June Heath 89  
**19th** Gary Laws 53  
**May 12th** Elvin Margaret Crawley

**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.



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