



Happy are those whose hearts are set on the pilgrim way. Psalm 84v5

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

What comes to mind when you think of Pilgrimage? Heavy backpacks, blisters and wet feet, or the television programme where celebrities walk historic routes whilst discussing their diverse faiths, beliefs and personal reflection, or maybe a Bible story involving a long journey.

To go on a pilgrimage is to go on a journey, and has been part of Christian mission and discipleship for centuries. It is less about distance and more about attentiveness and learning to walk with God in the midst of our ordinary everyday life. Everyone can be a pilgrim.

An armchair pilgrimage can use Bible passages, poems, prayers, maps, music, saints, art, photos or video clips of a view or places you would like to visit. These can help us to pause and pray within the rhythm of daily life as we walk with God, journeying inwardly through prayer, creativity, and reflection. Going on a pilgrimage in our imaginations rather than a physical journey enables it to be meaningful and accessible for all and doesn't have to take place in one day - maybe a few minutes every day, or on the same day each week, or a longer time frame.

Maybe place items around your home for your pilgrimage, or, if you are able get outside it could include a walk in your local area, or around a Church building/ grounds. Noticing and stopping at particular points, ordinary journeys can become prayerful ones leading us not just through the space we are exploring but helping us to feel part of something bigger and encounter God in the world around us.

You might choose to keep a journal of your reflections. At the end of your time of pilgrimages, look back over your journal, notice if there are themes or

threads that you have returned to. What do you think God might have been saying to you during this time?

I would encourage you to find a way that works for you to be a pilgrim this summer, further suggestions include:

Bradwell Pilgrimage & Gathering is taking place on 4th July with a free 2 mile walk to the ancient chapel of St Peter-on the Wall. A group from the Parish will be joining in-further details on page 8.

This summer the Church of England has published a booklet of daily reflections; Pilgrim Places, Holy Lives exploring eight places in England which were important to the spread of Christianity and the Saints that lived there. Over 28 days you can follow along in the booklet or listen on the Everyday Faith App-without the need for walking boots! Further details: <https://www.churchofengland.org/faith-life/pilgrim-places-holy-lives>.

Messy Church will be exploring pilgrimage journeys and labyrinths (a spiritual resource used by pilgrims) on 19th August 3:30-5pm in the grounds of St Andrew's Church, all ages welcome.

Praying for you as you discover the joy and peace of a pilgrimage,

Karen Dunstan, Authorised Lay Pioneer and Messy Church in Hornchurch Co-ordinator



What's on

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

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
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Readers on-line who wish to complete the sudoku puzzle on Page 4 or the crossword puzzle on Page 7 will need to print those pages; the PDF format is not interactive.

Bullseye programme Contents to the Editor 2026

August Bullseye Sunday 5th July
 September Bullseye Sunday 2nd August

Uploading

August Bullseye Wed. 29th July
 September Bullseye 26th August

The Bullseye for August will be in the churches and online by Sunday 2nd August 2026

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 July

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 5th July 5th 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 12th July 6th Sunday after Trinity

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 – Evening Prayer at St Andrew's

Sunday 19th,

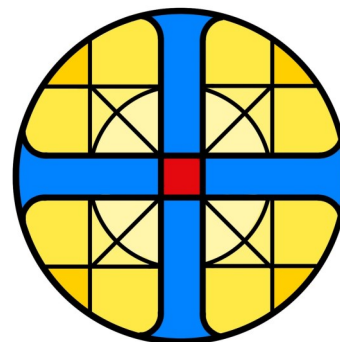
8.30am - BCP Holy Communion at St Andrew's
 10.15am - Holy Communion at St Andrew's (also livestreamed)
 10.15am - Morning Worship at St George's
 11.00am - Common Worship Holy Communion at St Matthew's
 2.45 pm - The Well at St Matthew's
 6.30pm - Reflective service at St Andrew's

Sunday 26th

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 Holy Communion at St Andrew's

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.



'Antisemitism is evil, it must be confronted wherever it appears', Bishop Lusa tells rally

The Bishop of Willesden, Lusa Nsenga-Ngoy, the Church of England's Lead Bishop for Interfaith Engagement, spoke at the recent 'Standing Strong: Extinguish Antisemitism' rally in London. In his address, he said: "Antisemitism is not an accidental prejudice drifting through history. It is a deliberately cultivated and deeply rooted system of hatred, one that has adapted itself across centuries, across ideologies, across nations and political movements. And wherever antisemitism flourishes, other forms of hatred are never far behind: racism, xenophobia, extremism, conspiracy, and they always metastasise into violence. "Antisemitism possesses a particular persistence and ubiquity that demands moral clarity. It mutates. It survives. It appears across the political spectrum and feeds on fear, grievance, and division. "And perhaps most dangerously of all, it grows when public voices choose outrage over responsibility; when influence is used not to strengthen the social fabric, but to tear it apart; when platforms capable of shaping culture become instruments for scapegoating, mockery, and suspicion. "When public figures trade in conspiracy, humiliation, and division, they do not merely inflame opinion; they corrode the moral foundations of a nation. Leadership that profits from division is not courage. It is recklessness. And rhetoric that dehumanises any community ultimately threatens every community. "History teaches us with terrifying consistency that when antisemitism rises unchecked, democracy itself begins to decay. "That is why the safety and freedom of Jewish citizens is not a Jewish issue alone. It is a democratic issue. A national issue. A human issue. "Antisemitism is not a problem for Jewish people to solve by themselves. It is a test of the moral health of the whole society. And the burden of confronting it cannot rest only on those who suffer from it. It belongs to all of us."

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14th Hornchurch Brownies



Olivia (left) was awarded her Brownie Gold award! This is the highest award you can achieve as a Brownie. Olivia ran a Wicked themed evening with a yellow brick road cat walk. She ran a raffle and with the amount being doubled by her parent has raised £60 for St Andrews Church! Well Done Olivia!

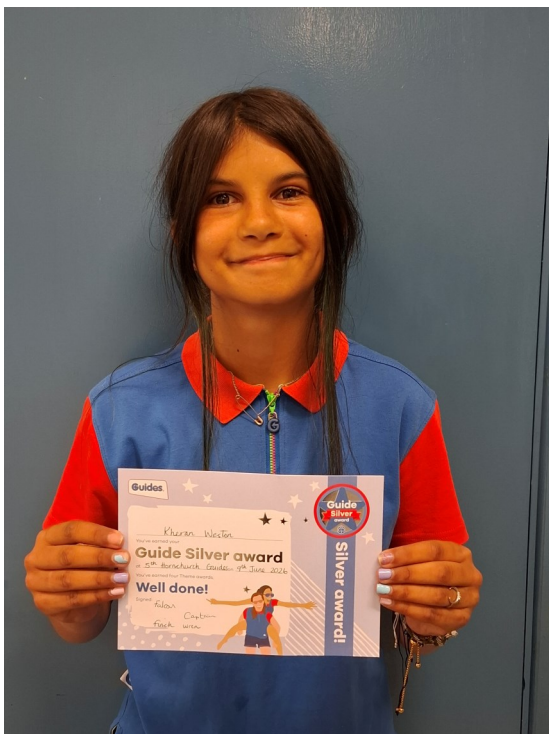
Amy Saunders

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

5th Hornchurch (St George's) Guides

Kheran (below) was really pleased to be presented with her Guide Award. She worked hard to complete the work needed.



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.

Easy Sudoku solution on Page 12

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Charity of the Month for July and August 2026
S.M.I.L.E London and Essex



This local charity provides vital support to families facing poverty, homelessness, and hardship. Each year they assist thousands of families and over 26 family hostels across London And Essex, offering practical aid and a compassionate helping

hand. The mission is simple: to break the cycle of poverty and create a community where no one is left behind.

There are many aspects to this charity;

• A clothing bank service where clothes are free to families, adults and children. All items have been donated and the referred clients are given a voucher to use in the charity shop so they can pick their own style.

•A School uniform shop - a place where children can get their current school uniform without parents having to worry about the cost. Children can then look no different from their classmates.

•Community Pantry - No one should choose between paying bills and eating. The community pantry offers families access to affordable, nutritious food in a dignified, self service setting. Local farmers and producers donate items so at certain times of the year a fresh food box can also be offered.

•Gift boxes - these are donated shoe boxes filled with small gifts, toys, wearable items, books, etc so everyone can have a gift at Christmas time.

Like all charities they are run mainly by volunteers and the services they provide do incur some costs. Therefore any donations received are very much appreciated. To donate go to their website smilelondonessex.com and click on 'Donation'. Alternatively, you can give your donation to the Parish Office (clearly marked as Charity of the Month S.M.I.L.E) and we will collate the donations and give it all to the charity at the end of the two months which it is highlighted.

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

St Andrew's Bell Ringers
Come First

This year, on Saturday 13th June, the Annual District Striking Competition for bell ringers was held at Chigwell Row church. This was a method striking competition and teams were required to ring 240 changes of their chosen method which took about 9 minutes.

During this time, the judges assessed the accuracy of the striking and teams were given 'faults' for any errors in their ringing.

St Andrew's entered a team, young and old, who rang well together and accrued a low score of just 42 faults. This was good enough to achieve first place ahead of West Ham in second place with 64 faults.

The team in the order they rang is shown in the photo below: L – R: Ellen, Michelle, Carys, Marianne, Clive and Mark with the judges behind.

The other photo is on Page 7. It shows Carys & Ellen having just received the trophy from the judges.

Well done to the St Andrew's team!

Arlene Trump

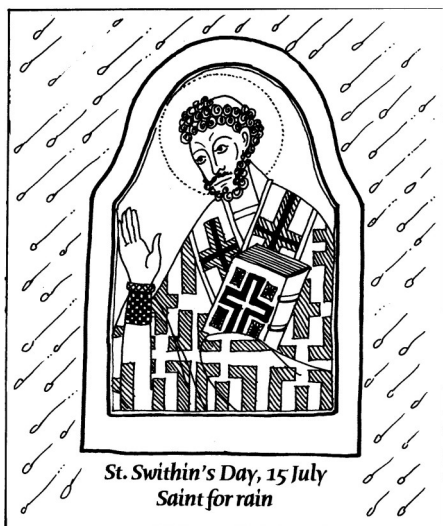
Clive Stephenson

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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

On On war between parishes . . .

From: The Rectory,
 St James the Least of All

My dear Nephew Darren

So, now you have enjoyed your first Summer Fete. Don't say I didn't warn you. It may be small consolation but remember that they only happen once a year - although in your case, you still have another 30 to endure before retirement.

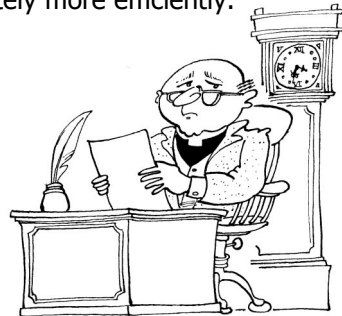
I negotiated our own last week. As usual, the band from our neighbouring parish of St Eusebius played. There has been much bad blood in the past between our two villages. The trouble started on the day that St James the Least of All never told St Eusebius that the Vikings were coming up the river. We may have long since buried the hatchet, but both sides remember where they put it.

Tension between the two communities down the centuries has moved on from occasional slaughter to something a little more refined. Just as I began my opening speech to crown the Rose Queen, the band struck up with the National Anthem. When the hog roast started, they played "smoke gets in your eyes" and when it came to the necessary music for the maypole dancing, they all disappeared into the beer tent.

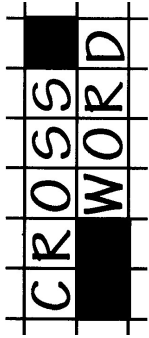
With great Christian charity, we shall bide our time. In September we have the annual football match between the two churches' Servers. Last year, in addition to winning the match, the St James' boys sent three of their side off with concussion. Naturally, I visited them in hospital.

Miss Prendergast, as always, played Gypsy Rose Lee. If the tall, dark, dear lady tells me one more time that I am about to find romance with a tall dark lady, while she flutters her eyelashes at me, I swear I shall throttle her with a bell rope. Besides, I already have a beautiful dark lady in my life - and my Labrador is devoted to me.

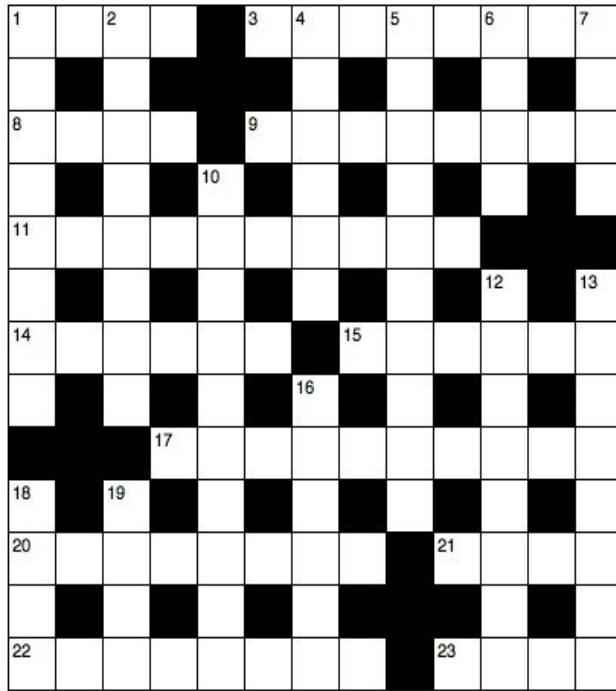
The only real hiccough came when I bought 12 packets of fudge from Mrs Mashedor to present to our choirboys. Yet again, she had misread salt for sugar in the recipe. After I presented the packets at Mattins the following day, a formal complaint was rapidly made by a parent to the police that the Rector was attempting to poison their son. But as I explained to the officer, if I had intended to poison anyone, I would have done it far more discreetly - and infinitely more efficiently.



Your loving uncle,
Eustace



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Across

- 1 Proverbs describes her as being 'of noble character' (Proverbs 31:10) (4)
- 3 'Shall we go up again — against the Benjamites, our brothers?' (Judges 20:23) (2,6)
- 8 A descendant of Shem (Genesis 10:28) (4)
- 9 'Anyone who does not carry his cross and follow me cannot be my —' (Luke 14:27) (8)
- 11 Resentment (Ephesians 4:31)(10)
- 14 In Cain (anag.) (6)
- 15 'Such knowledge is too wonderful for me, too lofty for me to—' (Psalm 139:6) (6)
- 17 Intense (1 Thessalonians 4:5)(10)
- 20 Third Order of the Roman Catholic Church(8)
- 21 'At midnight the cry rang out, "Here's the bridegroom! Come out to — him"' (Matthew 25:6) (4)
- 22 'My grace is sufficient for you, for my power is made perfect in —' (2 Corinthians 12:9) (8)
- 23 'As the — pants for streams of water, so my soul pants for you, O God' (Psalm 42:1) (4)

Down

- 1 Nickname of popular First World War chaplain, the Revd G.A. Studdert Kennedy, — Willie (8)
- 2 Occasion of religious joy (Lamentations 2:22) (5,3)
- 4 'We three kings of — are' (6)
- 5 Allegation or charge (Jude 9) (10)
- 6 Kind (1 Chronicles 12:33) (4)
- 7 'Open your — and look at the fields!' (John 4:35) (4)
- 10 Also known as the Feast of Lights (John 10:22) (10)
- 12 Area that saw the healing of two demon-possessed men and a herd of pigs stampeding to their deaths (Matthew 8:28) (8)
- 13 Forebear (James 2:21) (8)
- 16 Name given to the first two books of the Apocrypha (6)
- 18 Esau sold his birthright for this (Genesis25:34) (4)
- 19 Rear (anag.) (4)

Across: 1, Wife, 3, To battle, 8, Obal, 9, Disciple, 11, Bitterness, 14, Niacin, 15, Attain, 17, Passionate, 20, Tertiary, 21, Meet, 22, Weakness, 23, Deer.
Down: 1, Woodbine, 2, Feast day, 4, Orient, 5, Accusation, 6, Type, 7, Eyes, 10, Dedication, 12, Gadarene, 13, Ancestor, 16, Esdras, 18, Stew, 19, Area.



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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



From Page 5. It shows Carys & Ellen of our prizewinning the bell-ringing team having just received the trophy from the judges.

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

Ingrebourne Valley Visitor Centre Open daily 10am - 5pm:
 Café, Gift shop, Picnic facilities, Toilets, Site of Special Scientific Interest (SSSI)
 Essex Wildlife Trust's Ingrebourne Valley Nature Discovery Centre is a partnership project between Essex Wildlife Trust and Havering Council. Built in Hornchurch Country Park, the centre overlooks the fantastic marshland and reedbeds of the River Ingrebourne Valley. Dogs are not permitted in the Nature Discovery Centre

Visit the RAF Hornchurch Remembrance Collection

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

Ingrebourne Nature Tots Friday 3, 10 and 17 July 2026 £10.35 - child ticket (1 week) Or discuss future 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 Wilder Holiday Club 5+ Tuesday 28 July and 4 August 2026 9am to 3pm Child ticket: £46.00 Nature discovery, learning new skills, and following your interests with lots of time for free play! You can take part in everything from fire lighting to den building, natural crafts to tool use, and pond dipping to animal tracking

Ingrebourne Home Education Group. Now at Grange Farm Chigwell. Contact Grange Farm via learnrod@essexwt.org.uk

Daytime paint and sip Thursday 30 July 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.

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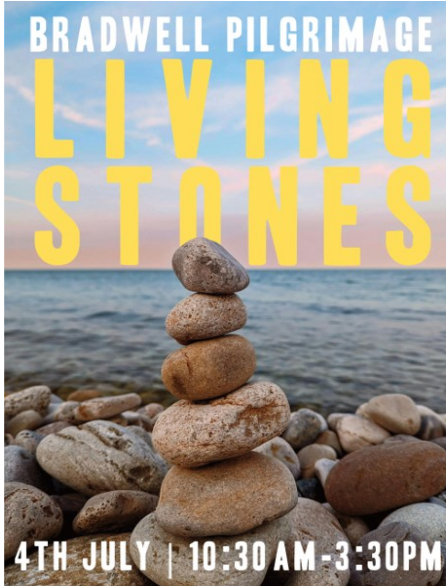
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Bradwell Pilgrimage and Gathering

This is taking place on Saturday 4th July starting at 10:30am at St Thomas' Church, Bradwell-on-Sea, the pilgrimage follows a scenic 2mile route to the ancient Chapel of St Peter-on-the-Wall, one of the oldest churches in England, founded in AD 654. Everyone is welcome to join, the event is free of charge and no booking is required. A few people from the Parish are planning to attend. Further details about the event visit their website.

Karen Dunstan



BRADWELL PILGRIMAGE LIVING STONES

4TH JULY | 10:30 AM - 3:30 PM

Join us for a day of inspiring talks & reflections, workshops, live music & worship, and stalls. New for this year, there will also be Messy Church!

Starting from St Thomas' Church, Bradwell, then walk to St Peter's Chapel.

Light refreshments available. Bring a picnic! Also new for this year, instead of rushing away at the end of the day, after the final act of worship, they'll be an opportunity for further reflection in the chapel till 4pm.

Please note toilets are available in the car park at the village hall as well as when you arrive on the field at St. Peter's Chapel.

For more details, please head to our website: bradwellpilgrimage.co.uk

Did you know that you can stay at the Othona Community? This year they have made accommodation available for pilgrims that would like to stay for the weekend of the pilgrimage. For more details head to their website here: othona.org/essex




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Bell Ringers Spring Outing to Kent

On Saturday 23rd May, the weather had turned warm and sunny as 50 bell ringers and friends left St Andrew's by coach for nearby Kent. It took about 1 hour to reach Farnborough, our first destination. Non-ringers could enjoy coffee in the quiet village or a walk in the fields behind the church. A light ring of 8 bells tested the ringers handling skills but we all coped well with Ellen and Jamie ringing a course of Grandsire Triples together. Our next stop was Shoreham, the first of 3 villages along the Darenth Valley. The roads became too narrow for the coach and a short walk to the church across a farmer's field was necessary. Coffee was gratefully received inside the church and the ground-floor ring allowed us to socialise whilst ringing the bells. Jonathan organised the ringing well and our newer ringers Kim, Val, Angela, Jane & Connor rang well, commenting that they were probably the easiest going bells of the day. Next was lunch in the pretty village of Eynsford. Tina & Bill found a seat next to the River Darenth where children splashed and played in the sunshine. Others enjoyed a picnic inside the remains of Eynsford Castle which was free to access. The photos show Angela & friends and Val & Kim with

partners inside the castle ruins. After lunch, Marianne organised some good ringing which included Erin Triples and Spliced Surprise Major. Our afternoon stop was a short drive to Chelsfield, another quiet spot with the church separate from the village. Another nice ring of 8 bells saw James and Carys ring 3 leads of Kent Major whilst Michelle completed Double Norwich for the first time. We finished with another good attempt at Spliced Surprise Major well conducted by Tony B. For our final stop we drove back into the Darenth Valley to the pretty village of Farningham where we enjoyed a pleasant ring on the 6 bells before dinner at the Lion Hotel by the side of the river. A lovely end to an enjoyable day before our short journey home with no queues at the Dartford Crossing!!



Photo 3: Val & Kim and partners in the castle ruins

Clive Stephenson



Floodlighting of St Andrew's Church, Hornchurch

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

July 13th In Loving Memory of my darling husband **Ray**, we miss you ~ **Mrs Carol Wood**;
 In Loving Memory of my Mum and Dad **Jean and Robert Vivers** ~ **Helen Vivers**;
 In Memory of **Mrs Doreen Chignell**.



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Measuring the Speed of Sound at Upminster

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>.

Nowadays, scientists specialise in minute research. But, 300 years ago, they were interested in anything and everything, designing their experiments as they went along. The Reverend William Derham, rector of Upminster from 1689 to 1735, was a friend of Sir Isaac Newton, who discovered gravity, and Dr Halley, the expert on comets. He played with clocks, barometers and magnets, and investigated strange phenomena. A Hornchurch woman gave birth to a baby that had reportedly cried while still in the womb, Derham rode across the Ingrebourne to inspect mother and child. Both were doing well, but whether the story was true he couldn't tell. Upminster's parish church was infested with destructive death-watch beetle. Derham put one in a box to study its habits. Surprise – it ate its way out!

His most celebrated project, between 1705 and 1707, was an attempt to measure the speed of sound. Two great pioneer scientists, Newton and Robert Boyle of Boyle's Law, had failed to crack the problem. From the tower of St Laurence's church, Derham could see prominent buildings, such as his friend Mr Barrett's mansion, Belhus, at Aveley, and the windmill that stood on Shepherd's Hill to the north. He persuaded his neighbours to fire guns at set times from local landmarks. For instance, on 3 February 1705, he sent his servant to Belhus with a request to have guns fired at 6 o'clock that evening, the first towards Upminster, the second up in the air, the third "fromwards" (backwards). There was no standard time in 1705, so the servant showed Mr Barrett the rector's pocket watch "by which you may see when I account it 6 at

Upminster."

Perched in his church tower, Derham used a telescope to detect the flash when the gun was fired. He was also equipped with a clock that ticked in half-seconds, operated by a lever, which he could push the moment he spotted the flash without looking at it. When the rumble of gunfire reached him, he pressed the lever again for a timing. Because sound takes only about five seconds to travel a mile, the half-second clock was vital. Unfortunately, Derham was so excited when he spotted the first gun from Aveley that he joggled the clock and lost his calculation. Mr Barrett obligingly repeated the experiment a few days later. The rector lit a bonfire to show he'd received the signal. The experiment was so important that Derham published the results in Latin, still Europe's international scientific language: North Ockendon and South Weald appear as Ockendon Borealis and Weald Australis. Results included four and a half seconds from St Andrew's at Hornchurch, eleven seconds from Shepherd's Hill windmill and 17 seconds from Rainham church. The furthest guns observed by Derham were fired by the Army at Blackheath, twelve and a half miles away. Distances were measured by triangulation. Draw a baseline 100 feet long at Upminster, and measure the angles at both ends of the lines leading to the spire of St Andrew's. Then draw a much smaller triangle with the same angles, but a twelve-inch baseline, and measure at right angles to the apex. Multiply by 100, and you have the precise distance from Upminster to Hornchurch. Since light travels at 186,000 miles a second, the 3.6 miles covered by a flash arriving from Rainham could be ignored. Combining all his results,

Derham calculated the speed of sound at 768 mph. When jet planes were developed in the 1940s, Derham's experiments acquired practical importance. Aircraft breaking the sound barrier created sonic booms, which could smash windows: calculating the exact speed of sound was not just a theoretical exercise. Physicists were impressed by Derham's work. His results were slightly amended: with normal air pressure at 15 degrees Celsius, the speed of sound is 760 mph. Derham was out by just 8 mph. Not bad for 1705!

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

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

Before we examine as to what Spiritual Discernment is, we'll need to understand what exactly discernment is? That's because there is natural discernment, that both Christians and non-Christians alike might equally have; There are only five ways the Human Mind can receive information; It's through the senses of seeing, hearing, smelling, tasting and feeling:- Completely human senses! The Man or Woman of God can receive information from The Spirit of God to any pressing need or situation arising and "The Spirit of God" is able to discern what is needed! It can be Physical, Mental or Spiritual at a recipients need, so it's to the person under obedience to God's Divine Will; True "Spiritual Discernment" only comes from a Holy God. It cannot come from the fallen human nature but can only come from those committed, Spiritually-Filled Christians! The Holy Spirit of God works through humans beings and we know this as children when we learn right from wrong. This is in perceiving and judging decisions; Heb 5 v 13+14. As we grow in our Christian walk, the Holy Spirit sorts out our minds and consciences by discarding wrong thoughts and replacing them with right thoughts of righteousness! God working in and through the Holy Spirit our minds and consciences become more in tune and agreement to God! In fact, over time we consciously want to do what is right and pleasing to God in all our decision-making processes; The Holy Spirit performs a more conscious and active role. You can often hear this in "The Preacher's Sermon" when we are challenged by something said for our examination; Remember "The Spirit of God is able to discern all things!" St Paul says, "I have lived in all consciousness until this day" Acts 23 v 1 and also "I do my utmost always to have a clear conscience before God and toward men" Acts 24 v 16; and we should all Pray that our minds and consciences will also be renewed by The Power of the Holy Spirit that's in us too.

Upminster Windmill & Gardens & Classic Vehicle Display
Sunday 26th July 2026
11.00 - 16.00

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 For visitor safety, suitable fully enclosed, flat soled footwear must be worn - no flip flops, crocs, open toed or high heeled shoes.
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Escape Men's Group

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Mark Lendon

Time Prayer

Father,
 We are all so busy. We rush here and there, trying to meet deadlines, trying to fit more and more into our already full days. So often we seem to run out of energy and time. Sometimes we wonder what it's all about.
 Help us, Lord to recognise that we have time. You have given us every day of our lives. Help us to choose wisely how we use our life time. Help us to spend time with You first; to learn Your ways; to encounter the living Jesus in the Bible and in prayer. And everything else will fall into place.
 In Jesus' name, Amen.

Daphne Kitching

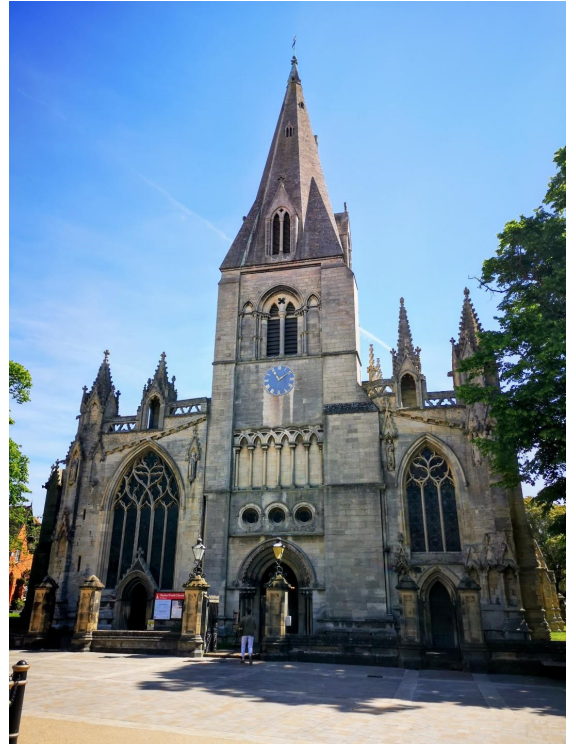
Half Term / Pentecost Visit



During the recent Half term break which coincided with Pentecost Sunday, we visited our daughter who lives in Lincolnshire. On Pentecost Sunday, along with our daughter and Graham's sister we visited St Denys Church in Sleaford. Such a beautiful church, see photos. The people were so welcoming, we asked a lady if they had gluten free wafers, she said they might not have any since Covid. She returned to us a few minutes later and was so pleased that she had found a box of the wafers. Graham spoke to an associate minister, before the service, who asked where we were from, and he was told we were from Hornchurch, Essex. The service was a sung communion service.

On the way out, the Vicar greeted us with you must be the people from Hornchurch. He asked which church we go to, and who was the vicar. Graham told him we were from St Andrew's and Ken Wylie is our vicar and the Rural Dean. The Rev. Philip Johnson said he was also a Rural Dean. Next time we visit our daughter, we will return to St Denys.

Janet & Graham Martin



The boys on the substitutes' bench knew their only chance of a sing was if one of the first team was injured

Morocco

Good news! Thirty years ago, when I was there, corruption and ignorance stifled enterprise. Then, there was one assembly for one little Fiat. Now, a complete chain from design to sales for a home-grown vehicle industry, and other industries as well. Then, people would do anything to get out of Morocco. Now, there are reasons to stay. Forty years ago, the king invited the Pope, no less, to talk to his friends, 70,000 of them. The king read the gospels. Luke, he read, over and over. The king sent his son to study in France. When that son wanted to marry, he insisted on a ceremony with lifelong vows of commitment, such as we have in church. This is a revolution from the top, by the grace of God. Praise Him!

Revd Peter Evans

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Sudoku solution from P4

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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.
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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 Early Summer 2026

Baptisms

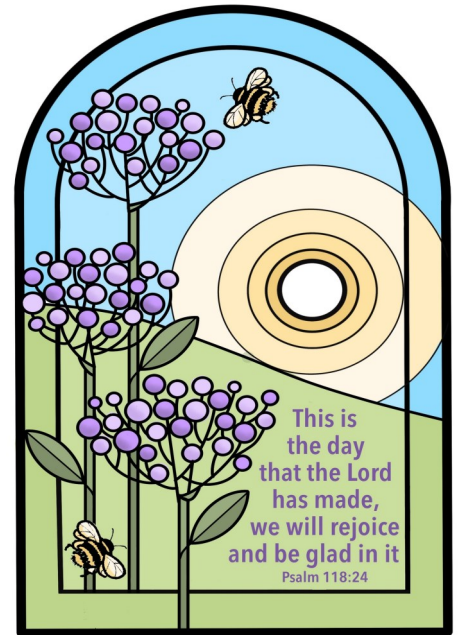
June 14th Alice Joanne Galvin
 Dexter William Galvin
 Ruby Donna Jasmine Briggs

Marriages

None

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

April 23th Terence Edward May 88
24th Louise Mary Dodd Federer 60
25th Kenneth Brown 85



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