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The Well — A Place of Invitation, Rest, and Living Water

Jesus' invitation has always been simple and life-changing: "Come, follow me." (*Matthew 4:19*)

"Come... and you will see." (*John 1:39*)

At *The Well*, we hold onto that invitation. We remember Jesus Himself, weary from His journey, resting at Jacob's well in Samaria. There He met a Samaritan woman, offering her Living Water, a hidden spring of life-giving Spirit. Her life was transformed, and she ran to tell others, "Come and see!" (*John 4:29*)

People often ask, "*What is The Well?*" It is a community where gifts are encouraged, where everyone is valued, and where we continue to grow and learn together. A place where God's love is learned, shared, and celebrated.

The Well meets at St. Matthew's church on the third Sunday of each month (except the month of August) at 2.45pm. The Well is an accessible church service for all abilities.

 *What Happens at The Well?*

We begin with a cup of tea/coffee and cake, sharing friendship and welcome. Colouring and wordsearches are also available to complete during this time.

Our service then opens with prayer,

followed by songs of worship.

There is freedom here — freedom to express worship with percussion instruments, coloured scarves to wave, movement if desired, as well as space to have some quiet stillness.

One of our core group leads us in The Lord's Prayer, and then we explore the Bible reading in various creative ways such as a drama, visual and sensory aids, craft and even quizzes.

There is fun, laughter, and smiles all around.

 *Pebble Prayers — A Quiet Moment with God*

During our service, we pause for a time of reflection. Soft music plays as we place pebbles into a large bowl of water — each pebble representing a prayer, a concern, or a thank-you to God.

The Well is a hidden treasure, a place where God's love shines brightly and where people are free to make choices, grow, and belong.

All for God's glory.

Amen.

The Well Team



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
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. Escape (1st & 3rd) St Andrew's small hall
Tues.	~ ~	~ ~
Wed.	9.30-11.00 am 10.00 -12 noon	0-2 Playgroup St Andrew's large hall. Toys, songs and craft, refreshments. All enquiries to Parish Office 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
 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 2026

October Bullseye Sunday 6th September
 November Bullseye Sunday 4th October

Uploading

October Bullseye Wed. 23th September
 November Bullseye 28th October

The Bullseye for October will be in the churches and online by Sunday 27th September 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.

Services for September

The pattern of Sunday morning services is set out on page 18 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 6th September 14th Sunday after Trinity

8.30am Holy Communion at St Andrew's

10.15am Holy Communion at St Andrew's (also livestreamed)

6.30 Evening Prayer at St Andrew's

Sunday 13th September 15th 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 - Healing Prayer

Sunday 20th,

8.30am - BCP Holy Communion at St Andrew's

10.15am - Holy Communion at St Andrew's (also livestreamed)

10.15am - Morning Worship and Harvest festival at St George's

11.00am - Common Worship Holy Communion and Harvest Festival at St Matthew's

2.45 pm - The Well at St Matthew's

6.30pm - Reflective Service at St Andrew's

Sunday 27rd

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

10.15am - Parade service and Harvest festival at St Andrew's (also livestreamed)

10.15am - Holy Communion at St George's

6.30pm - Holy Communion at St Andrew's

21st September is the day on which the Church remembers St Matthew...

Matthew and Me (Matthew 9:9-13)

Here I am,
As I am,
As I have been,
Known.

And You see and You call,
Understanding all the tangles
And the turmoil,
Up to speed with all the details,

Fred Towler

Members of this parish will remember Fred and Margaret Towler who worshipped here for some years until they retired to be near their family in Billericay.

Fred served as Church Warden and was also active in the Passion Play.

Fred died recently and his family wish you to know that his funeral will take place at 12pm on the 8th of September at St Andrew's Church in Wickford and then afterwards at The Duke of York, Billericay.

Still, You call me
To wholeness.

Lifted by Your word
I will obey,
I will follow You
Along the Kingdom path
To another rising.

Daphne Kitching

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.

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/>

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Guide, Brownie and Rainbow News

5th Hornchurch (St George's) Guides

The Guides all made their Promises

Below:

Bo, Sakura, Sophie, Skye, Eden, Darcie, Lucy



Above: Holly was delighted to complete her Guide Bronze Award
Left: Florence gained her Guide Bronze Award and Pippa gained her Guide Silver Award
They had all worked really hard

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



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 years. Please contact Mao@8thhornchurch.org.uk

Sue: Beaver Leader, 8th Hornchurch.

Charity of the Month for September and October 2026

In 1958, Ron and Stella Heath were put in touch with some visually impaired young people at a training centre in Surrey near where they lived. They looked for braille material to help these people grow in faith. They found Ada Trench who lived in Cumbria and produced a Christian braille magazine called 'Torch'. They purchased some of the magazines and in time Ada asked them to take over the editing. Stella and Ron came to realise that the 'Torch' magazine was a vital resource for Christians locally and internationally.



In 2011 the language of braille which was varied and adding to the problems of resources and sharing them, was modified to UEB for all English-speaking countries. This makes creating resources much easier and gives them a wider range of users. In 2024 it is noted that although there have been improvements in the resources available there is still no NIV Bible available in the new version. The plan is to transcribe the NIV Bible but investment is needed in transcribing the text and in production of the braille. A full Bible consists of 40 volumes of braille.

The United Bible Society has agreed to donate towards the cost of transcribing the text, which is a wonderful step forward in this project. If you think you can help towards these costs and so make God's word available easily to visually impaired people then please donate via their website <https://torchtrust.org/support-us/donate/> or write a cheque payable to 'Hornchurch PCC' and write 'COM Torch Trust' on the back, and deliver to St Andrew's Church, where it will be collated and a donation given to the charity at the end of the month.

Arlene Trump

Welcome Emeka Enweani and family

Hello everyone. My name is Emeka Enweani and I give thanks to God that I am able to be a curate within this parish. I grew up in Southeast Nigeria in a Christian home with my parents and 8 siblings. My upbringing laid the foundation for my journey into ministry.

I am very grateful to God for His faithfulness as well as the love and encouragement of my wife Adaeze and my lovely 3 children- Chidimma, Kene, and Zara. Alongside working with both adults and children as an NHS mental health nurse, I am extremely passionate about helping people experience Christ- especially as we may be the only Bible a person may encounter.

In my quieter time, I can be found tending to the plants in my garden, keeping up with current affairs, or in meditation. I also enjoy playing lawn tennis and watching football. My prayer for my time here at St Andrew's, St Georges, St Matthews, and Holy Cross is that I will serve Christ faithfully, humbly, and to the benefit of the people of this parish and beyond.

Emeka Enweani

Emeka will be ordained Deacon this month; please pray for him and his family and the other candidates.

Bell Ringers Autumn Coach Outing to Oxford

Saturday 5th September 2026

Coach leaves St Andrew's at 7.50am
returning by 9.00pm

We will spend the day in Oxford on foot, ringing at the following colleges:

10:00 - 11:00 Magdalen College (10)
11:15 - 12:00 Lincoln College (8)
LUNCH (Own Arrangements)
14:00 - 14:45 St Giles (8)
15:15 - 16:15 New College (10)
16:30 - 17:30 Christ Church Cathedral (12)
17:45 - 18:45 DINNER: The Plough Inn

Cost of £40 includes coach and evening dinner

Please contact
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for more details.

Non-Ringers are especially welcome to come
and spend the day with us in Oxford.
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St James the Least of All

Happily, the Church of England still retains some singular parish clergy. Take the parish of St James the Least of All in the county of C- for example. Here the elderly Anglo-Catholic vicar, Eustace, continues his correspondence to Darren, his nephew, a low-church curate recently ordained... by the Revd Dr Gary Bowness

If you would like a copy of our published booklet of Uncle Eustace's letters, please email us at: enquiries@parishpump.co.uk

On what clergy should wear on their feet . . .

From: The Rectory,
 St James the Least of All

My dear Nephew Darren

Thank you for sending me the photograph of you having your face painted at your parish's 'Fun Day'—although I can't help feeling that to label an event 'fun' is the most effective way of draining it of all amusement whatsoever. Why on earth can't parishes continue with the traditional title of 'Crowning of the Rose Queen and Fete', equally traditionally grimly enjoyed to the accompaniment of thunder and torrential rain.

However, the one thing that caused me the greatest concern in your photo was the fact that you were wearing sandals. Sandals are *only* to be worn by Franciscan monks (without socks) and holidaymakers on Blackpool promenade (regrettably, generally with socks). I know that you will argue that Jesus wore sandals. This was mainly because reliable pairs of brogues had yet to be invented, but also because He lived in a hot, dry country. We live in a cold, wet one.

The only appropriate colour for footwear for a parish priest is black, and the only appropriate material is leather—although I will concede that can create difficulties. Wet leather shoes and polished marble sanctuary floors are a potentially lethal combination.

I well remember as a curate when old Canon Griffith entered the Sanctuary, having just got drenched coming from the Rectory. His feet moved across the marble floor some miles per hour faster than the rest of his body. Had he landed face down, the congregation may have assumed he was reverently prostrating himself before the altar. But lying in a supine position, staring in a dazed state at the rafters, only conveyed inappropriate indolence, when he should be at work.

However, do not take the alternative of wearing crepe soles. I suspect your present church will be fully carpeted—it seems to go with your sort of theology—and there will be no problem. But crepe soles and any sort of polished stone floor are a truly disastrous mixture. The slightest movement will make it sound as if you are being followed by a swarm of demented frogs.



Your loving uncle,
Eustace

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Flag Days for 2026

(Union Jack unless otherwise stated)

Tue Sep 8th: Accession of HM The King

Tue Sep 15th - Sun Sep 20th: Battle of Britain Day
 through to Battle of Britain Sunday

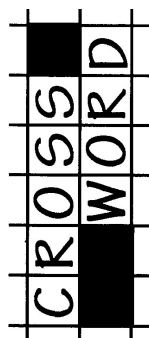
Sun Nov 8th - Wed Nov 11th: Remembrance Sunday
 through to Armistice Day

Sat Nov 14th: Birthday of HM The King

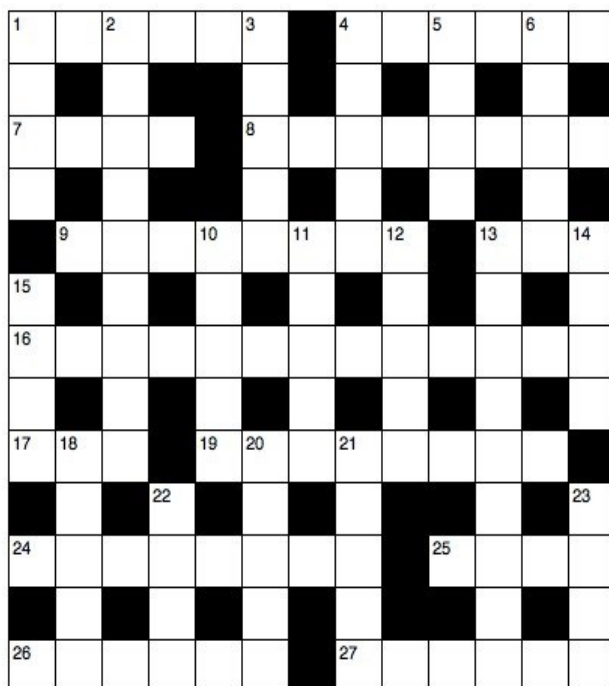
Mon Nov 30th: St Andrew's Day (St Andrew's flag)

Fri Dec 25th: Christmas Day





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Across

- 1 'Unless the Lord builds the house, its builders — in vain' (Psalm 127:1) (6)
- 4 Season of the year (Psalm 84:6) (6)
- 7 'My soul is overwhelmed with sorrow to the point of death. — here and keep watch with me' (Matthew 26:38) (4)
- 8 It came over the whole land from the sixth to the ninth hour on the first Good Friday (Luke 23:44) (8)
- 9 Paul invariably did this in the synagogues he visited on his missionary journeys (Acts 17:2) (8)
- 13 'It is God who works in you to will and to — according to his good purpose' (Philippians 2:13) (3)
- 16 Members of the Church of Scotland (13)
- 17 'Now when he saw the crowds, he went up on a mountain side and — down' (Matthew 5:1) (3)
- 19 Mock (Luke 14:29)(8)
- 24 Disgrace (Psalm 44:13)(8)
- 25 First month of the Hebrew calendar (Exodus 13:4)(4)
- 26 Christianity of the Britons before Augustine arrived from Rome (6)
- 27 Mean (Numbers 35:23)(6)

Down

- 1 'Whoever finds his life will — it' (Matthew 10:39) (4)
- 2 'My lord the king, let the — — on me and on my father's family, and let the king and his throne be without guilt' (2 Samuel 14:9) (5,4)
- 3 O raid (anag.) (5)
- 4 'If two of you on earth — about anything you ask for, it will be done for you by my Father in heaven' (Matthew 18:19) (5)
- 5 Take care of (1 Samuel 17:15) (4)
- 6 What the older son heard as he came near the house the day his prodigal brother came home (Luke 15:25) (5)
- 10 'Do not think of yourself more highly than you ought, but rather think of yourself with — judgment' (Romans 12:3) (5)
- 11 Do ten (anag.) (5)
- 12 Architectural style first used in Greek temples in the sixth century BC (5)
- 13 Capable of being used (1 Kings 7:36) (9)
- 14 'Each one should — his own actions' (Galatians 6:4) (4)
- 15 Among the items imported by Solomon's fleet of trading ships (1 Kings 10:22) (4)
- 18 'But I am afraid that just — was deceived by the serpent's cunning, your minds may somehow be led astray' (2 Corinthians 11:3) (2,3)
- 20 Outstanding 18th-century hymn writer, — Watts (5)
- 21 One of the four sons of Asher (Genesis 46:17) (5)
- 22 Be distressed (Proverbs 24:19) (4)
- 23 He was the father of Gaal, who threatened rebellion against Abimelech (Judges 9:28) (4)

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Down: 1, Lose, 2, Blame rest, 3, Radio, 4, Agree, 5, Tend, 6, Music, 10, Sober, 11, Noted, 12, Doric, 13, Available, 14, Test, 15, Apes, 18, As Eve, 20, Isaac, 21, Ishvi, 22, Fret, 23, Ebed.

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



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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.

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

Ingrebourne Nature Tots Tuesdays **Dates:** 15, 22, 29 September, 6, 13, 20 October 10am to 12pm 6-week ticket or a 1-week ticket. £48 or £9.50 Sibling Discount £43.20 Advanced booking essential 10am-12pm

Ingrebourne Nature Tots Wednesdays **Dates:** 16, 23, 30 September 7, 14, 21 October 9:30am - 11:30am 6-week ticket or a 1-week ticket. £48 or £9.50 Sibling Discount £43.20 Advanced booking essential

Ingrebourne Home Education Group. Wednesdays

In relaxed outdoor settings, we run a number of home education groups where children can be themselves and work together to develop social skills and to foster a deep understanding of wildlife and a love of the natural world. Activities may include den building, woodland crafts, using tools, and fire lighting.

Dates: 16, 23, 30 September, 7, 14, 21 October 12:00pm - 2:00pm 6-week ticket or a 1-week ticket. £48 or £9.50 Sibling Discount £43.20 Advanced booking essential

Eugy craft event Saturday 19 September 2026 12:00pm - 1:00pm A self-led wildlife-themed crafting adventure where you'll bring your favourite EUGY animal to life. All materials included. Suitable for adults, families or children aged 6+. All children must be accompanied by an adult. Tickets are priced at £12.99 per Eugy craft. Spectators are free. Advance online booking is essential.



Contact telephone number: 01708 520364

Contact e-mail:

ingrebourne@essexwt.org.uk

Easy Sudoku solution on Page 12

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Autumn

Yellow the bracken,
Golden the sheaves,
Rosy the apples,
Crimson the leaves;
Mist on the hillside,
Clouds grey and white.
Autumn, good morning!
Summer, good night!

Florence Hoatson



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Well Done Essex Young Ringers!

The 2026 Ringing World National Youth Contest took place in Nottingham. The Essex Young Eagles entered 3 teams in the competition. They were placed joint 4th in the Basic Call Change Competition, joint 5th in the Call Change Competition, and FIRST in the 6-Bell Method Ringing Competition out of sixteen teams! Well done Essex Eagles.

Moreover, 3 young ringers from Hornchurch were involved in 2 of the teams: Ellen Hayward conducted the Basic Call Change team that came 4th. Carys Hayward conducted the Call

Change team that came 5th and Jamie Slack was also part of this team.

The photographs show the Hornchurch ringers who took part.

Left: Carys and Jamie with the Call Change Team

Right: Ellen with the Basic Call Change Team



Clive Stephenson



North Porch Gates

We have funds for the new gates and now need a design. We could be boring and have something standard, but we have the opportunity to create a public work of art so we're going to be more adventurous and all have the opportunity to contribute ideas.

What motif would you like to see incorporated in the design? What represents Hornchurch parish to you? Let us know by leaving a note, or a sketch, in the Parish Secretary's pigeonhole, or by e-mailing poh.secretary@gmail.com, by Sunday 18 October.

The design will have to be approved by various bodies so there's no guarantee that every suggestion will appear but we will do our best to include as much as possible.

Pat Clark
PCC Secretary

An invitation to a MacMillan Coffee Morning

hosted by "The Bridge"

On Wednesday September 23rd

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

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



Floodlighting of St Andrew's Church, Hornchurch

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

Thinking of my beloved husband **Peter Raymond**, especially on his birthday
8th September ~ **Anne Degiorgio**;
16th September ~ In Loving Memory of **Kevin Barnard** who is always in our hearts, with much love from his family.

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



Girlguiding Anglia International Community Expedition to Canada

I thought I'd give a quick update following my craft fair fundraiser held in North Street Hall in May last year. I made it to Canada safe and sound on the 22nd July as a group of 14 other members of GirlGuiding at Toronto Airport. We spent 9 days zipping around the area, including a day trip to Niagara Falls, watching a Blue Jays baseball game, plenty of local tours and museums and some shopping. We also spent time with a local Indigenous community centre and heard all about the longstanding traditions and stories stretching generations. It was very intriguing to see how tight-knit the group were and how they incorporate their four sacred medicines into daily life, which included a ceremony of burning sage and sweetgrass. It was a fantastic opportunity to have such a jam-packed trip and a wonderful experience to make many friends, both local and overseas.

Fundraising is a huge part of international trips in Guiding as it encourages us to be more proactive in our local communities and to make the trip feel much more deserved. I want to give a great big thank you to all members of Little Fishes and the Parish management who helped to organise the logistics of the craft fair, as well as all the stallholders and generous attendees who contributed to the grand total of about £700 made that day, of which we were all very proud of.

Thank you!

Lucy

xx



**ST ANDREW'S CHURCH
CHRISTMAS MARKET**



**Saturday 21st November 2026
10am—2pm
North Street Hall**

**Stalls including Cakes, Toys, Books, Raffle,
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Refreshments**

St Andrew's Christmas Market

If you have any items that you would like to donate for the Christmas Market, please contact Graham Martin on 07922 138172, and he will pick up your items.

Thank you very much for supporting the Christmas Market.

God Bless

Graham & Janet Martin



House Blessing

Have you ever blessed your house? If not, here is a prayer to help you on your way!

God bless the house from ground to stay,
From beam to wall and all the way,
From head to post, from ridge to clay,
From balk to roof-tree let it lay,
From found to top and every day
God bless both fore and aft, I pray,
Nor from the house God's blessing stray,
From top to toe the blessing go.

From Poems of the Western Highlanders

The Holy Spirit and You

Surrendering in Faith is 'The Key to Success' in God's thoughts; It's a prerequisite that, with Faith, we can possibly please God. God is moved by our Faith as that gets His complete attention! Faith is always a battle between anticipation and possibilities; In laymen's terms it's the price of hoping and trusting in God! When you look at St Andrew's and its rising Pillars and all the individual Blocks that sit on each other to make up each Pillar; How those stonemason's must have had tremendous Faith, as they followed the Architects Plans to create such a magnificent Church, Stained Glass Windows, Clock Tower and Bell Chamber. All things are possible with God, and Jesus. Only believe, "all things are possible" Luke 8 v 50, this also a complete sentence! This battle of Faith is also a Spiritual Battle as the Enemy always tries to thwart God's plans and often uses well-meaning people. When we have Faith, we can move mountains and that's a fact; When we wake up we should ask God to have mercy on us and be with us in all we do and dedicate each and every day to God. After a while we begin to surrender each action and situation to God in Supplication and Prayer, as most Doctors and Nurses do! It was common practice in NHS Hospitals from 1948 up to today. Jesus did everything by Faith and we should follow His example; Faith is being transformed by renewing of the mind, Rom 12 v 2. I believe God is challenging us all to live by Faith more and more, as we see so many problems all over the world and wildfires too. "Not even a Sparrow falls to the ground without God's knowing" If we follow the 1st and 2nd Commandments things fall in place; Jesus actually says, The whole of The Law is governed by these! Jesus says, I am the way, the truth and the life! John 14 v 6, then John 8 v 32 says, when you know the truth the truth sets us free. As we surrender each day to God, He can use us in active service. What a challenge, so we can be better witnesses for Jesus Christ. Psalm 139 explains how God thinks of each of us in His creation! God is the author of perfection, and Jesus Christ was perfection!

BELL RINGING RECRUITMENT EVENT AT ST ANDREW'S

**Sunday 20th September:
11.30am – 2.00pm**

Get A Behind-The-Scenes Look At Bell Ringing In Hornchurch

Live Demonstrations: Meet our band and watch how a massive set of church bells is controlled.

Step Inside History: Explore a traditional ringing chamber, view historic peal boards, and discover the fascinating stories and centuries of history behind our church's bells.

Meet the Band: Chat with everyday people from your community who share a passion for this extraordinary, living art form. You don't need to be musical, mathematically minded, or physically strong to learn. Bell ringing relies entirely on technique, timing and rhythm. Our special recruitment event in collaboration with Heritage Open Days is the perfect, pressure-free opportunity to step inside the ringing chamber, ask questions and find out how we pass this historic skill from generation to generation.

CONTACT: Clive Stephenson 07896 342010 for more information or just turn up.

Clive Stephenson

Mark London

The Bridge

On Wednesday the 5th August 37 members and friends of the Bridge took a bus to Top Meadow to enjoy an Afternoon Tea. We were supplied with boxes to take home any cakes etc that we were not able to eat there.

Prayer for September 2026

Dear Lord, September – the month of new starts!

New terms, new groups, new friends, new hopes, every year.

Lord, be with us!

Lord, thank You for the new start You offer us when we put our trust in Jesus. A new start that we make once – and then can renew every day.

Every time we falter, You pick us up. Every time we come back to You, You forgive us and accept us.

Thank You, Lord, for never letting us down, for never leaving or forsaking us, that new starts with You are always possible, not just in September.

In Jesus' Name,
Amen.

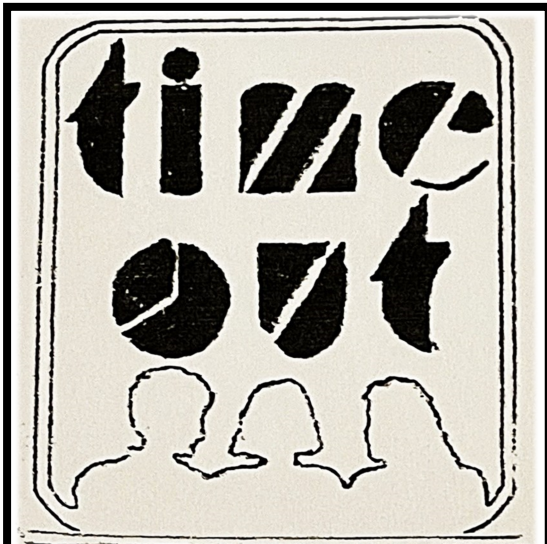
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Daphne Kitching



We are a Ladies' social group for all ages and meet every 2nd and 4th Monday (afternoons and evenings) for speakers, craft, plays, plant and book swaps, chat and outings to local theatre and cinema. Our new programme starts with a Meet and Greet 14th Sept, so if you are interested, please get in touch. We'd love to meet and welcome you.
Tel: **Val 07527325996** for details.

Time Out meetings for September

14th Sept ~ Meet and Greet at North Street Hall at 7pm, new members very welcome. Refreshments available, a light-hearted 'get to know you' evening with a raffle.

28th Sept ~ 'Stepping Out' ~ An official London Guide will talk to us about his work. 2.30pm St Andrews Church Hall.

Contact **Val Cooper** 07527325996 for more information.

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Sudoku solution from P8

First Quarter Peal for Beatrice

Beatrice Stuopyte joined St Andrew's bell ringers in September 2024. Since then she has shown the regular support and commitment needed to develop her bell ringing skills to the standard required for a quarter peal. So, on 29th July 2026, less than 2 years after starting, Beatrice successfully completed her first quarter peal; ringing the treble to Plain Bob Doubles.

Full details are as follows:

Hornchurch, Essex St Andrew Wednesday, 29 July 2026

1260 Plain Bob Doubles

1 Beatrice Stuopyte

2 James P Riley

3 Michelle A Stephenson

4 Carys E Hayward

5 Clive J Stephenson (C)

6 Mark E Lendon

First Quarter Peal - 1.

Congratulations to Beatrice for this big Achievement!

The photo shows the team of 6 bell ringers who took part, in the order they rung.

Clive Stephenson



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Contact the librarians on 01708 434903 or

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Little Fishes Craft and Gift Fair

our 22nd event

Saturday 17th October

11am to 3pm at the North Street Hall Hornchurch

A variety of stalls selling Crafts and Gifts

Refreshments and light lunches

Admission free

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THE BRIDGE



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Tea, coffee and cake is available for a
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Please contact St Andrew's Parish Office
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What If ?

Any of us can inadvertently become victims of crime and this could result in having to go to court to give evidence in a trial. That can be a daunting experience for anyone. However, if the worst should happen, then help is at hand.

Apart from my church-based activities, for over 25 years my other ministry has been centered on the criminal justice system and I currently volunteer at Romford Magistrates' court as part of the Witness Service run by Victim Support – an independent charity that helps anyone affected by crime.

This should not be confused with "witness protection" – something that the police are responsible for and deals with threatened witnesses and their families both before, during and after a trial. The police are also responsible for the "witness care unit", which is run in joint partnership with the Crown Prosecution Service. Their task is to be the main point of contact and keep witnesses up to date with when and where to attend court and advise them of the outcome after the case is finished.

So, who are we and what do we do? At Romford Magistrates' court we have a paid team leader and 7 volunteers. We vary in age and employment backgrounds and we work (usually in pairs) one day of the week (but will often cover for leave or sickness etc).

We explain that we know nothing about the case (apart from what the person is charged with) and cannot discuss the evidence. However, we will explain the trial process and court protocol. In a nutshell, our task is to support witnesses through the process of coming to court; giving them information, practical help and emotional support so that they are better informed about what is involved. The aim is to enable them to feel more comfortable and so give their best evidence. That is really what it is all about. Magistrates need to hear a clear, concise account of what happened to a witness, or what they observed. If people are worried and tensed up, then it is harder to do this. Of course, we can't take away all the stress, but we can help to relieve at least some of it.

We explain that we are in a safe area away from the rest of the court. We offer them free tea or

coffee and try to chat to them about a whole range of topics – partly to help pass the time, but also to help them relax – not always easy, especially when dealing with vulnerable witnesses or victims of violence, especially domestic abuse. We also liaise with the court at regular intervals to provide an update as to when the case is likely to start, as some witnesses can occasionally end up spending all day waiting.

We receive extensive training before we start and have to get to grips with current topics, such as safeguarding & GDPR – the new legislation on data protection. This training is on-going as we gain more experience - such as how to deal with particularly vulnerable witnesses, such as young children & adults with learning difficulties etc. Between us, we probably see almost 700 witnesses in a year. In the main, most of them are just ordinary members of the public who have been caught up in some form of criminal activity. They come from all walks of life, nationalities & religions. You never know who is going to walk in the door, which makes the work so interesting.

So, in conclusion, are we doing a good job? We ask every witness we deal with to take part in an anonymous questionnaire about the service we provide (stressing that this does not include any other organisation they have been involved with) and the vast majority say they were satisfied or very satisfied. Many said that they felt less worried and better able to give evidence because of the support they've received. Of course we are always pleased when people thank us for the support, or even tell us, "I couldn't have done it without you!" Sometimes we get a hug from a grateful witness and I was recently involved in a group hug with 2 middle-aged people in tears because the person who had been causing them so much grief had been found guilty when they had been convinced that he would get away with it. And that is what makes the job worth while!

Pat Bromhall

Thirty killed as 100 gunmen attack village in Plateau State, Nigeria

At least 30 people were killed when around 100 gunmen descended on a village in Nigeria's Christian-majority Plateau State on Sunday 16 August.

Suspected Fulani Islamist militants attacked Jwak Maitumbi in Mango Local Government Area at around 7.30am, just as people were preparing for morning church services. Community youth worker Lonji Zuhumnan said several villagers were gunned down as they ran for safety.

"At the end of the carnage we counted over 30 bodies," he added. "Several others were injured."

Zuhumnan said the assault raged for several hours. "Apart from the people they slaughtered, the terrorists also burned down over 50 houses, shops, health centres, churches and food barns.

"They also entered our farms and destroyed crops planted."

As the attack raged, residents made several calls for help to security services, but soldiers arrived only after the attackers had left, Zuhumnan told reporters.

Plateau State is one of the areas in Nigeria's Middle Belt worst affected by Islamist terrorist violence, which has claimed the lives of tens of thousands of Christians in recent years.

Figures from the Observatory for Religious Freedom in Africa (ORFA) indicate that 18,915 Christians were killed by Islamists between October 2019 and September 2025. The biggest perpetrators of anti-Christian violence are the Fulani militia, it states.

How you can pray

Ask the Lord to comfort the bereaved and heal the injured. Pray that their needs will be met. Pray that the men of violence will turn from hatred and seek the Lord's peace.

From www.barnabasaid.org/gb/news

Church to mark modern day martyrs in annual commemoration

The Church of England will have an annual commemoration for a group of Christians murdered by Daesh terrorists as a vivid reminder of the persecution of the worldwide Christian Church.

General Synod has approved plans to introduce an annual commemoration for the '21 Martyrs of Libya' - a group of Christian men martyred in 2015 – into the Church's liturgical calendar.

Modern day Christian Martyrs, the 20 Coptic Christians and one Ghanaian were killed after they refused to renounce their faith. They had been targeted specifically for their Christian identity, and they died with the words 'O my Lord Jesus' on their lips.

They have also been

Continued on P17

HMS President ~ The Last of the Q Ships

Over 60 years ago my dad would take me walking round London and I would absorb history without realizing I was learning. One good walk was along Victoria Embankment, Cleopatra's Needle, the OXO tower opposite and the four ships moored in a row; RRS Discovery, HMS Wellington (the white ship) HMS President and HMS Chrysanthemum. Top right, view of the River in 1956 HMS Wellington, a veteran of the Battle of the Atlantic is still there, run by the Wellington Trust and available for educational tours, corporate events, weddings and such like. Royal Research Ship Discovery, the vessel on which Captain Scott and Ernest Shackleton travelled to Antarctica, is restored and well kept in Dundee, the city where she was built. HMS President was built in 1918 in Renfrew and originally named HMS Saxifrage. She and HMS Chrysanthemum were two of the Flower Class of ships built during WWI for the purpose of destroying German Submarines. They were all different, intended to fool the submarines into thinking they were Merchant ships, hence their designation as Q or mystery ship. They were the forerunners of the Q class Destroyers of WWII. HMS Saxifrage was renamed HMS President in 1922 when she was deployed to the Thames as a Royal Naval Reserve Drill ship. The HMS Chrysanthemum of 1917 joined her for a similar purpose in 1938. During WWII they were a base for gunnery training and had a role in the defence of the City of London. In 1988 after 70 years of service with the Royal Navy both ships were sold to the Inter-Action Social Enterprise Trust. Chrysanthemum found herself in Tilbury Docks filming a sequence for Indiana Jones, then she was laid up on the River Medway where she deteriorated so badly that she was scrapped in 1995. HMS President fared better for some years as Inter Action did some interesting and worthwhile projects. Then she was sold again and became a floating bar. In 2014 with the commemorations of the centenary of WWI she was painted with a modern artists interpretation of the Dazzle ship black and white camouflage that she would have been disguised by 100 years earlier. Centre right. The pink is a bit fanciful but it was an art project albeit with a serious motive. In 2016 she had to be moved due to the construction of the Thames Tideway tunnel at Temple.



She went to Chatham. But again in Medway water her hull has deteriorated and she is threatened with scrapping. Only 2 other ships remain in Britain from the WWI Navy. HMS Caroline is a floating museum in Belfast and HMS M33 is preserved at the Portsmouth Historic Dockyard. There is correspondence between the Q Ship Society and the Historic Dockyard at Chatham explaining how she is not a suitable candidate for preservation, by or with them. In July she was towed to a scrapyard in Erith and can currently (mid-August) be seen across

the river from Rainham if you walk the footpath from Coldharbour Lane. Above.

At the moment she has a stay of execution. The Q Ship society is engaged in talks and urgent fundraising to save what is left (some stripping has already occurred) and find a permanent home. It is a daunting task.

Carol Metcalfe

Messy Church in August

All ages gathered in the grounds of St Andrew's Church for Messy Church on 19th August and journeyed on a pilgrimage around the church. Reflecting, wondering, praying, creating and observing for 2 hours, three generations, from the youngest babies in pushchairs, children, teens, adults and grandparents spent time with God in a space visited by millions of people over more than 800 years and we added our prayers to those of pilgrims from the past. We prayed for others to come and be part of the pilgrim story of our parish and asked God to help us look after this beautiful place of worship for future pilgrims.

After completing our pilgrimage, everyone had their Pilgrim Passport stamped with a new ink stamp that we hope future pilgrims will be able to add to their pilgrim passport too. During our Pilgrimage themed Service, we walked the Lord's Prayer labyrinth and/or the chalk labyrinth, made journey sticks, decorated pebbles as a contact relic to accompany us on our pilgrimage, coloured crosses or a Bible chat mat about Pilgrimage, created a paper plate labyrinth to use in our prayers at home and added a prayer footprint to the prayer web, explored the church grounds and then relaxed together with a picnic tea on a beautiful sunny day.

Messy Church in Hornchurch will be holding a FREE Light Party in North Street Halls on Friday 30th October 4:30-6pm with a focus on Jesus Light of the World, an alternative to Halloween. All ages welcome, under 16's and those with additional needs must be accompanied by a responsible adult and remain their responsibility at all times. Donations welcome on the day if you are able. It helps with catering and resources preparation if you can sign up in advance on Eventbrite, however you are more than welcome to turn up and join in. Further details are available on the Parish Website and Messy Church in Hornchurch Facebook page.

Karen Dunstan



At Messy Church

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

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.



First peal for Carys is also in Memory of Ray Rogers

Ringling a full peal takes approximately 3 hours and requires considerable physical and mental effort.

Carys Hayward rang her first quarter peal in June 2024 and since then has rung a total of 36 quarter peals, developing her skills to the standard required for a full peal.

This was attempted and successfully achieved at St Andrew's on Friday 21st August with Carys ringing the 2nd bell to Plain Bob Major. Well done Carys on your fantastic achievement!

Just prior to the peal, we learned the sad news of the passing of Ray Rogers, a ringer from our local band. This gave us the opportunity to dedicate the peal to Ray's memory which would have pleased him greatly. Ray joined St Andrew's bell ringers in about 1995 along with his daughter, Charlotte, and they became regular members of the band. Photograph right.

Ray gave excellent support to the band for more than 25 years and along with his wife, Janyce, they came on all the outings and annual dinners during this period. Ray thoroughly enjoyed his ringing and will be sadly missed.

Full details of the peal are as follows:
Essex Association, Hornchurch, Essex
St Andrew

Friday, 21st August 2026 in 3hr 5min

5056 Plain Bob Major

Composed by J R Pritchard

1 John M Church

2 Carys E Hayward

3 Mark S Robbins

4 Sarah H Robbins

5 Marianne R Hayward

6 Roderic K Bickerton

7 Andrew P Barham

8 Clive J Stephenson (C)

Rung in affectionate memory of Raymond E Rogers who passed away yesterday (20th August). Ray was a regular member of the Hornchurch band for 25 years and will be sadly missed.

First peal - 2.

The photograph right shows the band in the order they rung.



Clive Stephenson

Modern Martyrs Continued from P14 recognised as Martyrs by the Coptic Church and are commemorated by the Roman Catholic Church.

General Synod's decision in July marked the first time that the liturgical calendar has been altered since 2010.

Bishop Michael Ipgrave, Chair of the Liturgical Commission, said the commemoration would fix "our gaze on a beach in Libya where the same Lord was confessed by men whose worldly power was small, but whose witness has become immense."

The commemoration will take place on 15th February every year.



A Rocha UK Eco Church 10 years Ecumenical celebration at Chelmsford Cathedral 30th September

On Wed 30 September, Chelmsford Cathedral will host a special ecumenical service followed by a panel event to celebrate 10 years of A Rocha UK's Eco Church.

The service will begin at 5.15pm, followed by light refreshments and an opportunity to meet, chat, share stories and visit stalls. The panel discussion will then commence at 6.30pm.

Everyone is welcome for all or part of the evening! It's free and refreshments will be provided, but please book to help with numbers for catering.

Find out more and reserve your place at <https://buff.ly/dwwl7FR>

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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St George's Church
Kenilworth Gardens RM12 4SG

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Chelmsford Drive RM14 2PH

Messy Church

Hornchurch Parish Churches June and July 2026

Baptisms

July 19th Louis Christopher Farman
Iris Clementina John
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Tobias Joseph Anthony Harper

Marriages

July 27th Dani Priestley / Micky Terence Albert Webster

In Memoriam

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

June 29th Robert Bolton 71
July 19th Daphne Boston 102



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