

October
2026

Bullseye

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Ordinary no longer

October is an in-between month: post September harvest and the new school term, but pre November fireworks and Advent.

In-between times in life are the most common – just going about the daily routine business of life. However, 18th October is St. Luke's Day.

Do you have a favourite Gospel? For some, it's John (with his very individual approach to the life of Jesus). For others, it's Matthew (likes Old Testament prophecy) or Mark (concise and fast moving). For me, it's Luke.

Not only did he write a Gospel, but also the book of Acts. It's through Luke that we learn about Pentecost, the emergence of the early church and how it spread across the Roman world. Luke personally accompanied Paul on some of his travels – watch for parts of the narrative where 'he' or 'they' change to 'we'.

We know Luke was a doctor and he wrote with the good classical Greek of a well educated man. As the only Gentile author in the New Testament, he wrote mainly for non-Jews. For me, his is the easiest Gospel to read.

In Luke, I particularly like all the material he includes which is not in the other three (43% of Luke's text is unique to him). These passages highlight Jesus' great love for people, especially those who are suffering, disadvantaged, or in need – and we often get personal names and details.

It is only Luke who gives us some of Jesus' best loved parables: the good Samaritan, the rich fool, the lost sheep, the lost coin, the prodigal son, the persistent widow and the two men who prayed. Prayer is very important for Luke – he shows us Jesus at prayer again and again.

However, what really endears me to this Gospel is the way women come into the life and ministry of Jesus. Matthew sees the birth of Jesus primarily through Joseph's eyes. Luke does it through Mary, detailing the annunciation, her visit to Elizabeth, and how she

treasured the things said by Simeon and Anna (female prophetess!) in her heart.

We learn (from Luke) how Jesus spent time with sisters Mary and Martha; to praise Mary for sitting at His feet and learning was radical indeed. Jesus healed women, raised a widow's son from death and was supported financially by female followers. Although not members of the inner 12, they were there.

For Luke and all those people going about their ordinary lives, encountering Jesus changed everything. So, we never know when our day to day may be transformed by meeting Him anew in the things we do. Then the ordinary becomes extraordinary.

If you've never read a Gospel all through, I recommend Luke as a good way to meet and travel with Jesus in the autumn evenings.

Carole Sherratt
Reader



Saint Luke the Evangelist. Russian, 18th century, unknown artist. Via Wikimedia commons

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

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Uploading

November Bullseye 28th October
 December Bullseye Wed. 25th November

The Bullseye for November will be in the churches and online by Sunday 1st November 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 October

The pattern of Sunday morning services is set out on page 16 and below. Holy Communion continues at St Andrew's at **10am every Thursday**, and livestream Morning Prayer on Facebook at 9am Monday to Friday except Bank Holidays.

Holy Communion is available in both forms, bread and wine, and it is a personal decision whether to take both. Gluten-free wafers and alcohol-free wine continue to be permissible and are available.

Sunday 4th October 18th 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 11th October 19th 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 - Evening Prayer

Sunday 18th, Luke The Evangelist

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 25th Last 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 - Holy Communion at St Andrew's

A Big Thank You

How can one just say thank you for all those who were at my 90th party, and for all those who celebrated with me at St. Andrew's, St George's, and St. Matthew's, and the Bridge. I've been overwhelmed by cards, gifts and the love of our wonderful congregations. The love is mutual, so this old lady of 90 can just say bless you all, and thank you for 56 years of being a part of this lovely parish

Barbara



Happy
Birthday
Revd
Barbara
Baker

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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Bell Ringers Open Day and Recruitment Event

On Sunday 20th September, as part of National Heritage Open Days, the bell ringers invited members of the public to visit St Andrew's bell tower and have a look behind the scenes at church bell ringing. There was also the opportunity to watch the whole process in action on a mini-ring set up in the churchyard. Under supervision, visitors were then able to have a go themselves either on the mini-ring or a real church bell.

This was part of a much bigger event throughout the whole of Essex organised by the Essex Association of Change Ringers. In preparation for the day, the Essex Association produced posters and leaflets to display locally. Alan Street prepared an excellent video to promote the event online and an article was written for the Romford Recorder. On the day itself, at 8.15am, a group of 5 of us gathered at St Andrew's to erect the mini-ring, supervised by the owner, Roger Booth, and keenly helped by 10 year old Jamie Slack.

Our thanks go to Jonathan, Ethan, Connor and Samuel for getting up early and working so hard.

Photo 1 shows Jamie and Ethan building the mini-ring

The process took 1.5 hours and the mini-bells were ready to ring for the 10.15am family service.

Photo 2: Carys & Ellen ring for morning service

Photo 3: Ringing for morning service

After the morning service, at 11.30am, members of the public started to appear and it seemed fairly non-stop until we finished at 2.00pm. On the mini-ring, Gavin & Michelle organised the queue whilst Charles, Jonathan & Marianne gave people a go individually before joining in with other ringers for rounds on the 6 mini-bells.

At the tower, Adam organised the queue whilst Clive & Mark gave demonstrations using a video link to the bells before letting people have a go themselves.

Photo 4: Visitors to the tower

We think we had about 80 visitors to the event with most visiting both the mini-ring and tower. Of these, about 50% had a go on a bell for the first time. Val and Jane took details of anyone interested in a future taster session and we hope that this will lead to several new bell ringers for St Andrew's.

Jeanette provided refreshments throughout and our thanks go to her and everyone who gave their time towards a successful day. It's not too late to request a bell ringing taster session and anyone interested should contact Clive Stephenson (details below) or speak to one of the bell ringers.

Clive Stephenson

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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. Currently being revamped, reopening soon.

Every Wednesday at 9am Tai Chi with QI Fitness £7 a session

Every Saturday 9.15am to 10am Yoga with Shadeyah

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

Ingrebourne corn dolly workshop Sunday 18 October 2026 2pm—3pm Join us for a relaxing and creative workshop celebrating a traditional countryside craft. Using natural wheat straw, you'll learn how to create your very own corn dolly to take home. Price includes 2 corn dollies to take home, decorated with your chosen charm. All materials provided. Suitable for ages 10+£8.80

Ingrebourne spooky species show ~ Tuesday 27 October 2026 Time 13:00-14:00 OR 14:30-15:30, arrivals 15 minutes prior to show commencing. Barleylands Farm bring their informative and fun show to Ingrebourne. Showcasing some of their extensive collection of animals, ranging from Snakes, mini beasts (millipede, snails, cockroaches), bull frog and lizards. The show covers a wide range of topics that include conservation, habitat, diet, adaptations and biology. This is a 1 hour talk with opportunity for Q and A throughout.

Booking is essential, select either time slot available. All adults and children attending the event will need a ticket each. £7.75 per person Refunds are not available.

Ingrebourne Family Forest Fun Seasonal Special ~ Wednesday 28 October 2026 1:00pm - 3:00pm Come along to experience autumn in the forest, have a go at some nature crafts and gather around the fire (weather permitting) Suitable for children aged 4 - 11 and must be accompanied by an adult. Please see the website for [all conditions](#). £8.80 per child Advanced booking essential

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Footprints in God's Vineyard: A Pastoral Reflection

On Sunday, 13th September 2026, I was blessed to be ordained a deacon by Bishop Guli at Chelmsford Cathedral. It was a profoundly moving and humbling experience, made even more meaningful by the love, prayers, messages, and support from family, friends, and our parish at St Andrew's. I am sincerely grateful to God and all who have supported me on this path.

At the ordination service, I reflected on a simple image of footprints in the sand and the words: "Our footprints never reveal our race, class, tribe, or religion. They merely show we were here and made a mark." These words stayed with me. Even after titles and achievements fade, what endures is the love we shared, the lives we've touched, and our faithfulness to God's call.

A week later, I was honoured to deliver my first sermon as a deacon at St Andrew's, centred on Jesus' parable of the labourers in the vineyard (Matthew 20:1-16). The story shows that those who arrived at

the eleventh hour received the same kindness as those who had laboured all day. It powerfully illustrates that God's Kingdom is built on grace, not on earning or deserving. Whether we come early or late, God welcomes us with equal love and mercy.

That truth speaks deeply to me as I begin this new ministry. Ordination is not a reward for achievement but a response to God's gracious call. Like every Christian disciple, I stand only by His faithfulness and love.

As a family, we hold dear the words of Joshua: "As for me and my household, we will serve the Lord" (Joshua 24:15). Together, we look forward to serving among you and to sharing in God's mission here in Hornchurch.

Thank you for your prayers, friendship, and support. My prayer is that the footprints we leave together as the family of St Andrew's will point others to Christ and help them discover God's boundless grace, forgiveness, and love.

Prayer of trust in God's Word.

Father,

Thank You for Your written Word to us in the Bible, inspired and interpreted by Your Holy Spirit.

Thank You that from beginning to end it reveals Jesus, the living Word, sent by You to rescue us from the mess of selfishness and disobedience. May we treasure Your revelation to us and allow You to guide us by it through the confusion and pain of this world, confident that Your Word is unchanging and powerful and trustworthy.

In Jesus' Name,

Amen.

Daphne Kitching

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



Prayer: Gracious Lord, guide our steps and strengthen our hearts. May all that we do and say reflect Your love, and may our service draw others closer to Jesus Christ. In whose name we pray. Amen.

Revd Emeka Enweani

Floodlighting of St Andrew's Church, Hornchurch

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

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

October 5th ~ In Loving memory of our daughter **Amy Louise ~ Debbie and Dean Craig;**

In Loving memory of my dear husband **Gerry** on his birthday 7th October ~ **Julien Quest;** October 17th ~ For **Mavis Laura Nunn** Happy Birthday to a very special Nan, Mum and wife. We all love and miss you loads. Xxx ~ **Colin Nunn;**

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

October 27th ~ In Loving Memory of **Peter Chambers** from **Carolyn, Keith, Michelle, Martin, Nicholas, Michael and Victoria.**

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



Charity of the Month for 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

The Holy Spirit and You

St Paul spent from AD 47 to AD 57 in intensive Evangelism in the territories bordering the Aegean Sea, and during those ten years he concentrated on the Provinces of Galatia, Macedonia, Achaia and Asia. During those ten years Paul was preaching the Gospel, planting Churches in their principal Cities as was commissioned.

Paul took very seriously the task of getting the Gospel of Jesus to as many people as he could and was relentless in bringing people to Salvation. Paul is recognised as God's Apostle to the Gentiles.

It just shows what God can do with any man out of his own heart. Paul did all this as a man under the power of the Holy Spirit. This from a man who originally opposed the real Gospel of Jesus Christ. Paul planted Churches in Iconium, Philippi, Thessalonica, Corinth, Ephesus and many other Cities in those four Provinces.

Paul set up each Church with Spiritual Leaders and Elders under the overruling direction of the Holy Spirit's guidance to increase.

Paul was essentially an Evangelist, but also a very sincere writer!

St Paul gives such a comprehensive account of the early Church. His writings show us the opposition and persecution he endured.

It was because of the Holy Spirit that Paul was able to succeed. Every Sermon preached has Evangelism written all over its DNA.

Paul always followed the example directed from the Holy Spirit!

One only has to look at Havering to know that the Churches have been steadily increasing over the years through good Evangelism.

When we read Romans we see how the Fall of Man occurred and its devastating effect on the Human Spirit, and how God brought the remedy through the Life, Death and Resurrection of Jesus Christ.

Mark Lendon. B.A. Soc.

Wednesday Afternoon Music at Hornchurch Library

We look forward to seeing you when our Autumn programme commences.

Wed 7th October at 2pm

AS AUTUMN APPROACHES ~ presented by our regular team who will offer some seasonal music and quite likely an indication of the music they will be playing in their programmes during the coming 3 months.

Wed 21st October at 2pm

TALL TALES TO FAIRY TALES ~

presented by Stephen Raindle. A great deal of classical music has been influenced by folk legends and fairy tales so expect music from Swan Lake, Peer Gynt, Scheherazade plus a terrifying musical tale from Dvorak. 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.

For further details or to be added to our email list call

Stephen Raindle 01708 470670 or email sraindle@aol.com

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 18th 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

Escape Men's Group

We meet on the first and third Monday at 8.30pm at St Andrew's church. For further details contact

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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 how long a sermon should last . . .

From: The Rectory,
 St James the Least of All

My dear Nephew Darren

I am afraid we will never agree about the appropriate length of sermons. Your 50-minute exposition on the theology of St Paul concerning women wearing hats in church is, I am sure, of real interest to you. But as your sermon slowly unfolds, I suspect it will prompt quite a different concern among your congregation. Have they set the oven timer to come on too early?

Whenever I even hint that a matter of theological importance may be about to appear in one of my sermons, an expression of benign incomprehension comes over my congregation. You know the look – you see it on golden Labradors whenever they try and work out what their owners are telling them.

There are certain sure signs that should warn you when you have preached for long enough. One is when members of the congregation reach for their prayer books to try to work out for the umpteenth time how the date for Easter is calculated. The organist turning on the blower when you say "and finally" is another.

Most members of the congregation will count the number of dead flies on the windowsills during your sermon. But when you can see members of the congregation counting the numbers in the congregation counting the numbers of dead flies, that is absolute proof that it is time to stop.

There has only been one occasion when I preached for longer than my standard eight minutes. Our former organist was in the habit of taking his dog for a walk during the sermon. I knew I had to carry on preaching until I heard the

latch on the vestry door for the second time. That meant he was back, and ready to play the last hymn.

Unfortunately, one Sunday, his dog ran away.

While he searched for it over every field in the parish, I spent the intervening two hours reading the greater part of Leviticus, discussing the food laws set forth in Deuteronomy, and arguing for a Deutero-Isaiah. I was headed for the Babylonian exile when we all heard the vestry door re-open.

After the Service, the congregation left looking as though they had just been rescued from a major shipwreck. And at the next church council meeting, we unanimously voted to buy our organist a stronger lead.

Your loving uncle,
Eustace



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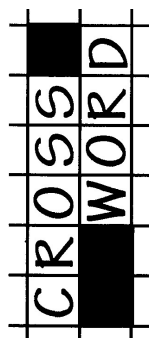
Sun Nov 8th – Wed Nov 11th: Remembrance Sunday
 through to Armistice Day

Sat Nov 14th: Birthday of HM The King

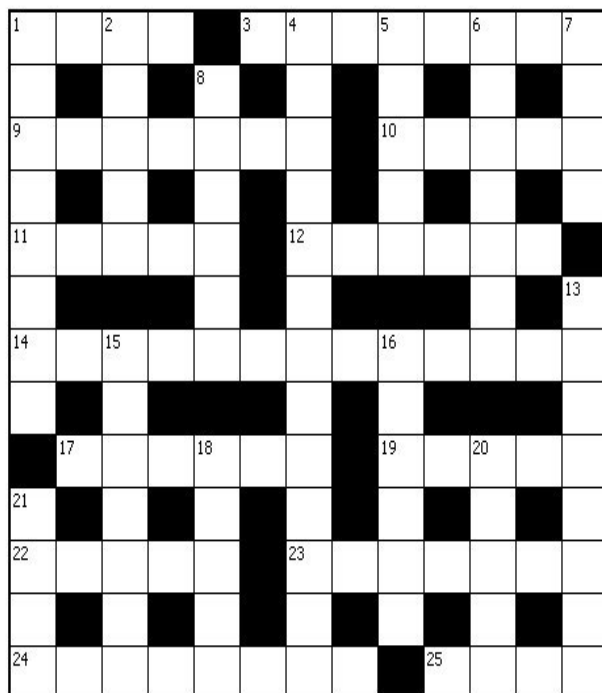
Mon Nov 30th: St Andrew's Day (St Andrew's flag)

Fri Dec 25th: Christmas Day





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Across

- 1 'Those who were standing near Paul said, "You — to insult God's high priest?"' (Acts 23:4) (4)
- 3 They were assigned to guard the tree of life (Genesis 3:24) (8)
- 9 'Elkanah son of Jeroham, the son of Elihu, the — of —, the son of Zuph, an Ephraimite' (1 Samuel 1:1) (3,4)
- 10 Surrender (Joshua 24:23) (5)
- 11 Where American livestock can be reared (5)
- 12 Listen (anag.) (6)
- 14 Alternative name for Kiriath Jearim (2 Samuel 6:2) (6,2,5)
- 17 He founded Westminster Abbey, — the Confessor (6)
- 19 Hebrew word for the place of the dead (5)
- 22 Allies of Persia in the fifth century BC (Esther 1:3) (5)
- 23 Where John Wesley was forced to preach a lot (4,3)
- 24 Rebellion against God; abandonment of religious belief (8)
- 25 Note (anag.) (4)

Down

- 1 Give an account of (Mark 4:30) (8)
- 2 'I — — the path of your commands, for you have set my heart free' (Psalm 119:32) (3,2)
- 4 'He took the ephod, the other — — and the carved image' (Judges 18:20) (9,4)
- 5 'You are a chosen people, a — priesthood' (1 Peter 2:9) (5)
- 6 The meek, the merciful and the mourners are all this (Matthew 5:4-5, 7) (7)
- 7 Musical Instrument Digital Interface (1,1,1,1)
- 8 He was the son of Nun (Deuteronomy 34:9) (6)
- 13 'Let the little — come to me' (Matthew 19:14) (8)
- 15 'About three thousand were — — their number that day' (Acts 2:41) (5,2)
- 16 In John's vision, the wall of the new Jerusalem was made of this (Revelation 21:18) (6)
- 18 'Our citizenship is in heaven. And we eagerly — a Saviour from there, the Lord Jesus Christ' (Philippians 3:20) (5)
- 20 'Glorify the Lord with me: let us — his name together' (Psalm 34:3) (5)
- 21 Young Men's Christian Association (1,1,1,1)

16 Jasper; 18 await; 20 exalt; 21 YMCA
6 blessed; 7 MIDI; 8 Joshua; 13 children; 15 added to;
1 describe; 2 run in; 4 household gods; 5 royal;

Down

22 Media; 23 open air; 24 apostasy; 25 Eton
12 enlist; 14 Baal of Judah; 17 Edward; 19 Sheol;
1 dare; 3 cherubim; 9 son Tohu; 10 yield; 11 ranch;

Across

Easy Sudoku solution on Page 12

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

Our first meeting following the Summer break, attended by 20 members, was on Monday 14th September at 7pm in North Street Hall. We had been asked before the meeting to present two truths and one lie about ourselves as an ice-breaker. It was very amusing to see what people were using as their 'lie', some of them very believable. We were treated to a bring-and-share supper, which all contributed to with a small plate of food.

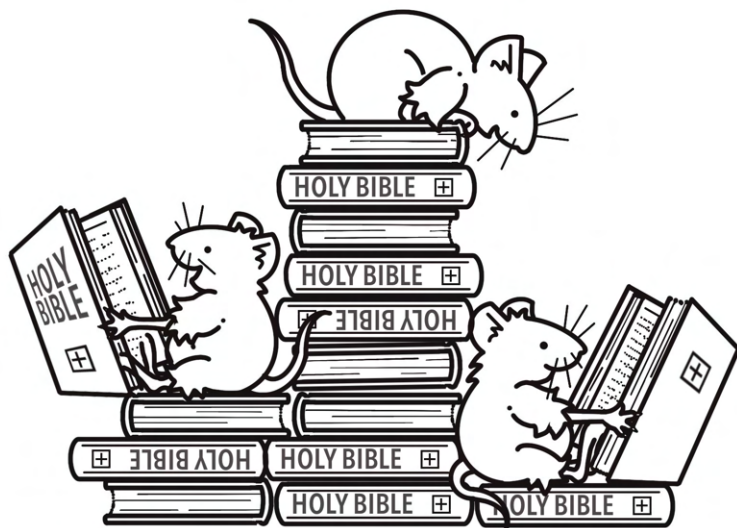
Meetings for October are:

Monday 12th October at 7pm in North Street Hall - 'App Chat' - bring your phones to share/learn some useful tips/Apps.

Monday 26th October - No meeting as it is half term.

If you have any questions or queries about any of the meetings or the group please contact

Val on 07527 325996.



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Saturday 21st November 2026

10am—2pm

North Street Hall

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Thank you very much for supporting the Christmas Market.

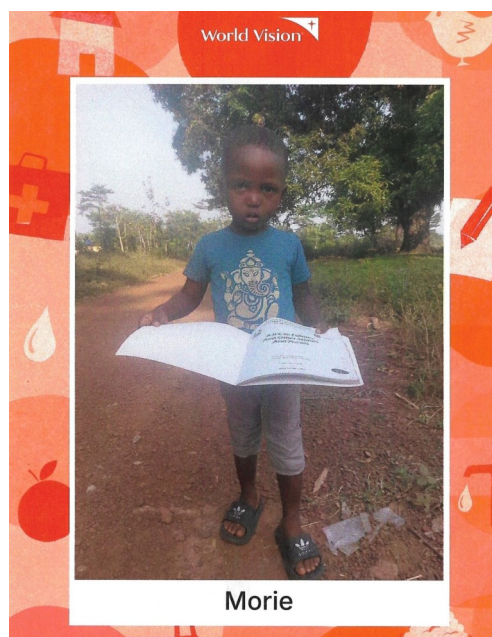
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Our World Vision Child



Morie

Morie is a 4 year old boy living in Imperi, Sierra Leone. Currently Morie is in pre-school. The school grading systems differ greatly, for example children might stay in the same grade or skip a grade.

World Vision are monitoring Morie's well being. Currently his health is good.

The sponsorship that you give helped Morie and his family this year through activities and support given:

- ◆ Handwashing - there is now a station at home for this so he can better protect against germs and disease.

- ◆ Savings and loan workshops - They learn the importance of creating savings to support the basic needs of their family

- ◆ Children's club - He learned about child rights and worked with his friends to make things better in their community

- ◆ Child protection workshop - He learned about children's rights and how to promote child protection in his community.

If you would like to share your news and photos with Morie, you can contact him via **mysponsorship.worldvision.org.uk**

Arlene Trump

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.

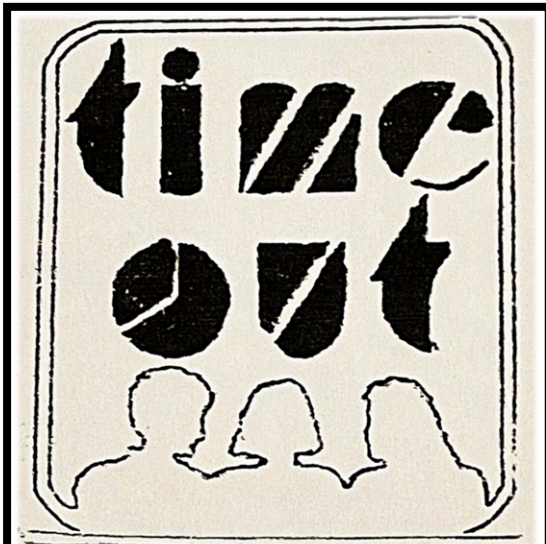
Bradwell Pilgrimage 'Living Stones' 2026

As a crowd gathered at St Thomas' Church Bradwell-on-Sea for the Bradwell annual Pilgrimage the sun shone down and praises were lifted high. All ages came together for the Commissioning to prepare ourselves spiritually for the walk following the path well-trodden by pilgrims to the ancient Chapel of St Peter-on-the-Wall, one of the oldest churches in England. After songs, prayers and health and safety reminders we set off, some people in a minibus and others on foot, those in groups from churches or families gathered from near and far to walk together or solo pilgrims either walking in silence or starting conversations and making new friendships along the way. As we walked through the village, the scenery gradually changed and fields of crops and the distance glimpse of the sea and the wind turbines in the estuary changed our rhythm and we were encouraged to walk the Chapel track in silence. A small stone had been given to us at the commissioning service and when we reached the Chapel a prayer cairn was created representing each of the pilgrims and those we are praying for on our journey. When all the pilgrims had gathered on the field next to the Chapel, we joined in with Worship and heard inspirational reflections from a variety of people whilst an artist created beautiful reflections about the day. During the afternoon there was time to eat our picnic lunches, look around the stalls in the marquee, join in craft activities, explore the shoreline and go for a walk or quietly reflect and pray in the Chapel before the closing act of Worship, blessing and sending out of the pilgrims. If you have not joined in a pilgrimage at Bradwell before or not attended for a while, add the 2027 date to your diary, Saturday 3rd July, and look out for information on the Bradwell Pilgrimage website.



Karen Dunstan





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.
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Sudoku solution from P9

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

Afghan Christians at risk of 'eradication'

Christianity in Afghanistan "now hangs by a gossamer thread", warns a recent report on persecution in that country.

The report, *Crimes Against Humanity and Potential Genocide: the threat posed by the Taliban regime of total eradication of the Christian community in Afghanistan*, was recently published by the Lindisfarne Centre for the Study of Christian Persecution. It is a Christian research centre that focuses on Christian minorities in the Islamic world.

The report warns that the Taliban's legal framework provides "specific evidence of the intent to commit genocide".

For Christians in Afghanistan simply have no right to exist as a religious community, according to the Afghan government. Anyone found to be a Christian is seen as merely as an apostate Muslim. The law calls for all such men to be executed, and for women to be imprisoned, and given ten lashes every three days for the rest of her life.

Thus, these laws "provide specific evidence of intent to eradicate the Afghan Christian community", the report states.

In the meantime, the Afghan government is busy hunting Christians down. The report found that the strategy "appears to be heavily focused on obtaining intelligence relating to networks of Afghan Christians. Clearly, that data is being collected for a purpose."

And ordinary Afghan citizens are being encouraged to help the Taliban. A law has been passed "which specifically legitimises the killing of Afghan Christians and absolves those who carry out such acts from punishment."

The report also lists credible accounts of the arrest, imprisonment, interrogation and torture of Afghan Christians.

The report's authors are Dr Martin Parsons, the CEO of the Lindisfarne Centre, who holds a PhD in Christian and Islamic theology in the Afghanistan-Pakistan region; and Adrien Garnier, a research associate of the Lindisfarne Centre, who visited Afghanistan in 2025. The report is critical of Western governments for failing to address the plight of Christians during the 20-year period of western military and political involvement (2001-21), including the failure to change the sentence of execution for apostasy in Afghan law. Its recommendations include a plea that Western governments "should, in principle, accept that any genuine Afghan Christian meets the criteria for refugee status."

More info at: christianpersecution.co.uk/lindisfarne-reports

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Bell Ringers Coach Outing to Oxford

This was the 3rd attempt by John Church, helped by Jon Slack, to ring at some of the lovely colleges in Oxford where John's son studied at university. The 1st attempt was cancelled in the 2020 pandemic and the 2nd partly cancelled in 2022 due to the passing of Queen Elizabeth II when the country was in mourning. So, on 5th September 2026, 55 ringers and friends finally made it to the city of Oxford. The coach dropped us close to the city centre and the day was spent on foot walking between the various colleges. The first stop was Magdalen College, a pleasant-sounding ring of 10 where our best effort was a plain course of Plain Bob Caters. The short walk to Lincoln College saw Jonathan organise a successful touch of

Grandsire Triples and half a course of Cambridge Major on this easy-going ring of 8.

After a break for lunch in the pleasant Oxford sunshine, we visited St Giles, another excellent ring of 8 where Carys rang Stedman Triples for the first time and James made a good job of the treble to Cambridge Major.

At New College, our non-ringing friends were able to enjoy access to the grounds whilst the ringers contended with a more difficult ring of 10 bells, finishing with a decent bob course of Bob Caters organised by Marianne.

Our final visit was to Christ Church Cathedral where non-ringers again had free access to the beautiful grounds and the ringers made a good job of some quite difficult bells.

Everyone managed a ring on the 12 bells with our youngest ringers, Ellen, Owen & Jamie, all managing a decent job of Plain Hunt on 11.

Another short walk to the Plough Inn for some well-earned food and drink saw a good end to a most enjoyable day before our journey back to Hornchurch.

Well done to our organisers, John and Jonathan, and all who contributed to a successful day.

Clive Stephenson



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The Havering Picture in London's National Gallery

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>.



a hand-out. The saintly king was at his rural retreat and had no cash on him. Instead, he took a valuable ring from his finger and handed it over. It turned out that the beggar was really another St John – the Evangelist. (Since he was the legendary author of one of the Gospels, one thousand years earlier, his presence in the eleventh century is a bit of a surprise.) Legend also claimed that the place where the two had met became known by the words used by the king in handing over his gift: "Have ring". It's a pretty weak explanation for the name "Havering".

King Richard's patron saints didn't do him much good. He was deposed in 1399, and murdered soon afterwards. But Edward the Confessor was popular locally. When the people of Romford built a new church, between 1407 and 1410, they dedicated it to him. Romford's first post-Reformation Catholic church, opened in 1856, also honoured St Edward the Confessor. A local secondary school bears his name. The shield used as the school badge is actually painted on the back of the



If you've ever strolled across Trafalgar Square, you'll have seen the National Gallery. Architect William Wilkins wanted to build "a Temple of the Arts". Unluckily, he was palmed off with stubby second-hand columns. His building resembles an ancient Greek bungalow.

If you don't feel you're into art, the National Gallery can seem off-putting. With 2,300 pictures, where would you start? How could you make sense of them? Allegories of nymphs, portraits of queens and kings – what do they mean to us? Well, here's a start. Trot up those stone steps, and head for Room 63 in the Sainsbury Wing. Look for the Wilton Diptych – and its Havering story. A diptych was a portable altar piece, two wooden boards hinged together, which opened like a book. This one was painted about 1395, by an unknown artist, for King Richard II. It's small and portable. The king took it on his travels, to be set up wherever he attended Mass. We know he visited his royal palace at Havering-atte-Bower in 1397, on his way to murder his uncle. Local people may have glimpsed the diptych then. After 600 years, the colours are wonderful. In the right panel, angels in soft blue dresses look like a Gospel choir. The paint medium is called

tempera, based on (of all things) egg. I'd always assumed it was an oil painting. Maybe I'd confused diptych with dipstick.

On the left panel, the young king himself kneels in prayer, wearing a golden cloak. Behind him stand three saints. One is the king's special protector, John the Baptist, in a beggar's ragged outfit. The others are St Edmund, king of East Anglia, martyred in 870 AD, and Edward the Confessor, who ruled England from 1042 to 1066. St Edmund was tied to a tree and shot by invading Danes. He holds the arrow that killed him (there were no guns in those days), and very nasty it looks too.

St Edward holds a ring. That's our clue. Legend claimed that a beggar once asked Edward the Confessor for

Wilton Diptych, although it's not on display. (Ed – on display now 2026) If you're not a fan of medieval art (most of us aren't), head across to Room 34 when you've seen the diptych, and enjoy the portraits and landscapes by British artists like Constable. Some were painted in Essex. It's worth preparing for your visit by identifying the pictures you'd like to see on the National Gallery website. Admission is free. There are gift shops and smart eating places. Nobody can "do" the whole of the National Gallery in one visit. Start with the Havering connection – I'm sure you'll go back!

Prof Ged Martin

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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August 2026

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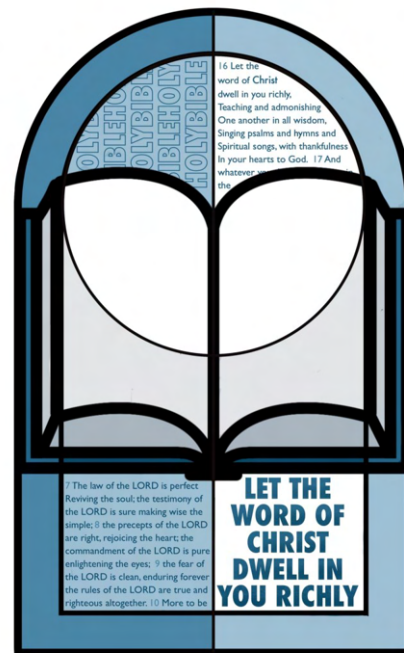
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