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November 2026

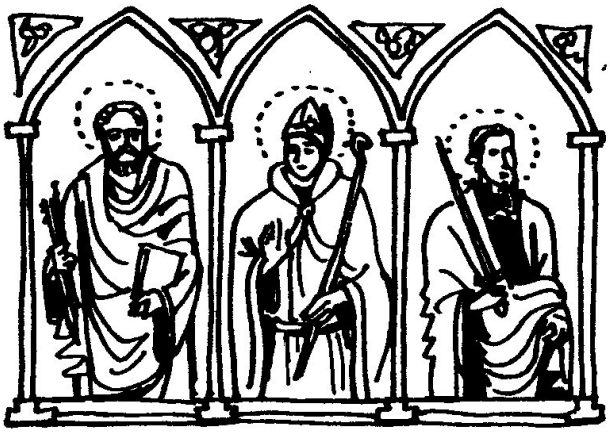
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Remembering

In the cycle of the church year, November is a time for remembering. At the start of the month, on All Saints' Day and All Souls' Day, we remember with joy all those who've gone before us in the faith, whether they've been widely known for the holiness of their lives or have been part of our journey in a much more intimate and personal way. Then,



as we head towards Remembrance Sunday, we remember with both sorrow and gratitude the many whose lives have been cut short by armed conflicts around the world, as we commit ourselves again to seeking peace for our world.

Like our corporate remembering, our individual memories can put us in touch with a range of emotions. Most of us have both happy memories of good times spent with people we love and painful memories of times when we've not been the people we'd like to be, as well as difficult memories of things going wrong for us or of being hurt by others. Our memories may comfort or shame us, or they may raise questions we don't know how to answer. As we age, our memories may become an increasingly important part of our lives – or they may begin to fail us, leaving us without an anchor for our present experience. If our memories – or our lack of them – are causing us distress, then it might be good to seek the help of a doctor or a counsellor.

The Bible encourages us to remember God, whilst also reassuring us that God remembers us. In the pages of the Old Testament, God's people are repeatedly urged to remember God's choice of them, God's love for them, and God's saving acts on their behalf. When they were in exile and felt forgotten and forsaken by God, the prophet Isaiah reassured them that even if a mother could forget her children, God could never forget them (Is. 49:14-16). Then, in the New Testament, Jesus told His disciples to remember His loving sacrifice for them through sharing bread and wine together, as we still do each week in church.

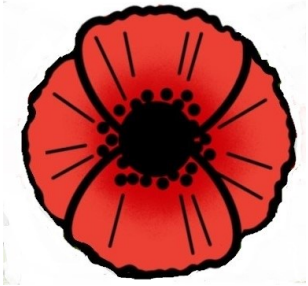
When we're feeling insecure or uncertain of ourselves, it's good to be reminded that our security doesn't rest on our own virtues but on the character of God. Sometimes, as we experience God's forgiveness and healing, we also need to loosen our grip on our memories of our own past faults and failings.

Faced with a time of trial, the psalmist appealed to God's memory and forgetting like this:

Remember, O Lord, your great mercy and love,
for they are from of old.
Remember not the sins of my youth
and my rebellious ways;
according to your love remember me,
for you are good, O Lord.
(Psalm 25:6-7)

Perhaps that might be a useful prayer for some of us this month, as we make our own journey of remembering.

Revd Dr Marianne Haywood
Associate Priest



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	**0-2 Playgroup** St Andrew's large hall. Toys, songs and craft, refreshments. All enquiries to Parish Office
	10.00 -12 noon	**The Bridge** Large hall North Street
Thur.	1.30 pm	**Little Fishes** St Andrew's large hall. Toys, stories and craft, refreshments, all welcome
Fri.	7-9pm	**St Andrew's Choir practice**. St Andrew's church

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

For All Parish Giving Scheme Donors

The Parish Giving Scheme is at 76 Kingsholm Road, Gloucester GL1 3BD. Telephone will be 0333 002 1260 and the email address **info@parishgiving.org.uk** 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 2026/7

December Bullseye Sunday 8th November
January Bullseye Sunday 6th December

Uploading

December Bullseye Wed. 25th November
January Bullseye 30th December

The Bullseye for December will be in the churches and online by Sunday 29th 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 November

The pattern of Sunday morning services is set out on page 16 and below. Holy Communion continues at St Andrew's at **10am every Thursday**, and livestream Morning Prayer on Facebook at 9am Monday to Friday except Bank Holidays.
Holy Communion is available in both forms, bread and wine, and it is a personal decision whether to take both. Gluten-free wafers and alcohol-free wine continue to be permissible and are available.

Sunday 1st November All Saints Day
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 8th November 3rd Sunday before Advent. Remembrance Sunday
8.30am - Common Worship Holy Communion at St Andrew's
10.40am - Act of Remembrance at the War Memorial. St Andrew's open for prayer
10.15am - Morning Worship at St George's
6.30pm – Evening Prayer at St Andrew's

Sunday 15th,
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 - Holy Communion at St Andrew's

Sunday 22nd Christ the King
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 - Healing Prayer at St Andrew's

Sunday 29th 1st Sunday of Advent
8.30am - Holy Communion at St Andrew's
10.15am - Holy Communion at St Andrew's
10.15am - Morning Worship at St George's
6.30pm - Advent Carols at St Andrew's

Church opening for private prayer and reflection

St Andrew's church is open for private prayer and reflection three days a week.
These days are Thursday mornings from 11 am (ie immediately after mid-week Holy Communion at 10am) until 1pm, and on Mondays and Tuesdays from 10am until 12 noon, unless the church is needed for a funeral or other service.
Two volunteer stewards will be in attendance for each session.
Come, sit, light a candle, pray, reflect and find peace
Please pray in support of this venture to bring the church back into public use outside times of formal worship.

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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Parish Vacancy

We are looking for a part-time Administrator to work 20 hours a week in a job-share position. Full details including how to apply are on our website
https://www.parishofhornchurch.co.uk/about-us/parish-administrator-role/

The closing date for applications is 10th November.

Churchwardens (**poh.wardens@gmail.com)**



Bell Ringers' Prizes at Morning Service

At the family service on Sunday 4th October, 3 young bell ringers were awarded prizes for achieving their first quarter peals during the past year.
It's a big achievement because it shows a regular commitment over a significant amount of time; usually at least 2 years.
Whilst practising, bell ringers normally ring for 5 or 10 minutes at a time but a quarter peal lasts for about 45 minutes of continuous ringing.
Our 3 young ringers have all shown the determination to achieve this.
Jamie Slack (aged 9 at the time) rang his first quarter peal on 12th October 2025; Ellen Hayward(aged 12) rang her first on 1st November 2025 and Beatrice Stuopyte (aged 18) achieved her first on 29th July 2026.
Congratulations to them all!
The photo shows the 3 prize winners with our vicar Ken Wylie and bell master Clive Stephenson.



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

1st November International Day of Prayer for the Persecuted Church

More than 360 million Christians worldwide face persecution in their home countries. This includes harassment, detention, legal restrictions, violence, torture, and even death for their faith in Jesus.

The Bible tells us to pray for those who are persecuted, as if we were ourselves mistreated. It says that if one member of the Body of Christ suffers, we all suffer (1 Cor. 12:26).

And so it is that for more than two decades the World Evangelical Alliance has organised the International Day of Prayer for the Persecuted Church (IDOP). It has become a global event uniting hundreds of millions of Christians worldwide.

The day is held on the first Sunday in November, in order to align it with the liturgical season of All Hallowtide, which remembers both Christian saints and martyrs.

The IDOP is also supported by Open Doors, The Voice of the Martyrs, and Christian Solidarity Worldwide (CSW), among others. More details at:
https://idop.org/web/

Parish Outreach Stall

There will be a Parish Outreach Stall at the Winter Market.
If you wish to publicise your group or event you are welcome to bring flyers on the day or place in **Christine Withers' pigeonhole** by Thursday 19th November.

Valuing our Young People

We are so blessed with the number of young people that come into our church buildings each week. Many are gaining valuable knowledge and learning life skills through Sunday School, uniformed groups, choir and bell ringers. Thank you to all the leaders and to all those teenagers who are now supporting and helping within many of these groups.
Marlene and I have recently started a group called Fusion for those at secondary school who are part of our church family. We trust they will interact with and support one another in the daily challenges they face. It is vital that we welcome everyone, build community and deepen relationships among our church families.
Thank you to those from Fusion who provided provisions and helped pack Harvest boxes for those of our church family who are housebound – they were so appreciative.
Prior to our Harvest Festival Celebration at St. Andrew's a group of us gathered around the lych gate to reach out to the local community and especially the students at the 6th Form College.
We welcomed them into the church grounds, gave them an invitation to the Harvest Service and told them when the church is open in the week. They were offered a savoury snack, drink, fruit and a chocolate bar – many received our welcome and offer very gratefully. It was a joy to interact with these young people, some who worship regularly at their own churches but travel into Hornchurch for college. Some sat in groups in the churchyard enjoying their food and chatting and so many said thank you to us when they left. We had the privilege of praying with a few of them and chatting in more depth. God certainly revealed an opportunity for us to do something similar again and to seek to support these young people as they adjust from school to college life.
A very big thank you to the team.
Please pray for all our young people and the current challenges they face and how our church community can support them in the future.

Christine (Withers)

All Saints

At the beginning of this month, we celebrate 'All Saints' (1st November), when we remember all those heroes of the faith who have in one way or another been a witness to Christ in what they said and what they did. But sometimes the saints of old- those portrayed in Renaissance pictures or in craggy, oversized sculptures- can matter less to us than the saints we have personally known.
For instance, one minister tells of a good friend of his, Stan, a farmer on the Yorkshire Wolds, who died earlier this year. Stan was the sort of man you'd meet at the mart, or stop to have a chat with in the village. He always had time for you. You'd go away thinking 'salt of the earth', and you would be right.
But Stan was much deeper than that. He was a devout Christian, with a simple but profound faith, used by God in many situations that never made the public eye. His farm had a Site of Special Scientific Interest in that it captured many of the unique features of the Wolds. He was a knowledgeable plantsman, although you would have to drag it out of him. In his day he had taken Bibles to Soviet-era Ukraine and Romania, and received the thanks of Christians there who were so encouraged that they were not alone, that someone cared, made the effort to bring them the Word of God.
So Stan, although a quiet family man living on a fairly remote farm, had had a profound influence for God and for good in many people's lives, both in the area – and in Ukraine and Romania.
And there have been multitudes like him. This month, are there folk in your life who have been an influence on you for God and for good? What difference did they make to you?
All Saints-tide is the ideal opportunity to give thanks for them. They are life's unsung heroes, who help others steer a path closer to God by their wise words, or their support, their prayers. The impact of a good life on others can be enormous. For all of them, let's thank God.

Revd Roy Shaw

Editor: From Parish Pump and by the Revd Roy Shaw, a retired but active priest in the diocese of York, where he is a spiritual director.

Wednesday Afternoon Music at Hornchurch Library

Our Autumn programmes of good music continue.
Wed 4th November at 2pm
HEROES & VILLAINS- presented by Dawn Clayton Cunningham who will be offering music spanning the spectrum from fictional and local heroes to killers and pirates. A Beach Boys track will be included along with classical, film, TV music and some other pop tracks.
Wed 18th November at 2pm
LETS GO CLASSICAL, WELL MAYBE - presented by Graham Fenegan who takes a step back from his usual jazz flavours to explore his classical and orchestral side but there will be a different slant on some selections.
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**

Floodlighting of St Andrew's Church, Hornchurch

Many thanks to all who have sponsored the floodlighting during November 2026:
13th November ~ In Loving Memory of our son **Aaron James - Paul and Eudeen Shrubsole**;
14th November ~ In loving memory of **Terry May** who passed away on 23rd April 2026 - **Margaret, Stuart, Julia, Eloise, Andrew and Elodie**;
15th November ~ In loving memory of **Dorothy 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 November and December 2026
The Children's Society

Across the country, young people's needs are being ignored, with those facing abuse, exploitation, or mental health struggles only receiving help at crisis point. At The Children's Society, we know a brighter future is possible. We provide complete support that's specific to every child and challenge the government to deliver policies that will protect children. A future of hope and happiness belongs to every child. Together, we can make sure that no child has to face life alone.

By bringing your community together to Christingle, you are creating hope for children across the UK. Thank you so much. It's true that our children are facing many challenges. But it's also true that, together, we can write a very different story for childhood in the UK. As a Christingler, you're part of a nationwide community of people determined to change children's futures for the better. Your compassion will change lives

The donations raised at Christingle services can make a big difference for children and young people. Here's how: £20 could pay for art supplies for a young person who's feeling low, giving them a creative outlet and a way to express what they're feeling.

£45 could enable a child to have an intensive half-hour cognitive behaviour therapy session with one of our trained practitioners to help them self-manage their emotions.

£90 could provide vital hygiene and health kits for three young people living in poverty or in unsafe housing.

£180 could fund regular vital check-ins between a project worker and three children who are depressed or expressing suicidal tendencies to make sure they're safe

Thanks to you, we delivered 77 crisis support services across the UK last year, helping more than 57,652 young people and almost 3,547 parents and carers. directly. And more than 77,307 amazing supporters like you got involved through volunteering, donating, fundraising, and campaigning.

Thanks to amazing Christingle organisers like you, we're able to be here for young people when they need us most For more inspiration, speak to our Supporter Care team or visit **childrenssociety.org.uk/support**. You can also sign up to our free monthly prayer email subscription.

Find out more at **childrenssociety.org.uk/support-in-church**.

You're making a brighter future possible for young people across the country. Thank you so much.

Christingle candles will be available to collect to add your donation but must be returned to St Andrew's Church no later than 20th December. Alternatively, you can give cash or cheques payable to 'Hornchurch PCC' and we will collate and send the donations after the return date for the candles.

Arlene Trump

Keep Digging

Would you believe it? Pre-1948 Palestine's wild asses were shot for sport, as worthless, untameable, useless.

The new Parks and Conservation Authority thought otherwise. {Does the Creator make mistakes?} Realising the gene pool was too limited for long-term health, they approached similar departments in Iran and Ethiopia for loans of some of their desert donkeys for a breeding programme, in return for cross-bred donkeys.

Eventually a herd of cross-breeds was introduced into an arid, hot crater in the Negev. What would they do without water? Each took a spot near a bush and started digging; and the next day, and the next till each had shifted tons of rock and sand until, two metres down, a pool of water appeared.

Desert creatures, insects, birds, foxes and gerbils were drawn to the water. They brought seeds. Trees sprouted and gave shade.

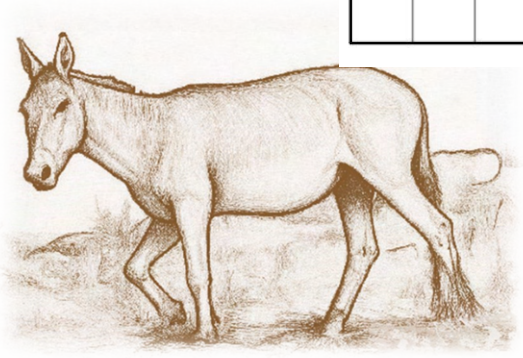
Like all good stories, this triggers thinking on three levels.

1.**Material.** What do we need for good habitats?

2. **Moral.** What, or who, do we despise, who might be key to survival?

3. **Spiritual**. See things, events, people, Bible passages, better with the aid of the Holy Spirit, so as to better see things from God's point of view.

Keep Digging!



Revd Peter Evans

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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 working with young people . . .

From: The Rectory,
St James the Least of All

My dear Nephew Darren

It is quite natural for you curates to enjoy working with young people in your parishes; church youth clubs were created in order to keep the newly ordained off the streets in the evenings. But be assured you will grow out of it. I consent to baptise babies and prepare teenagers for confirmation, but beyond that my contact with this alien life form is kept to an absolute minimum. Dear Miss Thrush runs our weekly Pram Service—whose sole purpose seems to be to give young mothers an opportunity to discuss the ever-changing liaisons within the village, while their offspring shred hymn books and destroy the flower arrangements. I drop in from time to time in order to check that the more mobile haven't found where we hide the matches. An infant equipped with that knowledge can so easily become a teenage pyromaniac.

I can give you little advice on your youth group. When I was a curate, the major activity seemed to be to teach them how to wear gas masks, although today I imagine there is more concern about protecting them from other sorts of exotic chemicals. Also, I suspect you are kept busy keeping the young out of the darker corners of the churchyard as they develop their anatomical knowledge – a past-time still enthusiastically pursued by each new generation.

You clearly find your monthly Youth Service a deeply enriching experience. As far as I am concerned, if such a liturgy had been necessary, then Cranmer would have provided us with one. Endlessly repeated choruses accompanied by a guitar would make me warm to the Quakers. I am sure St Paul's services would have been much enriched with Hymns Ancient and Modern. The disciples in hiding in Jerusalem were not even able to sing accompanied by an organ, which must have greatly dispirited them. I also feel that our Verger would be unable to cope with organising the strobe lighting and dry ice effects. It takes him all his time to remember to light the candles on the altar.

On this matter we must differ.
You must worship God in your way, and I in His.

Your loving uncle,
Eustace

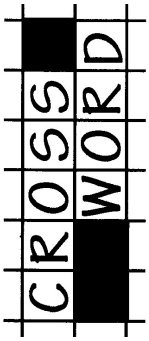


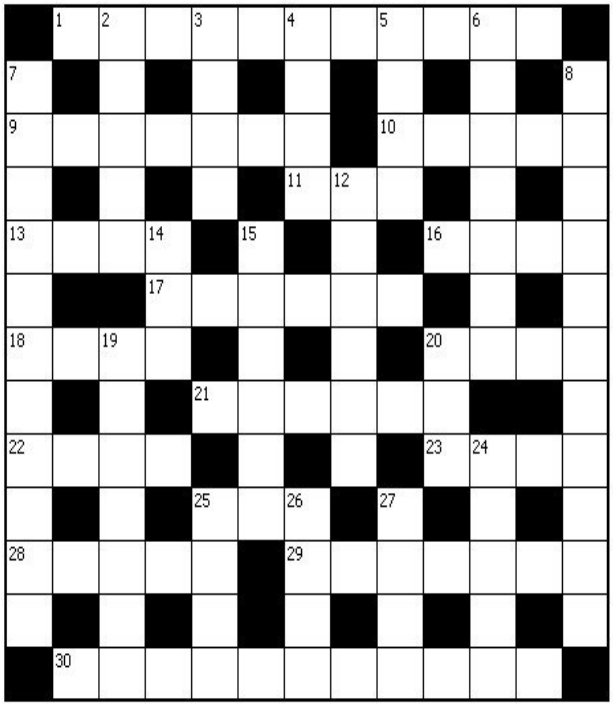
Flag Days for 2026

(Union Flag unless otherwise stated)

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 and 20 Down 'Lord of all _, Lord of all _, whose trust, ever child-like, no cares could destroy' (11,3)
9 Moses' question to a fighting Hebrew labourer: 'Why are you _ your fellow Hebrew?" (Exodus 2:13) (7)
10 Acclaimed cellist who contracted multiple sclerosis at the height of her fame, Jacqueline _ (2,3)
11 'At even _ the sun was set, the sick, O Lord, around Thee lay' (3)
13 A descendant of Gad (Numbers 26:16) (4)
16 'Do not leave Jerusalem, but _ for the gift my Father promised' (Acts 1:4) (4)
17 Clambers (Jeremiah 48:44) (6)
18 Peter's response to questioning by the Sanhedrin: 'We must _God rather than men!' (Acts 5:29) (4)
20 Christian paraplegic author, artist and campaigner, _ Eareckson Tada (4)
21 Bird partial to the nests of other birds (6)
22 'Such large crowds gathered round him that he got into a boat and sat _ _ '(Matthew 13:2) (2,2)
23 Infectious tropical disease (4)
25 Tree (3)
28 'No fear of me should _ you, nor should my hand be heavy upon you' (Job 33:7) (5)
29 For example, to Titus, Timothy or Philemon (7)
30 Week beginning with Pentecost Sunday, according to the Church's calendar (11)

Down

2 'O Jerusalem _ how _I have longed to gather your children together' Matthew 23:37) (5)
3 Way out (4)
4 Exhort (Romans 12:1) (4)
5 Done (anag.) (4)
6 Highest of the four voice-parts in a choir (7)
7 Concerning the study of God (11)
8 Uniquely, it has Abbey, Cathedral and Chapel (11)
12 Admonish (Matthew 16:22) (6)
14 Frozen (3)
15 Established form of religious ceremony (6)
19 Inscription often found on gravestones (7)
20 See 1 Across
24 Behaved (Joshua 7:1) (5)
25 Time (anag.) (4)
26 Lists choice of meals (4)
27 'For the wages of sin is death, but the _ of God is eternal life in Christ Jesus our Lord' (Romans 6:23) (4)

Across: 1, Hopefulness. 9, Hitting. 10, du Pre. 11, Ere. 13, Ozni. 16, Wait. 17, Climbs. 18, Obey. 20, Joni. 21, Cuckoo. 22, In it. 23, Yaws. 25, Elm. 28, Alarm. 29, Epistle. 30, Whitsuntide.
Down: 2, Often. 3, Exit. 4, Urge. 5, Node. 6, Soprano. 7, Theological. 8, Westminster. 12, Rebuke. 14, Icy. 15, Ritual. 19, Epitaph. 20, Joy. 24, Acted. 25, Emit. 26, Menu. 27, Gift.

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Time Out

There were 22 members, including 7 from Escape, at our meeting on Monday 28th September to listen to Chris Ruff an Official London walk Guide. A walk in London is planned for May 2027 so look out for information about this
On Monday 12th October 14 members met in North Street Hall for an evening learning about useful Apps on our phones, interesting and informative.
Meeting for November ~ Monday 9th November at 7pm in North Street Hall for 'Common Scents' Bring a needle, thread, scissors for a craft session with Karen making lavender bags/Christmas craft
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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.

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Contact e-mail: **ingrebourne@essexwt.org.uk**



In praise of oranges

Do you like oranges? Big? small? easy to peel? or a bit more difficult to get into? They are delicious! Except – when they are not. All orange lovers will know that disappointing moment when they have begun to peel what looks like a perfect orange, only to find that inside it is rotten, marbled black and blemished.
It's a good picture of how we can live our lives. We can be seemingly perfect on the outside, but hiding, at least sometimes, some very dark parts, which we would not like our nearest and dearest to know about, let alone broadcast to the world at large. So it is good to know that we have a God who loves to lighten our darkness, to forgive our sin, and to set us on a right path, clean and whole.
But there's another side to oranges, too. Sometimes our patient peeling is rewarded by the most succulent sweetness; so much so we manage a long 'mmmmmmm' as the juice overflows at the side of our mouths. It's a reminder of the invitation in Psalm 34 to 'taste and see that the Lord is good'.
For the Christian faith is strong on food symbols to help explain how good God is. He is 'sweeter than honey in the honeycomb' says Psalm 19. He gave the Israelites a "land of milk and honey". And of course, the bread and wine we take for our comfort at a Holy Communion service comes most readily to mind. It's a foretaste of heaven, portrayed as a great feast.
A feast - it's such an attractive image, with universal appeal - to foodies, to the starving, to those who will no longer have to think about their figure, to the poor- and the invitation is to all. That's you, and me.
God's invitation is to let Him nourish us day by day. Is there a hunger in you to explore that simple invitation 'Taste and see that the Lord is good'? May God bless you as you feed on Him in your heart by faith, with thanksgiving.

Revd Roy Shaw
(also from Parish Pump)

The Bridge

The Bridge members and volunteers hosted a Macmillan Coffee Morning on Wednesday 23rd September. The event was very well supported with plenty of tea, coffee and cake being served throughout the morning. The event raised £884.51 on the day, including £306.00 on the raffle. This amount was added to on the Sunday after with 2 very generous donations bringing the eventual total to £1,000.00. A truly magnificent amount. Many thanks go to the Bridge members and volunteers and to all those people who supported the day and donated.



Jeanette



Prayer for November 2026

Dear Lord,

At this dark and dismal time, when the year is closing down and our lives get busier and the world more confusing, we can sometimes become discouraged and low in spirits.

Help us to adjust our perspective, to turn and look up, to focus afresh on You, to remember that Your Name is above all names, above discouragement, above despair, above confusion.

Help us to be thankful for each day that You have made, recognising each one as a gift from You, to be treasured and lived fruitfully.

May we welcome Your powerful, healing light into our hearts and lives – Your light, which no darkness can dim. Help us to remember Your words,

I am the light of the world. Whoever follows me will not walk in darkness, but will have the light of life. *

Help us to follow you and walk in the light, this November and always.

In your name,

Amen.

Daphne Kitching

*John 8v12

The Holy Spirit and You

The Holy Spirit is a Communicator, "And it shall come to pass, that I will pour out My Spirit upon all flesh and your Sons and your Daughters shall Prophesy" Joel 2 v 28 and Acts 2 v 16-18.
The Holy Spirit affected the words of thousands on the Day of Pentecost .
"And there appeared unto them cloven tongues like as of fire and it sat upon each of them and they were all filled with The Holy Spirit and began to speak with other tongues as The Holy Spirit gave them utterance! Declared in Acts 2 v 3+4.
The Holy Spirit was involved when Jesus gave Commandments to The Apostles before His Ascension. "Until the day on which He was taken up, after He through The Holy Spirit gave Commandments to The Apostles He had chosen!" Acts 1 v 2;
The Holy Spirit also influences your conversations with others. "But you shall receive power, after The Holy Spirit comes upon you and you shall be witnesses unto Me in Jerusalem and in all Judaea and in Samaria, and to the uttermost parts of the Earth". Acts 1 v 8. The Holy Spirit affects the Boldness and Enthusiasm in discussing our Faith and Belief in normal dialogues with others. Acts 4 v 31. The first evidence of The Holy Spirit is conversation.
It's evident in the life of Peter that he was weak and intimidated until The Day of Pentecost, after which he spoke with Boldness: Then Peter, filled with The Holy Spirit, said to them "Be it known to you, and all the people of Israel, that by the name of Jesus of Nazareth Who you Crucified and God raised from the dead, even by Him does this man stand before you whole..."
Neither is there Salvation in any other for there is no other name under Heaven given among men, by which we must be Saved!"
When the people saw the boldness of Peter and John they knew to be uneducated, ignorant men they marvelled and took understanding from them that they knew they were Friends with Jesus." Acts 4 v 8, 10, 12+13.

Mark Lendon. B.A. Soc.



Remembrance

In November we come to remember
How war tore our country apart,
From village and town and all around
Men and boys left home and hearth.

Mothers and wives and sisters all
Saw their brave young men go away,
For some it meant the ultimate price
As they gave their tomorrows for our today.

Another Man left His home above
To rescue this world from sin,
It cost Him His life which He freely gave
So new life could enter in.

In this world there will always be war,
But the time will surely be
When the earth shall be filled with the glory of God
As the waters cover the sea.

Megan Carter

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!
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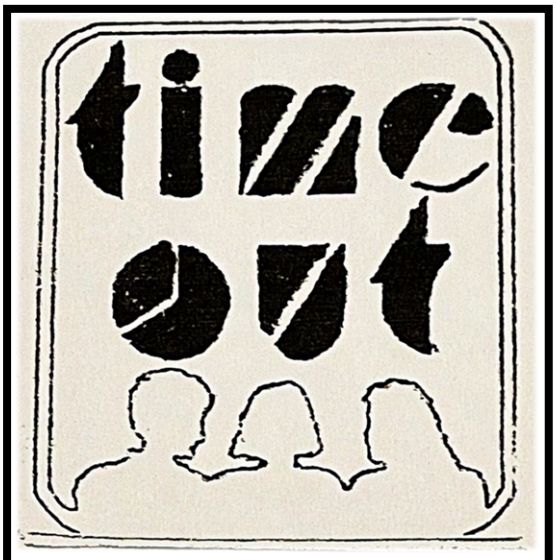
Beavers Wanted

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
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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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a motorbike.

A pastor in India caused a stir when he dumped half a hundredweight of small coins on the counter of a motor bike shop to pay for a scooter. It took the staff two hours to count them. The pastor had saved them from change given while shopping. His wife and children are delighted with family transport. As reported 10/10/26 by Siasat Daily of Hyderabad.

Revd Peter Evans

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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 Eventbright.

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.





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Sudoku solution from P6

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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The vicar's alternative to traditional after-service coffee was having a dramatic effect on male church attendance

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The service of Mr JT Attwooll; Reader of Scripture at South Hornchurch Chapel

This time last year Prof Ged Martin set me a task; continue his research into the life and work of Mr John Thomas Attwooll the Reader of the Parish of Hornchurch who for over 30 years at the beginning of the 20th century ministered at the South Hornchurch Chapel which used to be in South End Road opposite Wood Street. More about the chapel in a separate article next year.

Mr Attwooll was born on Portland in Dorset in 1864 and was baptized on 6th March 1864 in St George's Church Reforne. He was the oldest of the 8 children of William and Amelia Mary Attwooll. The Portland Local & Family History Centre have been very helpful. They advise that he probably attended St George's School as that was the local Church School.

The Attwooll family have been established on Portland for centuries especially in the stone industry. His father William was listed in the census for several decades as a quarryman. According to his obituary in the Western Gazette he was also the Superintendent of the Sunday school of St George's for 35 years and sang in the choir for 70 years. This work and ability was inherited by his son John who started work as a quarryman and later a stonecutter.

In 1887 he married Charlotte Drusella White Spencer. They had a son, Victor John Glen, but sadly she did not live long; by the 1891 census he is described as "widower, stone cutter and organist" In 1895 he married again, another Portland woman, Ann Byatt Comben Sansom. They are not shown as having any more children, or none that survived long enough to appear on a census.

By 1901 the family are shown as living in Hornchurch and Mr Attwooll is described as Licensed Reader CofE. In later years the Southern Times newspaper wrote about him on his return to Weymouth and Portland for a holiday. They described him as a musician and poet who left Portland to go to college before later 'being placed in charge of a beautiful chapel of ease at Hornchurch Essex and ministered there for 34 years'. I have not been able to find out what college and what course of study, but it must have included music and or theology to a very high standard, from his later work.

Most of the information we have about his work comes from CT Perfect's books on the history of Hornchurch, especially Hornchurch During the Great War, numerous news items in the local press (which Prof Martin believes may have been supplied to the editor by Mr Perfect), and some mentions (but fewer than I'd anticipated) in the Parish magazines of the period.

Prof Martin is of the opinion that Mr Perfect and Mr Attwooll became good personal friends as well as colleagues. South Hornchurch was an area of market gardens with a sparse, scattered population (that changed when the aerodrome returned in the late 1920s). The daughter church in Harold Wood that became St Peter's merited a resident curate. South Hornchurch, described by Mr Perfect as 'an unexplored land to many parishioners' seems to have thrived under Mr Attwool's care.

Mr Perfect speaks very highly of him and in particular his service to the parish and parishioners during the Great War (Hornchurch During the Great War P249/251). From his book we know that Mr Attwooll's actual office was that of Lay Reader, held by Direct authority from the Bishop of the Diocese. His initial appointment in July 1896 was by Dr Festing, the Bishop of St Albans. The Diocese of Chelmsford was not formed until 1914. He undertook all the responsibilities and duties of a clergyman other than those rites of liturgy not to be performed by laymen. He had a badge of office and a blue silk neck ribbon.

On the front cover of the parish magazines of 1911 to 1924 he is described as either Scripture Reader or Scripture Reader in Charge. Lay services, which he conducted, were every Sunday at 3pm and 6.30 pm. Holy Communion was First Sunday at 9.30, baptisms Second Sunday after notice. Baptisms and Churchings required him to be given notice by the preceding Saturday. A Sunday school ran and it is during his leadership that first a shoe club and later a shoe and clothing club ran during the time of the Sunday school. One can imagine the need during the years before during and after WWI.

Mrs Attwooll is also mentioned and must have been as hard a worker as her husband. For example, in 1906 she accompanied the girls' choir and Sunday school to Purfleet for a day out with tea and music.

In 1908 the chapel needed renovations. Painting, revarnishing and replacing carpet was carried out by Mr Attwooll and another lay reader Mr Hawkes. Mrs Attwooll and Mrs Cutler, wife of Mr Cutler the Chapel Warden were responsible for work to the curtains behind the altar. Her flower arrangements were often commended. She founded the Guild of Women who worked on making altar linen and church textiles. Some things don't change. These are just random snapshots from over 30 years.

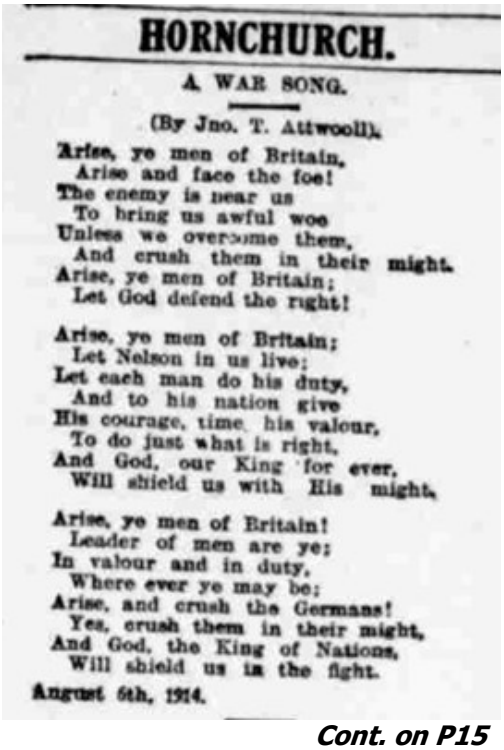
As well as playing the organ and training the choir (men, boys, girls and ladies) to a notable standard Mr Attwooll wrote. A play (never performed or published which he sounded regretful about) but his hymns and carols were sung in church and chapel and poetry which was published in both Essex and West Country newspapers. Bill Brookes our choir master does not believe that we still hold any of his music from that period but he will let me know if he does discover anything.

A 'Service of Song' given by the choir was a regular feature of the Chapel calendar.

The Essex Times of 24th December 1910 wrote of the beautiful carol service at the South Hornchurch Chapel the previous Sunday. The soloists were Mrs Westley, Miss Wren, Mr Westley and Mr Wakefield with the choir. Four of the carols were written by Mr Attwooll and one by Mr Perfect. Mr Attwooll preached on the word Emmanuel. He showed that "God is with us always, not only in the Incarnation, but all through His Holy Life; in His wonderful death and resurrection and ascension; in His ceaseless intercession he is with us, our Emmanuel; and the only way to spend a happy Christmas is by realising that God is with us".

I have discovered several poems, on the subject of the death of King Edward VII and the events of the Great War.

From the Grays and Tilbury Gazette, Hornchurch, Rainham and Upminster Telegraph of 15th August 1914 – A War Song.



HORNCHURCH.

A WAR SONG.

(By Jno. T. Attwooll).

Arise, ye men of Britain,
Arise and face the foe!
The enemy is near us
To bring us awful woe
Unless we overcome them,
And crush them in their might.
Arise, ye men of Britain;
Let God defend the right!

Arise, ye men of Britain;
Let Nelson in us live;
Let each man do his duty,
And to his nation give
His courage, time, his valour,
To do just what is right,
And God, our King for ever,
Will shield us with His might.

Arise, ye men of Britain!
Leader of men are ye;
In valour and in duty,
Where ever ye may be;
Arise, and crush the Germans!
Yes, crush them in their might,
And God, the King of Nations,
Will shield us in the fight.

August 6th, 1914.

Cont. on P15

JT Attwooll Cont. Mr Perfect paid tribute in his book to Mr Attwooll's care of the 96 men and their families from South Hornchurch who served and the memory of the 24 who gave their lives.
In 1917 Mt Attwooll was the subject of a presentation from his congregation on the completion of 21 years of ministry among them. The warden Mr Cutler presented him with a purse of money and an illuminated address. Mr Cutler is described as expressing "the affection and esteem in which he was held by those for whom he had laboured so earnestly over so long a period"
Mr Attwooll retired from Readership at the chapel in November 1928. I think his post must have been a paid one as his duties were too many for him to have held a secular career at the same time, but I can find no record of this in any documentation that is easily available to search.
At a service on the occasion of his retirement the Bishop of Barking paid tribute to his "Faithful and arduous work"
Mr and Mrs Attwooll continued to live in Hornchurch.
We know he visited his home town on holiday, and presumably to see family members (the name Attwooll is still a prominent one on Portland) and he corresponded with the local Western Newspaper on matters of local history. Victor, their son, went to work on the railway but I have no more information about him. Neither do I have any information about the circumstances that caused Mr Attwooll to be admitted to the Lingholt Nursing Home in Hornchurch where he died on 9th August 1941 aged 77.
The Chelmsford Chronicle said he was an excellent organist, who trained the boys choir and wrote some of the music for the service, also poems. He is buried in our St Andrew's churchyard but has no headstone.
Mrs Attwooll died in 1948 and was buried with him. According to the parish records she was resident in Chippenham at the time of her death. Was she living with Victor? Had he moved there for work? I doubt that I will ever find out now.
Prof Martin described him as an unsung hero of the Church of England and I cannot disagree with that.

CA Metcalfe

The Attwooll family home in Wakeham Portland supplied by the Portland Local & Family History Centre



Christmas Land returns to Hornchurch for 2026

bringing festive magic to thousands while supporting local mental health services

Christmas is coming to Hornchurch as Christmas Land prepares to return to Harrow Lodge Park for the 2026 festive season, promising a sparkling Christmas experience for families, friends and visitors of all ages.
Following an incredible 2025 season that welcomed more than 32,000 visitors, Christmas Land is back for another year, inviting the local community to step into a festive wonderland filled with thousands of twinkling lights, enchanting Christmas scenes and plenty of opportunities to make special seasonal memories.
Organised by local mental health charity Mind in Havering, Barking & Dagenham, Christmas Land combines festive entertainment with an important charitable purpose, with money raised supporting the charity's work across Havering, Barking and Dagenham.
At the heart of the attraction is the historic Harrow Lodge House, beautifully illuminated for the season. Visitors can explore the spectacular outdoor Christmas Lights Walkway through the Secret Garden, discover dazzling decorations and themed displays, and capture memorable photographs along the way.
Younger visitors can also enjoy a magical visit to Santa's Grotto, where children can meet Father Christmas and receive a wrapped Christmas gift.
Festive food and refreshments will be available on site, including warming mulled wine and German beer for adults to enjoy.
With walkway tickets starting from just £5.50 per person and free entry for babies under two, Christmas Land offers an accessible festive outing for local families looking to get into the Christmas spirit while supporting a worthwhile cause.
The 2026 attraction will also include a dedicated special educational needs (SEN)-friendly session on 7th December, with reduced visitor numbers and lower music levels to help create a more comfortable experience for visitors who benefit from a quieter environment.

A festive attraction with a purpose

Beyond the lights, decorations and Christmas excitement, Christmas Land plays an important role in supporting local mental health services. Every ticket sold helps contribute to the work of Mind in Havering, Barking & Dagenham, helping the charity continue its support for people experiencing mental health challenges in the local community.
By bringing people together during one of the busiest and most emotionally challenging times of the year, the event offers an opportunity to celebrate the festive season while supporting a cause that matters all year round.
Sarah Balser, CEO for Mind, Havering, Barking and Dagenham said:
"Christmas Land is all about bringing people together and creating that special feeling of Christmas. We were delighted to welcome more than 32,000 visitors in 2025, and we're excited to open our doors again for 2026.
"What makes the attraction particularly special is that it is about more than Christmas lights. Every visit helps support Mind in Havering, Barking & Dagenham and the important mental health work it carries out across our local communities. We hope families will come along, enjoy the magic and help us make this year another fantastic success."

Plan your visit

Christmas Land will be open at Harrow Lodge Park, Hornchurch, from **Friday 27 November 2026 to Saturday 2 January 2027**.
Walkway admission starts at £5.50 per person, with Santa's Grotto tickets priced at £8 per child, including a wrapped Christmas gift.
Advance booking is strongly recommended, particularly for visits to Santa's Grotto, which operates on selected dates.
Christmas Land is wheelchair and buggy friendly, with a free public car park nearby, although spaces may be limited during busy periods.
For tickets, opening information and further details, visit **www.christmasland.co.uk.**

SUNDAY SERVICES in the Parish of Hornchurch

8.30 am: Morning Worship at St Andrew's Church
10.15 am: Parish Worship at St Andrew's **4th Sunday** Parade Service
6.30 pm: Evening Services at St Andrew's.
2nd, 3rd, 4th and 5th Sundays at St George's Parish Worship at **10.15 am**
3rd Sunday only at St Matthew's **11.00 am** Holy Communion, **2.45pm** The Well, other churches as above as usual.
Thursdays 10.00 am Mid-week Holy Communion at St Andrew's See **Page 3** for greater detail

St Andrew's Church	St George's Church	St Matthew's Church	Messy Church
222 High Street RM12 6QP	Kenilworth Gardens RM12 4SG	Chelmsford Drive RM14 2PH	

Hornchurch Parish Churches Autumn 2026

Baptisms

September 13th Reggie George Fehily
Sebastian Woody Robinson
October 11th Jidenna Jacob Eze
18th Jaxon Brooks Mumford
25th Leonard Jay Bobby Paul Bash

Marriages

September 13th Natasha Dawn Saggers and Shane Everitt

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

August 26th Grace Lillian Talbot 5
September 29th Vlad Bitian 29



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