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**APRIL 2023**

**Village View**

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## From the Vicarage

Dear Friends,

As we move into April, we prepare to celebrate the great feast of the resurrection of our Lord. Easter Sunday comes and goes with all the celebrations, but I wonder if, this year, we could continue to think and reflect beyond Easter, about the resurrection and what this means for us.

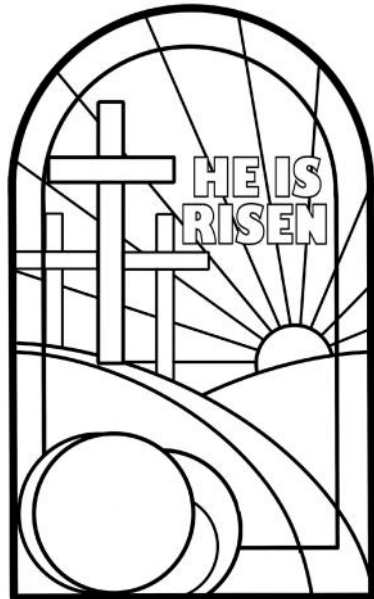
Please come along to celebrate Easter with us at any of our services. We will begin on Maundy Thursday at 7pm at St Thomas' Church in Bradwell, as we remember the Last Supper. On Good Friday, there will be a Holy Communion Service at St Lawrence Church at 11.30am, then at 12.45pm a walk of witness from St Thomas Church in Bradwell to St Peter's Chapel in Bradwell, followed by an hour of meditation from 2-3pm.

Our Easter Sunday celebration begins at 6am at St Peter's Chapel, with the Bishop of Chelmsford; afterwards sharing breakfast at the Othona Community. There will also be services at 10am at Bradwell, Tillingham and St Lawrence Church and Church Centre, and a service at Dengie at 3pm.

There are events for children in Holy Week on Monday 3<sup>rd</sup> April in St Lawrence with the Woodland Walk from 11am-1.30pm and on Wednesday 5<sup>th</sup> April at 3pm with Messy Church in Tillingham. We will have held our Easter School Services in the previous week.

As we celebrate the resurrection of our Lord, let us give thanks for Jesus' sacrifice on the cross which he did for us, so we can live in eternity with him.

He is risen, Alleluia!



*Reverend Steven*

## Palm Sunday & Holy Week

The events of Easter took place over a week, traditionally called Passion Week. It began on Palm Sunday. After all His teaching and healing, Jesus had built a following.

On the Sunday before He was to die, Jesus and His followers arrived at Jerusalem. The city was crowded. Jewish people were arriving to celebrate Passover. This commemorates how they had escaped from slavery in Egypt nearly 1,500 year earlier.

Jesus rode into the city on a young donkey. He was greeted like a conquering hero. Cheering crowds waved palm branches in tribute. He was hailed as the Messiah who had come to re-establish a Jewish kingdom.

The next day they returned to Jerusalem. Jesus went to the temple, the epicentre of the Jewish faith, and confronted the money-changers and merchants who were ripping off the people. He overturned their tables and accused them of being thieves. The religious authorities were alarmed and feared how He was stirring up the crowds.

On the Tuesday, they challenged Jesus, questioning His authority. He answered by challenging and condemning their hypocrisy. Later that day Jesus spoke to His disciples about future times. He warned them about fake religious leaders; the coming destruction of Jerusalem; wars, earthquakes and famines; and how His followers would face persecution.

By midweek the Jewish religious leaders and elders were so angry with Jesus that they began plotting to arrest and kill Him. One of Jesus' disciples, Judas, went to the chief priests and agreed to betray Him to them.

Jesus and the 12 disciples gathered on the Thursday evening to celebrate the Passover meal. This is known as the Last Supper. During the evening, Jesus initiated a ritual still marked by Christians – Holy Communion – which commemorates His death. Jesus broke bread and shared it and a cup of wine with His disciples.

Judas then left to meet the other plotters. Jesus continued to teach the others and then went outside into an olive grove to pray. He even prayed for all future believers. He agonised over what was to come but chose the way of obedience. The Bible book, Luke, records Him praying, *'Father if you are willing, take this cup from me; yet not my will but yours be done'*. Minutes later Judas arrived with soldiers and the chief priests and Jesus was arrested.



## **Bradwell WI**

### **Wednesday 8<sup>th</sup> March at the Village Hall**

#### **A glass demonstration with Fenella Miller**

For our March meeting, we were joined by Fenella Miller for a demonstration on glass fusing. Fenella first taught herself how to fuse glass when she retired from nursing and fell in love with it. She now shares that passion by running workshops around Essex as well as displaying and selling her glass locally. She even does commissions, not bad for someone that is self-taught!

Fenella made it look easy as she demonstrated how she makes one of her pieces, even the least creative ladies in our group were inspired to have a go at it for ourselves. Although, she did let us know that when it's chilly out, the glass is much more breakable, so we might have to leave it for when spring finally comes!

Our next meeting is on the 12th of April in the village hall for a flower arranging demonstration with Barbara Roe.

New members are always welcome, so please feel free to come along!

If you have any questions about what we get up to, you can contact Sue Pirret on 07824696807 or [sue@dailygrindimports.com](mailto:sue@dailygrindimports.com)



*Alice Nightingale*

#### **Thankyou**

I have been asked to pass on through Village View a very Special thanks to the person who stopped behind me in my car when I broke down earlier in March and then followed me to Waterside Motors at a speed of 15-20 miles per hour and then drove off towards Waterside. It was most thoughtful of you and made me feel safe. **THANKYOU** Editor

## Tales from RAF Bradwell Bay

A little-studied part of the infrastructure of WW2 is that of requisitioned properties. The government had the power to seize and use properties, mainly larger properties for war purposes such as Headquarters, training, and hospitals for example.

Bradwell on Sea was not immune from this, The MP for Maldon. Tom Driberg, had to move out of Bradwell Lodge so his house and grounds could be used as an officer's mess. He moved to a house called Riverview on Bradwell Waterside. A total of 10 Properties were requisitioned:

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Tudor Hall	WAAF Quarters & MT Yard
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**RAF BRADWELL BAY  
PRESERVATION GROUP**

Tudor Hall, (now known as New Hall) in the High Street, was taken over, a uniformed RAF Officer and a civilian from the Air Ministry visited the house without notice and told the resident, Mrs Anna Child, they wanted to view the property. The RAF Officer, after viewing said they wanted to take the whole property and wanted vacant possession in 1 month.

Tudor Hall was a large house with grounds and gardens of 2.5 acres and a 6 Acre pasture. The occupants were Maurice Child and his wife Anna, Anna's mother aged 81 and Anna's Sister, Dorothea, aged 41 and an 8-year-old girl (details obscured on the 1939 Register), and a 28-year-old servant, Jetha. The animals consisted of poultry, 2 pedigree milking goats, a horse and dogs and cats.

The family moved to Surrey, claims for the upheaval went on until 1947. The family did not return to Bradwell on Sea.

Learn more by becoming a volunteer with The RAF Bradwell Bay Preservation Group or donating to our museum fund via our website.

[www.rafbradwellbay.co.uk](http://www.rafbradwellbay.co.uk)

## Can you count quickly?



Moving to North Somerset a few weeks ago I knew I would be close to where huge numbers of starlings regularly gather at night-fall throughout winter and perform spectacular flying displays. These take place over suitable roosting places, such as extensive reed beds. Shapwick Heath, just over half-an-hour's drive away from my new home, Clevedon, is a National Nature Reserve, and well-known for such gatherings, known as "murmurations".

So at the end of February a Saturday afternoon's birdwatching was planned. The walk to Shapwick from the RSPB carpark at Ham Wall is along an old railway track, through old peat workings – a wonderful area of shallow lagoons, reed beds and woodland. There were many rewards. Several species of duck fed in the lagoons – along with coots and egrets. A male marsh harrier quartered a reed bed. My companion was certain she heard the 'ping' of bearded tits - certainly prime territory for them, though they didn't put in an appearance.

Then as dusk fell the starlings began to gather. Flock after flock swept in from all directions, building up to one huge gathering, the noise of their wings in the air heard over the marsh as they swept left and right, swirled back and forth, just one immense organism containing – how many individuals? Well into tens of thousands – some murmurations have been estimated at over a million birds. The display continued for over half an hour, eventually the birds moving lower and lower and settling for the night into a long bank of trees and reeds a few hundred yards away.

It was some weeks later that I discovered that a murmuration had taken place just two days before I moved into Clevedon – yes, right over the edge of the town, indeed would have swept time and time again over my new home. I shall be all hopeful when next winter comes. A video of the Clevedon numeration of February 4th can be viewed (and heard) at: <https://www.google.com/search?client=firefox-bd&q=starling+murmuration+clevedon#fpstate=ive&vld=cid:7c175e2d,vid:4tHJ4jlCRdk>

Brian Clayden

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## APRIL SERVICES

Time	Service	Church	Readings
<b>2<sup>nd</sup> April</b>	<b>Palm Sunday</b>		
10:00	Parish Communion	St Thomas Bradwell	Liturgy of the Palms Matthew 21; 1-11 Psalm 118; 1-2, 19-29
10:00	All Age Service	St Nicholas Tillingham	
10:00	All Age Service	St Lawrence Centre	
15:00	Evening Service	St James Dengie	
<b>6<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>Mundy Thursday</b>		
14:00	Thursday Club	St Thomas Bradwell	John 13; 1-17, 31b-35
19:00	Last Supper	St Thomas Bradwell	Or Luke 23; 1-25
<b>7<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>Good Friday</b>		
11.30	Communion and Lunch	St Lawrence Church	Isaiah 52; 13-53; 12 John 18;1-19; 42 Psalm 22
10:00	All Age Service	St Thomas Bradwell	
12.45	Walk with the Cross	Walk to St Peter's Chapel from St Thomas' Church	
14.00	Good Friday Service	St Peters Chapel	
<b>9<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>Easter Sunday</b>		
6.00	Easter Dawn Service	St Peters Chapel	Jeremiah 31; 1-6 Acts 10; 34-43 John 20; 1-18 Psalm 118; 1-2, 14-24
10:00	Parish Communion	St Thomas Church	
10:00	Parish Communion	St Lawrence Church	
10:00	Easter Service	St Nicholas Tillingham	
10:00	Easter Service	St Thomas Bradwell	
15.00	Easter service	St Lawrence Centre	
<b>16<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>2nd Sunday of Easter</b>		
10:00	All Age Service	St Lawrence Centre	Acts 2; 14a, 22-32 1Peter 1; 3-9 John 20; 19-31 Psalm 16
10:00	All Age Service	St Nicholas Tillingham	
18:00	Evening Service	St Thomas Bradwell	
<b>17<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>Monday</b>		
10:00	Pebbles	Centre St Lawrence	TBA
<b>23<sup>rd</sup></b>	<b>3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday of Easter</b>		
10.00	Parish Communion	St James Dengie	Acts 2; 14a 36-41 1 Peter 1; 27-23

10.00	All Age Service	St Lawrence Centre	Luke 24; 13-35 Psalm 116 1-3, 10-17
10.00	Morning Prayer	St Lawrence Church	
18.00	Evening Service	St Nicholas Tillingham	
<b>24<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>Monday</b>		
10:00	Pebbles	Centre St Lawrence	TBA
<b>30<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>4<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Easter</b>		
10:00	Joint Benefice Holy Communion	St Thomas Bradwell	Acts 2; 42-47 1Peter 2; 19-25 John 10; 1-10 Psalm 23
<b>4<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>Thursday</b>		
10:00	Thursday Club	St Thomas Bradwell	TBA
<b>5<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>Friday</b>		
12:00	Communion with Lunch	St Lawrence Church	TBA
<b>7<sup>th</sup> May</b>	<b>5<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Easter</b>		
10:00	Parish Communion	St Thomas Bradwell	Coronation TBA
10:00	All Age Service	St Nicholas Tillingham	
10:00	All Age Service	St Lawrence Centre	
15:00	Evening Service	St James Dengie	

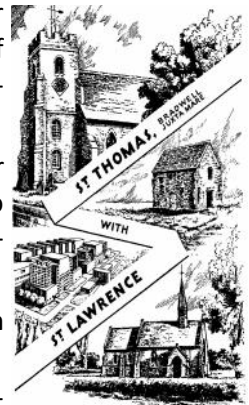
## Village View

All copy for the April Village View should be sent to Roger Scurrall by phone (776341), posted through the letterbox of 6 St Thomas' Row, Bradwell, or by email to the address below, all by March 12th.

Copy may also be submitted as a text or Microsoft Word or Publisher file, either on CD or, better still, by email to [stthomaspc@btinternet.com](mailto:stthomaspc@btinternet.com). We ask you to limit your article to 300-350 words and please include a picture.

We apologise but **no articles will be accepted after March 12<sup>th</sup>**.

If you belong to an organisation that does not yet submit articles for the Village View we would like to hear from you even in longhand if you do not have access to a computer. Any news you have is always very welcome.



  
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