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**APRIL 2021**

**Village View**

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## From the Rector

Dear Friends,

Happy Easter to you!

I hope and pray that this Easter will bring us new life in so many ways, as we approach another possible milestone with the restrictions being lifted and so many more people being vaccinated.

It is a great joy to welcome Bishop John to the Chapel on Easter Sunday at 6.30am for our Easter Sunrise Service, so if you can come and join in the celebrations, please do so.

Post Easter is a welcome break for clergy and I will be taking a couple of weeks off from the 12-26 April, after a busy period. I look forward to our church's opening again sometime in May, when we come together again, finally, and rejoice in the Easter resurrection!

God Bless,

Reverend Steven

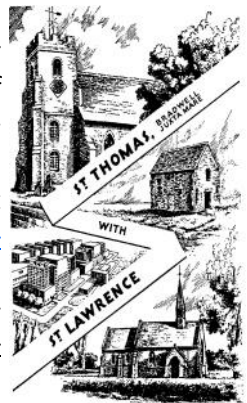
## Village View

All copy for the May 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 April 12th.

Those living in St Lawrence may give copy to Shirley Lea at 51 Main Road (779403) or email to [bronwen.cook@btinternet.com](mailto:bronwen.cook@btinternet.com) by this date. 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 April 12<sup>th</sup>**.

If you belong to an organisation that does not yet submit articles for the magazine 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.





**Messy Church online this Easter via Zoom!  
11.30-12.30 on Good Friday, 2<sup>nd</sup> April 2021**

**The craft items will be handed out via the  
school on Friday 26<sup>th</sup> March.**

**To book, please email  
[stevenposs@hotmail.com](mailto:stevenposs@hotmail.com)  
or call 01621 779620.**

## **Maundy Thursday, time to wash feet**

Maundy Thursday is famous for two things. The first is one of the final acts that Jesus did before His death: the washing of His own disciples' feet (see John 13). Jesus washed His disciples' feet for a purpose: "A new command I give you: Love one another. As I have loved you, so you must love one another." His disciples were to love through service, not domination, of one another.

In Latin, the opening phrase of this sentence is '*mandatum novum do vobis*'. The word 'mundy' is thus a corruption of the Latin '*mandatum*' (or command). The ceremony of the 'washing of the feet' of members of the congregation came to be an important part of the liturgy (regular worship) of the medieval church, symbolising the humility of the clergy, in obedience to the example of Christ.



But Thursday was also important because it was on that night that Jesus first introduced the Lord's Supper, or what we nowadays call Holy Communion.

Jesus and His close friends had met in a secret upper room to share the Passover meal together - for the last time. And there Jesus transformed the Passover into the Lord's Supper, saying, 'this is my body' and 'this is my blood' as He, the Lamb of God, prepared to die for the sins of the whole world. John's gospel makes it clear that the Last Supper took place the evening BEFORE the regular Passover meal, and that later Jesus died at the same time that the Passover lambs were killed.

## **Good Friday, the day the Son of God died for you**

Good Friday is the day on which Jesus died on the cross. He was crucified at 9 a.m. in the morning, and died six hours later, at 3pm. It is the most solemn day in the



Christian year, and is widely marked by the removal of all decorations from churches. In Lutheran churches, the day was marked by the reading of the passion narrative in a gospel, a practice which lies behind the 'passions' composed by Johann Sebastian Bach (1685 – 1750). Both the St Matthew Passion and the St John Passion have their origins in this observance of Good Friday.

The custom of observing a period of three hours' devotion from 12 midday to 3 pm on Good Friday goes back to the 18th century. The 'Three Hours of the Cross' often take the form of an extended meditation on the 'Seven Last Words from the Cross', with periods of silence, prayer, or hymn-singing.

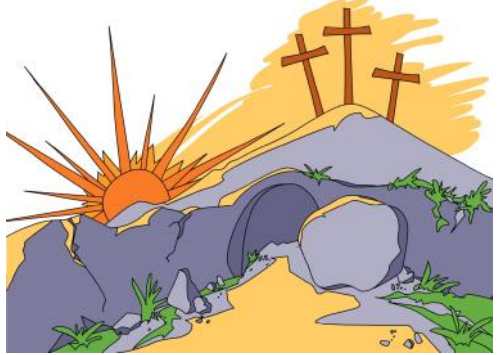
## Easter:- the most “Joyful day of the year”

Easter is the most joyful day of the year for Christians. Christ has died for our sins. We are forgiven. Christ has risen! We are redeemed! We can look forward to an eternity in His joy! Hallelujah!

The Good News of Jesus Christ is a message so simple that you can explain it to someone in a few minutes. It is so profound that for the rest of their lives they will still be ‘growing’ in their Christian walk with God.

Why does the date move around so much? Because the date of Passover moves around, and according to the biblical account, Easter is tied to the Passover. Passover celebrates the Israelites’ exodus from Egypt, and it lasts for seven days, from the middle of the Hebrew month of Nisan, which equates to late March or early April.

Sir Isaac Newton was one of the first to use the Hebrew lunar calendar to come up with firm dates for the first Good Friday: Friday 7<sup>th</sup> April 30 AD or Friday 3<sup>rd</sup> April, 33 AD with Easter Day falling two days later. Modern scholars continue to think these two Fridays to be the most likely.



Most people will tell you that Easter falls on the first Sunday after the first full moon after the Spring Equinox, which is broadly true. But the precise calculations are complicated and involve something called an ‘ecclesiastical full moon’, which is not the same as the moon in the sky. The earliest possible date for Easter in the West is 22<sup>nd</sup> March, which last fell in 1818. The latest is 25<sup>th</sup> April, which last happened in 1943.

Why the name, ‘Easter’? In almost every European language, the festival’s name comes from ‘Pesach’, the Hebrew word for Passover. The Germanic word ‘Easter’, however, seems to come from *Eostre*, a Saxon fertility goddess mentioned by the Venerable Bede. He thought that the Saxons worshipped her in ‘Eostur month,’ but may have confused her with the classical dawn goddesses like *Eos* and *Aurora*, whose names mean ‘shining in the east’. So, Easter might have meant simply ‘beginning month’ – a good time for starting up again after a long winter.

Finally, why Easter eggs? On one hand, they are an ancient symbol of birth in most European cultures. On the other hand, hens start laying regularly again each Spring. Since eggs were forbidden during Lent, it’s easy to see how decorating and eating them became a practical way to celebrate Easter.

## **Bradwell-on-Sea Women's Institute – 10 March 2021**

On a wet and windy night 16 members of the Bradwell-on-Sea WI Group, sat in their separate abodes in a room of their choice all snug and warm to 'meet up' on our first Zoom Meeting.

In an atmosphere of eager anticipation one by one we joined the group, many talking at the same time exchanging greetings and waving to each other.

After initial chatter, Linda (Sibley) welcomed everyone to the meeting, outlining what a possible return to 'normal' meetings might look like, looking hopefully as far ahead as July for the annual Garden Party which was sadly cancelled last year.

The meeting started with everyone being encouraged to talk about their year; what had they been up to ... there was lots to exchange – sewing – including making scrubs for a local hospital, gardening, reading, walking, knitting, quilt making – for family and loved ones. We learnt there is a wedding taking place in the summer – lots to prepare and look forward to.

We also heard that there was a Guinness World Record broken for the most people cooking simultaneously online – Linda (Barnes) and her family were among the 838 who took part.

What was obvious from everyone at the meeting was how much we all missed our loved ones – our special family and friends who we can't see and hug.

Linda (Barnes) had organised great entertainment for the evening – her idea was based on the 'Generation Game' from many years ago brought up-to-date with modern day necessities such as Prosecco and hand sanitiser –not forgetting the 'cuddly toy' presented to us by film ... this was followed by the 'Logo' game ... both great fun – thank you Linda.

The evening was wrapped up by Linda (Sibley) with details of April's Zoom meeting (14th) – Tim Albert will be our speaker – he will talk about his two trips around the US on Greyhound buses 50 years apart. Also a reminder to everyone about the two competitions – photos of Easter themed cupcakes (by 19 March) and a Spring Flower arrangement (by 15 April – with a prize).

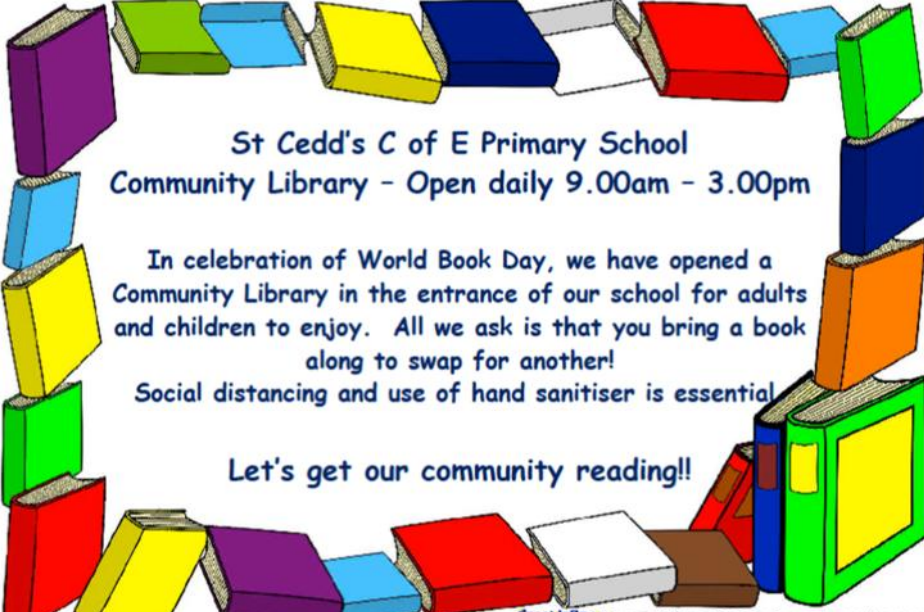
A special thank you goes to Brigid for setting up the Zoom meeting.



Of course, we fully understand that some people are not in the position to donate money directly but if you have any fundraising ideas yourself or you can give your time to the Centre in other ways please do get in contact. We would love to hear from you.

It has been a very difficult and unsettling year for many of us. However, Easter is approaching and it is the time to rejoice and be thankful to God for the gifts of life, love and joy and the promise of being back together in person very soon.

Tim Fox is Warden/Manager, with Richard and Debbie Sanders. Want to visit? - See our website [www.othonaessex.org.uk](http://www.othonaessex.org.uk) - then ring Othona at Bradwell (it's down East End Rd and through East Hall farm) on 01621 776564. Free parking for all visitors to Othona- just ask for an exit token to leave through our wind-powered gate.



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**Let's get our community reading!!**

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## The Othona Community – Looking forward.

Spring is in the air and it's lovely to see the flowers beginning to bloom and the buds appearing on the trees. Spring is such a hopeful time of year



# othona

## Bradwell-on-sea

and as we journey along the Government's "roadmap", we are looking forward to you visiting Othona again in the not-too-distant future.

The first step to re-opening is hopefully from April 12th when people can book lunches at the Centre and sit outside with family and friends in the sunshine. To make a booking, please contact the team via email - [bradwell@othona.org](mailto:bradwell@othona.org) or phone 01621 776564. We will be fully open for residential guests from the 17th May and are currently putting together our plans for a summer programme, please see our website for details (<https://www.othonaessex.org.uk/events-listing>). We are really looking forward to welcoming back the Community to Othona and hope to see you soon.

We hope that those of you who have been able to join the current virtual Lent Course "Women in the Shadows" are finding it thought-provoking and valuable. The Bradwell Committee members are now busy planning for more virtual activities and courses for Easter and the Summer. If you have any ideas for a programme or session you would like to see or to lead, please do let us know.

In our letters to all you Community Members and friends, last year, we explained how much funding is required to enable Othona to survive in these challenging times. We still need your support to help us keep our cherished Centre open so that we can "Work, Worship, Study and Play" together for the foreseeable future. Please, if you are in the position to donate anything, visit our online fundraising site (<https://givi.ng/1154204>), or our website ([www.othonaessex.org.uk/make-donation](http://www.othonaessex.org.uk/make-donation)) for details. Many thanks in advance for your on-going generosity. Our survival is due to your commitment and love of Othona, and to the financial gifts from those who can afford it. If you can use Gift Aid too, it will make our funds stretch even further.

In our last meeting, one of our committee members recalled the old saying "Bob a Job", where people used to contribute money in exchange for Scouts doing small tasks for them. We thought this idea could be updated to "Fee for Free" and if someone does some voluntary work for a friend or family member, the potential cost of this work could be donated to Othona instead. What do you think? Please suggest a better strapline if you can think of one!

## SERVICES FOR APRIL 2021

Time	Service	Place	Readings
<b>1st</b>	<b>Maundy Thursday</b>		
19.30	Joint Benefice Maundy Thursday Service	Zoom Service	Exodus 12; 1-4, 11-14 1 Corinthians 11; 23-26 John 13; 1-17, 31-35
<b>2nd</b>	<b>Good Friday</b>		
10.30	Joint Benefice Good Friday Meditation Service	Online recorded at the St Peter's Chapel	Isaiah 52; 13-53 Hebrews 4; 14-16, 5; 7-9 John 18; 1-19
11.30	Zoom Messy Church	On Zoom contact Rector for details	
<b>4th</b>	<b>Easter Day</b>		
6.30	Outside Dawn Chapel Service	St Peters Chapel	TBA
10.00	Joint Benefice Communion	Zoom Service	Acts 10; 34-43 1 Corinthians 15; 1-11 John 20; 1-18
10.30	Joint Benefice Easter Communion Service	Online recorded at the Chapel	
<b>11<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday after Easter</b>		
10.00	Joint Benefice Service	Zoom Service	Acts 4; 32-35 1 John 1; 1-2; 2 John 20; 19-31
10.30	All Age Worship Service	Online recorded across the Benefice	
<b>18th</b>	<b>3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday after Easter</b>		
10.00	Joint Benefice Service	Zoom Service	Acts 3; 12-19 1 John 3; 1-7 Luke 24; 36b-48
10.30	Joint Benefice Communion Service	Online recorded Service	
<b>25th</b>	<b>4<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Easter</b>		
10.00	Joint Benefice Communion	Zoom Service	Acts 4; 5-12 1 John 3; 16-24 John 10; 11-18
10.30	Joint Benefice All Age Service	Online recorded Service	

<b>2nd May</b>	<b>5<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Easter</b>		
9.00	Joint Benefice Communion	Zoom Service	Acts 8; 26-40
10.30	Joint Benefice Communion Service	Online recorded Service	1 John 4; 7-21 John 15; 1-8

Details to the online services will be available on the Church web site.

Please note all services are subject to change due to COVID 19 Restrictions. Please see Church Notice Board and website for up to date information.

Church web site <https://e-voice.org.uk/bradwellchurch/sunday-services/>

All recorded services and Zoom service info can be found at:

Bradwell St Thomas: <https://www.achurchnearyou.Eastecom/church/6203/>

St Lawrence Church: <https://www.achurchnearyou.com/church/6612/>

St Lawrence Church Centre: <https://www.achurchnearyou.com/church/19651/>

## Can it be Easter Already?

Can it be Easter already?  
Can that be really so?  
The carols and the Christmas tree  
Don't seem that long ago!

Can it be Easter already?  
Do **April** showers splash?  
The weeks gone by since Christmas day  
Have gone in just a flash!

Can it be Easter already?  
The time of Lent has passed  
The forty days and forty nights  
Went by so very fast.

If it is Easter already,  
That time has sped away.  
Perhaps it's time to ponder, pause  
And savour every day!

*By Nigel Beeton*

## Gardening in April

Dahlia tubers could be planted out towards the end of the month. Start planting gladioli corms in their flowering position, plant some out every couple of weeks to stagger flowering (these can be started in a shallow tray of compost to get the roots growing).

Sow flower seeds, sunflowers, nasturtiums, poppies etc. in their flowering position.

Remove any rhubarb flowers at the base otherwise they steal energy from the plant.

Now is the time to prune stone fruits, such as plum, cherry and peach at the end of April during their growing season to avoid risk of infection.

Earth up first early potatoes as they appear.

Sow carrots, peas, beetroot, winter cabbages, broccoli, radish, spring onions etc. as the soil gets warmer.

Sow sweetcorn and runner bean seeds indoors ready to plant out in May.

Start to harden off greenhouse plants in a cold frame towards the end of the month.

Sow marrows, courgettes, pumpkins, squashes and cucumbers in pots indoors

Buy your tomato plants for growing indoors.

Open greenhouse vents on sunny days to prevent humidity rising to reduce the chance of viral fungal diseases building up.

As seeds start growing prick out into seed trays or pots as they get big enough to handle gripping seedlings by the leaves trying not to handle the stem.



## Plants of the month – Spring Flowering Tubs

What a delight the tubs have been all winter, right through from November, even through the snow and cold weather in February they still flowered their hearts out. And now through March the 'Tête-à-tête' daffodils are adding Easter colour. The cyclamen is still flowering and the pink primroses bring so much joy. They will last through to the end of April when the summer flowers can be planted.

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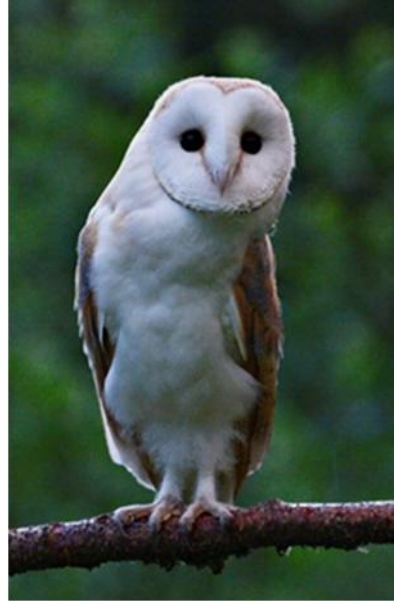


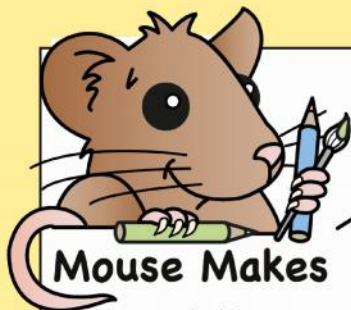
## A Clash of Cultures

I arrived home one evening in mid-March by car. As the lights swung across the garden, I noticed a lump on one of the lower branches of the walnut tree. The lump blinked at me and shuffled along the branch. "For heaven's sake turn those lights off", it seemed to say. So I turned the lights off. There was just enough light to see the lump spread its wings to move round to the other side of the tree, where it could continue its search for supper in the longish grass below, away from interference by one of those thoughtless lot with such poor eyesight they need a ridiculously bright light to see where they are going at night; not to mention their lack of concern for the rest of creation by using one of those contraptions they get into and suddenly make a noise with it, so you wouldn't hear a mouse even at the end of your beak. At least it's gone inside now, and shut off its entrance hole. It probably won't appear again until tomorrow when all sensible owls have retired for the day.

I'm sure these must have been the sort of thoughts going through the head of the Barn Owl which was using the walnut tree as a perch from which to glide silently down on the unsuspecting mouse it had heard rustling the grass below. And as I opened the curtains the following morning just before first light a Barn Owl could just be seen quartering the grass of my neighbour's meadow. I hoped it was my friend I had so thoughtlessly upset the previous evening. And I hoped it had a full tummy.

Brian Clayden





## Mouse Makes

Can you find these names of **Jesus** in the word search?

### SON OF GOD

Matthew 3:16-17



### KING OF KINGS

Revelation 17:14

### PROPHET

Luke 24:19



### PRIEST

1 Timothy 2:5

### ROCK

1 Corinthians 10: 4

### LORD

1 Corinthians 1:9

### AMEN

Revelation 3:14

### LIFE

John 11:25-27

### MESSIAH

John 1:41

### SHEPHERD

John 10:11

### LIGHT

John 8:12



### WORD

John 1:1-50



### BREAD

John 6:35

### CREATOR

1 John 1:3



### CHRIST

Matthew 16:16

### SAVIOUR

John 3:16-17

### HOLY ONE

Mark 1:24

### VINE

John 15:5



### DOOR

John 10:9



### WAY

John 14:6

### LAMB

John 1:29



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**PAROCHIAL INFORMATION:****ST. LAWRENCE****Rector****Revd Steven Poss****779620****Churchwardens:****Jane Pudney****772345****Shirley Lea****779403**

Parish Magazine

Shirley Lea

779403

Monday

Pebbles 10.00 - 12.00noon

Mothers and toddlers get together

(Dads welcome) for tea, coffee and a chat

Clive &amp; Lesley Bennett 776298

10 - 12noon Stone Sailing Club

Bob Dorks

778392

St Lawrence PCC Secretary

Victoria Eley

v.eley@icloud.com

The Friends of St Lawrence

Newland Church

Carole Taylor

778523

John Barnes

779267

Parish Council Chairman;

Garry Lewsey

gerald.lewsey@yahoo.com

Clerk to the Parish Council:

Kevin Money

slparishclerk@gmail.com

Bridge Club 130pm

1<sup>st</sup> Wednesday of the month

St Lawrence Social Club

Secretary Gwan Adams 778386

Church Centre Activities

All Church Centre bookings:

Shirley Lea

779403

District Councillor

Penny Channer

740607

Michael Helm

Rainbow Guides

5-7 years for information phone

07757636446 or email

group:isa@girlguidingesssexma.org.uk

St Lawrence Village Hall

Fund

Contact: K. Tarkelson

778742

Tara Pringle

779063

Stone Sailing Club

(Weekends)

779344

Tuesday

11.00am Coffee Morning

Maureen Storey

Mobile Library

Fridays 11.45am to 12.30pm

South Woodham Library (01245)

29355

Church Flowers

Margaret Cowell

779219

Janet Cowell

779310

Wednesday

Women's Institute

2nd Wednesday 7.30pm

President: Cathie Bomich

Secretary: Eunice Siggins 778904

The Medical Centre

Tillingham

778383

St Lawrence Singers

Friday at 5.45 - 7.00pm

Margaret Garlick

779328

William Fisher Medical

Centre

772360

Children's Society

Eunice Siggins

778904

Thursday

St. Lawrence Art Group

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