



December
2019

VILLAGE VIEW

**Happy
Christmas
to all our readers**



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Flowers at St Peter's Chapel

David Thorpe 776846

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St Thomas Bradwell Fridays
7.45

Sunday ringing 10.00 am

Thursday ClubSt Thomas' Chapman Room - 1st
Thursday of month 2.30 - 4.00**Rainbows**

5 - 7 yrs

Brownies -

7 - 10 yrs

Guides - :

10 - 14 yrs

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East End Rd. Bradwell
10.55—11.25am.**The Medical Centre**Tillingham 778383
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Field Saturday 10am**If any of the above information is incorrect or you wish to publicise your organisation
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From the Rector

Dear Friends,

Looking back over the past year, it has been full of enjoyable services and events across the Benefice of our four Churches, such as our two concerts with the Camerata Singers and the Choristers of St Paul's Cathedral, the Talk from Matthew's son about his work in South Africa and Bishop John's Ash Wednesday service with the school in Tillingham. In Bradwell, we have had the Bradwell Pilgrimage and Festival, the Flower Festival, the Chapel Summer Services, the Easter Morning service at the Chapel and Bishop John's Clysing the Church service with the school. In Dengie, we again had an enjoyable Ignite Festival and the Harvest and Animal service. In St Lawrence, we have had the Spring & Harvest Suppers, the Walk in Tawney Wood and the installation of the new organ and much much more. I want to personally thank the Churchwardens, Treasurers, PCC, all Church members and those supporting our four churches this year and look forward to more exciting events and services in 2020.

On a sad note, we have said goodbye to a number of our community and we commend them all into the loving arms of God, our Heavenly Father.

As we head into Advent and Christmas in December, we prepare ourselves and wait for the coming of our Lord in a refreshing way into our hearts and minds. We hope that you all may make the Christmas journey with us to Bethlehem over the coming months and sing with the angels as we celebrate the birth of our Saviour, Jesus Christ. Full details of all our services are in the magazine.

Wishing you a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year!

May Christ bring you his love, peace and joy this Christmas time.

God bless,

Reverend Steven

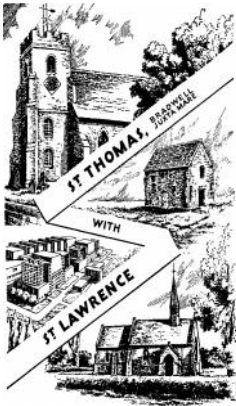
Christmas Services at Bradwell and St Lawrence



Sunday 1 st Dec at 3:00pm	Christingle Service at St Lawrence Church Centre
Wednesday 4 th Dec at 2pm	Dengie Hundred WI Carol Service at St Thomas'
Sunday 15 th Dec at 4:30pm	Candlelit Carol Service at St Peter's Chapel
Thursday 19 th Dec at 2:00pm	School Christingle and Carol Service at St Thomas' Church
Thursday 19 th Dec at 7:30pm	Candlelit Carol Service at St Lawrence Church
Christmas Eve at 4:30pm	The Crib Service at St Thomas' Church
Christmas Eve at 11:00pm	Midnight Mass at St Lawrence Church
Christmas Eve at 11:30pm	Midnight Mass at St Thomas' Church
Christmas Day at 10:00am	Christmas All Age Service at St Lawrence Centre
Christmas Day at 10:30am	Christmas Carols and Praise at St Thomas'
Sunday Dec 29 th 10:30am	Joint Benefice Communion at St James' Dengie
Sunday Jan 5 th 9:00am	Epiphany Parish Communion at St Lawrence Church
Sunday Jan 5 th 10:00am	Epiphany All Age Service at St Lawrence Centre
Sunday Jan 5 th 10:30am	Epiphany Parish Communion at St Thomas' Church

January Magazine

All copy for the January magazine 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 **December 12th**.



Those living in St Lawrence may give copy to Shirley Lea at 51 Main Road (779403) 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. 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 December 12th**.

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.

Children's Society collection boxes due in by December 1st

Every year a collection is made in our Parishes for the Children's Society. The donations collected in the boxes and at the Christingle service go to the charity to ensure that vulnerable children are heard, supported and cared for.



I am taking over responsibility for the collection boxes and will be pleased to take delivery of them at the beginning of December please call me, Eunice Siggins, on 01621778904

If anyone would like a 'house box' to collect for the charity over the next year, please let me know.

After many years of being responsible for the collection and distribution of the Children's Society boxes Donna Tristram has retired from this responsibility. I am sure all our readers will thank Donna for all her work over the years and also to support Eunice as she takes over this responsibility. If you can please contact Eunice for a collection box and support this very worthy cause.

Follow the Star

Drawing inspiration from the well-known carol “We Three Kings”, the ‘Follow The Star’ app offers daily reflections for each day between Christmas Day and Sunday 5 January. Each one includes a picture, a short Bible passage, a simple prayer and a challenge to reflect or act differently. The ‘Follow The Star’ app can help you find a few minutes each day of



Christmas to pause and reflect. Read a welcome from Archbishops Justin Welby and John Sentamu and a sample day's material. Then read or listen to 12 days of brand-new reflections, written and read by Mina Munns. You can explore daily Christmas family activities to help all ages engage with the daily themes of ‘Follow The Star’. Wherever you are on your own journey, ‘Follow The Star’ will help you see your life afresh through the light of the Christmas star, a sign of God’s hope and promises.

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The app is free to download. <https://www.chpublishing.co.uk/apps/follow-the-star>

If you came again, Lord.

If you came again , Lord,
As in days of old.
Would you choose a manger
To shield you from the cold?
Would we see the shepherds?
Would we see the Star?
Would we see the wise men
Travelling from afar?

If you came again, Lord,
In some lowly guise,
Would it be in Bethlehem
With angels in the skies?
Singing to the shepherds?
Speaking to the kings?
Holding back the darkness
With gold-encrusted wings?

You have come again, Lord,
As in days of old,
Huddled with the refugee
Against the bitter cold;
Standing in the bread line
Clasping empty bowl.
Give us eyes to see you, Lord,
Come, and make us whole. Anon

A December Saint.

December 27th is the day on which St John the Apostle is remembered. In common with most of our saints the story of his life is somewhat confusing and the variety of names used referring to him complicate the issue further.

It is generally agreed that John and his elder brother James, were sons of Zebedee, a Galilean fisherman. The brothers were among the first disciples and John may have been the unnamed disciple of John the Baptist. During Christ's ministry Peter, James and John had a special relationship with the Lord as they were frequently mentioned by name and were present at some of the outstanding events including the Transfiguration, the healing of Jairus' daughter and in the Garden of Gethsemane.

Later in the first century John lived in Ephesus where he was preaching, teaching and leading the church. Many historians assert that he wrote his Gospel and three epistles there. John was outspoken against pagan practices and particularly against the Emperor Domitian who declared himself a god and required the people to worship him and offer sacrifices. John's opposition came to the notice of the Emperor and he was condemned to exile on the island of Patmos, a lonely, isolated place used by the Romans to banish those considered a threat. The volcanic, treeless, rocky island lies in the Aegean Sea about 30 km off the western coast of modern Turkey

During his exile John had a vision and, as recorded in the Book of Revelation, he wrote on a scroll the details of his vision to be sent to Ephesus and the other six churches with whom he corresponded..



Photo Simon Knott

Following the succession of a new Emperor, Marcus Cocceius Nerva, the aged John was released from exile and allowed to live out his days in Ephesus where he died a natural death.

Churches dedicated to John the Apostle are few although he appears a little more frequently in this role as John the Evangelist, as at Little Leighs near Chelmsford.

Wiser than Some

Until the middle of last century owls generally were a source of superstition. A dead Barn Owl would be nailed spread-eagled to the barn door to ward off violent storms. There is indeed something ghost-like about a hunting Barn Owl. Their preferred feeding habitat is rough grassland, and they will quite often nest in church towers, so would often have been encountered at dusk in a churchyard or cemetery, which in past times may have added to the mystery of these creatures.

Alas, the loss of old barns for nest sites coupled with the demise of rough grassland has resulted in a severe decline in Barn Owl numbers.

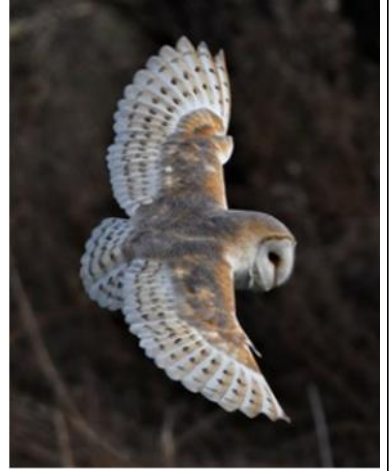


Owls have a certain charisma of their own. This is true most notably of the Barn Owl. We cannot but admire the skill of hunting small mammals in tussocky grassland in complete darkness – for though most often seen at dusk, car headlights will often show a bird searching the grass verges throughout the night. They are so well adapted to this feeding technique. Their feathers are particularly soft to enable silent flight. It is thought that the facial discs act rather like radar antennae and focus the slightest rustling noise in the grass below to the ears. Perhaps the

only animals which can compete with this skill are the bats, catching insects in the dark by echolocation.

So it has been particularly pleasing to hear two separate reports of Barn Owls habitually hunting locally, at opposite ends of the village. And more news from Tillingham and Dengie of successful breeding, and of provision of boxes to act as breeding places.

Brian Clayden



Musicality



As Christmas approaches 'in choirs and places where they sing' many will be singing about the holly and the ivy. The words of this traditional folk carol were first published in broadsheets in Birmingham in the early 19th century. The usual melody was published by Cecil Sharp in 1911 after he heard it sung by 'a Mrs Mary Clayton' at Chipping Camden.

The holly, often referred to as 'Christ's Thorn', represents Jesus and the ivy is His mother Mary. There are several other tunes to the words.

Holly and Ivy figure in the lyrics of the Sans day Carol, a choral arrangement of which by Henry Walford Davies is often performed at services of nine lessons and carols around the world.



The song 'Green Growth the Holly' is also often sung at Christmas but it is actually a love song written by Henry VIII. The theme is, that like his steadfast love for his lady, the holly and ivy resist the winter blasts and retain their green colour.

In 700 A.D. the Devon Saint St. Boniface wanted to prove to people that their belief that oak trees were sacred was not true. He wanted people to understand that it was God, the creator of trees, who was to be worshipped. He chopped down a large oak which crushed everything in its path except for a tiny fir sapling. Its survival was declared a miracle and in St Boniface's honour people planted fir saplings to celebrate Christ and then gradually brought them into their homes at Christmas.

The melody of the carol 'O Tannenbaum' (O Christmas Tree) is based on a German folk tune from the 16th century. The best known lyrics were written by a German organist called Ernst Auschutz in 1824. Later translated into English the words refer to the fir's evergreen quality as a symbol of constancy and faithfulness.



The tune has also been used for other texts, the most notable of which is 'The Red Flag', the anthem of the British and Irish Labour parties. It is also the tune of the official state songs of both Maryland and Iowa in the United States.

Music lover of St Lawrence

St. Cedd's School Armistice Day

On the 11th hour of the 11th day of the 11th month, the children at St. Cedd's Church of England Primary School fell silent to commemorate those who died in conflict. Many wore a red poppy to show support for the Armed Forces community.

Reverend Steven Poss led a Remembrance Day Service around the War Memorial at St. Thomas' Church where a representative from each class laid a poppy wreath made during Forest Schools. Children from Year 4, 5 and 6 read poems with others' reading verses from the Bible.



The children had been learning about Armistice Day in preparation for the service and as well as creating poppies, which are on display in the school entrance area, they also had a visitor come into school to share world war memorabilia and stories with them. It was very informative and the children asked many questions to develop their understanding.

In Flanders Fields
John McCrae

In Flanders fields the poppies blow
Between the crosses, row on row,
That mark our place; and in the sky
The larks, still bravely singing, fly
Scarce heard amid the guns below.

We are the Dead. Short days ago
We lived, felt dawn, saw sunset glow,
Loved and were loved, and now we lie
In Flanders fields.

Take up our quarrel with the foe:
To you from failing hands we throw
The torch; be yours to hold it high.
If ye break faith with us who die
We shall not sleep, though poppies grow
In Flanders fields.



We have been very proud of the interest the children have shown in learning about our British history.



The Othona Community – Christmas 2019 and beyond.

Exciting times for the Othona Community!

After many years of hopes and dreams, frustrations and uncertainties, the Othona Community in Burton Bradstock village, West Dorset, is at last building their Four-Seasons Studio. This is so much more than the Art Room it replaces, with spaces and facilities for all kinds of creative arts. Othona is one Community with two Centres, and the staff/volunteers from our Bradwell Centre are providing hands-on support in Dorset. For those who may be interested in having a look at the other half of Othona, do see the Web Page www.othonawestdorset.org.uk – or book a Dorset holiday break with a difference – and a strong similarity with Othona Bradwell.

Closer to home, for we who live in and around Bradwell-on-Sea, there are also exciting times ahead. The trustees of the Othona trust who ensure wise management of our assets, have made the financial decision to invest a considerable sum in the Othona Centre in our village. This investment will pay back the Trust through significantly reduced costs, and income from government revenue. What for? Why Othona? You may be aware that Othona is not on the Grid. We have a gas system for all heating, hot water and cooking, and our old generator. We also have a small wind-generator and solar panels for some of our electricity.

Now we have a major Power Project going ahead. The New Year sees installation of a Biomass Boiler, fuelled with wood pellets, with major improvements to our heating and hot water systems, drastically reducing our reliance on fossil fuel, and attracting a government subsidy, as Othona makes a very significant reduction in our carbon footprint. All the electricity system is also being refurbished, with a “Super Smart Meter” to be sure of the most efficient and effective use of electricity just where we need it – allowing better Wi-Fi, too. You will also see our new, second wind-generator. With this we can not only be self-sufficient for our existing electricity needs, but be ready, over the next few years, to finish the Building Project started in the early 1990s, with up-to-date facilities for full inclusion of older and disabled people. When it comes to the planning application for the wind turbine we hope for your support – more later.

But now – **Othona’s Community Christmas runs from Mon 23rd to Fri 27th December.** Resident visitors will enjoy the peace and fun of Bradwell at Christmas, sharing the Christmas Worship with St Thomas’ Church. Everyone is welcome to come and share the festivities – how about your Christmas or Boxing Day walk on the sea wall, and pop in for a cuppa and a mince pie? We are open for **New Year too, Mon 30th Dec to Thurs 2nd Jan.** Visitors always welcome, do book if you would like to share a meal with us.

Tim Fox is our Warden/Manager. Full details of Programme and Charges can be found on our Website www.othonaessex.org.uk or 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**

.SERVICES FOR DECEMBER

Time	Service	Place	Readings
1st	Advent Sunday		
8.00	BCP Holy Communion	St James Dengie	Isaiah 2; 1-5 Romans 13; 11-14 Matthew 24; 36-44
9.00	Parish Communion	St Lawrence Church	
10.00	All Age Worship	St Lawrence Centre	
10.00	Family Service	St Nicholas Tillingham	
10.30	Parish Communion	St Thomas Bradwell	
15.00	Christingle Service	St Lawrence Centre	TBA
15.30	Evening Service	Down Hall Residential Home	TBA
18.00	Light up a Life Service	St Nicholas Tillingham	TBA
4th	Wednesday		
14.00	WI Carol Service	St Thomas Bradwell	TBA
8th	Advent 2		
10.00	Family Communion	St Lawrence Centre	Isaiah 11; 1-10 Romans 15; 4-13 Matthew 3; 1-12
10.00	Parish Communion	St Nicholas Tillingham	
10.30	All Age Worship	St Thomas Bradwell	
15.00	Evening Service	St James Dengie	TBA
18.00	Evening Service	St Lawrence Church	TBA
15th	Advent 3		
8.45	Parish Communion	St Lawrence Church	Isaiah 35; 1-10 James 5; 7-10 Matthew 11; 2-1
10.00	All Age Worship	St Lawrence Centre	
10.00	Family Service	St Nicholas Tillingham	
10.30	Parish Communion	St Thomas Bradwell	
14.00	Christmas Carol Service	St James Dengie	TBA
16.30	Christmas Carol Service	St Peters Chapel	TBA
18th	Wednesday School Carol Service		
13.30	Christingle & Carols	St Nicholas Tillingham	TBA

Time	Service	Place	Readings
19th	Thursday School Carol Service		
14.00	Christingle & Carols	St Thomas Bradwell	TBA
19.30	Carol Service	St Lawrence Church	TBA
22nd	Advent 4		
8.00	Holy Communion	St Thomas Bradwell	Isaiah 7; 10-16 Romans 1; 1-7 Matthew 1; 18-25
9.00	Parish Communion	St Lawrence Church	
10.00	All Age Worship	St Lawrence Centre	
10.00	Parish Communion	St Nicholas Tillingham	
10.30	Family Service	St Thomas Bradwell	
15.00	Evening Service	St James Dengie	TBA
18.00	Nine Lessons and Carols	St Nicholas Tillingham	TBA
24th	Christmas Eve		
16.30	Crib Service	St Thomas Bradwell	Isaiah 9; 2-7 Luke 2; 1-20
18.00	Nativity Service	St Nicholas Tillingham	
23.00	Midnight Mass	St Lawrence Church	
23.30	Midnight Mass	St Nicholas Tillingham	
23.30	Midnight Mass	St Thomas Bradwell	
25th	Christmas Day		
09.00	BCP Holy Communion	St James Dengie	Isaiah 52; 7-10 John 1; 1-14
10.00	All Age Worship	St Lawrence Centre	
10.30	Christmas Praise	St Thomas Bradwell	
29th	Christmas 1		
10.00	Joint Benefice Communion	St James Dengie	Isaiah 63; 7-9 Hebrews 2; 10-18 Matthew 2; 13-23
5th	Epiphany		
8.00	BCP Holy Communion	St James Dengie	Isaiah 60; 1-6 Ephesians 3; 1-12 Matthew 2; 1-12
9.00	Parish Communion	St Lawrence Church	
10.00	All Age Worship	St Lawrence Centre	
10.00	Family Service	St Nicholas Tillingham	
10.30	Parish Communion	St Thomas Bradwell	
15.30	Evening Service	Down Hall Residential Home	TBA

From the Wensleyhouse

It's that time of year again when ewes meet up with their rams and dance in the moonlight. This year Cherry-Blossom is not to be left behind but is going to Mill



House Farm with Ethel. They do not have a very quiet journey there. When we arrived the 'singing' changed into cries of joy from Ethel. She recognised the farm, and, more importantly her ram, Caledonian Boy, standing in his field expectantly. She nearly jumped out of the trailer to greet him!

However, when Caledonian Boy was given his food ration, like all good gentlemen he stood aside and watched (lovingly?) as she gobbled it up. I'm ashamed to say, she didn't give him a chance to get his nose in the trough!

Cherry-B's turn next. She decided that she really didn't want to let Auntie Ethel out of her sight and move to a different field. In the end she was persuaded, but when she got there, there were 10 or so fellow ewes and one big ram! More sheep than she's seen in her short life and she let us know she wasn't impressed. While filling in the paper work over coffee we could hear her plaintive calls from the field! But, the matron of the flock took Cherry-B aside and looked after her



And did we see Don John, the little lamb who was likewise frightened to be left away from his mum at the start of summer? Well, we did. The conversation went a bit like this:



Don John's Mate - Hi Don John's Mum, you seem really nice. Come on over here. Don John it's your mum!

Don John - Oh no, is my old Shepherd with her too? I'll hide behind this tree and pretend I don't know her. It's too embarrassing!

However maybe Don John was sitting behind the tree because it was a comfortable place to be and he's not too fussed about saying hello to visitors. Really, it can't be because he didn't recognise us?!

St Lawrence News

Kevin's Talk

There was a good turnout for Kevin Bruce's talk on St Peter's Chapel which was held in St Lawrence Church last month. So even though many attending already knew something on the history of the Chapel, Kevin's painstaking research showed that we didn't know much at all.

The size and complexity of the Roman Fort on the site was a revelation to many, as were the details Kevin provided on the history of the Chapel through the ages to the present day. A fascinating talk on a fascinating subject

Refreshments were served in the Anne Harper room and the audience left knowing much more of our local history thanks to Kevin's excellent presentation.

Harvest Supper

The Barn at St Lawrence was the appropriate venue for this year's Harvest Supper on Friday 27th September.

A full house sat down to a three-course supper consisting of Phil Marshall's renowned home-made soups, a choice of three hot meats with roasted vegetables or a vegetarian option and finished with homemade apple cake made from local apples. In between the courses Harvest Hymns were sung accompanied by organist Jean Webber with the last being played by Jean on the pedal- powered Victorian Harmonium to much acclaim. John and Linda Barnes devised a quiz which taxed many of us but was great fun.

Instead of a raffle a mini auction took place which generated £390, taking the total raised on the evening to just over £900. Revered Steven thanked everyone for their hard work and supporting a most enjoyable evening that also made a great contribution to our Church running costs.

New Year's Day Sponsored Swim.

You may remember that last year I did a sponsored New Year's Day swim for Friends of St Lawrence Church, and that Rev Steven promised to do it with me this year. Ann Johnson has now decided to join us, so now we are three and we will brave the waters again on 1st January 2020 and start the new year with an invigorating splash.

So that we can have a warm house to change in we plan to go from Sea View Promenade slipway; low tide is at 10.12, so at 10.00 sharp (we won't be waiting round), you will see two brave souls running across the beach.

Join us or sponsor us - it's your choice. Bank transfers into the Friends of St Lawrence Church Trust account would be helpful - please mark your donation 'Sponsored swim' Sort code - 20 19 97 , Account number - 73201260 Alternatively we will have sponsor forms at all the Christmas events so it will be easy for you to support us. Your donations will be warmly received!!

Lois Gardner

Gardening in December

Cut rose bushes down by half to prevent the wind from them to become loose in the soil, roses do not like to be loose that's why they prefer heavier soils, Tulip bulbs can be planted right up to Boxing Day.

Winter-prune your Wisteria, cutting back summer side-shoots to 2 or 3 buds.

Leave the faded flower heads on your hydrangeas until the spring, as they will provide some protection to the buds further down the stems.



Tidy and weed fruit, veg and flower gardens, a layer of compost spread over the soil will keep weeds down and be extremely beneficial to your plants next year. Pruning dormant shrubs severely will prove beneficial for their growth next season.

Keep garden tools and mowers in good condition, servicing and storing them properly at this time of year is worthwhile as it will help to make sure they work well and last for years to come. Harvest holly with berries before the birds get them. Stand them in a bucket of water until you're ready to use them for making Christmas garlands or Christmas wreaths.

Plant of the Month

Poinsettia

We all love [Poinsettias](#) at Christmas, but sometimes they can wilt or drop their leaves before we get to Christmas day! The secret is to be careful when transferring poinsettias from the shop to your home as the cold outdoor temperatures can damage the foliage. Ensure the plant is completely wrapped in paper right around the top, or as I do put a plastic bag over the plant so it is completely protected when taking it from the shop to the car and the car to the house.



When you get the plant home, they need bright light but away from strong sun and cold draughts. They need a minimum temperature of about 15°C.

Sometimes when you get the plant home a poinsettia will wilt and continue to deteriorate no matter what you do. This could be due to the plant having been stored in cold conditions in the shop before you bought it. So, try not to buy plants displayed outside or near cold draughts just inside the shop.

Water poinsettias sparingly as overwatering can damage plants. As with most indoor plants only water when the surface of the compost has begun to dry out. The life of plants is extended by humidity so try not putting them near heaters and it would also help mist the plant regularly.

Carol

Service

Wednesday 4 December



2.00 pm



**At St Thomas' Church
Bradwell-on-Sea**

Everyone Welcome

Followed by refreshments

W.I Bradwell on Sea.

For the November meeting Jane Cowell and Janet Thorogood demonstrated Christmas ideas for flower arrangements. Using beautifully coloured foliage and fruit the arrangements were stunning. Both ladies are very amusing so the evening was entertaining as well as informative, we were lucky enough to be able to win the arrangements as raffle prizes.

Raffle prizes were won by, Christine, Pat, Chris, Alice, Teresa, Sue, Andrea and Linda.

Competition for a flower arrangement was won by Linda 1st and Julie 2nd.

Birthdays this month were Chris and Pat.

The progressive party made a profit of £125.

Dates for your diary

Craft evening 25th November, Craft Stall 29th November, Carol Service 4th December, Walking Group 11th December. The December meeting will be the Christmas Party, please bring a Secret Santa (about £6).



The St Lawrence Singers
Present

Who was there?

a concert of songs and words for Christmas

On Friday, December 13th
At West Newlands



At 7.30 p.m.

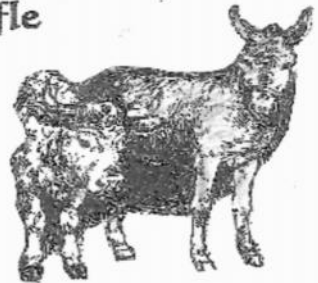


Tickets £10 from 779328 or 779319



Refreshments Raffle

All profits to St. Lawrence Church roof fund,
Essex Air Ambulance
Crisis at Christmas



ST LAWRENCE NEWLAND CHURCH FESTIVAL OF NINE LESSONS AND CAROLS



At 7.30pm on
Thursday, 19th December
At THE CHURCH

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Wendy Butterwick 778646

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2nd Wednesday 7.30pm
President: Cathie Bonich
Secretary: Carol Kelleher 78370

Thursday
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Stone Sailing Club
Bob Dorks 778392

The Friends of St Lawrence Newland Church
Carole Taylor 778523
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St Lawrence Village Hall Fund
Contact: K. Terkelsen 778742
Tara Pringle 779063

Bridge Club
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Church Centre Activities
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Shirley Lea 779403

Stone Sailing Club
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779344

The Medical Centre Tillingham 778383

William Fisher Medical Centre 772360

If any of the above information is incorrect or you wish to publicise your organisation then please contact Shirley Lea on 779403

Regular Events

Mondays : Pebbles St Lawrence Church Centre 10—12noon
Wednesdays: Morning Prayer at St Nicholas Tillingham 9.15am
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Thursdays:-Holy Communion at St Peter's Chapel 9.00am
Fridays: -Morning Prayer at St Thomas Church 8.15 am
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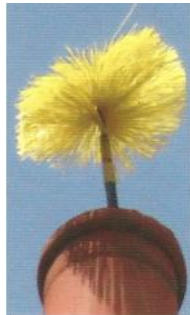


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