

DECEMBER 2024 VILLAGE VIEW

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Fom the Vicarage

Dear Friends,

Myself and Kate are delighted to share our news that we are expecting a baby in late April 2025. We are both overjoyed with the news!

December can feel like chaos – lots of social events, services, Christmas presents to buy, never-ending to-do lists and the pressure to create the perfect Christmas. But in the midst of this chaos, our churches can offer an opportunity to find peace during this busy time.

The Church of England's theme for Advent and Christmas 2024, *Follow the Star: Calm and Bright*, draws on the world-famous carol, Silent Night:

"Silent Night! Holy Night! All is calm, all is bright..."

One of the reasons that this carol is so universally loved is the way it invites us into the still centre of the Christmas story, to contemplate Mary holding the newborn Jesus, the Light of the World.

The angelic messages we encounter in the biblical story of Jesus' birth typically hold together the need for calm in the present ("Do not be afraid" ... "Fear not") with the hope of a bright future ("for you have found favour with God" ... "for behold I bring you tidings of great joy").

Throughout Advent, we will focus primarily on how to find **Calm** during this busy period, with reflections offering people a chance to pause during the busy season and tips on how to prepare for a calm Christmas.

Then through Christmas, we will focus particularly on **Bright**, with a series of daily reflections from Christmas Day to the Eve of Epiphany (5 January). Please see the Church of England Social Media Channels for these reflections.

We hope you have a Happy Christmas and New Year!

God bless,

Reverend Steven



January Village View

All copy for the January Village View should be sent to Roger Scurrell by phone (776341), posted through the letterbox of 6 St Thomas' Row, Bradwell, or by email to the address below, all by December 15th.

Copy may also be submitted as a text or Microsoft Word or Publisher file, either on CD or, better still, by email to stthomaspcc@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 15th.



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.

CHILDREN'S SOCIETY HOME COLLECTION BOX

If you have a CHILDREN'S SOCIETY HOME COLLECTION BOX it is due for emptying NOW - please contact Eunice Siggins to arrange for your box to be emptied. Contact Eunice also, if you do not have a home collection box and would like one THE CHIDREN'S SOCIETY ARE AIMING TO BUILD A WORLD WHERE CHILDREN CAN GROW UP 'SAFE, HAPPY AND HOPEFUL' AND ALL DONATIONS MAKE A DIFFERENCE, ARE IMPORTANT AND ARE WELCOME.

Contact Eunice on 01621 778904 to arrange Many thanks

Eunice



December 2024

Merry Christmas and Happy New Year to all our Readers of Village View and wishing you a good 2025.

Thankyou for your support during 2024.

Bradwell-on-Sea WI

Wednesday 13th October at the Village Hall Hands-on Glass Fusing with Fenella Miller



For this month's meeting, we welcomed back the talent-

ed Fenella Miller, but this time, we had the exciting opportunity to try glass fusing for ourselves! Fenella provided us with all the materials and tools needed, along with plenty of expert guidance and encouragement.

The evening was full of creativity, laughter (and some cluelessness!) as we each designed and crafted our own unique glass hangings. Some members created



simple yet elegant designs, while others got brave and explored more intricate patterns—Fenella was fantastic with her reassurance and tips throughout thankfully!

Now, with a mix of excitement and nervous anticipation, we eagerly await the return of our creations from the kiln. Fingers crossed they turn out well!

Our next meeting is on the

11th of December in the village hall, where we will be joined by the Tillingham hand bell ringers for our annual Christmas party.

We will also be having a carol service on Wednesday the 17th December in St Thomas's church, everyone is welcome to come along and join in!

New members are always welcome; there is just a small fee of £5 for non-members, 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

Alice Nightingale

Othona in December 2024 – and into the New Year!

Bradwell-on-Sea, St Lawrence and our neighbouring Dengie villages may be small and somewhat isolated from the big cities, but we do have a voice, as you may have seen on BBC Essex – and here is an extract from their recent report:



A remote Christian community is pushing for a change in the law after having plans for a wind turbine refused.

The Othona Community said it did not have mains power at its camp in Bradwell-on-Sea, Essex, and had to use an oil generator, racking up an annual £5,000 cost. Government rules state only turbines below 11.1m (36.4ft) high can be constructed without planning permission - but Othona wants this restriction to be relaxed. A government spokesperson said the law was kept "under review" while ensuring local areas were protected. It followed the former prime minister, Rishi Sunak, pledging to consult ministers on changing planning law before he called a general election.

Othona has since called on the Labour government to undertake similar work so it could install a wind turbine without reapplying for permission. Maldon District Council rejected its first proposal in 2022, raising concerns about the turbine's visual impact, a nearby footpath and how it might affect a nature reserve. (There was huge local support for this application, but as the law stands if there is one objection, however unreasonable, the permission is not granted.) The group, founded on the remote Dengie Peninsula off the Essex coast in the 1940s, said it could not afford to pay £100,000 to get connected to the nearest electricity grid. A government taskforce is undertaking a wider study into the onshore wind industry, with the results due to be published after Christmas

Richard Sanders, joint warden of Othona, said upgrading to a 25kw turbine would make a big difference. "We've always been a place where the environment is really important," he told the <u>Local Democracy Reporting Service</u>. "The Church of England has plans to be carbon-neutral by 2030, but we can't be carbon neutral until we get this turbine." The call echoes lobbying by the National Farmers' Union (NFU) to loosen the law over turbines. The NFU hoped the government's <u>Onshore Wind Industry Taskforce, external</u> would recommend a change in the rules in a report post-Christmas. A Ministry of Housing, Communities and Local Government spokesman said: "A range of national permitted development rights allow for renewable energy to be generated from sources such as small wind turbines on domestic properties. "These rights are kept under review to ensure local areas are protected."

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As a Christian Community, Othona will always be pushing the boundaries of our Christian heritage, whether for the planet's environment or for its peoples. "So what is it that has enabled this Community to survive for more than sixty years when so many others have disappeared? Surely its survival indicates that both centres are fulfilling a need. Also that Othona has been blessed with a number of members whose love and dedication to the Community has been quite exceptional." ('Much Ado About Something' by Norman Motley, updated by Jan Motley in 2007.)



Othona celebrates its 80th year in 2025, still it is fulfilling a need in this turbulent world, and still it relies on you, our volunteers. Events at Othona Bradwell

are all fully booked for Advent, Christmas and New Year for those seeking a residential time, but do please come along as local day visitors – please let us know of you want a meal.

Othona Essex is seeking a Warden/Manager (or couple) and a new resident cook/catering/hospitality lead, both paid residential positions, as Debbie & Richard, and Phil, move on. Our Othona Chair of Trustees has also retired on health grounds, this voluntary position is now vacant. If you, or anyone you know, are interested in finding out more about these vacancies, please do take a look at the Othona Bradwell Website, where you will find more information and details of how to apply.

Debbie and Richard Sanders are our Wardens, supported by resident team Peter, Amanda, Chris, and volunteers. Website: www.othonaessex.org.uk, contact bradwell@othona.org, telephone 01621 776564, or visit via the wind-powered electric gate, collect exit toke

News from RAF Bradwell Bay

Last month we discussed the only grave from RAF Bradwell Bay in the Bradwell Cemetery. We do have information in our archives of where everybody who was lost is commemorated or buried.

In Bradwell on Sea we have a unique memorial to those who sacrificed their lives, donated by Mr George Pryor. There are 121 names engraved around the memorial, although continued research has revealed more names, perhaps in time we can add these names.



The motorcycle group 'It's More than a Ride' has held a memorial ceremony on Remembrance Sunday at the memorial. We thank them for this sign of respect. It is important to respect the ultimate sacrifice made by airmen from RAF Bradwell Bay.

It is important to also remember people who had life changing injuries both physical and mental health. Our archives tell many tales of people who survived but with serious injuries. Combat stress had not yet been labelled as PTSD but many of our people would have suffered it.

On 28th April a crew of 3, F/O Askwith, P/O Mapes, and Sgt. Hardy departed RAF Bradwell Bay in BOSTON Z.2240 to attack Leeuwarden in the Netherlands. Their aircraft failed to return. Asquith and Hardy were both killed and are buried in the Bergen-Op-Zoom War Cemetery in the Netherlands and are on the RAF Bradwell

Bay Memorial. Mapes was thrown clear but sustained serious injuries. He was taken prisoner and sent a message back to his squadron, parts of which are shown below.

The pains in my back and neck were terrific and I concluded that I had fractured my spinal column or neck so that it was only a matter of twisting into the right position to place pressure on the spinal cord then all would be over.

I struggle to my feet and by practically carrying my head I managed to navigate at least part of the distance to a farmhouse possibly a quarter of a mile away. The last part of the distance I recall being half dragged; half carried by a man. I was placed in the barn, on a pile of hay and made as comfortable as possible. Later he arrived with a welcome drink of tea (or some such thing) and informed me he had sent for the doctor. In due course the doctor and with him military police arrived to transport me to the hospital.

He eventually ended up in Stalagluft 3, when the camp was liberated Mapes required transport to liberate him and was disabled for the rest of his life.

As I write this The Festival of Remembrance has been on TV, this stressed the importance of remembering everyone affected by war including families.

The RAF Bradwell Bay Preservation Group seeks to preserve the history of the RAF in Bradwell on Sea. We are planning for a museum near the memorial.

You can help by donating via our website www.rafbradwellbay.co.uk



DECEMBER SERVICES

Time	Service	Church	Readings			
1st	Advent Sunday					
10:00	Parish Communion	St Thomas Bradwell	Jeremiah 33; 14-16			
10:00	Morning Worship	St Nicholas Tillingham	1 Thessalonians 3; 9-13 Luke 21; 25-36 Psalm 25; 1-9			
15:00	Christingle	St Lawrence Centre				
15:00	Evening Service	St James Dengie	1 3diii 23, 1 3			
18.00	Light up a Life Service	St Nicholas Tillingham	TBA			
6th		Friday				
12:00	Communion & Lunch	St Lawrence Church	ТВА			
8th	Advent 2					
09.30	Parish Communion	St Nicholas Tillingham				
10:00	Christingle and Toy Service	St Thomas Bradwell	Malachi 3; 1-4 Philippians 1; 3-11 Luke 3; 1-6			
10:00	Parish Communion	St Lawrence Centre				
16:00	Carol Service with Bishop Adam	St James Dengie				
18.00	Evening Service	St Lawrence Church				
15th		Advent 3				
08:00	Communion	St James Dengie				
10:00	Communion	St Lawrence Church				
10:00	Morning Worship	St Lawrence Centre	Zephaniah 3; 14-end Philippians 4. 4-7			
10:00	Morning Worship	St Nicholas Tillingham	Luke 3.7-18			
16:30	Christmas Carol Service	St Peters Chapel				
19th	Thursday					
18.00	Christmas Carol Service	St Lawrence Church				
22nd	Advent 4					
10:00	Parish Communion	St James Dengie	Micah 5; 2-5a Hebrews 10; 5-10			
10:00	Café Church	St Thomas Bradwell				
10:00	Morning Worship	St Lawrence Centre				
10:00	Morning Worship	St Lawrence Church	Luke 1; 39-45 - Psalm 80 ;1-8			
18:00	Christmas Carol Service	St Nicholas Tillingham				

Time	Service	Church	Readings			
24th	Christmas Eve					
16.30	Crib Service	St Thomas Bradwell	2 Samuel 7; 1-5,8-11,16			
18.00	Crib Service	St Nicholas Tillingham	Acts 13; 16-26 Luke 1; 57-66			
11.30	Midnight Mass	St Thomas Bradwell				
11.30	Midnight Mass	St Lawrence Church	Psalm 85			
25th	Christmas Day					
09.00	Christmas Commun- ion	St James Dengie	Isaiah 52; 7-10			
10.00	Christmas Praise	St Thomas Bradwell	Hebrews 1; 1-4 John 1; 1-14			
10.00	Christmas Praise	St Lawrence Centre				
29th	Christmas 1					
10.00	Joint Benefice Com- munion	St Nicholas Tillingham	1 Samuel 2; 18-20,26 Colossians 3; 12-17 Luke 2; 41-52 Psalm 148			
3 rd Jan	Friday					
12.00	Communion & Lunch	St Lawrence Church	TBA			
5th	Epiphany					
10:00	Parish Communion	St Thomas Bradwell	Isaiah 60; 1-6			
10:00	Morning Worship	St Nicholas Tillingham	Ephesians 3; 1-12			
10:00	Morning Worship	St Lawrence Centre	Matthew 2; 1-12 Psalm 72; 10-15			
15:00	Evening Service	St James Dengie				

Weekday Events in December

Day	Date	Time	Event	Place		
Wednesday	4th Dec	11:00	Prayer meeting	St Thomas Bradwell		
Thursday	5th Dec	13:00	Thursday Club Christmas Meal	Burnham		
Friday	6th Dec	12:00	Friday Communion and Lunch	St Lawrence Church		
Wednesday	11th Dec	11:00	Prayer meeting	St Thomas Bradwell		
Wednesday	11th Dec	13:00	Bradwellians Chr1stmas Meal	Bradwell		
Wednesday	18th Dec	11:00	Prayer meeting	St Thomas Bradwell		
Thursday	19th Dec	14:00	Down Hall Service	Bradwell		
Friday	3 rd Jan	12:00	Friday Communion and Lunch	St Lawrence Church		

SAVE THE DATE

Friday 7th March 2025

Friday 7th March 2025

'World Day of Prayer' at St Thomas, Bradwell-on-Sea

For more information

contact Theresa on 01621776247 or email tanddreed@gmail.com

Bradwell-on-Sea Village Hall

The Village Hall Management Committee would like to thank all who supported the Christmas Fair on November 23rd. It was a good event that was well supported

and raised over £1300 for the Village Hall funds.

The Christmas draw winners were

£150 Danny Noble

£75 Sue Barker

£50 David Horner

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Two bottles of wine Jeanne

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Village Hall

The Bradwell Village Hall 100 Club draw results for November 2024 are as follows.

1st Prize, Ticket 20, Mr Roger Barrett, £20.00
 2nd Prize, Ticket 88, Mrs Jean Allan, £10.00
 3rd Prize, Ticket 45, Mrs Margaret Daily, £5.00

The next draw takes place on the 1st December for the monthly draw and Christmas Bonus of £130 and £50. If you would like to join the 100 Club

Nature in our Neighbourhood

Now about to start its third year, Nature in our Neighbourhood will be kicking off again in October, with a talk from Stephen Dewick about moths and butterflies.

He has taken some splendid photos, so it will be a good session.

In November we have Jonney Aldridge talking about local trees and the national initiatives to protect trees from disease.

We will not be meeting in December but have a good line-up planned for the New Year Including Malcolm Hardy on revitalising intertidal shorelines using nature-driven approaches, Steve Spicer, an Essex Wildlife Warden, on the Danbury Ridge, and Chris Harris, an experienced birder, on birds.



The speakers all know their stuff and are able to talk about it engagingly. Se please do think about coming along to the Village Hall, 7.30 on Wednesdays, either the 4th or the 5th Wednesday in the month.

We have a cuppa and a piece of home made cake over a chat after the session. Timetable

29th January: Malcolm Hardy on Revitalising intertidal shorelines

26th February: Steve Spicer, on Danbury Ridge

26th March: tbc Elizabeth Bayliss



Bradwell-on-Sea Women's Institute

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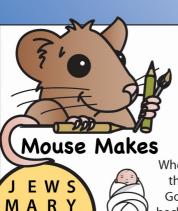
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Tuesday 17th December

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St Thomas Church Bradwell-on-Sea

Everybody welcome Refreshments afterwards



After Jesus was born in Belthlehem, wise men from the east came to Jerusalem looking for the child born to be king of the Jews. They had seen his star and had come to worship him.

King Herod was troubled so met with the wise men to tell them to let him know when they found him.

When they saw the star rest over where Jesus was they rejoiced and gave him three special gifts. God warned the wise men in a dream not to go back to Herod so they went home by another way.

EPIPHANY is the Greek word for MANIFEST

which means 'to show'. God shows

God shows us who He is through His son Jesus Christ How many other words can you make from:

CHILDKHMYRRH FRANKINCENCE JOYANGELRH GAEGYPTP

but God told Joseph to flee to Egypt to be safe. Where did Jesus finally grow up?



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The St Lawrence Singers

The St Lawrence Singers are delighted to present their 2024 Christmas Concert, which will be held at St Lawrence Newlands Barn on Friday, 13th December 2024. Our programme features a unique selection of Christmas carols, accompanied by

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a pianist and cellist. In addition to traditional favourites for audience participation with lyrics provided in the programme — we have included some lesser-known carols for a refreshing twist, along with a couple of cello solos from our special guest. Tickets are £10, which includes refreshments during the interval. All profits will go to St Lawrence Church and Essex Home Start. To help us cater for numbers, and as seating is limited, please book your tickets in advance by calling 07717 072784. Tickets may also be available on the door, subject to availability.

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