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From the Vicarage

Dear Friends,

This Lent begins on Wednesday 14th February and our Joint Benefice Holy Communion Service for this Ash Wednesday is at 7pm at St James Church in Dengie. The Church of England is encouraging us to wait expectantly for God to meet us and sustain us through the storms and trials we all face.

The Church of England's Lent theme for 2024 is **Watch and Pray: Wisdom and hope for Lent and life.**

This Lent all of us are encouraged to draw on the wisdom of Black Spirituality, particularly the practice of "tarrying" (waiting) as a community to draw closer to Jesus and to each other. Combining exuberant singing, fervent prayer and quiet lament, such services typically take place at night and last somewhat longer than the "one hour" Jesus asked of those first followers.

This year's resources have been inspired and informed by the 2024 Archbishop of Canterbury's Lent book, Tarry Awhile: Wisdom from Black Spirituality for people of faith by Selina Stone (SPCK). The daily reflections booklet (CHP) exploring the same themes has been written by Carlton Turner.

Details of the course are in this magazine, come and join us as we travel through Lent.

God bless,

Reverend Steven





**St Paul's Cathedral Evensong
3pm Saturday 28th April 2024**

Preacher: Revd Steven Poss

**Tickets £15 – Please contact Revd Steven on
01621 779620 / 07830 150713 or email stevenposs@hotmail.com**

**Coach Leaving Tillingham at 12 noon and will
return around 6pm.**

Watch and Pray - Lent Course 2024



“Watch and Pray challenges us to seek God in both familiar and unfamiliar places: in darkness and in quiet; in movement and migration; in the healing and transforming work of the Spirit; in the weeping of Holy Week and in the joy of Easter morning.”

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Monday 19th February – 7-9pm – St Thomas, Bradwell on Sea

Monday 26th February – 7-9pm – St Nicholas, Tillingham

Monday 4th March – 7-9pm – St Lawrence Church

Monday 11th March – 7-9pm – Dengie Village Hall

Monday 18th March – 7-9pm – St Lawrence Church Centre

Chelmsford Diocese

Lent Modules

2024

DEADLINE FOR APPLICATIONS – FRIDAY 9th FEBRUARY 2024

Module Lent 1 - Romans: Blueprint of the Gospel

Module Lent 2 - Thoughts of God – On Zoom

Module Lent 3 - “The Last Week” – On Zoom

Module Lent 4 - The Place of Grace

Module Lent 5 - Poems and Prayer

Module Lent 6 - The Unknown Bible – On Moodle

Module Lent 7 - I Believe in the Resurrection – On Zoom

Module Lent 8 - The Development of Holy Communion From the Latin Mass to Common Worship

Module Lent 9 - Church History - The Reformation, Part 2

Module Lent 10 - Encountering Christ through Art

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The Othona Community



Welcome to the month with the extra day! Thursday 29th February has no special activity programmed for Othona, but how about making the most of that day by visiting for a cuppa, or even volunteering to do a couple of hours in the garden, or spring cleaning.

As usual, January was a quiet month, giving the resident team and volunteers time to take stock over the last year and finalise the planning for this year. Shared stories trigger memories for long-time visitors, and keep the spirit of Othona live for those who have found the community more recently. One of our newest arrivals, little Ivy Joy, rolled into the centre in mid-January in a pram first brought here by our founder Norman Motley's brother Reg and his wife Brenda as each of their three daughters made their earliest visits – the pram then passed to Jan and Trevor, long-term volunteers, for their baby daughter Maddy, now grown up, married to James – with a little daughter of their own, Ivy.

Our 2024 programme is now out on the website and ranges from Art to Nature, watercolour painting to woodland maintenance, voice projection to coping with grief. Hopefully there should be something for everyone. Here is this month's Programme:

February Half Term Week 1: Mon 12 Feb - Fri 16 Feb 2024 Family Activity Week

February Half Term Week 2: Mon 19 Feb - Fri 23 Feb 2024 Family Activity Week

Into the Wilderness: Fri 1 Mar - Sun 3 Mar 2024 A retreat for Lent led by Revd Brigid.

Brigid is also running a Quiet day (A Quiet Space in Narnia) on the 23rd July

As well as running an open programme for all, Othona is hosting groups from various places (Churches, schools etc.) January and February have been a period of hosting groups for their strategic planning for the next year. Our work with groups outside of our own programme is an important part of Othona, supporting faith groups, marginalised people, young people, and those with mental health problems etc. As part of our mission set out by our founder Norman, we are tasked with promoting and supporting the training of clergy. To this end we were pleased to host a residential trip from Chelmsford Diocese of Year 3 incumbent and pioneer path curates. 27 curates were here on a Next Steps retreat to consider what their next placement should be and how to go about the process; we also hosted the local Deanery away day.

Othona recently welcomed the Trustee board of “The Other MA” (TOMA) here for their planning meeting. This organisation is an artist-run education model and exhibition programme based in Southend, which supports artists who have faced barriers accessing art education. They very much appreciated the space, peace and beauty of Othona.

We are currently working with St Ethelburga's Centre for Peace and Reconciliation (<https://stethelburgas.org/>) on a hedge planting project. We hosted one weekend of planting here in December with some of their Trustees and the second one in February with two disparate groups of volunteers here to help with the second batch. This project is about promoting understanding between different groups (faith groups, refugees etc.) as much as about the hedge planting. Continuing our work with like-minded groups, we have many visits from residents of the YMCA to provide a holiday and a break from living in the sometimes-stressful environment of hostels in London. We have the senior staff here planning retreats to improve the quality of these residential visits and to look at a pathway to residents volunteering here.

Finally we are in the stage of planning our 3rd Essex Green Weekend, which will be from the 14th- 17th June this year. Please put it in your diaries. We hope this will be even bigger than the last two.

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

News from RAF Bradwell Bay

In last month's issue I mentioned RAF Dengie Flats. RAF Bradwell Bay is said to be an airfield built after the Battle of Britain and so does not get the fame of Battle of Britain stations such as North Weald. However, the Dengie and specifically Bradwell made an enormous contribution to the Battle of Britain. Many pilots were new and aircraft such as the Spitfire and Hurricane were new so both pilots and aircraft needed to be tested on their gunnery skills. The firing range was built on the Dengie flats with an accompanying grass airfield built on land requisitioned from Waymark's farm. The firing range was due to be opened on 1st August 1937 and the bombing range a year later, 1st November 1938.

There is little record keeping of the actual range but by piecing information from various squadron operational record books we can see that the firing range was used from early in the morning until well into the evening.

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Imagine the sites observed from the watch tower near St Peters Chapel, with aircraft flying past, often in pairs, every couple of minutes. Many of the pilots fought in the Battle of Britain. The list below shows a few days in May 1940, showing how busy the range could be.

5.5 12 Spitfires No 54 Squadron Hornchurch Air to ground firing 0855 to 1235

14.5 Magister L8359 Flt Lt Treacy No 74 Squadron Southend, from and to Southend 1955 to 2005

15.5 Spitfire's of No 74 Squadron Southend 38 sorties in two's 0935 to 1240

Spitfires No 54 Squadron Hornchurch 0940 to 1255

Spitfire N3188 No 54 squadron from and to Hornchurch 1630

Information courtesy of Dave Rawlings

The range continued in use, with some breaks in management by both the RAF and USAF until finally closing on 28th August 1965. In 1975 the Royal Navy used a hovercraft to dredge ordnance etc. from the flats.



Photo Courtesy of Kevin Bruce Collection

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



FEBRUARY SERVICES

Time	Service	Church	Readings
2nd Feb	Friday		
12:00	Communion with Lunch	St Lawrence Church	
4th	Candlemas		
10:00	Baptism and Communion	St Thomas Bradwell	Malachi 3; 1-5 Hebrews 2; 14-18 Luke 2; 22-40 Psalm 24; 7-10
10:00	Morning Worship	St Nicholas Tillingham	
10:00	Morning Worship	St Lawrence Centre	
15:00	Evening Service	St James Dengie	
11th	1st Before Lent		
10:00	Communion	St Nicholas Tillingham	2 Kings 2; 1-12 2 Corinthians 4; 3-6 Mark 9; 2-9 Psalm 50; 1-6
10:00	Morning Café Church	St Thomas Bradwell	
10:00	Communion	St Lawrence Centre	
18:00	Evening Service	St Lawrence Church	
14th	Ash Wednesday		
19:00	Communion and Ashing	St James Dengie	Isaiah 58; 1-12 2 Corinthians 5; 20b – 6; 10 John 8; 1-11
16th	Friday		
09:00	Communion Breakfast	St Thomas Bradwell	
18th	Lent 1		
08:00	Holy Communion	St James Dengie	Genesis 9; 8-17 1 Peter 3; 18-22 Mark 1; 9-15 Psalm 25; 1-9
10:00	Communion	St Lawrence Church	
10:00	Morning Worship	St Lawrence Centre	
10:00	Morning Worship	St Nicholas Tillingham	
18:00	Evening Service	St Thomas Bradwell	
25th	Lent 2		
10:00	Communion	St James Dengie	Genesis 17; 1-7,15,16 Romans 4; 13-25 Mark 8; 31-38 Psalm 22; 23-31
10:00	Café Church	St Thomas Bradwell	
10:00	Morning Worship	St Lawrence Centre	
10:00	Morning Worship	St Lawrence Church	
18:00	Evening Service	St Nicholas Tillingham	

Time	Service	Church	Readings
1st March	Friday		
12:00	Communion with Lunch	St Lawrence Church	
3rd	Lent 3		
10:00	Communion	St Thomas Bradwell	Exodus 20; 1-17 1 Corinthians 1; 18-25 John 2; 13-22 Psalm 19
10:00	Morning Worship	St Nicholas Tillingham	
10:00	Morning Worship	St Lawrence Centre	
15:00	Evening Service	St James Dengie	

WEEK DAY EVENTS

Day	Date	Time	Event	Place
Thursday	1st Feb	13:00	Thursday Club Lunch	St Thomas' Bradwell
Friday	2nd Feb	12:00	Communion and Lunch	St Lawrence Church
Monday	5th Feb	10:00	Pebbles	The St Lawrence Centre
Monday	12th Feb	10:00	Pebbles	The St Lawrence Centre
Wednesday	14th Feb	14:00	Bradwellians Reunion Group	St Thomas' Bradwell
Monday	26th Feb	10:00	Pebbles	The St Lawrence Centre

The very first Valentine card, a legend

The Roman Emperor Claudius II needed soldiers. He suspected that marriage made men want to stay at home with their wives, instead of fighting wars, so he outlawed marriage.

A kind-hearted young priest named Valentine felt sorry for all the couples who wanted to marry, but who couldn't. So secretly he married as many couples as he could - until the Emperor found out and condemned him to death. While he was in prison awaiting execution, Valentine showed love and compassion to everyone around him, including his jailer. The jailer had a young daughter who was blind, but through Valentine's prayers, she was healed. Just before his death in Rome on 14th February, he wrote her a farewell message signed 'From your Valentine.' So, the very first Valentine card was not between lovers, but between a priest about to die, and a little girl, healed through his prayers.

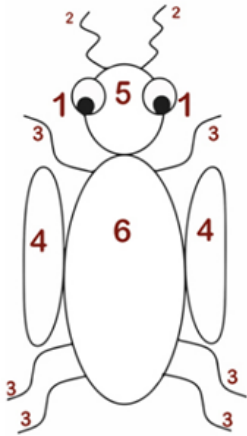


Bradwell WI

Wednesday 10th January at the Village Hall
A lively new year's beetle drive

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INSPIRING WOMEN

For our first meeting of the year, we all took part in a beetle drive hosted by our very own Chris. She did a great job explaining what to do and ensuring there was no cheating too!



It was a fantastic, fun evening full of catching up after the Christmas break! (It did mean we weren't always concentrating on our beetles though!) After six rounds, the re-sounding winner was Brigid, which came as no surprise to us! She rightly won a prize, as did our lowest scorer, Nikki!

Our next meeting is on the 14th of February at 7:45 pm in the village hall for our talk on Essex's Heroes and Villains with Martyr Lockwood.

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 our president, Sue Pirret, on 07824696807 or sue@dailygrindimports.com.

Alice Nightingale

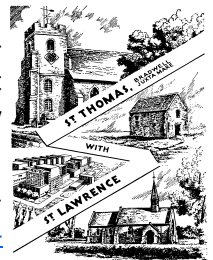
Village View

All copy for the March 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, by February 15th.

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



Leisure

What is this life if, full of care,
We have no time to stand and stare.

No time to stand beneath the boughs
And stare as long as sheep or cows.

No time to see, when woods we pass,
Where squirrels hid their nuts in grass.

No time to see, in broad daylight,
Streams full of stars, like skies at night.

No time to turn at Beauty's glance,
And watch her feet, how they can dance.

No time to wait till her mouth can
Enrich that smile her eyes began.

A poor life this if, full of care,
We have no time to stand and stare.

William Henry Davies (1871-1940)

Bradwell-on-sea Village Hall Village Hall Week



The country is celebrating village hall week from 18th - 24th March this year. The Village Hall week is organised by ACRE. The annual campaign shines a spotlight on the contribution that England's 10,000+ village halls make to rural communities. It will look at how buildings can be made more energy efficient, and how management committees can support sustainable and environmentally friendly behaviours in their community and to provide information to the residence of what happens in our halls and most importantly to get feedback of what the residents want from our hall. During the week they will be encouraging as many halls as possible to hold their own events, share their stories and get inspiration from others.



The Bradwell Village Hall Trustees are opening the village to the public during this week for people to see the hall and to find out what goes on there and to feed back to us your suggestions on how we can help to provide the Village with a more activities and better facilities for hires. The village hall Trustees are looking at ways in which we can improve our Environmental Footprint to attempt to make the hire of the hall as cheap as possible. As trustees of the hall we want to know what our hires and the residents of the village and surrounding areas want, and that any changes we

make cater for everyone.

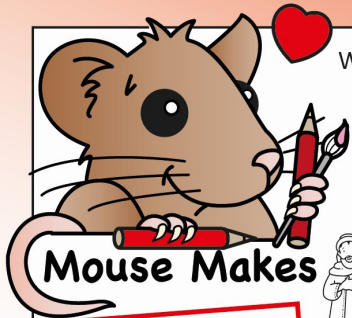
We are holding an open day on Saturday 23rd March from 2.00pm - 4.00pm to let you look around the hall. It is hoped that as many organisations who currently use the hall will have a display and some do a demonstration of what goes on in the hall. There will also be a chance to talk to the representatives of the hall Trustees to get suggestions from you and to answer your questions.

On Tuesday 19th March at 7.30pm there will be a flower arranging demonstration in the hall by Barbara Roe.

On Friday 22nd March at 7.30pm - an Evening of the History of Bradwell-on-Sea. Kevin Bruce will give a talk on the History of Bradwell-on-Sea.

During these two evenings you will also have the chance to look at the displays, prepared from the various hall users.

More information on the Village Hall week will be given in the March Village View.



Mouse Makes

Who were the first couple?
 _____ and _____

Genesis 2:22-25

Who's wife became a pillar of salt because she disobeyed the angel's warning?

Genesis 19:26



Which of Laban's daughters did Jacob love?

Genesis 29:18

Who was Moses' wife?

Exodus 2:21

Who married Boaz to become King David's great-grandmother and a distant relative of Jesus?

Matthew 1:5



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- JOSEPH SARAH

Which couple helped the Apostle Paul in his ministry?

_____ and _____ Romans 16:3

FIND THE BIBLE VERSE

Change each letter in this bible verse to the letter **before** it in the alphabet.

XIBU HPE IBT
 KPJOFE UPHFUIFS,
 MFU OPU NBO
 TFQBSBUF.
 NBSL
 UFO WFSTF
 OJOF

DID YOU KNOW?

King Solomon had **700** wives! They were princesses of royal birth and he loved them all, but his wives caused him to turn away from God
 See 1 Kings 11:1-3

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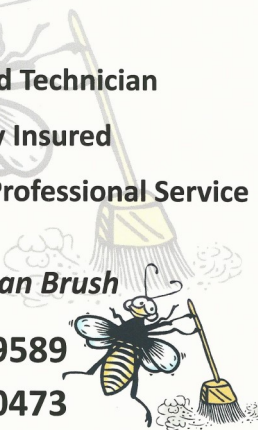
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