

FEBRUARY 2020

Village View

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From the Rector

Dear Friends,

As we enter February, we begin our Lenten season on Ash Wednesday with a Joint Benefice Service, with all the Churches coming together for an evening Holy Communion Service at St Thomas Church in Bradwell at 7.30pm on Wednesday 26th February.

We will begin our Lent Course (see separate flyer for dates, times and further details), Receiving Christ, in a course crammed with discussable questions, John Young teases out from the New Testament at least three different ways in which we receive Christ. John's course booklet is supplemented by four leading Christians, from a variety of backgrounds, on the course audio. Together they demonstrate that St John's theology in his magisterial Gospel has very practical implications for our day-to-day lives.

In February and March, I will also be holding Confirmation classes for anyone who would like to be Confirmed on Easter Saturday in the evening, the 11th April at Chelmsford Cathedral. For those who are not Baptised, there is the opportunity to be Baptised at this Service, hopefully by the Bishop of Chelmsford, Rt Revd Stephen Cottrell before he moves on to becoming the next Archbishop of York.

Lent is a good time to reflect, fast, pray and give, as you draw closer to God. So I pray it is a fruitful Lent for you this year.

God Bless,

Reverend Steven

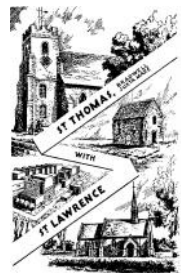
March Village View

All copy for the March 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 **February 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 February 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.





Come and Join Us On Our Lent Course, Receiving Christ

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Session 1. Receiving Christ: as children of God / **Session 2.** Receiving Christ: in the stranger and the needy / **Session 3.** Receiving Christ: in Holy Communion / **Session 4.** Receiving Christ: through prayer and fellowship / **Session 5.** 'Christ in you, the hope of glory' (Colossians 1:27)

Session 1: 11am-1 pm – St Thomas Church, Bradwell – Wednesday 4th March - Repeated on Thursday 5th March - 7.30pm-9.30pm at the Vicarage (6 Bakery Close, Tillingham, CM0 7TT).

Session 2: 11-1 – St Nicholas Church, Tillingham – Wednesday 11th March – Repeated in the evening at 7.30pm at the Vicarage.

Session 3: - 11-1 – St Lawrence Church Centre – Wednesday 18th March – Repeated in the evening at 7.30pm at the Vicarage.

Session 4: 1-3pm – St James Church, Dengie – Wednesday 25th March – Evening session is at 7.30pm on Monday 23rd March at the Vicarage.

Session 5: 11-1 – St Lawrence Church – Wednesday 1st April – Evening session is at 7.30pm on Monday 30th March at the Vicarage.

To register, please contact: Revd Steven Poss, 01621 779620 or

email stevenposs@hotmail.com



RSPB Bird Watch and Crafts

A time to be creative, pray, learn and sing. For children of all ages and their parents. Food and refreshments are provided, donations welcome.

St Lawrence Church – 10-12 midday – Wednesday 19 February.

All Welcome.

To register, please contact: Revd Steven Poss, 01621 779620 or email stevenposs@hotmail.com

World Day of Prayer

(A woman led, global, ecumenical movement)

World Day of Prayer is an international inter-church organisation which enables us to hear the thoughts of women from all parts of the world: their hopes, concerns and prayers. The annual service is always on the first Friday of March, which is the 6th this year.



The women of the parishes of Bradwell-on-Sea, St Lawrence, Tillingham and Dengie have for many years jointly organised a service, which this year is being held in **St Thomas' Church, Bradwell at 2pm**. All of whatever denomination or gender are invited to attend and listen to the voices of the women of Zimbabwe as they encourage us to **'Rise, take your mat and walk'** as they continue their often turbulent journey towards full reconciliation.

We do hope that you will join us.

New Year Swim at St Lawrence

In 2019 Lois Gardner undertook a sponsored solo swim in the estuary of the River Blackwater in aid of funds for re-roofing St Lawrence Church. The success of that venture lead to a repeat performance with Rev Steven Poss and Ann Johnson joining in whole heartedly.

The old year concluded with two days of glorious winter sunshine and all hoped for similar conditions on New Year's Day. Unfortunately it was not to be and all set out into a persistent mist. However, this did not deter the numerous people who converged on the chosen spot on the sea-wall overlooking the Blackwater.

Promptly at 10.00am the three hardy swimmers trotted on the scene to the cheers of the onlookers. Shedding robes and towels they made their way down to the water. The mist had lifted a little so everything was clear to the supporters on the wall when the swimmers reached the quietly lapping waters at the bottom of the tide. Low water had been chosen in preference to high tide as there was the possibility that darkness would overtake proceedings.

With Lois in the lead the three hardy swimmers struck out and appeared to be enjoying themselves. In order to take advantage of the firm area of beach which they had used on the way down they turned and returned to their entry point, smiling and laughing as they made their way back to the warm shower awaiting them in Lois's house, with a job well done.

Sincere thanks to Ann, Lois and Steven for their splendid effort this year and all the people who supported their venture.

An encouraging start to the collection of sponsorship donations has already come in by bank transfer from Mar-seilles and we look forward to further contributions from far and near. Banked sums exceed £1000 at present and more is anticipated.



The success of this year's event has sparked more ideas in our originator's mind so any keen open-water swimmers should watch for further news!

A Bradwell Spectacular

There are some great wildlife spectacles in far-flung places. The migration of Wildebeest across the Serengeti plains of East Africa. The breeding habits of the Emperor Penguin in Antarctica. Leaf-cutter ants in the Amazon jungle, what's left of it.....(sorry, a diversion – and we're not much better, if on a different scale, in this country). One could go on and on.

But a wildlife spectacle in Bradwell? Yes, indeed. Just after New Year a group of us were at Bradwell Waterside. We were standing on the 'hump', just before the bar to the slipway. All of a sudden a huge flock



of birds took to the sky from the far side of Pewet Island, that island opposite the entrance to the marina, forming Bradwell Creek. I was asked how many birds were there. My immediate answer was around 1500. On reflection this was a huge under-estimate: there must have been several thousand, forced into the air by the rising tide as it spread over the mud.

What species were they? They were too distant to see individuals, but there was no doubt as to their identity. They were Knot (ignore the silly birders' response 'no, they're knot'). The flock was in constant motion, an oval shape some 50 yards across, then thinning almost to two ovals, then coalescing to a flat bottom saucer shape, all those birds moving at speed – but never an individual collision. The flock was ever changing shape, like a huge wisp of smoke or cloud. No other wading bird behaves like this in such numbers. And looking up, high in the sky above us were many more individuals. I advised those looking up not to do so with open mouth..... I suspect these birds had flown across the peninsula, denied their feeding ground on the mudflats off St Peter's Chapel by the encroaching waters.

The full name for this wader, the size of a Blackbird, is Red Knot. But had we been able to see an individual close up we would have seen a rather nondescript pale grey dumpy bird. So why 'Red Knot'? To resolve that requires a journey of thousands of miles to the high Arctic. All of the birds in that amazing flock will have been well north of the Arctic Circle last June and July, and hopefully most will make it back there in six months' time to breed. They will then be in their summer plumage, having beautiful red/orange underparts and red speckled back and wings.

In the meantime we could only wonder at the spectacle before us.

Brian Clayden

Bradwell-on-Sea WI

At the first meeting of the year the WI President presented John Cleary, the local organiser for First Responders, with a donation for their funds. Mr. Cleary explained to members that the first responders are all local volunteers who are trained to provide the initial help in certain emergency situations. The donation will go towards a new defibrillator for the area. For a

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stress free start to the new year members tried their hand at pebble painting. This was led by Jeanne Meehan who provided the pebbles, paints and ideas for the decorations and at the end of the evening there was a colourful selection of pebbles, which included bees, ladybirds, hedgehogs, flowers and beach huts The competition for an unusual Christmas present was won by Linda Sibley with her book "Songs to sing to your cat", the raffle was won by a very deserving Jeanne.

At the February meeting there will be an illustrated talk on an organic farm and its wildlife by Steven Green and Judith Ross.

The St Lawrence Singers



The Singers enjoyed another successful year in 2019, closing in December with their Christmas Concert and the Festival of Nine Lessons and Carols and finally supporting the Midnight Mass at the Church.

As usual all profits from the Concert were passed to charities which, on this occasion, were the Essex Air Ambulance, Crisis at Christmas and the St Lawrence Church Roof Fund. On New Year's Day all the members and their partners were kindly entertained by our Director, Margaret Garlick who has also spent much time over the holiday preparing material for the new sessions.

The choir is an independent body formed in 2004 following a very small beginning when three ladies and the organist sang a three part arrangement of Silent Night grouped around the Estey organ. Today numbers have passed the twenty mark and new members are still welcome. Anyone who might wish to join may be relieved that there is no audition and the only commitment is to the practices at 5.45 on a Friday. Phone Margaret on 779 328 for any further information.

They work in close co-operation with St Lawrence Church and are looking forward to singing at weddings and some other services in the coming months, as well as working towards the next concert which promises to include some light pieces and old favourites

The Othona Community in February.

Othona has a very different February this year – closed! We've cancelled the Half-Term Activity Week, have hardly anyone staying, and you will notice the red and white safety tape all around the whole site. You will also notice just how busy Othona is at the moment – with our transformation to Green Energy and Power.

We re-open in March, with a Working Weekend from Friday 6th to Sunday 8th March. There will certainly be plenty of work to be done, as the Project nears completion of the first phase: the new Wind Generator will take a little longer.

A Working Weekend is much more than just doing the jobs necessary to the running of Othona. People come from quite far afield to meet old friends – and there are always new faces; friends of friends, and people who have heard of Othona through various media

and publications. Othona is a very open and inclusive Christian Community for people of all faiths and none. Many people make long-lasting friendships; over



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the past 73 years there have also been many Othona marriages and new families. But Othona is not just for resident visitors. People are welcome to pop in for a cuppa, book a meal and find out more, or join in with the work groups if you wish. You are welcome to come and meet and greet our four new European Volunteers who will be joining us early in February for this year, helping at Othona and in Bradwell Village.

Othona is a very beautiful and peaceful place, with wild flower meadows, natural planting, and sustainable fruit and vegetable crops; and the Othona Coastal Park leading down towards the sea. Even on a working weekend there is time to stop and chat, walk, explore, and join in Chapel services, held at St Peter's Chapel in the evenings.

Do look at our Programme, available locally or on our Web Site. Our Spring Retreat from Friday 27th March to Sunday 29th March this year is being led by John Perumbalath, Bishop of Bradwell. We are open for our traditional Easter from Thursday 9th April to Tuesday 14th April.

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**

From the Wensleyhouse in winter.

So the quiet winter moves on. The field is beautifully re-hydrated ready for the grass to start growing in the spring and trees stand out against the colours of the sky showing their sculptured branches. The picture is still and quiet, our little flock sleeps under the trees and skips across the field lead by Aunty Ethel. But the hungry gap is about to start. The grass is losing its nutrition and the trees haven't yet got any new leaves to browse.

Late one night, Ethel got to thinking about the greener grass the other side of the electric fence. After all, she is eating, we hope, for three, so it's likely that she's getting midnight hungry pangs.

In the darkness she woke up, and started eating the grass by the electric fence, reaching further and further and further until she found herself on the wrong side of the fence! She was closely followed by Cherry-Blossom who was also hungry and Daphne, not to be outdone by her big sister skipped over braving the electric fence and also made it through to join her elders on the other side.



Dorothea was still asleep, but she woke up soon afterwards to find that she was, Alone! Alone in the dark she called out, Daphne, Cherry-Blossom where are you? Aunty Ethel!! Aunty Ethel!!

But of course, they hadn't forgotten their mate. They were only just the other side of the fence and Ethel knew that Dorothea was safe at home. "Come and join us," they called, "then we can wander further away to the greener grass over there." And Dorothea tried. She really did try to be brave but every time she put her nose close to the fence it made her jump in a way she really didn't like! No, now that the sun was coming up and the winter night was over she could clearly see her family just the other side of the fence and she knew that her shepherd would be over soon with the pot of Ewe nuts. It's possible that she would get an extra helping of ewe nuts too, because she had stayed in the enclosure.

So, when their shepherds did come, they found three wayward sheep and one who knew not to push the boundaries. And yes, Dorothea did get extra rations of ewe nuts and Ethel, Cherry-B and Daphne were really quite pleased to be back home safe inside the electric fence enclosure.

The shepherds fixed where they had got out of the fence, and for extra measure turned the strength of the fence up, just to make a point! But they also can take a hint. It is time to start using some of that hay that's been stored in the garage since the summer in readiness for the hungry gap. Now, along with a few ewe nuts, to tell them that we love them, they also get a ration of hay. After all, Ethel, and hopefully Cherry-B need to keep their strength up!

Footprints in the Sand,

Deuteronomy 1:31 offers us the inspiration of the poem which follows.



... and in the wilderness. There you saw how the LORD your God carried you, as a father carries his son, all the way you went until you reached this place.”

*One night I dreamed a dream.
As I was walking along the beach with my Lord.
Across the dark sky flashed scenes from my life.
For each scene, I noticed two sets of footprints in the sand,
One belonging to me and one to my Lord. After the last scene of my life flashed before me,
I looked back at the footprints in the sand.
I noticed that at many times along the path of my life,
especially at the very lowest and saddest times,
there was only one set of footprints. This really troubled me, so I asked the Lord about it.
"Lord, you said once I decided to follow you,
You'd walk with me all the way.
But I noticed that during the saddest and most troublesome times of my life,
there was only one set of footprints.
I don't understand why, when I needed You the most, You would leave me." He whispered, "My precious child, I love you and will never leave you
Never, ever, during your trials and testings.
When you saw only one set of footprints,
It was then that I carried you.*

In recent times the concept has been used by numerous writers including [Nathaniel Hawthorne](#) in his short story *Foot-prints on the Sea-shore* which reads, "Thus, by tracking our foot-prints in the sand, we track our own nature in its wayward course, and steal a glance upon it, when it never dreams of being so observed. Such glances always make us wiser."
In the 1970s the poem entered into American popular culture but unfortunately the author has not been established beyond doubt and a report in the *Washington Post* stated that 'at least a dozen people had claimed it as their own.' The paper was reporting on a lawsuit between some of the most prominent of the claimants: Mary Stevenson, Margaret Fishback Powers, Carolyn Joyce Carty in addition to Burrell Webb who was not involved in that particular case.

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Time	Service	Place	Readings
2nd Feb	Presentation of Christ to the Temple (Candlemas)		
8.00	BCP Holy Communion	St James Dengie	Malachi 2; 14-18 Hebrews 2; 14-18 Luke 2; 22-40
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 and Christingle Service	St Thomas Bradwell	
15.30	Evening Service	Down Hall Residential Home	TBA
9th	3rd Sunday before Lent		
10.00	Family Communion	St Lawrence Centre	Isaiah 58;1-9 1 Corinthians 2; 1-12 Matthew 5; 13-20
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
16th	2nd Sunday before Lent		
8.45	Parish Communion	St Lawrence Church	Genesis 1; 1-2, 3 Romans 8; 16-25 Matthew 6; 25-34
10.00	All Age Worship	St Lawrence Centre	
10.00	Family Service	St Nicholas Tillingham	
10.30	Parish Communion	St Thomas Bradwell	
15.00	Evening Service	St James Dengie	TBA
23rd	Sunday before Lent		
8.00	Holy Communion	St Thomas Bradwell	Exodus 24; 12-18 2 Peter 1; 16-21 Matthew 17; 1-9
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

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26th	Ash Wednesday		
11.00	School Ashing Service	St Thomas Bradwell	Joel 2; 1-2, 12-17 2 Corinthians 5; 20-6; 10 Matthew 6; 1-5, 16-21
13.30	School Ashing Service	St Nicholas Tillingham	
19.30	Joint Benefice Com- munion and Ashing service	St Thomas Bradwell	
1st Mar	Lent 1		
8.00	BCP Holy Communion	St James Dengie	Genesis 2; 15-17 3; 1-7 Romans 5; 12-19 Matthew 4; 1-11
9.00	Parish Communion	St Lawrence Church	
10.00	All Age Worship	St Lawrence Centre	
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From the Register

St Lawrence Newland

Marriage

7th September Joey Levi Anderson and Kerry Catherine Draper

St Thomas Bradwell

Burials

Dargan Sidgwick 20th August aged 100

Christine Simmons 4th October age 73

Burial of Ashes

Walter Simmons 4th October

Cremation

Richard French 30th October age 93

Confirmation 24th November

Richard Dewick

Graeme Eyre



Gardening in February

Hopefully this month we will have the first signs of spring. Time to do some final pruning and get the flower and vegetable beds ready for sowing and planting.

Flowers

Prune Wisteria side-shoots back to 2-3 buds from the main branch.

Sow sweet peas under cover or on a cool windowsill.

Cut back stems of fuchsias that have been undercover. Then water and put in a warm place to encourage new growth.

In late February early March its time to prune roses, cut 5mm above an outward facing bud, remove all dead or diseased wood, and any stems

crossing the bush. Pull out rose suckers that usually grow from the soil around the base; these suckers usually have 7 leaves to each leaf stem whereas the rose bush has 5 leaves. When pruning climbing roses cut the stems that flowered last summer right to the ground thus leaving the new stems that grew last summer. To improve flowering on these new stems ensure they are tied horizontally, at least till the buds start to grow, they can then be moved to a vertical position if desired.



Fruit and Veg

Prune apple and pear trees, concentrate on removing overcrowded growth, crossing stems, and dead, damaged, or dying branches. Aim for an open centre, through which air can circulate, as this will reduce the risk of pests and diseases.

Cut autumn-fruiting raspberry canes to the ground to stimulate new canes which will fruit in the autumn. Continue to plant summer raspberry canes.

Prune current and gooseberries.

Start chitting early potatoes.

Start sowing vegetable seeds such as leeks, onions and celeriac under cover.

Plant shallots and sow early broad beans.

Prepare vegetable seed beds by removing all weeds and forking in plenty of compost. Cover prepared soil with sheets of black plastic to keep it drier and warmer in preparation for spring planting

Garden Maintenance

Trim hedges before the birds start nesting.

Wash pots with hot water and mild detergent, rinse well afterwards.

Move any deciduous trees or shrubs that need repositioning

Plant of the month

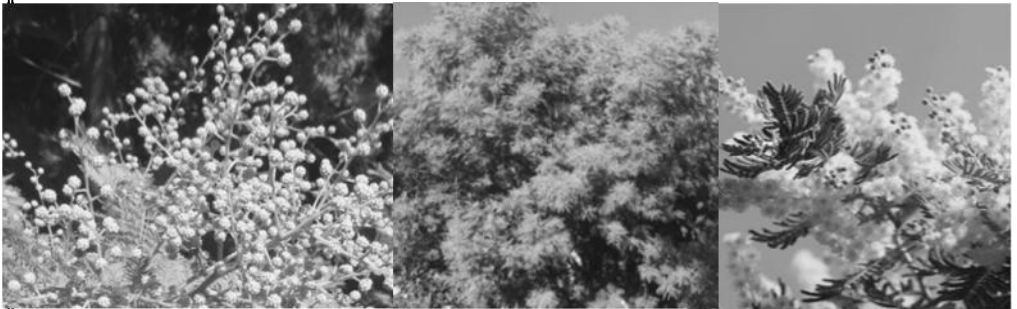
Mimosa Acacia Dealbata subsp Subalpina

Mimosa is such a lovely spring flowering tree, originally from Australia but now often found in the Mediterranean or the Canaries. I remember as a child my Grandmother always having Mimosa at Christmas as its was often found in florists at that time. The sweet smell of the flowers still reminds me of Christmas.

Once considered a tree that will not thrive in our climate, they are now a common sight with new varieties available. The older varieties did not like being pruned nor did they like our cold wet weather, I remember Joan Hendry having one of these in Maldon road that although a picture when flowering could look straggly when trimmed and finally it died when the garden flooded one winter. Now there are new varieties like Acacia Dealbata which will survive frosts of up to -10°C the variety Subalpina is even hardier. I have one of these in my garden and it grows so well.

A couple of years ago when we had the 'Beast from the East' I thought I had lost this tree, all the fine leaves went black and fell off, I was so convinced it had died that I started cutting it up to put in the green bin, then I noticed it started to re-grow and in a very short time it came fully back to growth. Since then it has flowered its heart out each spring. It's also a great variety for cutting as when it's on flower one cannot resist cutting great bunches for the house and to give to friends and family. It's a useful tree in places where there is not enough room for a full-size tree. If planting afresh, new growth is more susceptible to cold weather so protecting the plant for the first two years will help it to survive and thrive.

The pictures below show the flower buds and the tree in January 2020 and the last picture shows how the flowers will look like in February when they come out fully.



Shrove Tuesday Pancake evening

On Tuesday 25th February come and join us at St Thomas' church at 7pm for your pancakes.

Flower Arranging Course for Beginners

From March to November 2020 in the Chapman room at
St Thomas' Church Bradwell-on-Sea

Are you are interested in learning a new skill in 2020? Many people say that they can't arrange flowers, now is the opportunity to learn or improve this craft.

The classes will be conducted by Mrs. Barbara Roe and will be held monthly from Tuesday March 3rd from 10am-12 and thereafter on the first Tuesday in the month (excluding August) until November.

The cost of the 8-month course will be £40 including refreshments. Materials will be available to purchase at the first session.

The cost of the classes is to cover expenses incurred that are associated with the classes and to aid the church flower fund.

The arrangements that we make will be suitable for use in the home, but can be adaptable for larger displays if people are interested in church flower arranging.

Spaces are limited in order to ensure a reasonable working area for each person so please let us know if you would like to join as soon as you are able.

If you would like to join or ask any questions please contact either, Barbara 01621 743494 or David 01621 776846

March	Round design suitable for a dining table.
April	Parallel design suitable for a window sill.
May	3 flowers and large leaves suitable for a side table.
June	Triangle a front facing design suitable for a corner table.
July	L shape suitable for one side of a window ledge.
September	Crescent in a candlestick suitable for a dining room table.
October	Low contemporary design.
November	An oval Christmas arrangement with a candle.



'Wonderful Villages' Photo Competition



Ends 15th March 2020!

**Win up to £1000 for your Village Hall and
£500 for the photographer!**

Submit Your Entry & Vote For Others.

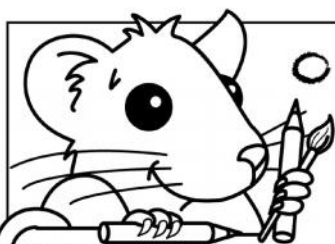
**Open to ALL RURAL UK Village & Community Halls.
Entry is FREE. No purchase necessary.**

**Details of prizes, theme and entry dates are in the
RULES available from our Facebook page:**

 <https://facebook.com/AlliedWestminster>

AND on our website detailing free rebuild valuations:

 <https://villagehallsurvey.com>



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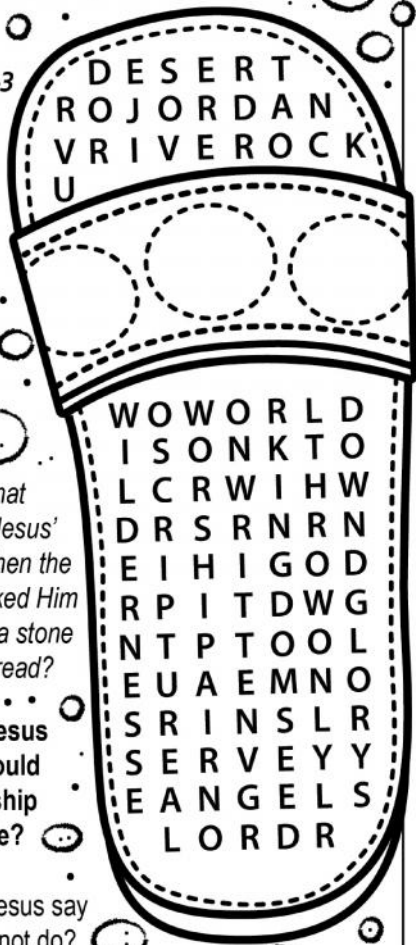
After **Jesus** was baptised He was led by the Spirit into the **wilderness** for **forty** days where he was tempted by the devil.

READ the story in **Luke 4:1-13**



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What was Jesus' reply when the devil asked Him to turn a stone into bread?

Who did Jesus say He would only worship and serve?

What did Jesus say you must not do?

Can you find these words in the word search?

- JESUS • BAPTISED • RIVER • JORDAN • LED
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- DEVIL • FORTY • DAYS • HUNGRY • ROCK • STONE
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The parable of the Shrewd Manager



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ONCE JESUS TOLD A STORY ABOUT A RICH MAN...

...AND HIS SERVANT, WHO MANAGED THE RICH MAN'S PROPERTY.

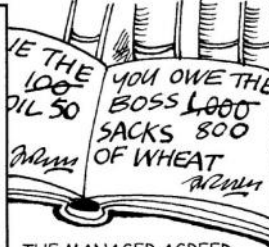


THE RICH MAN HAD HEARD THAT THE MANAGER HAD BEEN WASTING MONEY.

SO HE CALLED THE MANGER TO ACCOUNT FOR HIMSELF!



OH NO! I AM GOING TO GET THE SACK!!

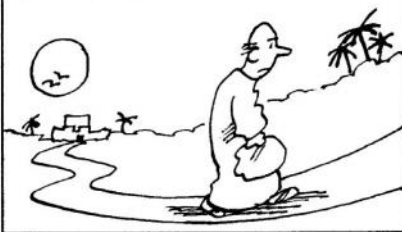


THE MANAGER AGREED TO LET THE RICH MAN'S TRADERS FIDDLE THEIR BOOKS!



SO THEY ALTERED THEIR DEBTS - AND STAYED FRIENDS WITH THE MANAGER.

JESUS EXPLAINED THAT THE MANAGER HAD BEEN WISE IN MANAGING HIS FUTURE... EVEN THOUGH HE WAS BEING DISHONEST.



JESUS WAS TRYING TO ENCOURAGE THE PEOPLE TO THINK ABOUT THEIR OWN FUTURES TOO. BUT IT'S A HARD PARABLE TO UNDERSTAND!

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Margaret Garlick 779328.

Monday
Pebbles 10.00 - 12.00noon
Mothers and toddlers get together
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a chat
Clive & Lesley Bennett 776298

Bridge Club
1.30pm & Friday 7.30

1st Wednesday of the month
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Secretary Gwan Adams 778386

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Tuesday
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Maureen Storey

Wednesday
Women's Institute
2nd Wednesday 7.30pm
President: Cathie Boumich
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Thursday
St. Lawrence Art Group
10 - 12noon Stone Sailing Club
Bob Deeks 778392

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

Regular Events

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Wednesdays: Morning Prayer at St Nicholas Tillingham 9.15am

Wednesdays: Café Extra at St Lawrence Centre 2.30pm to 4pm

Thursdays:-Holy Communion at St Peter's Chapel 9.00am

Fridays: -Morning Prayer at St Thomas Church 9.00 am

Fridays:-Coffee Morning at St Thomas from 10.00 – 11.15am during school term.

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