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JANUARY 2023

Village View

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BRADWELL-ON-SEA

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	David Thorpe	776846
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If any of the above information is incorrect or you wish to publicise your organisation then please contact Roger Scurrell on 01621 776341

From the Vicarage

Dear Friends,

Happy New Year!

As we begin 2023, we look to the new year ahead with new year's resolutions, and plans for the new year. Our plans are to do our best to keep our lovely Church buildings in good order, with works going on at each of them across the Benefice. This is to ensure they are there for our generation and the next.

In Bradwell on Sea, work will begin in February on restoring the Tower Clock of St Thomas Church; and a new roof has begun at St Lawrence Church. St Nicholas Church in Tillingham will be having some minor repairs to the tower in May and there will be roof repairs at St James Church in Dengie.

During the winter time, our Churches are holding times to come in and be warm and socialise with others: details of these are advertised in this magazine.

Our Churches are also places of prayer and where we seek God's blessing at all times and seasons of the year, so do come along at anyone of our services.

We have Friends groups in the Church's to help look after our wonderful historic buildings, who help support them for many different reasons. If you would like to become a Friend or would like to support any of our Churches in some way, please let me know.

God bless

Reverend Steven





2023

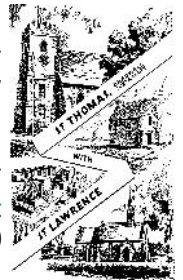
Village View

All copy for the Febuary 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 January 12th.

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 January 12th**.

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.



The Othona Community



I Debbie has just sent Othona's New Year message, here for our local friends.

We hope that you had a good Christmas and wish you a Happy New Year. We had a wonderful Community Christmas at Bradwell with a lovely group of people here. Highlights included a Christmas quiz, relaxing in front of the fire, a wonderful lunch on Christmas day (beautifully cooked by Phil and a team of helpers) a bracing walk on boxing day, hand chime ringing and services at St Thomas' Church in the village. We also had our lovely Ukrainian family back to stay, it was lovely to see Olena, Alex, Rima and Sasha again. They really enjoyed their time here, things have been difficult for them over the last few months, they had to move into new accommodation in a different town and the one bedroom flat provided is far from ideal for their family. I sent them a message thanking them for coming and this is the message that I had from Olena when they returned home;

"We are also very grateful for hosting us at Othona for Christmas. It is so nice and important for us. I wish you a nice New Year"

They left a lovely message in our visitor's book- *"Othona is a commune of kind, caring, beautiful people. Thanks to them for their sincerity and openness to us"*

Thank you to all who contribute to our bursary fund, this enables us to provide some time away for people who really need it. I hope they will be able to come back again soon. Jan Marshall, daughter of the founder of Othona Norman Motley, kindly agreed to be interviewed by Paul Simon, a journalist and Othona member. These interviews are available to view on our YouTube Channel. The 2023 programme is now available as a pamphlet and online - [-Events Listing | Othona Essex-](#) please take a look at what is coming up. Highlights include:

-) Preserve making in January with Fiona Clapperton
-) February Half Term Activity Week
-) Sweet Success in March- making confectionary with Sarah and Cathrin
-) Easter in April with Andrew Gough

Essex Green Weekend in April run in partnership with Trustlinks.

Find us down the track through East Hall Farm, East End Rd – through the electric gate. Debbie and Richard Sanders are our Warden/Managers.

Email bradwell@othona.org.

Website: www.othonaessex.org.uk. Telephone 01621 776564.

Saturday Morning Drop In - Warmth, Coffee, and Company - St. Thomas Church Warm Space

With increasing energy bills, many people are avoiding or simply cannot afford to put their heating on. Warm Spaces are an initiative that has been followed throughout the country to provide a warm and welcoming environment where people can meet others, take part in activities, enjoy a warm drink and other facilities as well as a warm environment.

On Saturday mornings in the month of January and February the Chapman room in St. Thomas's Church will be open for warmth, tea, fresh coffee, and a chat. Pop in for 5 minutes or two hours. There is not even a requirement to chat, you can sit and contemplate quietly, knit, or read a book.

Pop in between 10am and 12 noon on:

7th January, 14th January, 21st January, 28th January

For more information please contact Graeme at gceyre@gmail.com or 07985 520634

Bradwell Christmas Market

The Village Hall and Church would like to thank all who supported the Christmas Market on the 10th December.

The day was a real success and raised £1523.84 split between the Village Hall and the Church.

The winners of the Grand Christmas Raffle were:-

- 1st Prize £150 Kathy Murry
- 2nd Prize £75.00 Dian Dibben
- 3rd Prize £50.00 Diane Mercer
- 4th Prize Family Portrait Jean Bateman
- 5th Prize Free MOT Katie Tipple
- 6th Prize Box of Wine Gareth Irwin
- 7th Prize Rejuvenating Hands Katherine Russell
- 8th Prize Wine & Toiletries Michelle

Thanks go to Mr A Thurtle, Mr P Bennett, AMP Engineering and others who donated prizes for the Raffle.

Lastly our thanks to Louise Heard who took on the job of leading the organisation Committee in making the Christmas Market a success, and members of the Committee.



The Christmas Market is in aid of Bradwell Village Hall and Church.
Celebrating 90 years since the opening of the Village Hall in 1922.

Tales from RAF Bradwell Bay

A Happy New Year from us all in The Bradwell Bay Preservation Group.

We start the year with a sad tale, not of heroic tales of raids on the continent but a tragic event of a crash on the Dengie Peninsular. On 2nd January 1943 Air Training Corps cadets from 1207 Maldon Squadron were at RAF Bradwell Bay for air experience. In the afternoon the weather was closing in and there was only time for one flight but 2 cadets who wanted to go up. The 2 cadets tossed a coin, and 17-year-old Colin Hull from Tiptree won the place on the flight. The aircraft crashed near Asheldham killing all three on board.

The wireless operator, Johnny Field, had married a WAAF Jenny Cantor a few months before and Jenny was pregnant. The baby was born in autumn of 1943, Jenny had left the RAF on compassionate grounds.

In May 2023 the baby called Anne will be visiting RAF Bradwell Bay, from Canada, as part of the Family Day celebrations when people who have connections to RAF Bradwell Bay.

This tragic story has so many stories within it, I am writing a book to tell the whole story.



Wedding of Jenny and Johnny



Jenny and Baby

See www.rafbradwellbay.co.uk

JANUARY SERVICES

Time	Service	Church	Readings
1st Jan			
Naming of Jesus			
10:00	Parish Communion	St Thomas Bradwell	Numbers 6;22-end Galatians 4; 4-7 Luke 2; 1521 Psalm 6
10:00	All Age Service	St Nicholas Tillingham	
10:00	All Age Service	St Lawrence Centre	
15:00	Evening Service	St James Dengie	
6th			
Friday			
18.00	Communion with Lunch	St Lawrence Church	TBA
8th			
Baptism of Christ			
10:00	Parish Communion	St Nicholas Tillingham	Isaiah 42; 1-9 Acts 10; 34-43 Matthew 3; 13-17 Psalm 29
10:00	All Age Service	St Thomas Bradwell	
10.00	Parish Communion	St Lawrence Centre	
18.00	Evening Service	St Lawrence Church	
9th			
Monday			
10:00	Pebbles	Centre St Lawrence	TBA
13th			
Friday			
18.00	Communion with Lunch	St Thomas Bradwell	TBA
15th			
Epiphany 2			
8:00	Communion	St James Dengie	Isaiah 49; 1-7 1 Corinthians 1; 1-9 John 1; 29-42 Psalm 40; 1-12
10.00	Parish Communion	St Lawrence Church	
10:00	All Age Service	St Lawrence Centre	
10:00	All Age Service	St Nicholas Tillingham	
18:00	Evening Service	St Thomas Bradwell	
16th			
Monday			
10:00	Pebbles	Centre St Lawrence	TBA
22nd			
Epiphany 3			
10.00	Parish Communion	St James Dengie	Isaiah 9; 1-4 1 Corinthians 1; 10-18 Matthew 4; 12-23 Psalm 27; 1, 4-12
10.00	Café Church	St Thomas Bradwell	
10.00	All Age Service	St Lawrence Centre	
10.00	Morning Prayer	St Lawrence Church	

Time	Service	Church	Readings
22nd	Epiphany 3 cont'd		
18:00	Evening Service	St Nicholas Tillingham	TBA
23rd	Monday		
10:00	Pebbles	Centre St Lawrence	TBA
27th	Friday		
14:00	Service at the Home	Down Hall Bradwell	TBA
29th	Epiphany 4		
10:00	Joint Benefice Communion	St Lawrence Church	1Kings 17; 8-16 1 Corinthians 1; 18-31 Luke 2; 1-11 Psalm 36; 5-10
30th	Monday		
10:00	Pebbles	Centre St Lawrence	TBA
5th Feb	3rd Before lent		
10:00	Parish Communion	St Thomas Bradwell	Isaiah 58; 1-9a 1 Corinthians 2; 1-12 Matthew 5; 13—20 Psalm 112 1-9
10:00	All Age Service	St Nicholas Tillingham	
10:00	All Age Service	St Lawrence Centre	
15:00	Evening Service	St James Dengie	

6th Jan Epiphany

On 6th January we celebrate Epiphany - the visit of the Wise Men to the baby Jesus. But who were these Wise Men? No one knows for sure. Matthew calls them

'Magi', and that was the name of an ancient caste of a priestly kind from Persia. It wasn't until the third century that they were called kings - by a church father, Tertullian.

Another church father, Origin, assumed there were three - to correspond with the gifts given. Later Christian interpretation came to understand



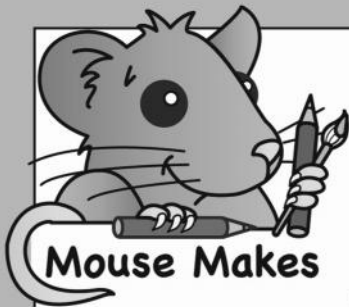
gold as a symbol of wisdom and wealth, incense as a symbol of worship and sacrifice, and myrrh as a symbol of healing - and even embalming. Certainly Jesus challenged and set aright the way in which the world handled all three of these things. Since the 8th century, the Magi have had the names Balthasar, Caspar and Melchior.

King Charles III Coronation Celebrations May 6th to 8th 2023



There will be a meeting in the Village Hall Committee Room at 7.30pm on Tuesday January 10th to discuss the Village celebration of the Coronation of King Charles III taking place over the weekend of 6th to 8th May.

The Village Hall Trustees thought it would be good to get all interested people and organisations together so we can plan a programme of events for the residents of Bradwell-on-Sea. Please come along to give your ideas on how Bradwell could celebrate with activities over the weekend and to give your practical support for celebrating the Coronation providing help in the organisation of events. Sadly, it doesn't just happen - but if everyone does a little it will create a great weekend of celebration for all. Please come and support your Village.



A JOURNEY TO BETHLEHEM



When the **Magi** (wise men) came to Bethlehem where had they travelled from?

The _____

Why did they make the journey?

What did they follow to get there?

A _____

What did they see?

Read *Matthew 2:1-12*



Why did **Joseph** and **Mary** travel to **Bethlehem**?

Read *Luke 2:1-4*

When **Samuel** came to **Bethlehem** who sent him? Who did he go to see? _____ and his sons.

Who had he come to anoint as king?

Read *1 Samuel 16:1-13*



Naomi and **Ruth** came to **Bethlehem** where had they travelled from? _____ and why?

When did they arrive?

At the _____ harvest.

Read *Ruth 1:22*

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The name **BETHLEHEM** means 'House of Bread'

Look up the Bible references to find the missing words, find them and these words below in the wordsearch

JOURNEY
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Janet Cowell 779310

St Lawrence Singers
Friday at 5.45 - 7.00pm
Margaret Garlick 779328.

Children's Society
Eunice Siggins 778904

Pebbles
10.00 - 12.00noon
Mothers and toddlers get together for tea, coffee and a chat
Rev S Poss 779620

Bridge Club 1.30pm
1st Wednesday of the month

St Lawrence Social Club
Secretary Gwen Adams
778386

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5-7 years for information phone
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Coffee Morning
Tuesday 11.00am Maureen Storey

Women's Institute
2nd Wednesday 7.30 pm at Church Centre
President: Cathie Bonich
Secretary: Eunice Siggins
778904

Thursday
St. Lawrence Art Group
10 - 12noon Stone Sailing Club
Bob Dorks 778392

The Friends of St Lawrence Newland Church
Carole Taylor 778523
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