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**JULY 2023**

**Village View**

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## From the Vicarage

Dear Friends,

As we move into July with the summer finally here, we gather together for the Bradwell Pilgrimage on Saturday 1<sup>st</sup> July at St Peter's Chapel. The day begins at St Thomas Church in Bradwell at 10.30am.

Also in July are the beginning of the Summer Evening Services at St Peter's Chapel. This year, we are looking at the different aspects of the Equalities Act 2010 in relation to the culture of the Church and we have different speakers from across the Diocese to speak to us on them.

We remember and celebrate many Christian figures in July, such as Benedict and James the Apostle, but on 31<sup>st</sup> July, we remember Ignatius of Loyola. Ignatius of Loyola (23 October 1491<sup>[2]</sup> – 31 July 1556), venerated as Saint Ignatius of Loyola, was a Spanish Catholic priest and theologian, who, with Peter Faber and Francis Xavier, founded the religious order of the Society of Jesus (The Jesuits).

As a former soldier, Ignatius paid particular attention to the spiritual formation of his recruits and recorded his method in the *Spiritual Exercises* (1548). In time, the method has become known as Ignatian spirituality.

The prayer of the Spiritual Exercises offers an experience of graced striving towards freedom and hope. As we journey on, may we exercise our spirituality of love towards God and neighbour.

God bless,

*Reverend Steven*

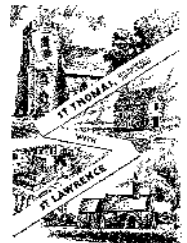
## Village View

All copy for the August 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 July 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](mailto: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 July 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.





### **St Peter's Chapel, Bradwell on Sea - 2023**

During the summer Sunday evening services at St Peter's Chapel in 2023, we will be looking at the nine aspects of equality, diversity and inclusion in the 2010 Equalities Act, these will be examined through the overall culture of the Church.

1. Age
2. Disability
3. Gender reassignment
4. Marriage and civil partnership
5. Pregnancy and maternity
6. Race
7. Religion or belief
8. Sex
9. Sexual orientation

We are delighted to welcome speakers from across the Diocese who will be speaking on these subjects.

**Come and join us for these services at 6pm every Sunday evening throughout July and August**

# Bradwell Bereavement Group

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

## Have you lost a loved one ?

If you feel that you would like to join other people who have also lost a loved one, then you are welcome to meet for support, friendship and chat

## Last Friday in the month

12.00 – 1.00 pm St Thomas' Bradwell-on-Sea

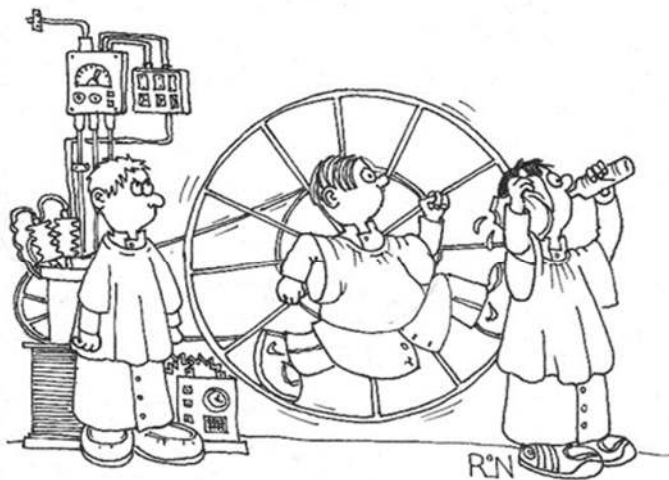
**May** 26 th

**June** 23 rd

**July** 28 th

**August** 25 th

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there was Plan "B"

## St. Thomas the Apostle

The church in Bradwell is dedicated to Thomas the Apostle and on the 3rd of July we remember Thomas.

Thomas, one of Jesus' 12 apostles, was an impulsive, confused, honest sceptic. Jesus could understand and work with such a man. Thomas' impulsiveness was evident when Jesus prepared to visit Lazarus in Bethany. It was a dangerous trip to make, because of the Jews, but Thomas urged his fellow disciples: "Let us also go, that we may die with Him." (John 11:16) Instead, Jesus brought Lazarus back to life.

Thomas' confusion is shown in later talks with Jesus. He was not really sure where Jesus was going long-term (John 14:5). But Jesus accepted this confused commitment, and began to untangle it, patiently explaining: "I am going to my Father", and "No one comes unto the Father but by me."

Finally, Thomas' honest scepticism is revealed after the Resurrection, which he flatly refused to believe – unless he could touch the wounds of the risen Jesus. Sure enough, Jesus appears – but instead of scolding him, shows him the wounds. Thomas responds: "My Lord and my God" (John 20:26ff).

Thus Doubting Thomas' honest doubts, turned to honest faith, have become a reassurance for thousands of men and women across the centuries, who also want to follow Jesus, but who require some proof of this amazing event – the Resurrection. In Doubting Thomas' complete affirmation of faith, after meeting the risen, crucified Christ, they can find support for their own faith.

Ancient legends tell how Thomas went on to India as a missionary. There are rumours that Thomas even built a palace for a king's daughter in India, and thus he is the patron saint of architects. It is believed that he was martyred by a spear on 3rd July, 72 AD in Mylapore, near Madras. 46 ancient churches in England were dedicated to him.



## The Othona Community – Rolling out the Summer Season 2023.

Have you noticed the vibrant swell of people of many different nationalities, ethnic backgrounds and ages, who become part of the life of our villages as the Summer Season rolls out? Perhaps you see a familiar face, or a new arrival, buying an ice-cream from a village shop or sharing a drink in one of our local pubs? Summer visitors are returning to Othona, often enjoying not only the Community, but the community.



In June we welcomed a private booking of a group from a mixed Christian Orthodox youth organisation, with their leaders. They all had as great time – from the Sister enjoying a peaceful time sketching by the Chapel, to the more active group hiking along the sea wall with their picnics – and all sharing worship, lectures and reflective times together in this national annual event. Younger people also had a great time at Othona over half-term, a time when all are welcome, and as usual we included those from a URC Church in Milton Keynes. Yes, the inevitable Bottle Rockets, (surely you’ve made and fired one?) fun on the beach, and making new friends. As well as private bookings and open community times as shared in our Programme, we offer residential opportunities for school children – both local and further afield. Here they may be away from the family home for the first time, discovering the fun of shared dormitories, a lively programme of fun/educational activities such as bread-making, beach wildlife and outdoor games (oh yes – and Bottle Rockets!) Also in June – The Essex Book Festival celebrated the Chapel and landscape, with celebratory tea, walks, talks and a book launch.

That it is now possible to offer such a variety of activities to such a diversity of peoples and in relative comfort is thanks, in so many ways, to those who came before us to Bradwell and founded the Othona Community here despite all odds. A couple of extracts from “Othona, Much Ado About Something,” by our founder Norman Motley, hints at the challenges they faced. “The local agent...did, however, offer us a triangular low-lying area on the immediate point where the river turns south into the sea. It was salty and useless for cultivation and in some parts, swampy, but we accepted it with gratitude, and in the spring months attempted to drain the dampest parts so that we might be able to erect some Nissen huts...” “The morning and evening trips to the chapel, became also the water fetching parade when numbers between a dozen and seventy, according to the time of year, would secure a receptacle of some kind – buckets, water cans, small baths – and line up before and after the service for the precious water which had to be taken to the Community for *all* purposes.”

No need to drain swamps or fetch baths of water if you would like to join any of Othona's activities as the Summer Season rolls out this July and August – although there are always other tasks for those who stay, or volunteer: Othona still could not run without you. As the Scything Week ends, so we share with the local Churches in the annual Bradwell Pilgrimage, with the main activities on Saturday 1<sup>st</sup> July. A Quiet Day run by Brigid Main on Weds 19<sup>th</sup> July precedes a much noisier time with the Camp DoReMi Shape Note Singing with Werner Ullah from 20<sup>th</sup> – 23<sup>rd</sup> July and the return of Wild Worship from Monday 24<sup>th</sup> to Friday 28<sup>th</sup> July, led once again by Rachel Summers, spaces now only available for day visitors. July ends with a Wellbeing Weekend led by Beverley Hodgson, from 28/30<sup>th</sup>, leading into the Environment Week led by Penny Davis, starting on 31<sup>st</sup> July. For more details of all these events, and activities taking place throughout August too, do take a look at our website or pick up a leaflet locally.

## **Bradwell WI**

### **Wednesday 14th June at the Village Hall**

#### **The true story of the boat that rocked with Ray Clark**

For our June meeting, we were joined by radio personality and local man Ray Clark for a talk all about Radio Caroline and the history of pirate radio. The meeting was an open meeting, and we had a great turnout, so thank you to everyone who came along!

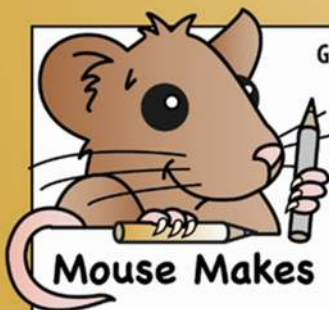
Ray talked us through the history of pirate radio and how Radio Caroline came to be. They first broadcast on the 28th of March 1964, and within a week had already amassed 7 million listeners! We learnt about their ups and downs over the years, including the infamous time they ran aground on Frinton Beach. You'll be glad to know that Radio Caroline is still going strong with music played 24/7, all now completely legally!



Our next meeting is our annual summer garden party. New members are always welcome so if you have any questions about what we get up to, or if you'd like to come along, you can contact Sue Pirret on 07824696807 or [sue@dailygrindimports.com](mailto:sue@dailygrindimports.com)

Alice Nightingale





## Mouse Makes

Where did Goliath come from?



\_\_\_\_\_   
 1 Samuel 17:4

How tall was Goliath?



\_\_\_\_\_ cubits.   
 1 Samuel 17:4

What was Goliath's armour made of?

\_\_\_\_\_   
 1 Samuel 17:5,6

What weapons did Goliath carry?

a JAVELIN,

a \_\_\_\_\_

and a \_\_\_\_\_

1 Samuel 17:45

How many stones did David take from the stream?



\_\_\_\_\_   
 1 Samuel 17:40

Where did David's stone hit Goliath? On his \_\_\_\_\_

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 1 Samuel 17:49

**Goliath**, the champion of the Philistine army, taunted the Israelites.

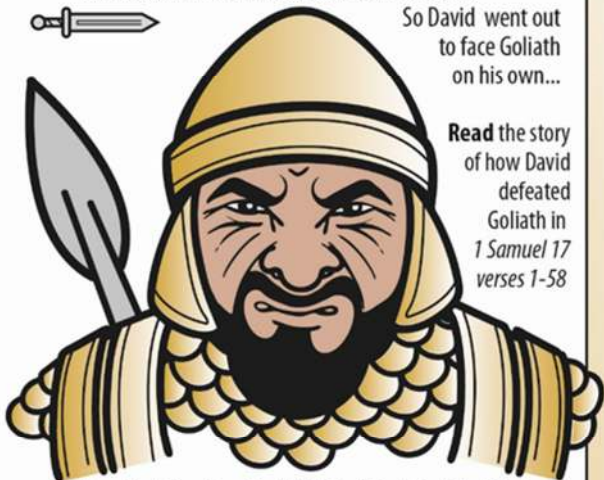
*"Choose a man to fight with me and if he kills me then we will be your servants!"*

The Israelites were afraid, but **David**, a shepherd boy who had come to bring food to his brothers on the battlefield said:

*"The Lord who delivered me from the lion and bear will deliver me from the hand of this Philistine."*

So David went out to face Goliath on his own...

Read the story of how David defeated Goliath in 1 Samuel 17 verses 1-58



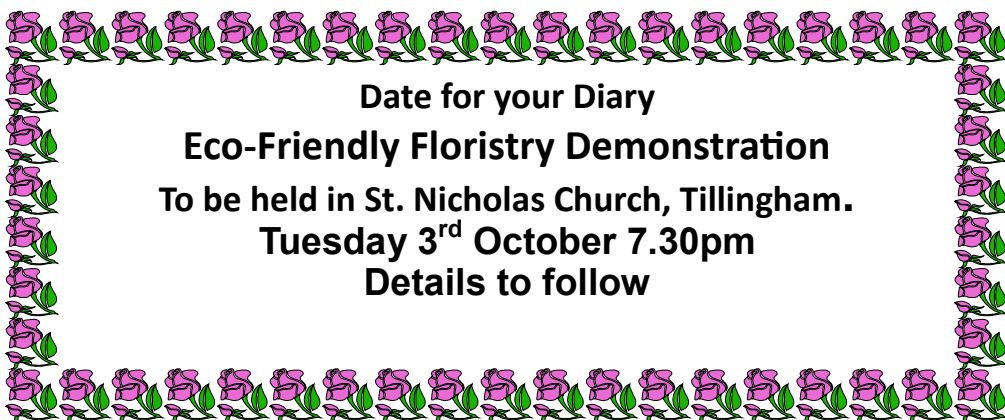
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## JULY SERVICES

Time	Service	Church	Readings
<b>1<sup>st</sup> July</b>	<b>Saturday</b>		
10:30	Pilgrimage	Starting at St Thomas' Church then walk to Chapel	
<b>2nd</b>	<b>Trinity 4 St Thomas and St Peters Sunday</b>		
10:00	Parish Communion	St Thomas Bradwell	Genesis 22.1-14 Romans 6.12-23 Matthew 10.40-42 Psalm 13
10:00	All Age Service	St Nicholas Tillingham	
10:00	Centre All Age	St Lawrence Centre	
18:00	Evening Service	St Peters Chapel	TBA
<b>3rd</b>	<b>Monday</b>		
10:00	Pebbles	St Lawrence Church Centre	
<b>6th</b>	<b>Thursday</b>		
14:00	Thursday Club	St Thomas Bradwell	
<b>7th</b>	<b>Friday</b>		
12:00	Communion with Lunch	St Lawrence Church	
<b>9th</b>	<b>Trinity 5</b>		
10:00	Parish Communion	St Nicholas Tillingham	Genesis 24.34-38, 42-49 Romans 7.15-25 Matthew 11.16-19, 25-end Psalm 45, 10-end
10:00	All Age Service	St Thomas Bradwell	
10:00	Parish Communion	St Lawrence Centre	
18:00	Evening Service	St Peters Chapel	TBA
<b>10th</b>	<b>Monday</b>		
10:00	Pebbles	St Lawrence Church Centre	
<b>14th</b>	<b>Friday</b>		
12:00	Communion with Lunch	St Thomas's Church	
<b>16th</b>	<b>Trinity 6</b>		
08:00	Communion	St James Dengie	Genesis 25.19-end Romans 8.1-11 Matthew 13.1-9, 18-23 Psalm 119, 18-23
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 Peters Chapel	TBA

Time	Service	Church	Readings
<b>17th</b>	<b>Monday</b>		
10:00	Pebbles	St Lawrence Church	
<b>23rd</b>	<b>Trinity 7</b>		
10:00	Parish Communion	St James Dengie	Genesis 28.10-19 Romans 8.12-25 Matthew 13.24-30, 36-43 Psalm 139 1-11, 23-24
10:00	Café Church	St Thomas Bradwell	
10:00	All Age Service	St Lawrence Centre	
10:00	Morning Prayer	St Lawrence Church	
18:00	Evening Service	St Peters Chapel	TBA
<b>28th</b>	<b>Friday</b>		
12:00	Bereavement Ser-	St Thomas' Church	
14:00	Downhall Service	Downhall Rest Home	
<b>30th</b>	<b>Trinity 8</b>		
10:00	Joint Benefice Ser- vice	St Nicholas Tillingham	Genesis 29.15-28 Romans 8.26-end Matthew 12.31-33, 44-52 Psalm 105 1-11
18:00	Evening Service	St Peters Chapel	TBA
<b>6<sup>th</sup> Aug</b>	<b>Trinity 9 Transfiguration</b>		
10:00	Parish Communion	St Thomas Bradwell	Daniel 7; 9-10, 13-14 2Peter 1; 16-19 Luke 9; 28-36 Psalm 97
10:00	All Age Service	St Nicholas Tillingham	
10:00	Centre All Age	St Lawrence Centre	
18:00	Evening Service	St Peters Chapel	TBA



**Date for your Diary**  
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