

## Rector's Letter

Dear Friends,

As we move into July, I look forward to the flower festival for the first time and have a number of Baptisms and Weddings throughout the summer months, which are so enjoyable!

On Saturday 7 July, the Bradwell Gathering will take place from 12-4pm at the Chapel, St Peter's on the Wall in Bradwell. There will be a walk from St Thomas' Church to the Chapel at 10.30am and the event will include worship, prayer, talks and storytelling, with food and drink stalls.

Our United Benefice Churches of Tillingham, Dengie with Asheldham, St Lawrence and Bradwell on Sea are holding a service at St Peter's on the Wall Chapel in Bradwell on Sunday 1 July where we will be joined by the Archdeacon of Chelmsford, Elizabeth Snowdon. There will be a BBQ at 4.30pm and the service, led by the Archdeacon, at 6.30pm. If you would like to attend, please sign up via the signup sheets on the noticeboards in the various Churches.

We also have our next joint benefice service at 10am on Sunday 29 July at St Nicholas Church, Tillingham. Please come along and join us as we worship together with the wider communities.

The Chapel summer services this year will be reflective services with healing, held at 6.30pm on Sunday evenings in July and August. On Sunday 8 July at 6.30pm there will be an Evensong service by the Camerata Singers with music composed by our late organist, Martin Taylor.

I will be giving a talk about my Great Wall of China trek, at St Nicholas Church in Tillingham at 7.30pm on Friday 13 July; and again at 7.30pm at St Thomas Church, Bradwell on Sea on Saturday 14 July.

From September I am planning to offer Confirmation Classes in the afternoon and evening. Confirmation is a decision to affirm your faith in Jesus Christ and to do this together with the local Church community here and more widely with churches across the Deanery. There will be around 6-8 classes leading to the Confirmation Service (Venue to be decided in the Deanery) at 3pm on Sunday 18 November.

If you are interested in being confirmed and have any questions, please feel free to contact me.

God bless,

Reverend Steven

## Revd Steven's holiday in China

On July 14<sup>th</sup> Revd Steven will be giving a talk in St Thomas' church Bradwell, on his holiday in China. The talk will begin at 7:30pm, all welcome, refreshments will be available.

## School Summer Holidays Event

### Messy Church

There will be a Messy Church afternoon on Friday 24<sup>th</sup> August at St Thomas' church Bradwell-on-Sea.

(Keep the date free; more details next month)



### St Thomas' Church Bradwell-on-Sea Cream Teas Saturday 14th July 2-4pm

Come and enjoy afternoon tea  
at the church  
& Parachuting  
Teddies

Just bring your teddy (or other cuddly friend) along and, after a brief medical examination, they will be taken to the top of the church tower and will parachute back down to earth.

A full medical team will be on hand to ensure that no teddy is injured during the day but all jumps will be at teddies own risk



## August Magazine

All copy for the August magazine 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 **Saturday July 14<sup>th</sup>**.

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 jpeg, text or Microsoft Word or Publisher file, either on CD or, better still, by email to [stthomasppcc@btinternet.com](mailto:stthomasppcc@btinternet.com).

If you belong to an organisation that does not yet submit articles for the magazine we would like to hear from you. Any news you have is always very welcome.

### S.O.S - CAN YOU HELP???

1ST Bradwell Cubs are looking for an adult (male or female) to replace a current leader who wishes to retire.

We meet at the village hall on Thursdays 6pm - 7 30pm - term time only.

If you think you would enjoy working with children age 7 ½ to 11 and may be able to help, or just want to find out more, please contact Marie on 776554 or just come along & see us.

## Painting demonstration

On Saturday afternoon, May 24<sup>th</sup>, the Annexe of St Lawrence Church was packed with people who were treated to an amazing demonstration of oil painting by Jean Webber.

Jean is a well-known local artist and demonstrated how she primes her canvasses and her unique preparation of her oil colours blended with special ingredients. These colours are then applied. over the prepared canvas to create the picture.

It was most interesting and even those not familiar with oil painting were fascinated. The demonstration was part of the St Lawrence Church Flower Festival and raised £270 for church funds.

In the interval the audience enjoyed a cream tea. Pictures were available to buy. All agreed that it had been an interesting, enjoyable and enlightening afternoon and all Jean's work on our behalf was greatly appreciated.



## July weather forecasts

*Zodiac sign - Cancer the crab, June 22 -July 22*



'July, God send thee calm and fayre, That happy harvest we may see,  
With quyet tyme and healthsome ayre, And man to God may thankful bee.'

A modern long range forecast for 2018 predicts a day time high of 23°, falling overnight to 11°, with mostly sunny conditions possibly broken by a thunderstorm giving an hour of rainfall. The wind from the SSW mainly light 2 mph with gusts reaching 5 mph. Seasonal models suggest weak temperature and precipitation anomalies over the period.

The latest 2018 Atlantic Hurricane season forecast is for a slightly more active than usual season. This would possibly favour more unsettled weather towards the end of summer. The likelihood of a cooler than average summer is considered higher than during recent years. However the chance of major variations is considered higher than normal and there is a possibility of prolonged spells of hot weather offsetting cooler and unsettled periods. The summer could then make it into the warm or very warm category.

Consulted at the beginning of May, this does not give any really definite predictions but some old sayings were somewhat more exact: 'If the first of July be rainy weather, It will rain more or less for four weeks together', or 'When the sun enters Leo, (July 23) the greatest heat will then arise'.



Perhaps the weather will provide the answer as to whom to believe but, come what may, there are certain activities which traditionally take place this month. One of the oldest traditional events is the annual Swan Upping on the Thames, covering 70 miles on a five day journey.

The Mute swan was given royal status in the 12<sup>th</sup> century and thereafter the Vintners' and Dyers' Companies were granted the right to own swans so that the marking done at the Upping count is on behalf of the Crown and one of these owners. It is now concerned with preservation and the health of the birds.

A much more recent development in July has been the appearance of crop circles, the first of which really appeared in the 1970s. The number and complexity increased rapidly over the next twenty years. In July 1996, one of the world's most complex and spectacular crop circles appeared in England, across a road near [Stonehenge](#). It was an astonishing pattern and while some simple or rough circles might be explained away as the result of a strange weather phenomenon, this one unmistakably demonstrated intelligence. The only question was whether that intelligence was terrestrial or extra-terrestrial.

It was claimed that the circle appeared in less than an hour during daytime — virtually impossible for hoaxers to accomplish. The circle became one of the most famous but it was later revealed that it had been made in about three hours, by three hoaxers, early in the morning. It simply hadn't been noticed until the following afternoon when spotted from an aircraft overhead.

Crop circles are now made using lasers, microwaves and GPS technology to create ever larger and more elaborate patterns, scientists claim, as days of using planks and rope are long gone.

## BATS ABOUT THE DENGIE

On 30 May at St Lawrence Church the St Lawrence Wildlife Group were treated to a very entertaining and informative talk by Sarah Sapsford of the Essex Bat Group. She and her husband Tim had spent many late nights walking 2 kilometre squares of the Dengie Hundred with bat detectors in hand logging our bats.



She told us that there are 17 known breeding species of bat in Britain and they have discovered 9 of them on the Dengie Hundred.

These include the Common pipistrelle, the Soprano pipistrelle, the Brown long-eared bat, Daubenton's bat, the Barbastelle, Leisler's bat, Nathusius' pipistrelle, the Natterer's bat and the Noctule.

She then introduced us to a Daubenton's bat which she had rescued when it had badly damaged wings. The bat was back to health, but its wings had not recovered enough to be able to fly and thus had to come out on talks to earn its keep.

After many questions and as the dusk had fallen we finished off the evening by going outside with bat detectors and Sarah identified a Common pipistrelle flying near the church.

For more information on the bats of Essex or what to do if you find an injured bat see the Essex Bat Group's website at <http://essexbatgroup.org/about/bats-of-essex>

The Wildlife Group's next talk in August is about moths. For details see <https://stlawrencewildlifetalks.co.uk/talks/>



### The visit of the chairman of Maldon Council to St Lawrence Church.

Cllr Henry Bass travelled to **St Lawrence Newland Church** with the Council's economic development and partnerships manager, David Burrows. The church is located in a beautiful setting on a hill overlooking the Blackwater Estuary and Jane Pudney - Churchwarden, Dr. Bronwen Cook - Treasurer, and Michael Pudney - PCC member, were on hand to give a guided tour. The Chairman learned that the annexe, partially financed from a recent legacy, has provided much appreciated space for the local community to enjoy, with activities such as wildlife talks, flower festivals, art shows, and various clubs for both the young and the older generations. Externally, the community feel continues with activities available for children and a free-to-use telescope to take advantage of the stunning viewpoint. Not standing still, further improvements are envisaged to the main church and research on funding opportunities is in hand.



## Winning World Cup Flowers



St. Lawrence Church recently hosted a marvelous flower festival in which the flower arrangers cleverly depicted countries taking part in this year's FIFA World Cup 2018. From the 25th to the 28th May the Church welcomed many visitors who came to enjoy the arrangements.

Throughout the four days a team of volunteers served light lunches, cream teas, cakes and drinks.

Thanks to generous sponsors including S and A Robinson,

G and B Finch, Promix, Novus Teas, St Lawrence Holiday Park and The Star Steeple the Church flower arrangers

were able to present glorious displays. In the west window the

arrangement for the host country, Russia, featured in its centre a glorious model of Saint Basil's Cathedral in Moscow's Red Square whilst in the East window a wonderful red and white arrangement featured England's green and pleasant land and

included a photograph of England's 1966 winning captain Bobby Moore and England rosette.

Thanks to everyone's generosity and hard work the event raised nearly £1500 for the Church.

### The Othona Community in early summer.

How many of you remember Othona in its earliest days? Who has lived in this area long enough to recall that "cold but brilliant March Saturday afternoon" in 1946 when a Church of England priest, so recently an RAF Chaplain in WW2, walked down to the Chapel of St. Peter's on the Wall, "by coincidence on the very day the area had been de-mined and the approach was safe and open for the first time in several years"? As Reverend Canon Norman Motley wrote in his book **Othona – Much Ado About Something**, "On that vivid afternoon we came under the spell of that ancient building and of the whole area of the Blackwater Estuary...At the moment I entered the building I knew we were at home. There are times when one knows with a certitude deeper than purely rational processes and knowledge." Not only did Norman gain permission from the Bishop of Chelmsford to help rehabilitate and use the chapel during periods of residence of the Community in the summer months; he also overcame the challenge of finding a place nearby "where a mixed group of people could spend residential periods with us." These were people of all faiths and none, all ages and backgrounds, many who had so



recently been fighting that terrible war – from both sides. With tents, camp beds, lamps and elsan toilets bought for a few shillings, by early July they were ready to open “to people who were prepared to rough it.” How different our early summer looks at Othona now – come and see! And yet we are still, in essence, the same – a mixed group of people seeking to experience community together for a visit or a short stay, enjoying work, worship, study, play, good food and friendship.

Othona is a part of Bradwell-on-Sea, and over the years many people from Bradwell and the surrounding villages have come to see this strange community, have returned, become involved and now contribute to the ever-widening circle of friends from near and far who feel they belong. Debbie and Richard are now resident members alongside manager Tim Fox and a growing group of volunteers who support open community events such as Working Weekends. Volunteers gave invaluable assistance to our resident Schools Groups in May/June, when children from Essex and London stayed overnight for fun and education in this unique setting. They love the freedom of the beach, the interest of the Chapel and Roman Fort, and pond-dipping by the Othona Coastal Park, greatly improved through a Bradwell Wind Farm grant. The half-term Activity Week welcomed some 70 people, including lots of children, plus local visitors - with sessions at Bradwell's Outdoor Activity Centre, launching bottle rockets, beach-fun and BBQs. **This year the Open Weekend 6<sup>th</sup>/8<sup>th</sup> July includes the Bradwell Gathering on 7<sup>th</sup> July from 10.30am with a Pilgrimage, activities, refreshments, stalls, based on the Pilgrimage and Festival: [www.bradwellfestival.com](http://www.bradwellfestival.com) All Welcome!**

*We are heading into Summer Season – when Bradwell becomes multi-national as visitors join us from Germany, France, Italy, and maybe further afield – many returning, some new faces: we never know who will become the Community each summer until they book! Some weeks look busy, other still have plenty of spaces, and Day Visitors are always welcome – please book if you want a meal as all food is freshly cooked.* Lots of ideas, information and details of our Programme can be found on our new Website <https://www.othonaessex.org.uk/Home>, 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.**

## **St Lawrence WI**

At the June meeting Brian Billings gave a talk on "London and things you might not know". This was very interesting and informative - it seems there is an awful lot about London that we don't know! Sheila Gunson, a WI advisor, then gave a talk on the intricacies of the WI finances, and there was a lively discussion afterwards. The Charity Sale held in May had been very successful; a gift was given to Carol Taylor and Jean for running the plant stall, in recognition not only of their work on the day, but also of the hard work in raising all these plants in the months beforehand. The Competition was won by Joan. The July meeting will be a Social Evening, with a talk by Keith Sargeant, a retired Fire Officer.



## ***Musicality***

This year we celebrate 100 years since the end of the 1<sup>st</sup> World War. One would think that music could easily be forgotten during such a terrible time but it was actually very important to both soldiers and civilians alike.

Many songs came out of that terrible war. 'Pack up your troubles', 'Keep the home fires burning' etc and it was to pack up their troubles that the soldiers sang these songs. They sang to keep their spirits up and for comfort, the songs were generally either amusing or sentimental. They sang to keep themselves in time when marching and anyone who had a mouth organ or ukulele was a welcome addition to any group of men.

At the 80<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the end of the war I was privileged to be a member of a choir invited to sing at a special service at the Menin Gate in Ypres. The Menin Gate is a Memorial to the missing Commonwealth soldiers (except New Zealanders who have a memorial of their own) and given to the people of Ypres which suffered so badly during that war. It contains the names of 54,395 missing soldiers and was handed over on July 24<sup>th</sup> 1927.



shows like *Chu Chin Chow*. These shows kept the spirits up of both those at home and the men on leave. Music makes its presence felt in all situations.

As a thank you for the support that was given to Ypres and to remember these brave men, the buglers of the Last Post Association in Ypres sound the Last Post every evening at 8 p.m. and have done so every night except for a break during the 2<sup>nd</sup> World War. My choir went on to sing Benjamin Brittan's War requiem in Ypres Cathedral and both these musical occasions were ones I will never forget.

The First War also saw the birth of what we now call 'musicals' with

those at



*Music Lover from St Lawrence.*



## LEST WE FORGET

In addition to those who were killed in action there were many victims of World War I who died in defence of their King and Country after they had been repatriated. In July we remember two men of St Lawrence, one who spent his first five years in the parish and one who came to work here.



### George John Attenborough. 1879 - 1918

On 1<sup>st</sup> July Squadron Corporal Major George Attenborough died of wounds in Wandsworth General Hospital with his wife, Jenny, by his side.

George was a career soldier who joined the 1<sup>st</sup> Life Guards at the age of 19 years 4 months, a fit young man who topped six feet. He gave his birthplace as Steeple near Southminster but in the census of 1881 he was living with his parents, John and Jenny, who were farming 130 acres at Ramsey Wick and his birthplace was recorded as St Lawrence. In May 1883 George was 'one of the little ones' at St Lawrence School, where he was a pupil until he left the parish in July 1884. This date coincided with the death of his father at the age of 32.

George appears to have started his working life spending two years as an apprentice clerk to a Mr Whitely. He joined the 5<sup>th</sup> Middlesex



Rifle Volunteers during this period before signing on for the Household Cavalry.

By 1901 in Steeple, in the household of Robert Attenborough, a younger brother of John, George was recorded as a soldier of the 1<sup>st</sup> Life Guards based at Windsor Barracks. Ten years later he was in barracks at St Pancras.

The Second Boer War saw him in action where he acquitted himself well, earning the Queen's South Africa Medal with clasps for the actions in which he took part. On his return home he resumed the familiar ceremonial duties with his regiment until, on the outbreak of war in 1914, his unit was one of the first to embark for France, leaving home shores on 15<sup>th</sup> August. Some bitterly fought battles soon followed and in 1915 George earned a Distinguished Conduct Medal for gallantry and devotion to duty near Ypres. A model soldier, he also earned Long Service and Good Conduct awards as well as gaining promotion to Squadron Corporal Major.

On a brief period of home leave George married Jenny Ada Kelly in February 1918 and they set up home in Burnham He returned to his unit which had merged into the Guards Machine Gun Regiment and, when on training for their new role in May, they fell victim to an enemy bombing raid during which some 42 men were killed and a further 83 were injured, some seriously. George was reported to be dangerously ill with wounds to his chest, left arm and leg and was repatriated to hospital in England.



The cause of his death was recorded as tetanus. He was laid to rest in Burnham Cemetery.

### Edwin John Bourne 1882-1919

John Bourne, born in January 1882, was a very slight young man being only 5ft 2 ins. tall and weighing 8st 9 lbs. He lived with his parents at Tawneys Farm, 'Staple' and worked for George Warner of Deal Hall, Burnham.



After the outbreak of war, having made his attestation on 1<sup>st</sup> March 1916, he joined the 36<sup>th</sup> Battalion Royal Fusiliers on 10<sup>th</sup> October, sailing with the British Expeditionary Force on 14<sup>th</sup> December.

Within six months he was transferred to the Labour Corps, possibly on account of his lack of height which rendered long marches difficult for him to keep in step. His service with that unit was curtailed and he was invalided home aboard Army Transport 'Carisbrook Castle' with bronchitis.

Discharged as no longer physically fit for War Service from the British Military Hospital, Devonport, with pulmonary tuberculosis due to active service, he returned home to 'Moynes', where the family had moved during his service period, and died on 3<sup>rd</sup> July 1919.

His service had not proved exciting or spectacular but he gave his life for his country as surely of those who made a greater mark in that sphere: a fact acknowledged by his Commonwealth War Grave in St Lawrence Churchyard.

*At the going down of the sun and in the morning  
We will remember them.*



### **News from the Wensleyhouse**



Mixed news this month. Very sadly little Chloe died at 4 weeks old. But Cherry-Blossom is blooming! She's growing really fast and now nearly lifts her mum off the ground when she is having a drink! Frederica is a diligent mum, calling Cherry-B over every now and then to have her drink and standing still long enough for her to have a sip or two, then walking off. Cherry-B is left looking a bit confused and slightly disappointed but turns her attention to the tasty grass and hedgerow leaves that are particularly delicious! Unfortunately 'Aunt' Ethel also likes the leaves and can reach much higher than little Cherry-B, standing on her back legs reaching up.

Even so, along the edges of the hedge there are still some leaves at Cherry-B height!

Cherry-B had quite a worrying day last Saturday. Firstly her Shepherd was behaving very strangely and there was a strange man hanging something big and scary looking from a



tree. Then she and her big sisters, mum and friends were herded into a small square pen, and they only just all squashed in.

Then, this strange man came into the pen and took away her friend Bella, turned her onto her back and started up the strange big scary thing hanging from the tree. He seemed to be rolling her round on the grass and this looked so alarming that Sister Bess made a bid for freedom and jumped over the hurdles out of the pen! She got her leg caught, but made it in the end. Not for long! She was soon caught and put back in the pen poor girl! It was as though this man had taken Bella, rumbled her round on the ground a bit and magiced her into something else because when he'd finished it wasn't the Bella everyone knew and loved that was put back into the pen. She was all skinny and had long legs!



Bess was then taken next, then it was Baarbara's turn, then Aunty Ethel's go. Lastly it was Frederica's turn and Cherry-B didn't approve of this at all!

'What you doing to my Mum' she bleated out again and again. This didn't help persuade Frederica to keep still while she was being shorn, so she was at last allowed to leave the pen too, along with the sheep who might be Bella but really didn't look like her!

Cherry-B was then happy, there was no risk of her being rumbled on the ground and turned into something different and she decided that Mum was big enough to look after herself and she'd go and see who these other animals were and try to find out what had happened to her sisters and friend! When she next saw Mum, Frederica really didn't look like Mum either. But she still had the milk and that tasted the same and she still called Cherry-B over for their drink and nosed her in the usual way, so Cherry-B decided she must be Mum after all!

As for the others, after a day or two, they realised that looks can be deceptive and really we're all the same underneath which is what counts!

(And many thanks to George Partridge from Steeple Gate farm for shearing my girls. They were particularly non-cooperative which didn't make his job any easier!)

## A SPORTS HALL ON OUR DOORSTEP?

I suspect that many people living in Bradwell do not realise that the Village Hall can offer the chance to enjoy sporting activities without travelling to Burnham or elsewhere. As well as the extensive playing field, the hall itself has a marked-out court and all the equipment needed to play badminton and table tennis.

Since last November a group of us have been meeting regularly on a Friday morning to do just this. We are a group of mixed abilities and the main objective is to have fun, although we always try and win our games. As well as the physical exercise, we find that our laughing muscles also get a workout. Then of course there is the mental effort of keeping track of the scores! Table tennis tends to be slightly less strenuous than badminton and it is possible to start as a complete beginner and improve your skills quite quickly. It does not require a lot of running about but greatly increases your reflexes, both in returning the shots and getting out of the way of your partner when it is their turn to return the ball. If you are interested in having a go then you can contact me for the Friday morning group, John Noble for the Wednesday evening group or Roger Scurrell if you would like to start up your own group. The Village Hall will certainly benefit from more regular bookings and I think we should make more use of the valuable facility that we have on our doorstep.

Ann Barrett – theannbarrett@gmail.com

John Noble – bn\_bradwell@hotmail.com

Roger Scurrell – bradwellvillagehall@btinternet.com

## Our New Bishop of Bradwell

On August 5th the new Bishop of Bradwell the Venerable John Perumbalath and his wife Jessy will be joining us at St Thomas' church Bradwell for our Parish Communion service. Bishop John will be preaching at the service and with Jessy will be staying for lunch after.

The Venerable John Perumbalath as the next Bishop of Bradwell will have his Consecration take place on 3 July at St Paul's Cathedral and his Installation and Welcome will take place at 3:30pm on Sunday 22nd July at Chelmsford Cathedral.



## ST LAWRENCE CHURCH JULY ROTA

Date	1 <sup>st</sup> Lesson	2nd Lesson	Intercessor	Sidesperson
1 July	B Cook	A Gardner	S Poss	L Gardner
8 July	Evensong TBA			
15 July	M Pudney	E Siggins	S Lea	E Siggins
22 July	B Cook	A Hendry	M Pudney	B Cook
29 July	TBA			
5 Aug	A Gardner	B Cook	S Poss	L Gardner

## **Bradwell-on-Sea Flower Show and Dog Show**

This year's show is nearly here - Saturday August 4th, 1pm- 5pm. If you are new to the area don't let the title fool you. It's a flower show and dog show and much more besides. The hall will be filled with flowers, vegetables, handicrafts, pot plants, cookery, art, photography.... The list goes on! Whether you are experienced or a beginner you can enter the show. Schedules for entering are online [www.essexinfo.net/bradwell-on-sea-flowershow/2017-schedule/](http://www.essexinfo.net/bradwell-on-sea-flowershow/2017-schedule/) and in paper form in the village shop and local surgery.

Entries evening to get your entry cards is Wednesday 1st August, 6 - 8pm in the village Hall. More information is available in the schedule. Enter this year, it really is fun and the involvement with your local show really enhances the pleasure from the day. Children love it too - they enter for free, have fun cooking and making, and win money and cups!

Now for the outside. The dog show caters for all dogs with both pedigree and novelty classes including the dog with the waggiest tail and fastest sausage eater. There are entry classes for all, whether it's the best pedigree dog or best rescue dog. Personally I am waiting for the class for the worst behaved dog and I have heard others are too. Hard one to judge though.

The outside events don't stop at the dog show. There will be plenty for all ages -new for this year there will be "have a go" sword fighting and archery and a photo booth alongside face painting, lambs, silver band, falconry, vintage land rovers, bouncy castles, craft stalls and sideshows, candy floss, ice creams, beer tent, prosecco, raffles including a "boozy barrow", coconut shy and much more. The tea and cakes have been elevated to a new level this year and will be found in the new marquee on the field. At the time this goes to print we are also hoping to incorporate the scarecrow festival into the show and there will probably be an area for scarecrows in the field, as well as around the village. Information can be found on Facebook, the Burnham Standard local news section and flower show website.

All the profits from the show are used to run and improve the show and donated to local charities. A donation goes every year to Air Ambulance and following last year's show we are funding some work on the village hall.

If anyone has any alcohol to donate to the boozy barrow it would be gratefully received. It can be passed on to any committee member. And if anyone still has a cup from last year please can they return it asap. And lastly, if anyone can spare an hour away from the festivities on the day we would appreciate some extra help with selling raffle tickets, manning the gate, helping with car parking and in the new tea room in the marquee because moving it to the field will mean extra work for the current people. Please ring me on 776588 if you would like more involvement to support your village show. If you are new to the village it is a great way to get to know people and fun to be involved in a lovely, friendly, village event.

So Saturday 4th August - come along and enjoy this lovely timeless village show.

## Gardening in July

### Flowers

- Dead-head bedding plants and roses to encourage further flowering.
- Use a spray on roses for the control of rust, black spot and mildew
- Sow biennials such as wallflowers foxglove, Sweet William, Canterbury bells and forget-me-nots for planting out in autumn.
- Baskets and containers can dry out quickly in warm, sunny conditions and may need watering twice a day. Feed regularly to promote flowering.
- Support large plants like dahlias and remove any dead flowers.
- Pick out growing tips of chrysanthemums to encourage shoots to branch out.

### Fruit and Veg

- Remove side shoots from tomatoes.
- Do not let onions dry out as it will affect the size of crop.
- Start digging 2<sup>nd</sup> crop potatoes.
- Sow more Radish, lettuce, carrots, spinach
- Sow spring cabbage for planting out in the autumn.
- Pick runner beans, French beans and courgettes to encourage further crops.
- Pick and enjoy your strawberries, raspberries, redcurrants, whitecurrants, cherries and rhubarb

### Greenhouse

- Keep an eye out for white fly and red spider mite, if found treat accordingly.
- Continue to keep the greenhouse well ventilated in the day and close windows at night to maintain an even temperature for the tomato plants.
- Feed and water plants regularly in warm weather.
- Keep your greenhouse shaded.

### Garden Maintenance

- Continue to water and feed hanging baskets and tubs regularly.
- Cut lawns weekly.
- Remove blanket weed from ponds.
- Do not let plants in growbags dry out.
- Keep bird baths topped up with water.
- Now is the time for painting or preserving work, when the dry weather comes, as fences, garden furniture, sheds, etc. could do with a new coat of preservative.

### Children's Gardening

- Look at the children's classes for vegetables and flowers in the Bradwell Flower Show.
- Encourage children to help pick and cook crops from your garden.

## SERVICES FOR JULY

Time	Service	Place	Readings
<b>1st</b>	<b>Trinity 5</b>		
8.00	BCP Holy Communion	St James Dengie	2 Samuel 1; 1, 17-27 2 Corinthians 8; 7-end Mark 5; 21-end
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	St Thomas Bradwell	
18.30	Joint Benefice Barbeque and Evening Service	St Peters Chapel	TBA
<b>8th</b>	<b>Trinity 6 Sea Sunday</b>		
10.00	Family Communion	St Lawrence Centre	2 Samuel 5;1-5,9-10 2 Corinthians 12;2-10 Mark 6;1-13
10.00	Holy 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	
18.30	Evening Service	St Peters Chapel	
<b>15th</b>	<b>Trinity 7</b>		
8.00	BCP Holy Communion	St James Dengie	2 Samuel 6;1-5.12-19 Ephesians 1;3-14 Mark 6;14-29
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	St Thomas Bradwell	
18.30	Evening Service	St Peters Chapel	TBA
<b>19th</b>	<b>Thursday</b>		
10.00	School Leavers Service	St Thomas Bradwell	TBA
<b>21st</b>	<b>Saturday</b>		
14.00	Baptism	St Lawrence Church	TBA
<b>22nd</b>	<b>Trinity 8 Mary Magdalene</b>		
8.00	Holy Communion	St Thomas Bradwell	2 Samuel 7;1-14 Ephesians 2;11-22 Mark 6;30-34,53-56 Or <i>Song of Songs 3;1-4</i> <i>Corinthians 5;14-17</i> <i>John 20;1-2.11-18</i>
9.00	Parish Communion	St Lawrence Church	
10.00	All Age Worship	St Lawrence Centre	
10.00	Family Communion	St Nicholas Tillingham	
10.30	Family Service	St Thomas Bradwell	



15.00	Evening Service	St James Dengie	TBA
18.30	Evening Service	St Peters Chapel	TBA
<b>29th</b>	<b>Trinity 9</b>		
10.00	Joint Benefice Communion	St Nicholas Tillingham	TBA
18.30	Evening Service	St Peters Chapel	TBA
<b>5th Aug</b>	<b>Trinity 10</b>		
8.00	BCP Holy Communion	St James Dengie	Samuel 11;26-12.13 Ephesians 4;1-16 John 6;24-35
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	St Thomas Church	
18.30	Evening Service	St Peters Chapel	TBA

### ST THOMAS CHURCH JULY ROTA

Date	Time	1st Reading	2 <sup>nd</sup> Reading	Sidesmen	Intercessor	Coffee Rota
1st	10.30	J Ruston	C Orrin	D Thorpe	T Reed	M French
		Gospel: Rev S Poss				
	18.30	TBA		R Scurrell	Bradwell	
8th	10.30	J Ruston	C Orrin	D Thorpe	Z Lawrence	Theresa Reed
	18.30	M French	M Plant	M French		
15th	10.30	M French	D Thorpe	Wyn and Sheila	C Orrin	C Orrin and S Barker
		Gospel: Rev S Poss				
	18.30	R Scurrell		R Scurrell		
	8.00	J Bateman	Rev S Poss	J Bateman		
22nd	10.30	R Scurrell	J Hill	M Neall	L Main	J Hill
	18.30	T Read		T Read		
29th	10.00	Joint Benefice Tillingham				
	18.30	Z Lawrence		Z Lawrence		
Aug 5th	10.30	T Reed	M French	J Hill	R Scurrell	Wyn & Sheila
		Gospel: Rev S Poss				
	18.30	L Main		R Scurrell		

