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**JUNE 2020**

**Village View**

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999

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## **From the Rector**

Dear Friends,

As we enter into June, we will have just celebrated the great festival of Pentecost on 31 May which celebrates the coming of the Holy Spirit. As we continue at home, albeit with some of the restrictions easing, we will start to enter into some kind of normality and routine in the coming months with places opening again.

However, whilst we are all eager to get back to complete normality, we will need to be patient and ask God for his spirit in greater measure, as it looks like social distancing will be with us for some time until we find a vaccine.

This is no different for Churches as we await further guidance from the national and diocesan church on how to open and operate in the near future, which is looking like the 4 July, but we will need especially one of the gifts of the Holy Spirit, that of patience, which will need to be applied.

In other news, the consultation is now open to help identify the next Bishop of Chelmsford. Below are details on how you can submit your views and may I encourage you to do so.

### **Help identify the next Bishop of Chelmsford- consultation now open**

I'm pleased to say that this consultation is now open and will remain open until 4 July. On behalf of the Chelmsford Diocese Vacancy in See Committee, I am writing to invite you to:

Share your own views about our diocese and our next Bishop via

<https://chelmsdio.typeform.com/to/LMxWdl>

God bless,

Reverend Steven

## Gardening in June

June is an important time to keep weeds down to ensure plants have all the moisture and goodness from the soil and do not have to compete with weeds. Hoe regularly between rows of vegetables and in between plants in flower beds. Keep up with watering pots and tubs; they really do need some every day, even if it's overcast and raining; rain really doesn't get into tubs and baskets.

Continue to mow lawns weekly but if the weather gets very dry raise your mower cut to reduce stress on grass.

If you have spring flowering shrubs it's now time to prune back; by a third is a good guide for pruning shrubs.

Tall plants like dahlias need staking.

If you have a greenhouse do not leave it empty through the summer; fill it with flowering plants and/or heat loving vegetables; there is nothing more beautiful than a well-filled and well-presented greenhouse, but they do need shading to keep them cool; this will save watering and prevent the plants scorching.

If you are growing tomatoes pinch out the side shoots; this is to encourage the plant to grow more tomatoes rather than more leaves. (This does not apply to some small tomato plants like 'Tumbling Tom'.)

Plant out courgettes and squashes if you haven't already.

Finally, time to start thinking about 2021; sow wallflower seeds and winter vegetables like purple sprouting broccoli etc in a nursery bed and plant out leeks for the winter.

### Plant of the month – Climbing Roses

Plant of the month really has to be the rose this month. Shown here are English Roses bred by David Austin; these much-loved roses excel in both beauty and fragrance.

Shown here is my **Gertrude Jekyll** climbing rose. Always one of the first English Roses to start flowering, its flowers are a bright glowing pink. Its strong scent is often described as being the typical old rose fragrance from years ago. Try growing together with a blue clematis.



The other rose of mine shown here is 'Bathsheba'. The flowers are a beautiful blend of subtle apricot-pink and soft yellow, giving the overall impression of apricot, with creamy outer petals. The name was inspired by the heroine of Thomas Hardy's 'Far from the Madding Crowd'.

David Austen Climbing Roses are a delight; do try them in your garden; grown up a post, especially with a clematis growing amongst them will give height and colour to your garden.

These climbing roses are suitable for growing on a wall, over a doorway or an obelisk or post. If you have a climbing rose in your garden you will notice that at the moment, they are shooting out new shoots from the base; these are your next year's roses. If you have the patience try this: in the autumn cut down to the ground all the stems that have flowered this year, leaving only the new shoots that are growing now.



Then, in the autumn, bend these new stems over and tie down horizontally for the winter. In the spring next year, you will notice that new shoots are sprouting all along the stem. This is the time to release the stem and tie the rose back vertically to the post. The rose will then flower and look amazing as they will flower right from the bottom of the post to the top, rather than just have roses at the top.

David Thorpe

### June Village View

All copy for the June 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 April 12<sup>th</sup>. Those living in St Lawrence may give copy to Shirley Lea at 51 Main Road (779403) or email to [bronwen.cook@btinternet.com](mailto:bronwen.cook@btinternet.com) 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](mailto: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 May 16<sup>th</sup>**.

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.

## All is Fair in Love and War

Waiting in the queue to lay in those vital provisions from our shop may have given some readers the opportunity to take stock of the sounds in the centre of the village.

During April a Song Thrush was in full-throated voice. He (yes, it will have been the male) was prominent right at the top of the lime tree opposite the shop, before it came fully into leaf. His repetitive phrases are unmistakable, compared with the Blackbird's long legato lines. He then clearly had achieved his aim, had attracted a mate and perhaps together had decided there were adequate nesting sites and food supplies. There was no need for him to continue advertising their presence, possibly to predators.

His song post was then requisitioned by a Blackcap. The decibel rating was lower, but the song more musical and delicate. It was now early May, the unfolding leaves on the lime making him more difficult to see, but well worth pausing just to listen to that gentle warble.



A friend living close by has a phone app, which will play a whole variety of bird song. Certainly the Blackcap recording, played through a small wireless loudspeaker, was a worthy rival to our resident bird. What was not expected was the reaction of the real songster. I've mentioned one purpose of bird song – advertising for a mate. Now another aspect came into play. The Blackcap had heard a rival singing nearby. Emulating a wartime Juncker dive-bomber he launched an attack on the intruder, again and again swooping at the small inanimate green box on the bird table.

I was invited, suitably socially distanced, to observe this display – but, as is the way with bird watching, nothing is predictable. Our Blackcap had decided a small green box could safely be left to make its contribution to the dawn chorus, if it must, and resumed his own serenading from the top of the lime, taking no further notice of the contraption below.

Brian Clayden



God's Garden  
By Dorothy Frances Gurney

*THE Lord God planted a garden  
In the first white days of the world,  
And He set there an angel warden  
In a garment of light enfurled.*

*So near to the peace of Heaven,  
That the hawk might nest with the wren,  
For there in the cool of the even  
God walked with the first of men.*

*And I dream that these garden closes  
With their shade and their sun-flecked sod  
And their lilies and bowers of roses,  
Were laid by the hand of God.*

*The kiss of the sun for pardon,  
The song of the birds for mirth, –  
One is nearer God's heart in a garden  
Than anywhere else on earth.*

*For He broke it for us in a garden  
Under the olive-trees  
Where the angel of strength was the warden  
And the soul of the world found ease.*





### *An English Country Garden*

The fourth verse of this poem is very familiar and used on many plaques, bird baths and other sites in gardens throughout the country. It was first recorded in Lord Ronald Gower's visitor's book by Dorothy Frances Blomfield Gurney at his residence at Hammerfield, Penshurst. It is not known when Dorothy first composed it but it is possible that it was a spontaneous response to her visit to the beautiful garden. The poem appeared in print in *Poems, by Dorothy Frances Gurney*, published in London by Country Life, in 1913, one of two collections of her poems published during her lifetime.

The visit to such a garden was no doubt enjoyed by many of Dorothy's contemporaries as a feast of sights and scents, but the final verse referring to the garden of Gethsemane shows that for Dorothy it had a deeper, spiritual significance.

Dorothy was born in London in 1858, the eldest of the five daughters and one son of Revd Frederick George Blomfield, the rector of St Andrew's Under-shaft, who in turn was the son of the Bishop of London.







# Othona

## Bradwell-on-sea

Let your imagination wander.....open your inner eyes, listen to your memory store, tune in to the splash of paddling in the sea, the digging of the vegetable plot, the birdsong in the peace garden, the stirring sounds of the kitchen, the voices of friends in many languages, the calls of children and the cheerful welcoming of new faces. Yes, you are at Othona Bradwell – or maybe at Othona West Dorset. Now imagine you can choose a favourite week or weekend from the Othona programme – what is it to be? Star Gazing, music making, learning and discussing something new with an interesting speaker, beach fun, cooking....just take a look. Now imagine calling the Othona office, chatting with Tim, Debbie or Richard, sharing your room preferences and dietary requirement – hoping for a shared yurt and a vegan diet – or a single room and “I eat everything” .....then your booking, your deposit, your commitment, your anticipation – the journey, the meeting, greeting, becoming one of the Othona Community again. Well, so much for your imagination – you are with us in spirit, if not just yet with us in person. Even so, you are still a member, friend or local to the Othona Community.

We are really sorry that you cannot come here at the moment; the resident Community of 10 are safely Locked Down to protect themselves and yourselves from spreading that ghastly virus. Othona is using the government’s furlough system to keep the paid staff on site while we have no visitor income. You know, your payment as visitors, guests, community members is absolutely vital to the running of our Centres. We still have outgoings for staff payment, food bills, basic maintenance, fuel, insurances, IT costs, Projects for greener, more inclusive and sustainable Centres .....sorry to bother you about this but if you were intending to stay or visit Othona this summer we would be most grateful for your donation in lieu of payment for booking if you can afford something. You are still most welcome to join in all the activities we can possibly think of on line. About 70 people joined the Othona Bradwell quiz night on VE Day – and a similar number “attended” a concert via Othona West Dorset. Keep an eye on the Othona’s Web

Pages and link in to Facebook (you don't have to be a Facebook user) or go direct through Facebook.

The Othona Bradwell site, like the Othona Dorset site, has had to temporarily close its doors for the safety and health of us all. But Othona's heart is still open.



Do share in Community through letters, videos and updates on the website and other media. And be with us in spirit and in prayer whenever you seek the friendship of Othona, and particularly at 9p.m. on a Thursday evening when our founder, Norman Motley, established the Dedication Service in the Chapel to pray for Othona, and those who are there or in our thoughts. You are welcome to write, email or telephone for updates or just to share time with those who are staying on at Othona to keep things ticking over in preparation for our re-awakening.

**Tim Fox is our Warden/Manager, with Debbie and Richard Sanders.** Full details of Programme and Charges can be found on our Website

[www.othonaessex.org.uk](http://www.othonaessex.org.uk) or ring Othona at Bradwell (it's down East End Rd and through East Hall Farm) on 01621 776564, **limited response at present due to staff being on furlough.** When we re-open you will find Free Parking for all visitors to Othona – just ask for an exit token to leave through our wind-powered gate. Until then stay safe, stay well, we look forward to seeing you again soon.

# Bradwell-Tillingham-Dengie and St Lawrence Church Services

If our Churches are still closed for public worship our church services will be 'Joint Benefice Services' and will be online at;  
<https://e-voice.org.uk/bradwellchurch/sunday-services/>

June 7th Trinity Sunday  
A Joint Benefice online Communion Service

June 14th Trinity 1  
A Joint Benefice online Morning Prayer Service

June 21st Trinity 2  
A Joint Benefice online Communion Service

June 28th Trinity 3  
A Joint Benefice online Morning Prayer Service

July 5th Trinity 4  
A Joint Benefice online Communion Service

If restrictions are removed and public worship is permitted please see  
<https://e-voice.org.uk/bradwellchurch/> for church services and times for  
Bradwell, Tillingham, St Lawrence and Dengie.

This website has been adapted to cover all the churches in Bradwell,  
Tillingham, St Lawrence and Dengie over this coronavirus pandemic period.

## June 2020 Readings

As you are probably aware, the Archbishops of Canterbury and York have instructed all churches to suspend public worship until further notice.

If you need prayers said for someone specifically could you either let the Churchwardens or Rectors know by phone or email.

Reverend Steven also asks us read our bible or Christian books, pray, sing and help our neighbours. He will try to provide a weekly sermon and reflections in some way.

Please find below the readings for June.

June 7<sup>th</sup> Trinity Sunday

Isaiah 40.12-17,27-31  
2 Corinthians 13.11-13  
Matthew 28.16-20

June 14<sup>th</sup> Trinity 1

Genesis 18.1-15  
Romans 5.1-8  
Matthew 9:35-10:23

June 21<sup>st</sup> Trinity 2

Genesis 21.8-21  
Romans 6.1-11  
Matthew 10.24-39

June 28<sup>th</sup> Trinity 3

Genesis 22.1-14  
Romans 6.12-23  
Matthew 10.40-42

July 5<sup>th</sup> Trinity 4

Genesis 24.34-38,42-49,58-67  
Romans 7.15-25  
Matthew 11.16-19,25-30



## Ignite Event 2020

The Ignite event that would usually take place in the grounds of St James Church, Keeling Road, Dengie in June, will now be On Line.

This will be in the form of a one-hour online video featuring visual readings, poetry & music. This will be available to see on the following dates to suit your viewing preference. Saturday the 13th of June: 2pm to 3pm and Sunday the 14th of June: 3pm to 4pm.  
(see the church website for the links)



## **Wensleyhouse news**

Daphne's big sister Cherry-Blossom has been behaving VERY oddly of late.

Here's Daphne's version of events:

First my big sister went away on her own. She looked into our Wensleyhouse, and then into the clubhouse. I had a peep in there after Cherry-Blossom and would you believe it, it's full of straw on the floor and really looks quite comfortable. Anyway, Cherry-Blossom decided to go and sit under her cherry tree for a bit, but she was really fidgety and couldn't keep still. I found it quite difficult to go to sleep until I thought of sitting next to our Aunty Ethel. That was a good idea! She is big and warm and comfortable. Dorothea joined me and all 3 of us got some sleep in the end. When I woke up I realised that Cherry-Blossom wasn't there and there was a strange bleating noise coming from the Wensleyhouse! It was very dark, and a small shadow came out of the Wensleyhouse which Cherry-Blossom kept licking. Our shepherd came then and there was a bit of confusion with a bright light and talking. But we were given ewe nuts which was such a midnight treat!

Then, for the next couple of days we didn't see much of my big sister. She was kept inside our enclosure and we were allowed to run around the big field. It was really good having Aunty Ethel with us. I always feel safe when she's around. Once I got left behind - I was choosing flowers to go behind my ears (well, that's what my shepherd said it looked like I was doing), and I couldn't find Aunty Ethel. I was really very worried for a bit, then I saw her right at the other end of the field. I ran! Aunty Ethel looked surprised to see us running towards her (you see Dorothea was with me by then), but she said afterwards, when we were going to sleep under the cherry tree that night, that she'd been pleased to see us really.

Do you know what, that dark shadow which Cherry-Blossom was licking on that first night, you'll never guess, she looks just like us only very much smaller. She smells like us too and is really quite fun. She made me jump at first, when I saw her moving around, but we have made secret best friends now. It's secret because Cherry-Blossom doesn't really like me talking to her. When I do sneak up to her for a chat and Cherry-Blossom sees, she pushes me across the field by putting her head in my tummy and shoving! She can really be very fierce can my Big Sister. I think she forgets it's only me.



story, when Cherry-Blossom and little Rosemary Ester, (that's her name and I like that, it sounds rather grand for such a little thing) were allowed to join us I knew just where to take them that Rosemary Ester would like best of all! You see, she's been trying (I'm not sure why) to jump onto an old bale of hay left in the field. This was rather careless of our shepherd because the baling twine wasn't cut and we couldn't eat it. We did try to kick some of it out, but now the grass is green we don't need hay so much anyway. So I knew that Rosemary Ester liked to climb onto things and I took them straight o to just the place they would like. Cherry-Blossom quite liked it too; I think she thought I was a bit clever to find such a place.

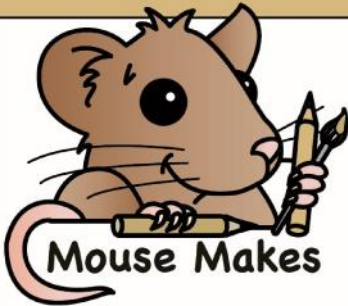
Sadly, we weren't allowed to stay there long, our shepherd came, and didn't look very pleased so I hopped down quickly. Cherry-Blossom wasn't quite so quick, so she didn't get so many of the ewe nuts we were given when we got back into our enclosure. We weren't allowed out again that morning, which seemed very unfair.

And her shepherd's version of events

"On the top of a 3ft pile of wood chips is NOT a good place for sheep to play 'Who's the queen of the castle'!

I know it's not the first time, and it probably won't be the last, when one little sister leads a big sister astray - or even dare I say it, vice versa!





## Mouse Makes

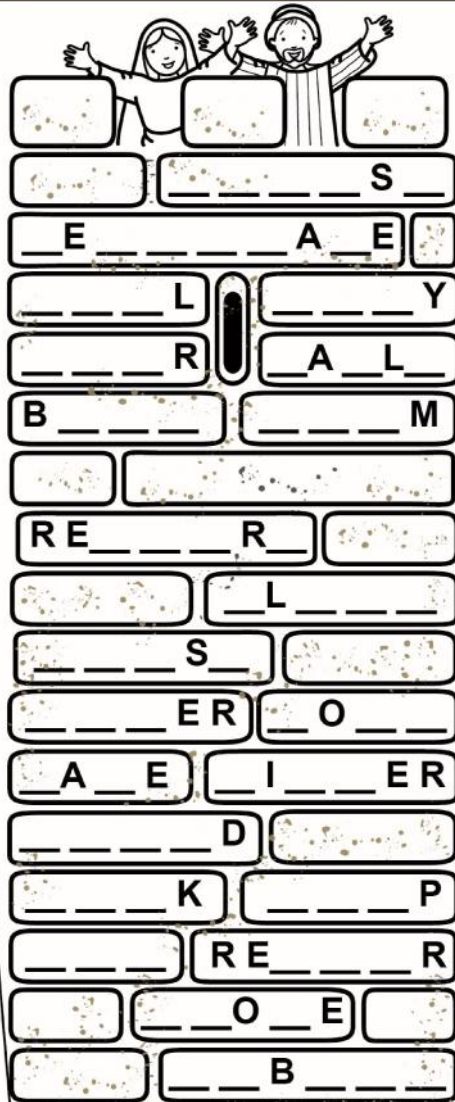
When Nehemiah heard that the walls of Jerusalem were in ruins he sat down and wept. For days he fasted and prayed before God.

Finally the opportunity came for him to return to Jerusalem to rebuild the walls, but it was not going to be easy...

**READ** Nehemiah's story in the *Old Testament* book of **Nehemiah**, chapters 1-7

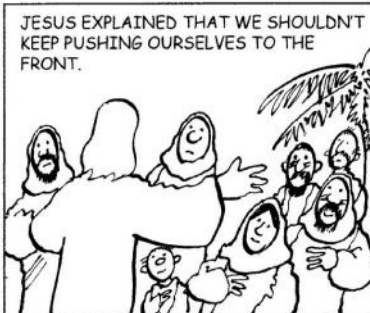
Here is Nehemiah's list of all the things that needed to be done to rebuild the walls of Jerusalem. Fill in the missing gaps on the tower to help rebuild the wall.

- |             |            |
|-------------|------------|
| ○ PRAY      | ○ GATE     |
| ○ RUBBLE    | ○ BEAM     |
| ○ REPAIR    | ○ BOLT     |
| ○ RESTORE   | ○ BAR      |
| ○ BUILD     | ○ STEP     |
| ○ WORK      | ○ TOWER    |
| ○ STONE     | ○ HOUSE    |
| ○ TIMBER    | ○ POOL     |
| ○ WALLS     | ○ FINISH   |
| ○ FLOOR     | ○ DEDICATE |
| ○ ROOF      | ○ DOOR     |
| ○ CELEBRATE |            |



How many gates were repaired?  
Who re-built them?

How long did it take to finish the walls?



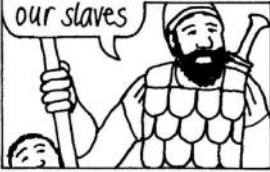
# Bible Bite

A short story from the Bible

It can be read in the Bible in  
1 Samuel 17:1-50

The Philistine and Israelite armies  
faced each other. For 40 days, the gigantic  
Philistine champion, Goliath, taunted them.

I will fight the best  
soldier in Israel's army  
and if I win, you will be  
our slaves



David's brothers were in  
Israel's army. He came to  
bring them food, and he  
heard Goliath.



He is insulting God!

David's brothers were not  
happy.



But David didn't stop..



and King Saul  
heard what he said.

We shouldn't be cowards.  
I will fight him!



You don't stand a chance.

I have killed lions and bears  
with God's help.



Then go ahead.  
You can wear my armour.

I can't move with all  
this on!



So David took it off.

He took his sling  
and chose 5 stones  
from the stream bed.



Goliath couldn't believe what he saw.



Do you  
think I'm a  
dog that  
you have  
come with  
a stick?

I have come to fight you  
in the name of the All-  
powerful God. The Lord  
always wins His battles



As Goliath came forward..

David slung his stone and hit  
him on the head.



Goliath fell down dead.

The Philistines ran  
away, chased by  
Israel's army.





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**PAROCHIAL INFORMATION:****ST. LAWRENCE****Rector****Revd Steven Poss****779620****Churchwardens:****Jane Pudney****772345****Shirley Lea****779403****Parish Magazine**

Shirley Lea

779403

**Monday****Pebbles** 10.00 - 12.00noon

Mothers and toddlers get together (Dads welcome) for tea, coffee and a chat

Clive &amp; Lesley Bennett 776298

**Thursday****St. Lawrence Art Group**

10 - 12noon Stone Sailing Club

Bob Dorks

778392

**St Lawrence PCC Secretary**

Victoria Eley v.eley@icloud.com

**The Friends of St Lawrence Newland Church**

Carole Taylor

778523

John Barnes

779267

**Parish Council Chairman;**

Gerry Lewsey

gerald.lewsey@yahoo.com

Clerk to the Parish Council:

Kevin Money

slparishclerk@gmail.com

**Bridge Club**

L.30pm &amp; Friday 7.30

**1<sup>st</sup> Wednesday of the month****St Lawrence Social Club**

Secretary Gwen Adams 778386

**Church Centre Activities**

All Church Centre bookings:

Shirley Lea

779403

**District Councillor**

Penny Channer

740607

Michael Helm

**Rainbow Guides**

5-7 years for information phone

07757636446 or email

enquir-ies@girlguidingsexne.org.uk**St Lawrence Village Hall Fund**

Contact: K. Terkelsen

778742

Tara Pringle

779063

**Stone Sailing Club**

(Weekends)

779344

**Mobile Library**

Fridays 11.45am to 12.30pm

South Woodham Library (01245)

29555

**Church Flowers**

Margaret Cowell

779219

Janet Cowell

779310

**Tuesday****11.00am Coffee Morning**

Maureen Storey

**The Medical Centre****Tillingham**

778383

**St Lawrence Singers**

Friday at 5.45 - 7.00pm

Margaret Garlick

779328.

**Wednesday****Women's Institute**

2nd Wednesday 7.30pm

**President: Cathie Bomich****Secretary: Carol Kelleher 778370****William Fisher Medical****Centre****772360**

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