

**MARCH 2025 VILLAGE VIEW** 

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#### From the Vicarage

Dear Friends,

Wednesday 5<sup>th</sup> March is Ash Wednesday and marks the beginning of Lent. Our joint benefice service for Ash Wednesday will be at 7pm at St Thomas Church in Bradwell on Sea. Our Lent Course 'Living Hope' will be held on evenings at 7pm during Lent across our Churches. Please see the times in this magazine.

Sunday 9 March 2025 is the Day of Reflection across the UK for the COVID-19 pandemic.

It is an opportunity to come together to remember those who lost their lives since the pandemic began and to honour the tireless work and acts of kindness shown during this unprecedented time.

2025 marks five years since the pandemic began and we continue to honour and remember those affected.

People and communities are invited to come together on the COVID-19 Day of Reflection, to mark the day in ways that feel meaningful to them. Do come and join us in our services across the Benefice.

#### A Prayer

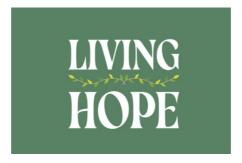
Lord God, the maker and redeemer of all, as we come before you in thanksgiving for the gift of health and life, we grieve for the thousands who have died: comfort us with your presence, sustain us with the hope of your kingdom, and give us grace to live our lives well; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

God bless,

#### Reverend Steven



#### **Lent Course 2025**



This Lent we are encouraged to put down deep roots of hope by connecting with God who is with us at all times. God invites us to bring to him our own journey through everyday life. In the disappointment of daily setbacks and the pain of deeper hurts, we discover that God is present with us. And God promises a future where all things are healed and made new. Living Hope offers us the opportunity to deepen our hope in God and be part of what God is doing to bring hope in the world. The course is based on the book by Cathrine Fungai Ngangira and Belle Tindall – <u>Wild Bright Hope: The Big Church Read Lent Book 2025</u> (SPCK).

The course will run on the following days:-

#### Week 1

Thursday 13<sup>th</sup> March at 7pm at St Thomas Church in Bradwell

#### Week 2

Wednesday 19<sup>th</sup> March at 7pm at St Lawrence Church

#### Week 3

Thursday 27<sup>th</sup> March at 7pm at St Nicholas Church in Tillingham

#### Week 4

Thursday 3<sup>rd</sup> April at 7pm at Dengie Village Hall

#### Week 5

Wednesday 9<sup>th</sup> April at 7pm at St Lawrence Church Centre

#### Week 6

Wednesday 16<sup>th</sup> April at 7pm at St Thomas Church in Bradwell

#### Beloved apostle to Ireland

St Patrick is the patron saint of Ireland. If you've ever been in New York on St Patrick's Day, you'd think he was the patron saint of New York as well... the flamboyant parade is full of American/Irish razzmatazz.

It's all a far cry from the hard life of this 5th century humble Christian who became in time both bishop and apostle of Ireland. Patrick was born the son of a town councillor in the west of England, between the Severn and the Clyde. But as a



young man he was captured by Irish pirates, kidnapped to Ireland, and reduced to slavery. He was made to tend his master's herds.

Desolate and despairing, Patrick turned to prayer. He found God was there for him, even in such desperate circumstances. He spent much time in prayer, and his faith grew and deepened, in contrast to his earlier years, when he "knew not the true God". Then, after six gruelling, lonely years he was told in a dream he would soon go to his own country. He either escaped or was freed, made his way to a

port 200 miles away and eventually persuaded some sailors to take him with them away from Ireland.

After various adventures in other lands, including near-starvation, Patrick landed on English soil at last, and returned to his family. But he was much changed. He had enjoyed his life of plenty before; now he wanted to devote the rest of his life to Christ. Patrick received some form of training for the priesthood, but not the higher education he really wanted.

But by 435, well-educated or not, Patrick was badly needed. Palladius' mission to the Irish had failed, and so the Pope sent Patrick back to the land of his slavery. He set up his see at Armagh and worked principally in the north. He urged the Irish to greater spirituality, set up a school, and made several missionary journeys.

Patrick's writings are the first literature certainly identified from the British Church. They reveal sincere simplicity and a deep pastoral care. He wanted to abolish paganism, idolatry, and was ready for imprisonment or death in the following of Christ.

Patrick remains the most popular of the Irish saints. The principal cathedral of New York is dedicated to him, as, of course, is the Anglican cathedral of Dublin.

#### **Bradwell WI**

## Wednesday 12<sup>th</sup> January at the Village Hall "Soil, Sweat and Tears" with Brian Carline



Our February meeting saw us digging into the comical world of gardening with guest speaker Brian Carline and his brilliantly funny talk, 'Soil, Sweat and Tears.' From the moment he began, Brian had us all chuckling with his witty take on the joys—and potential hazards—of gardening.

We learned some valuable lessons, including a rather unconventional way to check if the soil is warm enough for sowing: if it's not too cold or wet for your



bare behind, then it's ready! He also shared some very practical advice—never strim in sandals, always wear eye protection, and whatever you do, leave chainsaws to the professionals!

Brian had plenty of useful tips up his sleeve too, including using a scaffold board for neat lawn edges, planting marigolds between tomatoes to keep aphids at bay, and avoiding pruning immediately after an argument with your other half!

It was a thoroughly entertaining and informative evening, leaving us all with a fresh appreciation for gardening, along with a few cautionary tales we won't be ignoring anytime soon!

Our next meeting is on the 12th of March in the village hall, where we will be joined by Jane Cowell and Janet Thorogood with their 'Spring ideas with flowers'.

New members are always welcome; there is just a small fee of £5 for non-members, so please feel free to come along! If you have any questions about what we get up to, you can contact Sue Pirret on 07824696807 or sue@dailygrindimports.com

Alice Nightingale

#### The Othona Community

For most it is too cold for a swim off First Beach, but as I write in the middle of half-term week there is plenty of mud. Mud splashes up on the children as they stand in the grassy pool created on the launch of the water rockets, but no-one complains, or grumbles that this activity is triggered by a foot pump and not a com-



puter or a mobile phone. Earlier, the same youngsters were making amazing junk models, playing freely (not too aware of the adult supervision) on the beach and around trees just ideal for swinging and climbing. Even the youngest member of our Community at just four months old, was bouncing and chuckling as he was passed around to meet his new friends. One of our French volunteers, who left recently, said in his letter, he had found such a welcome and so enjoyed working together with a purpose to serve the community, it had changed his life.

Having fun, "play" is one of the central elements of Othona, united with the others, "work, worship and study." We need the joy of play, whether we are four months or a hundred and four! At present the world stage gives us much to be concerned about in our worship and prayer, and in our study, and the life-balance you may find here is a strong foundation for this internationally dispersed community. Quoting from the first noticeboard, and emphasised by our founder Norman Motley: "It aims to strengthen international relations; to foster Christian unity; to deepen the experience of a real Christian Community; and to study the relationship of faith and life with a view to more positive action in world affairs. It aims to provide recreation of a kind by which the whole personality is nourished in community. It welcomes those who do not accept the Christian tradition, but who care for its values, to come with us."

Othona, at each of its centres - Bradwell on Sea in Essex and Burton Bradstock in West Dorset - has a Programme of activities for all, detailed on the websites. Coming up In March at Bradwell:

March 3-6, Building a Neurodiverse Community.

March 7-9, March Working Weekend.

March 10-14 The Spring of the heart, mind and soul

Sat 22 March, David James Memorial Service

April 4-6 Wild Edges with Fiona Koefoed-Jesperson

April 17 -22, Easter - A Landscape Liturgy led by Paul Lucas.

Othona is accessed through East Hall Farm, East End Rd, Bradwell on Sea, through the wind powered gate: exit token from the office. Manager/Wardens are Debbie and Richard Sanders, Website www.othonaessex.org.uk. Email bradwell@othona.org. Telephone 01621 776564.

#### **News from RAF Bradwell Bay**

In just a few weeks' time there will be National Celebrations to celebrate the 80<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the end of WW2. During the war church bells had been silenced, they were only to ring if the country was being invaded. On VE day church bells rang out to mark the occasion. This will be replicated on 8<sup>th</sup> May 2025 in churches across Britain.

On the airfield, the day was marked when Group Captain A. O'Neill as Commanding officer arranged for VE Day celebrations were held throughout the day. A Thanksgiving Service was attended by the whole station, at which the Station Commander gave a short address describing the meaning of VE Day. The rest of the day was regarded as a holiday and in the evening, an all-ranks dance was held which was attended by most of the Station. Free drinks and refreshments were provided by P.S.I. and Mess Funds.



The European war may have ended on 8<sup>th</sup> May 1945 however the war in the East didn't end until15 August 1945 when Victory over Japan Day and two days of national holiday were announced in Britain on 15 and 16 August by Prime Minister Clement Atlee.

- A. Cloudy with slight rain around midday becoming fair at 1600 hours. Fair to cloudy becoming fine in late evening. Visibility moderate, good after midday.
   W wind veering W/WNW in afternoon, backing again WSW by 2100 hours.
- B. V.J. DAY. This was treated as a Rest Day by the Station Commander's orders.

- A. Fine at first becoming fair to cloudy during day. Visibility good, excellent in afternoon. Moderate SE wind veering W at 0700 hours, and becoming fresh and gusty, moderating in later evening and backing SW.
- B. VJ + 1 day. Also a day of Rest.

By VJ Day there had been a change of Station Commander. G.D. Stephenson had taken over. He had been a prisoner of war since Dunkirk and eventually ended a prisoner in Colditz with his best friend from when they were at Cranwell, Douglas Bader.

Some aircrew who served at Bradwell went on to serve in the Far East. So much history from RAF Bradwell Bay and the Dengie Flats firing and bombing range all needs to be researched and recorded.

The RAF Bradwell Bay Preservation Group seeks to preserve the history of the RAF in Bradwell on Sea. We are planning for a museum near the memorial.

You can help by donating via our website www.rafbradwellbay.co.uk



#### **April Village View**

All copy for the April 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 March 15th.

Copy may also be submitted as a text or Microsoft Word or Publisher file, either on CD or, better still, by email to stthomaspcc@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 March 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.



#### **MARCH SERVICES**

Time	Service	Church	Readings		
2nd	Sunday next before Lent				
10:00	Communion	St Thomas Bradwell	Exodus 34; 29-35		
10:00	Café Church	St Nicholas Tillingham	2 Corinthians 3; 12 – 4; 2		
10:00	Morning Worship	St Lawrence Centre	Luke 9; 28-36		
15:00	Evening Service	St James Dengie	Psalm 99		
5th	Ash Wednesday				
19:00	Communion with Ashing	St Thomas Bradwell			
7th	Friday				
12:00	Communion with Lunch	St Lawrence Church			
9th	Lent 1				
10:00	Communion	St Nicholas Tillingham	Deuteronomy 26; 1-11		
10:00	Café Church	St Thomas Bradwell	Romans 10; 8b-13 Luke 4.1-13 Psalm 91; 1-2,9-16		
10:00	Communion	St Lawrence Centre			
18:00	Evening Service	St Lawrence Church			
16th	Lent 2				
08:00	Holy Communion	St James Dengie	Genesis 15; 1-12,17-18 Philippians 3; 17 - 4.1 Luke 13; 31-35 Psalm 27		
10:00	Communion	St Lawrence Church			
10:00	Morning Worship	St Lawrence Centre			
10:00	Morning Worship	St Nicholas Tillingham			
18:00	Evening Service	St Thomas Bradwell			
23rd	Lent 3				
10:00	Communion	St James Dengie	Isaiah 55; 1-9 1 Corinthians 10; 1-13 Luke 13; 1-9 Psalm 63; 1-9		
10:00	Café Church	St Thomas Bradwell			
10:00	Morning Worship	St Lawrence Centre			
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18:00	Evening Service	St Nicholas Tillingham	. 33 33, 2 3		
30th	Mothering Sunday (*Lent 4)				
12:00	Joint Benefice Moth- ering Sunday Com- munion	St Lawrence Church	1 Samuel 1; 20-28 Colossians 3; 12-17 John 19; 25-27 <i>Psalm 127; 1-4</i>		

Time	Service	Church	Readings	
6 <sup>th</sup> April	Passion Sunday			
10:00	Communion	St Thomas Bradwell	Isaiah 43.16-21	
10:00	Morning Worship	St Nicholas Tillingham	Philippians 3.4b-14	
10:00	Morning Worship	St Lawrence Centre	John 12.1-8	
15:00	Evening Service	St James Dengie	Psalm 126	

#### **Diary of 2025 Events**

Below are a list of dates of events happening throughout 2025. If you or your organisation have dates that you would like advertised, please email details to stthomaspcc@btinternet.com for inclusion.

#### March

4<sup>th</sup> Pancake Celebrations St Thomas Church, 6<sup>th</sup> Thursday Club St Thomas Church 2pm, 12<sup>th</sup> Women's Institute, 17<sup>th</sup> Parish Council 19.30 in Village Hall, 26<sup>th</sup> Nature in our Neighbourhood

#### April

6<sup>th</sup> Thursday Club St Thomas Church 2pm, 9<sup>th</sup> Women's Institute, 18<sup>th</sup> Good Friday, 20<sup>th</sup> Easter Day, 21<sup>st</sup> Bank Holiday 30<sup>th</sup> Nature in our Neighbourhood

#### May

1st Thursday Club St Thomas Church 2pm, 7<sup>th</sup> Bradwell Women's Institute 100 year Celebrations

#### **Prayer for March 2025**

Dear Lord, In this month when Lent begins, we remember the difficult journey Jesus made to the cross, to take upon Himself our sins and the sins of the whole world, to bring us the hope of eternal life by His resurrection.

Lord, we bring to You our own journeys through our daily lives. We bring our disappointments, our bewilderment, our pain, as well as our happy times. We thank You that You are with us in and through all of it.

We thank you that the message of Christmas is the message of Lent and the message of every day – You, our God, are with us always, giving us hope and life, because of Jesus.

Thank You that He made that journey for us, and all we have to do is trust in Him. Help us to do that and to share His good news with others, especially those in distress. We pray in His name. Amen.

By Daphne Kitching

#### **Bradwell-on-Sea Village Hall Trustees 100 Club**



#### **Charity Number 803054**

The Bradwell Village Hall 100 Club draw results for February 2025 are as follows.

1st Prize, Ticket 76, Mrs Amanda Jenkins, £20.00

2nd Prize, Ticket 51, Mrs Myra Langden, £10.00

3rd Prize, Ticket 16, Mr Bob Cook, £5.00

The next draw takes place on the 1st March if you would like to join the 100 Club please fill in form available in the Community Shop of the Village Hall or phone or Text 07710868491

#### Burnham Art Trail 2025: Artists Prepare for the 21st Annual Event

The much-anticipated Burnham Art Trail is returning for its 21st year this June, bringing together a diverse range of talented artists and creative minds. As preparations are in full swing, artists have been encouraged to submit their entries and be part of this celebrated event that transforms Burnham into a vibrant open-air gallery. This is a fantastic opportunity for both emerging and established artists to showcase their work to the public and engage with the local arts community.

#### \*\*A Celebration of Creativity\*\*

The Burnham Art Trail is a staple in the cultural calendar, attracting visitors from near and far. Featuring a variety of artistic disciplines, including painting, sculpture, photography, and mixed media, the trail offers a unique experience as artwork is displayed in local businesses, galleries, and public spaces throughout Burnham.

Stay updated with event announcements and details by following the official Burnham Art Trail website and social media channels.

Claire White, Coordinator of the 2025 Burnham Art Trail commented:

"The art trail is an integral part of our lovely riverside town. It is wonderful to see how it has developed over the years and is something in which we are all incredibly proud. The diverse mixture of artists coupled with the additional activities throughout the town make this an event not to be missed!"

# Friday 7 March A service for everyone!

Everyone is invited by the ladies of St Thomas, St Lawrence and St Nicholas to come to our service at St Thomas at 10.30 on March 7<sup>th</sup> 2025 to hear the words of the Christian ladies of the Cook Islands and to pray with them.



#### **St Thomas Church**

## PANCAKE DAY

On Tuesday 4<sup>th</sup> March from 3 pm-5pm



You are welcome to come along to St Thomas Church Chapman Room on Pancake Day (Shrove Tuesday) to have a pancake with your favourite topping and a drink and take part in our quiz.

#### THE TEMPTATION OF JESUS

After Jesus was baptised who led him into the wilderness?



Luke 4:1

For how many days was Jesus tempted by the devil?

Who did Jesus say you should ONLY worship and serve?

Luke 4:8



Luke 4:2

What did the devil tempt Jesus to turn a stone into?

Luke 4:3

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Jesus said not to put the Lord your God to the...

Luke 4:12

What happened after the temptation of Jesus? see *Luke 4:14-15* 

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