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**Village View**

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## From the Rector

Dear Friends,

As we enter February we begin our Lenten season on Ash Wednesday with a Joint Benefice Holy Communion evening Service to be held with all the Churches coming together, at St Thomas Church, at 7.30 on Wednesday 26<sup>th</sup> February.

We will begin our Lent Course, 'Receiving Christ', in a course crammed with discussable questions. John Young teases out from the New Testament at least three different ways in which we receive Christ. John's course booklet is supplemented by four leading Christians, from a variety of backgrounds, by Audio. Together they demonstrate that St John's theology in his magisterial Gospel has very practical implications for our day-to-day lives. See separate flyer for dates, times and further details.

In February and March, I will also be holding Confirmation classes for anyone who would like to be Confirmed in the evening of Easter Saturday, the 11<sup>th</sup> April at Chelmsford Cathedral. For those who are not Baptised, there is the opportunity to be Baptised at this Service, hopefully by the Bishop of Chelmsford, Rt Revd Stephen Cottrell, before he moves on to becoming the next Archbishop of York. Lent is a good time to reflect, fast, pray and give, as you draw closer to God. So I pray it is a fruitful Lent for you this year.

God Bless,

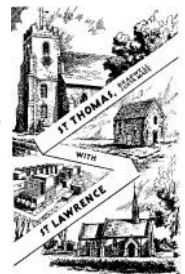
Reverend Steven

## April Village View

All copy for the March magazine should be sent to Roger Scurrall by phone (776341), posted through the letterbox of 6 St Thomas' Row, Bradwell, or by email to the address below, all by March 12<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 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 March 12<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.





## **Come and Join Us On Our Lent Course, Receiving Christ**

In a course crammed with discussable questions, John Young teases out from the New Testament at least three different ways in which we receive Christ. John's course booklet is supplemented by four leading Christians, from a variety of backgrounds, on the course audio. Together they demonstrate that St John's theology in his magisterial Gospel has very practical implications for our day-to-day lives.

**Session 1.** Receiving Christ: as children of God / **Session 2.** Receiving Christ: in the stranger and the needy / **Session 3.** Receiving Christ: in Holy Communion / **Session 4.** Receiving Christ: through prayer and fellowship / **Session 5.** 'Christ in you, the hope of glory' (Colossians 1:27)

**Session 1: 11am-1 pm – St Thomas Church, Bradwell – Wednesday 4<sup>th</sup> March - Repeated on Thursday 5<sup>th</sup> March - 7.30pm-9.30pm at the Vicarage (6 Bakery Close, Tillingham, CM0 7TT).**

**Session 2: 11-1 – St Nicholas Church, Tillingham – Wednesday 11<sup>th</sup> March – Repeated in the evening at 7.30pm at the Vicarage.**

**Session 3: - 11-1 – St Lawrence Church Centre – Wednesday 18<sup>th</sup> March – Repeated in the evening at 7.30pm at the Vicarage.**

**Session 4: 1-3pm – St James Church, Dengie – Wednesday 25<sup>th</sup> March – Evening session is at 7.30pm on Monday 23<sup>rd</sup> March at the Vicarage.**

**Session 5: 11-1 – St Lawrence Church – Wednesday 1<sup>st</sup> April – Evening session is at 7.30pm on Monday 30<sup>th</sup> March at the Vicarage.**

**To register, please contact: Revd Steven Poss, 01621 779620 or**

**email [stevenposs@hotmail.com](mailto:stevenposs@hotmail.com)**

## St Lawrence Women's Institute

The February meeting of the WI was a very full evening. First the business: the Annual Meeting is being brought forward to March, and the April meeting will be a Bring and Buy, in aid of funds. Fundraising - a perennial topic - was discussed.

The Resolutions were read and voted on.

The Crouch Group meeting will be held on 20th May at the Royal Corinthian Yacht Club.



In April the Dengie Group is organising a Fashion Show, which will include entertainment and refreshments.

After the business and tea break was the Pancake Race - fiercely contested as usual. Ann Johnson was the winner at the very close finish.

Next, Eunice showed us how to make small hearts to wear to "Show the love" and concern regarding

climate change.

Barbara then showed us how to dance the Merengue; this could be danced sitting or standing but needed a good memory!

The Competition - for an unusual key-ring - was won by Carole Hogg, and the meeting closed at 9.45.

## World Day of Prayer

(A woman led, global, ecumenical movement)

World Day of Prayer is an international inter-church organisation which enables us to hear the thoughts of women from all parts of the world: their hopes, concerns and prayers. The annual service is always on the first Friday of March, which is the 6<sup>th</sup> this year.



The women of the parishes of Bradwell-on-Sea, St Lawrence, Tillingham and Dengie have for many years jointly organised a service, which this year is being held in **St Thomas' Church, Bradwell at 2pm**. All of whatever denomination or gender are invited to attend and listen to the voices of the women of Zimbabwe as they encourage us to '**Rise, take your mat and walk**' as they continue their often turbulent journey towards full reconciliation.

We do hope that you will join us.



## **Bradwell-on-Sea Women's Institute**

The Bradwell-on-Sea WI meets on the second Wednesday of every month at the Village Hall at 7.45pm. At our February meeting we had a talk on Organic Farming and Wildlife. The speakers were Steven Green and Kevin Bruce; Kevin kindly stood in for Judith Ross who couldn't make it for personal reasons.

Steven runs Mark Farm in Tillingham with his wife Sally and daughter Sarah, who also runs Sarah Greens Organics – who incidentally supplies the Voluntary Shop in Bradwell Village with seasonal organically-grown vegetables.

Steven talked about the organic family-run Mark Farm, the ethos behind it, which is producing fresh produce without the use of chemical fertilisers or pesticides.

The farm supplies both local areas and eateries in London – a wide variety of seasonal vegetables are grown throughout the year, and these are harvested fresh from the field. Steven also spoke of the importance of wildlife. There are large areas on Mark Farm given over to wildlife or supplying food for wildlife. It is this dogged determination which makes the whole cycle work – by supplying areas and food for the wildlife habitat which in turn eat the pests on the vegetables.



Kevin then spoke about the wildlife on the farm (with the help of Judith's notes). This was extremely interesting – Judith is a keen naturalist and monitors the wildlife on the farm and takes an interest in the surrounding areas. Kevin spoke of the many changes in the wildlife – where some species of birds are in decline – and thankfully others are building in numbers.

This was a very informative talk with great relevance to our surroundings in Bradwell.

After the talk, teas and coffees were served alongside delicious bread pudding and banana cake baked by Lorraine and Pat. There were also some edible goodies for sale, including Pear & Chocolate cake (courtesy of Linda), Shortbread, Chocolate Brownies, Ginger Oat and Cheese & Rosemary Biscuits (courtesy of Sue), all proceeds gratefully received.

There was a round-up of WI news and forthcoming events including Wine Tasting at Clayhill Vineyard on 24 February. The raffle was won by Jenny – there were two birthdays this month, Diane and

Burnham WI is organising a Fashion Show on 22 April – models needed! Crouch Group meeting is on 20 May – with speaker George Courtauld.

It was no surprise that this month's competition was the best Wildlife Photo - we had six worthy entries – the difficult job of judging went to Steven and Kevin who chose in First Place 'Swallows' taken by Theresa, and Runner-up 'Ladybirds' taken by Lorraine – well done ladies.

Theresa (Fowler) who was not at the meeting – 'Happy Birthday' was sung to Diane with a presentation of heather.

Linda read out one of her excellent jokes – which had everybody laughing ... – keep up the good work Linda.

The evening was rounded off with a rousing rendition of 'Jerusalem'. The next meeting is Wednesday 11 March – where the subject is 'Biltong Time' and the speaker is Caz Becker. The competition is 'Something South African'.

## Plant of the month

Aubrieta, named after Claude Aubriet, a French botanical painter.

Nothing creates a spread of colour like Aubrieta in March. These brilliant low growing plants range from deepest vibrant shades to almost white in a range of violets, purple and pinks.

The traditional single Aubrieta produces dainty four-petalled flowers over mounds of green/grey foliage.

Aubrieta was always commonly grown on rockeries; although rockeries are less common these days, they are worth growing trailing over walls, at the edge of borders or in containers, and will flower well into May.

### Planting

They can be planted in the early spring, and are happy in most soils and will tolerate a little shade; for the best results they like alkaline soils and full sun.

After flowering trim right down to around half its size. It will seem a little harsh but you will get a fresh growth of foliage for the summer followed by masses of new flowers in the spring. They are hardy plants and will happily look after themselves and will last for many years.

David Thorpe



## “Westward look the Land is Bright”



For while the tired waves, vainly breaking,  
Seem here no painful inch to gain,  
Far back, through creeks and inlets making  
Comes silent, flooding in, the main.

And not by eastern windows only,  
When daylight comes, comes in the light,  
In front the sun climbs slow, how slowly,  
But westward, look, the land is bright.

Many of us will recall these words associated with Winston Churchill when he quoted them in the dark days of March 1941, even if we are not old enough to actually have heard them at the time.

However, it is rather doubtful whether many of us can name the poet who was the original source in his poem ‘Say not the struggle naught availeth.’

Arthur Hugh Clough was born in 1819 in Liverpool and died in 1861 in Florence, having contracted malaria. His boyhood was spent partly in the United States and partly at schools, including Rugby, in England without his family.

His work reflects the perplexity and religious doubt of mid-19th century England. While at Oxford, Clough had intended to become a clergyman, but his increasing religious uncertainty caused him to leave the university. He became

head of University Hall, London, in 1849, and in 1852, at the invitation of Ralph Waldo Emerson, he spent several months lecturing in Massachusetts. He later worked as a government education official and helped his wife’s cousin, Florence Nightingale, in her philanthropic work.

Clough’s deeply critical and questioning attitude made him as doubtful of his own powers as he was about the spirit of his age, and he gave his contemporaries the impression of promise unfulfilled, especially since he left the bulk of his verse unpublished. Nonetheless, Clough’s *Poems* (1862) proved so popular that they were reprinted 16 times within 40 years of his death.





## Wensleyhouse Feb 2020

*Setting the scene:* it's time to move the electric fence enclosure to a different part of the field. The fence is moved first, then the car is used to tow the Wensleyhouse from the old enclosure to the new.



So now the stage is set for 'the game'! Not a game of the shepherd's choosing – oh no! This is a game that our darling (said through gritted teeth) ewes have devised...

To start with, no sign of trouble, although it's started drizzling (not a good omen, as it turns out). The flock quite happily moves into the new enclosure, while the car is towing their little home towards it. The shepherd makes a gap in the electric fence, entices the flock to the other side of the enclosure (ewe nuts, of course!), the car tows through the gap.

So far so good!

It's started raining harder now.

The shepherd closes the gap, manoeuvres the Wensleyhouse into the right place (it has to be tied to a tree in these strong winds!).

Everything is still going well. Except the shepherd is soaked now. Soaked through.

The last stage. Open the gap again to let the car out.

Oh, look! The flock wants to join in!

'You've opened a gap for us, yes? Lovely, let's go, girls! Oh, why are you standing in our way, shepherd? I see, you want us to skip round you, yes? Oh, but now you're running that way to stop us going there. Look, here's the car trying to get out through the gap. Oh I see, you want us to run round the car to run out the other side – come on, girls! But now you're waving at us – oh, yes, now we run round the other side again – look we almost got out there! Oh what a great game this is! Let's carry on, shall we?!'



Is the shepherd enjoying this game? Absolutely not! Soaked through so much that the rain is dripping off the clothes *underneath* the waterproofs, dying to get back inside for a cup of tea, wondering why on earth anyone thought it was a good idea to keep sheep.

Until the next ewe-cuddle, that is...

## .SERVICES FOR MARCH

Time	Service	Place	Readings
<b>1st Lent 1</b>			
8.00	BCP Holy Communion	St James Dengie	Genesis 2; 15-17 3; 1-7 Romans 5; 12-19 Matthew 4; 1-11
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	
15.30	Evening Service	Down Hall Residential Home	TBA
<b>8th Lent 2</b>			
10.00	Family Communion	St Lawrence Centre	Genesis 12; 1-4 Romans 4; 1-5, 13-17 John 3; 1-17
10.00	Parish 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	TBA
<b>15th Lent 3</b>			
8.45	Parish Communion	St Lawrence Church	Exodus 17; 1-7 Romans 5; 1-11 John 4; 5-42
10.00	All Age Worship	St Lawrence Centre	
10.00	Family Service	St Nicholas Tillingham	
10.30	Parish Communion	St Thomas Bradwell	
15.00	Evening Service	St James Dengie	TBA
<b>22nd Mothering Sunday</b>			
10.00	Joint Benefice Mothering Sunday Communion at St Nicholas Tillingham		Exodus 2; 1-10 2 Corinthians 1; 3-7 Luke 2; 33-35
<b>29th Passion Sunday</b>			
8.00	Holy Communion	St Thomas Bradwell	Ezekiel 37; 1-14 Romans 8; 6-11 John 11; 1-45
9.00	Parish Communion	St Lawrence Church	
10.00	Parish Communion	St Nicholas Tillingham	

Time	Service	Place	Readings
<b>29th</b>	<b>Passion Sunday cont'd</b>		
10.00	All Age Service	St Lawrence Centre	Ezekiel 37; 1-14 Romans 8; 6-11 John 11; 1-45
10.30	All Age Worship	St Thomas Bradwell	
15.00	Evening Service	St James Dengie	TBA
<b>April 3rd</b>	<b>School Easter Services</b>		
9.30	School Easter Service	St Nicholas Tillingham	TBA
14.00	School Easter Service	St Thomas Bradwell	TBA
<b>5th</b>	<b>Palm Sunday</b>		
8.00	BCP Holy Communion	St James Dengie	<b>(Paim Liturgy)</b> Psalm 118 1-2, 19-29 Matthew 21; 1-11
9.00	Parish Communion	St Lawrence Church	
10.00	All Age Worship	St Lawrence Centre	<b>(Passion Liturgy)</b> Isaiah 50; 1-11 Phillippians 2; 5-11 Matthew 27; 11-54
10.00	Family Service	St Nicholas Tillingham	
10.30	Parish Communion	St Thomas Bradwell	
15.00	APCM	St James Dengie	TBA
15.30	Evening Service	Down Hall Residential Home	TBA

### Wind Farm Grants Available

Many organisations in both Bradwell and St Lawrence have benefited over the past few years from the 'Bradwell Wind Farm Community Fund' – Bradwell Village Hall and Stone Sailing Club to mention but two.

Grants of up to £10,000 are available. Eligible projects and activities must aim to improve the lives of residents or encourage community activity.

The deadline for applications to be submitted for the next round of funding is **Friday April 3rd**. If you are involved in a local organisation and in need of financial help go to [www.essexcommunityfoundation.org.uk/about/news/wind-farm-funds-generates-community-activity](http://www.essexcommunityfoundation.org.uk/about/news/wind-farm-funds-generates-community-activity)

where you will find information about the Essex Community Foundation (ECF), which administers the funding programme, then click on the 'Grants' button to access the application guidelines and forms.

For more information and to discuss a potential application, please call the friendly ECF grants team on 01245 356018 or email [grants@essexcf.org.uk](mailto:grants@essexcf.org.uk).

## **Gardening in March**

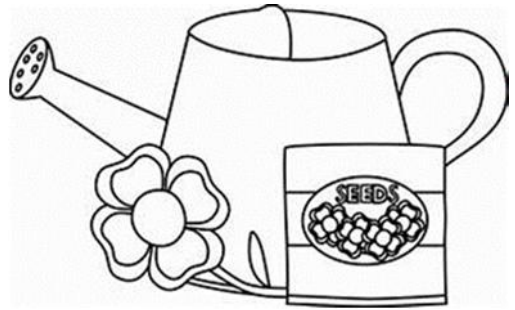
March will show us the first signs of spring. Time to do some final pruning and get the flower and vegetable beds ready for sowing and planting.

### **Flowers**

Finish pruning roses early in the month, remember to cut to above an outward bud and remove all crossing branches and keep the centre of the bush open.

Plant new roses and other shrubs and climbers; also plant out lilies and other summer-flowering bulbs in pots and borders

After spring bulbs have flowered pick off any seed heads but leave the foliage to die back naturally; don't remove the leaves till they have wilted and gone brown, otherwise you will have no flowers next year.



### **Fruit and Veg**

Sow tomatoes, chillies and sweet peppers in pots indoors

Start hoeing veg beds as soon as the weather starts to warm up.

Plant onion and shallot sets, spacing them 10-15cm apart.

After Chiting first-early potato tubers, plant in trenches and cover.

Sow parsnips as soon as the soil starts to warm up.

Avoid carrot root fly by sowing an early crop of carrots under cloches or fleece.

### **Garden Maintenance**

Mow lawns once they start growing, cut the edges with an edging tool.

Watch out for slugs around the new shoots of hostas and other perennials

Tidy up borders, removing established and newly germinating weeds, then mulch generously with garden compost.

### **Greenhouse**

Pot up overwintering cannas and geraniums etc into fresh compost, water, then place in a warm spot to spur them into growth.

Sow sweet peas in deep pots in a greenhouse or on a sunny windowsill.

Open greenhouse vents on sunny days to prevent humidity building up.

Take cuttings from perennials, such as delphiniums and lupins, to root in a pot indoors.

## Large (or Small) is Beautiful?

During one of the days in mid-February when it wasn't raining (yes, there was one) a friend and I went out – still in a brisk breeze – for a day's birdwatching. We wanted to experience as many different habitats as possible. First up was the muddy foreshore at Heybridge Basin. The usual suspects here – Black-tailed Godwit. Or were they Bar-tailed? I was confident of the former – the bills were absolutely straight, not slightly curved upwards. And a Little Grebe just by the lock gates. No doubt there.

Then on to the Chigborough lakes, just a few miles further on. Lots of Great Crested Grebes, already beginning to pair up. A Grey Heron, numerous Cormorants – well, the lakes are for fishing.....

But then, across a further large lake were five large white birds in a tree. What is not in question is that they were egrets. But we now have three species of this ancient family colonising our shores. My immediate identification was Great White Egret, also known simply as Great Egret. My diagnosis was based on their size – they were the size of a Grey Heron, just as Great Egrets should be. But size is notoriously difficult to judge at a distance. I then switched to the colour of their feet. Little Egrets have yellow feet, Great Egrets have black. But Little Egrets feed in the mud..... I looked at my own boots.....I was still convinced I was right in the first place.

My companion kept a list of what we saw during the day, and emailed later saying the bird book used to find the scientific names warned 'Great Egrets are very rare'. Yes, but 20 years ago so were Little Egrets, now they are two a penny, and Great Egrets seem to be heading the same way. To add confusion, four Cattle Egrets were raised last year in a nest at the Chigborough heronry. This was a species I was familiar with many years ago when we worked in East Africa. There they were usually around cattle and game, feasting on the insects disturbed – I didn't expect them at Chigborough; but of course they have changed their habits – not much cattle around Heybridge and even less big game. (Though if you *are* there, look out for Maisie's Garden.....)

So at present the mystery remains – one of the joys of birdwatching. We still had a brilliant day, taking in Abberton and Fingringhoe, with a total list of well over 40 species, mostly with positive ID.



Or?



Or?





## **The Othona Community, Bradwell, in Early Spring**

What a difference a winter makes! From November to March the Othona Community has been closed to visitors, open to electricians, plumbers, builders, diggers, and deliveries of all manner of equipment. Now it is all taking shape, and by mid-March we will have Othona back – with a difference in appearance but not in heart. Sustainability and care for the environment are so important to the Othona Trust that a considerable sum has been invested in green electricity, a biomass boiler and systems to ensure efficient use of our resources, cutting our carbon footprint towards zero. But there would be no sense in making all these changes to fit us for the future, if there was no future. Many of us have been staying at Othona, supporting and assisting in many different ways, for many years. We believe the spirit of Community – the love, friendships, fellowship, sharing with people of all faiths and none, all ages, all backgrounds, all abilities or disabilities – these are the reason for the existence of Othona. One name, two Centres, (Bradwell, Essex, and Burton Bradstock, West Dorset) and one ever-changing body of people from our local villages, from Essex and East London, from the Dorset area and much further afield and overseas. All are welcome. **The Working Weekend in March is cancelled, but come and enjoy our Spring Retreat Fri March 27th to Sun March 29<sup>th</sup> – promising an insightful weekend lead by Bishop of Bradwell John Perumbalath. Resident or day visitors welcome.**

We have recently held a Trustees' weekend – to hammer out the nuts & bolts and serious financial issues surrounding our developments both in Essex and in Dorset. Our next Trustees' weekend, this autumn, is to be much more focussed on people – young people, the future of Othona and of this troubled world. Some thoughts floating around will be grown, nurtured and developed and will flower after many of us are gone. So here are some of these random thoughts from various people in conversation. We need you to join this conversation with Othona.

Young people don't want Oldies to tell them what they want – they know for themselves. Fully involve the really young teenagers so they can enjoy the Community as they grow up, and then take on responsibilities, and make their own future Othona. Instead of talking **about** the younger generation, talk **with** them. Doing things together is what makes Othona special – making bread makes more than bread; many friendships grow in the kitchen. Young people don't want to be taken round yet another museum, but love involvement and interaction, finding out how things work – and what makes people tick, too – education without “being educated”. Othona is an interesting place for young asylum seekers to be involved in some work, within a non-judgemental group, receiving accommodation and meals in return. Do we have an Extinction Rebellion around here? Othona is a great place to meet informally or book a time together to share, plan, see and live an

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*Bradwell Village Hall Trustees are delighted to host  
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*'A trip around Old Bradwell  
in photographs'*

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*Cost £5 on door or book in advance phone 776570  
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779403

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

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Clive &amp; Lesley Bennett 776298

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

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778392

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gerald.lewsey@yahoo.com

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**Bridge Club**

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

Secretary Gwan Adams 778386

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Carole Taylor

778523

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779267

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740607

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779344

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All Church Centre bookings:

Shirley Lea

779403

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778742

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**Church Flowers**

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

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778383

**William Fisher Medical****Centre**

772360

If any of the above information is incorrect or you wish to publicise your organisation then please contact Shirley Lea on 779403

**Regular Events**

Mondays : Pebbles St Lawrence Church Centre 10—12noon

Wednesdays: Morning Prayer at St Nicholas Tillingham 9.15am

Wednesdays: Café Extra at St Lawrence Centre 2.30pm to 4pm

Thursdays:-Holy Communion at St Peter's Chapel 9.00am

Fridays: -Morning Prayer at St Thomas Church 9.00 am

Fridays:-Coffee Morning at St Thomas from 10.00 – 11.15am during school term.

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