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From the Rector

Dear Friends,

As we enter into March, the delight of the beginning of Spring brightens up our lives and spirits by the new life that comes with this new season. I look forward to the walks I will have during this time across the Dengie, seeing things start to blossom and bloom.

We continue our worship online at present and I hope you can manage to continue your study of the Bible and have your own devotion time at a specific point in the day.

As we are in the Lenten season, we are studying the York Course – “Where is God?” via zoom. If you would like to join us, please let me know.

As we approach Easter, we hope and pray that we will begin to open up after this wonderful celebration in the Christian Calendar when we observe the resurrection of our Lord. New beginnings come with Easter and we hope and pray that God will bring new beginnings to our world and to our lives.

God Bless,

Reverend Steven

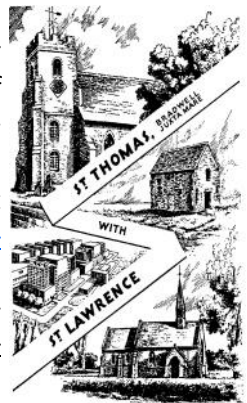
Village View

All copy for the March Village View 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 February 12th.

Those living in St Lawrence may give copy to Shirley Lea at 51 Main Road (779403) or email to 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. 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 February 12th**.

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.



The Vernal Equinox

I was in the garden in mid-February and heard – yes, heard - an early promise of Spring. I was reminded of this little ‘poem’:

Spring has sprung, the grass is ris,
I wonder where the boidies is
They say the boid is on the wing,
But that’s absoid
From what I hoid
The wing is on the boid!

A little research suggested the rather delightful (?) lines originated in New York – even known somewhat obscurely by some as the Brooklyn National Anthem. I was then reminded of the wonderful three weeks we spent in the eastern States just exactly 30 years ago this month. There Spring was certainly Springing – and there was no doubt that the boids were well and truly aware of that. We were staying with our daughter in Richmond, Virginia. A Common Flicker (similar to our Great Spotted Woodpecker) was excavating a hole in a tree in her garden. We would go off on a sight-seeing few days (to The Falls for example, as one does) and each time we returned the flicker had made good progress, deepening his nest hole.



What I heard in the Westwick garden also reminded me of the song of a chickadee, a bi-syllabic whistle. Chickadees, common in the States, are closely related to tits. They share the same genus – *Parus* – and the Black-Capped Chickadee (*Parus atricapillus*) we encountered all those miles away appeared very similar to a Great Tit (*Parus major*) – and the sound was the same see-saw song welcoming Spring.

So along with the snowdrops and crocuses and daffodils the boids, wings firmly attached, larynxes in good shape, have no doubt that Spring is just round the corner. The Song Thrush is singing his heart out at the top of the tree opposite Bradwell shop, Rooks are repairing and rebuilding their nests in the trees to the south of St Thomas’s church, our Great-Spotted Woodpecker is drumming loudly on a dead tree, advertising for a partner. We can be sure that Swallows will be with us later this month.

Brian Clayden

The Othona Community in March 2021



1,000 or so people share in the Othona Community electronic mailings – the weekly Newsletters from Othona West Dorset, the updates from Bradwell, the various forums, worship, quizzes’ and conversations – as well as all the friendships formed, and now sustained through phone calls, letters, and the great Othona grapevine. Communication is one of the strategic aims of Othona Bradwell. Although much of it just happens, many forms of communication are carefully considered, and planned. Good ideas, such as a Virtual Quiz, bring together all sorts of people – but only if someone plans and organizes them. Reaching out to the wider world enriches the opportunity to share Othona’s ethos of building real and sustained Community through Work, Worship, Study, and Play together, with opportunities to break down social and religious barriers, bringing a spirit of reconciliation in a world so fraught with division and factions.

One of the big issues on the minds of many people around Bradwell and further afield, including many members and friends of Othona, is the looming Bradwell B Power station which is set to become our next-door-neighbour. Who cares? Maybe you had the opportunity to read the “Observer” newspaper, listen to Radio 3 or hear a “Sunday” programme on BBC Radio 4 in February? If so, you would have heard about Othona, the beauty, peace and tranquillity of our surrounding land and seascape, and the sense of connection with the ancient voices of the many who worshipped in St Peter’s Chapel for over a thousand years, communicating their love of God and of Christian Community – and the desire for responsible sustainability, which does not sit comfortably with the New Clear Vision for development that cuts across the place we love. Here lies the value of communication – that we share our views, welcome our differences, confront our shared anxieties and move forward together in Com–Unity: as one.

Three people are living at Othona as I write: Tim, Debbie and Richard, praying, planning and preparing to be ready to re-open just as soon as we can safely do so under ever-changing Covid regulations. You are welcome to look at the Othona websites, join in any of the virtual events or ask to join the mailing list (free to friends, £12 per year if you support us through membership – just ask.) We extend our love to all those affected by Covid, and are happy to offer support and friendship to all.

Tim Fox is Warden/Manager, with Debbie and Richard Sanders. Email bradwell@othona.org. Website: www.othonaessex.org.uk. Telephone 01621 776564. Keep in contact for details of re-opening times – hoping to meet and greet you in 2021.

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Remembrance is important as a way of preserving history, so that we learn from the lessons learnt. Remembrance Day and the Poppy Appeal plays an important part in focusing on the sacrifice. We should also respect, remember and celebrate the people who gave their lives in many ways, and the people who gave service, which changed their life.

The 20th Century included 2 World Wars, the rise of Nazi Ideology, Genocide and Revolutions. The rise of travel, aeroplanes and cars were maybe positive aspects. Who knows where the 21st Century will take us? We already have had wars in Iraq and Afghanistan and now Covid.

Take a look at Bradwell on Sea, an ancient quintessentially English village. The Great War had its effects with soldiers billeted and Zeppelins overhead. The Second World War was a shock. In the mid 1930's a landing strip was built for use by aircraft using the bombing and firing range on the marshes.

RAF Bradwell Bay was developed from a landing strip used for refuelling aircraft using the firing range on the Dengie Flats. It opened in late 1941 and the first operational mission was flown by a Boston III aircraft on 16th April 1942. The crew were Pilot Sgt Stabb, Navigator Sgt Riches and Air Gunner Sgt Taylor. They took off for an intruder raid on Eindhoven. Intruder raids were the main stay of Bradwell Bay's work. The airfield became quite large; some aircraft failed to return with crews killed and some taken prisoner. The aerodrome was often host to large aircraft like Lancasters and B17s needing to make an emergency landing. Although Bradwell Bay was not an official Emergency Landing Station, Bradwell did accept aircraft in distress. RAF Bradwell Bay was a large and important aerodrome.

Some aspects of the station still exist: parts of the runways, blister hangers and the Control Tower. The aerodrome has been researched for years and now there

is an RAF Bradwell Bay Preservation Group formed to preserve what is left and keep a documentary record.

To learn more join the group on Facebook

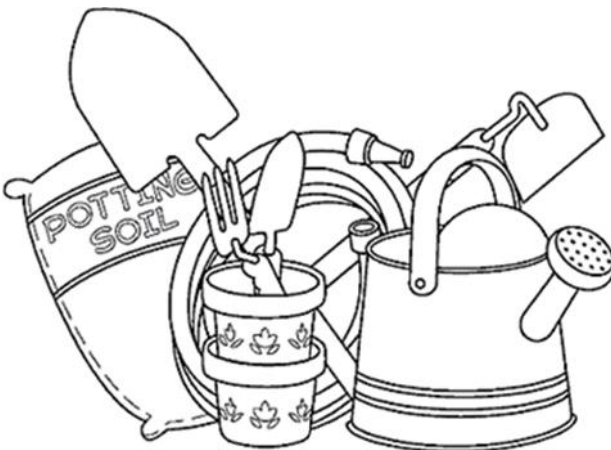
Eric Simonelli

Research Lead

Gardening in March

March brings the start of spring in our gardens. Time to do some final pruning and get the flower and vegetable beds ready for sowing and planting.

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



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.

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

Watch out for slugs around the new shoots of Hosta plants and other perennials.

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.



Children's Society

If you have a Children's Society Box could you please give Eunice Siggins a Call on 01621 778904 to arrange collection.

Plant of the month

The Daffodil,

what a joy to see in Spring.

Golden Harvest –

Single Flowering, Trumpet. Thrives in sun or light shade. Perfect for naturalising under trees, in the grassland, front borders, large pots and containers.



King Alfred –

First introduced over 100 years ago, this is still one of the most popular daffodils. It has gorgeous golden-yellow flowers that look spectacular when allowed to naturalise.



Both these types were grown at East Hall Farm in the late 1960s when Reg Ponder was there. As teenagers we were employed in the Easter holidays picking and packing them for Covent garden market in London. For picking them we got 5/- (25p) for 600 and 1d (1/2p) a bunch for packing them. It doesn't seem much now but we were happy with

this at the time.

Planting: Plant 4-6in deep from late summer to the autumn. After flowering, deadhead and allow the leaves to die back naturally before removing them.

Cutting the leaves back before they are dead will cause the bulbs to be blind next year.

SERVICES FOR MARCH 2021

Time	Service	Place	Readings
7th	Lent 3		
9.00	Joint Benefice Com-munion	Zoom Service	Exodus 20; 1-17
10.30	Joint Benefice Com-munion	Online recorded at Tillingham	1 Corinthians 1; 18-25 John 2; 13-22
14th	Lent 4 Mothering Sunday		
10.00	Joint Benefice Com-munion Service	Zoom Service	Exodus 2; 1-10
10.30	Mothering Sunday Service	Online recorded across the Benefice	2 Corinthians 1; 3-7 Luke 2; 33-35
21st	Lent 5		
10.00	Joint Benefice Com-munion	Zoom Service	Isaiah 50; 4-9a
10.30	Joint Benefice Com-munion Service	Online recorded at St Peters or St Thomas's	Philippians 2; 5-11 Matthew 27; 11-64
28th	Paim Sunday		
TBA	Ash Wednesday Ser-vice	Zoom Service	Mark 11; 1-11
10.30	Joint Benefice Paim Sunday Service	Online	
1st April	Maundy Thursday		
19.30	Joint Benefice Maundy Thursday Service	Zoom Service	TBA
2nd	Good Friday		
10.30	Joint Benefice Good Friday Meditation Service	Online recorded at the St Peter's Chapel	TBA
4th	Easter Day		
9.00	Joint Benefice Com-munion	Zoom Service	Acts 10; 34-43
10.30	Joint Benefice Easter Communion Service	Online recorded at the Chapel	1 Corinthians 15; 1-11 John 20; 1-18

Details to the online services will be available on the Church web site. Please note all services are subject to change due to COVID 19 Restrictions. Please see Church Notice Board and website for up to date information. Church web site <https://e-voice.org.uk/bradwellchurch/sunday-services/>

The recycled bishop St Chad

Chad's day is celebrated on the 2nd March. Chad should be the patron saint of any modern bishop whose consecration is questioned by another bishop. Chad was consecrated a bishop, then deposed – and then re-consecrated!

It all began about the middle of the 7th century, when Oswiu, King of Northumbria, made Chad the bishop of the Northumbrian see. But due to a scarcity of appropriate bishops, two dubious bishops did the job of consecrating him. This led to Theodore, Archbishop of Canterbury, deciding to depose him about three years later.

Chad took his dismissal with good heart, and peacefully retired. But then Theodore had second thoughts: Chad was of excellent character: humble, devout, and zealous. So, Theodore re-consecrated him – to be the first bishop of the Mercians. Second time around, Chad was a great success – again.

When Chad died in about 672AD, he was quickly venerated as a saint. People took a great fancy to his bones, believing that they would bring healing. Even today, four large bones, dating from the 7th century, and believed to be Chad's, are in the R.C. cathedral in Birmingham.

Bishops today may still argue about consecration, but they are unlikely to have their bones disturbed.



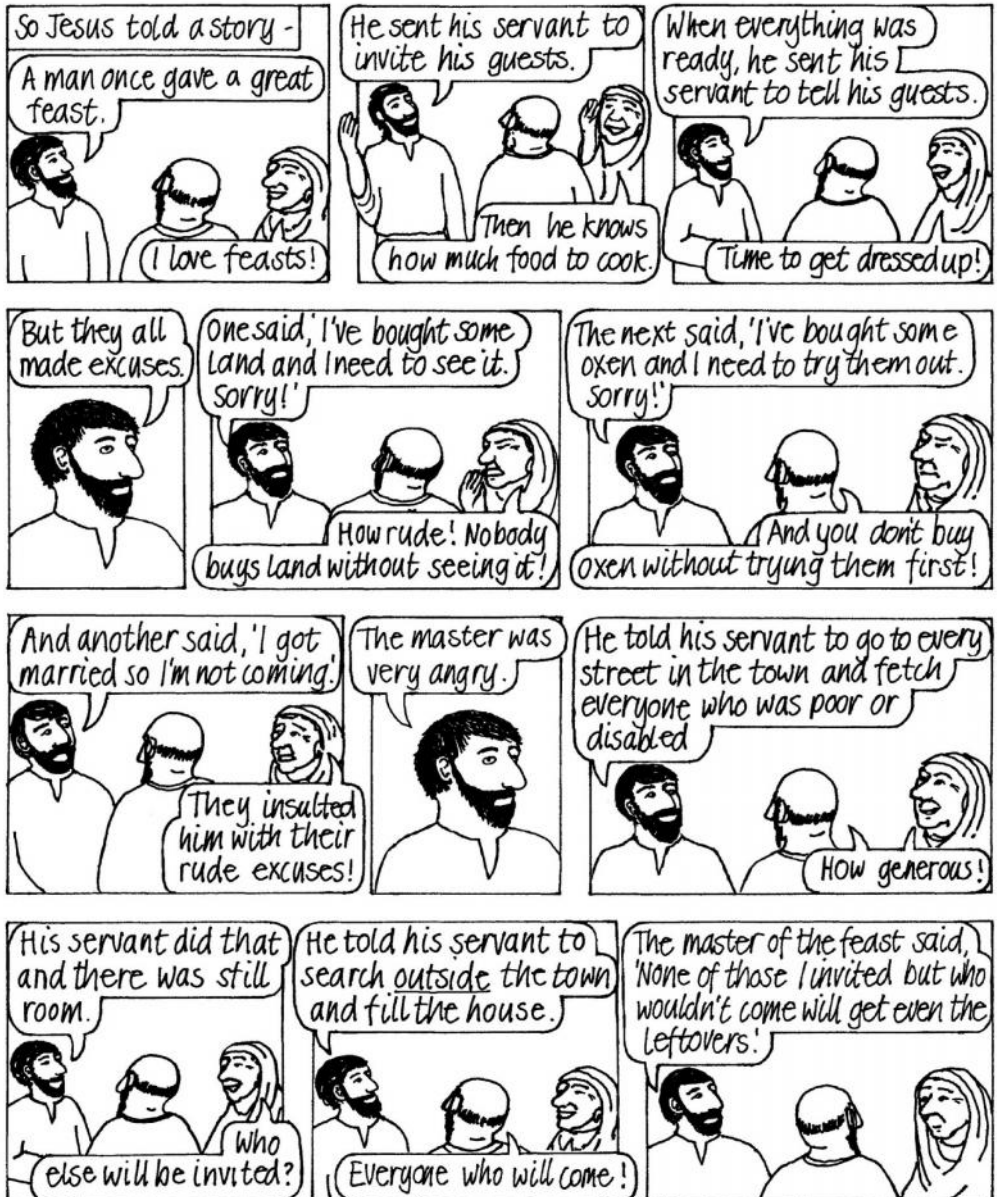
Chad (died 2 March 672) was a prominent 7th-century Anglo-Saxon churchman, who became abbot of several monasteries, Bishop of the Northumbrians and subsequently Bishop of the Mercians and Lindsey People. He was later canonised as a saint. He was the brother of Cedd, also a saint. He features strongly in the work of the Venerable Bede and is credited, together with Cedd, with introducing Christianity to the Mercian kingdom.

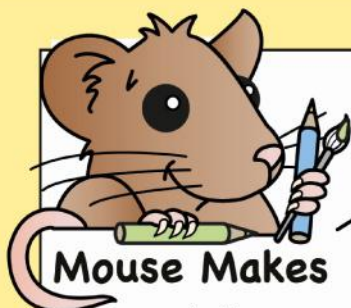
Bible Bite

A short story from the Bible

It can be read in the Bible in
Luke chapter 14 verses 15-24

Jesus was at a dinner when one guest said
how good it would be to be at God's feast
for His people at the end of time.





Mouse Makes

Can you find these names of **Jesus** in the word search?

SON OF GOD

Matthew 3:16-17



KING OF KINGS

Revelation 17:14

PROPHET

Luke 24:19



PRIEST

1 Timothy 2:5

ROCK

1 Corinthians 10: 4

LORD

1 Corinthians 1:9

AMEN

Revelation 3:14

LIFE

John 11:25-27

MESSIAH

John 1:41

SHEPHERD

John 10:11

LIGHT

John 8:12



WORD

John 1:1-50



BREAD

John 6:35

CREATOR

1 John 1:3



CHRIST

Matthew 16:16

SAVIOUR

John 3:16-17

HOLY ONE

Mark 1:24

VINE

John 15:5



DOOR

John 10:9



WAY

John 14:6

LAMB

John 1:29



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JESUS OFTEN TOLD STORIES WITH HIDDEN MEANINGS



ONE STORY WAS ABOUT A RICH MAN WHO DECIDED TO HAVE A PARTY



HE SENT OUT LOTS OF INVITATIONS

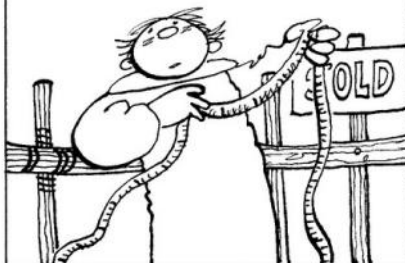


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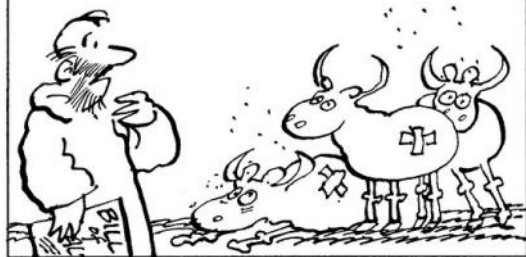


BUT PEOPLE STARTED MAKING EXCUSES

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ANOTHER MAN SAID HE NEEDED TO TEST DRIVE THE OXEN HE HAS JUST PAID FOR



ANOTHER MAN SAID HE HAD JUST GOT MARRIED - AND HIS WIFE WOULDN'T LET HIM OUT!

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