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MAY 2024

Village View

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If any of the above information is incorrect or you wish to publicise your organisation then please contact Roger Scurrell on 01621 776341

## From the Vicarage

Dear Friends,

As we move into May, we continue the Easter season in the Church until Pentecost, which is on Sunday 19<sup>th</sup> May. In the run up to Pentecost, there is Ascension Day on Thursday 9<sup>th</sup> May, where our new Area Bishop Adam is going to Bless and Dedicate the new clock at St Thomas Church in Bradwell on Sea at 5pm.

Also, over the past few years during these 10 days, an initiative called Thy Kingdom Come (TKC) has started, which is a global ecumenical prayer movement that invites Christians around the world to pray from Ascension to Pentecost for more people to come to know Jesus.

Every person, household and church are encouraged to pray during the 10 days in their own way. Specifically, we again invite each and every Christian across the globe to pray that God's Spirit might work in the lives of people who have not responded with their 'Yes' to God's call. Whether you have joined in 'Thy Kingdom Come' before or not, we invite you to take part & join in.

*"In praying 'Thy Kingdom Come' we all commit to playing our part in the renewal of the nations and the transformation of communities."* Archbishop  
Justin Welby

In May, there is also Christian Aid Week from 12-18 May and they are encouraging us to fundraise, campaign, worship, and donate to help families out of poverty across the world. In May, we also celebrate Rogation in the church, where we pray for God's blessing on our Land and to prosper the work of our soiled hands. Rogation is on Sunday 5<sup>th</sup> May, so come along and celebrate these events with us.

Our monthly service at St Peter's Chapel in Bradwell on Sea, is at 9am on Thursday 30<sup>th</sup> May, when we celebrate Corpus Christi, the day of thanksgiving for Holy Communion.

God bless,

*Reverend Steven*

## Bradwell WI

Wednesday 10th April at the Village Hall

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INSPIRING WOMEN

Storytelling through textiles with Tabitha Mitchel-Simons.

For our April meeting, we were joined by Tabitha Mitchel-Simons, a textile artist from Tiptree, for an insight into her unique way of making textile art.

For Tabitha, every piece of work she creates starts with a story. Through her talk, we were introduced to her unique collection of textile art that she created for her art and design degree at university. The collection included two dolls (Martha and Eve), a fabric tea set and a perfectly doll-sized quilt. Tabitha used the pieces to illustrate her story about an elderly lady that has discovered her childhood doll in the loft and was recalling the wonderful childhood she had with her sister. Tabitha explained that she had completed the work when she was in the midst of losing her dad and used it as an outlet for her grief. She described how it was reflection of her own life, the happy memories she had as a little girl and how lucky she had been. It goes to show that art really can be a form of therapy when you need it the most, and from grief you can create something wonderful.



Our next meeting is on the 8th of May in the village hall for our AGM where we will be

joined by Laura Pisaneschi to guide us through the process of WI resolutions. 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](mailto:sue@dailygrindimports.com)

Alice Nightingale

## News from RAF Bradwell Bay

Unfortunately, our planned commemorations of the 80th anniversary of D Day have had to be cancelled due to a lack of support. The only part of this commemoration is the event on D Day. On 6th June, Churchill will narrate through the day's events at The Green Man followed by a lighting of a bonfire on the sea wall. Watch out on Facebook and posters to get more details.



Research into RAF Bradwell Bay continues. As well as the RAF presence I am also researching the wartime history of the village. This includes the local civil defence organisations, such as the Home Guard, ARP services, observer Corps. The 1939 register of Bradwell on Sea is useful as it tells who lived there and families, ages etc. The enumerator was helpful in the fact that they have unofficially recorded organisations such as the above, in the margins.

Essex Record Office has the civil defence records for the Eastern command, which I am currently copying, and will tell of some fascinating incidents in the area.

Another little known source is the 1941-43 National Farm Survey. Each farm in the parish had to fill in forms giving the land usage, number of animals farmed, and mechanical vehicles used as well as conditions of farm buildings. This will show how Bradwell supported the war by food production.

Another source is that of newspapers, events such as dances held in aid of various groups and Spitfire funds. These will all lead to a picture of life and war in Bradwell on Sea.

I intend to publish this in a book which will combine the story of the RAF at Bradwell, including the Dengie Flats Firing range as well as the building of the large aerodrome that became known as RAF Bradwell Bay, so hopefully the book on RAF Bradwell Bay, will not just be a story of bombs and bullets, but the whole story of Bradwell's contribution to the war.

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](http://www.rafbradwellbay.co.uk)



## The Othona Community in May 2024



Have you ever been to the Othona Community when a full orchestra was playing in the dining room? Or indeed in the Chapel? Well, there are not many places where several groups of amateur players may meet for the first time as one orchestra, rehearse and put on a performance in just a few days – but then there are not many places where the complete isolation from any potentially complaining neighbours permits such an event – and great fun they had too! Also loudly proclaiming the April Othona programme was the workshop on the spoken voice – when “spoken” encompassed many and varied sounds articulated in this group experience. A Weekend of Song added to the Joyful Noises raised to the Lord in our annual song weekend. Perhaps even more magnificent – the songs of the birds celebrating spring in the Othona Coastal Park, and the birds and other wildlife making the most of the natural and enhanced habitats that make Othona a special place for nature. But not all the events at Othona have been noisy, as those feeling loss and experiencing grief were supported through a mid-week workshop. For the activities and workshops coming up in May, do ask about availability for local Day Visitors, we can usually fit you in and feed you!

**Spring Working Weekend** \*\*\*Only Yurts and Camping available\*\*\*

**Fri 3 May — Mon 6 May 2024**

One of our most popular working weekends over the Bank Holiday weekend

**Spring Watch** \*\*\*Only Yurts and Camping available\*\*\*

**Tue 7 May — Fri 10 May 2024**

Wildlife watching on the Essex coast

**Watercolour Painting Workshop** \*\*\*EVENT FULL\*\*\*

**Fri 10 May — Sun 12 May 2024**

**May Half Term Week** \*\*\*Only CAMPING available\*\*\*

**Mon 27 May — Fri 31 May 2024**

Family Activity Week

**Essex Green Weekend** \*\*\*CAMPING AND DAY VISITORS ONLY\*\*\*

**Fri 14 Jun — Mon 17 Jun 2024**

**Join us for this weekend to find out how we can influence Climate Change**

Back in October 1973 our founder Norman Motley (“Letters to a Community 1970-1980) wrote of “...hints and possibilities of the way which God may be enfolding before the Community in the future. There is immense need. We have material potential. We shall need more than ever the dedication and commitment of old and new members of the Community. Where do you stand?” Still God’s work is unfolding. Accommodation at this time of year comes under pressure, as increasing numbers want to come and stay in our peaceful location. We added yurts but believe it or not, these five yurts have stood up to the wind and weather for nine years - will they last another decade? Or even another year? **Your help – your generous donations** – will help re-clothe our saintly-named yurts, Aidan, Brigid, Cedd, Dunstan and Ethelburga, in new canvas covers, clean, waterproof and fit for our summer visitors. Two of our Saints will also be refitted inside, to be warm and cosy for the colder seasons: funding shortfall - **£13,000**.

*The Othona Community registered charity number 1154204* If you wish to make a donation please visit: <https://www.totalgiving.co.uk/appeal/yurt-appeal> or alternatively you can donate by paypal (<https://www.paypal.com/paypalme/othonaessex>) or bank transfer (Othona Community Sort code: 20-54-30 Account number: 20681628)

Debbie and Richard Sanders are our Wardens, supported by resident team Phil Peter, Amanda and volunteers. Website: [www.othonaessex.org.uk](http://www.othonaessex.org.uk), contact [bradwell@othona.org](mailto:bradwell@othona.org), telephone 01621 776564, or visit via the wind-powered electric gate, collect an exit token to leave.

## Village View can you help?

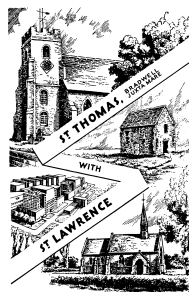
We are looking for Distributors to distribute Village View around the Village.

The areas are from:-

Woodyards to half way down Trusses Road and Downhall cottages (next to the old Gas yard).

Along Maldon Road from Bradwell Hall to St Peters Court (not including St Peters Court).

If you can help or need further information please contact me on 01621776341.



coffee after the pub had closed. This enabled me to build up my faith and confidence in Christian worship.

Times have changed and life is so different now. Peoples Christian journey is different from the past, they come to the Lord at different times in their life and in different ways that reflects our modern age.

What about you?

### **I have not been baptised can I be Confirmed?**

No problem the baptism is done at the same Confirmation service by the Bishop.

### **I do not go to church; can I be Confirmed?**

Confirmation is not the end of your Christian journey it is a start, after the service you can take Holy Communion when you do come and hopefully you will find Christian worship an important part of your life.

### **What preparation do I need?**

The way that churches help people get ready for Confirmation may vary, but all will encourage people to grow in their Christian faith, talking about prayer, the Bible, going to church and living out their faith in their communities. It really can be quite fun to discuss these issues in an open setting.

### **Can I attend these discussion groups without committing to Confirmation?**

Of course you can, it is a way of finding your individual way to Christ, after the meetings you can decide if you are ready or not.

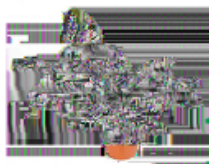
*If you are interested, please contact Revd Steven or David Thorpe for a chat.*

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## MAY SERVICES

Time	Service	Church	Readings
<b>3rd May</b>	<b>Friday</b>		
9.00	Morning Prayer	St Thomas Bradwell	TBA
12:00	Communion with Lunch	St Lawrence Church	
<b>5th</b>	<b>Easter 6, Rogation Sunday</b>		
10:00	Rogation Rally followed by Communion	St Thomas Bradwell	Acts 10; 44-48 1 John 5; 1-6 John 15; 9-17 <i>Psalm 98</i>
10:00	Morning Worship	St Nicholas Tillingham	
10:00	Morning Worship	St Lawrence Centre	
15:00	Evening Service	St James Dengie	
<b>9th</b>	<b>Thursday Ascension Day</b>		
15.30	Dedication of Church Clock by The Bishop of Bradwell	St Thomas Bradwell	TBA
<b>10th</b>	<b>Friday</b>		
9.00	Morning Prayer	St Thomas Bradwell	TBA
<b>12th</b>	<b>Easter 7</b>		
10:00	Communion	St Nicholas Tillingham	Acts 1;15-17,21-26 1 John 5; 9-13 John 17; 6-19 <i>Psalm 1</i>
10:00	Morning Café Church	St Thomas Bradwell	
10:00	Communion	St Lawrence Centre	
18:00	Evening Service	St Lawrence Church	
<b>17th</b>	<b>Friday</b>		
9.00	Morning Prayer	St Thomas Bradwell	TBA
<b>19th</b>	<b>Pentecost</b>		
08:00	Holy Communion	St James Dengie	Romans 8; 22-27 Acts 2; 1-21 John 15; 26-27;16; 4b -15 <i>Psalm 104; 26-36,37b</i>
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	
<b>23rd</b>	<b>Thursday</b>		
9.00	Communion	St Peters Chapel	TBA
<b>24th</b>	<b>Friday</b>		
9.00	Morning Prayer	St Thomas Bradwell	TBA

Time	Service	Church	Readings
<b>26th</b>	<b>Trinity Sunday</b>		
10:00	Communion	St James Dengie	Isaiah 6; 1-8 Romans 8; 12-17 John 3; 1-17 Psalm 29
10:00	Café Church	St Thomas Bradwell	
10:00	Morning Worship	St Lawrence Centre	
10:00	Morning Worship	St Lawrence Church	
18:00	Evening Service	St Nicholas Tillingham	
<b>2<sup>nd</sup> June</b>	<b>Trinity 1</b>		
10:00	Parish Communion	St Thomas Bradwell	1 Samuel 3; 1-10 [11-20] 2 Corinthians 4; 5-12 Mark 2; 23 - 3.6 Psalm 139; 1-5,12-18
10:00	Morning Worship	St Nicholas Tillingham	
10:00	Morning Worship	St Lawrence Centre	
15:00	Evening Service	St James Dengie	

## WEEK DAY EVENTS APRIL

Day	Date	Time	Event	Place
Thursday	2nd	14:00	Thursday Club	St Thomas Church
Monday	6th	10:00	Pebbles	St Lawrence Church
Monday	13th	10:00	Pebbles	St Lawrence Church
Monday	20th	10:00	Pebbles	St Lawrence Church



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## Rogation Sunday May 5th

In the Anglican Church, Rogation is celebrated on the fifth Sunday after Easter. Rogation means an asking of God – for blessing on the seed and land for the year ahead. It is appropriate in any emergency, war, plague, drought or foul weather.

The practice began with the Romans, who invoked the help of the gods Terminus and Ambarvalia. In those days a crowd moved in procession around the cornfields, singing and dancing, sacrificing animals, and driving away Winter with sticks. They wanted to rid the cornfields of evil.

In about 465 the Western world was suffering from earthquake, storm and epidemic. So Mamertius, Bishop of Vienne, aware of the popular pagan custom, ordered that prayers should be said in the ruined or neglected fields on the days leading up to Ascension. With his decision, ‘beating the bounds’ became a Christian ceremonial.



Rogation-tide arrived in England early in the eighth century and became a fixed and perennial asking for help of the Christian God. On Rogation-tide, a little party would set out to trace the boundaries of the parish. At the head marched the bishop or the priest, with a minor official bearing a Cross, and after them the people of the parish, with school-boys and their master trailing along. Most of them held slender wands of willow.

At certain points along the route – at well-known landmarks like a bridge or stile or ancient tree, the Cross halted, the party gathered about the priest, and a litany or rogation is said, imploring God to send seasonable wealth, keep the corn and roots and boughs in good health, and bring them to an ample harvest. At some point beer and cheese would be waiting.

In the days when maps were neither common nor accurate, there was much to be said for ‘beating the bounds.’ It was still very common as late as the reign of Queen Victoria. Certainly, parish boundaries rarely came into dispute, for everyone knew them. (Do you know yours today?)

Come and enjoy our Rogation Rally Service at St Thomas’s Church on Sunday 5th May starting at 10.00am from the church.

There will be a short service in the churchyard and then we will move on to a farm. After a short service at the farm we will move onto the Sailing Club for a shortened Communion Service and Refreshments. Please come along . All are welcome.

## Pentecost May 19th

You shall receive power when the Holy Spirit comes upon you and you will be witnesses to me in Jerusalem, and in all Judea and Samaria and to the ends of the earth” Acts 1:8

We all get tired and battle weary sometimes. The disciples of Jesus had just been through a three-year long roller coaster adventure with Jesus that had culminated in His death, resurrection and ascension into heaven.

The range of emotions would have been hugely taxing in the days leading up to Pentecost, as they remembered Jesus weeping in the garden of Gethsemane, betrayed by Judas, brutally beaten and crucified, and then dead and buried. Then there had been the shock and awe of finding out that He was alive again! But then He had left them again, to return to His Father. By the time the day of Pentecost arrived, the disciples would indeed have welcomed some fresh spiritual fire!

For us today, many of us have felt emotionally drained with the uncertainties caused by Covid 19, the worry of prices rising at an alarming rate, and now the pain and uncertainty of what will happen in the war in Ukraine.

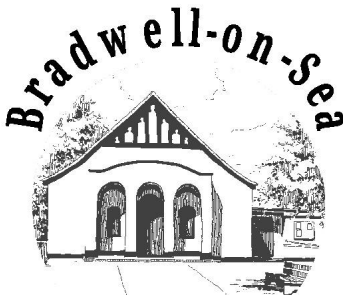
So, what better day to pray for fresh spiritual fire for each of us? As we celebrate the outpouring of the Holy Spirit and birth of the Church, let us thank God that He will never leave us or forsake us.



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## Bradwell Village Hall Trustees.



Village Hall

The Village Hall Trustees will be holding their Annual General Meeting on Thursday May 23<sup>rd</sup> at 7.30pm in the Village hall Committee Room.

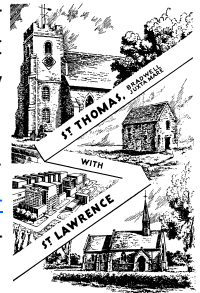
We invite you to come along to the meeting to hear what is going on in your Hall, receive the Annual Report and Accounts and elect three members of the Public of the Public to serve on the Trustees for 2024 – 2025.

**Please come along and support your Hall.**

## 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, by May 15th.

Copy may also be submitted as a text or Microsoft Word or Publisher file, either on CD or, better still, by email to [stthomasppcc@btinternet.com](mailto:stthomasppcc@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 15<sup>th</sup>**.

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.

## Nature in our Neighbourhood: Bradwell on Sea

A group of about 30 people gather together monthly to consider aspects of our natural environment with lively debate and cake! Called Nature in our Neighbourhood, we have had fascinating talks on aspects of nature such as butterflies, bats, sea birds, bees, reptiles, the coast line, the history of our coast, the fishtraps, local archeological digs, our local organic farm.



We are hoping to have talks on wildflowers and trees in the future.

We meet in the village hall on the fourth Wednesday in the month, starting at 7.30pm.

You are most welcome to join us! Home-made cake and tea are served. Donations welcome.

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Before Jesus ascended to heaven he told his disciples  
 "You will receive power when the Holy Spirit  
 has come upon you, and you will be my  
 witness in Jerusalem and in all Judea  
 and Samaria, and to the end of the earth"...

...When the day of Pentecost arrived,  
 they were all together in one place,  
 and they were all filled  
 with the Holy Spirit."



READ the story  
 of Pentecost  
 in Acts 1-2  
 Look up the Bible  
 verses to find  
 the answers to the  
 crossword clues.

How many  
 words can you  
 make from  
 the letters of:  
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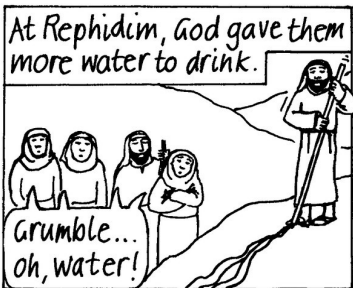
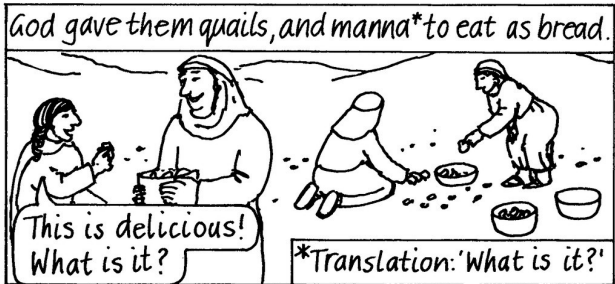
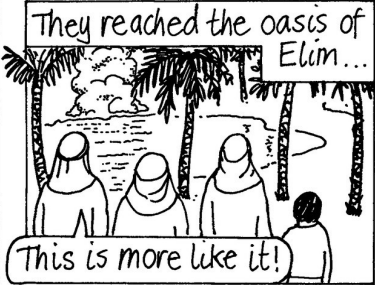
- 1 After Jesus ascended into heaven, which city did the Apostles return to? *Acts 1:12*
- 2 What appeared? Tongues of ...? *Acts 2:3*
- 3 Who spoke to the crowd? *Acts 2:14*
- 4 What were the disciples filled with? *Acts 2:4*
- 5a What did the Apostles devote themselves to? *Acts 1:14*
- 5d Which special day was it? *Acts 2:1*
- 6 Who was chosen to replace Judas? *Acts 1:26*
- 7 What did they start speaking in? *Acts 2:4*
- 8 What rushing sound came from heaven? *Acts 2:2*
- 9 What did they start speaking in? *Acts 2:4*

# Bible Bite

A short story from the Bible

It can be read in the Bible in Exodus chapters 15:22 to 19:2

God had rescued the Hebrews from Egypt, and was leading them to their new land. But after 3 days...





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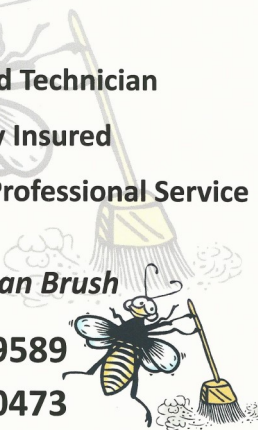
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Village View Eunice Siggins     778904	Children's Society Eunice Siggins     778904	Thursday St. Lawrence Art Group 10 - 12noon Stone Sailing Club Bob Dorks             778392
St Lawrence PCC Secretary Victoria Eley v.eley@icloud.com	Pebbles 10.00 - 12.00noon Carers and toddlers get together for tea, coffee and a chat Rev S Poss             779620	The Friends of St Lawrence Newland Church Carole Taylor         778523 John Barnes           779267
Parish Council Chairman; Chairman: Marian Gibson <a href="mailto:cllgibson.slpc@gmail.com">cllgibson.slpc@gmail.com</a> Clerk to the Parish Council: Kevin Money slparishclerk@gmail.com	Bridge Club Monday at 1.30pm	Church Centre Bookings All Church Centre bookings: Eunice Siggins         778904
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Stone Sailing Club (Weekends)         779344	Rainbow, brownies, Guides 5-7 years for information phone 07757636446 or email enquiries@girlguidingsexne.org.uk	Mobile Library Every 3 <sup>rd</sup> Thursday, Jubilee Field car park 11.40 – 12.10
Church Flowers Margaret Cowell     779219 Janet Cowell         779310	Co ee Morning Tuesday 10.30am	The Medical Centre Tillingham           778383
St Lawrence Singers Friday at 5.45 - 7.00pm Shirley Masterson 07956 799989 .	Wednesday Board Games St Lawrence Centre 2pm – 4pm.	William Fisher Medical Centre                 772360
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