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NOVEMBER 2023

Village View

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From the Vicarage

Dear Friends,

As we move into November, it is Remembrance Season. We begin the month with our All Souls Services, where we remember our recent loved ones departed.

On Remembrance Sunday on the 12th, we gather as communities across the Benefice, to remember the service and sacrifice of all those that have defended our freedoms and protected our way of life.

This year we mark significant anniversaries united by the theme of 'Service'. On the 70th anniversary of the armistice which ended the fighting of the Korean War, we pay tribute to the British and Commonwealth forces who served in almost unimaginable conditions. We also honour the contribution of the generation in uniform who undertook National Service, 60 years after the last serviceman was demobbed.

On the 75th anniversary of the arrival of settlers from the Caribbean on the Empire Windrush, we explore the connections between the Armed Forces and the Windrush Generation, and mark their service and the part they played in rebuilding post war Britain.

However you mark this Remembrance, let us pray for those who are in service today, protecting our nation and it's values.

We will remember them.

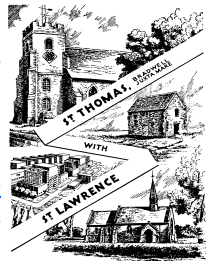
God Bless

Reverend Steven

Village View

All copy for the December 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, by November 15th.

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



St Paul's Cathedral Christmas Concert

Thursday 14th December 2023

**Leaving Tillingham Bus Stop Outside The
School at 2pm and Leaving London at
9.30pm.**

Tickets £25 each

**Contact Revd Steven on 01621 779620/
07830 150713 or
email stevenposs@hotmail.com**

Wednesday 11th October at the Village Hall

**An evening full of bags, with the
'bag lady' Shiela Gunson**

For our October meeting, we were joined by our speaker, Sheila Gunson, affectionately known as the 'bag lady'. And from the collection she brought with her, it was easy to see why!

Armed with an extensive range of handmade bags, Sheila talked us through the



inspiration for each one and let us know how we could give it a go.

She'd made bags out of all sorts, including curtains, zips, cross stitches, ties and flat caps.

To round off her talk, she showed us the bags she had made from a bra and a pair of knickers! And with that, she convinced us that you really can make a bag out of anything! So keep an eye out for some unusual bags around the village!

Our next meeting is on the 8th of November in the village hall for our visit from The Silver Darlings – an all-female sea shanty crew. This is an open meeting, so anyone can come along. Doors open at 7:30 pm, and the

show begins at 7:45 pm. Tickets cost £5 each on the door, and there'll be refreshments.

If you have any questions about what we get up to, you can contact Sue Pirret on 07824696807 or sue@dailygrindimports.com

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Alice Nightingale

The Othona Community.

Harvesting continues at both Othona Centres; in Dorset, where the ancient walled garden has merged into the newer orchard, and hives of bees provide a flow of honey - and here in Essex, where squashes are now in store, and grapes from that amazing vine over the stoep are pressed for delicious juice.



Worship together at St Peter's Chapel holds the whole Community together in God's love, spanning time and space: back to the earliest **time** of Christian fellowship in Essex in the seventh century – and **place** to worship in Bradwell, as in the chapel at our sister Community in Dorset, and in the hearts of all who have been touched by the spirit of Othona. Over time, so many people come and go; I am sure you will all remember people you have met in past years, from Wardens to those who have served in the Bradwell Community shop. As summer volunteers have left us, we have been joined by more short-term helpers, our young volunteers Flo and Paul from the French Civic Service, and Jeann and Mikaela, a couple from Brazil: life is never dull at Othona! Long-term volunteers now have improved accommodation, as Plum Corner (formerly the Men's Hut) is renovated to provide two ensuite rooms.

Exactly 50 years ago this month, Othona's founder Norman Motley wrote: "We must be available to help the helpers, to renew the renewers, to be a centre of healing for healers.....to serve some of the casualties of our times- particularly the young..." Othona is a strange blend of "helpers" and "helped" because there are times when those who came to help find themselves receiving help; and those who came in need of help find themselves helping others in the Community.

All are welcome to visit Othona to volunteer, to join in the programmed activities, or just visit for a cuppa. We particularly love to see local people who come and share time, join in the programme as day visitors, or enjoy a meal. As the weather gets chillier and we look towards Christmas, if you or anyone you know would like to join the Community for a warming meal and good company, just ring to let us know when you would like to come, if the Programme says "full" there is always space for non-residential visits – and that includes Christmas Day, celebrating the birth of Jesus together.

Here is the Programme for the rest of 2023:

Art & Soul Retreat- *Full***. Mon 6 Nov — Fri 10 Nov 2023.** Art Workshop.

A Time to Simply Be. Mon 6 Nov — Fri 10 Nov 2023 Relaxing week at Othona.

Winter Watch *Full*** Mon 13 Nov — Thu 16 Nov 2023** Local Wildlife watching.

Open Space - *Full*** Mon 13 Nov — Thu 16 Nov 2023** Relaxing break at Othona.

Film Week Mon 27 Nov — Fri 1 Dec 2023 sit by the fire and enjoy some classic films.

Advent Weekend Fri 1 Dec — Sun 3 Dec 2023 Celebrate the start of Advent.

Community Christmas *Full*** Sat 23 Dec — Wed 27 Dec 2023** Share the Christmas spirit!

If you would like to visit, contribute your time, or make a financial donation or legacy, please contact Othona - www.othonaessex.org.uk, bradwell@othona.org, tel: 01621 776564.

All Souls Day 2nd November

The early Church was slow to dedicate a liturgical day to offering prayers and masses to commemorate the faithful departed. But in time prayers were offered on behalf of dead monks, that they might attain 'the Beatific Vision' through purification, which the Church later described as Purgatory. Odilo, the powerful abbot of Cluny, (d 1049) decreed that All Souls' Day should follow the feast of All Saints' Day.

At least four ancient English dedications are known, the most famous of which are All Souls College, Oxford and the church in Langham Place in London.

In bygone centuries All Souls' Day was certainly uncomfortable for anyone who had wronged a person who had then died. For it was believed that souls in purgatory could appear on earth on this day, in the form of ghosts, witches or toads, to haunt anyone who had wronged them in life.

On a more cheerful note, it was also believed that you could help the dead on this day by almsgiving in cash or in kind. Some of these beliefs seem to have been caught up in the popular customs of Hallowe'en.

When the Reformation came, the Protestants disregarded the idea of Purgatory, and this feast day remained with the Roman Catholic Church.



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News from RAF Bradwell Bay

Remembrance

Across the country on 12th November this year Remembrance services for the fallen will take place. It must be remembered that this includes all wars. Bradwell on Sea has a memorial in the church yard, covering both world wars. There is also a unique memorial on the site of the airfield known as RAF Bradwell Bay. The memorial has 121 names recorded but there are some people that are not on there, yet.

I would also like to remember those who survived but may have been scarred for life, both mentally and physically. There were rest centres where aircrew could be sent for a break. An example of this is in the 418 Squadron Operational Record Book when on 28 August 1942 2 Aircrew were sent for a rest.

Sergeant Chabot and Sergeant Dickie went to Dudbrook Hall Rest Centre under the plan to send all pilots of this Squadron to this centre beginning today.

Dudbrook Hall was a large house near Pilgrims Hatch, just outside Brentwood. It survives today as a care home for elderly people.

Civilians were also injured on the airfield, on 1st September 1943 contractors were working on the site installing the fog landing system know as FIDO. A Mr Schofield



crossed the runway, despite instructions telling him not to. He was hit by a Mosquito aircraft and received what today would be termed life changing injuries. He was severely injured, the four fingers of his left and the thumb had been severed. Two fingers of his right hand were injured, and he was suffering from a head injury and shock.

Post Traumatic Stress Disorder is a diagnosis only fairly recently used, but the condition has been known for many years in WW1 the term was shell shock, the Chelsea Hospital was built by Charles 11 as a refuge for ex-soldiers. The Othona Community was started by an ex-RAF Chaplain who recognised the stress people had gone through.

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



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NOVEMBER SERVICES

Time	Service	Church	Readings
2nd	Thursday		
14:00	Thursday Club	St Thomas Bradwell	
3rd Nov	Friday		
12:00	Communion with Lunch	St Lawrence Church	
5th	4 before Advent		
10:00	Parish Communion & Healing Service	St Thomas Bradwell	Mica 3; 5-12 1Thessaionians 2; 9-13 Matthew 24; 1-14 Psalm 43
10:00	Morning Worship	St Nicholas Tillingham	
10:00	Morning Worship	St Lawrence Centre	
15:00	Evening Service	St James Dengie	
16.00	All Souls Service	St Lawrence Church	
18.00	All Souls Service	St Thomas Bradwell	
6th	Monday		
10:00	Pebbles	St Lawrence Centre	
8th	Wednesday		
14:00	Bradwellians Reunion	St Thomas Bradwell	
12th	Remembrance		
10:00	Communion & Remembrance	St Nicholas Tillingham	Wisdom of Soloman 6; 12 -16 1Thessaionians 4; 13-18 Matthew 25; 1-23
10:45	Remembrance Service	St Thomas Bradwell	
10:45	Remembrance Service	St Lawrence Church	
15:00	Remembrance Service	St James Dengie	
13th	Monday		
10:00	Pebbles	St Lawrence Centre	
17th	Friday		
09:00	Communion	St Thomas Bradwell	
19th	2 before Advent		
08:00	Communion	St James Dengie	Zephaniah 1; 7, 12-18 1Thessaionians 5; 1-11 Matthew 25; 14-30 Psalm 90; 1-8 (9-11), 12
10:00	Parish Communion	St Lawrence Church	
10:00	Morning Worship	St Lawrence Centre	
10:00	Morning Worship	St Nicholas Tillingham	
10:00	Evening Service	St Thomas Bradwell	

Time	Service	Church	Readings
20th	Monday		
10:00	Pebbles	St Lawrence Centre	
24nd	Friday		
10:00	Down Hall Service	Downhall Residential Home	
26th	Christ the King		
10:00	Parish Communion	St James Dengie	Ezekiel 34; 11-16, 20-24 Ephesians 1; 15-23 Matthew 25; 31-46 Psalm 95; 1-7
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	
27th	Monday		
10:00	Pebbles	St Lawrence Centre	
30th	Thursday		
09:00	Chapel Communion	St Peters Chapel	
1st Dec	Friday		
12:00	Communion with Lunch	St Lawrence Church	
3rd	Advent Sunday		
10:00	Parish Communion	St Thomas Bradwell	Isaiah 64; 1-9 1 Corinthians 1; 3-9 Mark 13; 24-37 Psalm 80; 1-8, 18-20
10:00	Morning Worship	St Nicholas Tillingham	
15:00	Evening Service	St James Dengie	
15.00	Christingle Service	St Lawrence Centre	

St Lawrence Church Centre

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PEBBLES - carer and toddler group on Monday mornings during term time 10am to 12noon. Come along for playtime for your little ones, company and coffee. St Lawrence Church Centre, Main Road, St Lawrence CM0 7NR. Call Rev. Steven for more information 779620





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New Archdeacons of Chelmsford appointed

The Bishop of Chelmsford, the Rt Revd Dr Guli Francis-Dehqani has announced the appointments of the new Archdeacons of Chelmsford.

The Revd Jonathan Croucher will become the new Archdeacon of Chelmsford, succeeding the Venerable Elizabeth Snowden who retired in October last year. Jonathan currently serves in the Diocese of Southwark where he is Vicar of Christ Church Gipsy Hill, Priest in Charge of Emmanuel West Dulwich and Area Dean of Lambeth South.

Commenting on his appointment as Archdeacon of Chelmsford, the Revd Jonathan Croucher said:



"I am delighted to have been invited by Bishop Guli to serve as Archdeacon of Chelmsford. I grew up, was educated, came to faith and was married in the Bradwell Episcopal Area so I have a real sense of coming home. I am greatly looking forward to working with Archdeacon Mike and Bishop (designate) Adam in serving the clergy and parishes of the Area and particularly getting to know and getting involved with the people and churches across the Chelmsford

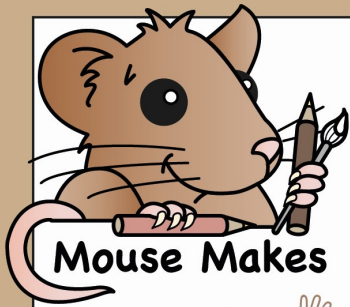
Archdeaconsy. It has been a privilege and joy to serve the wonderful community of Gipsy Hill for 11 years and to have supported the churches of Lambeth South as Area Dean for the last five years."

Chelmsford Archdeaconsy is part of the Bradwell Episcopal Area, where the Venerable Adam Atkinson will become the Bishop of Bradwell in November. Speaking about Jonathan's appointment as Archdeacon of Chelmsford,

A service will be held in November at which Jonathan will be licensed and welcomed to his role as Archdeacons of Chelmsford alongside Adam who will be welcomed as the new Bishop of Bradwell. The intention is for that service to take place on Saturday 4 November. Jonathan will begin his role in November.

About the Revd Jonathan Croucher

The Revd Jonathan Croucher was ordained in 2004 whilst working as a partner and then COO of a European law firm, Taylor Wessing LLP. He served as a self supporting minister at the Church of the Good Shepherd and St Peter, Lee in the Diocese of Southwark between 2004 and 2008 before joining St Michael and All Angels Blackheath Park where he moved into full time parish ministry. He has served as Vicar at Christ Church Gipsy Hill since 2012, with additional responsibility as Priest in Charge of Emmanuel West Dulwich since 2021. Jonathan was Area Dean for Lambeth South for five years from 2018 and is currently the Chair of Trustees of St Augustine's College of Theology. He is married to Yvette and they have four children who are at (or have recently left) university.



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"Do not be anxious about anything,
but in every situation, by
_____ and _____
with thanksgiving, present your
_____ to God."

Philippians 4:6-7 NIV

"The _____
_____ is
_____ to all who
_____ on him in
_____."

Psalms 145:18

"For where two or three
_____ in my name, there
I am with them."

Matthew 18:20

I AM SORRY
 PRAY FOR OTHERS
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 FOR MY FAMILY
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" _____
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 continually, _____

 in all circumstances."
1 Thessalonians 5:16-18

"Therefore,

 your sins to one another and
 _____ for one another,
 that you may be healed."
James 5:16

" _____
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Colossians 4:2



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Eunice Siggins 778904

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