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**NOVEMBER 2020**

**Village View**

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## From the Rector

Dear Friends,

As we enter into November, we are asked to continue to persevere until the spring with the current restrictions that we have. And we do so, as we enter a season of Remembrance. Firstly, with the Remembrance of All Souls on Sunday 1<sup>st</sup> November, where in the church calendar, we commemorate the faithful departed. We have lost many loved ones this year for different reasons, and as we then look to Remembrance Day on November 11<sup>th</sup>, we Remember those lost in armed conflict. But we cannot look past Remembering those who have lost their lives due to Covid-19. In this strange and challenging year, all people have been affected by the virus in one way or another and as we Remember those who lives have been lost due to the pandemic, we also Remember and pray for those in the medical profession who have been on the front line dealing with the Pandemic that they may find rest and peace in their lives.

May God's peace be with you too this Remembrance season.

God bless,

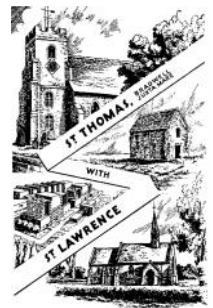
## Village View

All copy for the December 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 November 12th.

Those living in St Lawrence may give copy to Shirley Lea at 51 Main Road (779403) or email to [bronwen.cook@btinternet.com](mailto: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](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 November 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.



**Thomas Hood**

**1799 - 1845**

*November*

*No sun - no moon!*

*No morn - no noon*

*No dawn - no dusk - no proper time of day.*

*No warmth, no cheerfulness, no healthful ease,*

*No comfortable feel in any member -*

*No shade, no shine, no butterflies, no bees,*

*No fruits, no flowers, no leaves, no birds! -*

*November!*

Thomas Hood an editor, publisher, poet and humorist, was born in London, the son of a bookseller. After his father died in 1811, Hood worked in a counting house until illness forced him to move to Dundee, Scotland, to recover with relatives. In 1818 he returned to London to work as an engraver.

In 1824 he married Jane Reynolds and collaborated with his brother-in-law, J H Reynolds, on *Odes and Addresses*. Though he was known for his light verse and puns, Hood also depicted the working conditions of the poor in poems such as "Song of the Shirt, about a seamstress, and "Song of the Labourer". In the 1830s he travelled to continental Europe and lived with his family in Belgium, which provided inspiration for *Up the Rhine* (1840).

Suffering from ill health and troubled finances, he received a grant from the Royal Literary Fund in 1841. Further application was made by a number of Hood's friends to Sir Robert Peel, the Prime Minister, to place Hood's name on the civil pension list with which the British state rewarded literary men. Peel was an admirer of Hood's work and in the last few months of the poet's life he gave Jane Hood the sum of £100 without her husband's knowledge to alleviate the family's debts. The pension was continued to his wife and family after Hood's death. Jane Hood, who also suffered from poor health, had expended tremendous energy tending her husband during his last year, died only 18 months later.

Hood was associated with a number of magazines throughout his life. He also published one called *Hood's Own, or Laughter Year by Year* and released the

*Comic Annual* series. As a member of the London literary scene, he was in contact with many prominent men of his day including John Clare, the peasant poet.

Hood's most widely known work during his lifetime, *The Song of the Shirt*, appeared anonymously in *Punch* in 1843 and quickly became a public sensation, being turned into a popular song and inspiring social activists in defence of countless industrious women living in abject poverty.

*With fingers weary and worn,  
With eyelids heavy and red,  
A woman sat, in unwomanly rags,  
Plying her needle and thread --  
Stitch! Stitch! Stitch!  
In poverty, hunger, and dirt,  
And still with a voice of dolorous pitch  
She sang the "Song of the Shirt."*





## **A somewhat reserved Reserve**

I seem to be always writing about nature reserves these days. But that's not surprising. All of wildlife is catered for in such valuable areas, and birds are right at the top of the food chain. Without insects and invertebrates, without seeds and berries we would have no birds.

And a nature reserve relatively close to home is good news, especially one of the quality of Two Tree Island. It hides its light under the proverbial bushel. Although an Essex Wildlife Trust reserve, it is not widely advertised. Indeed, it is not intensively managed as are the flagship reserves such as Hanningfield and Abberton. And therein lies some of its attraction.

To find it, head for Leigh-on-Sea station, then watch out for a couple of brown signs pointing over the railway and past the station car park. The reserve car park (grid reference 823854) is about half a mile from the station – and there is a café just before the car park! But beware – take suitable footwear for uneven and possibly muddy paths.

But this is all worth it for the rewards.

The paths lead through a wilderness of bushes with many opportunities of bird sightings. A somewhat dilapidated observation hide gives a view over a reed-fringed pool. You will meet the Thames estuary at various points.

There are views along to Southend, with many birds on the exposed mud-



flats, depending on the tide. Towards the south there are views across the Thames to Kent. Here the numerous birds are better seen though a telescope. The shipping on the Thames may be of interest, along with the model aircraft base on the island. Enjoy the spectacles – all of them free.

## Gardening in November

November is a good time to clean up the garden, starting with

- J clearing leaves as they fall. Sweeping leaves onto the lawn before cutting is a great way to chop them up before composting.
- J Lower the height of rose bushes as they will suffer if strong winter winds rock their roots.
- J Plant Tulip bulbs from mid-November up to Boxing Day, planting them before then can make them susceptible to disease and frost as they could sprout too early.
- J Add grease bands around the trunks of fruit trees to stop winter moth damage. Prune apple and pear trees between now and February but NOT plum trees, these need pruning in mid-summer.
- J In the vegetable garden sow autumn Broad Beans and plant shallots and garlic.

## Plant of the Month

*Nandina domestica* 'Fire Power' or 'Pink Blush' (also known as Heavenly Bamboo)

The garden in November can look so dull but it could look much brighter if you plant a *Nandina* shrub which will look great all winter.

*Nandina* is one of the best ever-green shrubs that looks good all year. Its common name is Heavenly or Sacred Bamboo, but is not a bamboo so don't worry about aggressive growth. It is known as Heavenly Bamboo because it has religious associations in China and Japan where it is used to decorate altars.



Grow in a moist but well-drained soil in a sheltered position in full sun. It is very slow growing; the picture shows the shrub in my garden that has been there for about 25 years and is still only about 3ft high. It is a shrub that looks after itself needing little attention.

If you run your hands through the leaves, they make a lovely rustling noise.

David Thorpe

## The Othona Community in November 2020.

Don't look back.....to November 2019 when the world was jostling around the shops and fêtes together, preparing for a hugging, kissing Christmas with friends and relatives from far and wide.

Look forward.....to the best possible Winter Time we can make it – together.

I remember a very down-to-earth but inspirational week of lectures at Othona by Horace Dammers, founder of the Lifestyle Movement: “Live Simply, that All of us may Simply Live.” Down to earth – he spoke of spiritual revelations that came to him while weeding the cabbage patch! Inspirational: as well as sharing with us the ways to a simple and sustainable lifestyle for all, he shared some of his insights. He distinguished being alone and isolated, without the companionship you desire – as differing from the enjoyment of reflective, positive solitude with the spiritual comfort that you desire. At Othona we seek to offer the second of these. We are here, physically open or not, to be a place for those who do not choose to be isolated.

We are here for all who wish to share a peaceful, positive realisation that Community is not anchored in one place but is in the hearts and minds of us all. We come together through speaking, writing, even painting, drawing – or maybe joining one of the Virtual Activities that are offered through our Othona Bradwell Website and mailings – or try the Othona West Dorset site for a change! The Community is made up of all who feel they are part of it, all are welcome to share our website, phone or email – or join us through Facebook.



Othona would love to ask you to join us for the November Programme, the planned Film Week, Famous Fireworks, Winter Watch and the Advent Weekend – but as things stand with Cv19 it seems unlikely these will be held as planned, although we are currently open for a limited number of residents and local day visitors, do look at the Website or ring for updates.

Othona Bradwell is now offering you a **Paycation**.....like a vacation, but you pay for a day or two's imaginary holiday with your Othona friends, to support the Community you love, according to your means. Only with generosity like this will Othona be able to survive and thrive. Details and opportunities to donate are on the website.

All are welcome, please remember to book first, even if you are just popping in, to comply with Covid regulations.

Tim Fox is Warden/Manager, with Debbie and Richard Sanders. Want to visit?—See Website [www.othonaessex.org.uk](http://www.othonaessex.org.uk) - then ring Othona at Bradwell (it's down East End Rd and through East Hall Farm) on 01621 776564. Free Parking for all visitors to Othona—just ask for an exit token to leave through our wind-powered gate.



## St Lawrence's White Stork

Early in September a farmer on the Dengie was surprised when a White Stork landed on his barn roof in the evening. Next morning it had joined gulls who were following one of his tractors while ploughing.



These large birds were native to the British Isles and evidence suggests that they were once widely distributed. Whilst it is unclear why this spectacular and sociable bird failed to survive in Britain, a combination of habitat loss, over-hunting and targeted persecution may have contributed to their decline.

During Medieval times they became symbols of birth because couples would get married during the Summer Solstice when the storks were around. The storks would then leave on migration and nobody knew where they were going but they would return about 9 months later when quite a few babies were also appearing, so they became a sign that new babies were on

the way.

Whilst sightings in the Dengie are very rare, there have recently been many sightings in the UK, but conservationists identified that the species would need a helping hand to re-establish a breeding population in Britain.

The White Stork Project based in Knepp, near Horsham in West Sussex aims to restore a population of at least 50 breeding pairs across



the south of England by 2030. A number of birds were released this year from Knepp. The one spotted in St Lawrence was ringed and although the ring could not be read it almost certainly was one of those released from West Sussex.

## .SERVICES FOR NOVEMBER

Time	Service	Place	Readings
<b>1st All Saints</b>			
9.00	Joint Benefice Com-munion Service	Zoom Service	Revelations 7; 9-end 1 John 3; 1-3 Matthew 5; 1-12
10.30	Online Joint Benefice Communion		
10.30	Communion	St Lawrence Church	
<b>8th Remembrance Sunday</b>			
9.00	Joint Benefice Com-munion Service	Zoom Service	TBA
10.30	Online Joint Benefice Communion		
10.00	Remembrance Service	St Nicholas Church	
10.45	Remembrance Service	St Thomas Bradwell	
10.45	Remembrance Service	St Lawrence Church	
15.00	Evening Service	St James Church	
<b>15th 2<sup>nd</sup> Before Advent</b>			
9.00	Joint Benefice Com-munion Service	Zoom Service	Zephaniah 1; 7, 12-18 1 Thessalonians 5; 1-11 Matthew 25; 14-30
10.30	Online Communion		
10.30	Parish Communion	St Thomas Bradwell	
<b>22nd Christ the King</b>			
9.00	Joint Benefice Com-munion Service	Zoom Service	Ezekiel 34; 11-16, 20-24 Ephesians 1; 15-23 Matthew 25; 31-46
10.30	Online Joint Benefice Communion		
10.30	Communion	St James Church Dengie	

29th Advent Sunday			
9.00	Joint Benefice Com-munion Service	Zoom Service	Isaiah 64; 1-9 1 Corinthians 1; 3-9 Mark 13; 24-37
10.30	Online Joint Benefice Communion		
10.30	Communion	St Lawrence Church Centre	
6 <sup>th</sup> Dec Advent 2			
9.00	Joint Benefice Com-munion Service	Zoom Service	Isaiah 40; 1-11 2 Peter 3; 8-15a Mark 1; 1-8
10.30	Online Joint Benefice Communion		
10.30	Communion	St Lawrence Church	

Details to the online services will be available on the Church web site at <https://e-voice.org.uk/bradwellchurch/sunday-services/>

Thursdays at 9.00am

Communion at St Peters Chapel



Please note: short Remembrance Services will be held outside this year. See the Church Benefice website for details of online services to support acts of Remembrance at home.

## **November Quotes**

***November brings us All Saints and All Souls day, when we remember those who have gone before us in the faith....***

Precious in the sight of the Lord is the death of his saints. – *Psalm 116:15*

The Christian church has the resurrection written all over it. – *E G Robinson*

The Church is the only society in the world that never loses any of its members, even by death. – *John Blanchard*

The greatest saints have always shown the perfect combination of nearness to our Lord on the one hand, and a deep sense of their own unworthiness and weakness on the other. – *Abbe de Tourville*

There is little good in filling churches with people who go out exactly the same as they came in; the call of the Church is not to fill churches but to fill heaven. – *Fr Andrew SDC*

### ***Miscellaneous observations on growing as a Christian***

God isn't looking for perfect people. He is looking to perfect people. – *John Hileman*

The finest test of character is seen in the amount and the power of gratitude we have. – *Milo Gates*

There are some of your graces which would never be discovered if it were not for your trials. – *C H Spurgeon*

Growth is not the product of effort, but of life. – *Augustus Strong*

I know not the way God leads me, but well do I know my guide. – *Martin Luther*

Could we be content to meet a loved one only in public? – *J Hudson Taylor*

Going to church doesn't make you a Christian any more than standing in a garage makes you a car. – *Billy Sunday*

When God intends great mercy for His people, the first thing He does is set them a-praying. – *Matthew Henry*

Beginning well is a momentary thing; finishing well is a lifelong thing. – *Ravi Zacharias*

### ***Miscellaneous observations on daily life – and other people***

I have learned now that while those who speak about one's miseries usually hurt, those who keep silence hurt more. – *C S Lewis*

Political campaign: a war in which everybody shoots from the lip. – *Anon*

Power will intoxicate the best hearts, as wine the strongest heads. No man is wise enough, nor good enough, to be trusted with unlimited power. – *Charles Caleb Colton*

A clear conscience is the sign of a bad memory. – *Mark Twain*

He uses statistics as a drunken man uses lamp-posts; for support rather than illumination. – *Andrew Lang*

He inherited some good instincts from his Quaker forebears, but by diligent hard work, he overcame them. – *James Reston*

Some cause happiness wherever they go; others, whenever they go. – *Oscar Wilde*

# Bible Bite

A short story from the Bible

It can be read in the Bible in  
Lk 8:40-56, Mt 9:18-26, Mk 5:21-43

Jairus, a town leader, had a 12 year old daughter who was ill and about to die. He came to Jesus and knelt at his feet...

Please come! If you touch her she will be healed.

In the crowd was a woman who had been ill for 12 years.

Jesus felt power go out of him

Jesus went with him.

If I touch his cloak I will be healed

Who touched me?

Jesus waited...

She knelt at Jesus' feet and told him everything

Go, daughter.. Your faith has healed you.

and the woman knew she had to tell him.

Then Jairus was told his daughter had just died.

But Jesus said

When they got to Jairus' house, it was filled with people mourning.

Don't be afraid, just believe and she will be healed.

She is not dead, but asleep.

They laughed at Jesus. He sent them out of the house.

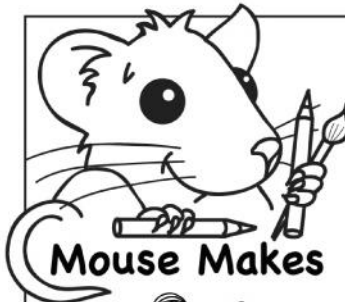
Little girl, get up!

Her parents were amazed.

At once she stood up!

Give her something to eat, and don't tell anyone what has happened.

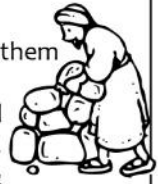




## REMEMBERING

How do you remember things?

In bible times God's people would remember what God had done for them by building monuments made of stones and by holding festivals and celebrations to give thanks to God.



**READ** Joshua 4:1-9 and Exodus 12:1-14

Today we too build monuments to remember and hold services of thanksgiving like **Harvest** and **Remembrance Sunday**.



*Is there anything you would like to thank God for?*

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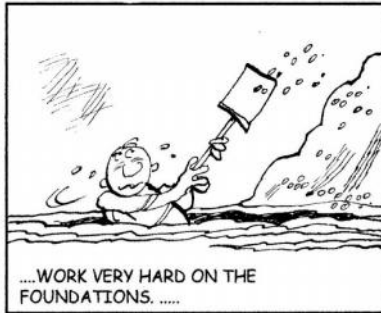
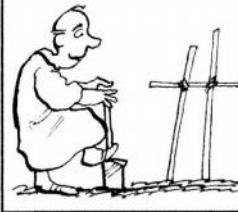
JESUS BEGAN, IF ONE OF YOU PLANS TO BUILD A TOWER....

...YOU'LL FIRST NEED TO WORK HOW MUCH IT WILL COST.



IF YOU DON'T DO THE SUMS....

...YOU MIGHT MAKE A START, ....

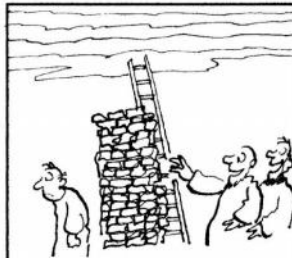


....WORK VERY HARD ON THE FOUNDATIONS. ....

...THEN START TO LAY THE BRICKS....



...BUT SUDDENLY RUN OUT OF MONEY!!



THEN PEOPLE WILL LAUGH AT YOU!



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## PAROCHIAL INFORMATION:

## ST. LAWRENCE

Rector	Revd Steven Poss	779620
Churchwardens:	Jane Pudney	772345
	Shirley Lea	779403

**Parish Magazine**

Shirley Lea 779403

**St Lawrence PCC Secretary**

Victoria Eley v.eley@icloud.com

**Parish Council Chairman;**

Gerry Lewsey  
 gerald.lewsey@yahoo.com  
 Clerk to the Parish Council:  
 Kevin Money  
 kparishclerk@gmail.com

**District Councillor**

Penny Chawner 740607  
 Michael Helm

**Stone Sailing Club**

(Weekends) 779344

**Church Flowers**

Margaret Cowell 779219  
 Janet Cowell 779310

**St Lawrence Singers**

Friday at 5.45 - 7.00pm  
 Margaret Garlick 779328.

**Monday**

**Pebbles** 10.00 - 12.00noon  
 Mothers and toddlers get together  
 (Dads welcome) for tea, coffee and  
 a chat  
 Clive & Lesley Bennett 776298

**Bridge Club**

1.30pm &amp; Friday 7.30

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

Secretary Gwun Adams 778386

**Rainbow Guides**

5-7 years for information phone  
 07757636446 or email  
[snq@icloud.com](mailto:snq@icloud.com)  
[100@girlguidingssexne.org.uk](http://100@girlguidingssexne.org.uk)

**Tuesday**

11.00am **Coffee Morning**  
 Maureen Storey

**Wednesday****Women's Institute**

2nd Wednesday 7.30pm  
 President: Cathie Bomich  
 Secretary: Carol Kelleher 778370

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

10 - 12noon Stone Sailing Club  
 Bob Dork 778392

**The Friends of St Lawrence Newland Church**

Carole Taylor 778523  
 John Barnes 779267

**Church Centre Activities**

All Church Centre bookings:  
 Shirley Lea 779403

**St Lawrence Village Hall Fund**

Contact K. Torkelson 778742  
 Tara Pringle 779063

**Mobile Library**

Fridays 11.45am to 12.30pm  
 South Woodham Library (01245)  
 29555

**The Medical Centre****Tillingham** 778383**William Fisher Medical****Centre** 772360

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