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OCTOBER 2023

Village View

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From the Vicarage

Dear Friends,

As we move into October, we continue with our Harvest Festivals across the church's in the Benefice and with the local schools.

Harvest Festival is a big thank you time: a time of year when for years, those who relied on local farming were thankful for the food that the earth provided, and to God for taking care of them.

Today, for most of us, food comes already picked and packed from a supermarket or the delivery van, not our own fields – so perhaps it's even more important now to remember that our food comes from God's creation, and to thank God and everyone who harvests and prepares it for us.

Do come and give thanks with us.

“For what we are about to receive, may the Lord make us truly thankful and keep us always mindful of the needs of others.”

God bless,

Reverend Steven

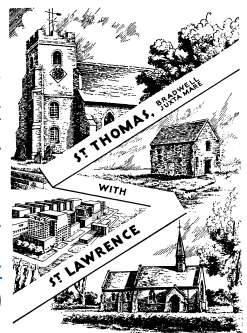
Village View

All copy for the November 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 October 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 October 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.





10am on Sunday 1st October 2023

at

St Thomas' Church Bradwell-on-Sea
Creation, Harvest and Pet Service

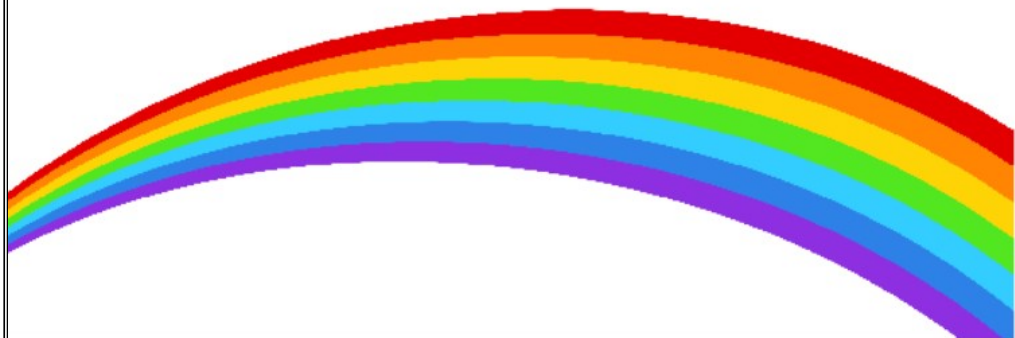
A celebration of all Creation

Please bring your Pets along for a Blessing

Some pets, such as birds and cats may be anxious in company,

If so, please bring a photo instead.

If possible, please also bring some produce for
the Dengie Food Pantry



Bradwell WI

Wednesday 13th September at the
Village Hall

Queen Victoria to George V in an
hour with Steve Lester

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INSPIRING WOMEN

For our September meeting, we were joined by our speaker, Steve Lester, for a whistle-stop journey through the reign of Queen Victoria, Edward VII and George V. Armed with an extensive range of royal memorabilia, Steve transported us back in time, immersing us in the history of these three memorable monarchs. Despite



being very well-known figures, we were still surprised to learn some of the stories that Steve told us, especially surrounding the royal memorabilia. For instance, thousands of southern children received a mug for Queen Victoria's Golden Jubilee made by northern factory workers, who were children themselves! Or that

potters were caught out at the coronation of Edward VII. It should have taken place in June 1902 but was delayed after the prince became ill. The delay came too late for almost all pottery makers, so most coronation memorabilia you can find has the wrong date. Coronation mugs with the revised date in August 1902 are very rare, so keep a look out for them!

Our next meeting is on the 11th of October in the village hall for our talk from 'The bag lady', Sandra Gunson. New members are always welcome, 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

Alice Nightingale

The Othona Community.

September at the Othona Community, Bradwell on Sea, started with an ending - the last day of **A Time to Simply Be**, a relaxing week enjoyed by many, "at the end the summer." But it was not the end of the summer, it was the end of a rather damp and chilly season and the start of more summery weather. This made for a very cheerful and fruitful **Harvest Working Weekend** from 8-10 September, always our most popular working weekend, with delicious homemade meals from home-harvested fruit and vegetables, with jams and apple juice prepared for the winter.



Coming up next for your diary is:

Greening our Souls Retreat from Friday 6th to Sunday 8th October, led by Imogen Nay, if you prefer a gentler and more reflective time at Othona.

The word became flesh and dwelt among us, Retreat, Friday 20th to Sunday 22nd October, led by Sister Hilda Mary Baumburg, is currently fully booked but you are welcome to stay at this time, as a **Time to Simply Be**.

October Half Term Monday 23- Friday 27 October invites you to join us for a fun family week - singles, couples, families, all included!

We are giving Fireworks a break this year, how do you feel? We may have something different for our local community in 2024.

Art and Soul Retreat Monday 6th - Friday 10th November, explore through art with Genevieve Collier.

Have you seen our Art Room yet? It is part of the Education Building, one of our oldest buildings, in the Old Field down behind the sea wall, where all the Community's buildings and activities were located until the mid-1960s. This building was recently renovated through donations, notably the Essex Community Foundation, and a skilled volunteer workforce. As well as offering a beautiful space for Art and Creative Activities, there are rooms for Schools Educational Activities, or additional accommodation with its showers and toilets, and currently it houses the Bradwell Bay Airfield Museum. To come and visit, or book the space, find out about other Community options for your own group activity, or book for one of our events, you are welcome to contact Debbie and Richard.

"No year goes by without some people from every type of background writing in or testifying personally of some new or renewed experience that has come into their lives as a result of participation with us." (Much Ado About Something, a History of The Othona Community by our founder Norman Motley.)

Debbie and Richard Sanders are the resident Warden / Managers at Othona Bradwell, East Hall Farm, East End Road, Bradwell on Sea, CM07PN
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News from RAF Bradwell Bay

The Little Airstrip that Grew Big

Most people are aware of the concrete runways that remain at Bradwell; indeed, many people had their first driving experience on the old aerodrome. However, the RAF first had a presence in Bradwell on Sea in the form of a grass airstrip on Weymark's Farm.

This airstrip was to serve the firing and bombing range on the mudflats and was known as Royal Air Force Dengie Flats. The small base was staffed by 30 Airman and a sergeant. An officer occasionally visited, staying at the Green Man. The airstrip and range opened in the mid 1930's and was part of the RAF expansion due to the deteriorating political situation in Europe. After the Battle of Britain and the threat of invasion was over, it was decided that more large airfields in the East of England were required, the airstrip at Bradwell was chosen for expansion and became a large concrete runway aerodrome that housed 2,000 personnel.

The Firing range was first discussed in the mid 1920's and faced much opposition. The Great War was supposed to be 'The War to End all wars but the possibility of another European War was looming large. The RAF which had been reduced following the Great War now needed to expand. Expansion meant training and so the idea of the firing and bombing range on the flats was resurrected. The history of this will be shown when we open our museum. Little remains of the firing range, although we have many pictures.



The one remaining part is the observation tower that stands near to St. Peter's Chapel. This was one of three towers going down towards Burnham. This is the only one surviving, and only just surviving at that. It would be nice to have it restored and secured, with an interpretation board. Unfortunately, permission to do this has been sought unsuccessfully.

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.



OCTOBER SERVICES

Time	Service	Church	Readings
1st	Trinity 17		
9:00	Said Communion	St Thomas Bradwell	Exodus 17; 1-7 Philippians 2; 1-13 Matthew 21; 23-32 Psalm 78; 1-4,12-16*
10:00	Harvest and Pet	St Thomas Bradwell	
10:00	Morning Worship	St Nicholas Tillingham	
10:00	Morning Worship	St Lawrence Centre	
15:00	Evening Service	St James Dengie	
2nd	Monday		
10:00	Pebbles	St Lawrence Centre	
5th	Thursday		
14:00	Thursday Club	St Thomas Bradwell	
6th	Friday		
12:00	Communion with Lunch	St Lawrence Church	
8th	Trinity 18		
10:00	Parish Communion	St Nicholas Tillingham	Exodus 20; 1-4, 7-9, 12-20 Philippians 3; 4b-14 Matthew 21; 33-end
10:00	Morning Worship	St Thomas Bradwell	
10:00	Communion	St Lawrence Centre	
18:00	Evening Service	St Lawrence Church	
9th	Monday		
10:00	Pebbles	St Lawrence Centre	
13th	Friday		
09:00	Communion	St Thomas Bradwell	
15th	Trinity 19		
08:00	Communion	St James Dengie	Exodus 32; 1-14 Philippians 4; 1-9 Matthew 22; 1-14 Psalm 106; 1-6,19-23
10:00	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	
16th	Monday		
10:00	Pebbles	St Lawrence Centre	
20th	Friday		
10:00	Down Hall Service	Downhall Residential Home	

Time	Service	Church	Readings
22nd	Trinity 20		
10:00	Parish Communion	St James Dengie	Exodus 33; 12-end 1 Thessalonians 1; 1-10 Matthew 22; 15-22 Psalm 99
10:00	Café Church 22nd	St Thomas Bradwell	
10:00	Morning Worship	St Lawrence Centre	
10:00	Morning Worship	St Lawrence Church	
18:00	Evening Service	St Nicholas Tillingham	
26th	Thursday Festival of St Cedd		
09:00	Chapel Communion	St Peters Chapel	
29th	Last Sunday After Trinity		
10:00	Joint Benefice Com- munion	St James Dengie	Deuteronomy 34; 1-12 1 Thessalonians 2; 1-8 Matthew 22; 34-end Psalm 90; 1-6, 13-17
30th	Monday		
10:00	Pebbles	St Lawrence Centre	
2nd Nov	Thursday		
14:00	Thursday Club meal out	St Thomas Bradwell	
3rd	Friday		
12:00	Communion with Lunch	St Lawrence Church	
5th	All Saints		
10:00	Parish Communion	St Thomas Bradwell	Revelations 7; 9-end 1 John 3; 13 Matthew 5; 1-12 Psalm 34; 1-10
10:00	Morning Worship	St Nicholas Tillingham	
10:00	Centre All Age	St Lawrence Centre	
15:00	Harvest Service	St James Dengie	

Harvest Readings
Deuteronomy 28.1-14
Corinthians 9.6-15
Luke 12.16-30
<i>Psalm 65</i>

St Francis of Assisi - love for the Creation

St Francis (1181 - 1226) is surely one of the most attractive and best-loved of all the saints. But he began by being anything but a saint. Born the son of a wealthy cloth-merchant of Assisi, Francis' youth was spent in fast-living, parties and on fast horses as a leader of the young society of the town. Then he went to the war between Assisi and Perugia, and was taken prisoner for a year.

By the time of his release, Francis had changed. Perhaps his own suffering had awakened him to that of others. In any case, he abandoned warfare and carousing, and began to help the poor and the lepers of his area. Then one day a voice which seemed to come from the crucifix in the small, semi-derelict church of Damiano Assisi 'Go and repair my house, which you see is falling down'.

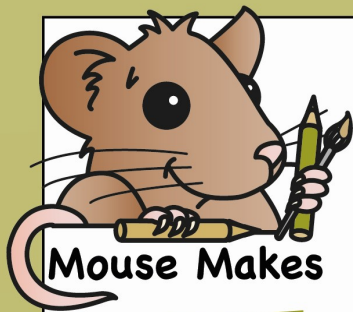
This religious experience was a vital turning point in Francis' life: Jesus Christ became very real and immediate to him. His first action was to begin repairing the church, having sold some of his father's cloth to pay for materials. His father was not amused, in fact he was furious - until Francis renounced his inheritance and even his clothes by his dramatic stripping off in the public square of the town. The Bishop of Assisi provided him with simple garments, and Francis began his new life.

His inspiration was always religious, not social, and the object of his quest was always the Crucified Christ, not Lady Poverty for her own sake. Francis rebuilt San Samiano, and then travelled as a pilgrim. His compassion for the poor and lepers became famous. Soon disciples joined him, and they set up a communal life in simple wattle and daub huts. They went on occasional preaching tours. (Not until later did they become an Order whose theologians won fame in the Universities.)

In 1219 Francis visited the Holy Land, and his illusions about the Crusaders were shattered. He went on to seek out the Sultan, and tried to convert him. Back home, he found his Order was now 5,000 strong, and growing. Francis stepped down as head, but continued to preach and was immensely popular. He died after a prolonged illness at the age of 45, and was canonised in 1228.

Francis' close rapport with the animal creation was well known. The story of his preaching to the birds has always been a favourite scene from his life. He also tamed the wolf of Gubbio. This affinity emphasises his consideration for, and sense of identity with, all elements of the physical universe, as seen in his Canticle of the Sun. This makes him an apt patron of nature conservation.

The 20th century witnessed a widespread revival of interest in Francis. Sadly, some films and books caricatured him as only a sentimental nature-lover or a hippie drop out from society. This ignores the real sternness of his character, and his all-pervasive love of God and identification with Christ's sufferings, which alone make sense of his life. Two ancient, and many modern English churches are dedicated to him.



Mouse Makes

CONNECT THE BIBLE FOOD PAIRS

- | | |
|---------|-------|
| MANNA | HONEY |
| OIL | WINE |
| WATER | FISH |
| LOCUSTS | QUAIL |
| LOAVES | FLOUR |

What drink ran out at the wedding?

and what did Jesus use to make more?

John 2:3 and 7

What food did God supply for his people in the wilderness?

_____ and _____
Numbers 11:7-9 and 31

After Elijah came to visit, what never ran out?

_____ and _____



1 Kings 17:14



What food did the ravens feed Elijah?

_____ and _____

1 Kings 17:6



What food did John the Baptist eat in the wilderness?

_____ and _____
Matthew 3:4

What did the boy give Jesus to feed 5,000 people?

Five _____

and two _____
John 6:9

FIND THE BIBLE VERSE

Change each letter in this bible verse to the letter **before** it in the alphabet.

NBO TIBMM OPU
MJWF PO CSFBE
BMPOF, CVU PO
FWFSZ XPSE UIBU
DPNFT GSPN UIF
NPVUI PG HPE.

NBUUIFX 4:4

DID YOU KNOW?

As Lot escaped Sodom with his family an angel told him not to stop or look back, but Lot's wife did look back and became a pillar of salt.

READ Genesis 19 v15-26



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M Q I W M F R U I T F I S H G
E U S H A L A A N O L I V E S
A I I E N O I I E G R A P E S
T L N A N U N L O C U S T S Y
M U S T A R D E I H D A T E S
E V E G E T A B L E S A L T H

Find the words below and the answers to the questions all in the word search

- OLIVES • CHEESE
- FIGS • DATES
- MUSTARD
- RAISINS • WHEAT
- SALT • GRAIN
- FRUIT • GRAPES
- VEGETABLES

The Good Samaritan

JERICO

ONCE, A LAWYER TRIED TO TRICK JESUS WITH A CLEVER QUESTION.



JESUS REPLIED BY TELLING THE LAWYER A STORY.



A MAN WENT FROM JERUSALEM TO JERICO. ON THE WAY...

HE WAS ATTACKED BY ROBBERS!!



THEY TOOK EVERYTHING HE HAD AND LEFT HIM FOR DEAD!



LATER A PRIEST PASSED BY, BUT DID NOTHING TO HELP - NOR DID THE RELIGIOUS MAN FROM A TEMPLE!

BUT A MAN FROM A FOREIGN COUNTRY STOPPED TO HELP THE INJURED MAN. HE DRESSED THE MAN'S WOUNDS AND EVEN PAID FOR HIM TO STAY AT AN INN.



JESUS THEN ASKED "WHO WAS THE NEIGHBOUR?"

- PRIEST
- TEMPLE MAN
- FOREIGN MAN

WHICH DO YOU THINK WAS THE ONE THE LAWYER CHOSE?

The next Bishop of Bradwell

The Venerable Adam Atkinson will be consecrated as a bishop at Westminster Abbey during a service led by the Archbishop of Canterbury on Friday 29 September.

Adam currently serves as Archdeacon of Charing Cross in the Diocese of London and was previously Director of Mission Development in the Two Cities area of London Diocese. He has also served as a parish priest in Stepney. His appointment as the next Bishop of Bradwell was announced on 19 June during a visit to churches and schools in the Bradwell Episcopal Area.

Speaking ahead of Adam's consecration, the Bishop of Chelmsford, the Right Reverend Dr Guli Francis-Dehqani said:

"We are looking forward to this special service and to welcoming Adam to Chelmsford

Diocese as Bishop of Bradwell. He will be joining a wonderful team of clergy and lay people who faithfully lead our churches in the Bradwell Area. His experience as Archdeacon of Charing Cross and his work in mission development and church revitalisation, together with his passion for mission and community service will be a great blessing to our diocese as we continue to serve our local communities and to share the love and good news of Jesus Christ."

Speaking ahead of the service, Adam said:

"I'm looking forward to Friday's service of consecration with a great sense of joy and anticipation as I prepare to take up the role of Bishop of Bradwell and follow God's call to join the parishes and worshipping communities of the Bradwell Area. I'm delighted that people from across Chelmsford Diocese will be present at Westminster Abbey and it will be a privilege to be consecrated alongside Paul and Ian. Please do pray for me and all the people of God in the Bradwell Area as we seek to follow Jesus together."

Adam will be officially welcomed into Chelmsford Diocese as the Bishop of Bradwell at a service at Chelmsford Cathedral on Saturday 4 November. The service will also see the welcome and licensing the new Archdeacon of Stansted, the Revd Kate Peacock and the new Archdeacon of Chelmsford, the Revd Jonathan Croucher.

Adam will begin his ministry in November.

About Adam

The Venerable Adam Atkinson has most recently served as Archdeacon of Charing Cross in the Diocese of London.

Adam was ordained Deacon in 2007 and Priest in 2008. After serving a curacy in Shadwell he was a Vicar in East London for 9 years and Mission Director for the Two Cities Area from 2019.

Before ordination Adam worked in media consultancy in the private and third sectors and briefly served as an Army Officer. He is married to Heather who is a priest serving in Bethnal Green.



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