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Can you help in distributing the Village View Magazine in Bradwell Maldon Road area from St Peters court to Bradwell Wick once a month.

If you are able or need further information please contact Roger on 01621 776341.

From the Rector

Dear Friends,

September is here and things are getting going again and that's the same in the Church!

We also begin the Alpha Course this month for anyone who is interested in learning more about the Christian Faith. I will also be holding Confirmation classes for anyone who is interested in being Confirmed, (including Year 5 and 6 children and older) with the aim of the Confirmation Service being held at a Church locally on Sunday 4th November at 3pm. Please let me know if you are interested in these.

As we look towards our Harvest Suppers and Services in late September and early October, the Harvest Services in Tillingham and Dengie will be held on Sunday 13th October, in Bradwell on Sunday 6th October while in St Lawrence the Supper will be on Friday 27th September followed on Sunday 13th October by Harvest Evensong.

We also look forward to being joined by the Children's Choir of St Mark & Margaret's Plumstead at our 10.30am Service on Sunday 15th September.

September is also a month with 5 Sundays, so we will be holding our Joint Benefice Service at Bradwell at 10am on Sunday 29th September where we come together from all of the local parishes in fellowship and worship, please come and join us.

God Bless,

Reverend Steven

October Magazine

All copy for the October magazine 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 September 12th.

Those living in St Lawrence may give copy to Shirley Lea at 51 Main Road (779403) by this date. Copy may also be submitted as a jpeg, text or Microsoft Word or Publisher file, either on CD or, better still, by email to stthom-aspcc@btinternet.com.

We apologise but **no articles will be accepted after September 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.



Are you interested in being Confirmed?

At Confirmation we say yes to Jesus' call to follow him on our journey through life. We confirm our faith in him. Parents and Godparents will usually have said yes for us when we were babies and unable to speak for ourselves at Baptism, but Confirmation gives US the chance to say yes.

We have all had the experience of getting lost. This can happen because we have either no map or an inadequate one. Confirming our faith in Jesus is like deciding to travel with a really accurate map through life.

The classes will be held between September and October (times will be set when the group forms) with the Confirmation service being held at a local Church at 4pm on Sunday 3rd November.

To register please contact: Revd Steven Poss, 01621 779620 or email stevenposs@hotmail.com

Singers wanted!

St Thomas church choir in Bradwell has been busy rehearsing and singing over the last few months. We meet at 6:30 in the church on the 2nd, 3rd, 4th and 5th Friday of every month. We don't sing as a formal choir every Sunday but we do practise and sing for special occasions in the church year. We would love to have more singers. No previous experience is necessary, just come and enjoy singing.

Junior Choir

I would love to start a junior choir, initially meeting in the church to practise after school at 3:30 on Fridays, beginning 13th September. This is a great chance for your child to come and sing as part of a choir. They may be invited to sing as part of the full choir for a few services during the year but attendance at these will not be compulsory. Church choir singing is a fantastic way to learn about singing, reading music and working together to create a beautiful sound.

I am a former primary teacher with an enhanced DBS check. Please let me know if you are interested on 01621 776830. It will be primarily aimed at KS2 but I am happy to consider a wider range of ages. Again, please get in touch!

Ella



ST LAWRENCE NEWLAND CHURCH HARVEST CELEBRATIONS



**October 13th Harvest Songs of Praise,
6.00pm at the Church**

ST LAWRENCE NEWLAND CHURCH



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St Lawrence Messy Church takes to the woods

A woodland walk for young people was organised on the 5th August in Tawney's Wood. As part of the Messy Church programme run by St Lawrence Church its aim was to encourage young people to learn about what can be found in young woodland.



A dozen children plus adults including Reverend Steven attended in spite of the initial weather forecast of unsettled weather. In reality, at 12:00, the sky cleared and the sun came out to enable a most enjoyable couple of hours of discovery. Although organised by John and Linda Barnes, unfortunately they were unable to attend as that morning Linda had an accident in the garden and had to go to hospital. All sent best wishes and Kevin Bruce, local historian and naturalist, volunteered to lead the group in

their place.

After a bracing walk past fields of uncut alfalfa (also called lucerne) and harvested grain they all enjoyed a picnic by the edge of the wood.

Moving into the wood over ten different species of trees were identified by the children and leaf specimens collected. In addition, the group saw several different birds and insects, especially butterflies, but also dragonflies and crickets. Kevin explained that the wood had only been planted some 30 years ago and yet was already making both a visual and ecological contribution to our local countryside.

Returning to base everyone agreed that it had been an enjoyable event and thanked Kevin for his input and John and Linda for organising the day.



Gardening in September

- J Towards the end of the month remove bedding plants when they have finished flowering and replace with polyanthus, winter flowering pansies, forget-me-nots and wallflowers. Its also then the time to plant daffodils, hyacinths and crocus bulbs (Tulips to be planted much later).
- J Divide herbaceous perennials as the weather cools and water in the new divisions well.
- J Winter and early vegetables can be planted also.

A Happy Coincidence

It's seldom that economic prudence and wildlife conservation coincide, but in what is known as 'managed retreat' that happy relationship exists. From 1995 about a mile of seawall to the south west of Bradwell marina has not been maintained. Instead, after some minor engineering works the sea wall was deliberately breached and the natural rise of the land now holds back the water of the Blackwater estuary. This is in fact gradually returning the land to the state it was in some four or five hundred years ago. Over that time Essex has lost so much of its salt-marsh – the saltings – and this managed retreat is doing something to replace just a small part - and has saved the cost of maintaining the sea wall. I leave you to decide which of the two objectives – nature conservation or finance – played the greater part in this decision.



But putting that aside, the natural environment has been the winner, along with the Environment Agency's purse. Saltmarsh is an incredibly rich environment, supporting so much plant and invertebrate life found nowhere else. And this diversity attracts an equally diverse range of birds – mainly of course water birds – ducks and waders.



On a recent visit a Curlew flew up – or so I thought. But then the bird uttered its call - a high-pitched mellow whistle *didididididi*. Not a Curlew at all – but a Whimbrel. The two are close relatives, very similar in appearance, but their calls give them away. And a good view shows the darker stripe on the Whimbrel's crown and a pale buff stripe above the eye. Although both feed in similar places, they have different life histories.

The Curlews that use our estuary to feed during the winter may have bred in Derbyshire or Yorkshire. The Whimbrel may have bred in northern Scotland or more likely in Scandinavia; and will be heading for the coast of west Africa around the equator for the winter. But very welcome in our recently created habitat to fatten up before continuing the journey.

Another local managed retreat is at the Essex Wildlife Trust's headquarters at Abbots Hall Farm, near Tollesbury. And more recently another happy double act - the Crossrail project beneath London needed to dispose of a huge amount of soil. This has now been deposited on Wallasea Island, across the river Crouch from Burnham. In conjunction with seawall breaches this is now a developing RSPB reserve. As yet it has no facilities, but it's well worth a visit – with wonderful unusual views of Burnham.

Brian Clayden

The Othona Community - Summer Reflections.

Were you Around and About – Local to Bradwell-on-Sea in late July this year? This was a chance for visitors to the Othona Community to come and experience the wider community of Bradwell-on-Sea – and the people in and around our village responded with great generosity of spirit. We shared worship at St Thomas' and St Peter's, where Rev. Steven and the congregations made everyone feel welcome into our Parish. Monday - Steven Dewick gave us a fascinating tour of his nature reserve at Mill End, including many birds, butterflies and the historic moth trap. After refreshments served by Jean Allen in their peaceful garden, and a tramp around Bull's Corner with Dave and Ruth where slow worms were spotted, we were back to the centre of the village in the afternoon for a guided tour by David Thorpe. David's knowledge of the buildings, with tales of village characters of bygone days, was matched by his informative visit to St Thomas' Church. Yet more village life in the evening – a taste of the Parish Council's pressing concerns – an eye-opener for our Mexican volunteer!

On Tuesday, after a relaxing day in Burnham-on-Crouch filled with sunshine, fish and chips and ice-creams, we returned to Othona for a presentation by Tillingham electrical consultant Kevin



Knight, who talked us through options for heat and power for Othona's future – we are off grid. By 6pm the group were back at St Thomas' with Brian Clayden and John for a demonstration of bell ringing – and a real highlight, a chance to have a go! Out and about Bradwell on Wednesday the group, now including more of our international volunteers, stood at the base of one of our wind generators for a question and answer session, kindly hosted by Teresa and Michael Fowler. The technical and international climate implications of options for power generation continued after lunch, with a talk and discussion with representatives from the proposed Bradwell B team. Yet more brainpower required in the evening, and power to the elbow too, as The Cricketers kindly hosted a Charity Quiz in aid of Othona's Education Hut. People made their way slowly home via Maldon – and many were quick to email and write to say just how much they had appreciated the warm welcome and interest from our village.

August continued with a full and fascinating programme of activities for all ages and interests – puppets, concerts, food, fellowship and fun. The Summer Season is how Othona began so many years ago, and is still at the heart of our Community, when people return year after year – joined by first-timers, local “sea-wallers” and international volunteers – up to 80 people all led by our resident team of three: Tim Fox and Debbie and Richard Sanders, plus volunteers.

In September Othona winds down the summer season with “A Time to Simply Be,” from Mon 2 Sept to Thurs 5 Sept – no pre-planned activities, just visit or stay, read, relax, chat, walk...enjoy!

Tim Fox is our Warden/Manager. Full details of Programme and Charges can be found on our Website <https://www.othonaessex.org.uk/Home>, or ring Othona at Bradwell (it's down East End Rd and through East Hall Farm) on 01621 776564.

September 3rd 2019 will be the 80th anniversary since the start of World War 2

1939: Britain and France declare war on Germany

Britain and France declare war with Germany following the invasion of Poland.

At 11:15 BST the **Prime Minister, Neville Chamberlain**, announced that the British deadline for the withdrawal of German troops from Poland had expired. He said the British ambassador to Berlin had handed a final note to the German government that morning saying unless it announced plans to withdraw from Poland by 1100, a state of war would exist between the two countries. Mr Chamberlain continued: "I have to tell you now that no such undertaking has been received and consequently this country is at war with Germany."

King George has called upon "my people at home and my peoples across the seas". He continued: "I ask them to stand calm, firm and united in this time of trial. The task will be hard. There may be dark days ahead and war can no longer be confined to the battlefield. But we can only do the right as we see the right and reverently commit our cause to God."



In September 1939 A.H. Winter wrote this poem whilst visiting St Peter's Chapel.

The Shore.

A field, wild, overgrown
with poppies and blue flowers,
like a million stars among the weeds:
God's glorious handiwork,
a song of praise each blossom,
and a marvel of creation. -

Beyond -, the sea.

On the horizon ships of war,
sending each other's fellow men to doom -
as ever before.

But here the wind still gently sways
the blossoms to and fro;
from day to day the flowers sing,
in honour of the Lord,
their song of praise

September 1939 A.H. Winter



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St Thomas' Church

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Time	Service	Place	Readings
1st Trinity 11			
8.00	BCP Holy Communion	St James Dengie	Jeremiah 2; 4-13 Hebrews 13; 1-8, 15-16 Luke 14; 1, 7-14
9.00	Parish Communion	St Lawrence Church	
10.00	All Age Worship	St Lawrence Centre	
10.00	Family Service	St Nicholas Tillingham	
10.30	Parish Communion	St Thomas Bradwell	
15.30	Evening Service	Downhall Residential Home	TBA
8th Trinity 12			
10.00	Family Communion	St Lawrence Centre	Jeremiah 18; 1-11 Philemon 1-12 Luke 14; 25- 33
10.00	Parish Communion	St Nicholas Tillingham	
10.30	All Age Worship	St Thomas Bradwell	
15.00	Evening service	St James Dengie	TBA
18.00	Evening service	St Lawrence Church	TBA
15th Trinity 13			
8.00	BCP Holy Communion	St James Dengie	Jeremiah 4; 11-12, 22-28 1Timothy 1; 12-17 Luke 15; 1-10
9.00	Parish Communion	St Lawrence Church	
10.00	All Age Worship	St Lawrence Centre	
10.00	Family Service	St Nicholas Tillingham	
10.30	Parish Communion	St Thomas Bradwell	
22nd Trinity 14			
8.00	Holy Communion	St Thomas Bradwell	Jeremiah 8; 18-9; 1 1Timothy 2; 1-7 Luke 16; 1-13
9.00	Parish Communion	St Lawrence Church	
10.00	All Age Worship	St Lawrence Centre	
10.00	Parish Communion	St Nicholas Tillingham	
10.30	Family Service	St Thomas Bradwell	
15.00	Evening Service	St James Dengie	TBA
29th Trinity 15			
10.30	Joint Benefice Communion	St Thomas Bradwell	Jeremiah 32; 1-3a, 6-15 1Timothy 12; 18-29 Luke 16; 19-31
6th Trinity 16			
8.00	BCP Holy Communion	St James Dengie	Lamentations 1; 1-6 2 Timothy 1; 1-14 Luke 17; 5-10

6 th Oct	Trinity 16		
9.00	Parish Communion	St Lawrence Church	Lamentations 1; 1-6 2 Timothy 1; 1-14 Luke 17; 5-10
10.00	All Age Worship	St Lawrence Centre	
10.00	Family Service	St Nicholas Tillingham	
10.30	Harvest Parish Communion	St Thomas Bradwell	
15.30	Evening Service	Downhall Residential Home	TBA

ST LAWRENCE HERITAGE DISCOVERY CHURCH



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September events in the past.

September has some very memorable dates from our past. In 1666 the Great Fire of London broke out in a city where wood was the principal building material in the narrow crowded streets; it raged for four days.

Thanks to the diaries of Samuel Pepys and John Evelyn we have reliable first-hand information,



showing that 13,500 houses and 89 churches were destroyed, including St Paul's Cathedral. Fortunately known casualties were few but the destruction was such that many more would have perished in the intense heat and in the weeks following as they huddled in the ruins, totally destitute.

King Charles instructed all towns to take in any who sought refuge or work, while the rebuilding was to be in stone or brick to avoid a repetition of the events of those terrible four days.

A much earlier happening took place in Greece when Athens was locked in a struggle with Persia. The situation was desperate and it was decided to appeal to another of the City States for help. Accordingly a runner, Phidippides, ran 26 miles to Sparta but his plea fell on deaf ears and two days later he ran the 26 miles back. In spite of the lack of neighbourly support Athens won the Battle of Marathon in 490BC and repulsed the Persians, while we still recall the heroic run when we run a Marathon or execute some huge task.

Such a task was performed on 7 Sept 1838 by a lighthouse keeper and his daughter, Grace Darling, who rowed twice from the safety of the lighthouse through high seas and gale force winds to rescue the only nine survivors from the SS Forfarshire, on passage from Hull to Dundee, which had run onto the rocks and become a total wreck.

We can also remember gratefully the purchase in 1915 of Stonehenge with 30 acres for £6,600. Sir Cecil Chubb, a young lawyer, attended an auction in Salisbury to purchase dining chairs but he made an offer on a whim and secured Stonehenge! Three years later he gifted it to the nation.

Musicality

Gardens feature quite strongly in songs and orchestral music. 'I leave my heart in an English Garden' comes from the musical *Dear Miss Phoebe* which opened in 1950. The song is sung by the hero of a rather complicated story, who was away at war. The play was based on J.M.Barrie's novel *Quality Street*.

'I leave my heart in an English garden
Safe where the breezes of England blow.'

'An English Country Garden' is well known all over the world but was originally a Morris tune. It was collected by Cecil Sharp and arranged for piano by Percy Grainger in 1918. It has three verses, the first mentions twelve country flowers and the other verses list insects and birds.

The Beatles performed *An Octopus's Garden*, written by their drummer, Ringo Starr. He was on holiday in Sardinia with Peter Sellers who took him out in a boat and amusingly described to him how octopuses collect stones and shiny objects on

the sea bed to build gardens. The song was a result of this and added to a Beatles album.

Perhaps the most famous 'garden' song of all is 'Come into the Garden Maud' written by Michael Balfour in 1857. The words were adapted from a poem 'Song for Maud' by Tennyson. There is nothing in the song which would have

displeased its Victorian audience but Marie Lloyd did perform it with such innuendo that it silenced the audience and she had to appear before the vigilante committee!

Tennyson earned so much from 'Maud and other poems' that he was able to buy the neighbouring mansion to the one he was renting and lived there for the next 40 years!



Music Lover of St Lawrence

From the Wensleyhouse September 2019

The sun has shone, it has been one of those long hot summers of one's youth; Ethel, Cherry-Blossom, Daphne, Dorothea and Don John have been getting on together and morphing into a flock. 'Aunty' Ethel looks after the flock; she always keeps an eye out for danger and is the first to reply to anyone bleating saying they are lost. The others have learnt to rely on Aunty Ethel. The only problem is the grass, or rather the lack of it! So during the day their shepherds let them out of their dusty enclosure onto the main field where, right at the bottom, there is still some green. They also like munching on the hedges and Ethel especially likes the cherry plums and the apples. Such a treat! This large field is not fenced they know their territory. But, there is some thing up with Don John. He now wanders off on his own and has developed an adventurous spirit, finding far off corners! So mother and son go off exploring on their own.

Poor Cherry-Blossom realises Aunty Ethel is not with them. She calls out to Ethel, but gets no answer as Ethel is too busy munching greedily in a secret field margin. Cherry-Blossom gets increasingly worried, her shepherds are away for lunch, her



two little sisters are unconcerned at the bottom of the field, she is now responsible. From deep within her stirs a mother instinct to make a move to protect her little sisters until Ethel or her shepherds come back. So she gathers up her little sisters - although they were enjoying the green grass and they didn't want to stop eating - but somehow Cherry-B persuaded them to come with her. She took them back through the gate into their electric fence enclosure and sat them down under the trees in the shade. She stood over them until her shepherds arrived from their lunch, went and retrieved Ethel and her wayward son from their secret places, and the flock was re-united!

This however won't keep Don John at home for long. He will in time be looking for more places to roam. The time has come for

him to leave home for 'finishing' school and learn to become a proper Ram. He didn't much like the journey in the back of the car to Stowmarket, but when he got to the new farm he thought the back of the car suddenly was rather comfortable. Like all new pupils he was a bit nervous and a bit excited by the number of sheep and the noise of the adolescent Rams calling to him. But they were all calls of friendly welcome and he will be in a field of lamb rams his own age. He has handsome black ears and a straight back; he will be put to work next year! Lucky chap. His crusade has started.

The Othona Community in Summer - August 2019

The Summer Season is well underway at Othona now. At its start the Othona Community only met in the summer, but although we are now open all year round, the Summer Season is a very special time for those with long Othona memories, and pretty special for newer arrivals too!

After welcoming so many Bradwell Pilgrims at the start of July, we have shared time with residents and local day visitors “Following the Footsteps of the First British Christians” to sites of antiquity and spirituality, led by Nick Partridge; also we have been “Thinking Globally, Acting Locally” through talks, discussions and conservation activities led by Malcolm Hardy; and wandering “Around and About – Local to Bradwell,” led by Dave and Ruth Bull. Sincere thanks are due to all our local friends who gave their time to share many unique views of Bradwell: the power options of wind and nuclear, the sights and sounds of Village, Church and Church bells, the nature conservation sites at Mill End, the places of worship at St Thomas’s and St Cedd’s, and trips to introduce visitors to our local waterside towns of Burnham-on Crouch and Maldon. Finally “Camp Do Re Mi” made Bradwell ring to the glorious sound of Shape Note singing



What next for the Summer Season. Come and see, all are welcome to join in; just book ahead if you’d like to share a Community meal. Accompanied children stay free for these weeks.

29th July – 3rd August - “The Othona Muppet Show” led by Charlotte Randall – making puppets, having a photo shoot and giving a show.

3rd – 10th August – “Language of Eden” – art, music and film making led by Lyn McRichie and Charlie Skelton, encourages people with voices, instruments and enthusiasm, and to become involved in Lynn’s new film “The Language of Eden.”

10th – 17th August – “Fascinating Food” led by Beverley Hodgson and members of the Othona team, looking at many aspects of food – including “fabulous group cooking”.

17th – 24th August is our Music week, with Simon Thompson returning with Sarah to lead a week of songs and music about all aspects of nature. All welcome to participate, and do come to the **concerts on Thursday 22nd: Down Hall, at 2.30pm, evening performance in the Church.**

Bank Holiday weekend 24th – 26th August is an open weekend: relax and enjoy!

27th – 30th August is “Meditation – the power of silence” led by Nihal Paul.

And finally.....2nd – 5th September, “A Time to Simply Be” - enjoying the last days of summer.

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Free Parking for all visitors to Othona – just ask for an exit token to leave through our wind-powered gate.

Two Saints of September

On 21 September we celebrate the feast day of St Matthew about whom little is known apart from the fact that he was the son of Alpheus, born in Galilee and worked as a tax collector. He is important as the author of the first Gospel which he wrote some fifty years after obeying Christ's call, 'Follow me.' He wrote the book in Aramaic in the hope that his account would convince his fellow people that Jesus was the Messiah and that His kingdom had been fulfilled in a spiritual way. It was an important message at a time when almost everyone was expecting the return of a militant messiah brandishing a sword.

In keeping with his occupation he is the patron saint of bankers but he is not one of the saints chosen for dedication of many of our churches.

Although not a Biblical Saint, Gregory is remembered on the 3rd September and is patron of musicians, singers, students and teachers. His fame in this country lies mainly in the mission under Augustine which he initiated during his time as Pope between 590 and 604 AD to convert the pagan Anglo-Saxons. His status as a saint was accorded by general acclamation immediately following his death.

A beautiful church dedicated to him can be found just over the border into Suffolk in Sudbury. This stands on the site it has occupied since pre-Conquest times. Today we see a building which was started in the 14th Century. The intervening years have seen additions, alterations and heavy 19th Century restoration but so much of interest remains particularly from the 15th Century like a wonderful font and twenty stalls with carved misericords.



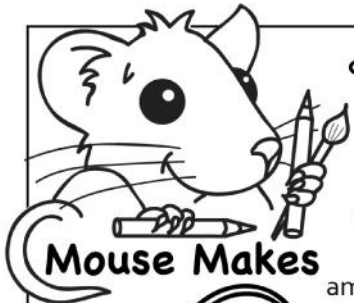
St Gregory's Church, Sudbury

Plant of the Month Michaelmas Daisy (Aster)

These traditional cottage garden flowers that have a place in all our hearts. They herald the approach of Autumn where their large sprays of daisy-like flowers are produced so prolifically in a multitude of colours, from white, pink, mauve right through to deepest violet which flower in September often around Michaelmas day on the 29th, hence the name.



There are low-growing varieties that are ideal for use at the front of the border or along the edge of a path, or there are tall splendid old fashion varieties that suit the rear of borders, these are also great for cutting. They thrive in any well drained soil and are happy in a sunny position. Clumps benefit from regular division to keep them healthy and vigorous.

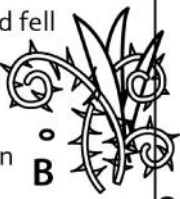


Read the story in Mark 1:1-20



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Wednesdays: Morning Prayer at St Nicholas Tillingham 9.15am

Wednesdays: Café Extra at St Lawrence Centre 2.30pm to 4pm

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