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**OCTOBER EDITORIAL**



*Welcome to our Autumn magazine.*

*What a month September has been.*

*Like millions of other royalists, I was saddened to hear that our late Queen Elizabeth had died after 70 years of devoted and loyal service to our country. On Monday last we watched her State Funeral with all the splendor and pageantry at Westminster Abbey and then the very moving and simple service in St. George's Chapel at Windsor. We can only marvel at how well it was all arranged.*

*So, an Elizabethan era comes to an end and for many it is all they have known. We now have a new King to follow in his late mother's footsteps and we all wish him well in the great task before him.*

*Many events including the Cressing Flower Show were cancelled as a mark of respect during the days following the Queen's death.*

*Following last week's Pasty and Chips, the Events Committee October Lunch will be Fish and Chips on Friday 21<sup>st</sup> October at St. Barnabas, cost £5.*

*Other groups will meet as usual but the Knit and Natter will be on Thursday 20<sup>th</sup> October.*

*We are certainly into Autumn now, it doesn't seem possible that a few weeks ago we were suffering with the heat. Now it is much cooler and the evenings are darker. Read Simon Armson-Smith's article on keeping lights on in darker evenings, some very good advice.*

*Keep warm!!*

*Betty*



**DIARY OCTOBER 22**

- Tue.4<sup>th</sup> Art Group at St. Barnabas 10.00am-1.00pm
- Sun.9<sup>th</sup> Holy Communion at All Saints Church 9.00am
- Tue.11<sup>th</sup> Connections Coffee Morning at St. Barnabas 11.00am-1.00pm
- Tue.18<sup>th</sup> Art Group at St. Barnabas 10.00am-1.00pm
- Thur.20<sup>th</sup> Knit and Natter at St. Barnabas 2.00-4.00pm
- Fri.21<sup>st</sup> Events Committee Lunch at St. Barnabas Fish and Chips 12noon
- Sat.22<sup>nd</sup> Beetle Drive at Cressing Community Church 7.00pm
- Tue.25<sup>th</sup> Art Group at St. Barnabas 10.00am-1.00pm
- Sun.30<sup>th</sup> Benefice Service at All Saints Church 10.30am



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## GARDEN NOTES FOR OCTOBER

It's the time of year to think about bulbs as most garden centres will have a large and plentiful supply. When planting make a hole twice the depth of the bulb. Tulips can be planted in November, other bulbs and corms any time over the next two months.

Lavender can have a 'hair cut' with a pair of shears to remove the old flower stalks. If you want to reduce the bush or hedge cut back with secateurs just before the old wood and this will make a stronger plant and stop it getting top heavy.

In the vegetable garden continue picking courgettes, outdoor cucumbers and marrows. Reduce feeding tomatoes as the fruit needs to ripen and the plants do not want encouragement to make new leaf growth. Pick any runner or French beans otherwise they tend to become 'old' very quickly.

Continue watering hanging baskets and containers this will help maintain colour until we replace summer bedding plants with pansies, violas, wallflowers and bellis – the list is endless.

I have noticed how most rose types have survived the long hot dry conditions with little or no watering, a point to remember with bare root stock becoming available over winter months.

If you have a pond, thinning out of some aquatic plants can be carried out so that you can see the water and not a mass of leaves. If you have a heap of spent plants just leave the muddy mass on the side of the pond for a few days so that any pond creatures can escape back into the water.

Rhododendrons and Azaleas in pots need watering more often at this time of year to encourage flower buds to form for next spring.

My recommended plant this month, Callicarpa, sometimes referred to as the Beauty Bush with leaves that will turn to a reddish hue, followed by small purple berries which last for several weeks.

Enjoy the forthcoming autumn colours.....*The Arborist*



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## LAUGHTER IS THE BEST MEDICINE

Nothing unites people more than laughter. It spreads happiness far and wide and is truly a gift to be treasured.

Do you have among your friends one who always makes you laugh? - not by being witty all the time, but one with a mind stocked with laughing memories. I have a friend just like this, she is never downcast and has the gift of seeing the funny side of things. She shared my schooldays, work and holidays and even now that we are both in our seventies and live miles apart, she always still leaves me feeling cheerful, and lifts my spirits even in the darkest moments. For example she recalls with a giggle all the childish pranks of our childhood and those involving in later years our children. An adventurous trip to France with our youngsters when one of the girls realising she had left her teddy behind in the café we had just left began crying loudly, alarming everyone around us. In our school girl French we attempted to explain that the youngster had left her l'oursin behind, and then realising, after receiving many strange looks, that we had mistakenly used the word for 'sea urchin' rather than the similar word l'ours for bear! The strange looks quickly turned to smiles when the café owner appeared with 'Teddy' in her arms. Just one of those pleasant memories that still, more than fifty years later, make us smile whenever we recall it. It certainly taught us that needed to brush up on our languages.



We recall silly words, coined by our children as toddlers, which have crept into the family vocabulary, such as 'cinder will' for windowsill, 'flutterby' for 'butterfly', 'tasha band' to describe a brass band and the moment my daughter cried when told we were going to Great Yarmouth, saying 'Daddy says he is going to bite my arm off!'

I am sure if you look back you can recall many funny little incidents in your life that still make you laugh.

"Laugh and the world laughs with you" is a famous line in a poem by the American poet Ella Wheeler Wilcox. It is undoubtedly true, for nothing not even a yawn, is so infectious as laughter. You only have to hear it, and you find yourself wanting to laugh too, because the sheer joyful and happy sound makes you want to join in.

Warm cheerful laughter is a sure and swift means of communication, just by sharing it you grow closer to other human beings and certainly feel much happier in yourself.

**Lin Wenlock**

## CRESSING PARISH COUNCIL REPORT

### 20's PLENTY & PARKING

The Parish Council has an exciting two-part project coming up and needs the help of residents.

Parking in the Parish has long been a problem and whilst the Parish Council has no legal power to implement parking restrictions or penalties, it can work alongside residents and the North Essex Parking Partnership to discuss options and strategies to make things better.

The other part of this project is to look at the feasibility for 20 mph speed limits on all roads throughout the Parish (not the B1018). The Parish Council has no legal power to change speed limits nor enforce them, but it can make application to Essex Highways with a strong business case to support a request for lowering the speeds.

A Working Party is to be established under the leadership of Cllr Toria Rowe. We know residents feel passionately about safety on our roads, not only speed, but inappropriate (and illegal) parking. We cannot do this without the support and involvement of residents, so if you would like to know more and become involved, please come along to the Parish Council Open Day on 13<sup>th</sup> October.

### FOOTPATHS

The Parish Council is about to enter into an Agreement with Essex Highways for the upkeep of footpaths to be the responsibility of the Parish Council from 2023. Whilst our Handyman is a keen walker, it will be impossible for him to walk the length of every footpath in the parish, so for all the other walkers in Cressing, would you be willing to keep an eye open whenever you tread the footpaths and let us know of any issues? We will provide you with a map that identifies each footpath by its reference number and all you would need to do is let us have the details of the problem together with the reference number. You can express an interest either by calling in to the office on a Wednesday or Thursday or contacting us by email: [clerk@cressing-pc.gov.uk](mailto:clerk@cressing-pc.gov.uk) or better still, come and have a chat at the Open Day.

### PLAYING FIELD

Seating - It felt as though we would never get there, but at last BDC have given approval for us to go ahead and purchase new benches and picnic tables for the playing field. There is a long delivery date, but hopefully they will be fitted soon.

Changing rooms –BDC are still checking the Specification of Works before they will confirm release for interested parties to submit a tender. As a Parish Council we are lawfully required to advertise this on HM Government website "Contracts Finder". As soon as we get the "go ahead" from BDC we will let everyone know. This date can't come fast enough for us!

Playground – At the Open Day we will be displaying some ideas for new and additional equipment in the playground, as well as on the playing field itself. This equipment will cater for the younger members of our community and teenagers.



Dog agility – As a Parish with many dog lovers we want to cater for everyone, so have been looking at providing a small dog agility course. It won't be competition size/standard, but it will provide owners and their dogs with some fun exercise time when going around the field. Again, ideas will be available at the Open Day and we hope to have your comments so that we can have this facility available in Spring 2023.

### PLANNING

There are a lot of solar farms being planned around the county to provide renewable energy and help the fight against climate change. You will know about the site that was recently approved in Links Road, which, although in Bradwell Parish, is on the parish boundary with Cressing Parish, and the long established one between Station Road and the B1018.

More recently, you will have seen the notices about two potential sites for solar farms in Cressing. One adjacent to the railway line and the other off Lanham Green Road. The developers, EDF, are holding two public consultation days:

**Thursday 6 October, 3:30pm to 7:30pm** at The Notleys Golf Club, Witham Road, White Notley, Witham, Essex, CM8 1ST

**Saturday 8 October, 1:00pm to 5:00pm** at St Barnabas Hall, Claud Ince Avenue, Cressing, Braintree, Essex CM77 8HG

We hope residents will take the opportunity to visit these consultations and see what is being planned. We understand an application will be submitted to BDC for approval shortly. If you did not have the opportunity to attend either of these, please let us know and if numbers are sufficient, we will invite EDF to visit Cressing again to speak with residents.


Essex County Council's Development & Regulation Committee met in August to consider the non-material amendment to the wording of Condition 8 of planning permission ESS/34/15/BTE to allow the delivery and removal of abnormal indivisible loads associated with the piling rigs in connection with the construction of the Integrated Waste Management Facility at Rivenhall, i.e. the Incinerator. The Parish Council wrote to every member of that Committee clearly stating its position against these huge vehicles travelling through Cressing on the B1018 to reach the Rivenhall site (via Silver End). We were shocked and disappointed and to hear the application was passed by 6 votes in favour, one against, and 3 abstentions.

The first abnormal load travelled from the A120 through Cressing and Silver End on Tuesday 20<sup>th</sup> September (delayed from Friday 16<sup>th</sup>) and Indaver have reported they checked the route the piling rig took from the A120 to the site at Rivenhall and there was nothing out of the ordinary, i.e. no damage to road furniture nor need to cut down trees. The piling rig had no difficulty in safely driving the route.

The empty trailer left the site the same day over the bailey bridges (through Bradwell) directly to the A120.

We will keep you informed of the dates for future piling rigs as they are advised.

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- = take part in footpath survey
- = help Cressing approach the climate emergency effectively

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**CRESSING PARISH COUNCIL – DRAFT Minutes** of the meeting of Cressing Parish Council held on 14<sup>TH</sup> September 2022 at 7.00pm at St Barnabas, Claud Ince Avenue, Cressing

**Present:** Cllrs: John Lawton – Chairman, Colin Haines and Harvey Porrett

**In attendance:** Mrs Christine Marshall (Parish Clerk/RFO and Proper Officer) and two members of the public.

**22/148 CHAIRMAN'S WELCOME AND REPORT** - The Chairman convened the meeting and explained that the full scheduled Parish Council meeting would be postponed during this period of national mourning. He then paid tribute to Her Majesty, Queen Elizabeth II:

"It is with great sadness that the Parish Council of Cressing acknowledges the passing of Her Majesty, Queen Elizabeth II, our longest reigning monarch.

Throughout her reign her sense of duty, service and devotion to the people of the United Kingdom and the Commonwealth was without equal. She was a great supporter of the Union. She served with grace and was selfless in representing the people of the UK at home and overseas. She was steadfast throughout turbulent times both in the country and within her own family.

Cressing Parish Council joins with the residents of the Parish and people around the world in mourning her loss. She will be remembered as an historic figure who always considered her role as her duty and who put that duty above all other concerns.

We pay tribute to her long and outstanding reign and offer our deepest condolences to the Royal Family at this time."

All present endorsed the words of the Chairman and the Clerk advised that Books of Condolence were available for signing at All Saints Church and St Barnabas where the guidance for display of approved photograph and floral tribute had been followed.

**22/149 COUNCILLOR VACANCIES** - Following a meeting with Councillors on 7th September, Councillors had considered applications for co-option and now voted. The application by Clarice Drury was supported by all Councillors and she was duly co-opted as a member of Cressing Parish Council. The Clerk will undertake the formal document signing and induction at a later date. **Action: Clerk**

**22/150 FINANCE**

- i. **Progress against budget:** The Clerk/RFO referred to the reports issued with the Agenda. There were no queries, and **it was resolved** to accept the reports. **Proposed: Cllr Porrett, seconded: Cllr Haines, all in favour**
- ii. **A motion to approve bank reconciliation on 31<sup>st</sup> August 2022: It was resolved** that the bank reconciliation statement at 31<sup>st</sup> August be approved. **Proposed: Cllr Porrett, seconded: Cllr Haines, all in favour**
- iii. **A motion to approve August 2022 Payments/Cheques:** The list of payments and cheques to be signed against August expenditure was presented. There were no queries, and **it was resolved** to approve the payments. **Proposed: Cllr Porrett, seconded Cllr Haines, all in favour.** Cllrs Lawton and Haines signed the cheques.
- iv. The Clerk advised that it may be necessary to re-state the budget before the end of this financial year if a date for King Charles III's coronation is announced, otherwise an amount will be included in the budget for 2023/24.
- v. The Clerk will look at whether it is possible to reduce the number of hours that the streetlights are on to compensate in part for the forthcoming rises in energy costs.

### Action: Clerk

**22/151 ITEMS FOR INCLUSION ON THE OCTOBER AGENDA - It was agreed** that the business that could not be covered at this month's meeting should be held over to the October meeting. Then Clerk will issue a cancellation notice and seek Councillor views on planning applications received that require response this month.

- i. Community Policing
- ii. Cressing Community Magazine
- iii. Parish Paths Partnership
- iv. Open Day

**22/152 DATE OF NEXT MEETING -** The next meeting of the Parish Council will be held on Wednesday 12<sup>th</sup> October 2022, 7.00pm at St Barnabas Hall, Claud Ince Avenue, Cressing, CM77 8HG.

Any items for inclusion on the Agenda to be sent to the Parish Clerk to be received no later than 12 noon on Tuesday 4<sup>th</sup> October 2022.

The meeting closed at 7.35pm

Dates of 2022 meetings			
OCTOBER	12	7.00pm	
NOVEMBER	9	7.00pm	
DECEMBER	14	7.00pm	
Dates of 2023 meetings			
JANUARY	11	7.00pm	
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## *Cressing Book Group*

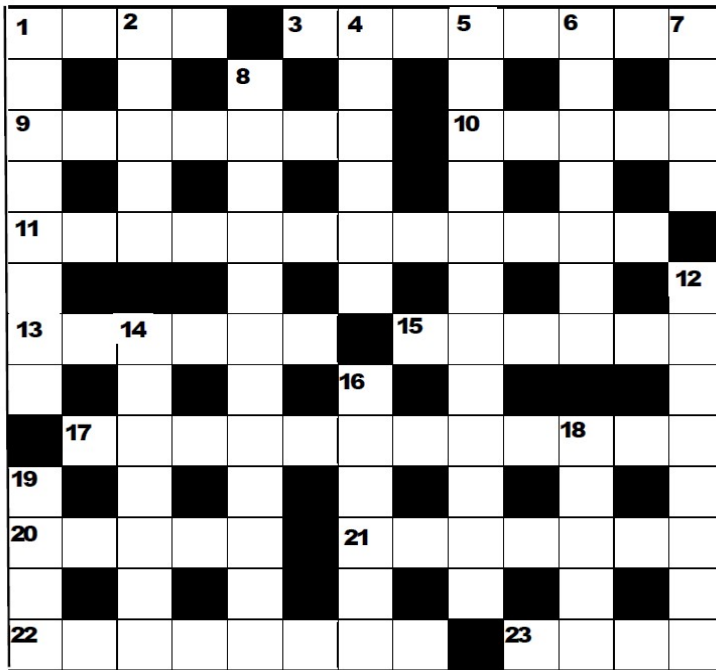


*Burial Rites* by Hannah Kent is a novel based on the true story of Agnes Magnúsdóttir, an Icelandic woman who was condemned to death in 1829 for her part in the brutal murder of two men, one of whom was her employer and former lover. While she waits for her execution, she is sent to live on an isolated farm occupied by a district officer, his wife and two daughters who are naturally horrified at being forced to have a convicted murderer under their roof. The novel traces the relationships that develop between Agnes, her unwilling hosts and the priest who is appointed to give her spiritual guidance.

We had mixed feelings about this book. We all felt that it's well written and researched and that the descriptions of the bleak northern Icelandic setting and the poverty of the family are powerfully atmospheric. We thought that the characters are convincing, especially the realistically edgy relationship between the two daughters. The enigmatic Agnes gradually reveals her own story and the author portrays her as a much more nuanced character than the usual entirely negative view of her taken in Icelandic history. But despite its good points, we found *Burial Rites* slow moving and gloomy and our verdict was that it could best be described as good rather than enjoyable.



# OCTOBER 2022 CROSSWORD



## ACROSS

1. A formal agreement between parties (4)
3. Look after a house whilst owner is away (8)
9. Worrying impression that something bad is going to happen(7)
10. Government office from which unemployment benefit is distributed (5)
11. Exert oneself too much(12}
13. Cause to be loved or liked (6)
15. To begin a line leaving an extra space (6)
17. To thinks something will be greater that it really is (12)
20. A carriage used in Turkey (5)
21. Preserved in large jars (7)
22. Large stomach that sticks out (8)
23. Dainty, delicate of cute (4)

## DOWN

1. Suggested or put forward (8)
2. An action which constitutes an offence. (5)
4. Bivalve mollusc with rough irregular shell (6)
5. To provide evidence to prove or support something (12)
6. A miserly person (7)
7. Stepped heavily. (4)
8. The forward part of the running gear of a four-wheeled vehicle. (12)
12. Person who attends a conference or gathering (12)
14. Departing from usual standards (7)
16. Girls name meaning 'Gods Promise' (6)
18. Give permission to. (5)
19. Freshwater fish (4)

ANSWERS TO SUMMER CROSSWORD

ACROSS

- 1 LIEN (4)
- 3 ACADEMIC (8)
- 9 NOTIONS (7)
- 10 MOTTO (5)
- 11 STAYS (5)
- 12 ENGINES (7)
- 13 FURROW (6)
- 15 GATEAU (6)
- 17 ENVELOP (7)
- 18 HABIT (5)
- 20 INNER (5)
- 21 UNCLEAR (7)
- 22 GUESSING (8)
- 23 OPAL (4)

DOWN

- 1 LONGSUFFERING (13)
- 2 EXTRA (5)
- 4 CASHES (6)
- 5 DEMOGRAPHICS (12)
- 6 MATINEE (7)
- 7 CROSSCULTURAL (13)
- 8 HOUSEOFLOARDS (12)
- 14 REVENUE (7)
- 16 UPTURN (6)
- 19 BLEEP (5)



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## A MESSAGE FROM THE CURATE

Melanie writes...

Little did Heike know how poignant her piece would be in the last edition of The Link. As a nation we have all now come together to pay our respects and say goodbye to the late Queen Elizabeth II. For me she was the epitome of what it is to live a Godly life – the highest possible standard of duty and service undertaken with immense selflessness, generosity and kindness.

We now look to the future, to a new but not totally unfamiliar sovereign rule. New under His Majesty King Charles III, but not unfamiliar because in him we see values extolled by the late Queen Elizabeth II.

In ancient times, kings were seen as the link with God and were also, therefore, considered to be priests. Melchizedek, King of Salem, is referenced early in the Bible as a Priest of God most High, when he greets Abraham with bread and wine and blesses him in the name of God following the rescue of Lot.

On the eve of my ordination which was on the second Sunday in September, I had to swear an Oath of Allegiance to King Charles III as well as an Oath of Canonical Obedience to the Lord Bishop of Chelmsford and the Area Bishop of Colchester. With my fellow ordinands, we had the immense privilege of being among the first to swear that oath, the first in seventy years to swear an oath to a King. It was an incredibly moving moment and a stark reminder that all of our lives were about to change forever.

Ministry above all else is about serving. In the Ordination Service ordinands are reminded that our calling to serve Christ means following the example he set - for our sake he took the form of a servant and we serve Christ himself when we serve others. In the service the Bishop twice refers to the moment when Jesus washed the feet of his disciples, the ultimate example of what it means to serve. On my ordination day, before the service Heike showed how that true selfless service is ingrained in her. Just as Jesus washed the feet of his disciples, despite my protestations Heike insisted that she, rather than me, wash the soles of my boots which had got muddy in the car park - in effect washing my feet. As she cleaned my boots we could not help but laugh, but it was a very precious and humbling moment.

Being called does not only mean being called to the priesthood. We are all called to become active and faithful members of the body of Christ and to live our lives as he taught us. In Ephesians 4: 1-3 Paul urges the Christians "...to lead a life worthy of the calling to which you have been called, with all humility and gentleness, with patience, bearing with one another in love, making every effort to maintain the unity of the Spirit in the bond of peace". In giving us the gift of life God gives us all talents and skills which are all equally important when used to further the work of God and enable us to live fulfilled Christian lives. Imagine what a different place the world will be if we all work together in using our gifts as God intended.

In the First Letter of Peter, Peter also promotes living a holy life. He tells the Christians that God is building a spiritual temple, they are the stones and Jesus the cornerstone. He says that together this is a "royal priesthood" and all Christians are to offer spiritual sacrifice to God through Jesus, that is, *committed lives of faith*. Our faith and the teachings of Jesus should be the foundation for how we live our lives - just as the late Queen Elizabeth II showed us in her lifetime of humble and selfless service.

*Melanie*

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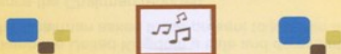
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## CRESSING EVENTS VOLUNTEERS

The last time we had a Pasty and Chips Lunch was back in March and the weather was so bad many guests could not make it, so you can understand my concern when I woke up to rain, but no worries our first event after our August break went well. Our thanks to St. Barnabas Church for the use of their hall and equipment.

As always "Cyprus Fish Bar" did not let us down. Our Pasty and Chips arrived nice and hot, and was enjoyed by all.

After the meal when tea and coffee had been served, it was time for the music part of our quiz, followed by answers to our general quiz and overall results. Soon it was time for our raffle to see who would be lucky.

So ended another enjoyable event, with just the clearing up to do.

Our next event is a **Fish and Chip Lunch at St. Barnabas Church Hall on Friday 21<sup>st</sup> Oct from 12.00 till 2.00 pm, serving at 12.15 pm. The cost is just £5.00** so why not give it a try, what can you lose, it would be nice to have some new faces, and I promise we will do our best to make you welcome, but we need you to book, by **contacting Pam or Jackie on 584170 or 327064.**

## CRESSING ART GROUP



We meet on the 1<sup>st</sup>, 3<sup>rd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> Tuesdays of each month at St. Barnabas. If you would like to start painting or return to painting after a break, or you sketch, please contact me on the number below to find out more information. You would need to supply your own paints and canvas etc. We would also welcome people who enjoy adult colouring which is also a form of relaxation and can help with mindfulness. First session is free, thereafter £4 per session, which includes refreshments. Currently there are 9 members.

We have had a drawing skill tutorial recently and intend to hold another on the 27<sup>th</sup> September.

In October we meet on the 4<sup>th</sup>, 18<sup>th</sup> and 25<sup>th</sup>. We now meet on the 5<sup>th</sup> Tuesday if it occurs in the month.

If you are interested, please contact me on 07599182861. I will be able to tell you more about the group and advise you what to bring.

*Vi Turner*



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As well as making sure your home and garden are secure when you leave don't forget outside lighting (activated by a “dusk till dawn sensor” is best to the front of the house) may deter thieves. There are also TV simulators such as “Fake TV” that produces lighting that resembles a television switched on within a room. Other products available to make it appear that you are home are a movement sensor that activates an appliance plugged into a plug socket and doorbells that you can answer remotely after viewing the caller; an internet search will find these and other security products.

If you would like further advice regarding security please look at the Essex Police website [www.essex.police.uk/cp/crime-prevention/](http://www.essex.police.uk/cp/crime-prevention/) and <https://www.securedbydesign.com/> .

Naturally we also ask locals to report any unusual activity to police; in an emergency on 999 or after the event on 101 or “Do it online” [www.essex.police.uk/do-it-online/report-a-crime/](http://www.essex.police.uk/do-it-online/report-a-crime/) or to Crimestoppers anonymously on 0800 555 111.



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## CRESSING COMMUNITY CHURCH

sharing God's love and truth where we are

Dear friends

Like so many people, I was deeply saddened by Queen Elizabeth's death. Although I go back to the reign of George 6<sup>th</sup>, Queen Elizabeth has been a part of my life since I was seven, and during her reign I took the 'Queen's shilling'. Since her death, the TV, newspapers and many Church leaders, remarked about her 'strong faith' and this sadden me.

You might find that strange, as I am, as my passport indicates, a Minister of religion, so why was I saddened? Well, the reason is the word 'faith' because what is faith? It can be many different things to different people. There are a multitude of different faiths around the world. Yes, as we live in a multicultural and multiple faith society and Queen Elizabeth showed respect to those of different faiths and those who have none. As far as I can remember, the first real correct mention of the Queen's faith was at a memorial service in Wales lead by the Archbishop of The Church in Wales, who spoke about, 'Her Majesty's Christian faith' and he quoted many of the Queen's remarks about her Christian faith mainly taken from a book called 'Servant Queen' published by the Bible Society, HOPE and the then London Institute of Christianity, to mark her ninetieth birthday. An example was: 'I don't go to church because I have to, I go because I want to'. She not only read the Bible, she learned may passages by heart.

At the Queen's State funeral, I was pleased to hear the Archbishop of Canterbury at last include the word 'Christian' when he talked about her strong faith.

Looking back, Her Majesty the Queen often used her Christmas message to the nation to speak of forgiveness, and Jesus' sacrificial life and the fact that no one is beyond God's love. One year she noted that the world had to confront 'moments of darkness' but then quoted the Gospel of John that contains a sense of great hope 'The light shines in the darkness, and the darkness has not overcome it'. That light is Jesus Christ.

The Queen's life of service was carried out during the good and often very sad and difficult times, fortified by her strong Christian faith. Yes, we lift up her family during their grief, but we do not need to pray for Queen Elizabeth because, just as Jesus said to the repentant thief on the cross, 'Today you will be in paradise (heaven)'. Her Christian faith ensures that she is with her Saviour, God's Son Jesus Christ for eternity, not because she had 'faith' but because she had Christian faith, a faith that makes it unique. Our prayers go out to King Charles that he will continue to be 'Defender of the faith'.

Every blessing in the Lord's name.

*Dennis/*

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What's on at **CRESSING COMMUNITY CHURCH**  
October/November 2022

**Sunday 2nd October (Harvest) and 6th November (Shoe Box) Cafe Church**

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If you don't fancy breakfast, just come for the service.

**Sunday Services**  
at **10.30**

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**Bible Study**  
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**Prayer Meeting**  
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**Future Events**

**Sunday 6th November Shoe Box Cafe Church**

Once again we are supporting the 'Shoe Box Appeal' organised by the charity Samaritan's Purse.

If you would like to join us in providing gifts in a shoebox for children in deprived parts of the world, you will find more information on our website: [cressingchurch.org](http://cressingchurch.org)

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Where do they go? Number of places: - in a container abroad, to another part of the country, stored in premises or sold as either a cycle or cycle parts via the internet, or third parties.

By taking some appropriate precautions and using good quality security products, and using them well, should help you to keep your property safe. Use the best security you can afford. Don't secure a £2,000 bicycle with a £20 lock! As a guide look to spend 10-15% of the value of the item on its security. Look for a "Sold Secure" certified chain and padlock or "D – Lock" preferably gold rated but certainly not below silver. Consider what you chain it to whether at home or whilst out, is that secure? Is it well overlooked to provide good natural surveillance?

Make a note of the frame number, security mark the cycle, there are a number of different methods available such as [www.bikeregister.com](http://www.bikeregister.com), or see Secured by Design accredited products. Take a photograph of the cycle and any areas of damage or marks of identification, and some insurance companies may require one with the owner in the picture with it.

At home remove that first attraction to the thief or burglar: 1) don't leave garage doors open for long periods showing your expensive cycle and other property, 2) consider a "Ground anchor" or "Shed shackle" within your shed or garage to secure your cycle to, 3) look at your shed or garages security and ensure you have good locks and that the hinges are protected, 4) consider a shed alarm, 5) if your home is limited for space outside consider a cycle storage unit, they are smaller than a shed.

If you can its worth getting your children or grandchildren into good habits, keeping their bikes secure and not leaving them discarded on the front lawn or other, may save problems in the future.

**Check with your insurance company to see what security standards they require for your insurance cover to be valid.**

For suitable security products see [www.securedbydesign.com](http://www.securedbydesign.com) or [www.soldsecure.com](http://www.soldsecure.com) .

For further advice see <https://www.essex.police.uk/cp/crime-prevention/keeping-vehicles-safe/how-safe-is-your-bike/> or <https://www.securedbydesign.com/guidance/crime-prevention-advice/bike-security>

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