



## GREAT WARLEY

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### Harvest Thankgiving Service

On Sunday 1st Octo-  
ber at St Mary's we  
held the Harvest  
Thanksgiving ser-  
vice. The Church as  
usual, was beautiful-  
ly decorated with a  
mixture of floral and  
produce showpieces  
and there was a  
large congregation  
in church to enjoy all  
the decorations.  
The service was led  
by Rob Binks.



Special thanks go to  
Eileen Fife, Helen  
Burgess, Jenny Can-  
non and Debbie and  
Willis Chapman for  
doing all the flower  
arrangements and  
helping to make this  
such a lovely occa-  
sion. The three flo-  
ral displays shown  
on this page were  
from the Church and  
there are a further  
two pictures on  
page 6.

## GREAT WARLEY HISTORY - PART 1

### A brief history of Great Warley. Part 1 - From early beginnings until 1539

The area of Great Warley is mentioned in the Domesday Book in 1086. Its name then was Wareleia (various spellings), and it was later known as Warley Magna. It was a long thin area of land, stretching from what is now the outskirts of Brentwood in the north, and taking in much of what is now Cranham and Clay Tye in the south.

The eastern boundary with Little Warley was the stream which rises behind Headley Spice and flows under the lowest point of Bird Lane. This used to be a larger stream and it is the beginning of the Mardyke, which flows into the Thames at West Thurrock. Today this stream is still the boundary between Little Warley and Great Warley.

There were two manor houses in Great Warley. The larger one was Warley Magna, and this was surrounded by the original village settlement which was in Church Lane, just south of the A127. We know that there was a church there from at least the year 1247, because we have a complete list of clergy dating from that time, the first priest being called John le Norreis. There is a wood at the end of Church Lane where the church used to stand.

The second manor house was Warley Franks. This building is now known as Franks' Farm, and it lies to the right of the road from the south of the village to Upminster, just beyond the bridge under the M25. This manor house was privately owned, and is now part of Cranham.

The manor of Warley Magna was owned by Barking Abbey, and the Abbess of Barking appointed bailiffs to live in the manor

house and to oversee the village, collecting tithes from the farm workers and peasants. Barking Abbey was the foremost nunnery in the country. Some younger daughters of royalty and other rich families became nuns there, as did the youngest daughter of Geoffrey Chaucer. The Abbess of Barking established a sanatorium at the highest point in Warley Magna, on the site of Warley Place.

After Thomas a Becket was murdered in Canterbury Cathedral, pilgrims started to come through the area, travelling through Brentwood and down the Warley Place driveway and Hole Farm Lane to West Thurrock, where they crossed the Thames to continue on to Canterbury. A small trading post grew up around what is now the Great Warley village green.

There is a legend that the pilgrims used to leave their wallets at the house now known as Wallets, because of all the villains and highwaymen who used to live in the marshes of Thurrock. This is almost certainly not true. It is much more likely that the house derived its name from 'wayletts', which was an old name for a crossroads.

Warley Magna for several centuries was peaceful and very rural. It was owned by the Abbesses of Barking until Henry VIII dissolved the monasteries. On 8<sup>th</sup> November 1539 the last Abbess, Dorothy Barley, surrendered Barking Abbey and all its assets, including the manor of Warley Magna, to the Crown.

*Most of this short history is taken from the book 'Warley Magna to Great Warley', by George Harper. It has long been out of print, but the Conservation Society has a copy which can be borrowed from Linda Beaney (231265).*

Fiona Agassiz

## LOCAL EVENTS AND NEWS

### Barbara Rolph James

We would like to thank Edward Guy, son of Barbara James, for his excellent obituary of Barbara which was printed in the August edition of the Lychgate. Also thanks are due to Peter and to Edward for allowing us to print the very moving poem written by Barbara when she was in St Francis Hospice.

Barbara was a long-standing member of the Great Warley Conservation Society, who held strong opinions and voiced them at many meetings. She helped with the catering at several social events, often being the 'life and soul' of the party, and she even contributed many of the jokes which have been printed in previous editions of this newsletter!

Barbara and Peter lived at Old Rectory Cottage, next door to what used to be the CHEP pallet site. Many of us remember the large number of articulated lorries which used to trundle through the village or queue on the slip road from the A127 waiting to get onto the site. Barbara was instrumental in opposing the expansion of CHEP. The company eventually moved away from the village, to be replaced by PERI, a much easier neighbour.

Barbara later asked PERI to contribute to the village by giving a donation towards the upkeep of the churchyard. Since then the firm have given a donation of £250 to Great Warley church each summer, and they have said that it will continue indefinitely in her memory. We are most grateful to PERI for this.

Barbara had a great passion for line dancing, and she made many friends through this activity, especially in West Horndon. Some of them even did a little dancing in her memory at the end of the gathering

held in the Rectory Hall after her burial in the churchyard in June.

Thank you, Barbara, for all that you contributed to the life of Great Warley, and for all the memories which you have left for us. We are grateful to Peter for continuing to support the village in many practical ways, such as litter-picking and leaf-sweeping, and we wish him well.

### Diary Dates

#### October

**6 Friday 10-1pm:** Sewing Bee at the Rectory Hall

**5 Thursday 7.30pm:** Quiz night at the Thatchers with quizmaster Richard Osborne. Proceeds in aid of Muscular Dystrophy. All welcome.

**7 Saturday 10am:** Village Litter pick. Meet at the Thatchers Arms.

**7 Saturday 7pm:** Harvest Supper at the Rectory Hall. Tickets £10 from Helen Burgess 227557

**10 Tuesday 2pm:** Great & Little Warley WI at Childerditch Village Hall. Pam Tee Tel 01277 220314.

**19 Thursday 8pm:** GWCS AGM at the Rectory Hall.

#### November

**1 Wednesday 12.50pm:** Ladies lunch at Izumi. (Pat 220206)

**3 Friday 10-1pm:** Sewing Bee at the Rectory Hall (Liz 07825 017056)

**4 Saturday 10am:** Leaf clearing at St Mary's.

**14 Tuesday 2pm:** Great & Little Warley WI at Childerditch Village Hall

#### December

**1 Friday 10-1pm:** Sewing Bee at the Rectory Hall (Liz 07825 017056)

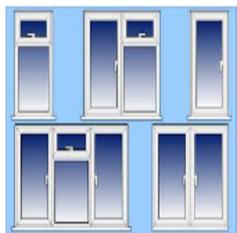
**2 Saturday 10am:** Leaf clearing at St Mary's.

**10 Sunday 6pm:** Carol service with Bra-vissima at St Mary's.

**12 Tuesday 2pm:** Great & Little Warley WI at Childerditch Village Hall

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**ST. MARY THE VIRGIN**

Date	Time	Service
8 October	11am	Holy Communion
15 October	11am	Morning Prayer
22 October	11am	Family Service
29 October	11am	Holy Communion led by the Archdeacon
9 November	11am	Morning Prayer
12 November	10.45am	Remembrance Service
19 November	11am	Morning Prayer
26 November	11am	Baptism and Holy Communion
3 December	11am	Morning Prayer
10 December	11am 6.30pm	Holy Communion Nine Lesons & Carols
17 December	11am	Morning Prayer
24 December	5pm 11.30pm	Christingle Service Midnight Mass
25 December	10.30am	Parish Communion at <b>Christ Church</b>
31 December	11am	Morning Prayer

**Harvest Supper**

We still have tickets available for our annual harvest supper at 7pm on 7th October. This should be a wonderful village occasion. We are being entertained after supper by RosieT the fabulous village chanteuse. Supper and soft drinks will be provided. Tickets are available from Linda or Helen at £10.00 each (please bring your own glasses and alcoholic drinks!) Any offers of help with the decoration of the Hall or with food will be gratefully received. we will provide soft drinks. Please call Linda 01277 231265 or Helen 227557.

**Christmas Celebrations**

We are looking forward to a fabulous festive season here at St Mary's.

10th December Carol Service, led by the Bra-vissima ladies choir who are celebrating their tenth anniversary as a choir this year. Bra-vissima have been regularly performing at St Marys for some time and we look forward to welcoming them once again. The evening should be a great start to Christmas!

24th December 5pm Christingle Service. All are welcome to come along to this service and sing carols and really get ready for the big day!! All ages babies to adult will make this a great celebration.

24th December 11.30pm Communion and Carols and Midnight Mass to welcome the start of Christmas Day. Do come along for a warm welcome!

**Remembrance Sunday**

The annual service of remembrance is on 12th November at 10.45 followed by laying of wreaths at the War Memorial at about 12 midday.

We will be welcoming the Warley ACF, their Detachment Commander, Sophie Galley, Major Ian Coffin, and the previous Detachment Commander, now Adult Training Officer Gary Buckell to this Service. Please come and join us to remember all those who have given their lives for their country in past conflicts.

**Memorial Service for Families who have experienced the Loss of a Child, Baby, Still Birth or Miscarriage**

Please join us at Christ Church Warley CM14 3AA on 15th October at 3.30pm for this service as part of Baby loss Awareness week, supported by Bennetts Funeral Directors, Our Grieving Hearts, and Tiny Stars. Refreshments will be provided after the service.

If you think you may come , to help with numbers, please phone Leigh or Bridget on 01277 210104.

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	Stephen Brabner	07767475531	stephenbrabner@rocketmail.com
<b>For visits and guided tours</b>	Fiona Agassiz	01277 230436	Fionaagassiz@hotmail.com
<b>Church Address</b>	St Mary The Virgin	Great Warley Street	CM13 3JP

### Leaf Clearing in Great Warley Churchyard

The leaves are already starting to fall. Clearing them from the churchyard and the church car park is a huge job, and we are really grateful to the people who come and help us with it.

There will be two leaf-clearing sessions this year, on **4th November** and **2nd December**, both Saturday mornings starting at 10am. Please, please come and work with us for a couple of hours. New helpers welcome - bring a rake and some gloves if possible. Coffee and biscuits will be served. Phone Fiona on 230436 with any queries.

### New Display Boards for Great Warley Church

We are enormously grateful to Alan Sharp for making the new display boards which give visitors details about the history of the church and the village. Alan has worked very hard indeed to get the colour and the design of the boards exactly right. They fit perfectly with the decorations in our very special Arts and Crafts church. It is well worth a visit just to see them! As well as our Sunday service openings, we will still be open every Thursday afternoon until the end of October.

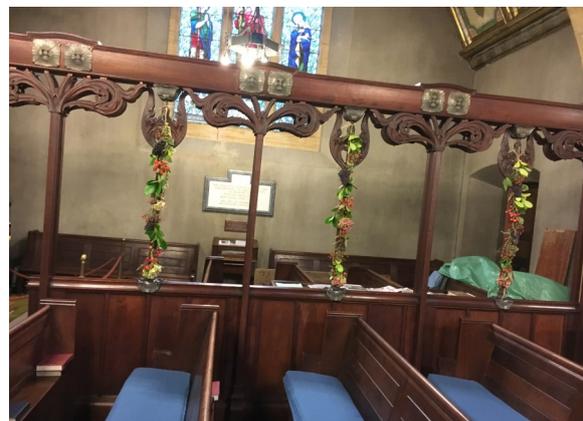
We are also hugely grateful to the Arts and Crafts Movement in Surrey, many of whose members visited St Mary's a couple of years ago. They later offered to donate up to £500 so that we could display our documents better. These new boards are the result. Sorting out all the files and articles to be displayed on them is a work still in progress as this newsletter goes to press.

### Baptism

10th September Isabella Maria Thorp  
daughter of Helen and Paul

### Harvest Festival

Here are more photographs of the beautiful flower and produce arrangements from St Mary's Harvest Thanksgiving weekend



LOCAL EVENTS

Members of Havering Arts Council  
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**Enlightenment**  
by Shelagh Stephenson

*It's like having the whole of your life wiped out and only this one thing remains; he's disappeared and he's not coming back and we're never going to find out what happened...*

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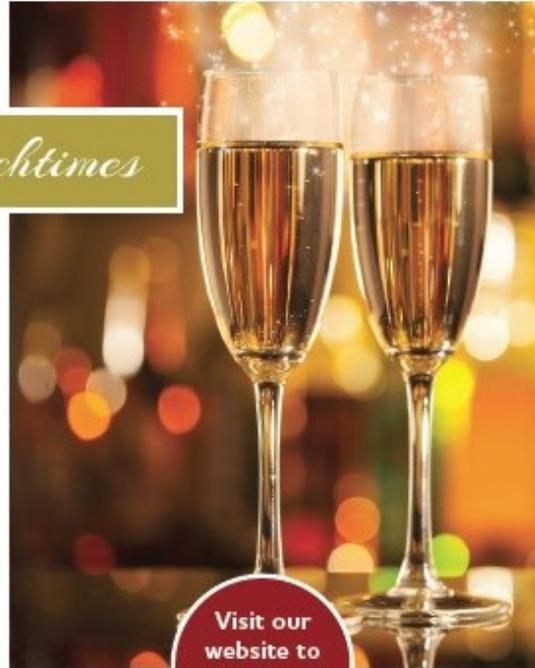
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### December Christmas *Lunchtimes*

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