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Christmas at St Mary's



It was so encouraging to find such excellent congregations at all our Christmas services.

We have learned much from the feedback after these services! The Carol service went well with members of the Conservation Society, regular congregation and PCC members reading lessons. This year we did not have a "professional choir" which meant more singing for us all, hard throat work, but a great sound. The midnight service was overlong, so we will make sure for next year that we have not kept you too long into Christmas Day (under an hour for the whole service) please bear with us, we are listening!

The service on Christmas Day Service was excellent with a short and meaningful sermon on "candy sticks" we look forward to seeing Rev McConachie again.

Many, many thanks to the wonderful help from all the congregation, Mike, Len and David with trees and candles. Eileen, Phyllis, and Jenny with the flowers. Many others who helped with organising the services, the readers, the organists, greeting the congregation, putting up the hymn numbers, setting up the communion, ferrying the organists, you all deserve a medal!

*Helen Burgess
Churchwarden*

VILLAGE NEWS

Conservation Society News

The next event for the Conservation Society will be a quiz evening on Saturday, 14 March in the Rectory Hall, starting at 7.30pm. Tickets at £10 each will include a fish and chip supper, but please bring your own drinks. Please phone Len and Pat (220206) as soon as possible for tickets. Come as a whole table of up to eight people, or come individually and we will fit you in. Many thanks to Linda Beaney and her helpers for agreeing to organise the quiz again – last year was really enjoyable.

Looking further ahead, the AGM of the Conservation Society will be on Thursday, 14 May at 8.00pm in the Rectory Hall. Please add this to your diaries.

The Conservation Society's Christmas party on 12 December was a great success. Many thanks to Phil and Claudine for organising the food, and to Len for decorating the hall, even though he was unable to come to the party itself.



Warley Place

The new Information Room in the walled garden at Warley Place is now open, and well worth a visit. We are very grateful for the donation which made this project possible.

Logs are still available at Warley Place, at very competitive prices. Please phone Fiona on 230436.

The Warley Place Snowdrop and Daffodil Open Weekends this year will be every weekend from Sat 28 February until Sunday 12 April, including four days over the Easter Bank Holiday weekend. Entry is free, but donations to the Essex Wildlife Trust are most welcome.

Fiona (230436) would welcome any offers of help with welcoming visitors and/or car parking during the Open Weekends. You will meet new interesting people, and it is a very rewarding way to spend

a morning or afternoon, so please just pick up the phone and offer your services if possible.

The Open Weekends will include guided walks every Saturday morning at 10.30am, everyone welcome, no need to book in advance. A £3 donation is requested.

Please remember that dogs are not allowed at Warley Place, because it is a nature reserve.



Village Planning Applications

Two important planning applications relating to Great Warley have recently been refused by Brentwood Council. The first was for the change of use of a barn next to Old Rectory Cottage in Warley Street, near the PERI site, which would have resulted in the development of this green belt area.

The second application was a retrospective request for permission to erect the fence and the hedge between the paddock and the road just south of the new Forge site. This is within the Conservation Area, and the high solid fence is not suitable for this location.

The Conservation Society had opposed both of these applications, so we are pleased.

The GWCS is also pleased to report that the proposal for residential building on the Mascalls Lane site which was turned down by the local planners and then appealed to the Minister, has been rejected. It is possible that the site owner may reapply with a revised plan in the future.

An application has been received by Brentwood Council for four detached houses at Magpies Nest in Warley Gap. The application number is 14/01469/FUL. Further details can be obtained from the council planning department.

VILLAGE NEWS

Local List of Interesting or Historic Buildings

Do you live in a building in Great Warley, or know of one, which is not listed but which has interesting or historic features and is part of our cultural heritage? If so, please tell Fiona (fionaagassiz@hotmail.com or phone 230436). It could even be a light industrial building.

Brentwood Council is hoping to draw up a list of such places throughout the borough, starting with Great Warley. It will not result in the buildings becoming listed, but it will give recognition to our local history and heritage.

Community Speed Watch

We have all, at some point in time, either been subject to the consequences of, or have listened to a neighbour or friend relate stories of near misses or accidents due to speeding. We have lived in Great Warley for over 35 years and my perception is that speeding and the passing of HGVs is worse than ever. In years gone by we used to have a regular police surveillance in the village and the officers were encouraged with coffee and biscuits. However, we now live in an age of austerity and police budgets along with so many other public sector services have been cut. And so speeding goes largely unchecked. We have had an extension to the 40mph limit from just beyond the Church down to near the Kilns Hotel. But this has never been monitored and anecdotal evidence says that speeding is rife in this section. Sections of the fence of the old Warley Rose Garden have been repaired so often following accidents that there is now a feeling of resignation. A feeling compounded by the fact that for all that our local politicians say, and that's usually a lot, they have very, very little, or nothing meaningful at all, to say about enforcement when it comes to speeding.

I had been thinking for some time about what courses of action could be taken to control speeding through the village and last year I came upon the CSW program whilst browsing the net. Some research and calls to Essex Police eventually, in March of last year, finally put me in touch with the right group. However all was not plain sailing and some dogged persistence was necessary to clear the first hurdle.

The first hurdle turned out to be data. We needed data on speed of vehicles through the village in order to assess whether or not there was a problem. Now of course we who live in the village all know that there is a problem with speeding but these things have to be based on fact not opinion. How do we get data. Well that part was straightforward we just had

to get the police to put up a black box which recorded size and speed of all passing vehicles 24/7. The only problem was there was a shortage of boxes, some did not work properly, and demand greatly exceeded supply. It was not until March/April this year that we finally got our black box. I toured the village with an officer to determine the best sites and two were chosen. One just down from the Forge and one near the Church.

We were now clear to start our recruiting campaign, which with the help of the Conservation Society, has been very successful. I have toured the village knocking on doors and have been tremendously heartened by the strength of support voiced by everyone. Whilst some are not able to give their time as CSW volunteers everyone I have spoken to and corresponded with is solidly behind this initiative. In total we have over 20 volunteers and if others feel like joining they will be more than welcome.

In addition to recruiting we also had to find suitable sites from which to mount operations. We had a selection of sites to show the police, some of which were on private property, courtesy of the owners, and this has been very much appreciated. Given the nature of the village and the different speed zones we were keen to have more than one site which seemed to be the norm for CSW groups. These sites have been checked for, amongst other things, the safety of the volunteers. Because of safety concerns we are currently only operating in the 30mph zone. However, not being one to accept defeat easily, I would like to operate in the 40mph zone and I will come back to this at a later date. We have, however, got two sites and this is an achievement. One being in Great Warley Street and the other in Warley Road.

The last task was training for our volunteers which took place during October at police HQ in Chigwell. Our first operation was supervised by the police and during a rainy morning we recorded some six vehicles speeding. However we are gradually getting more experience and improving our team work and numbers of vehicles recorded speeding has increased significantly. So if you see us in Great Warley Street or Warley Road please, please, drive within the speed limit. Better still if you feel like helping please contact me on the e-mail below.

Referring back to my earlier remark about the inability to operate in the 40mph zone. My own view is, particularly thinking of Woodlands School, that the entire stretch of Great Warley Street through the village, past the De Rougemont and the Church, down to the Kilns should be re-zoned to 30mph. I would like to know how many people would support an extension of the 30mph and you can reach me at david.greest@gmail.com to let me know your views.

David Greest

ST. MARY THE VIRGIN

Date	Time	Service
8 February	11:00am	Holy Communion
15 February	8.00am 11.00am	Holy Communion Morning Prayer
18 February	11.00am	Ash Wednesday Holy Communion
22 February	11.00am	Holy Communion
1 March	8.00am 11.00am	Holy Communion Morning Prayer
8 March	11:00am	Holy Communion
15 March	11.00am	Mothering Sunday Holy Communion
22 March	11:00am	Morning Prayer
29 March	11.00am	Palm Sunday Morning Prayer
3 April	2-3pm	Good Friday Reflection
5 April	11.00am	Easter Sunday Holy Communion

**8am Communion Services
(Book of Common Prayer)**

We are facing a critical decision about these services, as the numbers attending have fallen to a level that means we may have to rethink holding them in a totally different way. Previously the services were held on the second, fourth and fifth Sunday's of the month. Recently we have been holding them on the First and Third Sunday's, although we have not always been able to stick to this.

This is a reflective service, planned to last less than 40 minutes. If there is anyone who would be interested in coming to these services, but finds the time inconvenient, we may be able to change this and we are also considering whether a mid morning, midweek service might generate better attendance.

If anyone has interest in this type of service please let me know. helen.burgess1@gmail.com

Christmas Concert at Great Warley

On Saturday, 13 December St Mary's Church hosted a splendid concert of Christmas music and readings by Times and Seasons, entitled 'O Come, Let Us Adore Him'. It was attended by over 50 people, and it was a most enjoyable occasion. The evening ended with mulled wine and mince pies at the back of the church. (The Times and Seasons Group are pictured on the front page).

Easter Services

Ash Wednesday this year falls on the 18th February. For Christians, this marks the start of the fasting period of Lent for 40 days prior to Easter. It is the day after Shrove Tuesday (pancake day) when we finish up all the goodies in our larder ready for the fast. It is the first day of the time we remember Jesus fasting and enduring temptations in the wilderness. We are holding a special service at St Mary's at 11am to remember this.

Mothering Sunday (Mothers Day) 15th March is a special day for us all. We will have posies of flowers for you to take to mothers of all sorts. Do come and join us at 11 am that day.

Good Friday 3rd April is the day we remember Jesus suffering and dying on the cross. We will be having a special reflection service at 2 pm

Easter Sunday 5 th April Huge Celebration, Great Flowers, Jesus is risen, and can take away our sins. Be with us at 11 am.

St Mary's Cleaning Rota

We need two volunteers to clean St Mary's to join Glynis Scarborough, Ruth Barlow, Ruth Crisp and Eileen Fife on a flexible rota.

If you can spare about one and a half hours every 6 weeks or so please contact Eileen Fife on 01277 224195.

Christmas

Special thanks to Michael Camfield who put up the symmetrical candles and bowls into the windowsills, also thanks to Len Fryatt and David Fife for setting up and decorating the Christmas Tree and thank you Phyllis Clarke for the 12 beautiful holly bowls for the windows.

The decorations contributed greatly to the Christmas celebrations at St Mary's.

David Fife

Clergy	Robert Binks	01277 220428	Rob.binks@me.com
Church warden	Helen Burgess	01277 227557	helen.burgess1@gmail.com
For visits and guided tours	Fiona Agassiz	01277 230436	fionaagassiz@hotmail.com

CHURCH NEWS

Child Protection - Safeguarding children and Vulnerable Adults

We are all saddened when we read about the torture and death of Baby P in the papers and wonder how it could happen. We are also aware of the sexual abuse of children by TV stars and Priests that have caused enormous payouts by the BBC and the Catholic Church.

Research by the NSPCC has shown that the problem of child abuse occurs in all sections of society and the highest incidence is in children separated from their mothers due to premature birth and children with disability.

The categories of abuse are Neglect, Emotional abuse, Sexual and Physical abuse, although many cases involve more than one area.

The leaders of the Church of England are keen to do everything to prevent abuse and have an on-line training package available free to all Christians at <http://chelmsford.cofelearning.org>. It stresses that Safeguarding of children is EVERYONE'S responsibility and there is an excellent introduction to this by Bishop Stephen Cotterill, at the start of this training, that takes only 45 minutes to complete; including the final test of your knowledge!

I am a retired Consultant Paediatrician who has been involved in detection and prevention of child abuse from 1974 to 2014, and act as the Liaison Officer and source of advice if people suspect something is not right. I report to the Diocesan team in Chelmsford. It is recommended that all members of the PCC and anyone working with children in the church do this training. In addition anyone working with children in Church must already have the DBS clearance certificate. Yours sincerely
David Clow

Dr David Clow is the Child Protection officer for the parishes of Christ Church, Warley and St Mary's, Great Warley. If any reader has concerns about child abuse, please contact Rob Binks or the church warden, who will put you in touch with David Clow.

Brentwood Community Print

Once again we would like to thank the staff at Brentwood Community Print who produce our newsletter in rapid time and to such a high quality. They can be contacted on 01277 849021 - speak to Tim or Tony. Their email is info@brentwoodcommunityprint.org.uk.
The Keys, Eagle Way, Warley CM133BP

Rev Frances Drake 1943 -2015

Frances was a wonderful friend and preacher for Great Warley particularly during the interregnum. It was with great sadness that we learned of her death on the 2nd January after suffering a stroke and bone cancer since September. She had had a difficult start in life having been born Maud Brown, but being adopted at birth, and named Frances Maud Drake. She never liked or used her middle name!

She was brought up by her adoptive parents in Navestock and at St Thomas' Navestock she became a churchwarden at the age of 22. She passed the 11 plus and went to Brentwood County High when it was an all girls grammar school. She was an enthusiastic musician, and loved sport of all sorts. She then started work as a teaching assistant and subsequently trained at the Brentwood teacher training college. She then was appointed as a PE and music primary school teacher at Hall Mead School in Upminster. She then did an external degree. With this qualification under her belt, she was then appointed Deputy Head of a primary School in Suffolk, but moved back to Hall Mead as Deputy Head where she worked until her retirement in 1994. She then retired and trained for the ministry, being curate and then priest in charge at Mountnessing, Buttsbury and Fryerning. She was so enthusiastic about her ministry seeing it as a great gift from God she never expected. She had an amazing sense of fun. At a wedding she was asked to say grace "With food on the plate, drink in the cup and not having to do the washing up, thank- you Lord, Amen" Her funeral at St Thomas Navestock was attended by more than 400 people, some whom she had baptised, others whom she had helped through bereavement. She certainly brought a special light to the services and families she met at Great Warley.
She will be warmly remembered.

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DIARY DATES, READERS LETTERS

Dates for your Diary

February:

6 Friday 10-12: Sewing Bee at the Rectory Hall. Call Liz 07825 017056 for more info.

This month we are making roman blinds

10 Tuesday 2-4: WI at Childerditch Village Hall (Jenny 01277 220085)

18 Wednesday 1pm: Pat's Ladies Lunch at Izumi (220206)

28 Saturday 11am: Meet at the Rectory Hall to spring clean and discuss renovation plans

March:

6 Friday 10-12: Sewing Bee at the Rectory Hall. Call Liz 07825 017056 for more info.

This month we are making curtains

10 Tuesday 2-4: WI at Childerditch Village Hall (Jenny 01277 220085)

14 Saturday 7.30: GWCS Quiz

Contact Len and Pat for details (220206)

Readers Letters

Rectory Hall

It was with great pleasure that the Great Warley Sewing group have presented to St Mary's the sum of £290.91 towards the refurbishment of the Rectory Hall. This was the proceeds from a quiz night organised by Richard and Georgina Osborne, recycled shopping bags made by the Great Warley Sew and Sews and also contributions from the Great Warley Sewing Bee group. We hope to add a new disabled toilet to the Hall as well as give the Hall an overall spring clean and lick of paint.

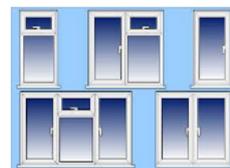
In addition to this we are thrilled to have been gifted some new tables, chairs and cupboards from the Essex Fire and Rescue Service HQ at Hutton which is being relocated.

We aim to form a working group to spruce up the Hall so that more local groups will be able to use it as currently it is a very underused resource.

If you might have some time to spare to come and help us please get in touch. We shall be meeting at the Hall at 11am on 28 February to clean it up and hatch a plan so do come along if you would like to get involved in some way.

Liz Francis

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The son replied, "I do know!"

"Okay," said his father. "What does the Bible mean?"

"That's easy, Daddy..." the young boy replied excitedly, "It stands for '**Basic Information Before Leaving Earth.**'"

"Somebody has said there are only two kinds of people in the world. There are those who wake up in the morning and say, "Good morning, Lord," and there are those who wake up in the morning and say, "Good Lord, it's morning."

A teacher began her lesson with a question, "Boys and girls, what do we know about God?" A hand shot up in the air. "He is an artist!" said the kindergarten boy.

"Really? How do you know?" the teacher asked.

"You know - Our Father, who does art in Heaven..."

Barbara James

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A decorative graphic for Valentine's Day. It features a dark red background with a repeating floral pattern. At the top left is a gold silhouette of Cupid with a bow. A gold banner across the top reads 'Valentine's DAY' in a mix of cursive and bold sans-serif fonts. Below it, another gold banner says 'At the Manor' in cursive, followed by 'De Rougemont Manor' in a smaller cursive font. A gold arrow points to the word 'Menu' in a large, elegant cursive font. To the right, a gold circle contains the text 'Overnight packages starting from £80.00'. There are also gold hearts and floral motifs scattered throughout the design.

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