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Bishop of Bradwell's visit to St Mary's



On Sunday 25th September members of the regular congregation at St Mary's were delighted to welcome members of the Christ Church congregation to a joint Holy Communion service, attended by the Rt. Revd. John Wraw, Bishop of Bradwell. The Bishop is trying to visit as many parishes as he can within his diocese.

The service was led by the Bishop and by our Priest-in-Charge, Rob Binks, and various members of both congregations took part in the service. The theme was 'Prayer – leading us to unity with Christ'.

After the service, coffee, tea and cakes, together with popcorn and ice cream, were served in the garden at St Mary's. Luckily the weather was fine for the refreshments, and it was a happy and well-attended occasion.

The Bishop then joined with members of the PCC in the newly refurbished Rectory Hall for a delicious lunch. Many thanks to everyone who helped or provided food and drinks, etc. during this eventful day.

VILLAGE NEWS

Headley Common

The yellow lines to stop commuters from parking in the lane which runs past the back of Spire Hartswood hospital are due to be installed in the week beginning 3rd October. There will be several spaces where walkers and other visitors will be permitted to park in the lane for a few hours in the middle of the day.

The verges of the common have been getting eroded by motorists trying to pass the continuous line of parked cars. The cars have been parking so close to the junction with Warley Gap that visibility has been obscured and the junction has become dangerous. At the other end of the lane, residents have been prevented from leaving their own driveways because cars have parked too close to their gates in the one way section.

We hope that the Headley Common will return to being the attractive and peaceful place which it used to be.

The bench on Headley Common which was broken by accident when the grass was being mown should be replaced in the next few weeks.

GWCS

Please make a note in your diaries that the Autumn meeting will take place at the Rectory Hall on Thursday 27th October starting at 8pm. An agenda will be sent out nearer the time.

Linda Beaney

Rectory Hall

The refurbishment of the rectory hall is now complete, and the whole building looks smart and welcoming. Very, very

many thanks to everyone who has helped with this transformation – too many people to mention by name. The work could not have been done without the help of these dedicated volunteers.

If you would like to hire the hall, either for a one-off celebration or for a regular slot, please contact Helen on 227557.

Great & Little Warley WI

Our September meeting took place on the hottest September day since 1911. We were slightly down on numbers due to holidays and other circumstances but were pleased to welcome two visitors.

Our speaker for the afternoon was Mr John Hawkins, who gave an informative talk about the background development and present work of Age UK Essex, stressing just how helpful the Information and Advice service had been to over 60,000 callers last year and suggesting ways of fundraising or volunteering for those who felt able to help.

A special raffle was also held with all the proceeds being donated to the appeal to save Denman College, the W.I. residential centre.

Our next meeting will be held in Little Warley and Childerditch Village Hall on Tuesday October 11th at 2pm when the speaker is Anne Hardy on the topic of Growing up in the East End in the 1950s.

The Great and Little Warley WI meet every second Tuesday at the Childerditch Village Hall between 2-4pm. Visitors and new members are always welcome.

Please call Jenny on 220085 for more information.

LETTERS AND PHOTOS

Boundary Amendments

Just in case you haven't already heard the Boundary Commission are proposing to reduce the number of Westminster constituencies from 650 down to 600.

This will mean that the boundaries for a number of constituencies are going to change.

In the Brentwood & Ongar constituency this will mean us losing some wards and gaining others. In the Brentwood area it is proposed that the wards of Warley along with Herongate, Ingrave & West Horndon will be transferred to the South Basildon and East Thurrock constituency.

I am totally against this move for a variety of reasons and a number of people I have spoken to in both wards feel the same way.

If the Boundary Commissions proposals go ahead it will mean the two Brentwood wards being a part of a constituency that includes places like Vange and East Tilbury. I think it would be bad for local democracy, accountability and local identity.

If any of your members share my objections to these proposals I would strongly urge them to make their views known by going on the Boundary Commission's interactive web site at www.bce2018.org.uk or attend the public hearing at the Chelmsford Civic Centre on Monday 31st October - Tuesday 1st November. The consultation runs from 13th September to 5th December 2016.

My colleagues Jill and Nigel are also totally opposed to Warley being moved out of the constituency and as a group the Lib Dems will be moving a motion on the issue at Full Council.

If you would like any further information please let me know.

Regards

Cllr David Kendall
Essex County Councillor
Brentwood South Division

Village Photos



Refreshments being served after the Bishop of Bradwell's visit to St Mary's on Sunday 25th September.



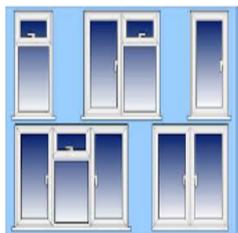
Carol and Alan with the Bishop during his visit to the village.



Visitors at St Mary's after the Bishop's service.

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ST. MARY THE VIRGIN

Date	Time	Service
2 October	11.00am	Morning Prayer
9 October	8.00am 11.00am	Morning Prayer Harvest Festival Holy Communion
16 October	11.00am	Morning Prayer
23 October	11.00am	Holy Communion
30 October	11.00am	Morning Prayer
6 November	11.00am	Morning Prayer
13 November	8.00am 10.45am	Morning Prayer Service of Remembrance
20 November	11.00am	Morning Prayer and Baptism
27 November	11.00am	Holy Communion
4 December	11.00am	Morning Prayer

Harvest Thanksgiving

We will be celebrating the Harvest gathered in on 9th October at 11.00am. Do come and join us to enjoy the hymn singing and decorations in our beautiful church. Donations of food (non-perishable please) will be received and forwarded to the Brentwood Foodbank.

Harvest Supper

Sadly we have decided to cancel this year, as we had not realised how many diary clashes there were. We will try to make sure we fix the date with all supporters in good time next year.

Remembrance Sunday

Great Warley will be remembering the Armed Services, and the sacrifices made in the two world wars, and in recent conflicts in Afghanistan, Iraq, Bosnia, Northern Ireland, Korea and Syria. Our service will begin at the village church on 13th November at 10.45, to be followed by laying of wreaths at the war memorial on the vil-

lage green at about 12 midday. The Service of Remembrance will be attended by the Warley Cadets, who will be paying their respects, and laying the wreath.

Do come and join us for this moving service and act of Remembrance.

Please let me know if there is anyone you would like mentioned either in the service or at the war memorial.

Helen Burgess

Autumn Working Party

On Saturday 19th November from 9.30am - 12.30pm we are having a general tidy up in the grounds of St. Mary's. Please bring a rake, wheelbarrow, gloves etc. and come and lend a hand to cut back branches and clear up fallen leaves.

Christmas at St Mary's

We will be decorating the church for Christmas on Saturday 10th December at 10.00am. Please feel free to come and lend a hand. The main Christmas services for our church in Great Warley are listed below. Please put them in your diaries now.

Sunday 11th December 6.00pm

Candlelit Carol Service at which the Bra-vissima Choir will join us to make this a really special service. This choir has held two excellent concerts at St Mary's in the last two years, and we are delighted that they have offered to visit us again. This date is a week earlier than we normally hold our carol service and will be followed by mulled wine and mince pies.

Saturday 24th December 5.30pm

Christingle Service. This is always popular with families.

Saturday 24th December 11.30pm

Candlelit midnight service for the start of Christmas Day. Members of the Christ Church congregation will again join us for this service.

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MESSAGE FROM REV'D ROB, DIARY DATES & ANNOUNCEMENTS

Message from Rev'd Rob Binks

The beginning of September is always an opportunity for a fresh start; whether it's a child in the family starting at a new school or going up a year, or if it is just ourselves return to life as normal following some time on holiday. Whatever September means to you this year, this newsletter comes with my best wishes, especially if you are beginning a new season in life.

As a church we are using September to reconnect with a part of the Christian faith which has often been neglected and often misunderstood - the act of Prayer - it's an intrinsic part of the lives of people of faith.

Prayer is not intended to be complicated or a chore - just honest and from the heart. Our former Archbishop, Rowan Williams said: *'I'm often asked: Have you any tips on how to pray? Let me put it this way - I'm not much of one for sunbathing - too much lying around being still, I get fidgety and a bit guilty. But there's something about sunbathing that tells us something about what prayer is about.*

When you're lying on the beach or by the pool or in your back garden, something is happening - something that is nothing to do with how you feel or how hard you're trying. You're not going to get a better tan by screwing up your eyes and concentrating. You give the time - and that's it. All you have to do is turn up. And then things change - at their own pace. You simply have to be there where the light can shine on you.

People often have the impression that praying is anxiously putting on your best clothes; finding acceptable things to say in the right sort of language and concentrating. But when Jesus tells his friends how to pray he tells them not to worry about any of this. He tells them: say Father. Just be confident that you're welcome as you would be at home. All you need to do is to be where the light can get at you - in this case the light of God's love.

Give the time and let go of trying hard. God is there always. He's glad to see you. And he'll make a difference - while you're not watching - just by radiating who and what he is in your direction. All he asks is that you stay there - with

him for a while.'

How we can understand prayer better is our subject for September. Each Sunday we'll be taking a moment in our services to look afresh at an aspect of prayer and hopefully discover new ways to pray and be inspired with fresh energy to interact with God in this enriching spiritual gift.

With my very best wishes

Rev'd Rob Binks

Dates for your Diary

October

7 Friday 10-1pm: Sewing Bee at the Rectory Hall (Liz 07825 017056). We would like to welcome you to our group of sewers, knitters and crocheters who meet once each month at the Rectory Hall. £2 charge to cover costs.

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

26 Wednesday 12.50pm: Ladies Lunch at Izumi (Pat 220206)

27 Thursday 8pm: GWCS Autumn meeting at the Rectory Hall.

November

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

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

30 Wednesday 12.50pm: Ladies Lunch at Izumi (Pat 220206)

Weddings and Baptisms

Wedding

9th September - Scott Baynes and Jasmin Ersan

Baptisms

9th September - Dominic, son of Scott and Jasmin

18th September - Liliana, daughter of Karen and Mark

" Merciful Father favour thy children, and grant that they may ever grow in grace"

EDITOR'S RAMBLINGS

To Bee or not to Bee?

This year saw the realisation of a long held desire to do something a little different for me, to start keeping bees.

I've grown vegetables for many years, and it all just seems to happen. The plants get pollinated, and eventually in a good year (like this year) the fruits reap magnificent rewards - courgettes which have produced an immense crop for the last 3 months now are only just showing signs of slowing down. The tomatoes started off slowly but we now have more than enough to fulfil our daily requirements. The chickens are laying well and whoever visits is usually given a box of eggs to take away with them as we cannot keep up with the egg mountain! And now this year to add to the mix is a small crop of Great Warley honey.

The little creatures which help all this vegetable wizardry happen are the bees and other pollinators which do such a magnificent job and which I decided quite a while ago that I would like to encourage.

I managed to find a beginners beekeeping course to attend - a little less rare than hen's teeth but nevertheless beekeeping courses seem to be difficult to find and then enrol onto.

I joined the Romford Beekeeping group and in April started my 10 week course of 'Beginners Beekeeping'.

After two sessions in the classroom we were in the thick of it. Delving into the beehives in the apiary and getting up close and personal with real live buzzing around your head bees. Most of the weekly sessions thereafter were a practical which involved getting dressed into our protective clothing, gloved up and inspecting the hives by taking them apart and getting out the frames to check that the bees were working as they should.

We checked that the queen was actually there and laying the eggs which would turn into the workers and future bee population. We checked that there were lots of stores in the form of pollen and honey for the bees to use as food. We checked there were larvae which would be fed by the nurse bees then capped over to emerge within 21 days as young bees ready to go out into the colony and do their jobs on a daily basis and probably die six weeks later. It is fascinating to watch a young bee emerge from a cell after such a short time and for it then to know exactly what its role is and to go off and start working. The bees seem to know instinctively when there is a problem too. One of my hives was very upset when I opened it up one day and I discovered that the queen had gone missing - presumed to have been ousted by the colony for some reason or another. They must have decided that they wanted a new queen and had made one of the larvae into a queen cell by feeding a different substance and after the requisite amount of days she emerged as a new queen. She went off to mate and has since started laying eggs and carrying on the colony. A queenless colony is not a happy one which would account for the sting I received at that time!

However, that said I was lucky enough to take off a few pounds of honey this year and am looking forward to next year when I will hopefully increase the number of hives I have and learn even more about these amazing creatures.



Liz Francis

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