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Farewell and Thank you to the Rev. Rob Binks

It is with great sadness and considerable shock that we have had to say farewell to Rob Binks, our Priest-in-Charge of Christ Church, Warley and St Mary's, Great Warley. Rob has been with us for over four years, and during that time he has lovingly looked after St Mary's church (both the people and the building) and the Rectory Hall too.

As well as conducting the majority of our services, including weddings, baptisms and funerals, Rob has made good use of his practical skills. As a qualified plumber and electrician, he was instrumental in installing the new toilet in the Rectory Hall and renewing the electrical circuits there. Because he is also Chaplain to the Essex Fire Service, he was able to procure new tables, chairs and cupboards for the Rectory Hall. He also overhauled the spotlights outside the church, so you will all appreciate his work when you attend our candle-lit Carol Service on Saturday 22nd December and our Christmas Midnight service on 24th December.

Unfortunately Rob has endured quite a bit of poor health in the last couple of years, and this is one of the reasons why he is going to have to leave us. The official personal statement about his resignation is as follows:

'Rev. Rob Binks has resigned in order to take some extended leave to allow time to recover from his recent period of long term ill health. Rob is intending to move to self-supporting ministry in due course. Rob has very much enjoyed his time at the two churches he has served and is sorry to leave.'

Rob's last service at St Mary's was on Sunday 26th August. Because his resignation was so sudden, we were unable to say a proper farewell to him, but he and Nicki have agreed to come to our Harvest Supper in the Rectory Hall on Saturday 6th October, so we will have a chance to express our thanks and appreciation to him then.

We wish Rob, Nicki, and their children Daniel and Chloe the very best of luck for the future. We thank them all for everything they have done for St Mary's, including Nicki for looking after the electronic music at weddings and funerals, and Daniel for renovating the between grave churchyard lawnmower and mowing the churchyard grass for us. We will sorely miss you all.



VILLAGE NEWS

Heritage Weekend and BBC Look East Programme

The theme for the national Heritage Open Days this year was 'Exceptional Women'. It was felt that Ellen Willmott definitely qualifies as one of these, so both Great Warley Church and Warley Place opened on Saturday 8th and Sunday 9th September.

Visitors to the church were shown round our very special Arts and Crafts interior, and they were also able to view an exhibition about Ellen Willmott's life, which was displayed in the Vestry. Over 50 people came on each of the two days, including some volunteers who spring-cleaned the church on the Saturday. Very many thanks to them. In addition, we enjoyed a special service on the Sunday morning for the baptism of Caleb Bourne, with many more visitors attending.

Warley Place was popular too, with all the guided tours on both days having between six and fifteen people, and many other visitors exploring on their own. The weather was dry, with some welcome sunshine on the Sunday afternoon.

Several of the visitors to both venues came because they had seen a programme about Ellen Willmott and Warley Place on BBC Look East on Friday 7th September. Both Mick Hedges and Fiona Agasiz were interviewed at Warley Place. The filming had taken place earlier on that same day. It was quite an experience!



Great and Little Warley WI

There was a bumper attendance for the September meeting with almost the full compliment of membership returning from holidays, so lots to talk about amongst ourselves. Apologies were received from the few who were unable to come. The meeting began with an informative and at times, amusing talk from Michael Benning about policing in Southend and his time on the Cayman Islands. His talk was illustrated by slides and the pictures brought back many memories to some of our members. After a break for tea, business took a little longer than usual. We had tickets to arrange for the Annual County meeting in October and our club Christmas dinner to organise!

We now have a sub group in our committee who organise outings and other things to do in addition to the monthly meeting. For the inaugural event, eleven members went to breakfast at Merrymeade House in Brentwood. A better day could not have been chosen. We opted to sit outside and enjoy the sunny weather whilst we still could and had such a good time that breakfast lasted almost until lunchtime!



The next meeting will be on October 9th when our speaker will be Ian Kirby and his topic is Angels, Villains and Dictators.

Cricket's a winner again in Great Warley!

Our much loved and yet, of late, little used cricket club will now be seeing great cricket activity in action from next Spring.



As a result of considerable concern in our community much effort has been made to get the Club back into use again and, thankfully, Brentwood Cricket Club have now taken it over. Great Warley resident and Hutton CC President Ron Grief introduced them and now a hive of activity has begun with the square being dug up and re-laid, ground clearance commencing and work to upgrade the pavilion interior starting next week. Brentwood Cricket Club President Malcolm Webb says “if anyone in the community would like to take an active interest in the renovation project they are most welcome as we need to have volunteers help. Initially, until the ground settles it will be used by our fifth and sixth elevens, senior colts and ladies sections.”

“Neighbours and those walking well trained and restrained dogs are welcome when there is no play so please introduce yourselves if members and volunteers are working there at weekends, as we are keen to become part of and get involved with the local community” says committee member Kevin Brailey.

Outside Edge by the New Venture Players

Locally based am-dram group The New Venture Players returned to the Great & Little Warley Cricket Club recently to stage, in the open air, the comedy “Outside Edge”. Co-founder Linda Beaney had written and directed the play “Ellen’s Love” about Warley Place’s owner Ellen Willmott which

was performed by them three years ago and felt the pavilion and space setting offered an ideal opportunity for the amusing piece about the dysfunctional middle class members of a cricket club with their complicated relationships and egos. Several local residents assisted on the days with catering and car park marshalling and NVP are particularly grateful to Liz Francis, Fiona Agassiz, Christine McAllister, Elli Francis, Lawrie Grundy and Ken Westmacott.

The company are regulars at Brentwood Theatre, usually performing there twice a year as well as being busy with their fund raising touring group which subsidises production cost overheads. That element stages murder mystery evenings for organisations at venues across Essex, Suffolk and East London.

They will celebrate their founding forty years ago during 2019 and current plans include the play “Kindertransport” at Brentwood in April as well as, possibly, “Lark Rise to Candleford” in the open air next Summer. This year’s weather was quite kind – who knows if they may be as fortunate again!!!!

Linda Beaney



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Date	Time	Service
7 October	11.15am	Holy Communion
14 October	11.15am	Harvest Festival Morning Prayer
21 October	11.15am	Matins
28 October	11.15am	Holy Communion
4 November	11.15am	Holy Communion
11 November	10.45am	Remembrance Service
18 November	11.15am	Matins
25 November	11.15am	Holy Communion
2 December	11.15am	Holy Communion
9 December	11.15am	Morning Prayer

Services at St Mary's

Now that Rob Binks has so sadly left us, the pattern of services for the first few months of the interregnum is that Adrian McConnaughe will conduct Holy Communion Services on the first and fourth Sundays of each month. On the second, third and fifth Sundays there will be a Matins or Morning Prayer service, conducted by either: Olive Law, Paul Betts or Susan Evans. We are most grateful to them all.

Clearing Leaves in the Churchyard

The annual chore of clearing leaves in St Mary's Churchyard is almost upon us again!

There will be leaf-clearing sessions on Saturdays 10 November (in time for Remembrance Sunday) and 1 December, 10am onwards. Please, please come and join us on those days (with gardening gloves and a rake if possible) – the more people we have, the quicker the job will be done, and you may even be lucky enough to be rewarded with coffee and biscuits!

Armistice Day and Remembrance Sunday

Do join us on 11th November at 10.45 for a very special service with Warley Cadets, remembering all those who have given their lives in the service of our country.

This service will be followed at approximately midday by a short ceremony and laying of the wreath at the War Memorial opposite The Thatchers.

As this is 100 years since the ending of the First World War, it will be particularly poignant.

Harvest Supper and Harvest Festival

The village and church combined Harvest Supper will be held on Saturday 6th October at 7pm in the Rectory Hall. Tickets will cost £10 each, available from Linda (231265) or Helen (227557). We will be entertained by our local singing star, Rozie T, who we enjoyed so much last year. Please let us know by 4th October if you will be coming along. You can pay on the night.

Since we were unable to hold a village barbecue this year, the Harvest Supper will be a good chance for everyone to get together. The church Harvest Festival will be held on the following Sunday, 14th October. Offers of help for both of these events will be very gratefully received.

Baptisms

- 1 September - Jordan Mark Carter
- 1 September - Billie Jolene Blundell
- 1 September - Dollie-Rose Sylvia Trigg and Florence Lily Trigg, Daughters of Danny and Leanne
- 9 September - Caleb Henry Bourne, Son of Iain and Zoe

Wedding

- 10 August - Frank Etman to Nancy Bowler

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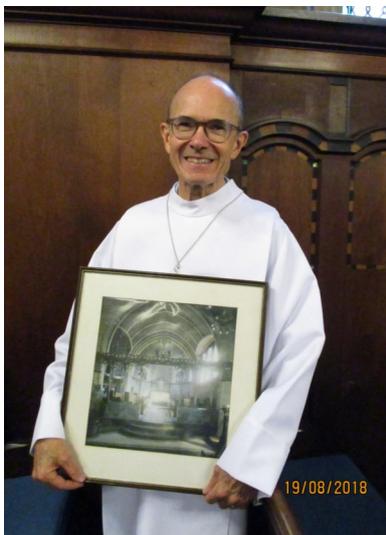
Farewell to Tim Lee

For the past fourteen years Tim Lee has been the Lay Reader attached to St Mary the Virgin, Great Warley and Christ Church Warley. He conducted his first Matins service at St Mary's in 2004, and he remembers being quite nervous about it!

Tim's last service at St Mary's was on 18th August, and he was presented with a picture and some tokens by members of the congregation as a small gesture of thanks for all that he has done for our church. He is moving on to take charge of the church in Mountnessing, and we will all miss him very much.

Tim has been a great source of strength to the congregation at Great Warley Church. He has taken many services for us, including funerals, and he joined the PCC as an advisory member. He was a particular help during the interregnum before Rob Binks arrived. His thoughtfulness, wisdom and consideration for others were appreciated by everyone.

Tim was helpful in practical ways too, such as making sure that there were plenty of Christingle Oranges or Palm Crosses for the relevant services. He even donned his old clothes and became part of the gangs who spring-cleaned the church in September and cleared the leaves in the churchyard in the autumn.



We thank you, Tim, for all your help, advice and encouragement, and we wish you and Viv the very best of luck in the future.

Orchids in St Mary's Churchyard

Many readers may not be aware that an orchid called Autumn Ladies Tresses grows in one corner of St Mary's churchyard. It is white, not more than 10cm tall, and quite difficult to see. It flowers in the grass at the end of August and the beginning of September. Its leaf rosettes appear in the autumn but die down in June or July, and because they are so small they are not affected by mowing the grass.

This orchid is rare because it is hardly known to grow in any other locations north of the Thames. It is quite common on lawns in the Isle of Wight, and it grows in a few places in Sussex and Kent as well. The amount of



these orchids in our churchyard fluctuates enormously – in some years several hundred have been recorded, in other years (including 2017), only two or three were found. This year twenty-two flowers were recorded, although there could have been more because it is so hard to identify. There are already some leaf rosettes in evidence, ready, we hope, for next year.

There has been great interest in the Autumn Ladies Tresses among specialised botanists. This year the site was visited by the President of the Essex Field Club, the Chelmsford Diocesan Conservation Officer, and two of the country's leading experts in these particular orchids, who come from Leicestershire and from Radlett.

The reason that we have this particular rare orchid could be that when the church was built in 1902, chalk was brought from the north Kent Downs to mix with the London Clay for the foundations. The surplus clay was piled in one corner of the churchyard to form a bank. Apart from the Claygate Beds, the mixture of soil in this area could also contain Bagshot Sand and Warley Gravel.

DIARY DATES AND LOCAL NEWS

Diary Dates

October

2 Tuesday 8pm: GWCS Autumn Meeting at the Rectory Hall

4 Thursday 7.30pm: Richard's Quiz Night at the Thatcher's Arms. Donation of £2.50 per person in aid of First Step

5 Friday 10-1pm: Sewing Bee at the Rectory Hall £2 charge (Liz 07825 017056)

6 Saturday 7pm: Harvest Supper at the Rectory Hall. Cost £10 - tickets from Helen (01277 227557) or Linda (01277 231265)

9 Tuesday 2pm: Great & Little Warley WI at Childerditch Village Hall (Pam Tee 01277 220314)

14 Sunday 11.15am: Harvest Festival Service at St. Mary's

31 Wednesday 12.50pm: Ladies Lunch at Izumi (Ann 01277 214886)

November

2 Friday 10-1pm: Sewing Bee at the Rectory Hall.

10 Saturday 10am: Leaf clearing at St Mary's followed by coffee and biscuits. All welcome.

11 Sunday 10.45am: Remembrance Service at St. Mary's followed by wreath laying at the War Memorial.

13 Tuesday 2pm: Great & Little Warley WI at Childerditch Village Hall (Pam Tee 01277 220314)

28 Wednesday 12.50pm: Ladies Lunch at Izumi (Ann 01277 214886)

December

1 Saturday 10am: Leaf clearing at St Marys followed by coffee and biscuits. All welcome.

5 Wednesday 1pm: Warley Ladies Christmas Lunch at the Thatcher's (Ann 01277 214886)

22 Saturday 6.30pm: Carol Service at St Mary's with Bravissima

Richard's Quiz Night

Richard Osborn will once again be hosting a fun quiz night on Thursday 4th October at the Thatcher's Arms. This time the charity is First Step, a Hornchurch-based group which supports children with disabilities and their families.

The cost is £2.50 per head and consists of 5 fun rounds of easy, multiple choice questions. It is recommended that you book a table with the pub on 01277 233535 to avoid disappointment.

Mystery Photograph

This photograph from Great Warley has been turned up but we don't seem to be able to find out where it was taken. If anyone has any idea where it may have been taken please get in touch with me at Greatwarleylychgate@yahoo.co.uk.



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