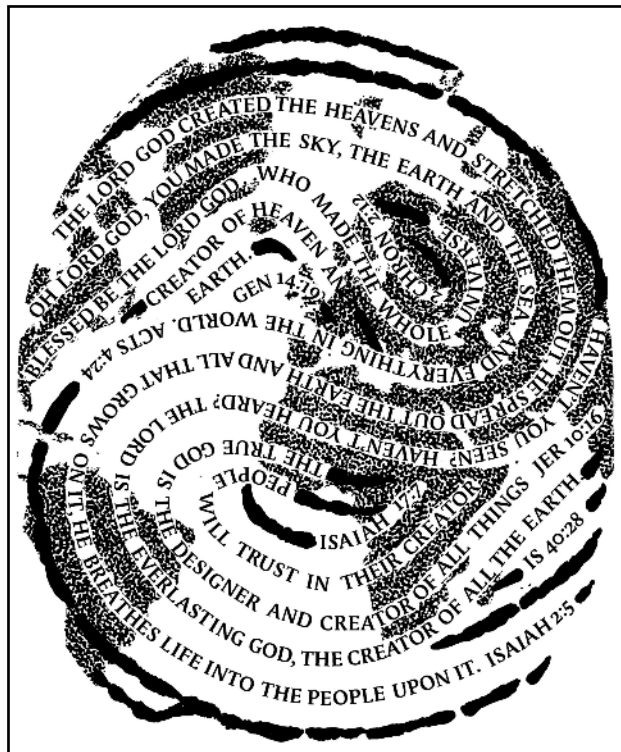


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BITs And PiECes

Apologies for the delay in this month's edition of Pewtalk caused by my holiday at the end of May.....*Ed*

The 100 Club - The winners of the May draw were Ken and Hazel Green. Both Hazel and Ken have been under the weather recently so it was hopefully a little bit of a "Pick me Up" for them. A number of people have asked when the 100 Club starts a New Year. We have two more draws June 2nd and the £50 draw on July 1st. I will be on Holiday in July (Missing the Election) so any early contributions would be most welcome hopefully we can match or beat last years total of 59 tickets making nearly £300 for Church Funds.

The East Tilbury bus service looks as though it will be reinstated later this year (in August?) according to recent Facebook postings. Although there is some debate about just who was behind this change, congratulations to all involved. Persistence pays! It would seem that the current funding is only for 15 months unless further funding can be obtained, more use is made of the buses or the fare income increases.

With a General Election having been set for 4th July it is perhaps a good time to think about how our faith might influence our voting intentions. One source of information has been made available by the Bible Society in association with Christians in Politics, entitled '66 Politics - Touring through the Bible' and this is available from their website:- www.biblesociety.org.uk.

On the last weekend of June rather than just being open for refreshments on the Sunday afternoon, St. Catherine's will be open on Saturday 29th from 10am to 4pm and on Sunday 30th from 11am to 4pm for a celebration of '**All things Bright and Beautiful**'. The celebration will include activities for children, and adults, various stalls and will conclude with a service on the Sunday afternoon with the Grays Town Brass Band. Refreshments will be available at all times. More details to follow but do put the dates in your diary and share the details with your friends and neighbours.



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Is God calling YOU?

Are you over 18?
Happy to have a DBS check?
A reference from your Church Leader?

You will receive training, uniform, camaraderie from a great team, rewarding ministry in the name of Jesus

Commitment of one night patrol a month required

Interested in becoming a Street Pastor?



A prayer for all those affected by sickness and ill-health

Keep us, good Lord, under the shadow of your mercy. Sustain and support the anxious, be with those who care for the sick, and lift up all who are brought low; that we may find comfort knowing that nothing can separate us from your love in Christ Jesus our Lord. Amen.



Reflections from The Rectory

In the weeks leading up to Thursday 6th June, the 80th Anniversary of D-Day, I have noted an abundance of Poppies appearing in hedge rows, in gardens and around war memorials. The red poppy is a symbol of both Remembrance and hope for a peaceful future. Poppies are worn as a show of support for the Armed Forces community.

Seeing them in their natural form, bravely and boldly swaying in the breeze and bringing a real burst of colour wherever they may be has made me think about the inspiration and history behind the poppy becoming a symbol of Remembrance?

During WW1, much of the fighting took place in Western Europe. The countryside was blasted, bombed and fought over repeatedly. Previously beautiful landscapes turned to mud; bleak and barren scenes where little or nothing could grow. There was a notable and striking exception to the bleakness - the bright red Flanders poppies. These resilient flowers flourished in the middle of so much chaos and destruction, growing in the thousands upon thousands. In the spring of 1915 shortly after losing a friend in Ypres a Canadian doctor, Lieutenant Colonel John McCrae, was moved by the sight of these poppies and that inspiration led him to write the now famous poem 'In Flanders Fields'.

"The war to end all wars" is a term used to describe the **First World War (1914–1918)** and it must have been everybody's hope that this would be the case but sadly as we know it was not to be. The Second World War stretched across the years of 1st September 1939-2nd September 1945 and there was just as much loss, pain and heartache as in WW1. But significant events helped to bring the war to an end on 6th June we remember D-Day and the Battle of Normandy. The D-Day landings of the 6th June 1944 were the largest seaborne invasion in history. Along with the associated airborne operations, it marked the beginning of the liberation of France and Western Europe.

On this 80th Anniversary we are all invited to take a moment to remember with thanks the sacrifice made by so few for so many.

Joining in with the Welcom Community Forum, St Catherine's will be open during the evening of 6th June providing a quiet space where people can come in and hear some of the recorded memories from those who remember D-Day. You may like to come along and light a candle in memory of a loved one who served, or is still serving in the Armed Forces. And then at 9.15pm Revd Fiona Smith, Methodist Probationer Minister, South Essex Circuit and I will take part in the International Tribute and lighting of the Beacon at Coal House Fort.

I hope that you will be able to come along on 6th June to take a moment to remember, reflect and give thanks.



Every Blessing to all, *Revd Michèle*

Our visit to Highgate Cemetery

Recently, my Nan Valerie and I went on a coach trip to the Victorian cemetery in Highgate, which is one of the "Magnificent Seven" of the large 19th century cemeteries that are on the perimeter of central London.

I'd been to Highgate Cemetery previously but this time we were having a guided tour which was much more worthwhile as the tour guide pointed out graves of particular interest that I otherwise

would've missed on my own. Some of the more interesting gravestones included the Victorian boxer Thomas Sayers, who remarkably went 40 rounds in a bare-knuckle fight and of course the more recent grave to singer/songwriter George Michael alongside his mother and sister. Though the mausoleum tomb to Ada Beer, the 8 year old daughter of newspaper baron Julius Beer who tragically died from scarlet fever in 1875, was strikingly poignant in that it featured a beautiful monument of an angel holding a young girl in her arms, which we both saw by peering through the iron door to the crypt.

With this being a tour however, we were given special access to a section of the catacombs where, despite the damp and the spiders, we could see hundreds of coffins piled above each other on racks. It was quite an experience to say the least, there were many coffins from the early 1800's in relatively good condition, to think what these people witnessed in their lifetimes, the end of the Napoleonic wars, the first steam locomotive etc., incredible stuff!

Overall, a great day out despite the traffic there and back but with it being in London it's to be expected. Also, we both had a lovely fish and chip lunch at Kennedy's of Goswell Road beforehand which included a sweet. If you plan to visit Highgate Cemetery I'd highly recommend doing a tour but the graves are quite beautiful and serene to simply wander around, especially when the weather is good.

Jacob Schwan

The picture is of the entrance to the Egyptian Avenue.....Ed



'Jesus and Jellied Eels'

This is the title of Bishop Laurie Green's autobiography. I expect many of us in the parish and the deanery will remember Bishop Laurie as our very own Bishop of Bradwell.

I cannot remember who recommended the book to me and it has taken some time for me to finish reading it which I did while on my recent holiday. The book tells of the life of a very talented and Christian man. I was surprised to discover that Bishop Laurie attended East Ham

Grammar School and must have been in my year as I since discovered his signature on the back of a 1964 copy of school magazine, the 'Esthameian' During his education, training and ministry Bishop Laurie spent time both here in the U.K. and in other parts of the world where his lively personality and accomplished guitar playing brought him into contact with many well known personalities including Paul Simon (you will have to read the book for any more names) and he records playing in many folk clubs during his life including at the 'Swan' in Horndon.

As the Bishop of Bradwell he was responsible for appointing several of the Priests / Rectors of our own parish and one. Laurence Whitford was also present at his last service as Bishop, at the chapel of St. Peters on the wall. Bishop Laurie records that after the service, Laurence, who was then serving at Bradwell and therefore had some responsibilities for the chapel, bade him farewell with a glass of Irish Whiskey. When I read this I thought 'how very Laurence!'

If you choose to read the book I hope that you enjoy it as much as I did.

Chris Ford

Bradwell Pilgrimage & Gathering



Have you ever wondered what a pilgrimage is like and if it's for you?

Here is an opportunity for you to take part in this one-day pilgrimage to St Peter's Chapel, Bradwell-on-Sea.

Bradwell Pilgrimage and Gathering is an annual gathering of music, talks and activities that takes place in July at St Peter's Chapel in Bradwell on Sea. This year it is on Saturday 6th July from 10.30am to 3.15pm

The pilgrimage involves a walk of about 4 miles from St Thomas's Church in the village to the chapel. Once there, you can participate in worship and activities designed for people of all ages. So, whilst it isn't exclusively for young people there are plenty of activities for children, young people and families.

Bishop Adam, Bishop of Bradwell says, '*...many of us know the value of a purposeful journey, one taken for a reason greater than simply another transaction. Our forbears have good things to teach us, not least about becoming attuned to the rhythms of grace as we move across the landscape to connect with it and with our creator.*'

Visit www.bradwellpilgrimage.co.uk or the Chelmsford Diocesan website for more details.

The D-Day Normandy Landings - by Tim Lenton



Eighty years ago, on 6th June 1944, the D-Day Normandy Landings took place. More than 150,000 Allied troops landed on the beaches of Normandy. The Battle of Normandy ended on 25th August with an Allied victory.

The question of what the *D* stood for has never been absolutely determined: some say it just stood for Day; others maintain it was Disembarkation, because it was an amphibious

operation. What is sure is that there was a spiritual dimension. General Eisenhower, the commander of Operation Overlord, urged those taking part to “beseech the blessing of Almighty God upon this great and noble undertaking”, and President Roosevelt broadcast a prayer to the nation – the United States, that is.

Before June 5 – the original date for D-Day, before bad weather forced a rethink – a massive and successful series of deceptions were put in place to make the Nazis think the invasion would come elsewhere. The Germans were certainly confused. Hitler, thinking the attack was a feint, refused to send reinforcements, and their strategy was hampered by the absence of their brilliant Commander Erwin Rommel, who was on leave.

Nevertheless, the Americans suffered over 2,000 casualties at Omaha Beach, which was the most heavily defended. Altogether it was reckoned that over 4000 Allied troops were killed, but about 156,000 successfully stormed the beaches, and many landed behind the lines, including American paratrooper Private John Steele, who descended on to the pinnacle of the church tower in Sainte-Mère-Église, the first village to be liberated by the U S Army. Lit up by searchlights, he survived by pretending to be dead, was captured and then escaped, joining the invading soldiers.

This year handmade silhouettes of almost 1,500 servicemen were transported to Normandy for an art installation, *Standing with Giants*, to mark the anniversary.

And from the Standing with Giants s.....www.standingwithgiants.co.uk

Our ethos at Standing with Giants is to value life, to understand and appreciate why we have our freedom, and to remember and pay tribute to those who have fallen so we can live the lives we have today. Our installations are a great way of using art to do this. We call our silhouettes Giants due to the enormity of their sacrifice, so that others can have their freedom. Although Dan and his team started with a zero budget, they have enlisted many volunteers and companies who have donated materials and logistics towards the thirty-ton installation. They invited many different groups and organisations to help complete The People's Tribute called 'For Your Tomorrow' by April 2024. The installation took 20-30 people around 15 days to set up: it's truly epic. Dan Barton, Founder and Chair

of Trustees has set this whole project up so others can get involved: he and volunteers have been making the components for the figures over the past 4 years and during January 2024 - March 2024 we welcome 87 groups and organisations to help assemble and paint 'The People's Tribute'. "We've just set up a new workspace and I'm praying we find some funding from somewhere; it will really help take some of the pressure off with our endeavour".

Eight of the 1,475 silhouettes due to be transported to Normandy were exhibited on 9 November outside the Royal Albert Hall at the launch of the anniversary concert due to be held on 6th June 2024

Essex Connections with Georgia - Norman King

The week's newsletter for the 19th May included a page celebrating the lives of John and Charles Wesley. Reading this many things came to mind which linked both the Wesley brothers with the history of Essex and Georgia.

My Dad belonged to the Wesleyan Methodist Church in his village in Yorkshire and I remember taking Communion with him in the Methodist Chapel in East Tilbury which I think was Wesleyan Methodist.

Gerry Heath who many of us remember fondly, a regular at St. Catherine's, and a well known character in the village used to visit her son in Savannah Georgia USA.

A memory from history is of James Edward Oglethorpe a who secured a charter for a colony in what is Georgia in the United States of America He accompanied the first settlers sailing from Gravesend in 1732 and founded his colony, which became Savannah, for the worthy poor. The settlers were not allowed alcohol but were given 50 acres of land. Oglethorpe an anti slavery campaigner died in Cranham Hall on June 30 1785 and there is a statue of him in All Saints Church Cranham. Our neighbours Carol and David were married in All Saints and I was best man at my friend's wedding in that lovely Church.

To add to the connections with Georgia two of my school friends went to Oglethorpe primary school in Cranham. Bringing it closer to home and East Tilbury, 'Love Divine all Loves Excelling' written by Charles Wesley was one of the hymns at Sheila and my wedding and while on holiday in America Sheila we visited Savannah Georgia and saw Oglethorpe's Statue on the riverside walk. Interestingly there is also a statue of John Wesley in Savannah.

When there is bullying in church

: *The Ven John Barton considers the challenge of stopping fights in church.*

If you have ever seen churchwardens on a formal occasion, you will have noticed they carry wooden wands, sometimes called staves or prodders. These are upright poles surmounted by a bishop's mitre, or a royal crown, made of brass or silver. They date from the time when one churchwarden represented the Church and the other the State, or the people. These days we don't distinguish between them, though they are both technically officers of the bishop.

The wands were to be used, a bit like a police truncheon, to keep order in church and churchyard if the people got unruly, especially during divine service. That's a rare occurrence these days. But there's another kind of misbehaviour in church which is exercising the Church of England's General Synod. Bullying!

If clergy do it, they are subject to the Clergy Discipline Measure and rebuked. However, if a churchwarden or members of the Church Council gang up against the Vicar or another church member, there are no sanctions, unless they are breaking the law.

There are awful stories of clergy wives being driven to tears by aggressive churchgoers, or a key holder refusing to allow others access to part of the church, or individuals being bombarded with hundreds of harassing emails. The Synod agreed that it should be possible for lay officers to be removed from their posts if they are bullies. New rules will emerge after further investigation.

There's quite a lot in the New Testament about the need for church discipline, but even more about the standard we should aim for as brothers and sisters in Christ's family. "You are the body of Christ," wrote St Paul, "If one member suffers, all suffer together with it; if one member is honoured, all rejoice together with it." Those of us who have been church members for a long time might remind ourselves of that.

The PCC and Annual Meetings

The P.C.C. Meeting held on 29th April was largely taken up with preparations for the Annual Parochial Church Meeting in that the annual report and accounts were approved for presentation to the meeting at it was agreed that Mr. Peter Chandler should be recommended for another year as the parish's Financial examiner.

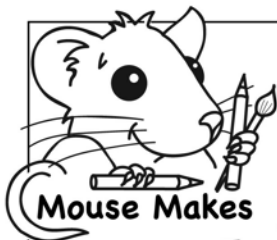
In addition the PCC received the usual reports from the treasurer, electoral roll officer and safeguarding officer. In her report Revd. Michèle reviewed the activities through Lent and Easter and reported that Pat Webb had formally become a member of the Church of England. She also advised that, there would be no Rogation service this year as there was no obvious Sunday available. She also advised the meeting with what little was known about the beacon lighting at Coalhouse Fort on 6th June.

It was agreed that we should have an 'open weekend' at St. Catherine's rather than just a Sunday afternoon opening on the last weekend of June.

At the 1st of the annual meetings on 12th May Chris Ford and Les Schwar were elected as Churchwardens. At the 2nd meeting the annual report and accounts was adopted the annual examiner was appointed and Norman and Sheila King, Pam Painter, Valerie Schwar, June Schroeder and Pat Webb were elected to be on the PCC for the coming year.

In addition to the six elected members the other members of the PCC for 2024-5 are our Priest in Charge, Revd. Michèle, our wardens Chris Ford and Les Schwar together with Kim Ford who is one of the parish's representatives at the Thurrock Deanery Synod.

If you wish to read the annual report it is available from church or our website.



Change each letter in this bible verse to the letter before it in the alphabet.

TFF XIBU LJOE PG
MPWF UIF GBUIFS
IBT HJWFO UP VT
UIBU XF TIPVME
CF DBMMFE
DIJMESFO PG HPE
POF KPJO UISFF: POF

Solomon's father defeated a giant and became a King. Who was he?

1 Samuel 48-50

Whose daughter was healed by Jesus?

Mark 5:21

A G A D A U G H T E R E G
V A S E Z E C H A R I A H
J M O S E S A J A C O B O
A Z L I B O F A T H E R P
I J O S E P H J A N O A H
R O M A D A V I D G E H N
U B O A E I D A S O N A O
S V N C E E Z E A D A M A

WHO IS MY FATHER?

Who was created by God and became the first father?

Genesis 2:20

Who had a son when he was very old?

Genesis 21:5

Shem Ham and Japheth's father built a huge boat, who was he?

Genesis 6:10-14

Who gave his son Joseph a robe of many colours?

Genesis 37:2-3



This Roman puzzle square reads the same from the top, bottom and sides and translates:

"Arepo the sower guides the wheel with skill."

ROTAS
OPERA
TENET
AREPO
SATOR

If you rearrange the letters it can spell **PATER NOSTER** which means "Our Father".

A
P
A
T
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R
O

Look up the Bible verses to find the fathers then look for them and the words below in the word search.

FATHER • GOD
SON • DAUGHTER
JOSEPH • ISAAC
MOSES • JOB
SOLOMON
ZECHARIAH
ZEBEDEE



PARISH DIARY FOR JUNE

All services and events may be changed in the light of any new developments.

Please see our weekly newsletter for the latest Information. It can be found on our

Website: www.stcatherinesthurrock.org.uk

1 Jun	Church cleaning and churchyard tidy up at St. Catherine's	10.00am-noon
2 Jun	1st Sunday after Trinity 'Worshipping Together' at St. Catherine's	10.00am
	Wedding at St. Catherine's	3.00pm
3 Jun	P.C.C. Meeting at St. Francis	2.00pm
5 Jun	Mid-week Communion at St. Francis	10.00am
	<i>Then the community support 'drop-in'</i>	10.30am-noon
6 Jun	Foodbank at St. Francis	11.00am-1pm
	Linford W.I. Meeting at St. Francis	2.00-4.00pm
	D-Day 80th anniversary event at Coalhouse Fort	7.00pm
	with beacon lighting at	9.15pm
9 Jun	2nd Sunday after Trinity Holy Communion at St. Catherine's	10.00am
11 Jun	Committal of ashes at St. Catherine's	11.00am
12 Jun	Mid-week Communion at St. Francis	10.00am
	<i>Then the community support 'drop-in'</i>	10.30am-noon
13 Jun	Foodbank at St. Francis	11.00am-1pm
16 Jun	3rd Sunday after Trinity 'Worshipping Together' at St. Catherine's	10.00am
	Café Communion at St. Francis	4.30pm
17 Jun	Bible Study and Fellowship group at St. Francis	10.30am-noon
19 Jun	Mid-week Communion at St. Francis	10.00am
	<i>Then the community support 'drop-in'</i>	10.30am-noon
20 Jun	Foodbank at St. Francis	11.00am-1pm
23 Jun	4th Sunday after Trinity Holy Communion at St. Catherine's	10.00am
26 Jun	Holy Communion at St. Francis	10.00am
	<i>Then the community support 'drop-in'</i>	10.30am-noon
27 Jun	Foodbank at St. Francis	11.00am-1pm
29 Jun	St. Catherine's open weekend - a celebration of 'All things bright and beautiful'	10.00am-4pm
30 Jun	5th Sunday after Trinity Holy Communion at St. Catherine's	10.00am
	St. Catherine's open weekend continues	11.00am-4.00pm

Life Events during May

Baptisms

12 May Austin Mansfield

Weddings

None

Committal of ashes

5 May Alan Keirle

Funerals

14 May Maureen Lee

Burial

None

Do you forget where your keys or wallet are?



It may be irritating, but don't worry – it does not mean that you are losing your memory.

Instead, it is merely your brain forgetting them on purpose, so that it can store other information.

That is the verdict of two academics whose book *The Psychology of Memory*, sets out to explain why we forget some things that we assume we should always know.

Dr Megan Sumeracki and Dr Althea Kaminske argue that storing and retrieving information is far more complicated than people think.

Dr Kaminske of Indiana University School of Medicine said: "Because we are most aware of our memory when we have trouble remembering something, our intuitions about how memory works might be a little biased.

"For example, I spend an embarrassing amount of time looking for my phone, water bottle, and keys. You may be unsurprised to learn that our memory systems are not necessarily designed to remember where we put our phones. Or keys. Or water bottles.

Co-author Dr Sumeracki of Rhode Island College added: "A degree of forgetting is natural to allow the brain to remember more general information. Memory does not work like a recording device, they say, but 'more like a Wiki page' because details can be edited."



If you would like to support the work of the parish and the churches of St. Catherine and St. Francis, this QR code will take you to our 'Give A Little' donation page.

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The Usual Service Pattern

- ♦ 1st & 3rd Sunday's, 10am at St. Catherine's 'Worshipping Together'.
- ♦ 1st Sunday's, 4.30pm at St. Catherine's 'Holy Communion'.
- ♦ 3rd Sunday's, 4.30pm at St. Francis informal Service of Holy Communion (Café style).
- ♦ 2nd, 4th & 5th Sundays 10am at St. Catherine's Holy Communion.

Wednesday 10.00 a.m. Holy Communion at St. Francis

For Baptisms, Weddings or Funerals please contact Revd. Michèle Marshall

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22nd July 2024

24th July 2024