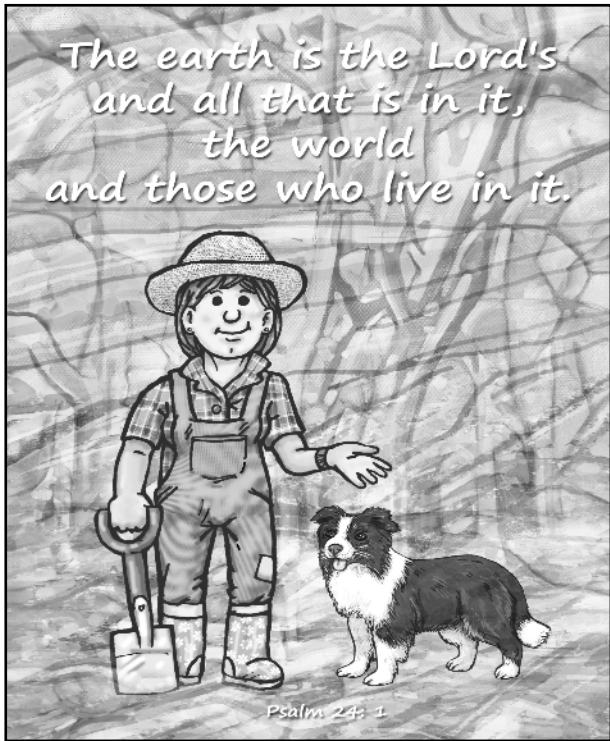


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# BITs AnD PiECes

**100 Club** - Sheila and I were on Holiday when Michèle drew the winning ticket on the first Sunday in September. The winners were Grace and Sam Horwood, Dawn and George's children and Pam England's grandchildren. Pam has always supported the 100 Club and was delighted to be able to add to the youngsters pocket money. We have a number of children and grandchildren in the draw and it's lovely to have new winners. If you have yet to buy tickets remember there are still two chances of winning £50.

*Norman*

**A big Thank you goes** out to Stuart from TRUP for donating a bookcase that was needed for the foodbank distribution centre at St Francis. Also a big thank you to Brandon and Danny for delivering and installing the bookcase in the cupboard.



Thank you Guys  
from the St. Francis foodbank team.

**The Thurrock foodbank has** a fundraiser that you might like to support. It is an Autumn Concert - by 'CDOT Voices' in aid of on Saturday 5th October, starting at 7.30pm, at Socketts Heath Baptist Church, Premier Avenue, Grays RM16 2SB. Tickets are £10 for

adults and £2 children. They are available from Helen by email at: [warehouse@thurrock.foodbank.org.uk](mailto:warehouse@thurrock.foodbank.org.uk) or by calling 07770 404484.

**Just a reminder that** the Big Quiz Night comes to St. Catherine's on Saturday 19<sup>th</sup> October. It is in aid of Tearfund and your support and that of your friends and neighbours would be much appreciated. Come alone or with others for a fun night of quizzing. Details are in the advert elsewhere in this magazine.

**In the absence of a** Community Payback team our thanks are due to the volunteers who have been tending the churchyard - and my special thanks to those who have been taking their and other's rubbish away - it is an enormous help.

*Chris Ford*

**With the arrival of Autumn** we have restarted our Bible Study and Fellowship group meetings at St. Francis. All are welcome to learn more about the Bible and their faith. In October we meet on the 7<sup>th</sup> and 21<sup>st</sup> at St. Francis from 10.30am-noon.

**Our community drop-in** is also a regular feature at St. Francis on Wednesdays from 10.30am-noon. If you fancy some company, warmth and refreshment just drop-in!

**October sees** the end of British Summer Time (BST) and our clocks revert to Greenwich Mean Time (GMT) so..... remember that we need **to set our clocks back 1 hour on Saturday 26<sup>th</sup> October** if we want to be in church on time on the 27<sup>th</sup>.

## 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



September is the month we think of as the place of new beginnings. Children return to school and older students take up a new chapter at college or university. There is the settling down after the summer months into the normal routines and looking ahead to the month of **October** and the changing of the seasons. Summer blooms are fading, there is freshness to the early morning air, 'Strictly Come Dancing' is back on a Saturday evening and autumn is emerging.

Autumn is definitely one of my favourite seasons and brings with it such a richness of colour. Leaves change from green to red and gold, conkers and acorns fall to the ground bringing delight to young and old alike. There is the crunch of autumn leaves under foot and the beauty of spider's webs in the early morning dew.

And late summer or early autumn is also the time in the church year when we celebrate the gifts of creation. At Harvest Festivals in parishes around the nation we give thanks for the constant work of farmers, fishermen and all food producers. It is also an opportunity to take time to reflect on how we are called to be good stewards of the world we inhabit and how we must share what we have with those who are in need.

As a Church we support the Thurrock Food Bank. Each week people are encouraged to bring to church a small 'extra' from the Foodbank shopping list. And that small extra can make a big difference. On a Thursday morning at St Francis we host a Foodbank session and clients come with their Foodbank voucher to receive provisions to help them for a couple of weeks.

Items on the shopping list are: **Jams & Spreads, Tinned soup, Tinned spaghetti, Tinned vegetables (peas, carrots, sweet corn), Noodles, Sweet snacks, Tinned Fruit, Desserts, Sponge puddings, Jelly, Rice Pudding & Custard, Fruit juice, Squash, Tea-bags, Coffee, Long-life milk. Toiletries: Soap, shower gel, shampoo & conditioner, toothbrushes & toothpaste.**

Donations of food and toiletries can be brought to St Catherine's at any of our Sunday services or St Francis on a Wednesday morning 10.30am-12noon or on a Thursday 11am-1pm. All food items should be long-life and in date.

God calls us to help each other and Harvest time gives us an opportunity to do so. We thank God for the Blessings we know in our lives and reflect on how we might be a blessing to others.

Jesus said, 'love the Lord your God with all your heart, soul and mind and love your neighbour as you love yourself'.

And as the Harvest hymn says, '*All good gifts around us, Are sent from heaven above; Then thank the Lord, O thank the Lord, For all his love*'.

Every Blessing to all,

*Revd. Michèle*

## The Orsett Show



The Orsett Show was held on Saturday 7<sup>th</sup> September and the weather was pretty much ideal - there was only a spot or two of rain and it wasn't too hot.

The Thurrock Deanery had their usual presence but this year in two brand new event tents that had been purchased with a grant from the Chelmsford Diocese. These provided a much lighter interior than the previous ones

and, being new, needed less 'wrangling' to erect them on the Friday.

In the tent the volunteer clergy and laity provided craft activities for children (tattoos, icing and decorating biscuits), information about the Anglican churches in Thurrock, an opportunity for prayer and, for the weary, the chance for a sit down and refreshment. There were even 'wonky apples for wonky people'. We were very busy pretty much all day and we were very grateful that the Bishop of Bradwell, Bishop Adam, joined us for the day and gave a helping hand.

At 1, 2 and 3 p.m. Revd. Tom Rout from St. Margaret's led a 'micro' service with a short reading a song and a time of prayer. The last service closed with a blessing by the bishop.

There was a team of 'Morris' dancers at the show and as they passed by on the way to have their lunch Bishop Adam engaged them in conversation and asked if they would come and dance at the end of the day. They were as good as their word and did so when the bishop and Kim were 'pressed ganged' into joining them as you can see in the picture.

Even after the efforts of the clear down we were able to say that it had been a very good day.

*Chris & Kim*

### Visiting the sick

The Anglican priest had been summoned to the bedside of a local Baptist woman who was quite ill. As he went up the path, he met the little daughter and said, "I'm very glad your mother remembered me in her illness. Is your Baptist minister out of town?"

"No," answered the child. "He's at home, but we thought it might be something contagious, and we didn't want to expose him to it."



# The Big Quiz Night

**Saturday October 19<sup>th</sup> 2024**

**6.30pm for a 7pm start**

**St. Catherine's Church, East Tilbury Village,  
RM18 8PB**

**Tickets @ £7.50 ea available from Chris and Kim Ford**

**email: [kimandchris.ford@outlook.com](mailto:kimandchris.ford@outlook.com)**

**'phone: 01375-675863**

**Come alone or with family / friends**

**Bring table snacks / drinks – tea / coffee / cake at the interval**

**[tearfund.org/quiz](http://tearfund.org/quiz)**

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## Christian art

Chris and I were watching 'Songs of Praise' a few months ago, we tend to record it every week and then watch it at our leisure at some other time (this was the programme from 26<sup>th</sup> May if you want to find it on iplayer). In this episode, Patrick van der Vorst was interviewed by Aled Jones. Patrick is a Roman Catholic priest for the Diocese of Westminster, London and a former Director of Sotheby's, and the founder and head writer of the Christian art team that brings together a global group of writers, translators, developers and artists who hope to bring people closer to the Christian faith using art and beauty. Our goal he said is to help people grow closer to God through the magnificent pairing of art and the Christian faith.



Each day the team offer a unique approach to the daily gospel readings. They select a work of art relevant to the day's scripture passage and offer a short written reflection on the two.

As a lover of art and the Bible I personally find it of great encouragement each day. An additional feature of the website is that you can interact with other members that have signed up for the free membership.

On their website they say their mission is to offer a pathway to grow closer to God through the beauty of art and the gospel.

So why not give it a try and sign up to Christian art? The website is at: - [christian.art](http://christian.art).

*Kim Ford*

## Harvest Festival

This year our Harvest Festival was held on 22<sup>nd</sup> September and, as in previous years our donations of food were for the Thurrock foodbank and donations of cash in support of Tearfund (which our Big Quiz Night will also support). The picture shows the collection of food as arranged by the younger members of the congregation.



In her sermon Revd. Michèle emphasised the requirement for us, as Christians to do all that we can to support the less fortunate and pointed out that the letters in the word 'Harvest' can spell 'have', 'share' and 'starve' reminding us that if we share what we have we can help the starving.

After the service and the usual refreshments afterwards, the back of the church was transformed into a refectory and an excellent 'bring and share' buffet laid out which made for a very enjoyable harvest lunch. It was really good to be joined by Patrick who has recently been coming to the 'Community drop-in' at St. Francis on a Wednesday.

**Norman King has more**  
**of David Andrews memories.**

The Bata Hotel, (Now Stanford House) so huge to me a child, rectangular with 'Bata' in bulky red and sloping letters on its roof. Home of the "workers" – Czechs and Poles and others too.

High on the top floor was a gym and here we went to use the weights and pulleys, mats and heavy balls in a vain attempt to make our adolescent forms take on a different shape. Charles Atlas was the ideal chap in those far days.

Up flights of granite stairs all wide and echoing and grand with metal rail to grasp as up we rushed up and swung around the bends. Along each floor a corridor, broad and long and carpeted with doors, each with a little porch, along the side. We sometimes took the lift but often not because the porter who was small and rather fierce objected to our games.

I think he had a point in retrospect.

If our purpose was respectable we used the front, the swinging doors of glass and once inside might sit, for there were chairs and tables there all tubular and stainless steel.

The little Bata Library lay on the right and Thursday evening five o'clock I'd change my book and try to make a choice from the very few on one small children's shelf.

Ahead the stairs and little porter's room with board of hanging keys and to the left a dance hall which seemed huge to me with pillars broad and round and a shiny floor. Here annual children's parties were the highlight of the year with individual presents for us all. and here were held the dances, dinners, Sunday School.

Round to the right a "French" restaurant where office staff were lunched. It was also very good for Sunday Lunch. A Bata Post Office, Shoe Shop, Grocers, Butchers and a Snack Bar where we sometimes spent a lazy hour or two.

I went to the Bata Preparatory School. More like a private school in fact in a tall stark block, part hostel and part school. Long corridors with toilets at the end and rooms with windows high, too high for us at any rate. Grass all around with low green privet hedge. Miss Richardson reigned over all at school She had other teachers. Miss Goodwin in reception and Miss Spratt who married the Bata Farmer to become Mrs Way. Miss Richardson slapped our hands if her rules were broken. She then went red and had a neck just like a cockerel's leg. She made us work between the breaks when from a thick white cup we'd have our milk, luke warm, dull with a smell and skin. We had to shake hands with Miss Richardson as we left school and thank her for a lovely day. All of us are in her debt. Would she remember now. How I was made to mow her lawns each Sunday morn for two shillings and sixpence.

Where is she now, Miss Richardson? In tiny flat in Bournemouth with the rest or no more? I ate at nearby neighbour's house.....to make ends meet while dad was at the war. I had

to finish all the food that lay there on my plate I never was much good with gristly meat and chewed and chewed 'til only minutes then remained for me to get to school.

One night, Oh, I remember it so very well Mum went to Fuller's van an old ambulance to buy some veg and fruit while I looked out the window upstairs front to keep her in my view and then I saw her run and dad was home, whether for good or not I do not know but it was lovely. There were sometimes gifts. Toy German soldiers I remember. Played with for so many years When dad was home we were together, all complete with the Enfield rifle under stairs to keep it safe and wrestles on the Sunday morning bed while breakfast was prepared by mum

My wartime memories are scant. The kitchen table under which we were to crouch in the event of bombs and things. Behind the house an air raid shelter.

### **The September P.C.C. Meeting**

The Parochial Church Council met at St. Francis on 16<sup>th</sup> September with its main purpose being to plan the events for the rest of the year. It was agreed that we would largely follow the same pattern as last year but with the 'Christingle' workshop moved from the busy Christmas period to Sunday 2<sup>nd</sup> February which is the celebration of 'Candlemas'. It was also noted that on 29<sup>th</sup> December we would have our first joint service with the Linford Methodists in St. Francis at 10.30am. All the dates will appear in the Pewtalk calendar and in the weekly newsletter (which can be found via our website home page).

Revd. Michèle then outlined her ideas for a changed pattern of services from January 1<sup>st</sup> which is designed to allow her more of her limited time for pastoral matters.

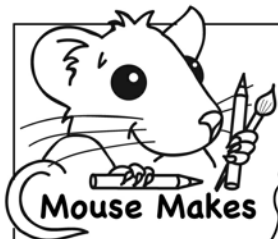
The meeting then moved on to the business agenda when the minutes from the previous meeting were agreed. Les and Chris presented their report which covered churchyard matters including the fact that the Community Payback team had not attended because the team leader was on sick leave but the grass and rubbish had been kept under control with the help of volunteers. A meeting had been held with Bo Evans of the council's 'Emergency Planning and Resilience' team and both churches had been added to their list of places of safety. The churches boilers are to have their annual service on 21<sup>st</sup> October. A secondhand cupboard had been kindly donated by TRUP to give more storage for foodbank items.

Norman presented his Treasurer's report in which he noted that several members of the congregation have increased their regular giving. Also, we no longer receive any support for our energy costs although the reduction in our gas price will help. Finally he noted that our 'Parish share' for 2025 will be slightly less than this year's.

It was reported that the electoral roll had a new member and now stood at 51.. In her safeguarding report Kim noted that there were no issues and reminded the meeting of their training requirements.

The meeting reviewed the various church events since the July meeting and noted under A.O.B. that the sale of part of the St. James churchyard had been completed.





## WALK WITH THE LORD

"Teach me your way,  
O Lord, that I would  
walk in your \_\_\_\_\_."  
*Psalms 86:11*

"For we walk by

\_\_\_\_\_   
not by sight."  
*2 Corinthians 5:7*

"Walk by the

\_\_\_\_\_ "  
*Galatians 5:16*



Jesus said:  
"I am the light  
of the world.  
If you

\_\_\_\_\_   
me you won't  
have to walk  
in darkness  
because  
you have  
the light  
that leads  
to life."  
*John 8:12*



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"Walk in

\_\_\_\_\_   
as Christ loved  
us and gave  
himself up for us."  
*Ephesians 5:2*

"Walk in

a manner  
worthy of the  
Lord, fully pleasing  
to him, bearing

\_\_\_\_\_   
in every good work  
and increasing in  
the knowledge  
of God"  
*John 8:12*

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is everyone who  
fears the Lord,  
who walks in  
his ways."  
*Psalms 128:1*

GOD • JESUS • LORD • WALK

WAYS • STEP • FEET • PATH • GO • TEACH • KNOWLEDGE • LIGHT

Find the words from the questions too!



## PARISH DIARY FOR OCTOBER

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](http://www.stcatherinesthurrock.org.uk)

2 Oct	Mid-week Communion at St. Francis <i>Then the community support 'drop-in'</i>	10.00am 10.30am-noon
3 Oct	Foodbank at St. Francis	11.00am-1pm
6 Oct	<b>19<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Trinity</b> 'Worshipping Together' at St. Catherine's Holy Communion at St. Catherine's	10.00am 4.30pm
7 Oct	Bible study and Fellowship Group at St. Francis	10.30am-noon
8 Oct	Deanery Chapter meeting at St. Francis	7.30pm
9 Oct	Mid-week Communion at St. Francis <i>Then the community support 'drop-in'</i>	10.00am 10.30am-noon
10 Oct	Foodbank at St. Francis	11.00am-1pm
13 Oct	<b>20<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Trinity</b> Holy Communion at St. Catherine's	10.00am
14 Oct	Deanery Synod at St. Mary's, North Stifford with Michelle Cottis	7.30pm
16 Oct	Mid-week Communion at St. Francis <i>Then the community support 'drop-in'</i>	10.00am 10.30am-noon
17 Oct	Foodbank at St. Francis	11.00am-1pm
19 Oct	Big Quiz Night in aid of the Tearfund at St Catherine's	6.30pm
20 Oct	<b>21<sup>st</sup> Sunday after Trinity</b> Holy Communion at St. Catherine's Café Communion at St. Francis	10.00am 4.30pm
21 Oct	Bible study and Fellowship Group at St. Francis	10.30am-noon
23 Oct	Mid-week Communion at St. Francis <i>Then the community support 'drop-in'</i>	10.00am 10.30am-noon
24 Oct	Foodbank at St. Francis	11.00am-1pm
26 Oct	Coffee morning at St. Francis	10.00am-noon
	<b>***** Clocks back one hour tonight *****</b>	
27 Oct	<b>Last Sunday after Trinity</b> Holy Communion at St. Catherine's Baptism at St. Catherine's St. Catherine's open afternoon and churchyard clean-up	10.00am 12noon 2.00-4.00pm
29 Oct	Deanery Chapter meeting at St. Catherine's with Bishop Guli	7.30pm
30 Oct	Mid-week Communion at St. Francis <i>Then the community support 'drop-in'</i>	10.00am 10.30am-noon
31 Oct	Foodbank at St. Francis	11.00am-1pm

## Life Events during September

### Baptism

None

### Weddings

21 September Tony Daniel Moore & Zoe Rose Catherine Mills

### Committal of ashes

None

### Funeral & Burial

None



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**SHOE BOX APPEAL**

Bring hope this Christmas

'Shoebox service'  
Sunday 3<sup>rd</sup> November 10am  
at St. Catherine's church

Transforming lives through Christian care

## Shoebox Appeal 2024

This year the P.C.C. Decided to support the 'Blythwood Care' shoebox appeal rather than the Samaritan's purse. There are a number of reasons, the principle of which are the fact that the boxes are transported by road rather than by airfreight which is in itself more sustainable plus the fact that the range of contents is less restricted.

The charity is based in Scotland and started life as the 'Blythwood Tract Society' in 1966 with their first shoebox appeal in 1993 although they had been sending aid into Europe for many years before. More details of the charity and their work can be found on their website:-

[www.blythwood.org](http://www.blythwood.org)



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

- ◆ 1<sup>st</sup> & 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday's, 10am at St. Catherine's 'Worshipping Together'.
- ◆ 1<sup>st</sup> Sunday's, 4.30pm at St. Catherine's 'Holy Communion'.
- ◆ 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday's, 4.30pm at St. Francis informal Service of Holy Communion (Café style).
- ◆ 2<sup>nd</sup>, 4<sup>th</sup> & 5<sup>th</sup> 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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## St. Francis Centre

The centre is available for hire at very reasonable rates. To discuss availability please contact Sheila King at:-

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## Copy Dates for Pewtalk

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