

# The Messenger

The Magazine of the  
villages of Great &  
Little Bromley

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# THE FIRST PAGE

Dear all,

The world was saddened to learn of the death of Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth II on Thursday 8th September. Civic officers from local authorities up and down the country had waited for the news which no one wanted to hear, before immediately implementing Operation London Bridge, after years of planning. The outpouring of grief from across the world for the late Sovereign has been incredible, with many Heads of State representing their countries flying in for the State Funeral.

The Proclamation of King Charles III for the District of Tendring took place on Sunday 11th September and was read by the Chairman of Tendring District Council, Cllr Peter Harris.

As I write, it is the morning of the State Funeral. Two million people are in the capital for a glimpse of the final journey of our late Sovereign during a long day of ceremonies, and some have been camped on the streets for several nights; such is the depth of devotion to the late Queen.

This month's cover is the latest post box topper, another brilliant design from the creator who wishes to remain anonymous - I am sworn to secrecy!

We are so lucky to have this in the village, and I hope the person who stole the last topper has come to their senses and will leave this one in place for all to enjoy. No doubt the village is watching carefully. Thank you to Jenny for sending the picture.

Just to note that due to the mourning period, parish council meetings were not held and so there are no planning applications or determinations to include this month. I will add these to the next edition.

Awareness days for October include:

- 2nd - The London Marathon
- 4th - No Disposable Cup Day
- 8th - Love Your Library Day
- 21st - Apple Day
- 27th - Cheese Toastie Day

*Take care,  
Lizzie*

Long Live The King!



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which will be of benefit to residents within the  
Parish of Great Bromley.

Applications to be considered in November 2022  
must be with the Parish Clerk by

**Monday 31st October 2022**

Only application forms received by this date will be considered by  
the Parish Council.

**Please email the Clerk via [clerk@gbpc.org.uk](mailto:clerk@gbpc.org.uk)  
for an application form**

All residents are welcome to come to Parish Council meetings and speak  
about any issues they have. Meetings take place on the 2nd Wednesday of  
each month at 7.30pm at Great Bromley Village Hall

**A reminder that District and Parish Council elections are scheduled for  
Thursday 4th May 2023.**

Key dates for this election will be available in the New Year via  
[www.tendringdc.gov.uk/elections](http://www.tendringdc.gov.uk/elections) which will include:

- Publication of Notice of Election
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# GREAT BROMLEY PARISH COUNCIL

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It is a very sad month with the death of our Queen. I believe a good number of residents have been watching the unfolding of the activities on television surrounding the late Queen, some of you may have journeyed to London to witness this occasion and indeed lay flowers.

I was fortunate to have been in the Queen's presence on a few occasions. Whilst I was in the police service I was on duty for royal visits to Maldon and Chelmsford. My wife and I were lucky enough to attend one of Garden Parties at Buckingham Palace when the Queen and members of the Royal family were present, to represent Tendring District Council.

However, my proudest moment was with my wife and grandson accompanying my son Paul to Buckingham Palace when he received the Queen's Police Medal from the Queen for his role in working with Essex Police Dogs and his tireless work in raising funds for the K9 Memorial, which now stands in Oaklands Park Chelmsford. The bronze statue is of a police officer, Paul was the model and two police dogs at his side. It was created by the well known sculptor John Doubleday. The K9 Memorial is a

national tribute to police dogs that have been killed during their police service. Paul is very passionate that these brave dogs should be remembered.

Our monthly meeting was moved back by two weeks because of the period of royal mourning. There was initially some confusion over when meetings could be held, however the Essex Association of Local Councils did eventually issue some instructions.

I am hopeful that I will have a meeting with Hamilton Lodge developers in the near future when I should be able to get up to date information regarding the final approval of plans by TDC, and the proposed build start date. There have been a number of problems with vandals within the site.

A service in memory of Her Late Majesty Queen Elizabeth II was held in St. Georges Church on Sunday 18th September and attended by our County Councillor, District and Parish Councillors, Chairman of Little Bromley Council and a number of residents.

I am sure a number of you would have noticed the wonderful new post box topper in Brook Street.

*Cllr Fred Nicholls*

## ANN FAIRLEY

Henry and family invite you to join them in a Service of Celebration for Ann's life at St George's Church on Saturday 15th October at 2pm and afterwards at Great Bromley Village Hall for afternoon tea.

**All are very welcome.**



# GT BENTLEY DOCTORS' SURGERY

Appointments are now on the system for those who are eligible to book their flu jabs. We are hoping to be able to give the Covid booster for those patients that are due this at the same appointment. If you wish to book an appointment, please contact a member of our reception team on 01206 250691.



are always here to help and our daily on call doctor triage system will ensure you are contacted by a clinician in a timely manner.

### Surgery Training Afternoon

Along with all other surgeries in the area we will be closed from 12 noon on Thursday 20 October 2022 for staff training. If patients require urgent care on this afternoon, please contact 111 for assistance.

### Patient Participation Group

There is no meeting of the Patient Participation Group in October.

**Sue Mitson**  
*Operations Manager*

### Surgery Premises

We are currently having some building work done at the Surgery to create a new consulting room on the ground floor of the building. This work should be completed by the end of October. We would appreciate patients' understanding whilst the work is going on and apologise for any inconvenience this may cause.

### Reception Team

We have several new members of staff that have recently joined our reception team. We would appreciate your patience with them whilst they are being trained to do this difficult job.

### WINTER DEMAND – Help us to help you!

As we head into winter, demand for our services usually increases substantially. We really do need all of our patients to consider whether they really need to see a doctor before calling and consider using other local services such as your local pharmacy, which might be more appropriate. Of course, if you consider your problem is urgent, we



## THE DEANERY CHOIR

# HARVEST CHORAL EVENSONG

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OCTOBER 16th 2022

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Great Bromley

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## IN THE GARDEN WITH ANDY & JUDY

Was this summer unique or is it a precursor of the future? We can only listen to informed opinion and for those that are interested, Ardleigh and District Horticultural Society has an evening talk by John Hall MBE on climate change and biodiversity on Thursday 10<sup>th</sup> November. An advertisement should appear in the Messenger in due course but if interested, you might want to put it in your diary early.

Now is a good time to carry out essential maintenance to the garden and buildings before the effects of winter winds and rain cause further deterioration. Clear away the seasons canes and other supports and protect them from the worst of the weather. Old plant material can be composted or removed from the garden depending on preference and also whether your garden is able to accommodate a compost heap or bin. Making good compost can be time consuming but as it is largely free and as it is a good soil improver it is worth doing if possible.

Growers of early chrysanthemums and dahlias will need to decide whether to cut back the plants and leave them in situ with some form of winter protection. It will depend on whether your soil is well drained. If plant roots and tubers are in waterlogged ground, they are unlikely to survive.

We lift our chrysanthemums and box them up in compost, usually from the tomato plants and store them in cold frames until next year. Dahlias are lifted and placed upside down on slatted shelving in a frost free greenhouse to allow moisture to drain and soil to crumble away. Both are inspected regularly to ensure there is no botrytis mould or other problems that need to be dealt with.

Providing the ground is dry and does not stick to your boots it is a good time to carry out any digging.

Garlic bulbs and winter onions can be planted and you can sow peas and broad beans to overwinter as well as cauliflower seed. Spring cabbage plants, salad leaves and strawberries can be planted. Bare root roses shrubs and trees will now become available. If they arrive before the planting area is ready, check the supplier's instructions as to whether they should be temporarily heeled in or kept in the opened packaging and moistened until planting.

Prior to digging, consider whether you want to reorganise any areas to avoid walking on prepared areas. On clay-based soils, you can leave small lumps to be broken down over winter but remember that larger lumps (brick size), need lots of frost which we often no longer get. For those following a no dig regime it is now the time to spread farmyard manure or garden compost on the soil and allow the worms to work it into the soil.

More information has now been released on the ban on peat-based products. Whilst as yet lacking in some details the government have advised that 'existing stocks of potting compost and other products must now be sold or removed from sale by 2024.'

Peat-free composts do behave differently to what is expected. Undoubtedly the RHS and many gardening programmes and magazines will be undertaking trials and publishing the results. Based on our own experiences this year it appears that peat free products need to be fed earlier and more frequently than the traditionally peat-based composts and water retention properties are slightly different, so we have had to adjust our watering.

# LITTLE BROMLEY PARISH COUNCIL

Email: [littlebromleypc@gmail.com](mailto:littlebromleypc@gmail.com)

All of us at Little Bromley Parish Council were deeply saddened to hear of the death of our longest serving monarch Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth II, who reigned over the country and Commonwealth for more than 70 years. The Queen was a constant presence, carrying out her duties with grace and dedication providing unfaltering public service until her passing. We extend our heartfelt condolences to The Queen's family and to all those in our community who are mourning her loss. May she rest in peace.

There is a Buckingham Palace e-book of condolence at <https://www.royal.uk>

Parish Council meetings were not held during mourning so the Little Bromley Parish Council meeting scheduled for 15th September was postponed. The new date for this meeting will be notified through the Little Bromley website and the Little Bromley Community Facebook page. We plan to discuss how the village can commemorate Her Majesty and would value your ideas.

The Parish Council has responded to the Five Estuaries Windfarm consultation. We raised concern and strong opposition to the plans by Five Estuaries for development of onshore

infrastructure in the Parish of Little Bromley. The proposed works of underground cable trenches and a 5 Hectare substation particularly affects our village. We asked that Five Estuaries work with National Grid and other offshore energy providers to design an alternate fully offshore solution for power transmission. Please contact the Parish Council if you would like a copy of the response - we will also post on the Little Bromley website.

We have been contacted by the organisers of the Corbeau Seats Rally to advise us that the planned dates for the next event are the 22nd and 23rd April 2023 which includes a new Special Stage that will run partly through the village. We have been asked to provide any feedback to the organisers by early October 2022 and will discuss at the next Council meeting.

Our next normally scheduled Parish Council meeting will be on Thursday 17th November at 1930. However, please look out for the rescheduled September meeting.

***Cllr Jon Buxton***

# ARDLEIGH & DISTRICT HORTICULTURAL SOCIETY

The Society's Annual General Meeting will take place at Ardleigh Village Hall, Station Road, Ardleigh on Thursday 13th October at 7:45pm and will be followed by an illustrated talk by Lesley Gunfield entitled "Creating the Garden at Moverons, Brightlingsea". Free admission to members, non-members £1.50.

Please note that we have been advised that Station Road may be closed that evening (we think this will be from the junction with Colchester/Harwich Road to Mary Warner Road). If we get any more information regarding this road closure we will post it on our website and Facebook pages (to find these just google Ardleigh Horticultural).

Our speaker in September was Hugh Frostick, our local historian. He gave an intriguing talk about the Secret Army of 'Reserved Occupation' men and women who set up a resistance network in preparation for invasion at the start of WWII. Their hidden communications systems and underground hideouts, in places like Weeley Woods, stocked with extensive weaponry and survival materials. Little has been known about them and Hugh has helped patch together their story. It was fascinating to see the local names that emerged as having been a part of this, unknown to their families.

**Why not join us next month for our WI Open Day!**



### WI October activities

- **Wed 5<sup>th</sup> Oct 7:30 pm** – Womens Institute Open Day. Join us for our 'Dabble Day' a chance to have fun trying out different crafts. Just moved to the area? Want to make some new friends? Come along and say hello! Free entry.
- **Sat Oct 8<sup>th</sup> 10-Noon** Village Hall Autumn Coffee morning in aid of the St Helena Hospice & Gt Bromley WI
- **Wed 12<sup>th</sup> Knit and Natter. 2-4pm** Join us for social time and crafting at The Cheshire Home
- **Tues 25<sup>th</sup> Crafting Social 10:30am – 1pm** at the Village Hall. You don't have to be crafty to join us for a lovely social morning. For the crafters – bring along your own project. This month's special offer for beginners: **Learn to crochet**. Materials supplied. Delicious homemade refreshments & raffle £3.

For details contact us on [gtbromleywi@gmail.com](mailto:gtbromleywi@gmail.com) or call Dorothy 07791974053.



## Autumn Coffee Morning!

**Sat 8<sup>th</sup> October 10am - Noon**  
Stalls, Cakes, Games, Produce

**Great Bromley Village Hall**

In support of:

St Helena Hospice & Great Bromley WI





# ST. GEORGE'S (C OF E) SCHOOL, GT. BROMLEY

Telephone: 01206 230305

The end of the summer is always a very busy time at St George's and we certainly packed a lot in this year!

Our first Summer Fete in three years, organised by our hardworking PTA, was a great success. The children had great



fun on the bouncy castles, and everyone played lots of games and enjoyed the lovely weather.

At the end of term, we said goodbye to our Year Six pupils as they came to the end of their primary school journey. They enjoyed a fantastic day of adventures at Birch Hall for their Leavers' trip. We wish them all the very best for the next step and look forward to hearing all about their adventures and achievements!

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With the start of the new term we welcome our new Reception children to St George's. They have made a fantastic start and we look forward to getting to know them and their families in the coming weeks and months.

We are looking forward to a busy term ahead!



## ESSEX LIBRARIES

### **Love Your Libraries this month!**

On Saturday 8 October, Essex Library Service is hosting a Love Your Library Day! This time, the theme is the environment, so there'll be plenty of themed activities for all ages at all of our libraries.

There'll be fun activities, crafts, and games to get involved in, as well as opportunities to learn about the environment and your local area from our partner organisations, and a chance to find out more about your local library and what we do for you. It's a day to enjoy and celebrate your local community!

To find out what's happening at your local library, take a look at our website <https://libraries.essex.gov.uk/events/>

### **Silver Sunday**

Silver Sunday is a national event to

celebrate older people and help to tackle the problem of social isolation and loneliness. Essex Library Service is hosting events on Saturday 1 October and Sunday 2 October to showcase what our local community can offer older people and to bring different generations together.

We'll be holding events at our libraries in Chelmsford, Colchester, Harlow, and Basildon which will provide the opportunity to find out more about what Essex Libraries can offer older people. You'll also have the chance to learn about local history, try out an IT taster session with ACL, or get fraud advice from Essex Police, as well as hear about the services provided by our various partner organisations including Age Well East, United in Kind, Independent Age, and Home Instead.



Good Day Everyone,

I am writing this today on the 12<sup>th</sup> September after the news that HM The Queen died on Thursday. The Queen was the patron of Leonard Cheshire Disability, Leonard Cheshire and The Queen met a few times so I have included the photo. I used the same photo to celebrate the wonderful Jubilee only a few months ago. We are all saddened by the news and have not felt like doing much other than watch the news as it unfolds. We are enjoying the living history as it is happening all around us. Like so many we have only ever known the Queen as our head of state and monarch.

I have been able to take those residents who wished to sign the book of Condolence over to St. George's Church. We will be attending the special service of Thanksgiving and celebration on Sunday 18<sup>th</sup>. We will all be watching the service on Monday 19<sup>th</sup> and I'm sure a few tears will escape when we have to say goodbye.

The Queen and Leonard Cheshire lived by the same principles, Service to others above self.

We all have different memories of times and places when we either were lucky to meet the Queen in person or seen Her on film, I know I will always remember the Paddington Bear sketch she did for her Jubilee. Those in the know say that was her all over; a fun-loving hard-working person.

With that, nothing more I can say about our Queen, just one thing I feel sure she would like us all to say is

**GOD SAVE THE KING!**

Just before I go please look out for our posters re: Bonfire Night on 4<sup>th</sup> November.

*Take care  
Liz x*



# ARDLEIGH SURGERY

It with great pleasure I write to all our patients after a long absence. We have steadfastly been seeing patients face to face throughout the pandemic and we continue to provide face to face, telephone and Nurse appointments.

## Appointments

At present we are offering a mixture of appointment types. The GPs and ANP (Advanced nurse practitioner) will often telephone triage the “on the day” appointments and will bring you in for an appointment, if necessary or requested. We are also offering some pre-bookable routine telephone and routine face to face appointments.

Please help the reception book you into the post appropriate appointment/clinician by giving them a brief summary of the problem. If you prefer not to say, please say it is personal.

## Face Masks

Although it is no longer compulsory to wear a face mask in the surgery, we would be grateful if you could consider doing so.

If you have any flu like/COVID symptoms, please complete a lateral flow test if you are able to before attending the surgery, if you are not able to do so then please wear a mask whilst you are in the premises.

## Appointment demand

As you will see in the news, demand across the NHS in primary care (GP) and secondary care (hospital) as well as A and E and ambulance services is at an all-time high. Patient demand for appointments has been extremely high over the last 6 months; demand continuously outstrips capacity for appointments as seen across the

country. We understand how this can be frustrating at times, but please continue to treat all our staff with respect and politeness. The doctors, nurses, receptionists, dispensers, prescription clerks and medical secretaries are really working tirelessly to provide as much capacity and support as possible.

Our nursing team continue to offer many hundreds of appointments a week with a mixture of face to face and telephone reviews (where appropriate). We also have 2 Health care assistants providing 150 + phlebotomy appointments a week as well as many more supporting appointments for ECGs/BPs etc.

In addition to GP appointments we have a number of additional health professionals offering extra appointments including:

**PHARMACISTS:** Over 60 telephone and face to face pharmacist appointments per week to complete medication reviews. Our pharmacists are best placed to complete your medication reviews and are highly trained at reviewing medications and interactions. We would be grateful for your engagement with this team as it frees up valuable GP appointments for other acute issues

**PHYSIOTHERAPIST:** We now have an in-house physiotherapist offering 13 face to face appointments weekly on Thursdays. They are a great first port of call for acute or chronic muscular skeletal issues. They can liaise with the GPs and also make onwards referrals to the musculoskeletal clinics

**SOCIAL PRESCRIBER:** We also have a social prescriber working with us on

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Wednesday mornings – she can help assist with services such as weight management/ healthy living etc

**CARE CO-ORDINATOR:** Four days a week we have a care coordinator helping run searches, book appointments, audit medications, work on medication monitoring and safety, issue home BP machines, and generally help us run as smoothly as possible. You may receive a call from her in this regard

**CARE ADVISOR:** can be contacted via reception and can help with application for benefits, blue badge etc

**LOCUM GP:** We have had a locum GP working with us for many months now offering over 70 additional appointments a week

### **Surgery news**

We have a new GP trainee join us in August, Dr Olusoji Babalola, he will be with us for a year as he completes his final year training to be a GP.

Elaine joined our dispensary team in August to replace Terri who left in July

It is with great sadness that I report that Sister Harrison will be off for the foreseeable future, if you have been waiting for her, please do try and see another clinician with your problem.

### **National Patient Satisfaction Survey**

Thank you to everyone who was contacted by the national survey to participate in in the patient satisfaction survey. Ardleigh Surgery were ranked 2<sup>nd</sup> in North East Essex.

### **Compulsory Surgery Training Days**

The next compulsory North East Essex Surgery training afternoon will be on the 20<sup>th</sup> of October

All surgeries will close on these afternoons for staff training. On these days the surgery and dispensary will

close from 1200hrs. Please collect your prescriptions by 1145hrs. After 1200hrs medical services will be provided by the out of hours GP services and/or 111.

Please also note the following upcoming dates for compulsory surgery training.

- 30<sup>th</sup> November 2022
- 31<sup>st</sup> January 2023
- 23<sup>rd</sup> February 2023
- 29<sup>th</sup> March 2023

### **Flu jabs and dates**

Flu season is upon us, many of you will have received messages to book in already. Thank you for doing so. We look forward to vaccinating you as soon as possible. With the cessation of social distancing and face mask wearing we expect a high flu season, so it is important that you all get your flu vaccination.

Flu vaccination appointments can be booked by contacting the Surgery or via On-line access

### **Current Flu vaccination dates are as follows:**

- 5<sup>th</sup> October 1400hrs to 1730hrs in Dedham for patients over 65 years old and/or in an at-risk group.
- 12<sup>th</sup> October 1400 to 1630hrs in Ardleigh. For patients over 65 years old and/or in an at-risk group.
- 5<sup>th</sup> November 0800 to 1130hrs Ardleigh. For patients over 50 years old.

### **Pneumococcal and Shingles Vaccinations**

If you are eligible (Age and prior vaccination history dependant) when you come in for your flu vaccination you may be offered the pneumonia and shingles vaccinations. Please consider

**SEVEN RIVERS IS PLEASED TO ANNOUNCE  
THE RETURN OF OUR  
FAMILY BONFIRE NIGHT  
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having these vaccinations to further protect you over this winter and beyond. Where possible, we will offer these to you at the same time as your flu jabs.

### **COVID Vaccination and boosters**

The COVID vaccination programme is a nationally administered programme, as such the COVID booster vaccination will not be offered at the surgery at present. Patients will have to book at the COVID vaccination centres. The flu vaccination does not contain the covid vaccination.

### **Patient participation group**

Our next meeting will be held in October, and we are keen to see new faces, all ages welcomed. If you would like to join the patient group please send an email to [ardleighsurgery@nhs.net](mailto:ardleighsurgery@nhs.net) and we will respond with a short form for you to complete.

### **Dementia and Veteran Friendly Surgery**

Our care coordinator has worked hard over the past 6 months to achieve our Dementia/Veteran Friendly status and we hope some of the new signing in the

surgery will help those with memory difficulties and those who served in the Arms forces and their families.

### **The partners kindly ask you to**

Please be polite and civil to our receptionist, dispensers and staff in general. They are doing an extremely difficult job and are all trying their very best in difficult times for the NHS as a whole.

**Did you know that .....** A GP surgery does not always have a clinician in residence at all times during the day, unlike a hospital where there are doctors and nurses present all the time. Usually there are many clinicians on site, but occasionally there are times where we may all be out for example on visits.

If you are unwell, call first and we will arrange for you to be seen, if it is an emergency or you cannot get through, then call 111 or 999. Please do not put a child or patient in the car and present to the receptionists at the surgery. You may find all the clinicians are out.

## **THE DEDHAM EDUCATIONAL FOUNDATION**

The Trustees invite applications from residents in the Parishes of Ardleigh, Bradfield, Dedham, Great Bromley and Stratford St. Mary for financial grants that are available in the following categories:

### **Secondary Schools & Sixth Form Colleges**

Applicants must be at least 12 years old on the 1<sup>st</sup> August in the year of application.

### **Universities & Colleges of Further Education**

Applicants must have lived in one, or more, of the five Parishes for at least two years prior to the application date.

For an application form, or further details, please contact the Clerk to the Foundation, Mrs. Claire Arculus, at [dedhamefclerk@gmail.com](mailto:dedhamefclerk@gmail.com) or 07752201441.

Closing date for applications:- **31<sup>st</sup> October 2022.**

# ST GEORGE'S BOOK OF CONDOLENCE

For some time now we have had in the vestry a beautiful photograph of the Queen and a Book of Condolence.

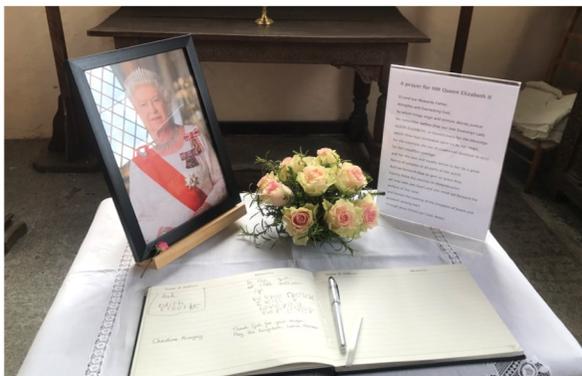
The Rev Simon Heron very kindly, before he left for Cheltenham, organised us so that we were ready and prepared for the death of our Monarch Queen Elizabeth II.

The Condolence Book and photograph were put in place on Friday 9th September at 8am. St George's has seen a steady stream of our community wanting to sign the Book of Condolence and share their memories of our beloved Queen throughout the years.

Our village Church of St George's is open daily from 8am until 5pm and all are welcome.

School children, parents, residents from Seven Rivers Cheshire Home have all come to pay their respects.

We thank you all.



# RECTOR'S LETTER

Quite understandably, since the Queen's death, there has been a torrent of words; and no words were more moving than those spoken by the King in his address to the nation. It was impressive to hear the tributes that have been paid to the Queen by Members of Parliament, particularly by her former Prime Ministers, who all bear witness to her wisdom, her dedication, her faith and her love for her people.

As when we lose a family member, the initial emotion is one of shock, and finding hard to believe that she is no longer with us. The shock was all the greater, in that just 48 hours before her death, she carried out her last duty of inviting a new Prime Minister to form a government.

For all of us under 70, we will have no memory of any other monarch. As the Prime Minister expressed it on Thursday, the Queen has been a rock for this nation. In all the changes of the last 70 years, she has always been there. Even in the first stages of the Covid pandemic it was not to politicians but to the Queen that the nation looked for reassurance; as she promised us in the words of a wartime song, "we will meet again".

But now we must mourn her passing and pray for King Charles and for his government. These are anxious times for our nation as we learn to live with the Pandemic; as we respond to Russia's invasion of Ukraine, and the growing threat to world peace from China; as we face the energy crisis, the serious economic situation and the ongoing affects of climate change.

In all the torrent of words, the last word should go to the Queen herself from her Christmas broadcast in 1975. These words show the values which inspired her own life and which still speak to the nation today. She said this:

"Jesus simple message of love has been turning the world upside down ever since. He showed that what people are and what they do, does matter and does make all the difference. Kindness, sympathy, resolution and courteous behaviour are infectious. Acts of courage and self-sacrifice are an inspiration to others. And the combined effect can be enormous. We may feel powerless alone, but the joining efforts of individuals can defeat the evils of our time".

*Canon Stephen Carter*

## Remembering the Departed

The Service of Commemoration for families and friends will be on Sunday November 6<sup>th</sup> at 3pm This is the Sunday following All Souls Day when we remember the people we love who have died.

Please come to light a candle for the people you wish to remember. Revd Laura Garnham will be leading the service with Revd Canon Stephen Carter. Light refreshments will be served after the service.

There will be a list in church from 16<sup>th</sup> October onwards for you to add the names of those to be remembered. Or if you would like us to add the names please let us know by emailing [church@greatbromley.org.uk](mailto:church@greatbromley.org.uk) or ring Jenny 01206 230688.



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Oct 2nd	Trinity 16	Parish Eucharist (BCP)	10.30am
Oct 4th		Licensing Service of Rev'd Phillip Young	7.30pm
Oct 9th	Trinity 17	Parish Eucharist	10.30pm
Oct 15th		Thanksgiving for Ann Fairley	2.00pm
Oct 16th	Trinity 18	Harvest Evensong (BCP) with the Deanery Choir	6.30pm
Oct 23rd	Trinity 19	Parish Eucharist	10.30am
Oct 30th	Trinity 20	Joint services – see website	

### **Services at St Mary's, Little Bentley**

October 2<sup>nd</sup> Morning Prayer 10.30am  
October 16<sup>th</sup> Holy Communion 10.30am

Services details for Lawford/Mistley, Dedham/Ardleigh, Moze can be found on their websites.

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### **New to church or new to Great or Little Bromley?**

Do get in touch for more information; we'd like to welcome you.