

The Messenger

The Magazine of the
villages of Great &
Little Bromley
November 2024

If I should die, think only this of me:
That there's some corner of a foreign field
That is for ever England. There shall be
In that rich earth a richer dust concealed;
A dust whom England bore, shaped, made aware,
Gave, once, her flowers to love, her ways to roam,
A body of England's, breathing English air,
Washed by the rivers, blest by suns of home.

And think, this heart, all evil shed away,
A pulse in the eternal mind, no less
Gives somewhere back the thoughts by England
given;
Her sights and sounds; dreams happy as her day;
And laughter, learnt of friends; and gentleness,
In hearts at peace, under an English heaven.



Rupert Brooke

THE FIRST PAGE

Dear all,

I'm a bit short on space this month so I'll keep it brief!

One of our two defibrillators has been put to good use and has saved a life, which is incredible. It's so important that rural areas have defibs; it really can make a difference.

The poem on this month's cover is called 'The Soldier', by Rupert Brooke. Sir Winston Churchill used the occasion of Brooke's death, as well as his posthumous collection 1914 and Other Poems, to reinforce a recruitment drive.

Awareness days in November include:

- 3rd - World Jellyfish Day
- 5th - Guy Fawkes Night
- 12th - Odd Socks Day
- 20th - World Children's Day
- 23rd - Doctor Who Day

*Take care,
Lizzie*

*A big thank you to all our authors and contributors, our Treasurer, delivery team, and advertisers. If anyone wants to have a go at writing an article



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- Grass cutting
- Hedge cutting
- General maintenance

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or a short story, please send it in - don't be shy. Any interesting or unusual hobbies, recipes to share or short stories, it's all welcome. As long as it follows the guidelines below, you really can't go wrong.

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We would like to start by thanking everyone for their donations for the Little Bromley Book Exchange, it's filling up steadily with a good selection of books.

If you have any books you would like to donate please bring them down and stack them neatly and help yourself to a good novel.

In case you weren't aware, the Aurora Borealis, or Northern Lights, were visible in the village last week, which is quite unusual this far South, but there are some great photos online and it is cheaper than going to Iceland!

We have a couple of updates regarding the proposed substations.

Representatives from Little Bromley, Great Bromley, Ardleigh and Little Bentley Parish Councils met on Monday 7th October with Five Estuaries. It led to some contentious discussions regarding their processes and communication. The joint request for future meetings to include National Grid and North Falls was unanimous as the Parish Councils are seeking a

broader engagement on the way forward.

Since then we have been contacted by Tarchon with a view to meeting us for discussions. Tarchon are in the early stages of their project's development and would like to meet with the Parish Council and seek our thoughts before starting the community consultation process. One of the leading elements of the project is to determine the location of an onshore convertor station. We will update you more on that progress at the next Parish Council meeting.

We attended another Tendring District Association Local Council meeting online in September which was very informative. We will also report on this at our next Parish Council meeting.

Our Parish Council meeting is back on the regular schedule of the third Thursday of the month, we look forward to seeing you there on Thursday 21st November at 730pm at the Haywain.

Little Bromley Parish Council

STOUR CHORAL SOCIETY NEWS

Stour Choral Society would like to invite you to our autumn concert on Saturday November 30th 2024, 2.30pm at Mistley Parish Church, New Road, Mistley CO11 1ER. We will be performing the Fauré Requiem, followed in the second half by a selection of seasonal music and audience participation songs and carols. The musical director will be Susanna Rose, accompanist Stephen Smith, and the soloists will be Erin Donegan and Christopher Thomas.

Tickets (£15 adults, under 18's free) available from Howell's Hardware Store, Manningtree, choir members, or email: info@stourchoralsociety.co.uk, or telephone 07511 908213. Tickets will also be available on the door, for cash only. There will be interval refreshments and ample parking opposite at the Church View Café.

Do come and join us for an afternoon of beautiful and uplifting music and singing to put you in the mood for Christmas!



GREAT BENTLEY DOCTORS' SURGERY

Surgery News

We are very sorry to announce that Dr Freda Bhatti, our Senior Partner has decided to retire from the Practice at the end of December.

Dr Bhatti first qualified as a doctor in 1991, she then went on to become a GP in 1997 and has been a Partner at Great Bentley Surgery since 2000. She has always worked tirelessly to ensure that the Surgery keeps up-to-date and implements all the changes required, in order to provide the best care possible for our patients.

Dr Bhatti will be greatly missed by everyone at the Surgery and we wish her all the very best for a very happy and well deserved retirement.

AskmyGP

Patients will now need to request all doctors' appointments and minor illness appointments with our prescribing nurse practitioners via our digital platform, AskmyGP. If patients haven't signed up for this yet, then please do this by visiting our website: www.greatbentleysurgery.nhs.uk.

Surgery Telephone System

Since our new telephone system was installed earlier this year, the options on the system have changed. You now have the following three options:-

- Press 1 to cancel an appointment.
- Press 2 for prescription enquiries
- Press 3 to speak to reception

Patients are also able to leave a message for the prescription clerk (Option 2) and request a call back from a member of the reception team

(Option 3) rather than holding on to speak to someone.

Please remember to listen to the options when you contact us, in order that you can reduce the time you are holding on to speak to someone.

Flu Vaccinations

If you are entitled to a flu jab and haven't booked your appointment yet, please contact a member of our reception team on tel. 01206 250691 who will be happy to book this for you.

WINTER DEMAND – Help us to help you

As we head into winter, the demand for our services increases substantially.

With this in mind, please remember that you can request help from pharmacies who offer the Pharmacy First Service.

If needed, the pharmacist is also able to prescribe appropriate medication for some conditions.

Surgery Training Afternoon

Along with all other surgeries in the area we will be shut from 12 noon on Thursday 28 November 2024 for staff training. If patients require urgent care on this afternoon, they can contact 111 for assistance.

Patient Participation Group

The next meeting of the Patient Participation Group will be held at 6.30 pm on Thursday 28 November 2024 in the Mitchell Room at Great Bentley Village Hall.

Sue Mitson
Operations Manager

WINTER SUPPORT

Household Support Fund

Vulnerable households will receive support for the cost of essentials this winter. The DWP has announced an extension to the Household Support Fund for the next six months.

Pensioners and others struggling to heat their homes or afford other essential items over the colder months should contact their local council to see what support may be available to them. Details on the scheme for Great Bromley area is with Tendring District Council **telephone: 01255 686868**

Pension Credit

Pensioners whose weekly income is below £218.15 for a single person or £332.95 for a couple should check to see if they are eligible for this support which is worth £3,900 a year on average.

People with a severe disability, carers and those who are responsible for a child or young person who lives with them could get more. Pension Credit can also include extra amounts for certain housing costs, such as ground rent or service charges.

Winter Fuel Payments for tax credit customers

People over state pension age and getting Working Tax Credit or Child Tax Credit will be able to get a Winter Fuel Payment for this winter if their annual tax credit award is for at least £26 and covers at least one day in the week of 16 to 22 September 2024.

As tax credits are closing, most people on tax credits will get a notification informing them they will need to apply for either Universal Credit or Pension Credit to continue getting financial support. It is important you do not apply before you get a notification as it could affect how much you will get.

Universal Credit Overpayment

Advicenow provides some really useful guides on common benefit problems that are easy to read and understand. Their latest one is 'how to deal with a UC overpayment'

Disability Related Expenditure (DRE)

There can be costs that arise from a disability or chronic long-term health condition. People may have to spend money on items and services that help them manage or cope with their disability, or health condition. These costs are called Disability Related Expenditure (DRE)

DRE costs usually fall into one of these three categories:

1. Specialised items and services: you may use things that are made especially to help with your disability, such as wheelchairs and care support. These items may have additional costs, like repair and insurance.
2. Increased use of non-specialised items and services: you may have to use things more because of your disability, such as transport or heating.
3. Higher cost non-specialised items and services: you may have to use things that cost more than the average, such as home delivery.

We also have a useful DRE guide on our website www.dawnsupport.co.uk

If you or someone you know are receiving a service from the local authority, ask them how you claim back your DRE's.

If you are receiving a care package from Essex contact details: Telephone:0345 758 5592 Email: AssessAndPay@essex.gov.uk

Our November 6th meeting is "Ways with Wrapping" a demonstration of fun, waste free ways to wrap gifts enjoyably!. Ladies welcome to join us.

Many of those who came along to the September crafting social started to make their Hexagon boxes. With their pre-selected fabrics and cardboard templates they received guidance on how to begin the first stage of the construction and will continue working on these at the next meeting. They are also going to make best use of the scrap material that they have left by making scissor and needlework cases. As one said to me, it's been really enjoyable being in a group



definitely appreciated when the understanding is difficult to grasp however many times one reads the pattern.

Come along to our community Crafting Social – either bring your own projects to do or join us for tea/coffee, cake and social time. There will be access to

sewing machines,

cutting board and a pressing iron.

We look forward to welcoming you.

For more info:

Email gtbromleywi@gmail.com or call Dorothy on 07791974053

working together on a project.

Others brought in their quilting, knitting or crochet projects including the start of making the next post box topper.

Advice as usual was on hand, this time in the interpretation of a crochet cardigan pattern – two heads are most

CHARITY FUN DAY

The Great Bromley Cross held a Charity Fun Day on Sunday 22nd September in aid of Cancer Research and the weather was kind to us in the afternoon.

The day started off with a 5 mile Sponsored Walk followed by lots of fun and a hog roast.

Many thanks to everyone who helped run the stalls, the raffle, the volunteers on the bar and of course the walkers, it was great to see how well we all pulled together to make it a really fun day. Also a massive thank you to all of the sponsors for the charity walk and the generous donations for the Raffle, cakes, sausage rolls etc.

The total raised was £3,000. This includes a donation from the September Quiz night who donated £215 and also £150 from Paul's Hog Roast.

Thanks to everyone.



Christine



GREAT BROMLEY PARISH COUNCIL

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The majority of October's Parish Council meeting was taken up by an update from the developers regarding the site at Hamilton Lodge. I am sure that you are aware that work on the site has been paused and the developers were invited to attend and bring us up to date with the current situation. Work has been paused as the original ecological advisors to the project have failed in their task of advising the developers correctly and have had to be replaced. This has resulted in several issues on the site which will need to be addressed before Tendring District Council will give their approval for work to recommence.

A full ecological appraisal with regards to bats and dormice on the site has not been provided and needs to be completed to ensure that the environmental impact is kept to a minimum. There needs to be a full tree survey carried out and there is also an issue with the discharge of surface water from the site onto neighbouring properties which needs to be addressed.

The developer has assured us that all these measures are in hand and will be

actioned to the satisfaction of TDC and hopefully work can restart as soon as possible.

Concern has been expressed over the usage of the Church Meadow car park.

The playground provided for our children's use in Church Meadow is well used, especially at the end of the school day, and the safety of the children using the facility is paramount.

Can I please ask those of you using the car park to be especially careful of where and how you park.

Please leave a corridor from the entrance to the carpark down to the disabled spaces free of cars. This will allow good vision from the car park to the play area and keep our children safe.

If the car park is full apart from this corridor, can I remind you that there is overflow parking available in Robinson Close.

Can I wish you all a safe and happy Halloween.

*Kind regards,
Ian Murch*

PLANNING APPLICATION

REF	PROPOSAL	LOCATION
24/01422/ VOC Mr Andrew Fairley - Henry Fairley and Son Ltd	Application under Section 73 of the Town and Country Planning Act for Variation of Condition 2 (Approved Plans) of application 23/01213/ FUL to allow for a minor adjustment to the position of the barn to avoid an electric pole. Great Bromley Parish Council had no comment on the application.	Woods Barn Harwich Road, Great Bromley CO7 7US

PLANNING DETERMINATIONS

REF	PROPOSAL	LOCATION	DECISION
24/01301/ WTPO Mr Richard Pepperell - Spring4	Works related to Tree Preservation Order (13/00014/TPO) - Required pollard cut back and tree reduction to required enforcement notice height along length of Springhill Close. Associated cut back to ensure tree stability and balance.	Street Record Springhill Close, Great Bromley CO7 7HU	Approval - Full 27.09.2024 Delegated Decision
24/01323/ NMA Colchester Developme nts Limited	Non Material Amendment to 20/00547/OUT - To change the description of development to include the wording 'up to' 67 dwellings (as oppose to fixing the number of dwellings allowed by the outline consent at 67) and amend the wording of planning condition 15 to include the following words: 'or c) if no activity is proposed that requires a bat license, then a statement from a suitably qualified ecologist to confirm a license is not	Hamilton Lodge Parsons Hill Great Bromley CO7 7JB	Approval Non Material Amendme nt 17.09.2024 Delegated Decision

November 10th

The Deanery choir will be singing at **St Georges Church, Great Bromley CO7 7HZ** at the 11.00am

Remembrance service. They will be singing the anthem 'I heard a voice from heaven' by John Goss.

Sir John Goss (1800 – 1880) was an English organist, composer and teacher. Born to a musical family, Goss was a boy chorister of the Chapel Royal, London, and later a pupil of Thomas Attwood, organist of St Paul's Cathedral. After a brief period as a chorus member in an opera company he was appointed organist of a chapel in south London, later moving to more prestigious organ posts at St Luke's Church, Chelsea and finally St Paul's Cathedral, where he struggled to improve musical standards. As a composer, Goss wrote little for the



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orchestra, but was known for his vocal music, both religious and secular.

Among his best-known

compositions are his hymn tunes "Praise, my soul, the King of heaven" and "See, Amid the Winter's Snow". The music critic of *The Times* described him as 'the last of the line of English composers who confined themselves almost entirely to ecclesiastical music'.

Advanced notice

During November the Deanery Choir will be practicing for 'A living Christmas '24'. A concert/service expressing the Christmas message with living composers. This will be performed on Saturday 14th December at 7pm at **St Georges Church, Great Bromley CO7 7HZ**.

Graham Bell
Deanery Choir

Dates for your diary



NOVEMBER

10	Remembrance Sunday:	
	Service at Great Bromley War Memorial	10:50am
	Service at Little Bromley War Memorial	10.50am
11	Armistice Day	11:00am
13	Great Bromley Parish Council, Village Hall	7:00pm
21	Little Bromley Parish Council, The Haywain	7:30pm

DECEMBER

11	Great Bromley Parish Council, Village Hall	7:00pm
25	Christmas Day	
26	Boxing Day	

JANUARY 2025

8	Great Bromley Parish Council, Village Hall	7:00pm
16	Little Bromley Parish Council, The Haywain	7:30pm

QUIZ NIGHT

@ GREAT BROMLEY VILLAGE HALL
SATURDAY 23RD NOVEMBER

- 7.00 for 7.30pm start
- Bring your own food and drink
- Maximum of 6 people per team
- £6.00 per person
- Contact Tracey to reserve your table on 01206 251434

This is a fund-raising event for
Great Bromley Cricket Club

ST MARY'S CHURCH
GREAT BENTLEY

CHRISTMAS TREE FESTIVAL



Theme - 'Christmas Carols'

SATURDAY 7th DECEMBER
10.00am - 4.00pm

SUNDAY 8th DECEMBER
11am - 4.00pm

Christmas Food Stall:
Tombolas & Raffle: Christmas Gifts
Light Lunches and Refreshments:

Christmas Music:

Handcrafted Christmas Wreaths
The wreaths can be preordered

ring Mary 01206 250524 or
Jackie 01206 250717

Entrance £1.00 Children free

The Mobile Library visits every three weeks at Church Meadow on a Thursday - next dates are:

- 21 November
 - 12 December
- 9.45am to 10.15am**



Post Office & Community Library The Cross Inn



**Wednesdays
10.00am - 12 noon**



Did you know? Great Bromley has two Automated External Defibrillators. You can access these at:

- The Courthouse, Harwich Road, CO7 7JG or
- The Cross Inn, Ardleigh Road, CO7 7TL

Also at the Cross Inn is a Bleed Kit. The kit, provided by Great Bromley Parish Council, contains specialist equipment to help stem extreme blood loss before ambulance crews arrive.

Bleed control kits, also known as emergency trauma packs, are similar to first aid kits but include trauma dressings, gauze, chest seals and tourniquets to help stop serious bleeding. They can help victims of violent crime, those involved in road traffic accidents or workplace accidents, and could be particularly useful in rural areas where ambulance response times may be slower.

Don't ignore it - Report it at www.essexhighways.org



Essex Highways carry out regular inspections of roads and pavements, but issues may come up between these inspections. These could be potholes or other road surface issues, damaged street lights, street signs, overgrown trees, or issues with public rights of way.

Report maintenance issues online by using the highways reporting tool. If you think there's a risk to public safety please call 0345 603 7631 or if you have hearing problems you can use the text phone service on 0345 758 5592.

Hello Great Bromley,

It finally happened, our wish came true! Karen Moss was kind enough to invite us over to look at the tractor that we've been wanting to do for such a long time. Our resident was a little apprehensive at first as he is with most things, it just so happened he wasn't feeling his best that morning. Once we arrived at Karen's the anticipation started to build, and then he spotted the tractor, and he uttered the immortal phrase "it's all right, innit" with the biggest grin you could imagine.

Then he spotted Karen, she was coming over to greet us, things were touch and go for a while as he's not very good with new people until he spends a bit of time with them. Karen was very understanding and spent a little time chatting with him, giving him that opportunity to get to know her before the Grand Tour. Suddenly the conversation changed from tractors to beer, well he may as well have won the lottery, Karen hit bullseye, he loves tractors, but he loves beer even more. At this point Karen was not only a new friend, but became girlfriend #6, this privilege includes a trip to Paris where he agreed to buy her a bottle of wine. Karen was great and played along, this made him even happier, he's such a lovable rogue that it's hard not to smile when he's in this jolly mood.

At this stage Karen could do no wrong, we had our Grand Tour, we spoke about beer and let's not forget Karen became girlfriend #6, this made the other five back at the home extremely jealous. He was very happy and couldn't wait to get back and tell everyone what a great time he had.

Once again, we'd like to take this opportunity to thank Karen for being so generous with her time as well as having a great sense of humour, she made someone very happy that day.

This month we also held an in-house Macmillan coffee morning, Lorraine did most of the work on this, and I'm happy to say it went off without a hitch. I'd also like to thank all our residents and staff that contributed to raise funds for this worthy cause. We raised over £120.00!

As for Halloween and Guy Fawkes Night, it looks like it's going to be an in-house event as we are ensuring any funds received are spent wisely. Hopefully we'll be able to do something next year and make it that bit more special to make up for this year, fingers crossed.

***Good health to you all
until the next time, Lee***

FESTIVE COFFEE MORNING

At ST. GEORGE'S CHURCH,
GREAT BROMLEY

on Saturday December 7th
10am to 12noon

See our beautifully decorated church.
Visit our stalls, including Christmas table
arrangements, cakes, books, Bric a Brac,
Christmas bits and raffle.

Mince pies, coffee & refreshments
Free Admission

ARDLEIGH SURGERY

In a speech at the Labour Party Conference September 2024, Wes Streeting called for a tech- and data-driven reform of the NHS. So, from next year all GP practices nationally will be contractually required to adopt digital consultation as the primary mode of consultation. It is hoped that this change will improve access to services.

After researching the various digital patient interface platforms available on the market we decided on Anima, a secure and easy-to-use online system that will help you get the care you need more quickly and conveniently.

We recognise that this change will feel unsettling at first especially for those less familiar with technology. You will still have access to the surgery by phone or in person. We believe that as more people use Anima it will reduce demand on our phone lines and making contact will become easier for all.

Advantages are there will be no more morning rush; no need to call at 8 am for an appointment. Easier access from the touch of a button using your computer, tablet, or smart phone. Efficient responses: our clinical team will respond to you with the best

course of action, which may include advice by email, text phone or arranging a face-to-face appointment.

Anima will go live by the end of February 2025. Prior to this we will be sending you links to register with Anima on by mobile and/or email address that we hold for you. Please update us with your correct contact details. If you have no mobile or email please do not worry, you will still be able to call the surgery and a resolute team of receptionists will fill in the Anima form for you. To learn more about Anima please search for animahealth.com on your preferred search engine.

Dr Rob Lenart retires as a partner at Ardleigh surgery on the 30th of November 2024. Dr Michelle O'Carroll will start work in his stead on the 1st of November 2024. We wish him happy retirement and welcome Dr O'Carroll into the team.

Lastly, please do book an appointment for your flu vaccination. If you have an appointment at the surgery for another matter, the clinician would be happy to give you the vaccination then for your convenience. Please support your local surgery by having the flu vaccination with us.

GREAT BROMLEY FRIENDSHIP CLUB

We had an excellent meeting in October when Sharon returned to tell us about Benefit entitlements available. This was followed by delicious refreshments.

Our competition for November is something relating to Remembrance Sunday.

We would be very pleased to see anyone who would like to join us for our monthly Meetings at the Cross Inn pub Ardleigh from 2pm on the third Thursday of the month.

GREAT BROMLEY & DISTRICT CRICKET CLUB

The outdoor cricket season may have come to an end and the pitches put to bed with their yearly covering of loam and fertilisers, but the Northern Gateway community Centre plays host to an indoor 6 aside cricket league. Bromley have entered teams into the colts, ladies and men's league to keep those who still want to play something to do on a Sunday afternoon. Matches start on 27th October. The ladies will be trying to win the league outright this season rather than share the title with Wakes Colne this year. The men's and Colts will be aiming for a winning season too.

The Adult awards night takes place on 17th October which will be an

enjoyable evening at the Courthouse taking over part of the restaurant and reviewing a fairly successful 2024 of cricket.



The Club is also holding its Annual Quiz night on 23 November at the Village Hall (see the advert within the magazine). We hope that we will again see plenty of village support for what is always a good night of fun and brain exercise. Please book your table early as we are limited to how many teams we can have and last year we had to sadly turn a couple of teams away as we were fully booked. Please ring 01206 251434 to book your table of 6.

Tracey

CHURCH JOTTINGS

Spectacular September 2024 at St Georges Church!!! So many visitors (from America too).

So many joyful services celebrating the gathering of our Harvest, welcoming a new family and their friends at Nicholas' Baptism, sharing lunch and a service with friends from Little Bentley on the 5th Sunday and J.A.M. recommencing after our summer break, children and parents glad to pop in for refreshments and a chat after a busy week at school.

This month I thought I would tell you about our Management Team, who work tirelessly behind the scenes to enable our church to operate so well.

We have a committee (called the Parochial Church Council (PCC)) elected every year, led by our two Rural Missioners and church wardens. Everything that happens within the

fabric of the Church and the Churchyards (we have two, one at Little Bromley) has to have permission of the PCC and certain affairs and regulations may have to be approved by the Diocese in Chelmsford.

There is a huge workload, endless paperwork that happens behind the scenes. There is always an ever-growing list of work to be done by our wonderful group of volunteers who give so much of their time so willingly.

Our next project due to start this month in November has been in the planning stage for several years and was highlighted in an inspection we have every five years, called the 'Quinquennial'. It is a huge undertaking to renovate the high clerestory windows and surrounding brickwork on the north side of the church. Flint and limestone has worn away over the years and now

needs attention. This project due to start in November is going to cost approx. £78,000!

We must search for grants, raise money, attend lots of meetings and complete reams of paperwork, health and safety, risk assessments, all to be addressed by our volunteers – led by our architect.

St Georges is a Grade 1 Listed Building, the work is always ongoing and never-ending (we are already looking towards the next project, a fragile roof above the Chancel).

The PCC is responsible not only for the fabric inside and outside of our building but also for the churchyards at Great and Little Bromley where not only the grass has to be maintained, there are ancient tombs, unsafe headstones, overhanging trees and wildlife to care for (faculties are required for all).

We are fortunate indeed to have very supportive Parish Councils who contribute generously towards the grass cutting in the churchyards which helps enormously with our budget. Thank you!

Also, at Great Bromley we have our volunteers who help every month in our Churchyard, reducing our outgoings considerably. Financially, grass cutting consumes a huge part of our budget; perhaps we might go back to sheep!!!

The to-do list also includes much to be done inside the church building.

Replacement of carpets, replacement of pew coverings, replacements and updating of our hymn books, repair and maintenance of pews, all very worn and many outdated. Maintenance of the Bell, Bell Chamber and the Flagpole.

Our PCC meets six or seven times a year and the agenda can be very lengthy, Secretary and Treasurer are big roles in this committee.

Some of our administration, which again is a huge part of the daily life at St Georges, is achieved by our Parish Administrator, Deb, who works for us from Dedham. There remains, however, a large amount to be done by the PCC, the Priests and the two church wardens. Arranging baptisms, funerals, weddings (and weekly services). The paperwork, accountability and responsibilities have increased dramatically in recent years, and it can take a lot of time to comply with regulations set by the Church of England, but it is all very worthwhile when we can see all our visitors, congregation and children enjoying themselves at our beautiful church, as we did in September.



If you would like to join our team, please come and have a chat, you may have some super ideas.

Elections to our PCC will take place next April. All those who live in the parish are eligible to vote for church wardens, and if you join the electoral roll (forms are in the church) you can join us on the PCC and share in keeping St Georges a living church in our village.

P.S. Come and help clean the brasses on the first Saturday in November 9.30-10.30am, we would love to see you, and have a cuppa and cake afterwards.

Parish Lunch – October 13th

Thankyou Stephen for organising our Parish Lunch.

Thirty-one members of our congregation joined us at The Haywain in Little Bromley for a scrumptious Sunday lunch. Great fun and good company in the spacious Hop Room. Thank you all for coming.

Here's to the next lunch in the New Year.



LIGHT A CANDLE - REMEMBERING YOUR LOVED ONES

There will be a short Service of Commemoration for families and friends on Sunday November 3rd at 3pm at St George's Church. 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. You are

welcome to stay for a cup of tea after the service.

There will be a list in church from 13th 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 or ring Jenny on 01206 230688.

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ST MARY'S BELLS RESTORATION

The Bells - a brief history

The four bells at St Mary's, Little Bromley, are hung in a medieval oak frame which is over 500 years old. Two of the bells were made by Robert Burford of London in about 1410 - these are 'listed' as of historic importance. In 1899, Howell of Ipswich, made the two smaller bells out of the original third bell.

The repairs and restoration project

It is 125 years since work has been done to the bells and a major restoration is overdue. The bells are currently un-ringable for more than a few minutes at a time. The restoration and repair of the bells involves them being taken down from the tower and sent to the bell foundry. The two medieval bells will be conserved to prevent them from cracking and the two

newer bells will be retuned, and all the 1899 fittings - wheels, stays, pulleys and mechanics - will be renewed and refitted.

All-age ringers

We have a keen volunteer team, with ages from 25 to 70+ who are ready to ring the restored bells. They would like to ring each month, at community events arranged by the Friends Of Little Bromley Church, and at occasional church services. They expect visiting teams to enjoy ringing these historic bells in a beautiful setting.

The project cost and fundraising

The project budget is £40,000 - this covers the required bell repairs and works to the bell frame and bell chamber. As of July 2024, £18,000 has been given, pledged, and due in Gift Aid. As St Mary's is a 'redundant'

church it does not qualify for some of the usual grant sources. Our appeal is primarily reliant on personal donations and fund raising.

How can you help?

The Friends of Little Bromley Church need to raise
£40,000 to restore the bells.

Please donate what you can to:

Account Name: Friends of Little Bromley Church

Account Number: 23862068

Sort Code: 60-05-33

Reference: Bells

All donations received will be sent in full to The Churches Conservation Trust (CCT) who are contracting for the work, claiming Gift Aid recovery and VAT grants. If you are a UK taxpayer please use a CCT Gift Aid envelope or form so that the CCT can claim the Gift Aid.

Please contact our Treasurer, Gavin Edwards, on 07903 405897, for a Gift Aid envelope or Gift Aid Form, or if you have any queries about how to donate. Thank you in advance for your generosity and interest in our appeal to refurbish the bells at St Mary's.



RECTOR'S LETTER

Dear friends,

November is the month of remembrance. We naturally think first of Remembrance Day or Remembrance Sunday, when we honour all those in the armed forces who died defending our freedoms and way of life. But it is also the month when we “remember, remember, the 5th of November”, otherwise known as Guy Fawkes (or Bonfire) Night, because he was one of the principal instigators of the (foiled) Gunpowder Plot to blow up the House of Lords – and any who happened to be in it at the time!

What are some important things that you are worried you might forget? A special birthday? An anniversary? A child's sports game or special performance? Or, more dauntingly, a significant bill or an important work deadline?

In the earlier days of God's people – before Jesus arrived on the stage of human history – they were about to receive many wonderful blessings from Him: food, clothing, shelter, peace, safety and much more besides. The challenge for them would be to remember that *He*, the Lord, was the One who gave them these blessings. So their leader at the time, Moses, said to them: “Be careful that you do not forget the Lord your God” (Deuteronomy 8:11). He did so because, if they didn't, they would be tempted by a fairly natural consequence of that sort of forgetfulness: “[their] heart will become proud” (8:14), because they would look at all those blessings they would receive – food, clothing, shelter, peace, safety, etc. – and say to themselves:

“My power and the strength of my hands have produced this wealth for me” (8:17).

It seems in the passage of thousands of years not much changes! A writer in the New Testament puts God's good provision to us like this: “Every good and perfect gift is from above” (James 1:17). So this November, as we remember, we can give thanks for the relative peace we enjoy because of the sacrifices made by those who came before us, we can give thanks for the fun and frivolity of fireworks on Bonfire Night and we can also give thanks to God for every gift we have received in this life.

***Best wishes,
Phillip***



Come and celebrate
the advent of Christmas.
Candles, readings and music for
choir and congregation.

**St George's Church,
Great Bromley CO7 7TS**

**Sunday 1st December 2024
at 4.00pm**



St George's Church, Great Bromley

TADP - Tendring and Dedham Parishes

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November 3 rd	All Saints	Parish Eucharist BCP	11am
	All Souls	Light a Candle Service	3pm
November 10 th	Act of Remembrance at Great Bromley		10.50am
	and then a short service in church		
	Act of Remembrance at Lt Bromley war memorial		10.50am
November 17 th		Evensong BCP	6.30pm
November 24 th	Christ the King	Parish Eucharist	11am
December 1 st	Advent Sunday	Parish Eucharist BCP	11am
		Darkness to Light	4pm
December 8 th	Advent 2	Parish Eucharist	11am
December 14 th		A Living Christmas	7pm
December 15 th	Advent 3	Evensong BCP	6.30pm

St Mary's, Little Bentley

November 3rd Morning Prayer 11am

November 17th Holy Communion 11am

December 1st Morning Prayer 11am

Services details for Dedham/Ardleigh, Moze benefice, and Manningtree CrossReach parishes can be found on their websites.