

The Messenger

The Magazine of the
villages of Great &
Little Bromley

September 2025



We will remember them

THE FIRST PAGE

Dear all

We've been reminded this week just how vulnerable we can all be - Covid finally came for us as a household, and it was a shock! Cancelled plans, missed meetings, it had a lot to answer for, not least how ill we all felt, and how long it took to recover! Apologies to those whose events we missed, and thank you to those who have covered for us at work. We're finally negative and just in time for a trip to Edinburgh, something we've been looking forward to for a long time.

Exam results have arrived for those in education, leading on to the next stage or maybe into full-time employment. It can be easy to focus on just results, but you never know what opportunities may be waiting for you, and where they may take you.

A quick reminder to all residents: the glass recycling banks are strictly for glass items only. Please do not leave domestic rubbish, bags, or other waste at the site. Misuse not only undermines recycling efforts but creates a hazard for others. Fly-tipping is a criminal offence and may lead to prosecution. Let's all do our part to keep the village clean, safe, and respectful for everyone.

This month's cover is a reminder of the 80th anniversary of VJ Day. Thank you to those who made the effort to attend a service. Elsewhere in the magazine, there are lots of events going on to keep you busy and entertained.

Awareness days for September include:

- 1st - Letter Writing Day
- 6th - Read a Book Day
- 9th - International Sudoku Day
- 19th - Great British Beach Clean
- 28th - World Rivers 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 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. Our village is a tapestry of rich history, diverse talents, and unwavering warmth. Each contribution to this magazine is a thread that strengthens the fabric of our community.

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Little Bromley Parish Council is here to listen to residents' concerns and act on them. We aim to support programs that benefit the Village and be responsive to any queries. We are proud to do this, whilst having one of the lowest precepts of any local Council.

Parish Council meetings are held every two months on the 3rd Thursday of the month at The Haywain, and are open to all residents of the Village. If there are issues you are concerned about, or ideas you would like to share, please come along and talk to us or email the Clerk on littlebromleypc@gmail.com.

Join us - come along to the next meeting on the **25th September** or email us at:

littlebromleypc@gmail.com

You can see all Agendas, Minutes and Parish Council information at www.littlebromley.org.uk

GREAT BROMLEY PARISH COUNCIL

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I hope that you are all well and enjoying the good weather that we are having. After a busy Parish Council meeting on the 13th, several new issues have arisen in the Parish.

The glass recycling bins located at Church Meadow and the Cross Inn are for the recycling of bottles and jars only. On several occasions, other items of rubbish have been left by them, which in fact constitutes fly tipping. Please ensure that these facilities are used properly as they provide the Parish with a significant amount of revenue over the year.

The process is quite simple, dog waste bins are for dog waste, not cans or used coffee cups, general waste bins are for litter, not the overflow of household waste.

On a lighter note, we have had two new enquiries regarding the vacancies on

the Parish Council and will keep you all informed of the progress.

There was also some discussion about the possibility of a Spring village fete towards the end of May. For this to happen and to be successful, it would be great to get some input as to what should be included to make it a fantastic family affair. Please feel free to email me on ianmurch@msn.com with any ideas that you may have. We will form a fete committee and should anyone like to be a part of this please let me know as soon as possible.

For those of you taking annual holiday during August, have a great time, stay safe and keep well.

Kind regards

Ian Murch

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PLANNING APPLICATION

REF	PROPOSAL	LOCATION
<u>25/01130/</u> <u>COUNOT</u>	Prior Approval Application under Part 3, Class Q of the town and Country Planning (General Permitted Development) (England) Order 2015 (as amended) for change of use of agricultural building into three dwellings with rear extension. Great Bromley Parish Council had no comment.	Bush Farm, Hall Road, Great Bromley

PLANNING DETERMINATION

REF	PROPOSAL	LOCATION	DECISION
<u>25/00683/</u> <u>FULHH</u> Mrs Dionne Wilson- Fairwade	Householder planning application - Placement of domestic oil tank.	Meyrick, Colchester Road, Great Bromley	Approval - Full 21.07.2025 Delegated Decision

LITTLE BROMLEY PARISH COUNCIL

Email: littlebromleypc@gmail.com

Hello all,

Another month of extraordinary weather which some of you may be enjoying, not so much the gardeners of us. Due to the weather local farmers have had one of the earliest harvests finishes ever known, finishing before the start of August is certainly a rare sight.

The defibrillator (located at The Haywain pub) has had its pads replaced and is now back to working order. We are looking into running community training in using the defibrillator, if you are interested in participating, please contact us at littlebromleypc@gmail.com.

There has been a Newsletter sent out to all subscribers of the Village database updating everyone on the proposed Infrastructure projects. If you would like to be kept up to date on progress, again please contact the PC

and we will add you to the database.

Five Estuaries and North Falls are holding a joint Substations Design Guide Public Information Day on Tuesday 2nd September where they will be seeking views on certain aspects that will influence the final design of the two projects' co-located substations. Please try to attend to put your views forward.

Just a little reminder that our Telephone Box Book Exchange is welcome to everyone in the village to use. We've had a colossal number of books donated and they are well worth a browse, so don't be shy!

Our next Parish Council meeting will be Thursday 25th September at the Haywain commencing at 7:30pm. We look forward to seeing you there.

Little Bromley Parish Council

ST MARKS ROMAN CATHOLIC PARISH

**St. Mark's, Hawthorn Drive, Ipswich
IP2 0QQ**

**Holy Family Church, Ipswich Road,
Brantham CO11 1TB**

Parish Priest: Rev Fr Luke Goymour
The Presbytery, 180 Hawthorn Drive,
Ipswich IP2 0QQ
Tel: 01473

684963 revgoymour@gmail.com

Careless talk costs lives!

During the Second World War people in the armed services, and their families, were told not to disclose their whereabouts or movements and the slogan "Careless talk costs lives" appeared on posters everywhere. But in these days have we ever thought about the damage we can do with careless words - which can destroy the reputation of others?

In the Book of Sirach chapter 28 v18 it says "*Many have been felled by the sword, but many more have perished by the tongue*". Harsh words can do so much damage. Not only can they harm others, but also our own reputation. Pope Francis warned us not to gossip. We also need to remember the warning words of Jesus about removing the boulder in our own eye, before taking the speck out of our neighbour's eye! (Matthew 7:5)

Weekday and Sunday Masses and devotions

Please note that Sunday mass times will change in September. Please consult noticeboards and the parish website for new times:
stmarksparish.org.uk

Saturday 17.30 St. Mark's vigil mass with confessions from 17.00 **Sunday – see notice above about new Sunday mass times** at Holy Family, Brantham and St. Mark's, Ipswich.

Tuesday 10.00 Holy Family mass with Eucharistic Adoration at 9.20.

Wednesday 09.30 St. Mark's

Friday 12.15 St. Mark's mass with Eucharistic Adoration from 11.40.

Father Luke's Sunday sermons are available at anchor.fm/fr-luke-goymour

The Sick & Housebound

Please let Fr Luke know of anyone who is ill at home, housebound or in hospital, so that they may receive appropriate pastoral care, he can be contacted on 01473 684963. If you or a family member is in hospital you can also contact the Catholic Lay Chaplain to Ipswich hospital:
hospitalchaplain@stmarksparish.org.uk



DIWALI EVENING

SATURDAY 25TH OCTOBER
AT GREAT BROMLEY VILLAGE HALL
CO7 7IA
6-11pm



£.25
includes
sumptuous
indian food



Entertainment
and music



Come dressed in your best Indian attire,
All proceeds to the village hall.
For details and tickets please contact:
Annie 07720468344
annie@dawnsupport.co.uk



Bring your own drink & don't forget glasses

MANNINGTREE & DISTRICT PHOTOGRAPHIC SOCIETY

We resume our club programme in September having had a break from the normal schedule over the Summer. Members were challenged to take photographs using four different photographic techniques, and these images will be shared during our first meet up in September. A few extra workshops were held during the Summer relating to this and also one on flash photography.

Our September programme is as follows;

11th September Chair's welcome & Summer photo challenge competition

13th September
– Field Trip –
Felixstowe at
Sunset

25th September
– PDI
Competition –
Close up/
Macro

Our club website has information about membership and activities together with competition results, photo albums and further club information. Our 2025/2026 programme should be on the website when club resumes in September. Our public Manningtree Photographic Club Facebook page also features various club news and activities.

This month's featured image by Ian Bancroft was the winner of our

Photograph of the Year competition as voted for by members.

We are a small group of photography enthusiasts with a wide range of photographic experience and knowledge. The club aims to provide a friendly environment for members to enjoy the development of their photographic skills through a variety of activities in the company of like-minded individuals.

If you have an interest in photography, at whatever level, you would be most welcome at M&DPS. We meet at Mistley Village Hall, on the 2nd, 4th and



5th Thursdays of the month between September and May at 7.30pm.

For further information please contact our Secretary Pat Ainger on 01206 231242 or email: madps@post.com

Website: <https://e-voice.org.uk/manningtreeanddistrictphotographicso>



GREAT BENTLEY DOCTORS' SURGERY

We are fast approaching flu vaccination season and I want to take this opportunity to remind everyone who is eligible, that appointments will be on our computer system and available to book from September 2025. Text messages will be sent out inviting patients to book via a link, or alternatively they can be booked by calling the Surgery on telephone 01206 250691. Flu vaccinations will be available this year for all patients aged 65 and over and those under 65 with chronic health conditions.

As per very specific instructions from NHS England, apart from patients who are pregnant, we will not be able to start giving flu injections until October 2025.

Flu is an unpredictable virus that can cause mild or unpleasant illness in most people, BUT it can cause severe illness and even death among vulnerable groups including older people, pregnant women and people with an underlying health condition. If you are not sure if you are eligible, please give us a call. We are unable to provide private vaccinations, but many local pharmacies do.

By having your flu jab, you are not only helping yourself, but you are also helping to protect the wider

population from this nasty virus which can easily spread to vulnerable people who are much more at risk from complications.

Alzheimer's Society

A representative from the Alzheimer's Society will be coming into the Practice between 10 am and 12 noon on Tuesday, 16 September 2025 and will be available in the waiting area to speak to patients and carers, to give out helpful advice and information.

Invites for Vaccinations and Health Checks

We still continue to send out invitations for patients eligible for vaccinations for shingles, pneumonia and RSV and also the NHS health checks. If you receive a text about this, you can simply click on the link to book your appointment. We would particularly recommend having your vaccinations before the winter starts.

Patient Participation Group

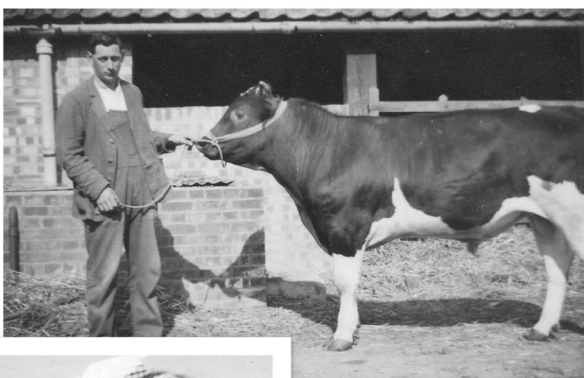
The next PPG Meeting will be held on Thursday, 25 September 2025 at 6.30 pm in the Mitchell Room at Great Bentley Village Hall.

***Sue Mitson
Operations Manager***



SCHOOL UNIFORMS

At a recent Friends of Little Bromley Church event I met Stella and Geoff Chambers who kindly shared some photos with me. Stella's father, Don Read, was a stockman for J.H. Moorhouse in the 1950s. Here is a picture of him with a cow, prepared for the Tendring Show.



Stella also showed me a photo of herself and older brother Adrian, in their Little Bromley school uniforms. They had green blazers and



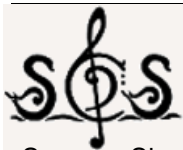
caps or berets, and grey shorts and skirts. In the summer the girls wore a white and green chequered frock, that Stella models in the second picture. You have to imagine the colours!

Meanwhile in Great Bromley the blazer and headwear were maroon, with grey jumpers, skirts and shorts, and socks with maroon bands – and I do have a coloured photo of that! Modelled by my brother Peter, about to start off on his first day. Note the NSPCC “league of pity” appeal badge several of us wore in the 1960s.

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P.S. I am still collecting suitable photos for Volume 2 of the two village photos books! Please let me know when you find any new ones... 9





STOUR CHORAL SOCIETY NEWS

Summer Singing Workshop

SCS hosted their second 'Summer Singing Workshop' at Acorn Village on June 14th. Our Musical Director, Susie Rose, led a joyful day of singing attended by nearly 60 people, learning and performing Vivaldi's 3-part 'Gloria', 'Pie Jesu' by Andrew Lloyd Webber, and 'The Sound of Music', by Rodgers and Hammerstein. It really was a happy occasion, enjoyed by all who came, whether seasoned singers or new to choral music.

Autumn Term

Rehearsals will begin on Monday 15th September 2025, 7.15pm, at the Oak Room, Acorn Village, for our Concert on Saturday 29th November 2.30pm at Mistley Parish Church. The programme will consist of 'Feel the Spirit' by John Rutter, 'Fantasia on Christmas Carols' by Ralph Vaughan Williams, and a mixture of seasonal music and carols.

We are a friendly choir and welcome new members!



If you would like to sing with us, or try out one of our practices, do get in touch by e-mailing:

info@stourchoralsociety.co.uk or send a message via our Facebook page, or just turn up at Acorn Village at 7.15pm on 15th September. If you would like to know more about SCS, why not take a look at our website:

www.stourchoralsociety.co.uk where you will find information about the choir's history, past concerts, reviews and much more.

Please add the concert date to your diaries and look out for more advertising and ticket information nearer the time.

Tea Party

In aid of

St Helena Hospice Colchester

2pm Saturday September 6th
St George's Church
Great Bromley

Meet Dr Tim Leeson from St Helena
Donations Welcome

Please phone Jenny on 01206 230688
to book a table,
detailing any dietary requirements.



Fun Dog Show

Saturday 27th September 2025 10:30am – 3:30pm

At Lawford Church, CO11 2JX

Registration from 10:30am - Judging will begin at 11am

How to enter: Pop along to the church from 10:30am on Saturday 27th September to register your dog in any of the classes. Classes start at 11am.

There are 10 classes to enter plus the Best In show which will comprise of winners from the 10 classes



All proceeds will go to Lawford Church restoration fund charity no 1133132

Overall Best in Show – Free entry to 1st place winners in all classes

Entry costs £2 per dog per class entered and all funds raised will go to the Church Restoration Fund. Charity Number: 1133132

Rosettes will be awarded to the best 6 in each class with a trophy for the overall “Best in Show”

Plus – Have a go activity, Doggy stalls, Woofdown café, Doggy raffle, and games.

For more information Text or WhatsApp: 07922791247

GREAT BROMLEY BOOK CLUB

Are you a lover of books and live in Great Bromley or the surrounding area? Would you like to join our small, friendly book club?

We meet at The Great Bromley Cross Pub, Great Bromley on a Tuesday evening every six weeks. It's a casual meet up for a chat, to share books, make friends and have a drink or two. If you would like any more information please contact Sarah on 07742 105972.

September 14th 2025

The Deanery choir will be singing at **St George's Church, Great Bromley CO7 7TS** at the 11am Communion service.

The choir will sing 'How lovely are the messengers' by Felix Mendelssohn. Mendelssohn enjoyed early success in Germany, and revived interest in the music of Johann Sebastian Bach, notably with his performance of the *St Matthew Passion* in 1829. He became well received in his travels throughout Europe as a composer, conductor and soloist; his ten visits to Britain, during which many of his major works were premiered, form an important part of his adult career. His essentially conservative musical tastes set him apart from more adventurous musical contemporaries, such as Franz Liszt, Richard Wagner, Charles-Valentin Alkan and Berlioz. The Leipzig Conservatory, which he founded, became a bastion of this anti-radical outlook. After a long period of relative denigration due to changing musical tastes and antisemitism in the late 19th and early 20th



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centuries, his creative originality has been re-evaluated. He is now among the most popular composers of the Romantic era.

September 28th 2025

The Deanery choir will be singing at **All Saints Church, Wrabness CO112TQ** at the 6.30pm Choral evensong. The Anthem that they will be singing is 'A Prayer of St Richard of Chichester' by L.J.White. Leonard J White was choirmaster at St Andrew's Willesden Green, London, until his death in the 1970s. This piece is thought to have been written around 1919 and was published in 1947. It sets a version of a prayer ascribed to the 13th-century Richard, Bishop of Chichester, which he is supposed to have recited on his death-bed.

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ST OSYTH PRIORY TOURS

Discover St Osyth Priory. Most Wednesdays until the end of September there is a Guided Walking Tour around the Priory buildings and a Tractor Trailer

Tour of the Priory Park.

The Walking Tours start at 10.30am and cost £8.

The Tractor Trailer Tours start at 11.00 and also cost £8.

Please book online at www.prioryeducationcentre.co.uk where full details can be found.

Dates for your diary



SEPTEMBER

2	Substations Design Guide - Public info event Lawford Venture Centre	3:00pm-7:00pm
3	WI fish and chip supper, Village Hall, Shanty Band	7:30pm
6	Tea Party, St George's Church	2:00pm
10	Great Bromley Parish Council, Village Hall	7:00pm
13	Ride & Stride, St George's Church	9.30am
13	& 14 Flower Festival, St Marys Church	From 10am/11am
25	Little Bromley Parish Council, The Haywain	7:30pm
23	WI - Coffee & Crafting, Village Hall	10-12:30pm
27	Fun Dog Show, Lawford Church	From 10:30am
28	Harvest Concert, St George's Church	4:00pm

OCTOBER

8	Great Bromley Parish Council, Village Hall	7:00pm
10	'The Tales our Mother Told!', Village Hall	7:30pm
25	Diwali Evening, Village Hall	6:00pm

Pride & Prejudice

This is My Theatre Company

Wednesday 17th Sept at 7pm - Little Bromley Church CO11 2PP

"It is a truth universally acknowledged, that a single man in possession of a good fortune, must be in want of a wife."

At least one of the Bennet sisters must marry well in order for the family to avoid destitution upon the death of Mr Bennet and so the task of finding suitable matches begins. But, as is always the case, matrimony is easier for some than for others. For Elizabeth Bennet in particular, not all judgements quickly made are correct, in particular when the dashing Mr Darcy is involved...

This Summer, critically acclaimed theatre company This Is My Theatre brings Jane Austen's classic tale to life in a stunning one-act adaptation to celebrate the author's 250th anniversary year.

Packed with rivalries, regrets and, of course, plenty of romance, our production is sure to spread joy this Summer!

For info and tickets for this outdoor production (85 mins) please visit the TIMT website thisismytheatre.com

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

- 11 Sep
- 2 Oct
- 23 Oct

9.45am to 10.15am



Post Office & Community Library
The Great Bromley Cross Pub



Wednesdays
10.00am - 12 noon



Did you know? Our local area has three Automated External Defibrillators. You can access these at:

- The Courthouse, Harwich Road, CO7 7JG
- The Great Bromley Cross Pub, Ardleigh Road, CO7 7TL
- The Haywain, Bentley Road, CO11 2PL

Also at The Great Bromley Cross Pub 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.



Great Bromley Village Hall



As summer draws to a close, it may be helpful to reflect on what has been happening at the village hall in the last few months and some Management Committee plans for the future. The village hall AGM and Annual Meeting were held at the end of May at which it was reported that the village hall had experienced another successful year, with the volume of hirings remaining steady and an excess of income over expenditure of over £4500 for financial year 2024/25. Laura Barfield, Andy Lear, Paul Newman, Annie Sands and Chris Taylor were elected as trustees for the coming year and they, with David Beech, Marion Britton, Carole Mander, Dorothy O'Grady and Martin Frostick (who have been appointed as representative trustees by village organisations), together with Kathryn Ealdon and Natalie Smith (who were appointed as co-opted trustees) have formed the Village Hall Management Committee for 2025/26. Mary Fawcett stood down from the Management Committee this year and was thanked heartily for the work she had put into the village hall in recent years, particularly as Bookings Manager and events organiser.

Martin Frostick was elected Chairman of trustees and will also undertake the role of Secretary for a further year. Chris Taylor was elected Vice-Chairman and was thanked for her work during the last year in support of health and safety, fire prevention and hygiene matters at the hall. Paul Newman was thanked for his ongoing work as Building and Maintenance Manager. Barry Hearn was thanked for

auditing the accounts to a high standard and Andy Terry was thanked for his ongoing maintenance work at the hall. Jackie Lear was re-appointed Treasurer and Bookings Manager and was thanked for her efforts in both of these roles during the last year. Naina Shah and Ian King were thanked for their sterling work in keeping the hall clean and available and for being such a helpful and proactive customer-facing team.

Ongoing building maintenance at the hall in the past year has included both internal and external redecoration on those areas requiring it and in recent weeks the ageing heating oil tank has been replaced and the protective security shroud repainted. No major maintenance work is planned for the remainder of the year apart from further inspection and investigation of the drainage system in the vicinity of the hall and rectification of any shortcomings identified. A sub-committee has been formed under the leadership of Chris Taylor to investigate the benefits of investing in a solar and electricity storage installation at the village hall which could lead to a formal investment proposal for consideration next year.

There has been no progress in recent months on the planned car park improvement project as work on the Hamilton Lodge site has ceased for the time being and no formal application has been submitted yet by the developer to ECC Highways regarding the proposed B1029 road junction for the development and the associated roadside infrastructure. Given that the



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If you think you could spare approx. 6 hours a term to attend meetings with other like minded people to support the leadership team and ensure the schools strategic vision, then we would love to hear from you.

By joining our board, you'll develop new skills and have a direct impact on the success of our students.

Reach out to us on lsharp@st-georges-pri.essex.sch.uk if you're interested in applying or would like more information about the role.

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 1st 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 or 07752201441.

Closing date for applications:- **31st October 2025.**

LITTLE BROMLEY VILLAGE FUND

The Trustees, including the Chairman of the Parish Council, met on the 7th August to discuss the request for the Village Fund to pay for the Power website for a further year as well as sending money for the restoration of the Parish Church bells.

We are pleased to say that agreement was made to send a cheque for £239.82 for the website and the remaining money (£817.40) was donated to the Friends of Little Bromley Church towards the repair of the bells. That takes the bank account for the

Village Fund to £0.00 so the decision was also made to close the Village Fund. The accounts for the time it's been running can be seen on the Village Fund page on the Little Bromley website.

We think its lovely that the Village of Little Bromley have been able to support their own Parish Church in this endeavour and hopefully the bells will ring out over the fields of Little Bromley in the not too distant future.

Lt Bromley Village Fund Trustees

HOME ENERGY IMPROVEMENT GRANTS

There are several grants available to help with energy improvement.

- ♦ ECO4 you must have an EPC rating of D or below, you must be on a means tested benefit and any work must raise the EPC by 2 bands
- ♦ HUG EPC E or below income below £31K
- ♦ Warm Home Local Grant EPC D -G you must be on a means tested benefit or with an income below £36k
- ♦ GBIS You must be an home owner with an EPC rating of D or below or rented E and below You must be on a means tested benefit.

You can find out if you qualify for any help by visiting www.ukem.co.uk and completing the questionnaire.

The Bill Clinic offers FREE energy and utility bill reviews, and can save you money. It is a free service across Tendring. To find out more call Sharon 01255 847271 or 07977074313 or email: info@billclinic.co.uk

Citizens Advice Tendring Outreach Centres

We have a number of Outreach Centres across Tendring to reach more of you in the community. This is a "drop in" service but if you would like to book an appointment, please call the main office on 01255 377080 from Monday to Thursday.

Monday

HARWICH

All Saints Church,
Main Rd, Dovercourt, Harwich, Essex, CO12 4LN
OPEN 09:30am to 12:00pm

CLACTON

Tendring District Council Offices,
88-90 Pier Ave, Clacton on Sea, Essex, CO15 1TN
OPEN 10:00am to 1:00pm

CLACTON

North Rd Surgery
17 North Rd, Clacton on Sea, Essex, CO15 4DA
OPEN 2:00pm to 4:00pm

Wednesday

BRIGHTLINGSEA

The Parish Hall, Victoria Place,
Brightlingsea, Essex, CO7 0BP
OPEN 10:00am to 12:00pm

CLACTON LIBRARY

Station Road, Clacton, Essex, CO15 1SF
OPEN 09:00am to 12:00pm

Tuesday

HARWICH

Harwich Job Centre, 164 - 168 High Street, Dovercourt, Harwich, Essex, CO12 3AT
OPEN 09:30am to 12:00pm

WALTON

Walton Community Forum 61 High Street, Walton on Naze, Essex, CO14 8BD
WALTON CLOSED UNTIL SEPTEMBER

Thursday

FRINTON

Frinton Community Association Soken House, Triangle Shopping Centre, Frinton-on-Sea, Essex, CO13 0AU
OPEN 09:30am to 12:30pm

JAYWICK

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CHURCH JOTTINGS

Vicars Tea Party – Friday July 12th 2025

After many weeks of planning together the school and church families decided to try an event that proved to be one of the most successful days in the year. Members of our church team and members from St Georges School met several times to organise “The Vicars Tea Party”. The event began with two concerts in the church at 1.15pm Key Stage 1 came across to perform a concert for parents and friends, following on at 2.15pm Key Stage 2 performed for parents and friends.

Meantime, in the Church Meadow parents and friends were preparing a fun event – the marquee, for afternoon tea, book stalls, plant stalls, cake stalls, bag a bola, splash the teacher and Bric a Brac, second hand uniform, tombola and more.

The sun shone and the temperature rose, (thank goodness we were in the shade!) Six very stylish vicars came from Tendring and Dedham Parishes to support us. Great fun was had by excited, lively children and parents. The cups of tea flowed, and the cake stands looked magnificent in the ‘Tea Tent’.

Thank you to all who came and supported and thank you to all who helped set up this marvellous event. Over £800 was raised between school and church. Thankyou to the Cheshire Home who came. The “Vicars Tea Party” is here to stay.

Discover Our Beautiful World

A wonderful event was planned for the first Saturday of August. This is the first time since Covid that St George’s have organised an event for children and families, (formerly we called the session Messy Church). The church

and Church Meadow looked super inviting, bunting, activities, refreshments and much more. The children were challenged to see if they could complete all eight activities which in some places took a little searching out. Make a ‘Butterfly Head Dress’, make a hedgehog, make a wind chime, a beautiful dove to hang in your window, a flower arrangement (and three more)

A BBQ followed a small service in the churchyard in the sunshine with a story and beautiful singing. Finally the ice cream van arrived – what a lovely surprise; the ice cream was delicious.

Thankyou to all who helped – a great team effort!!! The event was free but folk very kindly donated over £100 to church funds. We shall actively be organising another, ‘Family Fun Event soon’.

Leavers Assembly- Tuesday 22nd

This service is a favourite of mine. Year six arrived on Tuesday morning – July 22nd at 9.30am. The service was led by Reverend John and Mrs Keitch. During this special service the children were presented with two gifts, a ‘Holding Cross’ (a very small olive wood cross) from St George’s Church and a Dictionary from Manningtree Rotary Club. The children sang the school hymn and ‘One More Step Along The Road I Go’. As the children left the church, the bells rang out celebrating the year six children’s life at St George’s school and church. A memorable occasion for these very special year six children who have been known for many years. Special memories for special children.

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Three more dates for your diary:

St Helena Hospice Tea party –

September 6th We are currently in the middle of organising and planning for our next fundraiser to help St Helena Hospice in the hour of need. You are all invited to join us on Saturday 6th September for an afternoon tea. There is no charge, but we would be so grateful for generous donations which will all go to the Hospice. If you would like to join us, please sign up in the church or phone me with any dietary requirements too.

September 13th Ride and Stride

This year a little different... we are planning a sponsored 'Dog Walk' to St Marys Church Little Bromley, Down Badley Hall Road, along Morebarn and back across Kens'field. Come and join the fun!!!! We shall set off at 9.30am from St George's and reach St Mary's in time for coffee. Sponsor forms available soon.

September 28th at 4.00pm

Join us for a "FAB" concert in St George's. our very own 'Black Cactus Choir' will delight us with a concert at 4.00pm followed by delicious refreshments. More information to follow.

Jenny

RECTOR'S LETTER

Dear friends,

I hope you have been able to enjoy a good break over the summer months!

While our children head back to (or start) school, memories of sunshine and family holidays can quickly fade away as we return to the routines that ensured our survival in busier times. I hope it's not all too overwhelming for you!

One thing we might not immediately prioritise at this time is space simply 'to be' – whether it's getting up slightly earlier to sit in the garden and breathe in some fresh air or taking a moment to listen to a soothing piece of music (I recently discovered 'A Song for Clara' by Shoshana Michel, which I can recommend). I often forget to do this amidst getting our four small children to and from school and nursery and getting on with work in our nine parishes, but when I do I am much better for it. One verse I have found helpful in such moments is Psalm 46:10: "Be still, and know that I am God". Instead of trying to wish away the problems that invariably arise from

our busyness and the complexity of our lives today, the voice of scripture calls us back to 'being' – to 'being' with the God who made us, the God who knows us better than we know ourselves.

"Be still, and know that I am God" seems like it was written for the so called 'anxious generation'. How often do we carry around burdens and anxieties, unfinished to do and bucket lists and unresolved tensions in our relationships, when the God who made us and knows us wants to grant us His peace! "Cast all your anxiety on [God] because He cares for you" we find in I Peter 5:7.

Why not try to take space simply 'to be' – to "be still, and know that [the Lord is] God"? Why not "cast all your anxiety on Him because He cares for you"? Maybe this invitation is just what you need to help you navigate the busyness and complexity of our lives at this time. Now may the Lord of peace Himself give you peace at all times and in every way.

**Best wishes,
Phillip**



St George's Church, Great Bromley

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Sept 7th	Trinity 12	Parish Eucharist BCP with choir	11am
Sept 14th	Trinity 13	Parish Eucharist with choir	11am
Sept 21st	Trinity 14	Evensong BCP with choir	6.30pm
Sept 28th	Harvest	Harvest Festival Eucharist	11am
October 5th	Trinity 16	Parish Eucharist BCP with choir	11am
October 12th	Trinity 17	Parish Eucharist with choir	11am
October 19th	Trinity 18	Evensong BCP with choir	6.30pm
October 26th	Last of Trinity	Parish Eucharist	11am

St Mary's, Little Bentley

Sept 7th Morning Prayer 11am

Sept 21st Holy Communion 11am

Sept 5th Morning Prayer 11am

Sept 19th Holy Communion 11am