

Church Chimes

1st NOVEMBER 2025



SHARING GOD'S LOVE IN
CONSTABLE COUNTRY AND
THE TENDRING HUNDRED

Our monthly news sheet with details of upcoming services and events in our nine rural churches.

Full details can be found on our website:
www.tendringdedhamparishes.org.uk



Prayer is, and always has been, about relationship with God.

We pray for many reasons and in many circumstances, but ultimately prayer is conversation with the Living God, whether it be a prayer of petition, intercession or thanks, when we pray we are conversing and entering relationship with our Lord.

**A quote from Short and Very Easy Method of Prayer
by Jeanne Guyon**

When I speak of this "deep, inward relationship to Jesus Christ," what do I mean? Actually, it is very simple. It is only the turning and yielding of your heart to the Lord. It is the expression of love within your heart for Him. You will recall that Paul encourages us to "pray without ceasing."

(I Thessalonians 5:17) The Lord also invites us to "watch and pray." (Mark 13:33,37) It is apparent from these two verses, as well as many more, that we all live by this kind of experience, this prayer, just as we live by love. Once the Lord spoke and said, "I counsel you to buy from me gold tried in the fire that you may be rich." (Revelation 3:18) Dear reader, there is gold available to you. This gold is much more easily obtained than you could ever imagine. It is available to you.

Prayer should be the foundation of all our ministry. Do join others in coming together to pray, to let ourselves be loved and to see the Kingdom come in our nine parishes and beyond.

**There are many opportunities for prayer together across the
benefice**

Prayer opportunities across the benefice



Weekly Online Zoom Prayer Meeting

Mondays @ 5pm

Approximately 40 minutes of prayer together.

Contact Revd. Phillip for the meeting code.

Celtic Morning Prayer - Wrabness Church

Wednesdays @ 8am

Evening Prayer - Gt. Oakley Church

Thursdays at 4:30pm

Monthly Prayer Breakfast - Lt. Bentley Church Hall

8:30am on the second Saturday of the month.

Simple breakfast followed by prayer together.

Phone Wendy on 01206250622 to register your interest for catering purposes.

Morning Prayer - Dedham Church

Tuesdays at 10:30am

Advent & Christmas Season Prayer

**All welcome to gather for informal prayer for our churches over the busy period of
Advent and Christmas Season.**

12:30pm - 1:30pm (Bring your own sandwich if you wish)

Wednesday 12th November - The Rectory, Wix Road, Great Oakley, CO12 5BJ

Wednesday 26th November - 12 Dedham Meade, Dedham, CO7 6EU.

More details - Rev. John Saxon 07484332734

Coming up in our Parishes

REVIVE@5 - GOING DEEPER

Third Sunday of the Month - Dedham Church

An informal contemporary guitar and keyboard led service with worship, bible teaching and prayer ministry. A warm welcome for all with refreshments from 4:30pm. Worship begins at 5pm.

Come and join us and encounter God in a different style of worship service. This month we have Rev. Dom Turner from Christ Church Felixstowe speaking on 'Rooted in Prayer'

Dedham Church Youth Group

3rd Sunday of the month, following Revive@5, 6:15pm - 7:30pm

A group for secondary school aged children at the Duchy Barn

Dedham Junior Church

A children's group for 3-10 year olds during the usual Sunday service (except the 1st Sunday of the month, which is Rise N Shine - see below)

Dedham Rise N Shine

1st Sunday of the Month, 9:30am - 10:15am

Hymns, Songs, Bible Stories and Refreshments.

Ardleigh Cafe Church

1st Sunday of the month, 9:30am

Join us for breakfast followed by the service. There is an organised activity for the children during the service.

Ardleigh Kids Step Out

3rd Sunday of the month, 9:30am

Join us for Holy Communion Service with an organised activity for the children during the service.

Ardleigh Little Steps

4th Friday of the month, 9:30am - 11am

A group for toddlers and preschoolers.

Bell Ringing Practice at Ardleigh Church

New members welcome-every Tuesday, 7-9pm

Ardleigh Friendship Group
Every 2nd and 4th Tuesday of the month
10am to 12 noon in Ardleigh Church.

Ardleigh Craft Group
Meeting on 1st & 3rd Tuesdays of the month, 10am-12pm.

Wrabness Book Club
Meeting on the 3rd Thursday of the month, 7pm - 8:30pm
Bring a blanket, hot refreshments provided.

Great Bromley J.A.M
Weekly Drop-In Session for all parents and children
Activities and Refreshments
Fridays between 15:15 - 16:15 in term time

Wix Cafe Church
2nd Sunday of the month 3pm - 4pm
Wix Village Hall

Wrabness Church Lunch
Wednesday 5th November, 12:30pm - 2pm

Dedham Big Breakfast
Saturday 15th November, 8:30am - 11:30am
Full 3 course breakfast in the Assembly Rooms
Pay at the Door.

Duchy Barn Films
Wednesday 26th November, 10am - 1pm
At the Duchy Barn, Dedham.
For information on the film being shown please see notice inside the church.

Dedham Primary School Christmas Market & Dedham Church Christmas Tree Festival
Saturday 29th November, 12:30pm - 4:30pm
Market is in the High Street, Christmas Tree festival inside the church. See the website for more information.

Little Bentley Advent Holy Communion Benefice Service

30th November, 11am - Shared Lunch After the service.

Great Oakley Benefice Holy Communion Service

& Ardleigh Benefice Holy Communion Service

30th November, 9:30am

Ardleigh Light Up Advent

Family friendly worship lighting up the church for Advent

30th November - 4pm (Refreshments afterwards)

Afternoon Tea

in BEAUMONT

Please kindly join us for a delightful afternoon of tea, cake and wonderful company.
A warm welcome for everyone!

Relax

Beaumont Village Hall

2.00 - 4.00 pm

13 October, 10 November, 8 December

Second Monday of the month

However you are feeling, happy or sad,
lonely or bereaved, or you simply enjoy
socialising, why not come along?

We would love to see you

Enjoy a
cuppa!

Make new
friends



More Details from Yvonne Chappell 01255 860765
Supported and run by
St Leonard and St Mary Parish Church,
Beaumont-cum-Moze



Harmonies & High Notes

A celebration of women
and song

With guest singer Alice Pescott Frost

Saturday 22nd
November 2025

7.30pm

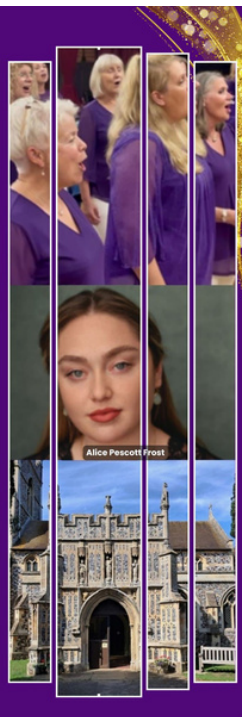
St Mary's Church,
ARDLEIGH,
CO7 7LD

Tickets: £12
(under 16's FREE)

<https://tinyurl.com/ciharmonieshighnotes>



Hosted by The Friends of Ardleigh
Church in aid of the Building Fund



Benefice Announcements

From the Registers in October

Weddings:

Beaumont - Lottie Hayward and Callum Howe

Funerals:

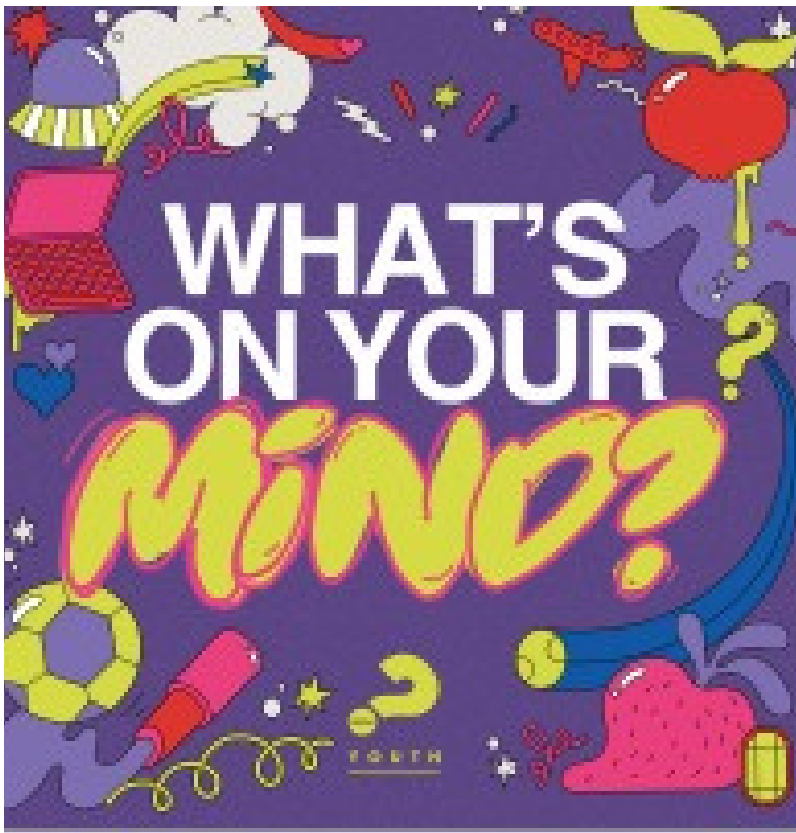
Dedham - Christopher Davies

Wrabness - Kathleen Reynolds

Great Bromley - Mary Rutter

Internments:

Dedham - Trevor Plumb



Calling all 11-18 year olds wanting to explore any questions about life. Try Youth Alpha - Friday evenings 7 to 9 pm, starting on Friday, 16th January, at Lawford Church Hall. To register, click on the QR code below. If you have any further questions, please call Claire on 07752 201441.



alpha.org.uk /youth



Claire Arculus will be accompanying the Tendring Parishes youth to the Sorted! Behold 2025 event in London this year on Sat, 8th November. Please see information below. A great event for all young Christians, following the success of last year's trip, we were in no doubt to go again this year! Early bird tickets are currently £14. Please visit www.ticketsource.co.uk and search for 'Behold' to book Tickets, and please confirm to Claire Arculus on 07752201441 you/your child will be attending and Claire will send a parental consent form. Please note this event is for ages 14 and above.



SORTED 2025

Sorted is your chance to gather together with hundreds of other teenagers and youth leaders to grow deep in your faith, with talks from the Gospel of John.

Details:

On Saturday 8th November 2025 from 10:30am - 4:30pm at Westminster Chapel, Buckingham Gate, London, SW1E 6BS.

Everything will be provided on the day, but please bring your own lunch. Please note that bookings will close at 5pm on the 7th November (or earlier if tickets sell out). Tickets are required for youth group members and leaders.

Services to Remember

Whether bereaved recently or many years ago, all are welcome to these quiet more reflective services with the opportunity to remember those no longer with us.

Remembering Your Loved ones Service - Dedham

Sunday 2nd November, 3pm

If you wish to have the name of a loved one mentioned in the service you can give the name before the service.

Great Bromley Light a Candle Service

Sunday 2nd November, 3pm

Wrabness All Souls Service

Sunday 2nd November, 4pm



Lest We Forget

Join us at one of our many Remembrance Services across the benefice on 9th November

These services will start at the war memorials:

All Saints, Great Oakley - 10:45am

St. Mary, Wix - 10:45am

St. Edmund, Tendring - 10:50am

St. Mary, Little Bromley - 10:50am

St. George, Great Bromley - 10:50am

St. Mary, Dedham - 10:45am

St. Mary, Ardleigh - 10:45am

This services will take place in the church:

All Saints, Wrabness - 10:45am

Message from the Parishes Administrator

Hi Everyone,

As this is the 1st edition of the Church Chimes which now covers the whole benefice, and for those whom I haven't introduced myself to yet, I am your new administrator. My name is Sianne, I am 45 years old and married to Colin. I have a son Kieran (28) and two stepdaughters Lily (9) and Skye (7). We moved to Ardleigh from Ipswich last year and it was a pleasure to be welcomed into the congregation at Ardleigh. I am still part of the congregation at my previous church, St. Mary Stoke in Ipswich, where I am involved in the ministry of the parish and am currently the assistant manager of Stoke Community Pantry (Top-Up shop), supervisor of Stoke Community Gardeners and project leader for the Eden Sanctuary Project. Before I applied for this position, I had asked God to provide me with a Kingdom job and gladly, He provided. I will endeavour to serve all the parishes of which my role covers to the best of my ability and hope to make many friends over the coming months. My usual office hours will be 9am-1pm Monday and Thursday.

I look forward to meeting you all.

Blessings, Sianne.

Youth Alpha Volunteers Needed

With Youth Alpha starting for the parishes in Lawford Hall on 16th Jan - we ask for all prayer groups to hold the planning and youth in prayer and particularly for volunteers to come forward to help with either making a main meal, cake or pudding and / or serving and clearing on the evening they volunteer? We are hoping for up to 20 youth maybe more ! But final numbers and any food allergies will be confirmed. We also need volunteer helpers who are DBS checked and church safeguard trained to help with the youth games and discussions - hope you can help ! Here is the link to view the dates of sessions and to add your name. You can also contact Claire Arculus 07752201441 if you can't access the link but would like to help. Thank you.

A message from our Minister

Welcome to our revamped Church Chimes, which will now be circulated with a larger version at the beginning of the month and a briefer version in the middle of the month. We've had some wonderful encouragements of late, not least on Sunday, 19 October at Revive@5 when we welcomed Sue Hunt who shared her testimony of how the Lord transformed her from being a Buddhist nun to a Christian missionary in Thailand. It was an amazing story, filled with powerful encounters with God and opportunities to share with others from Thai and/or Buddhist backgrounds, believers and others alike.

Have you heard about the 'quiet revival' going on in the UK today? Many are seeking out truth and coming to churches (especially from Gen Z) to find out more about the Lord. Is there someone you know who you could invite to church, maybe to a Carols Service next month or to a home group (we have many throughout our parishes)? Pray and then invite - you never know what the Lord might do with that simple bold act!

Best wishes,
Phillip

Please check out our YouTube video which includes the very inspiring testimony of Sue Hunt
<https://youtu.be/aA0z4A5pyNw?t=1521>

Please ensure all events and advertising is sent to stmaryda@gmail.com by the 20th of the month for the following months edition. Please ensure all posters are in PNG or JPG format to be uploaded onto the websites.

Novembers Seivices across the Benefice



	All Saints	Remembra nce	2 Before Advent	Christ The King	Advent Sunday
	2 Nov	9 Nov	16 Nov	23 Nov	30 Nov
Unavailable					
All Saints Great Oakley	09.30 HC	10.45 RS Service	09.30 HC	09.30 Family Praise	9.30 Benefice HC
St Mary Wix		10.45 R'brance		11.00 MPayer	
All Saints Wrabness	11.00 MPayer 16.00 All Souls service	10.45 RSun Service	11.00 MPayer	11.00 HC	
St Edmund Tendring		11.00 RSun service		09.30 MPayer	
St Leonard Beaumont	11.00 HC		11.00 MPayer	18.00 Evensong	
St Mary Lt Bentley	11.00 MPayer		11.00 HC		11.00 Advent Benefice HC
St Mary Lt Bromley		10.50 RSun Service			
St George Great Bromley	11.00 HC (BCP) 15.00 Light a Candle	10.50 RSun Service	18.30 Evensong	11.00 HC	
St Mary Ardleigh	08.00 HC (BCP) 09.30 Café Church*	10.45 RSun service	9.30 HC	09.30 MPraise	9.30 Benefice HC 16:00 Light Up Advent
St Mary Dedham	09.30 RnS* 15.00 RYLO	10.45 RSun service	09.30 Morning Praise 17.00 Revive@5	09.30 HC	

Refreshments available after 09:30 services at Great Oakley and Ardleigh (Except Cafe Church)

BCP = Book of Common Prayer service HC = Holy Communion (Common Worship)

MP = Morning Prayer/Praise – Non Eucharistic Service

* Less formal service suitable for children and families ** Contemporary Worship