

Church Chimes

1st July 2026



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

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.

Message from the Parishes Administrator

I am on annual leave from the 1st July until 10th July. Please direct all urgent enquiries to you church warden or one of the Rural Missioners.

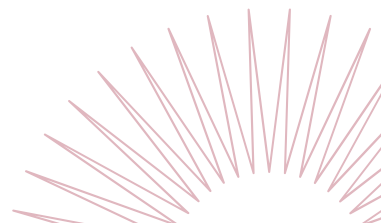
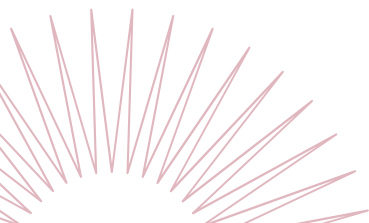
A Message from our Minister

How are you surviving the heat? A recent visitor to the vicarage described a process of 'melting in to the sofa'! Such high temperatures as we've been experiencing of late can feel inescapable.

Where do you find refreshment in life, whether from hotter temperatures, work stresses, family tensions or other challenges? The psalmist testifies to the refreshment that being in the presence of the Lord can provide: "Better is one day in Your courts than a thousand elsewhere; I would rather be a doorkeeper in the house of my God than dwell in the tents of the wicked. For the Lord God is a sun and shield" (Psalm 84:10-11). Don't let talk of the Lord God as a sun distract you (!), because the presence of the Lord can refresh us in the deepest parts of our souls. We all long to be loved and the Lord says to us that His delight is in us (Isaiah 62:4). We all at times find life overwhelming and Jesus invites us to "come to [Him]", especially when we're "weary and burdened" and He "will give [us] rest" (Matthew 11:28).

May we find that love, that rest, that refreshment, as we seek Him in our daily lives in prayer and in His Word, in our regular fellowship on Sundays and in mid-week home groups and as we just spend time in His presence, rejoicing in His goodness and grace to us in the Gospel of His Son.

Yours in Him,
Phillip





GROW



Home groups in the Tending and Dedham Parishes

Home groups are the places where we meet together regularly to get to know one another, to seek wisdom and guidance from God's Word together, to pray for and support one another and, in some cases, to share a meal together. If you'd like to **grow** in your Christian faith, get in touch with a home group that meets near you!

- Colchester: 20:00 on Wednesday, contact: Phillip Young harwichrmpPhillip@gmail.com
- Dedham: 11:00 on Tuesdays, contact: Ann Shaw ann.shaw0411@gmail.com
- Dedham: 19:30 on Wednesdays, contact: Adrian Beckingsale abeckingsale@aol.com
- Dedham: 9:15 on Fridays (Ladies group), contact: Sharon Sarson sharonsarson@hotmail.co.uk
- Dedham: 9:00 on the first Saturday of the month (Men's Breakfast), contact: David Jewell david.jewell@crown-consultancy.com
- Great Oakley: 10:30 on Thursdays, contact: John Saxon harwichrmjohn@gmail.com
- Wix: 19:00 on Mondays, contact: Tim Ball twbafb@gmail.com





2026

Harwich Deanery Retreats

Two Half Day Retreats - to support our own spiritual lives, perhaps a taster for people trying a retreat for the first time. Led by Revd Canon Ian Smith , Team Rector of the Parish of the Harwich Peninsula. Ian is a spiritual accompanier (Director) on the Chelmsford list of those authorized for this ministry and has been a retreat leader for many years. BOTH Retreats are FREE.

RETREAT 2 : CHRIST, COAST & CONCRETE

SATURDAY 19 SEPTEMBER 9.30am - 12.30pm

St Nicholas, Harwich & Esplanade Hall, HARWICH CO12 3ES

Time to walk and observe the old town and the beach and reflect on Christian places that are bustling, but also on the edge.

To Book please Text/email: Mobile 07818 855727
trharwich@gmail.com



Dedham Mission Sale

St. Mary the Virgin, Dedham
25th July 10am - 12noon

Revive@5 & Summer BBQ

St. Mary the Virgin, Dedham followed by the BBQ at the Vicarage
19th July 5pm - 7:30pm

If you can assist in any way at the BBQ please contact Rev. Phillip Young
harwichrmpPhillip@gmail.com

CONSTABLE

AND THE COUNTRYSIDE



Saturday 11th July 2026 | 7pm | Tickets £12
Dedham Parish Church

A fascinating evening of words and music in beautiful Dedham Church. Talks by Susan Owens, Emma Roodhouse and Jules Pretty will focus on Constable and his connection with the Dedham Vale countryside, and on that landscape today. Proceeds from the event will support the Eco-Church initiative at Dedham Parish Church. The programme includes organ music and a cello performance in honour of Constable's love of the cello. Refreshments available.

Scan the QR code for tickets or visit:
constable.eventbrite.com

GOLDING CONSTABLE'S KITCHEN GARDEN - JOHN CONSTABLE (1776-1837)
COLCHESTER & IPSWICH MUSEUMS: IPSWICH BOROUGH COUNCIL COLLECTION

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Tendring and Dedham Parishes



You are invited to the Licensing
by the Bishop of Colchester
and the Installation
by the Archdeacon of Colchester
of

The Revd Nicky Young
as Assistant Curate and Priest Missioner,

on Wednesday 22nd July at 7.30 pm
St Edmunds King & Martyr, Tendring, CO16 0BN

Refreshments after in Village Hall

Clergy and LLMs are asked to indicate if they will robe (choir dress)

RSVP

Revd John Saxon, Area Dean

harwichrmjohn@gmail.com 07484332734

The Rectory, Wix Road, Great Oakley, CO12 5BJ



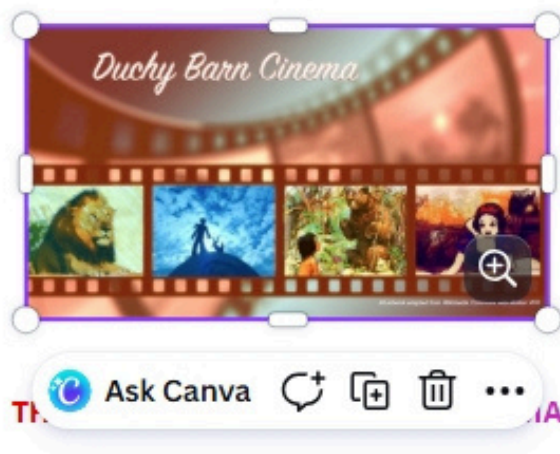
Pet Service : 26 July 2026 @ 9.30

St. Edmund King & Martyr Church, The Street, Tendring, CO16 0BL

Please bring your pets, real pets and cuddly pets, all are welcome at our Pet Service. We will be celebrating all of our pets; the old pets, youngest pets, the biggest pets, the smallest pets, please bring them along - we love them all.

Looking forward to meeting your pets!

Rev. Nicky



The Duchy Barn Cinema was set up in September 2025 as an initiative sponsored by St Mary's Church Dedham.

Our aim is to screen a selection of some of the best films ever produced to the local community. Showings usually take place on the 4th Wednesday of every month from October to April with some additional films for children being shown during the school holidays. Entrance is free and refreshments and cake are served during the interval!

So far, The Duchy Barn Cinema has shown a total of 8 films - the last of which, screened in May 2026, was aimed specifically at children and at anyone "young at heart".

We would very much like children and parents to be aware of this regular event, especially during the school holidays when they are able to attend.

Our next children's film will be on Wednesday 27th August at 2pm and all are welcome!

Please note that seating capacity is limited to 30 people and that anyone under 18 must be accompanied by a parent or other responsible adult.

Because of the restrictions imposed by the Church Copyright Licence, we cannot advertise the actual film being screened except within church premises. Please drop in to St Mary's Church or the Duchy Barn itself to collect an information leaflet or contact the parish office on 01206 322136 stmaryda@gmail.com





Ardleigh Little Steps

FAMILY FRIENDLY EVENTS AND
ACTIVITIES IN
ARDLEIGH CHURCH



A group for Babies, Toddlers and Pre-Schoolers
(primary aged siblings welcome during school holidays)

**Meeting at 9:30am on the 4th Friday of the month at St. Mary's
Church, Ardleigh**



Brought to you by Tendring
Hundred Farmers' Club

Saturday 11th July 2026

Lawford House Park, Nr Manningtree,
Essex, CO11 2NE

There will be a short communion service in the Deanery Church Tent at 6pm on Friday the 10th July (Free entry on the Friday and free parking on Grange Road, Lawford).

We will be serving cake and refreshments from the tent at the show on the Saturday. If you are able to assist with providing any cakes please bring them along on the Friday evening, or if you would like to help as a welcomer, please contact
Rev. John Saxon at
harwichrmjohn@gmail.com

PICNIC IN THE CHURCHYARD

ST MARY'S WIX
25TH JULY
11AM - 1AM

GAMES, CRAFTS & FUN

Please bring a blanket or chair
and a picnic lunch

All welcome

Children must be accompanied
by an adult





Open Gardens this summer

AT THE VICARAGE (DEDHAM, CO7 6DE)

FOURTH SUNDAY OF JUNE, JULY & AUGUST, 2-4 O'CLOCK

Benefice Announcements

From the Registers in June

Funerals:

Gt. Bromley - Pamela Hilda Hutton

Wrabness - Keith James London

Great Oakley - Michael Noel Thompson

Dedham - Joan Penelope Brightwell

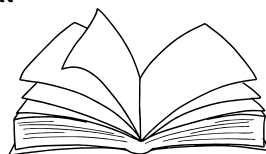
Baptisms:

Dedham - Penelope Goodey

Roux Tedder

Banns:

Ardleigh - Ellie Dawn Bland and George Cosmo Sykes





July Services across the Benefice

	5th July	12th July	19th July	26th July
All Saints Great Oakley	09:30 Holy Communion	09:30 Morning Praise	09:30 Holy Communion	09:30 Family Praise
All Saints Wrabness	11:00 Morning Prayer	11:00 Holy Communion	11:00 Morning Priase	11:00 Holy Communion
St Edmund King & Martyr Tendring		09:30 Holy Communion		09:30 Morning Prayer
St. George the Martyr Great Bromley	11:00 Holy Communion (BCP)	11:00 Holy Communion	18:30 Evensong	11:00 Holy Communion
St. Leonard & St. Mary Beaumont	11:00 Holy Communion		11:00 Morning Prayer	18:00 Evensong
St. Mary the Virgin Ardleigh	08:00 Holy Communion (BCP) 09:30 Cafe Church	09:30 Holy Communion with KSO	09:30 Holy Communion with KSO	09:30 Morning Praise with KSO
St. Mary the Virgin Dedham	09:30 Rise 'N' Shine 17:00 Evensong	11:00 Holy Communion	09:30 Morning Praise 17:00 Revive@5	09:30 Holy Communion
St. Mary the Virgin Little Bentley	11:00 Holy Communion		11:00 Morning Prayer	
St. Mary the Virgin Wix		15:00 Cafe Church		11:00 Morning Prayer