

Church Chimes

1st August 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:

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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 will be on annual leave from the 24th August until the 8th September. Please contact the Rural Missioners or your Church Warden for any urgent enquiries.

A Message from our Minister

It's not just Policy, it's Personal!

This is the theme of a recent Safeguarding Campaign released by the Church of England in early June. The lead Bishop for Safeguarding, Bishop Robert Springett, the Bishop of Tewkesbury, introduces the resources for this on the National Church's safeguarding pages writing: 'Safeguarding in the Church of England is not simply about compliance with guidance or completing the right forms. It is about people and for those of us who seek to follow Jesus, it is about how we live our faith. It's Not Just Policy, It's Personal is a timely reminder that at the heart of every safeguarding concern is a human being who has taken a brave and often costly step in speaking about harm.'

It can be so easy to think we are a safe space, especially in our small congregations. But this leads to complacency and a weakening of a culture that should otherwise be vigilant and curious, which in turn would create that much desired safe space.

Our PCCs have the duty and responsibility to promote a healthy safeguarding culture, focusing on six policy areas:

- Promoting a safer environment and culture;
- Safely recruiting and supporting all those with any responsibility related to children, young people and vulnerable adults within the Church;
- Responding promptly to every safeguarding concern or allegation;
- Caring pastorally for victims/survivors of abuse and other affected persons;
- Caring pastorally for those who are the subject of concerns or allegations of abuse and other affected persons.
- Responding to those that may pose a present risk to others.

However, the PCC cannot do this on their own and need our support. Safeguarding is everyone's responsibility. So let's do this. Not because we expect anything untoward to happen, but because it is the right thing to do.

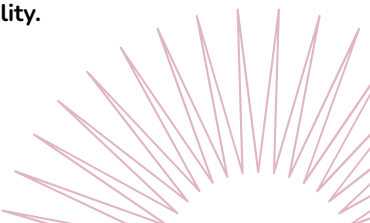
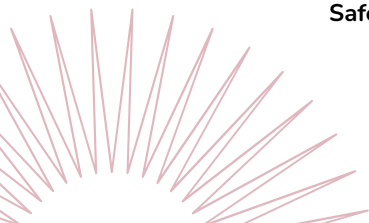
"Act justly, love mercy and walk humbly with your God." - Micah 6:8.

Please be supportive of your PCC members and Parish Safeguarding Officer (PSO). If you do not know who they are – find out! Say thank you for the work they do on your behalf and consider reading some of the safeguarding information on the Diocesan or National Church Websites.

Perhaps start with 'It's not just Policy, it's Personal.' Just use this as a search query or speak with your PSO.

Safeguarding is everyone's responsibility.

Blessings,
Rev. John Saxon





LAMMAS SERVICE

Sunday 2 August 3-4pm

All Saints Church

Wrabness, CO11 2TG

Guest preacher

Venerable Ruth Patten, Archdeacon of Colchester

A service of Holy Communion, giving thanks for the beginning of the harvest and using the first sheaths to make our communion loaf. Refreshments served afterwards

Contact Revd John Saxon for more details
01255 781859 harwichrmjohn@gmail.com



June and July 2026 have been very busy months here at St George's Great Bromley. Working closely with our community, a wonderful few weeks have taken place, and we thank all our team for their great support and help.

The footfall has been amazing, making St George's the hub of our village. The last week of June saw a wonderful Flower Festival called 'Hobbies in Bloom' take place in the church and church meadow.

St George's welcomed friends from near and far, the support from the nine was amazing (not sure what we call a group of church wardens but there were lots of those too) despite the hot weather the donation box was almost full to overflowing!

Beautiful Flower Arrangements.

Wonderful food at the hobby café, the pizza van and ice cream truck. Superb musical moments and concerts ensured that folk had a lovely time.

Sadly because of the extreme temperatures on Friday 26th of June a joint school /church event had to be rescheduled.

The Vicars tea-party finally took place on Friday July 10th on the Church Meadow.

What an amazing opportunity for us to work together Vicars, churchgoers, school staff and children having an afternoon of fun.

I think the ice cream truck may have been very very popular??? Delicious!

Thankyou for all your super support
From the Great Bromley Church Wardens xx





Open Gardens this summer

AT THE VICARAGE (DEDHAM, CO7 6DE)

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

Dedham Mission Sale

St. Mary the Virgin, Dedham
29th August 10am - 12noon

Beaumont-cum-Moze Summer Fete

31st August from 1pm
Beaumont House, Chapel Road,
Beaumont-cum-Moze

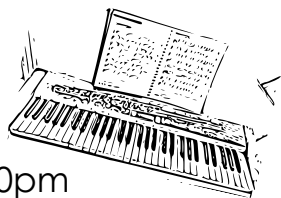
An Evening of Gin - Talk & Tasting

St. Edmund King & Martyr, Tendring
Friday 9th October 7:30pm - 10:30pm

Book your ticket : <https://eastcoastdistillery.co.uk/product/an-evening-of-gin/>



Dedham Parish Church
Saturday 3 October 2026 at 7.30pm
Organ Recital by Christopher Moore



Christopher is a highly accomplished organist based in Suffolk, who has enjoyed an extensive local and international career.

Free admission (retiring collection) refreshments available afterwards

Recital will last approximately 1 hour.

More details will be available in the September edition of Tendring & Dedham church chimes, also in September in Dedham Parish magazine and in Dedham Church.

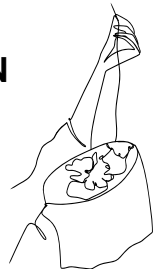
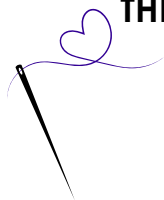


THREADS THROUGH CREATION EXHIBITION

4 September to 7 October 2026

9am to 5pm daily

Chelmsford Cathedral



This is a spectacular display of twelve massive vibrant silk panels depicting the Genesis creation story. Created by renown textile artist Jacqui Parkinson, the artwork features nearly 8 million stitches and stretches almost 3 metres high.

ADMISSION IS FREE (DONATIONS ARE WELCOME)
recommended by Rev John & Dawn Saxon



THE DUCHY BARN CHILDREN'S CINEMA

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 26th 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.

For information, please drop in to St Mary's Church or the Duchy Barn to collect a leaflet or call the Parish Office on 01206-322136.





CHORAL EVENSONG

WITH

THE DEANERY CHOIR

and Revd. Canon Stephen Carter

AUGUST 30TH 2026

6.30pm Start

Organist - Peter Clayton Conductor - Sally Pudney

Ferial - Walmisley - Todd - Besig

St Lawrence Church

Bradfield, Manningtree CO11 2US

LAST NIGHT OF THE PROMS

SATURDAY 12TH SEPTEMBER

BEING SHOWN

LIVE
IN

THE ASSEMBLY ROOMS DEDHAM

7PM – 10.30PM



Bring your own food, table decorations,
candelabras, etc

A bar for wines and soft drinks
will be running



★ ★ ★ TICKETS £10 EACH ★ ★ ★

Available from Jill Strangward | 01206 322006



All funds go to the running of the Church

YOU'RE INVITED TO AN AFTERNOON TEA

This August we're baking to change the future.
So everyone with breast cancer will live and live well.

Ann Button invites you to tea on

Saturday 8th August at 2pm

Old Thatch Cottage, Bradfield Road,
Wix. CO11 2SJ
(Parking St Mary's Church CO11 2SH)

Refreshments,
Games, Raffle

All money raised will go direct to
Breast Cancer Now

breastcancernow.org/afternoontea



In aid of

**BREAST
CANCER
NOW**



BIG CHURCH FESTIVAL

Are you going?

You may know it as the Big Church Day Out, but it has now grown into a 3 day Christian music festival for all age groups. 30,000 Brothers and Sisters in Christ all worshipping together, praying together, and having an amazing time celebrating Christ's victory together. This is an ideal short break for a church group, including young children.

You can get your tickets here:
<https://bigchurchfestival.com/>

Benefice Announcements

From the church registers in July

Funeral with Burials:

Little Bentley - Brian Evans

Dedham - Robert Humphrey

Interments:

Dedham - Renee Robinson, Kenneth Robinson & Judith Clifford

Little Bromley - Barbara Soames

Weddings:

Dedham - Anna Hollingshead & Luke Antos

Wix - Catherine Taylor & Jack Howell

Great Bromley - Holly Bruce & Edward Baker

Baptisms:

Great Oakley - Trixie Gale

Service of Blessing:

Dedham - Gaby & Sam Hopkins,

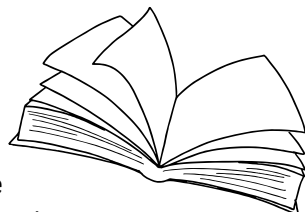
Jill & Michael Armstrong-Jones &

Charlotte Spells & Jerome Scoote

Wrabness - Samantha & Damien Emond

Funeral services:

Dedham - Leslie Jessup & Andre De-Moller





August Services across the Benefice

	2nd August	9th August	16th August	23rd August	30th August
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 Tending		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	15:00 Lammas 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 Morning Praise	11:00 Holy Communion	09:30 Matins	09:30 Holy Communion	11:00 TaDP 9 Together service of 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	