

Church Chimes

1st October 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

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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 have been made aware that some people are having trouble accessing iKnowChurch. Please use the following link to access the login page and bookmark this page:

<https://tendringanddedham.myiknowchurch.co.uk/login>

A Message from our Minister

Dear friends,

A popular TV programme at the moment in our household is Long Lost Family, particularly the series where babies left to be found by others, as grown up adults, are seeking to find their birth families. The stories are very moving but often with good intentions for the flourishing of the infant and a deep longing from the person to find out their root identity

In a world that constantly tells us who we should be, not knowing birth origins puts huge emotional toll on people who know they are adopted. We often define ourselves by our jobs, our relationships, our successes, or even our failures but our birth origins are intrinsically important to us all.

As Christians though, there is more to our identity than our birth origins and what we do with our lives. We are children of God through our belief and faith in Jesus (John 1 v12), we are always loved by God (Romans 8 v38-39) and our purpose can be found in God too, serving him and others to grow a kingdom of love, justice and peace (1 Peter 2 v9).

To have our identity in Christ means that our worth is no longer up for public debate. It is not defined by what we do, nor where we are from. It does not arise from our gifts and talents nor by our personalities. We are all children of God, chosen and dearly loved.

When we root our lives in this truth, everything changes. The pressure to prove ourselves fades away, replaced by a quiet confidence. We no longer need to look to the world for validation because the Creator of the universe has already called us His own. This identity doesn't make us perfect, but it does make us secure. It gives us a firm foundation to face life's challenges with hope and grace.

Finding our roots is important and for most of us it is a known thing. But there is a deeper, unshakeable truth available to every one of us: our true identity is found in Christ. Whatever our roots and our past, it is the future to which we move towards.

Having our identity in Christ is a firm foundation to face the future in confidence, knowing we have the gracious love of God always with us and for us. I pray we may all know something of this truth with whatever our family tree looks like.

Best wishes
Revd John Saxon



MNT

Monday Night Training at Ardleigh Church

All welcome to

Christianity Explored

**Relax with some light refreshments, great videos
and 'nothing off limits' discussion.**

Mondays 6 to 7

**7th September, 21st September, 5th October,
19th October, 16th November, 30th November, 14th December**

RSVP (for catering) churchwardenstmaryda@gmail.com

Tendring and Colchester Borders Garden Community – Church engagement with these new communities

Save the Date: On the evening of 23rd November there will be an event for all interested people in churches in Colchester, St Osyth and Harwich Deaneries to explore together how we as the church can engage in helping to build community and flourishing in the new Tendring and Colchester Borders Garden Community. We will be joined by Bishop Roger and the Project director from Clarion (the developer), Russ Edwards. The event will take place at St Andrew's Church Alresford in the evening (exact timings TBC.) We encourage you to consider coming along with your questions, concerns and hopes. We anticipate full details being available at the start of October.

If you have any further questions at this stage, then please do be in touch with Emma Sivyer (Colchester Area Mission Officer esivyer@chelmsford.anglican.org).

WHAT'S ON

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 Mission Sale

St. Mary the Virgin, Dedham

31st October 10am - 12noon



DEDHAM CHURCH TREE WORKS

The large horse chestnut standing in front of Dedham Church is a beautiful and much loved tree which needs to be maintained in a good condition. All the trees in the churchyard are inspected on a regular basis and we have been advised by two independent experts that this tree is outgrowing its strength and needs to be cut back to ensure its survival. This will also lessen the chances of old branches falling off and possibly causing damage or injury.

The work is scheduled to take place in the first week of November and will take approximately 3 days to complete. During this time the footpath and part of the road will need to be closed; permission for this has been given by Colchester City Council - DEDHAM PCC



October is Pledge Month in the Tendring and Dedham Parishes. This is the time in the year when we prayerfully consider our giving to the work of God's Kingdom in our midst. It's also a time of thanksgiving for all that God has done and is doing and a time of hope and faith as we imagine all that He might do in our midst in the year ahead. John and Phillip will be sharing a message from the episode in Jesus' life where He commends the widow's offering in Mark 12:41-44.



Sunday, 4 October at 5pm at St. Nicholas' Church, Harwich (CO12 3DR), six young people and two adults from St. Mary's, Dedham and four adults from All Saints, Great Oakley will be Confirmed by the Right Reverend Roger Morris, Area Bishop of Colchester. John and Phillip warmly invite you to come and support these candidates as they make a public declaration of their faith and take this significant step in their spiritual journey.



The Duchy Barn Cinema will resume this October with the screening of an “all-time great” by Billy Wilder, followed by a selection of some of the greatest movies ever made. Films are normally scheduled on the last Wednesday of every month, starting at 10am.

The season lasts from October to April inclusive with 2 additional children’s films scheduled during the June half term and summer holidays.

Please put the following dates in your diaries for our first 3 films:

WEDNESDAY 28 OCTOBER AT 10AM

WEDNESDAY 25 NOVEMBER AT 10AM

WEDNESDAY 09 DECEMBER AT 10AM

For a list and details of the different films we shall be showing, please pick up a leaflet from the back of St. Mary’s Church, Dedham or the Duchy Barn or call the parish office on 01206 322136.

Entrance is free and a selection of drinks and cakes are served during the interval, half way through the film.

ALL are welcome!

Please note that places are limited to 34 and we operate on a “first come first served” basis.

Any children must be accompanied by a responsible adult.

We very much look forward to welcoming you to our 2026-2027 season!

Organ Recital

Saturday, 3rd October 2026, 7.30pm

St Mary's Church, Dedham



An organ recital to be given by the
Organist, Christopher Moore.

Christopher is a highly accomplished organist based in Suffolk, who has enjoyed an extensive local and international career. The recital will last approximately 1 hour.

*Free admission, retiring collection in aid of the **Organ Fund**.
Refreshments will be available afterwards.*

BEAUMONT AFTERNOON TEA

2ND MONDAY OF THE MONTH

2-4PM @BEAUMONT VILLAGE HALL



MONDAY 14 SEPTEMBER

GUEST SPEAKER: PAULINE MANN: **TENDRING COMMUNITY TRANSPORT**

MONDAY 12 OCTOBER

GUEST SPEAKER: BONNIE JERMAINE: **OPEN ROAD**

MONDAY 9 NOVEMBER

GUEST SPEAKER: KEITH BLOWER: **TALKING TIMES**

MONDAY 14 DECEMBER

CAROLS & MINCE PIES

ORGANISED BY ST LEONARDS PARISH CHURCH, BEAUMONT

CONTACT: YVONNE CHAPPELL 01255 860765

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**October
Ardleigh Church
for children & families**

**Light up Halloween!
Drop into the church for
some Halloween fun!
Sat 31st Oct @ 5.30 to 7.30**

**Café Church
Sunday 4th October @ 9.30**

**Little Steps
Fri 23rd Oct @ 9.30
for babies, toddlers, pre-schoolers
& primary aged siblings**

**KSO
every Sunday @ 9.30**



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In support of



St. Mary the Virgin Ardleigh

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A Special Service to celebrate the
95th Anniversary
of Guide Dogs for the Blind

Sunday October 25th at 3pm.

Guide dogs, Pups in training

Come and meet these wonderful
Life Changing Dogs
and hear the difference
they make to their
owners lives

light refreshments after
the service



The Guide Dogs for the Blind Association is a company limited by
guarantee and a registered charity in England and Wales (209617)
and Scotland (SC038979) GD0640 05/22



SPARKLY SPIDER WEBS & AUTUMN CRAFTS!

JOIN US FOR SOME AUTUMN FUN!



SATURDAY 31ST OCTOBER
10:00 - 12:00
**AT ST EDMUNDS KING
& MARTYR CHURCH**

★ **FEATURING** ★
'A PUMPKIN TALE'
STORY

**PLUS MAKING SPARKLY
SPIDER WEBS
& PAPER PUMPKINS!**

**REFRESHMENTS &
TREATS AVAILABLE**

★ **FREE EVENT** ★

CHILDREN MUST BE ACCOMPANIED BY PARENTS OR CARERS



Many hands make light work



Get involved at St Edmund King & Martyr Church

Our church community thrives because of the wonderful people who generously give their time and energy. We are currently looking for friendly volunteers to help us care for our historic building, maintain our grounds, and support our upcoming fundraising events.

Whether you have a free hour a week or can lend a hand occasionally, your contribution makes a huge difference!

Our Church is more than a building; it's a lovely, community space. Whatever time you can offer, you are welcome to join us so we don't lose this wonderful space in our village.



Bell Ringers

By learning to ring help keep this wonderful tradition of our bells being used for our services and special occasions.



Church Cleaning

Help keep our sacred space welcoming, tidy, and beautiful for services and visitors.



Flower Arranging

The flowering arranging team would welcome new volunteers, no experience needed, to help us keep our lovely church looking inviting. Discover your artistic skills!



Weeding

Tend to our borders and pathways to keep the church grounds looking neat and cared for.



Mowing

Assist with keeping the lawns tidy throughout the growing season.



Fundraising Events

Bring your creativity and energy to help plan, set up, and run community events that support our church funds.

Could You Lend a Hand?

No matter how much or how little time you can offer, we would love to hear from you.



St Edmund King & Martyr Church,
1 The Street, Tending, CO16 0BN



Parking: Available at the Village Hall car park located opposite the church.



Please talk to us after a service or get in touch with Sue Jermy to find out more; we will pass on your details to the relevant person.

By Sue Jermy - ✉ suziebear30@yahoo.co.uk or ☎ 07946507142

Thank you for supporting the village, Church!

SERVICES TO REMEMBER YOUR LOVED ONES

Every year we hold services in which we remember our loved ones who have passed, whether recently or a long time ago.

This year we will be holding 3 services across the benefice on the 1st November.



LIGHT A CANDLE SERVICES

All Saints, Wrabness - 3pm

St. George's Gt. Bromley - 3pm

REMEMBERING YOUR LOVED ONES SERVICE

St. Mary's, Ardleigh - 3pm

In each service we remember our loved ones by reading out their names. Sianne in the parish office will be sending out an email with all the details on how to register your loved ones names to be read out in the service.

REMEMBRANCE DAY SERVICES ACROSS THE BENEFICE

SUNDAY 8TH NOVEMBER

10:45am - Great Oakley Village Memorial

10:50am - All Saints, Wrabness

10:50 St. Edmund King and Martyr, Tendring

10:50am - St. Mary the Virgin, Ardleigh

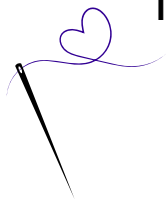
10:50am - Royal Square, Dedham

10:50am - Wix Village Memorial

10:50am Great Bromley Village Memorial
(with Service of the Word)

10:50am Little Bromley Village Memorial





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



Benefice Announcements

From the church registers in August



Funerals with churchyard Burial:

Great Bromley - June Wenden

Funeral Service:

Dedham - Mary Allen

Tendring - John Fitzgerald

Wrabness - David Melville Sweeting

Interments:

Tendring - Stephen Charles Howard

Great Oakley - Hugh Donald Stock

Weddings:

Dedham - Anna Buttery and Edwin Poon

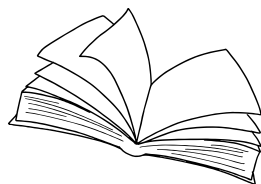
Maddison Austin and Max Wright

Cara Evans and Alexander Smith

Annabel Wellington and Dominic Hill

Baptisms:

Dedham - Ivy Mumford



October Services across the Benefice

	4th October 18th After Trinity	11th October 19th After Trinity	18th October 20th After Trinity	25th October Last Sunday of Trinity
All Saints Great Oakley	09:30 Holy Communion Harvest	09:30 Morning Praise	09:30 Holy Communion	09:30 Family Praise*
All Saints Wrabness	11:00 Morning Prayer Harvest	11:00 Holy Communion	11:00 Morning Praise	11:00 Holy Communion
St Edmund King & Martyr Tendring		09:30 Holy Communion	18:30 Evensong with the Deanery Choir	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 Harvest Holy Communion with Archdeacon Ruth		11:00 Morning Prayer	18:00 Evensong
St. Mary the Virgin Ardleigh	08:00 Holy Communion (BCP) 09:30 Cafe Church with KSO*	09:30 Holy Communion with KSO*	09:30 Holy Communion with KSO*	09:30 Morning Praise Harvest with KSO* 15:00 Guide Dog Service
St. Mary the Virgin Dedham	09:30 Rise N Shine* 17:00 Evensong	11:00 Holy Communion	09:30 Matins 17:00 Revive@5**	09:30 Holy Communion
St. Mary the Virgin Little Bentley	11:00 Morning Prayer		11:00 Holy Communion	
St. Mary the Virgin Wix		11:00 Morning Prayer		11:00 Morning Prayer

BCP - Book of Common Prayer service

Holy Communion - Common worship

Morning Prayer/Praise - Non-Eucharistic service

* Less formal service suitable for children and families

** Informal Contemporary Worship