Church Chimes

1st November 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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Rev. John Saxon - harwichrmjohn@gmail.com
Parish Office - stmaryda@gmail.com

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,

On Sunday, 4 October at St. Nicholas' in Harwich, the Right Reverend Roger Morris, Area Bishop of Colchester, confirmed 15 candidates from the Harwich Deanery. Around 150 people gathered from across the deanery to support these candidates, of whom 12 were from our group, the Tendring and Dedham Parishes. It was a time of celebration of the work of God in these young (and not-so-young!) people's lives and a reminder that the God who moved in power by His Spirit to bring people from darkness to light, from lost to found, from death to life in the early church is still very much present and active in His Church today! A testimony from one couple confirmed that evening can be found later on in this issue.

October has also been Pledge Month in our parishes: a time for us to give thanks to God for all that the sacrificial giving of His people has enabled in our midst and a time for us prayerfully to consider our giving afresh. For those who missed it, a copy of one Pledge Sunday address can be found here. For those who have already returned your pledge cards, John and I want to thank you so much - your giving can make such a difference. For those who have yet to do so, please pray and then hand them in to your treasurers via the offering plate. If you need one, do contact Sianne in the office who would be only too happy to send one to you.

Warmest wishes,
Phillip

Testimony from Deanery Confirmation Service, 4 October 2026

Mark and I have always considered ourselves to be Christians. We were baptised as children, went to Sunday school, got married in Church and have always tried to uphold Christian values in our life. So we could be considered as 'Cultural Christians', but we did not have a relationship with God.

A life changing event four years ago, made us re-think our lives. What was the meaning and purpose of our lives?

Was there more?

Shortly after this, our daughter went on her own discovery of the Christian faith and as parents we saw the positive transformation this had on her life.

We began attending Dedham church and were made very welcome by the Church family. In January this year we began the journey of discovering what Christianity meant through the Hope Explored and Christianity Explored courses with Revd Phillip. These courses have been positive experiences for us. They have helped us understand that God is always there for us, in good times and during difficult times. We have certainly felt the presence of the Holy Spirit in our lives, during prayer, at other quiet times and in our general everyday lives.

Recently we have joined a Home Group in our village and have been exploring and discussing the Bible with others from our Church community.

Coming to confirmation is the next step in our lives as Christians, strengthening our relationship with God and publicly affirming our Christian faith.

- Mark and Cheryl Clarke



Reflecting on the occasion, one young person said: "I feel that when I was confirmed I felt over the moon, it was the most glorious thing I have ever done. I would even do it 1000 times over."

Another described the experience as "ethereal", adding: "I have never experienced anything like it. After being confirmed, I felt so happy and proud of myself, I'm so glad I did it."

One commented: "It was really quite overwhelming but when I was up there with the Bishop by myself it felt like I was there with nobody else in the room apart from God."



Colchester Area Vocations Day 2026

God calls people in many different ways, and he equips them with different gifts for the life and mission of the Church. Some are called to ordained ministry, others to lay ministry, leadership, or to serve God through everyday life, work, and community. All are part of God's work in the world. Discover more about how God might be calling you!

COLCHESTER AREA VOCATIONS DAY

9am - 1pm

SATURDAY 7TH NOVEMBER







THE CHURCH IN GREAT NOTLEY,
BRAINTREE
CM77 7GN

Visit Our Website
www.chelmsford.anglican.org/vocations-days

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

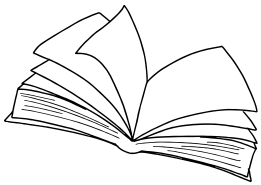
RSVP (for catering) churchwardenstmaryda@gmail.com

Benefice Announcements

From the church registers in October



Funeral Service:
Ardleigh - David Brewster
Great Bromley - Ilene Everett



Interments:
Dedham - Maureen Burrell

Baptisms:
Dedham - Harriot Hitchcock

WHAT'S ON

Wrabness Church Lunch
All Saints, Wrabness
4th November - 12noon - 2pm - Jacket Potatoes
2nd December - 12noon - 2pm - Festive Lunch

Illuminati Choir Concert
Followed by mulled wine and mince pies
St. Leonard & St. Mary, Beaumont-cum-Moze
6th December 6pm

Black Cactus Choir Concert
St. George the Martyr, Great Bromley
December 17th 7pm

Great Oakley Christmas Fayre
All Saints, Great Oakley
28th November 10am - 2pm

DEDHAM CHURCH TREE WORKS
The Work on the large horse chestnut standing in front of Dedham Churchis 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

BANK DETAILS ERROR IN DEDHAM PARISH MAGAZINE
There was an error in the bank details for Pleadge Month in the last edition of Dedham Parish Magazine.
The correct details are:
Sort Code: 202267
Account Number: 00297879



For our November offering, two of Hollywood's greatest stars come together in an adaptation of a C.S. Forester novel under the masterful direction of the late great John Huston.

The film (rated PG) will be screened on Wednesday 25 th November at 10 am in the Duchy Barn.

You can find out more about it by picking up a flyer at the back of St. Mary's Church or in the Duchy Barn itself. Suffice here to say that the film earned an Oscar for its leading man and garnered a number of nominations: for best actress, best director and best screenplay.

An adventure story set in 1914 at the outbreak of World War I, this movie is remembered as much for its gruelling on-location shoot during which nearly the entire cast and crew contracted severe dysentery and malaria.

Like the film projected in October, this was a special request from one of our regular spectators. It will be followed on 9 th December by one of the greatest stories ever told but more about that next time ...

Please put the following dates in your diaries:
Wednesday 25 November at 10am
Wednesday 09 December at 10am

Details of the films we are showing are printed on the posters and leaflets in St. Mary's Church and the Duchy Barn or can be obtained by calling 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 seeing you there!

CONTAGIOUS BIBLE CONFERENCE 2026: A TESTIMONY FROM THE FRONT LINE

This summer Cathy Groslin spent a week as a first-time leader on the Adventure East camp for 8–11-year-olds at the Royal Hospital School in nearby Holbrook in Suffolk. Below she gives an account of a 'day in the life of a leader'.

Day 3

7.00 There's a pot of freshly-brewed coffee, as the leaders gather to pray for the children and the day ahead.

8.45 Breakfast over, everyone meets in the main hall to sing, learn a memory verse and hear Bible teaching from Proverbs: lessons for life in making godly choices and learning wisdom.

10.00 Morning break in the courtyard. I watch in admiration as some of the girls do handstands and the splits. Others head to the common room to join in table tennis or make bracelets at the craft table.

10.30 The main Bible teaching time in our small pastoral groups. Asking questions, using thinking skills, inventing dramas and role-plays, and going deeper together.

1.30 Today's afternoon activity: Hunt the Leader. We're given cryptic clues and a map. The leaders could be anywhere on this vast campus. Plus, they are all in disguise: as cartoon or cuddly animal characters. Can we find them all? Points for our team if we can.

5.00 Supper: Healthy choices, plentiful, very tasty. Good conversation.

7.30 Evening meeting in the hall. Following that, fun and relaxation. Last night was the Talent Show. Very loud cheering from the whole audience, and of course the judges used their '10' paddles for every act.

Tonight, a special campfire down the hill, featuring 'sing after me' songs, with actions. The girls want to teach us new ones, as well.

8.45 After hot chocolate with marshmallows, then it's shower, teeth, prayer and sleep.

Highlights for me as a leader: seeing children having the freedom to relax and just be children. I especially liked seeing them grow in confidence as they learned how to read the Bible and discover more about God for themselves.

CATHY GROSLIN

Adventure East for children aged 8-11

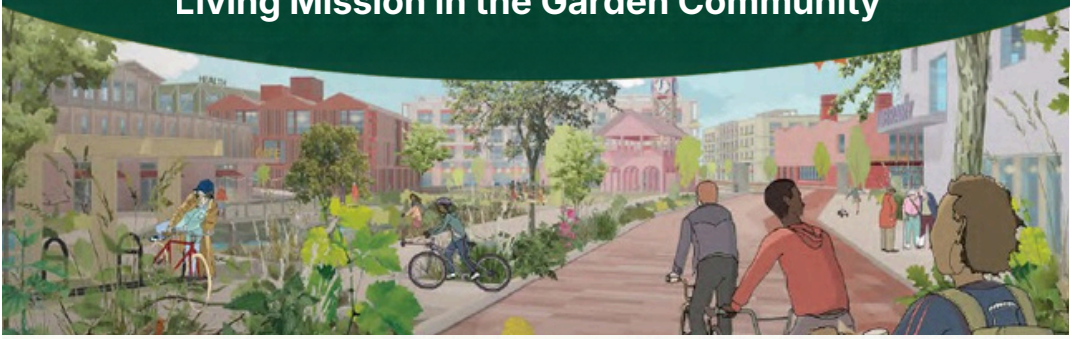
Royal Hospital School, Holbrook, Suffolk

An evening for churches across Colchester, St Osyth and Harwich Deaneries

WHAT MIGHT GOD GROW HERE?

Flourishing Together:

Living Mission in the Garden Community



A new community is taking shape on our doorstep.

How might local churches pray, listen and work together so that people, relationships and faith can flourish from the very beginning?

Come with both your questions and hopes for an inspiring evening of vision, conversation and prayer. Together we will explore the emerging Tendring and Colchester Borders Garden Community and the opportunities it offers for generous, locally rooted mission.

EVENT DETAILS

Monday 23 November 2026

19:30 – 21:00 - arrivals from 7pm

St Andrew's Church, Alresford

Refreshments provided

For clergy, PCC members, lay leaders, mission teams and congregations from churches surrounding the Tendring and Colchester Borders Garden Community.

HEAR • REFLECT • IMAGINE

Bishop Roger Morris
Bishop of Colcehster

A biblical and theological reflection on flourishing, mission and community.

Russ Edwards
Project Director, Latimer

An introduction to the vision for the Garden Community and how it is being designed to support flourishing.

Carrie Prior
Diocesan Director of Education

Exploring the connections between home, school, church and community.

The Ven. Ruth Patten
Archeacon of Colchester

The story of the Church's journey alongside the development so far.

WHY COME?

Discover
Understand the vision for the emerging Garden Community and what it could mean for neighbouring churches.

Imagine
Explore how Christian presence and worshipping communities might develop alongside a new neighbourhood.

Connect
Meet people from surrounding churches and share ideas, hopes and experience.

Discern
Listen together for where God may be calling us to participate in His mission.

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

ORGAINSED BY ST LEONARDS PARISH CHURCH, BEAUMONT

CONTACT: YVONNE CHAPPELL 01255 860765

REV JOHN SAXON HARWICHRMJOHN@GMAIL.COM

Many hands make light work

TENDRING AND DEDHAM PARISHES



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, Tendring, 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

Thank you to everyone who sent in the names of their loved ones to be remembered, these have been passed on to the ministers taking the services. If you were unable to email names in advance, please let the service warden know you wish to add a name to the list upon your arrival at the church.

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



THE BIG BREAKFAST

THE ASSEMBLY ROOMS, DEDHAM

Saturday 14th November 2026,
8:30am – 11:30am



FULL THREE COURSE BREAKFAST.

CHRISTMAS RAFFLE.

Entry by donation, all proceeds going to the church.

DEDHAM PARENTS GROUP

CHRISTMAS MARKET

LOCAL MAKERS | FESTIVE FOOD | UNIQUE GIFTS

SAVE THE DATE

SATURDAY 28TH NOVEMBER 2026

12.30PM – 4.30PM
DEDHAM VILLAGE

FIND US ON FACEBOOK
DEDHAM PARENTS GROUP



1 place remaining on Saturday morning 10am - 12noon
Places available for Saturday afternoon 2pm - 4pm
£25 PROCEEDS TO CHURCH AND CHOSEN CHARITY
Please email elaine.allen9@btinternet.com
To book your place and be given payment link



We would like to invite you to

'Tendring and Dedham Parishes Together'

Advent Service of Light

on Sunday 29th November at 4pm.

At St. George's Church, Great Bromley, CO7 7TS

Join others from our churches to mark and celebrate the beginning of Advent with readings and hymns in an ethereal setting.

(If you sing (or used to sing!) in a choir and would like to join a scratch choir for this, please contact

Revd John Saxon 07484332734

harwichrmjohn@gmail.com



MANNINGTREE CHRISTMAS MARKET

MANNINGTREE HIGH STREET

Food, gifts, drinks, live music, street entertainment, the Manningtree bangers and, of course, Santa's Grotto

Free Shuttle Bus from Manningtree Station to/from the High Street

Brought to you by the Rotary club of Manningtree Stour Valley (registered charity number 1019980) and the Manningtree District Business Chamber.

Messy Christmas

5TH DECEMBER

10.30 - 12.30

WIX VILLAGE HALL

FOOD Music CRAFTS fun

Under 18s must be accompanied by an adult





We would like to invite you to a

Christmas Coffee Morning

At St. George's Church,
Great Bromley, CO7 7TS

Saturday 5th December

10am to 12 noon

We will have: a Raffle, assorted stalls, cakes, refreshments and lots more to enjoy, including music performed by 'Fiddlers Elbow'

Everyone Welcome - Free entry

Christmas across the Benefice

ALL SAINTS, GT. OAKLEY	13TH DEC - 9:30AM - CHRISTINGLE 20TH DEC - 6PM - CAROL SERVICE 24TH DEC - 4:30PM - CRIB SERVICE 11:30PM - MIDNIGHT MASS
ST. MARY, WIX	20TH DEC - 3PM - CAROL SERVICE 24TH DEC - 3PM - CRIB SERVICE
ALL SAINTS, WRABNESS	13TH DEC - 11AM - CHRISTINGLE 17TH DEC - 6:30PM - CAROL SERVICE 24TH DEC - 4PM - CRIB SERVICE 11:30PM - MIDNIGHT MASS 25TH DEC - 11AM - CHRISTMAS HOLY COMMUNION
ST. EDMUND, TENDRING	18TH DEC - 6:30PM - CAROL SERVICE 24TH DED - 3PM - CRIB SERVICE 25TH DEC - 9:30AM - CHRISTINGLE SERVICE
ST. LEONARD, BEAUMONT	20TH DEC - 3:30PM - CAROL SERVICE 24TH DEC - 11:30PM - MIDNIGHT MASS
ST. GEORGE, GT BROMLEY	20TH DEC - 6:30PM - CAROL SERVICE 24TH DEC - 3PM - CRIB SERVICE 25TH DEC - 11AM - CHRISTMAS HOLY COMMUNION
ST. MARY, LITTLE BENTLEY	24TH DEC - 6PM - FESTIVAL OF LIGHT
ST. MARY, ARDLEIGH	13TH DEC - 4PM - VILLAGE CAROL SERVICE 20TH DEC - 3:30PM - CRIB SERVICE 25TH DEC - 8AM - HOLY COMMUNION (BCP)
ST. MARY, DEDHAM	20TH DEC - 6PM - CAROL SERVICE 24TH DEC - 3PM - CRIB SERVICE 4:30PM - CRIB SERVICE 11PM - MIDNIGHT MASS 25TH DEC - 10AM - CHRISTMAS FAMILY COMMUNION

"light shines in the darkness and the darkness has not overcome it."
John 1:5

November Services across the Benefice

	1st November All Saints Day	8th November Remembrance Sunday	15th November 2nd Before Advent	22nd November 1st Before Advent	29th November Advent Sunday
All Saints Great Oakley	09:30 Holy Communion	10:45 Remembrance Village Hall	09:30 Holy Communion	09:30 Family Praise*	
All Saints Wrabness	11:00 Morning Prayer 15:00 Light a Candle	10:50 Remembrance Service	11:00 Morning Praise	11:00 Holy Communion	
St Edmund King & Martyr Tendring		10:50 Remembrance Service		09:30 Holy Communion	9:30 TaDP 9 Together Holy Communion
St. George the Martyr Great Bromley	11:00 Holy Communion (BCP) 15:00 Light a Candle	10:50 Remembrance Service & Service of the Word	18:30 Evensong	11:00 Holy Communion	16:00 Advent Service of Light TaDP 9 Together service
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 with KSO* 15:00 Remembering your Loved Ones	10:50 Remembrance Service	09:30 Holy Communion with KSO*	09:30 Morning Praise Harvest with KSO*	16:15 Light Up Advent
St. Mary the Virgin Dedham	09:30 Rise N Shine* 17:00 Evensong	10:50 Remembrance Service Royal Square	09:30 Morning Praise 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		10:50 Remembrance Village Memorial		11:00 Morning Prayer	

BCP - Book of Common Prayer service
Holy Communion - Common worship
Morning Prayer/Praise - Non-Eucharistic service
* Service suitable for children and families
** Informal Contemprary Worship