

ST MARY & ST PETER
NEWSLETTER

May 2023



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CHURCH SERVICES

7th May Fifth Sunday of Easter

2.30pm Boxted recreation ground

Coronation Celebration

6.30pm St Mary's - Holy Communion followed by cheese and wine to toast the King

14th May Sixth Sunday of Easter

9.30am at St Peter's - Holy Communion

Followed by Annual Meetings

18th May Ascension Day

7.30pm at St Peter & St Paul, Little Horkesley

Six Parishes service of Holy Communion

21st May Seventh Sunday of Easter

9.30am at St Mary's - Holy Communion

4.00pm at St Peter's - Teatime Family Service

28th May Pentecost

9.30am at St Mary's - Holy Communion

4th June Trinity Sunday

9.30am at St Peter's - All-age Worship

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Welcome to the May Newsletter.

This month we shall see a national event that most of us have not witnessed before—the coronation of a new monarch. Even persons of a good age (no names mentioned) with several decades behind them will not have taken part in any kind of coronation celebrations in this country.

The heart of the modern coronation service is still drawn from the one devised by St Dunstan for the installation of King Edgar in 973 AD, although that took place in Bath rather than Westminster. Edgar's ritual has been used as the basis for every subsequent coronation, although the details have changed from time to time

with the religious climate of the day. The tendency towards more lavish and expensive spectacles has occasionally been curbed (William IV refused to be crowned due to the cost, and only relented when he was allowed to wear his Admiral's uniform to save buying new robes).

As the event will be a major part of television scheduling for a week or so, as well as appearing in every newspaper and magazine and website, we will soon all know rather more about the details than we ever thought possible.

Steve Pollington,
Editor



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Bank Holidays

May is normally blessed with two of them. This year we get an additional one for the Coronation of King Charles III.

For a large percentage of the population, this will be the first time any of us will have seen a Coronation in this country and having a king on the throne is still somewhat strange. So, aside from giving us an additional Bank Holiday, which is of course always very welcome, this will be a momentous occasion, whether we choose to recognise it as such or not.

But what about the other two bank holidays? On the first of May, we celebrate May Day, which has been a Bank holiday since 1978, although it has been marked and celebrated since ancient times with events such as Morris dancing, maypole dancing, crowning the Queen of May, dawn flower-picking and picnics.

At the end of May, this year on the 29th we have the Whitsun Bank holiday, which is linked to our Pentecost celebrations in the church. 50 days after Easter, we remember the Holy Spirit descending on the church,

transforming those first disciples and in effect giving birth to the church as we know it today, which is why Pentecost is often thought about in terms of being the churches birthday.

Three very special Bank holidays this year to look forward to in May. And nestled in amongst them all, in danger of being overlooked sits, a very special Thursday, Thursday 18th May, Ascension Day, when 10 days before Pentecost and the coming of the Holy Spirit, we remember Jesus ascending into heaven, where he now sits at the right hand of God, the King of kings.

Eight years ago, 'Thy Kingdom Come' was launched, a time of prayer between Ascension and Pentecost, encouraging us to pray for our communities, country and the world, praying that we will be shaped by Gods kingdom and Gods values.

As we prepare this May to celebrate and pray for King Charles III on his Coronation, we are reminded too, that we worship the King of kings, and we pray, for his Kingdom to come.

May God bless you

Heather

SESAW NEWS

Kenneth is strutting around, full of doggy indignation, having heard about the Public holiday in honour of King Charles. Now he wants to know when Chihuahuas will be celebrated! He is already treated like royalty around here, Tanya had to feed him by hand when he went off his food the other day. He needs to get outside and say hello to the visitors because we are open again. The work on improvements is ongoing but the old place is certainly looking better and we had a good response to a recent appeal for new volunteers.

More helpers are needed to look after all the animals awaiting homes, including Pearl, a delightful little cat about fifteen months old. She is loving and affectionate with people but frightened of other cats after living on the streets of London as a kitten so would make an ideal indoor cat. Pearl is now spayed,



microchipped and ready to become a companion for someone with plenty of time and love to give her the home she deserves.

We have many other cats, some rabbits and lots of dogs waiting for the right person to come along. If you are looking for a new pet to complete your family, please visit our website or call in to see our many rescued animals. We are open 10am to 1pm, Thursday to Sunday and look forward to seeing you. You may even catch a glimpse of Kenny (the Boss)

Chihuahua or me, Ollie (the Black) Cat.

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100 Club Draw

The **March** winners are:

1. Karen Schofield (91)
2. Freda Doyle (46)
3. Hornstreet Fields (75)
4. Helen Hewes (96)

Sue Armstrong
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From Councillor Lewis Barber

Essex County Council recently had its **budget meeting**, where we decided on how to spend our £2 billion revenue budget and our extensive capital budget. We spend approximately 2/3 of the budget on adult and young person's social care and this continues to be a huge pressure and challenge for the council. Excellent and dignified care is an absolute priority. However, the service that most people interact with on a day to day basis is our **highway network**. That is why I am pleased to have voted for an additional £9 million for highways maintenance, including for pavements, on top of a planned rise that had already been budgeted in. This increase is more than double that any other party proposed and follows on from the additional pothole repair fund I voted on the year before for the financial year that is just ending. In the national budget, the Government also allocated a further over £5 million to Essex to help with potholes. This means our **highways maintenance budget** has increased by c£15m extra

this financial year. The weather this winter has been particularly challenging for repairs, which due to the rain and flooding has meant many scheduled works have needed to be pushed back. I share frustrations with this. However, with the warmer weather, these will start coming through. I promised to secure a fair deal for our Highways and I am delivering on that. If you have any highways issues, please do get in touch on Cllr.lewis.barber@essex.gov.uk with details and we will do what we can to get the resources to resolve it.

We have managed to increase our spending on front line services this coming financial year while keeping council tax increases one of the lowest in the country. ECC's **council tax** will increase 3.5% with 2% of this ring-fenced for adult social care. In a time of cost of living pressures, I was determined to minimise any rises on households.



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In disappointing news, the traffic and road safety report that was to be produced by Essex Highways for the benefit of Dedham, Langham and Boxted had significant shortcomings. **Traffic surveys** were conducted prior to Christmas to collect data for a holistic report that identified solutions to better manage traffic and speed in Boxted, Langham and Dedham. The report that was finally produced was significantly lacking in scope and solutions, limiting its focus to Dedham and only proposing two village gateways. All three villages are disappointed with this, a feeling I share. We have escalated this matter to the cabinet member to ensure this is rectified, and we are meeting with the lead Highways officer too and the three parish councils. I will keep the community updated.

In more positive news, I welcome the work by Langham Parish Council to install a **speed indicator device** across the village. I have contributed £3,000 of my locality budget to support them in this to ensure that I do everything I can to support improving road safety. I am also awaiting for the designs to improve equestrian, pedestrian and cycle linkage to and from Boxted and Langham with Northern Gateway and Mile End. Once I have these designs, I will be sure to share for the communities' views.

I continue to feel most concerned and frustrated with the lack of progress by National Highways with the **Severalls Lane bridge**. The delays are unacceptable and I

continue to do everything I can to get answers and a resolution. I will continue to push this issue. I also continue to raise issues with local bus services so please let me know of your experiences.

On waste, Colchester Council has voted to introduce garden waste charges and scrap the **waste drop-off** service. I am opposed to such proposals and I voted against them. Colchester Council has scaled back its cut to the waste drop off service after myself and four other colleagues identified a constitutional technicality. However, the garden waste charges continue unfortunately. Please email me on cllr.lewis.barber@essex.gov.uk for a list of waste drop off service locations, dates and times. Essex County Council is trialling a booking system for use of its recycling centres from March 13th to help cut waiting times and reduce unauthorised commercial waste.

This trial is an extension of the larger vehicle booking system throughout the county and the existing all booking system in Rayleigh. The system works well in Rayleigh and Suffolk so I hope it will achieve similar results here. I have raised with the cabinet member concerns that this may cause fly tipping, but I am reassured by a recent investigation by DEFRA that concluded booking systems do not lead to such an outcome. So far, the feedback I have received is overwhelmingly positive but please do let me know your experiences.



I also know how disappointing the **littering along the A12** is. I have raised this with the relevant authorities and Colchester Council is working with other local authorities in the area to create a joint plan of action to tackle this issue. Enforcement is also key as individuals that litter are ultimately responsible and it is taxpayers who end up footing the bill.

Finally, I welcome the success of campaigners to **National Grid** agreeing to the Eastern region transmission infrastructure review. However, there are some technical shortcomings in this which myself and others campaigning will continue to lobby on- but the door has become slightly more ajar to achieving the

offshore and integrated energy infrastructure option.

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Cllr Lewis Barber

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LANGHAM LADIES

Langham Ladies' April meeting speaker was Nicky Reynolds. She is a **Women's Land Army** Historian with over twenty five years' experience in researching, re-enacting and collecting items relating to the land army service during times of world conflict. Nicky examines the roots of the organisation growing from the rise of industrial revolution in the Victorian Age and blossoming on shoulders of the Women's Suffrage movement to become a vital response in feeding a hungry nation during the war.

1915 was when women started to work on the land, 1916 women's' first recognition of working for the National Service Corp and 1917 the Women's Land Army was formed. 1939 the National association of the Land Army was reformed by Lady Denman. The volunteers were between the ages of 17.5yrs and 35 years as they were thought to be able to cope better and move from home. Their mobility was by cycle. The Land Army was disbanded in 1950. This talk included very interesting slides.

May meeting is a social evening celebrating King Charles's Coronation. There will be a quiz on royalty followed by baked potatoes with a coronation chicken filling (an

alternative filling will be available) and Pimsm. The meeting is held in Langham Community Centre on Thursday May 11th starting at 7.30 pm. All new members welcome. For more information phone Gill. 01206 273286.

Langham Ladies gives you the chance to come and meet new friends, hear good speakers and enjoy a social time with refreshments included.

Ladies you do not have to be living in Langham to be able to join us.

For more information phone Gill 01206 273286

TRIP TO CAMBRIDGE

Langham Ladies Coach Trip on Friday July 14th 2023 to Cambridge.

The coach is leaving Langham at 9am. Shopping in Cambridge in the morning and then visiting **Cambridge Botanical Gardens** in the afternoon, leaving the gardens approx. 4.30pm.

The cost of the trip £25 - this includes entrance to the gardens.

A non refundable deposit of £15 is required at the time of the booking.

If you would like to come please get in touch with Ginny Moss— phone 07974833788.

BOXTED HISTORY GROUP

At the March Meeting Janette Robinson returned to Boxted to talk about the establishment of **Workhouses** and the lives of the 'inmates'. Although her main interest is recording in their own words the history of members of the current generation for future generations, she also gathered a lot of information concerning the plight of the poor over the past 3-4 centuries. It appears it was largely down to the dissolution of the monasteries that the poor became an issue but it wasn't until the reign of Elizabeth I that it became law for every parish to establish poor houses to be funded by the parish. As you can imagine, this was not popular with the other parishioners, it was fragmentary and what was provided differed greatly across the country. Nottinghamshire was the first county to group parishes together and build larger centralised accommodation, which proved more cost-effective. The buildings themselves were built on the lines of existing prisons with the inmates segregated into groups according to age and sex. They also had to wear issued clothing and carry out menial duties, but they were free to leave and return. Over time and with the passing of several Poor Laws, those buildings became known as 'workhouses'. Janette ended her talk recalling the life

of a typical young woman who was born and brought up in the workhouse, when older was fostered for two years then returned and finally left at the age of seventeen to gain useful employment. A member of the audience actually lives in what is known as the Boxted Workhouse.

Before the meeting closed, the Chairman announced that due to age-related problems he and his partner, Christine Sutton, who looks after the refreshments, will not be standing for re-election at the Annual General Meeting in April. He asked for volunteers to take over the two vacancies but so far there has been no response. Having survived the pandemic and with the membership slowly growing again, it would be very sad if the group closed, but it is up to the members to decide its future.

The Group's next meeting in the Boxted Village Hall (satnav CO4 5RE) will be on Wednesday 17th May. Melanie Isted will give a talk entitled "*The Howard Family in Stoke-by-Nayland*". **Please note this meeting will be preceded by the AGM and consequently will commence at the earlier time of 7.45pm.** This talk will be followed by the usual refreshments. Visitors always welcome (£5).

Keith Middleton
Chairman

Dying Matters Campaign

St Helena Hospice is urging local people to end the silence around death and open up the conversation around this important topic. 8th to 14th May 2023 marks Dying Matters Awareness Week, a national annual campaign that aims to get people talking and sharing stories openly about dying and grief, to reduce the associated stress, stigma and social isolation.

This week sees local charity, **St Helena Hospice**, who help local people face incurable illness and bereavement, launch its **Dying Matters campaign**, to help people across north east Essex to feel empowered and confident to talk about dying, death and grief; to ask questions; to listen; and to be sure of what you and your loved one want when your time comes.

Lisa Parrish, director of care at St Helena, said: *“Some people are afraid to talk about dying because saying the words can make it feel real, but having the conversations will help to plan for life and help us make the most of the time that we do have.*

“Starting the conversation about dying, death or grief isn’t as hard as you think

and talking more openly can make it much less scary.

“If we are too scared to talk about death; don’t understand dying; or refuse to talk about grief, how can you react with compassion when loved ones need support? We have therefore created resources to help you start the conversation with those close to you.

“If we can all become more comfortable talking about this topic, we can better support those around us and reduce the stigma.”

St Helena has created a downloadable guide with some recommended questions to ask and get you started, as well as sharing a blog on how to approach the topic with family and friends.

St Helena also runs free training sessions called **Compassionate Conversations** which can help you if you’re concerned about saying the wrong thing or want to know how to talk to and comfort someone nearing the end of life or grieving the death of a loved one.

Find out more about all of the above at:

www.sthelena.org.uk/dyingmatters2023

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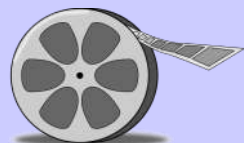
Contact Group Scout Leader, Denise Hobday 01206 230918.

LANGHAM LADIES

Any ladies wishing to join the group or to come along as a guest, please telephone Gill Brown on 01206 273286.

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For details of films and screening times and to book tickets, go to www.langhamcommunitycentre.org.uk/next-cinema-screening/



Crafty Ladies

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