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Parish Magazine

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SEPTEMBER 21ST

85TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE BOMBING OF OUR CHURCH

RECEPTION - EXHIBITION - KEY PRESENTATION – SERVICE

We have a special reception at 5pm prior to the handing over of the key of the old church by Martin Stuchfield. This will be followed by Evensong at which the Bishop of Colchester will be the preacher.

There will be an exhibition of photos and memorabilia.

Please see the article on page 7 for full details.

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The Rectory

with Reverend Heather Wilcox



Sand filled Sandwiches

We owe a lot, in British culture, to John Montagu, 4th Earl of Sandwich (1718-1792), who was the inventor of the great British classic, the humble sandwich.

In recent weeks, we have seen Marks and Spencers launch their summer special, a Strawberries and Cream Sandwich, which rather amusingly led to an argument over VAT, most sandwiches are zero rated for VAT, but sweetened or confectionary items are liable for the standard 20% VAT.

Whether it was a savoury or a sweet treat, is arguable, but one fact remains, more than 200 years after his death, sandwiches remain a very popular choice at lunch time.

As I child, I thought I knew exactly why sandwiches were called sandwiches, and it had nothing to do with the 4th Earl of Sandwich, it was simply because having eaten sandwiches on a day trip to the seaside, the sandwich ended up fully seasoned with gritty sand. I assumed they had been named after one such similar outing. It was years later that I would discover that Sandwich is actually a place in Kent, and who 'invented' the sandwich.

Over the coming month, many of us, will hopefully have the opportunity to go to the beach and maybe even eat our sand filled sandwiches. Not only does the sand go in our food when we are at the beach, but it has the amazing ability of getting just about everywhere, falling out of shoes and socks for days after, a lasting memory of a trip to the seaside.

It would of course be impossible for us to count the grains of sand in a single handful when we go to the beach, let alone consider how many grains of sand there might be on the beach or on all the beaches in the world.

But God promised Abraham in the book of Genesis that his descendants would be more numerous than the stars in the sky and as countless as the sand on the seashore. Against all hope, Abraham in hope believed and so became the father of many nations, just as he had been told. (Gen 22:17)

So when you are next at the beach, why not take a closer look at the sand, and as it runs through your fingers, think about that promise God made to Abraham, and remember that we are those descendants, each one of us, even though numerous, precious and beloved by God.

May God bless you,
Heather

by John Birch, from 'Faith and Worship'

Yours, Lord is the Glory,
in everything I see,
a country scene,
mountain stream,
sunrise, sunset, rain and snow.
Yours, Lord is the Glory,
wherever I might go.



Yours, Lord is the Glory,
in everything I hear,
a roaring sea,
bumblebee,
laughter, loving, a tender poem.
Yours, Lord is the Glory,
wherever I might go.

Yours, Lord is the Glory,
in everything I feel,
a special place,
warm embrace,
accepted, helped to become whole.

Altar Flowers



<i>Month</i>	<i>Date</i>	<i>Arranger</i>
August	3	Fionna Morrison
	10	Fionna Morrison
	17	Fionna Morrison
	24	Roger Beatty
	31	Roger Beatty
September	7	Roger Beatty
	14	Roger Beatty
	21	Roger Beatty
	28	Roger Beatty
October	5	Roger Beatty

MERIEL'S REPORT



ROGATION 25TH MAY

Our Rogation Walk, Tea and Service, which just missed the last edition, was very enjoyable. There had, at last, been a little, much-needed, rain but it was dry as we went on our Walk.

As usual we went through the Hall Gardens to the War Memorial, through the farmyard and then on through the garden at the Priory. To everyone who gave their permission for us to go through their property we are very grateful. We then had a sumptuous tea, and I am grateful to all who helped me with that. Jackie Chapman took some great photos. Thank you, Jackie.



Our short service afterwards was conducted by our friend Archdeacon James Ridge, and we celebrated with him the wonderful news that he has been made a Chaplain to the King. What a fantastic and well-deserved honour. It means that he will preach at one service a year at the Chapel Royal and attend one Buckingham Palace Garden Party.



This is the photo he sent me, which was taken by the Archbishop of York, Stephen Cottrell, who was Bishop of Chelmsford when James was Prison Chaplain at Chelmsford Prison.

He did not wear his new scarlet cassock for our walk, but at our communion service in June I got this lovely photo of him in front of our altar. (Thanks, Graham)

Many, many congratulations, James.



JANE AND SENA OUNATE-LARE

At our Evening Service on July 13th Jane and Sena came to give us an update on their work in France. We had a tea and cake before the service to give us a chance to talk to them and then, after a shortened service, they took over.

They really are an inspirational couple who talk about their faith with such warmth and humour. We first had an update on their family. All three children are at university, the eldest two are in England and the youngest, in France.

They told us of their work with local people, neighbours and migrants, mainly from Africa. They hold prayer meetings, Alpha courses and Sunday Services. Almost all of their work includes meals together and real fellowship, including music.

They do much training of people who then are able to take their faith to nearby areas and help with planting new churches.

They are very aware of ensuring that they leave people to continue their work in France if they feel called to go elsewhere. Not that they are expecting to move on at any time soon.

Their latest report is on pages 15 & 16

COMMUNITY FESTIVAL SEPTEMBER 6TH

This year the annual get-together of the King's Ridge parishes is being held at Old Hall Farm, Little Horkesley the home of our Churchwarden, David Lewis.

David says:-

Dear All

We are, in a sense, the home team at this event, so do please come if you can.

We need volunteer's adept at egg and spoon races and throwing Wellingtons, etc.

Do come and listen to organ music or try the bouncy castle, if that's your thing.

All Welcome.

The full advertisement for this event is on pages 13 & 14



SEPTEMBER 21ST 85TH ANNIVERSARY OF CHURCH BOMBING
EXHIBITION RECEPTION KEY PRESENTATION
AND EVENING SERVICE

We are having a very special service on this day. Martin Stuchfield, who was for many years the President of the Monumental Brass Society, was given, on his retirement from that position, a key to our old church. (This was probably used for the last time on the afternoon of the day of the bombing on 21st September 1940 after the wedding which was held on that afternoon) His members know how fond he is of both our brasses and of our church and they felt this was a fitting reminder of his affection for Little Horkesley. He planned to leave the key to our church in his will but got in touch and said he would like to hand it over while he and I were still around to give and receive it. I realised the 85th Anniversary of the bombing was on September 21st, so we decided this was a very appropriate date.

The key will go in the cabinet at the back of the church where all the artifacts from the old church and bombing are housed.

The Bishop of Colchester, the Right Reverend Roger Morris has agreed to attend.

We shall have a reception from 5 pm and have the handing over of the key at around 5.45. This will be followed by Evensong which was the choice of service by Martin.

There will also be an exhibition of photos from the time of the bombing and an opportunity to look at the artifacts in the cabinet.



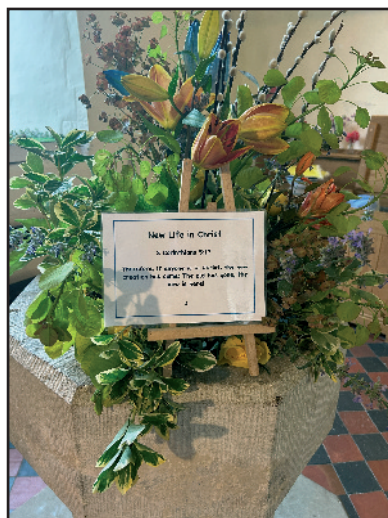
MOUNT BURES FLOWER FESTIVAL

This year the flower arrangements were again quite stunning. Suzanne, our Editor, took some lovely photos which, I hope, do it justice. I went to see it on the Saturday with Graham Soar and then again on the Sunday for the short service at 4 pm. I played the hymns for this service which I actually found quite nerve-wracking. I used to play quite often at Mount Bures but not for quite some time. I have had various odd things happen with that organ over the years. Once smoke came from the organ and the blower was often so loud that it drowned out speech. This time, when I had a little practice on Saturday, I let up the Swell pedal and a large piece of wood at the side of the organ fell loudly to the floor. If I get asked again, I wonder what will happen next time!

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Peter Perkins

Peter was 90 on July 12th. He has a long association with our church as, in the days of his youth, he was in our church choir. His sister was our much-missed Mary Langstone. He came to live in Bures a few years ago after many years living around the Welsh border. He now rings and attends our church on Sunday evenings. The photo shows the bellringers (including Peter in the centre) who rang a quarter peal on Sunday night before the service to celebrate his birthday. Jane Ounate - Lare is, of course, his niece.



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Tom has many PASS successes, and at the end of May my daughter, Bella, became one of them.

He helped a nervous young woman become a confident driver, with much encouragement, some laughter - and sterling tuition, of course.

Thank you so much, Tom, from both of us.



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and join us for our

COMMUNITY FESTIVAL



Saturday 6 September

2.30pm - 6.30pm

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COMMUNITY FESTIVAL

Activities

2.30pm - 4.00pm

Including:

- Forest Church
- A treasure trail
- Organ music in Little Horkesley Church
- Tea and cake and time for a chat
- Giant garden games
- Inter-Parish games
- Pre-loved toys and gifts swap shop
- Bouncy castle

Worship

in the Barn

4.00pm - 5.00pm

Food and Drink

5.00pm - 6.30pm

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Why not bring along a picnic blanket!



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Good Friday meditation service

Dear friends,

Greetings from Normandy! We are both fine and are grateful that our children are also doing well. We are looking forward to having them back home at different points over the summer. Thank you for praying and supporting our ministry here in France. We are encouraged by what God has been doing in our midst in Caen and how we are seeing new people coming to the church and how most members have a hunger to grow spiritually.

News from Easter

During Holy Week we had some special times of prayer and meditation with an all-age evening of worship and reflection on the cross on Good Friday. We felt that that it was a sense of unity and thankfulness to God. We had a joyful Easter celebration on Sunday but with fewer guests than previous years.

Refugees

Since March we have welcomed several asylum seekers, most of whom were already Christians. Their arrival has brought a positive dynamic to the church. They have brought with them a zeal for prayer that is contagious, and it is wonderful to see their faith in God despite the very difficult situations that they have each come from. We have now set up a food bank in the church to support them. Please pray for their emotional healing, for their asylum interviews and the lengthy administrative process and for Jane and I as we try to help them pastorally.

Post-Alpha groups and house groups

The study of the book of Philippians with the post -Alpha group (about 8-10 people) is going very well. In the group there are three new believers and three seekers: Laura, a teenager; and an engaged couple Nicolas and Noemie. Jane and I have been sharing the gospel and doing marriage preparation with the couple since last September. We are glad to see that the future groom has given his life to Jesus and is regularly coming to church. Praise the Lord. ***Please pray for Noemie and Laura that they also will come to know the Lord.*** The two housegroups are going well. Jane and I alternate visits to them to bring encouragement and give feedback to the



Post-Alpha discipleship group

leaders who are doing a very good job. The group closest to the city centre is now attended by the refugees and is a place of fellowship and support.

Baptism

We are currently running a baptism preparation course for Jimmy, a young single dad and T, a young lady. I am leading the course with Xavier, a young MA theological student in the church who I am training. We are excited and are looking forward to the baptism service on the **Sunday 22 June**. ***Please keep this in your prayers.***



Teaching church-planters in Marseille

Evangelistic concert

Saturday 21 June is 'La Fete de la Musique' throughout France, when open-air musical events of all sorts are organised. It is a great opportunity for churches to share the gospel and the love of God. As a church we are planning an evangelistic concert in the city centre of Caen on the Saturday afternoon. We will also be having an area reserved for children's craft activities. ***Please pray for the people we will be inviting or who pass by, for the organisation and for Tom and Joanna who will be leading a small team of musicians.*** May the Lord touch people's hearts and lives through the words, music and conversations.

M4 training for church planters

We believe that one of the best ways to reach France with the gospel is through the planting of many healthy churches throughout the country. That is why I am involved in training and coaching church planting teams. We would like to thank you for praying for the church planting teams and the training we ran for them in Marseille in March. Some of them still need more team members. ***Please pray for them.***

We met Denys there, a Ukrainian pastor of a church plant in Marseille, who was attending the training. He and his family fled Ukraine at the beginning of the war. God is using him and his church to share the gospel and to support Ukrainian people in Marseille. He has also set up a ministry in the city among people struggling with drug or alcohol addiction. ***Please pray for him, his family and this ministry in Marseille.***

Thank you for all your love, prayers and support for us and the ministry here.
With much love and many blessings,
Sena & Jane



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LITTLE HORKESLEY WEATHER

May - June 2025

By Adrian Szabo

May continued the theme of spring, in that much of the UK enjoyed a drier, sunnier and warmer month than average. Up to and including the 22nd, largely fine, dry and warm conditions held sway with high pressure dominating for most of the month. On the 23rd, however, the Atlantic, becalmed for weeks on end, finally broke through and returned our region to a much more changeable regime for the remainder of the month. This last week of May brought lower pressure which pushed towards the UK and frontal systems caused the only significant rain of the month, totally insufficient for our gardens and farms.

Despite the final week of relatively unsettled and cooler weather, the month overall was once again warmer and sunnier than average, contributing to the sunniest and warmest spring on record. Mean temperatures for spring were just ahead of the previous record of 2024, whilst the record sunshine hours surpassed those of the Covid spring of 2020. Highest temperature for May 2025 was 25.3°C on the 1st of the month. Clear skies at night led to some cooler nights, we had close to 4°C on the 5th and 3.7°C on the 23rd.

Overall, the mean temperature for our village was 1.5°C above the long-term average (13.8°C vs 12.3°C). Provisionally, this was the second warmest May on record in terms of mean temperature for England (after May 2024).

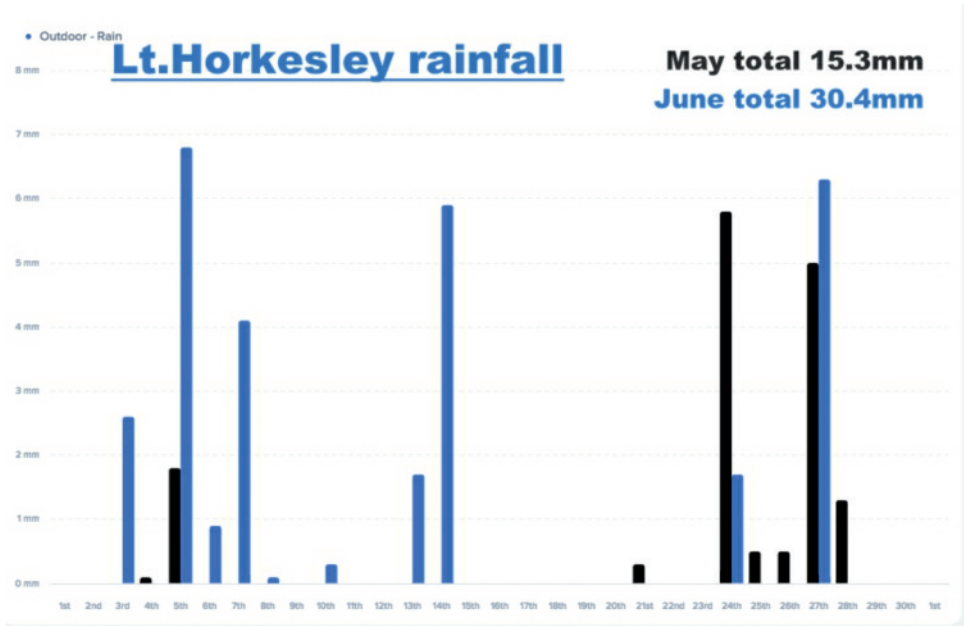
However, total precipitation (15.3mm) was a fraction of the multiannual average and in strong contrast with last year's record of 104mm for the month of May. Sunshine hours were above average again, we recorded 22 days and about 265 hours, about 135% of multiannual totals for the month. Winds were predominantly north easterly which switched to south-westerly for the last week of May.

June 2025 was provisionally the warmest on record for our region. The month overall was warmer, drier and sunnier than average. It started on a cool note, with low pressure, dominant and unsettled weather, in a sharp change from previous months. A series of Atlantic weather systems brought some rain in the first week. Temperatures began to increase in the second week and high pressure returned to bring more settled conditions, although there were still some showers.

The high temperatures reached the first heatwave thresholds this year for our region between the 16th and 21st (peaking at 30°C) and again towards the end of the month (max 29.9°C on 28th), resulting in another persistent heatwave for eastern England which peaked on 1 July.

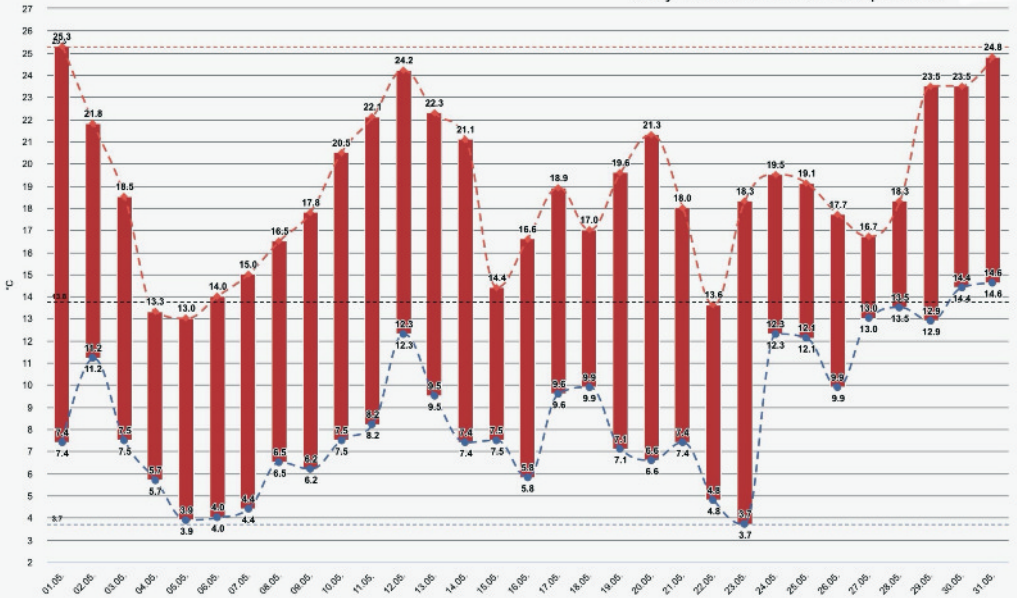
Mean temperature for June 2025 of **18.6°C** in Little Horkesley is 3.3° above the multiannual average of 15.3°C, many areas of southeastern England saw provisional mean temperatures over 3°C above average, and many counties including Greater London, Suffolk, Essex and Kent recorded the warmest June on record.

Rainfall again saw less than half of the June average (30.4mm vs 63mm). Sunshine hours were way above normal in our region at approximately 230 hours in 24 days with some sun - East Anglia provisionally recorded 141% of the average sunshine. Winds were predominantly from SW. Another interesting statistic- total precipitation for the first six months of the year is 195mm which is less than half of what we had by this time in 2024 (424mm) but similar to 2023 (183mm).



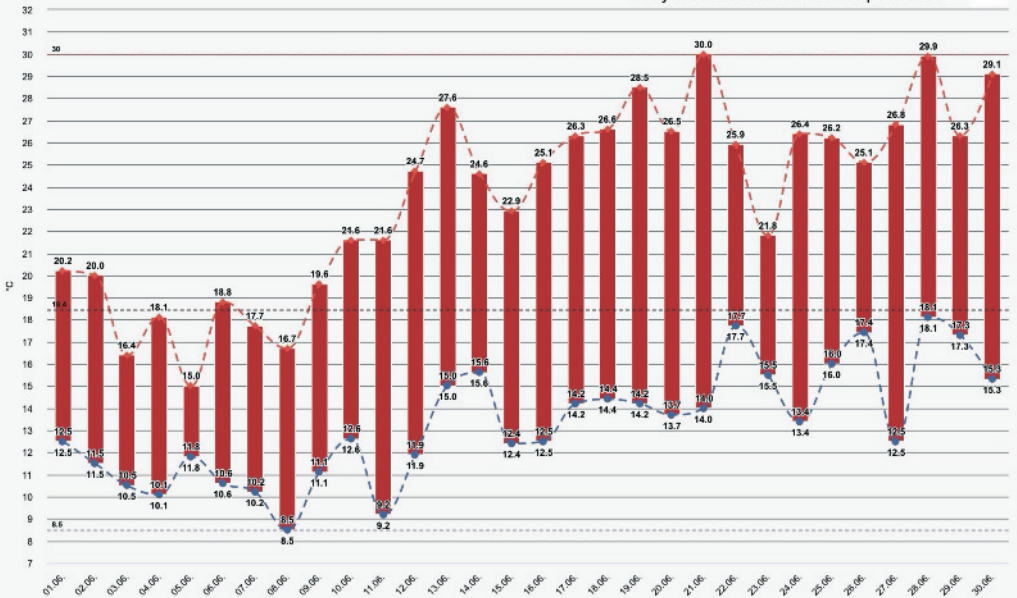
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Daily maximum/minimum temperatures



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DEANERY SYNOD

The Deanery Synod Meeting, at Boxted Church, was chaired by the Assistant Rural Dean, Revd Hannah Cooper. Heather opened the meeting with worship.

The first speaker was Sam Fowler, from Christian Youth Outreach, who deals with training and prayer in schools. His theme was that all schools should have prayer and should be visited by priests and have informal discussions in the playground. He told of an event (Pray for Schools) which was held at St Johns church. Upcoming events regarding school ministry are:

Chaplaincy, Mentoring and More

- 15th November and 24th January 2026 St Mary's Wivenhoe 9.30am to 3pm
- 28th February and 21st March 2026 St John's Colchester.

The second speaker was Revd John Chandler who spoke of plans for Deanery Day on 11th October. All details of this are on a poster at the back of our church.

Damon Breckle, St Peter's, was elected to the Deanery Pastoral Committee.

The Area Dean gave an update on vacancies and new appointments. The Treasurer then gave his report and the meeting closed with prayer.

Brian Lord

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Sidesmen & Readers : August 2025

Sunday	Sidesmen	Readers	Readings
3rd August			
Morning	Will Pavry	Will Pavry	Ecclesiastes 1: 2; 12-14; 2: 18-23
	David Lewis	Brian Lord	Luke 12: 13-21
Evening	NO EVENING SERVICE		
10th August			
Morning	NO MORNING SERVICE		
Evening	Margaret Thomas Harold Thomas	Harold Thomas Graham Soar	Hebrews 11: 1-3; 8-16 Luke 12: 32-40
	<i>Intercessor: Brian Lord</i>		
17th August			
Morning	NO MORNING SERVICE		
Evening	HOLY COMMUNION Christopher Orme John Sparkes	Christopher Orme John Sparkes	Hebrews 11: 29 - 12: 2 Luke 12: 49-56
24th August			
Morning	NO MORNING SERVICE		
Evening	David Lewis Ann Garnett	Margaret Thomas Brian Lord	Hebrews 12: 18-end Luke 13: 10-17
	<i>Intercessor: Brenda Green</i>		
31st August	NO SERVICES AT LITTLE HORKESLEY		



DEADLINE DATE

The deadline to submit articles for the next magazine is
Monday 15th September 2025
Please send your articles to parishmag@msn.com

Sidesmen & Readers : September 2025

Sunday	Sidesmen	Readers	Readings
7 th September			
Morning	Vicky Minet Brian Lord	Vicky Minet Sally Bramall	Deuteronomy 30: 15-end Luke 14: 25-33
Evening	NO EVENING SERVICE		
14 th September			
Morning	NO MORNING SERVICE		
Evening	HOLY COMMUNION		
	John Sparkes Christopher Orme	Brenda Green Christopher Orme	1 Timothy 1: 12-17 Luke 15: 1-10
21 st September			
Morning	NO MORNING SERVICE		
Evening	Special service with Bishop Roger		
	David Lewis Ann Garnett	David Lewis John Sparkes	2 Corinthians 4: 1-6 Matthew 9: 9-13
28 th September			
Morning	NO MORNING SERVICE		
Evening	Margaret Thomas Harold Thomas	Emma Taylor Ann Garnett	Amos 6: 1a; 6-15 Luke 16: 19-end
	Intercessor: Brian Lord		
5 th October			
Morning	David Lewis Will Pavry	Julia Orme Will Pavry	2 Timothy 1: 1-14 Luke 17: 5-10
Evening	NO EVENING SERVICE		





Birds of a Feather

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SPARROW
SWALLOW
SWAN
THRASHER
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WOODPECKER
WREN



Church Calendar: August 2025

August 3rd
11.00 am

7th Sunday after Trinity
Morning Service

August 10th
6.30 pm

8th Sunday after Trinity
Evening Service

August 17th
6.30 pm

12th Sunday after Trinity
Holy Communion

August 24th
6.30 pm

13th Sunday after Trinity
Evening Service

August 31st
10.30 am

14th Sunday after Trinity
United Celebration at Mount Bures
(no service at LH)

Pet Of The Month



This is IVY.

She is beautiful and funny, and sassy, and gentle.

I had the pleasure of taking her for long walks recently.

Thank you to Hetty & Leigh

Church Calendar: September 2025

September 7th
11.00 am

12th Sunday after Trinity
Morning Service

September 14th
6.30 pm

13th Sunday after Trinity
Holy Communion

SEPTEMBER 21ST

85TH ANNIVERSARY OF BOMBING
OF CHURCH

5.00 PM

RECEPTION AND HANDING OVER
OF KEY

6.30 PM

EVENING SERVICE WITH THE
BISHOP OF COLCHESTER

September 28th
6.30 pm

15th Sunday after Trinity
Evening Service

October 5th
11.00 am

16th Sunday after Trinity
Morning Service

