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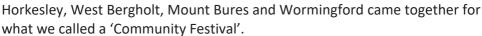


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The Rectory with Reverend Heather Wilcox

The joy of Community

A couple of weeks ago, at the beginning of September, the churches in the Kings Ridge Parishes, comprising the churches in Langham with Boxted, Great Horkesley, Little



It was a wonderful occasion, the sun shone, and gathering at a farm in Little Horkesley, we had the use of an amazing barn, orchard, garden and Little Horkesley church, and around 300 people of all ages, enjoyed the Inter Parish games, organ music, crafts, garden games, tea and cake, a bouncy castle, worship and a Ploughmans supper, topped off with a free ice cream.

The 6 parishes, which includes 8 churches, which makes up the King's Ridge Parishes, as I reflected on during the time of worship, are a diverse group of people. Our strapline sums us up by saying: 'Many Voices, One Mission'. We do have many voices, many different ways of doing things, but we are all united in one mission, to love and serve the Lord our God.

The Community Festival, celebrated all that unites us, whilst also celebrating our diversity and the rich tapestry of our churchmanship. Throughout the afternoon a series of 6 videos were playing both in the church and in the barn, 1 for each parish, which celebrated something that each church holds dear to them. Each video was different, but together they made a wonderful whole.

Throughout the summer, there have been wonderful occasions, drawing communities together, be it through village fetes, or vintage car shows. Over the coming months, we look forward to many more such occasions, ranging from fireworks displays, Remembrance Day parades, Christmas fayres and Carol singing events.

At times, scrolling through social media or watching the news, it might feel that we live in a society, which is becoming increasingly fragmented and polarised. I would encourage us rather, to focus on all that unites us. To celebrate, those moments when we can come together, and rejoice in the fact that though each one of us is totally unique, I believe, we are all made in the image of God, and God's beloved children.

May God bless you, Heather





Autumn Prayer for Joy



"God of autumn, as we embrace the autumn chill and misty mornings shrouded in fog, we ask you to fill our hearts with joy.

Help us to navigate this transition into shorter, cooler days with joyful and thankful hearts. May joy radiate from us in the same way that the brilliant colors of the leaves radiate from the trees. Amen."



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MERIEL'S REPORT



MACANDREW GRAVE

Sometime ago I wrote about this grave which most of you know is the large area of several graves to the left of the church. One hundred years ago it was covered by a huge structure which I knew was removed before the bombing in 1940, but I always wondered what happened to it. I wrote in our church booklet about it and asked if anyone knew what had happened. About a year ago a lady from a nearby village contacted me to say she had

been given a plan showing how it was demolished. The demolition was undertaken by a local builder, Deaves of Nayland, and is dated 1921. I found this fascinating. I have this original plan, and we have had it copied, and this copy is now on display in the church. If any of you are interested in the history of the church and church yard, please have a look at it.



COMMUNITY FESTIVAL SEPTEMBER 6TH

This really was a wonderful occasion centred around Old Hall Farm, the home of David and Georgina Lewis. It was the annual get-together of the six Parishes in the Kings Ridge benefice. I spent the first hour and a half in the church where the organ was being played and a team of ladies from Great Horkesley were serving up tea and marvellous cakes. I then went over to the farm where children were still thoroughly enjoying the games on the front lawn

Through in the farmyard there were many tables to do different crafts and a bouncy castle which was in great demand. It was a beautiful day and there were lots of people. I stayed for the service in the lovely old barn which was followed by a sumptuous ploughman's supper followed by ice cream.

I did not stay for the supper as John had not come but I rather wished I had as it looked so good.

A film relating to our church had been put together by Luke Minet and it was shown both in the church and in the barn during the afternoon. If you did not see it and would like to do so please get in touch with David. I also have the contact details.

All together it was a great event and a credit to all who organised it and took part.

RIDE AND STRIDE SEPTEMBER 12TH

Again, Fionna Morrison was our sole representative on the Ride and Stride. This year she headed for the little chapel at Bradwell and the surrounding churches. I am sure she will be writing about it in the next issue.

Thank you, Fionna and all who sponsored her. 50% of her sponsorship goes to the Friends of Essex Churches and 50% to our church.

85TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE BOMBING SEPTEMBER 21ST

This was truly memorable day. It started with the ringing of quarter peal at 4.30 pm followed by a reception which had caused me some anxiety but went very well and seemed to be enjoyed by all who came. I am grateful to Julia, who helped me with the organisation, and Christopher who organised the drinks. We had a good band of helpers taking round the refreshments. At the same time there was an exhibition of the photographs of the old church, the bombed church and the new church. The artifacts from the cabinet saved from the ruins were also available to see.

The main purpose of this event was the handing over of the key to the old church which had been given as a gift to Martin Stuchfield when he retired as President of the Monumental Brass Society. He spoke of his long-time affection for our church. He also explained a little more about how the key was acquired. I knew he had received it when he retired as President of the Monumental Brass Society but did now know from whence it came.

It had been taken into an antique shop in Trinity Street Colchester many years ago by the lady who locked the church on the afternoon of the bombing in 1940. The shop was owned by the parents of Stephen Freeth and his sister, who were at our service. Their family kept it for many years until, when Martin retired, the Society were trying to find something special to give him and Stephen, also a member, was given the task. He thought of the key and knowing how Martin felt about our church, thought it would be a very appropriate gift.

We are so fortunate and grateful that Martin decided to give it to our church. After thanking him I spoke of my great pleasure in receiving the Key and of my and my family's long association with the church. I ended by saying the poem my mother wrote, 'The Ballad of Little Horkesley' which is in the Church Guide.

This was followed by a joyful Choral Evensong led by our vicar, Heather. The Bishop of Colchester, The Right Reverend Roger Morris, gave a superb sermon. He spoke of the vicar at the time of the bombing, the Revd Frank Lawrence and how he had carried services on immediately and stayed in Little Horkesley until the new church was built in 1958. The Bishop also said how much he admired the design of our church, built along the lines of its predecessor, and how it is standing the test of time which is not always the case with some churches of a more modern design. One point he made, which I had never considered before, was that the fact the bomb exploded inside the strong walls of the old church and this undoubtedly saved further damage and loss of life in the surrounding area. Our last vicar, Revd John Chandler and our friend, Archdeacon James Ridge, were also present. The Revd Henry Heath sent his best wishes but was unable to attend. There were also three lay readers who help with our services, Hugh Thomas, Joy Budden and Liz Dixon.

Our little choir, as usual, rose to the occasion, sung the Anthem, 'Our Blest Redeemer' and led all of the singing beautifully.

My grateful thanks to everyone who helped in any way, preparing and taking round the food, putting the exhibition together, allowing and supervising carparking and anyone I have forgotten.

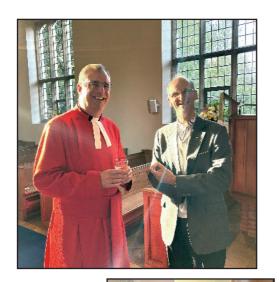
Footnote:

Martin contacted me afterwards to say how much he had enjoyed the service and said that it was one of the best he had ever attended. I also discovered, during the course of the evening, that he is now a Deputy Lieutenant of Essex. I asked for a photo of him in his ceremonial dress, which he very kindly sent me. I did tell him it would probably be in the magazine.



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As usual our Editor, Suzanne, is responsible for the lovely photos.



























Canterbury Cathedral 'Moon Landing' tapestry

At the beginning of August, I spent several days visiting a friend in Canterbury and on her recommendation visited the Cathedral to view this splendid tapestry.

It is a collaboration between a weaver and a composer both from Kent namely Margo Selby and Helen Caddick and celebrates the involvement of many hundreds of women employed in the journey of the Apollo 11 Moon Landing in 1969.

That information reminded me that at that time, I was nannying in New York and I vividly remember taking a photograph of the life-sized replica of the Apollo space-craft which stood in the Rockerfeller Centre after man had made that amazing landing on the moon.

Apparently 1.200 indigenous people, mainly women, were employed at the Fairchild Semi-conductor Factory in Shiprock in New Mexico, to make microchips because they were the Navajo weavers who had amazing dexterity, therefore became very skilled in this new science. The microchips were used by NASA in the Apollo Guidance Computers.

Ms. Caddick was watching Margo Selby weave and as her shuttle swiftly carried her threads across the loom it made her think of Space. Then she watched a

documentary about the Space Shuttle and saw an Indicator light blinking in the cockpit, so she took that rhythm to create the harp music within her musical composition.

Margo Selby's Tapestry created in 2024 is 52 feet in length and reaches, as you can see, from floor to ceiling of the Chancel and combines different patterns of linear form in a myriad of colours. It was indeed a work of art and I felt privileged to see it. Sadly, it was not at a time when the accompanying music was being played, so I just have to imagine it being another celebration of the intertwining of art and music.





Lady Rogers

The funeral of Lady Rogers, Elspeth as she was known to all her friends, took place in the Church on August 26th. She died in her own home on July 25th and was into her 96th year.

She and John (later Sir John) moved to Little Horkesley in 1968 when they bought Brook House at the bottom of Water Lane in anticipation of John's ultimate retirement from the RAF. For nearly sixty years they have been a very important part of Village life and supporters of the Church. When we first came here in 1979, they nearly always came to Sunday Matins and John would read one of the lessons with his customary authority. Both their daughters were married in the Church. Elspeth and John are now at rest side-by-side in the Churchyard.

Elspeth and John had four children, Peter, David, Louise and Fenella and by the time of her death the family had expanded with the addition of twelve grandchildren and four great grandchildren – many of whom took part in the funeral service. Peter, as the eldest of the four siblings, gave an excellent eulogy of her life which she had led to the full. She had been a great support to John in his outstanding career in the RAF which had culminated in him becoming Air Chief Marshall Sir John Rogers. They were a wonderful team.

Elspeth had qualified as a physiotherapist after WW2 and was following this career when she met John. Their RAF life took them all over the world, notably to the USA where both boys were born. Brook House was their sanctuary in the UK and Elspeth was very proud of the home and garden she created. This included an orchard, herb garden, soft fruit garden, rose borders, lawns and a lake which was fed from the stream running past the house. She was very much a 'hands on' gardener and was to be seen riding her tractor-lawn mower until well into her 90's! She also accompanied John on many rallies across Europe in his collection of classic cars

She had been a keen tennis player since her school days and was still playing regularly into her late 80's. She was an accomplished bridge player and had a large circle of friends with whom she played regularly – usually over an excellent tea which she had produced!

Elspeth was a person of many talents. She was a very good listener and always interested in other people. She will be greatly missed.

William Pavry

Our daughter died aged 9 — we moved, but didn't move on

After the death of their child, grief led Sally and Mark Bramall to a healing home close by

izzie Bramall was just shy
of her tenth birthday when
a rare brain tumour took
her life in November 2018.
Her parents Sally and
Mark Bramall decided that
to manage their grief, they
would sell the family home
but stay in the community that provided
invaluable support, moving five doors
down on the same street. "We moved but
will never fully move on," Sally says.

Diffuse intrinsic pontine glioma is an inoperable form of brain tumour and affects about 40 children in the UK each year. Lizzie's diagnosis came just two months after the family moved into a medieval house in picturesque Nayland, in Suffolk. The plan was to renovate but, with Lizzie losing her life within nine months of diagnosis, they didn't have the heart to follow through with the dream.

Selling up was a difficult decision; the couple needed to mourn but keep their

memories close. By fate, a similar house came back on the market just at the right time. "It was on the same side of the road as our old house, backing onto the river," Sally says. As they opened the door to view it, in flew a damselfly, which is the symbol the Bramalls chose for their charity. Lizzie's Fund (linked to The Brain Tumour Charity). "It's common to the River Stour and they frequently clustered around Lizzie when she was canoeing with Mark - that's why we chose it — so seeing one inside Forge House was a sign: Lizzie telling us this was the right house," she says.

They completed in 2019 for £780,000, six months after Lizzie died. Packing up her room was the hardest part for Sally, 55, and Mark, 59, who took a photo storyboard to remember it by. Forge House is a similar house, smaller but filled with light and a sense of peace. The kitchen faces the garden, which leads





Sally and Mark Bra top, at their Suffoli Above, with Lizzie





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k Bramall, uffolk home. zzie in 2018 The couple can see Lizzie's former school from their bedroom. Opposite is a room dotted with memories of their daughter. A pinboard displays notes from friends, and photos, including of the day she collected her Blue Peter diamond badge. Her favourite books stand in a bookcase and under the bed are memory boxes. "Our new house has enabled us to heal. There's an analogy of grief being like a bouncy ball in a room, which hurts every time it hits you; over time the ball, your grief, doesn't

tranquillity overlooking the water.

diminish, but the room gets bigger, so the ball hits you less often. But it still hurts. We never wanted to run away from our life here," Sally says.

The Bramalls have thrown themselves into fundraising for the charity. Staying close to friends and family has enabled them to do that. "We're part of the community, and the community is part of us — it's a two-way thing."

The local pub, the Anchor, has adopted Lizzie's Fund as its charity, and touches of remembrance are all around the village. "To leave all this would be too much. Lizzie is buried in the church in Little Horkesley, five minutes up the road. Moving away would be leaving her there alone. I want her to know her mummy loves her," Sally says.

Walks with their cockapoo Ella means passing their previous residence, now inhabited by a family with three sons the Bramalls are delighted the new owners have realised their vision of the house with their own renovations.

Living in a close-knit community can also mean bumping into Lizzie's former classmates, which the couple say can be both a trigger and a comfort. Sally says: "Many of Lizzie's friends give me a hug, but sometimes I get panicked if I don't recognise one of them; they've all grown up so much. She would have been sitting her GCSEs this summer, just like them."

The door knocker of Forge House is a damselfly. It signals arrival to the home that has been so healing but never forgets, nestled within the village that experienced such grief yet provided comfort when it was most needed. Interview by Annie Hayes

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Sena & Jane Ounate-Lare

September 2025



Summer church picnic



Dear friends,

Greetings from Normandy. We are both well and enjoyed the summer. It was a joy to have the children home with us at different points.

As we head now into autumn it has been good to gather again as a church and step by faith into God's plans for the coming year. Jimmy and Tantine who were baptised in June are growing steadily in their faith and both participate in the life of the church. Jimmy helps regularly with the sound desk and Tantine is enthusiastic about prayer and evangelism.

We are excited to welcome Xavier, a young leader in the church, to join the PCC this month. He is a third-year Bible school student and very involved in church life. Please pray for him.

Ministry in Caen

Summer

In August we took advantage of the warmer weather to organise a Sunday worship and fun day in a local park. We had an open-air church service followed by a picnic and fun time. It was a great time of fellowship and wonderfully a visitor to the park joined us during the worship.



Evangelism in Grace de Dieu: Xavier, M, Sena and Jane

Evangelism

In August with a small group from the church, we started an outreach to an underprivileged area of Caen called 'Grace de Dieu'. People were unusually receptive which was an encouragement for us and the church. We could see that God had prepared the way for us. Irna, a mother of two children who we met, even told us, 'It's God who caused us to meet today!' Since

then, she has recommitted herself to the Lord and has started coming to church with her children. Please pray for the people we have met and had conversations with and for Jane and I as we follow up. Pray especially for R, a man in his early 20s, who works in a funeral home and is keen to know about the Bible and has questions about life after death.

House groups

Our three house groups stopped over the summer, but we are looking forward to starting them again in October. Sena will still lead the post-Alpha group where a few non-christian people were already coming, with the possibility of more people joining this year. Please pray for us as we prepare to relaunch these groups.

Women's Bible study group

God has put it on Jane's heart to run a Bible study and discussion group for women. She is planning to start this autumn and there are already several women ready to join. Please pray for Jane and that God will use it to help the group grow stronger in their faith.

Ministry in Normandy and France

Preaching club

In early October, with two other leaders, Sena will be doing an online preaching training for a dozen people from different churches within the network in Normandy. They will meet every three weeks, and it will continue for about four months. This will be the third time we have done this training, and it has been very fruitful for the attendees and a blessing for the churches. This year Kevin, one of the former participants, will be leading the training and Francis and Sena will be supporting him. **Please pray for Kevin and all the participants including David and his wife Vanessa from our church in Caen.**

M4 training for church planters

On 10-11 October Sena and the M4 team will be starting another two-year training process for four new church planting teams from various regions in the north of France. There will be a gathering every six months and coaching for them throughout the process. Another group of at least three church planting teams will be starting their process in the south of France at the same time. That group is led by Franck. **Please pray that all these new churches will impact the communities where they are and they will grow to be healthy and missional churches.**

Coming events

- 27-28 September: Sena will be teaching at a weekend away for the church based in Nantes
 that he oversees. Some of the church members have invited non-Christian friends and family.
 Pray that God will speak to people's hearts through his word and that non-believers
 there will come to know the Lord.
- 14-16 May 2026: next year the Annual Convention of the French Baptist Federation will be
 held in Caen. There will be between 350-400 delegates and pastors from over 100 churches
 throughout France. Our church in Caen and other neighbouring churches of the network will be
 preparing to host them. This is a big and exciting challenge for us as a church. Please pray for
 us as we prepare for this event.

Thank you for praying and supporting the ministry here in France.

With much love, Sena and Jane



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LITTLE HORKESLEY WEATHER

July - August 2025 By Adrian Szabo

Summer 2025 is officially over, according to the Met Office we experienced the warmest UK summer on record, with a mean temperature of 16.1° C (1.5° C above the long-term average and well ahead of 2018, the previous warmest summer (15.7° C).

2025 has pushed the famous summer of 1976 out of the UK top-five, meaning the five hottest summers have all occurred since 2000 (2025, 2018, 2006, 2003 and 2022). The highest temperature of the summer was **35.8°C**, recorded at Faversham, Kent on 1 July.

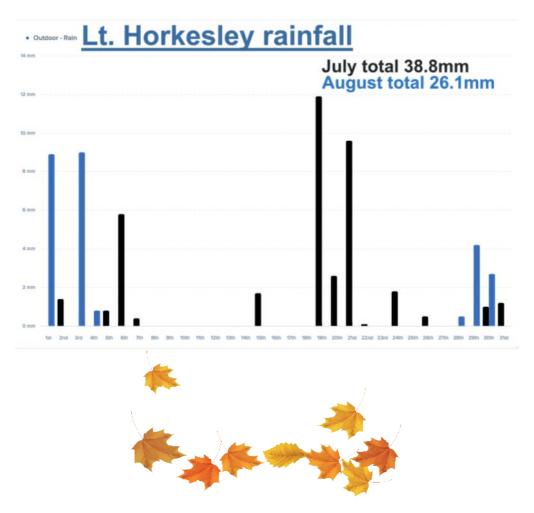
This summer temperatures widely met heatwave criteria on four separate occasions (twice in June, early July and August). The warmth was often accompanied by blue skies with sunshine amounts above average across most of the country. UK as a whole had 84% of its typical summer rainfall but the pattern has been variable. Central, eastern and southern parts of England have been exceptionally dry while northern and western areas of the UK - especially Scotland - have been much wetter. By the end of August the total rain cumulated in our area for the first 8 months of 2025(252mm) is only half of last year's value for the same period (510mm).

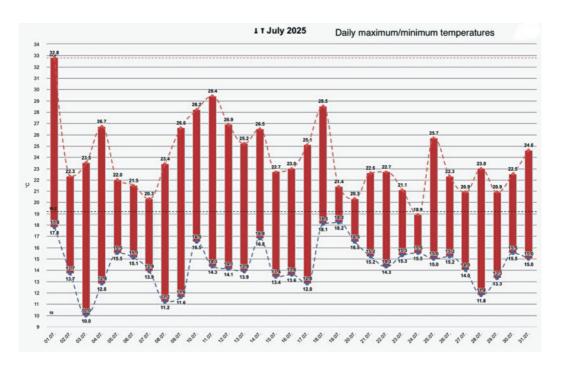
July started with the hottest day of the year in our village (**32.8° C**) followed by unsettled weather as frontal systems moved in, bringing rain. Above-average temperatures and dry weather persisted for most of the second week of July before showers began to arrive, temperatures then returned to around average. Frontal systems brought more organized rainfall (mainly convective showers) between the 19th and 21st. The month closed with unsettled weather. Mean temperature was 19.3°C, two degrees warmer than July 2024, one degree below the record breaking July 2018. Rainfall totaled 38.7mm, less than half of July 2024's total, about 60% of the multiannual average. Sunshine hours were close to normal; winds were mainly from W-SW direction.

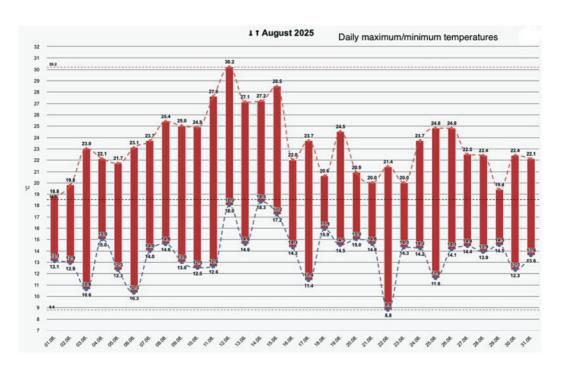
The first three weeks of **August** were dominated by high atmospheric pressure, Atlantic systems and remnants of storm Floris brought some cooler air and rain in the first few days of the month, followed by warmer temperatures, widely above average in the second week. Heatwave conditions were met in parts of central and eastern England between the 11th and 15th. In Lt. Horkesley we recorded **30.2°C** on the 12th. Mid-month we experienced sunny and dry conditions. August ended with unsettled weather as low pressure brought weak outbreaks of rain as the remnants of Hurricane Erin arrived. Temperatures returned to around average

in the last few days of the month, The UK recorded a provisional mean temperature of 16.3°C for August, 1.2°C above average. We averaged 18.6°C, similar to August 2024.

August saw just 62% of average rainfall for the UK as a whole, we totalled 26mm which represents just about 40% of the multiannual average, much of this fell in the first few days and final week of the period. This is very similar to the dry August of last year(24mm). Sunshine hours were above average (about 120%) with the UK overall recording 112% of the long-term average sunshine duration, the first half of the month was particularly sunny. South westerly winds dominated in the first half of August, changing to N-NE mid month and southerlies towards the end of the month.







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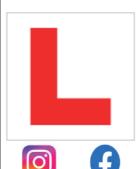
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Sidesmen & Readers: October 2025

Sunday	Sidesmen	Readers	Readings					
5 th October	•							
Morning	David Lewis	Julia Orme	2 Timothy 1: 1-14					
	Will Pavry	Will Pavry	Luke 17: 5-10					
Evening	NO EVENING SERVICE							
12 th October								
Morning	NO MORNING SERVICE							
Evening	HARVEST FESTIVAL	HARVEST FESTIVAL						
	Ann Garnett	Margaret Thomas	2 Timothy 2: 8-15					
	Nick Hillyard	Nick Hillyard	Luke 17: 11-19					
	Intercessor:	Brenda Green						
19 th October								
Morning	NO MORNING SERVICE							
Evening	HOLY COMMUNION							
	John Sparkes	Brian Lord	2 Timothy 3: 14 – 4: 5					
	Christopher Orme	Christopher Orme	Luke 18: 1-8					
26 th October	•							
Morning	NO MORNING SERVICE							
Evening	Margaret Thomas	Graham Soar	TBA					
	Harold Thomas	Harold Thomas	TBA					
	Intercessor:	Brian Lord						



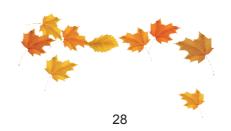
DEADLINE DATE

The deadline to submit articles for the next magazine is Monday 15th November 2025

Please send your articles to parishmag@msn.com

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Sunday	Sidesmen	Readers	Readings					
2 nd November								
Morning	NO MORNING SERVICE							
Evening	Ann Garnett	Ann Garnett Brenda Green	TBA TBA					
	Christopher Orme	Brenda Green	IDA					
9 th November								
Morning	REMEMBRANCE SERVICE	CE						
<u>10.50am</u>	Vicky Minet	David Lewis	TBA					
	Brian Lord	John Sparkes	TBA					
Evening	NO EVENING SERVICE							
16 th November								
Morning	NO MORNING SERVICE							
Evening	HOLY COMMUNION							
	John Sparkes	Graham Soar	2 Thessalonians 3: 6-13					
	Christopher Orme	Brian Lord	Luke 21: 5-19					
23 rd Novembe	23 rd November							
Morning	NO MORNING SERVICE							
Evening	Margaret Thomas	Margaret Thomas	Jeremiah 23: 1-6					
	Harold Thomas	Emma Taylor	Luke 23: 33-43					
	Intercessor	: Brenda Green						
30 th November NO SERVICES AT LITTLE HORKESLEY								
7 th December								
Morning	NO MORNING SERVICE							
Evening	ng ADVENT CAROL SERVICE							
	David Lewis	TBA	TBA					
	Ann Garnett							



Church Calendar: October 2025

October 5th 16th Sunday after Trinity

11.00am Morning Service

October 12th Harvest Festival

6.30pm Harvest Evening Service

October 19th 18th Sunday after Trinity

6.30pm Holy Communion

October 26th Bible Sunday

6.30pm Evening Service



Pet Of The Month

A new sister for Bonnie! Everyone, meet the very beautiful Bessie. The new addition to the Allison family. Thank you to Louise and Meriel for the photos.





Church Calendar: November 2025

November 2nd All Souls

6.30pm Evening Service with lighting of candles (**Note**

change from Morning Service)

November 9th Remembrance Sunday

10.50am Remembrance Service (Note change from

Evening Service)

November 16th 2nd Sunday before Advent

6.30pm Holy Communion

November 23rd Christ the King

6.30pm Evening Service

November 30th Advent Sunday

10.30am UNITED CELEBRATION SERVICE AT

WORMINGFORD WITH THE BISHOP OF

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December 7th Advent 2

6.30pm Advent Carol Service (No Morning Service)



