

# ST MARY MAGDALENE NORTH OCKENDON



## DISCOVER HAVERING'S “HIDDEN GEM”

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# A GOOD LIFE DAY

# Rest awhile...or soak up the heritage

SATURDAY 21 MARCH

10:00 am - 4:00 pm

St Mary Magdalene

North Ockendon

RM14 3QH

Unique amongst the current “A Good Life” venues, **St Mary Magdalene, North Ockendon** will welcome you warmly when you visit between 10:00 and 16:00 on 21<sup>st</sup> March.

Discover the long tradition of campanology as our bell-ringers present their skills and share the details of our “peal of six” in the morning or why not try handbell ringing with the **North Ockendon Handbell Ringers** who will be happy to give an insight into this skilful and gentle pastime during the afternoon.

Perhaps traditional church organ music will provide the background to some personal reflection time in this space used as a place of worship since before the year 1075 AD. Seek out the architectural references of the intervening centuries or “meet” the Poyntz family, lords of the Manor from 1310, and discover their link to William Tyndale.

If you’ve visited Stubbers perhaps the resting place of William Coys the botanist, renowned for introducing many new plants to England in the 17<sup>th</sup> Century including the Yucca that you may have at home, will be of interest.

All too active? Then we invite you simply rest in the churchyard before exploring the rich history of the church with its association with Pilgrim ways to Canterbury via the Thames, or find out more about St Cedd and visit only one of two wells dedicated to him in England (pictured over).

Not active enough? Then there is a walk, “Walk 1”, that leads through the churchyard to Thames Chase, another “Good Life” venue for the day where you may choose to take lunch.

Or perhaps you are looking for a venue for a community-based activity and just need to check us out. Why ever you visit, we look forward to meeting you.

Part of A GOOD LIFE DAY, a borough-wide programme of free creative activity.

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