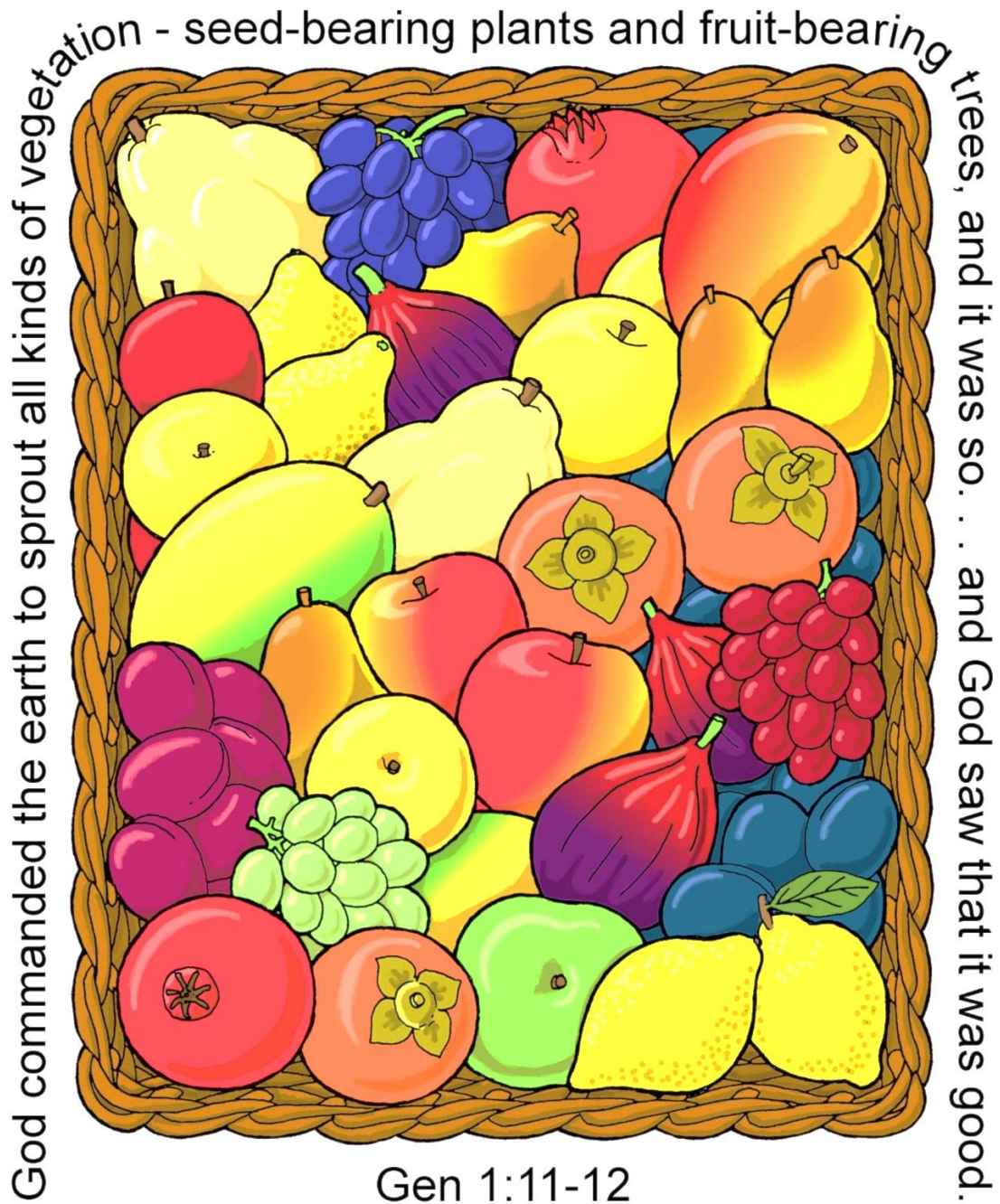


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SUNDAY AND WEEKDAY SERVICES IN OCTOBER

Thursday October 1st

2.30pm Thursday Afternoon Service at St Peter's

Sunday Oct 4th Harvest Festival

8am Holy Communion at St Andrew's

9.30am Family Communion at St Andrew's

11am Family Communion at St Peter's

Sunday October 11th

8am Morning Prayer at St Andrew's

9.30am Morning Prayer at St Andrew's

11am Morning Prayer at St Peter's

3.30pm Messy Church at St Peter's

Sunday October 18th

8am Holy Communion at St Andrew's

9.30am Morning Prayer at St Andrew's

11am Morning Prayer at St Peter's

Sunday October 25th

8am Morning Prayer at St Andrew's

9.30am Holy Communion at St Andrew's

11am Holy Communion at St Peter's

***This information is correct at going to press.**

We will do our best to get cover for Communion services as often as we can.



WEEKLY SERVICES

Tuesdays 10.30am

Pram Service at St Peter's

A short service of songs and a Bible Story for pre-school children. This happens during our Tea, Toast and Toddlers morning (9.00-11.00am)

Be Still

Is on Thursdays at 1pm at St Andrew's.

A quiet 20-minute service with Bible reading, prayers, music and silence.

Prayer Ministry

Each Sunday following the 11am service at St Peter's there is an opportunity to come forward for prayer.

It could be prayer for yourself, someone on your heart, a situation or anything that is concerning you.

Please be assured that all that is said is confidential and will be kept within the group unless it is a safe guarding issue.

Ruth and I will be sitting at the front of the church each week after the service.

Carol Rawson

Keeping St Andrew's

Unlocked During the Day

We are working on a plan to keep the church unlocked as often as possible. Please bear with us while we work this out.

MONTHLY SERVICES

Thursday afternoon service

October 1st, November 5th and December 3rd 2.30pm at St Peter's.

A 30- minute service with familiar hymns, Bible readings and prayers, followed by refreshments.

Messy Church at St Peter's

Sunday September 13th

3.30pm at St Peter's

Craft, Bible story and singing for all the family.

Family Communion

October 20th and December 15th at 6pm in St Andrew's.

Services in Care Homes

Autumn Cottage, October 26th, November 23rd and December 21st at 6.15pm.

Kathryn Court, October 22nd, November 19th and December 17th at 2pm.

Daily Morning & Evening Prayer

Sandra hopes to say Morning and Evening Prayer in St Andrew's on a regular basis but isn't able to commit to specific dates at present. Please contact her to check if you wish to attend.

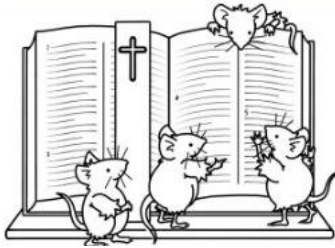
BIBLE STUDY

Mondays 2-3.30pm in St Peter's

Tuesday Evenings to be confirmed.

These informal meetings are open to all and include Bible reading, discussion and prayer.

For more information, please contact Carol or Sandra on 01702-294043



TEA, TOAST AND TODDLERS

Tuesdays, 9-11am at St Peter's

Group for pre-school children, babies and their carers.

Refreshments, lots of toys to play with.

10.30am Singing, Bible story and a prayer. All welcome.

Please contact Mary for more information 07948 098959

SINGING FOR THE SOUL

Monday nights 8pm at

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CHURCH FUN CLUB

After-school club for primary school children. The children must be accompanied by a responsible adult.

Games, Bible stories and singing.

We meet most Tuesdays in term-time: **October 6th, and 13th, November 3rd, 10th, 17th, 24th, December 1st and 8th.**

3.30-4.30pm

in St Andrew's Church Hall.

YOUTH GROUP

Meets fortnightly in term time:

October 6th, November 3rd, 17th and December 1st.

5pm - 6pm in St Andrew's Hall

This group is for all young people at Senior School.

TUESDAYS AT TWO

Mostly for retired people, for companionship and chat.

St Andrew's Hall, back room, 2-4pm every Tuesday.

Please contact Geoff for more information 01702 296249





Oct 3rd Harvest Supper and Farewell for Louise at St Andrew's Hall.

Oct 4th Harvest Festival

Oct 24th Quiz Night at St Peter's

Nov 8th Remembrance Sunday

Nov 28th Christmas Fair at St Peter's

Nov 29th Advent Sunday Service of Light at St Andrew's

Dec 12th Memorial Service at St Andrew's

Dec 13th Messy Christmas at St Peter's

Dec 20th Carol Services including Christingle

*We are still getting organised with our services for the coming months so check back to see the Most up to date information in next month's magazine!

BIRTHDAYS

Name:

Address:

Birthday:

I give permission for you to hold my details for the purpose of adding my name to the list here in the magazine and sending me a card from the church.

Signed.....

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Please hand this to Den

FROM THE REGISTERS

Baptisms

Aug 30th

Roman, Jacob & Oscar Grout

Violet & Ethan Cole

Funerals

Sept 14th Jean Church (90)

Sept 30th Shirley Rolph (91)

Burials of Ashes

Sept 2nd Ruth Hill

Sept 9th Doris Read

Birthdays This Month

4th Andy Clipsham

10th Jon Hardy

19th Debbie Oakley

22nd John Power

23rd Lavinia Waller

24th Margaret Munday

25th Ann Cross



BIBLE READING NOTES

Daily Bread Bible reading notes provide the reader with a passage from the Bible to read, a prayer and a thought for the day following on from the daily reading. They are a very popular way of helping us to read and understand more about our faith. It also gives encouragement and teaching.

Would you like to receive a free copy each quarter of the year? Speak to myself or Louise. I'm at St Andrew's most Wednesday mornings or St Peter's on a Sunday.

I look forward to hearing from you.

Carol Rawson

STAMPS

Many thanks for all the wonderful stamps you have been giving to Jane for the Animal rescue centres. We collect them all year round. Please bring to either church. Thank you!

Jane Gray

MAGAZINE

CONTRIBUTIONS

Do you have any interesting news, articles, photos or information that you would like to be included in the magazine?

If you have, please email them to Steve Thomas by the 18th of the month at

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Please only leave non-perishable items, tins, packets, toiletries etc.

We can't guarantee to pass on the items before they go stale! Items may be left in the box at St Peter's

LETTER FROM REVD LOUISE

Dear Friends,

Sadly, this my last Magazine letter before moving onto pastures news.

I would like very simply, to **thank you** all for your friendship, kindness and encouragement over the past 16 years. Thank you, too, for the welcome you have offered to my children and my parents: we've always felt very loved.

I can't really summarise the past 16 years: we've done so much. We've worked hard together and shared some very happy times. I will be keeping you in my prayers and I would be grateful for your prayers too, as we all enter new times in our lives. Please also pray for Den our Warden, Sandra our Lay Reader, the PCC, and all who will carry new responsibilities in the coming months.

Change is unsettling and can make us grumpy... I'm sure you will strive to be constructive, positive and co-operative as the days unfold.

A number of local clergy have already agreed to help cover our Communion services and we are well-staffed with others who can lead Family Services and Morning Prayer.

You will be fine!

It will be hard work but I am completely confident that, collectively, you have the gifts, skills and enthusiasm to serve God and his church here in Shoebury.

I shall leave my last words to St Paul who, nearly 2000 years ago, expressed his love and affection for the church in Phillipi, with these words:

² Grace and peace to you from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ.

³ I thank my God every time I remember you. ⁴ In all my prayers for all of you, I always pray with joy ⁵ because of your partnership in the gospel from the first day until now, ⁶ being confident of this, that he who began a good work in you will carry it on to completion until the day of Christ Jesus.

⁷ It is right for me to feel this way about all of you, since I have you in my heart and, all of you share in God's grace with me.

⁹ And this is my prayer: that your love may abound more and more in knowledge and depth of insight, ¹⁰ so that you may be able to discern what is best and may be pure and blameless for the day of Christ, ¹¹ filled with the fruit of righteousness that comes through Jesus Christ—to the glory and praise of God. (Philippians 1.2-11)

With love,
Louise.x

CERTIFICATE OF RECOGNITION

On Sept 14th, at a meeting of Southend City Council, Louise was presented with a certificate recognising her long service in Southend. This included working at St Saviour's, Westcliff, Southend University Hospital, South Shoebury and as Area Dean. The photo shows Louise and Mayor Tony Cox.



CONFIRMATION

There will be a service of Confirmation and Holy Communion at 3pm on Oct 25th at Holy Trinity, Southchurch.

If you haven't been confirmed and would like to know more, please contact Sandra Baines on 01702 294043.

HARVEST SUPPER & FAREWELL TO LOUISE

Oct 3rd 6pm at St Andrew's Hall

Please let us know if you wish to attend. Families are welcome.

There is a sign-up sheet at church to indicate if you are able to bring some food. Please don't just randomly bring food as we are likely to end up with too much!!

Information from Nikki King or Denise Askew

LOUISE'S LICENSING AT CHELMSFORD CATHEDRAL

This will be on October 17th at 5.15pm. Followed by refreshments.

To ensure there will be enough orders of service and refreshments we've been asked to tell the Cathedral roughly, how many people will be there.

Everyone is welcome to attend so please let Louise know as soon as possible if you hope to attend.

CRAFT/TABLE TOP SALE AT WAKERING OLD SCHOOL

I will be running a stall at the Wakering craft/table top sale on **10th October between 10am and 12pm.**

I will be selling my diamond art in aid of the work of Latin link and in particular the work that Geoff and Cesia do for them.

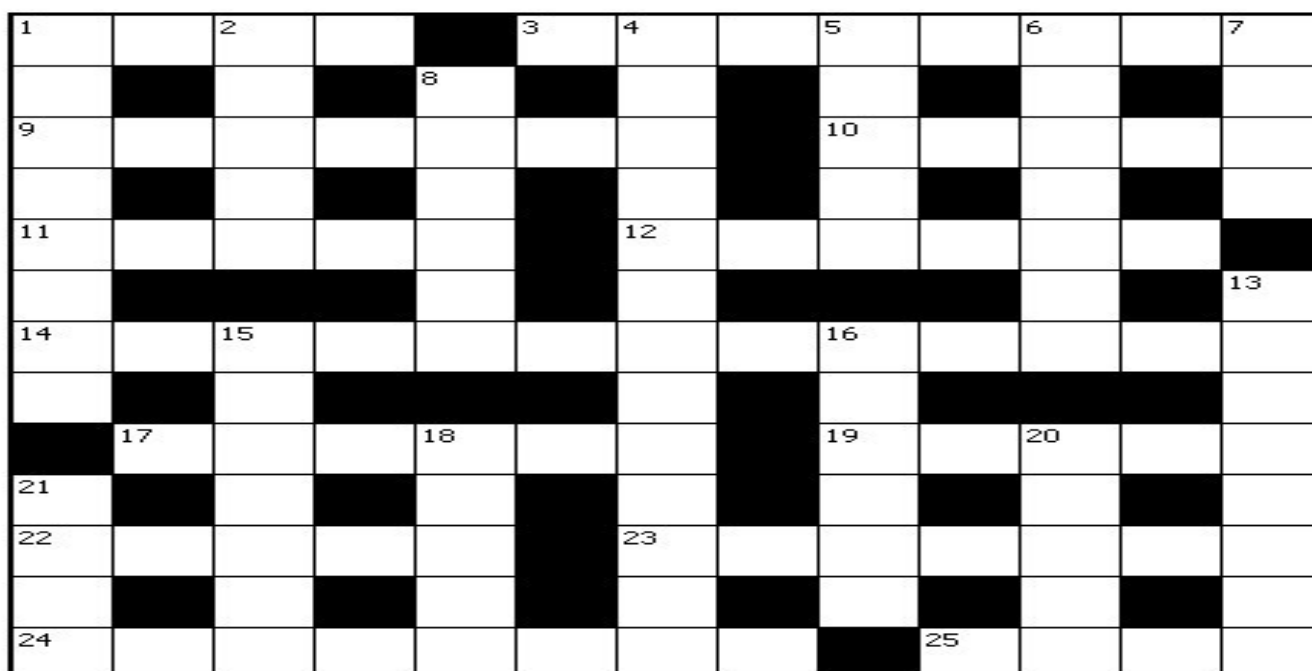
There will be lots of different stalls.

If you are free, please come to support me in making more money for Geoff and Cesia. You may get a bargain for yourself.

Admission is 50p at the Wakering Old School.

Thank you
Carol Rawson

OCTOBER'S CROSSWORD – ANSWERS ON PAGE 27



Across

- 1 'Those who were standing near Paul said, "You — to insult God's high priest?"' (Acts 23:4) (4)
- 3 They were assigned to guard the tree of life (Genesis 3:24) (8)
- 9 'Elkanah son of Jeroham, the son of Elihu, the — of — , the son of Zuph, an Ephraimite' (1 Samuel 1:1) (3,4)
- 10 Surrender (Joshua 24:23) (5)
- 11 Where American livestock can be reared (5)
- 12 Listen (anag.) (6)
- 14 Alternative name for Kiriath Jearim (2 Samuel 6:2) (6,2,5)
- 17 He founded Westminster Abbey, — the Confessor (6)
- 19 Hebrew word for the place of the dead (5)
- 22 Allies of Persia in the fifth century BC (Esther 1:3) (5)
- 23 Where John Wesley was forced to preach a lot (4,3)
- 24 Rebellion against God; abandonment of religious belief (8)
- 25 Note (anag.) (4)

Down

- 1 Give an account of (Mark 4:30) (8)
- 2 'I — — the path of your commands, for you have set my heart free' (Psalm 119:32) (3,2)
- 4 'He took the ephod, the other — — and the carved image' (Judges 18:20) (9,4)
- 5 'You are a chosen people, a — priesthood' (1 Peter 2:9) (5)
- 6 The meek, the merciful and the mourners are all this (Matthew 5:4–5, 7) (7)
- 7 Musical Instrument Digital Interface (1,1,1,1)
- 8 He was the son of Nun (Deuteronomy 34:9) (6)
- 13 'Let the little — come to me' (Matthew 19:14) (8)
- 15 'About three thousand were — — their number that day' (Acts 2:41) (5,2)
- 16 In John's vision, the wall of the new Jerusalem was made of this (Revelation 21:18) (6)
- 18 'Our citizenship is in heaven. And we eagerly — a Saviour from there, the Lord Jesus Christ' (Philippians 3:20) (5)
- 20 'Glorify the Lord with me: let us — his name together' (Psalm 34:3) (5)
- 21 Young Men's Christian Association (1,1,1,1)

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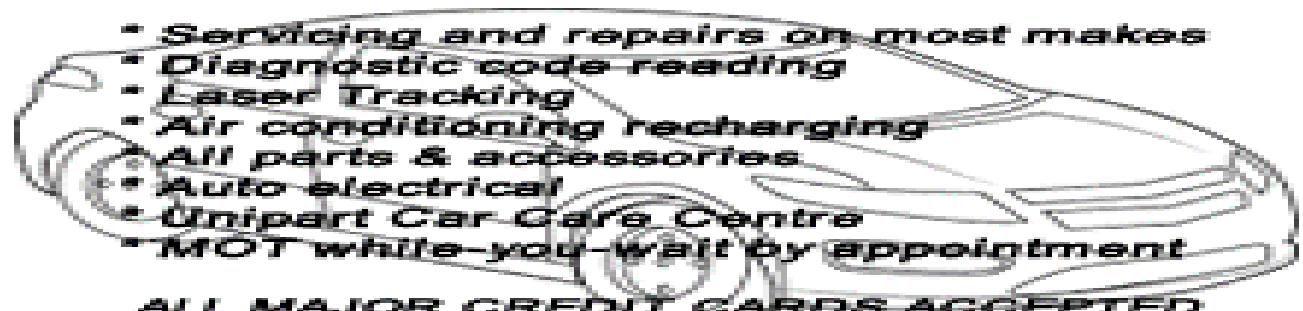
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<https://www.parishgiving.org.uk/givers/howtogive>

LEGACIES We have been hugely blessed by those who have remembered us in their Wills. If you are reviewing your Will, please consider leaving a percentage or sum towards the life of the church. The legal name for the parish is 'The Ecclesiastical Parish of South Shoebury'.

Thank you all so much for your generosity.
Louise.

2nd October – Guardian Angels, keeping an eye on us

The teaching of Jesus encourages us to believe in guardian angels. He once said, 'See that you do not look down on one of these little ones. For I tell you that their angels in heaven always see the face of my Father in heaven.' (Matthew 18:10)

The existence of angels was suggested in various Old Testament texts, Jesus mentioned them explicitly, and the early Christians accepted their existence and work (Acts 12:15).

In England, devotion to the angels, both in Anglo-Saxon times and later, was strong. In modern times, the great American evangelist Billy Graham has written an entire book on the existence and work of angels.

Alcuin described them as intercessors (in the 11th century Leofric Missal); Herbert of Losinga, bishop of Norwich (d 1119) specially praised them, and his contemporary, Reginald of Canterbury, wrote prayers in their honour.

Honorius Augustodunensis (d 1151) clarified the existing belief of the time by asserting that each human soul, when infused into the body, is entrusted to the particular care of a single angel, who protects both body and soul and offers prayers to God.

For many centuries Christendom was satisfied with the feast of St Michael (and all Angels), but the special feast of the Guardian Angels was introduced in Austria, Spain and Portugal in the 15th – 16th centuries. Guardian Angels were then seen as guardians of particular towns or regions, or of each individual.

Pope Clement X made the feast day universal in 1607, fixing its date to 2nd October.





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We are again going to put a clearly marked box in both churches for donation of suggested items if you do not wish to complete your own shoebox. Each month there will be suggestions for that month in each church and in the parish magazine.

October

Child Sweets. Soap. Shower Gel

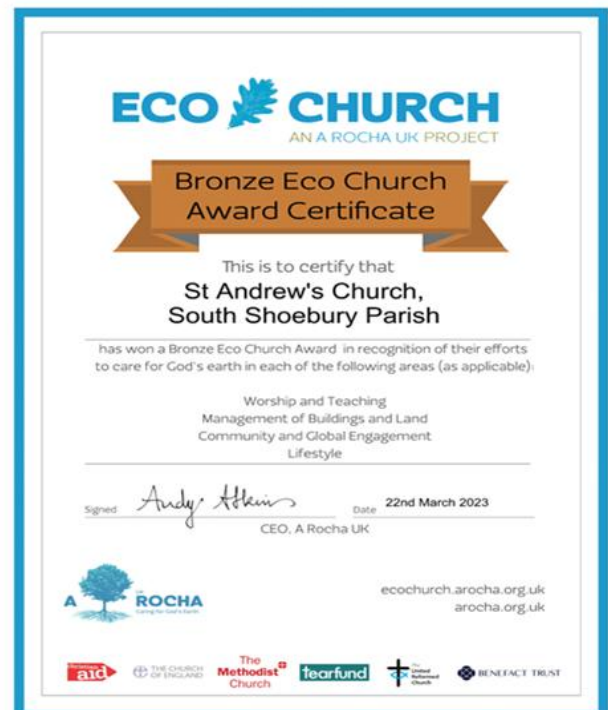
Adult Sweets. Deodorant. Soap/Shower Gel

ECO Tips

Each month we are publishing helpful ECO tips from the ROCHA UK calendar, here's June's entry.....

OCTOBER

Greening your home this Autumn. Tackle climate change and reduce your heating bills by finding and reducing the draughts in your home. Find the gaps that let cold air in and warm air out (keyholes, letterboxes and gaps around windows, doors, loft hatches and floorboards for example). Do what you can to fix these gaps - there are lots of tutorials on how to do this online. It's also a good time to prepare for winter by putting radiator reflector foil or baking foil behind the radiator. This will reflect heat back into your room



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Pet Service

On 20th September we held our annual pet service. All the animals (and the humans) were well behaved during an enjoyable service. Pictured from the left are Hettie, Beetle, Lexie and Casper.



Eco Fair at Thorpe Bay and Shoeburyness Baptist Church

Saturday 3rd October Southend Climate Action are going to be there and it includes a clothes swap and plant sale.

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Such dangerous people can be frightening, but Jude also encourages his readers to remember "...him who is able to keep you from falling and to make you stand without blemish in the presence of his glory with rejoicing...the only God our Saviour, through Jesus Christ our Lord, be glory, majesty, power and authority, before all time, now and forever..."

CWGC Heritage Open Day



On September 12th St Andrew's hosted a Commonwealth War Graves Commission Heritage Open Day. What a fantastic day!

We had beautiful weather and the CWGC volunteers did a splendid job. They brought along many interesting exhibits and gave tours of the churchyard telling the stories of many of the soldiers, airmen and sailors buried there. There was even a demonstration of stonemasonry!

Many thanks to the CWGC volunteers and our own volunteers who helped on the day directing the visitors and providing refreshments.

Autumn

Yellow the bracken,
Golden the sheaves,
Rosy the apples,
Crimson the leaves;
Mist on the hillside,
Clouds grey and white.
Autumn, good morning!
Summer, good night!

By *Florence Hoatson*



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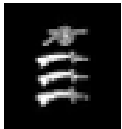
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CHURCH HALLS

ST ANDREW'S CHURCH HALL Church Road <i>Sue Kelly,</i> 16 Pentland Avenue 01702 296199	ST PETER'S CHURCH HALL Hinguar Street Denise Askew, 40 Waking Road 01702 293508
Monday • 4.45-6.15pm – 5678 Dance Performing Arts – Charlotte - 07880 605212 • 7pm-8pm – Dance Fit- Wendy - 07596 009398	Monday • 5.30 & 6.30pm – Slimming World • 8-9.30pm Singing for the Soul - A new community choir (once a month at St Andrews)- Sandra- 01702 294043
Tuesday • 10-10.45am – 5678 Dance Performing Arts – Charlotte - 07880 605212 • 2-4pm – Tuesdays at Two • 3.30-4.30pm – Church Fun Club • 6pm-7.45 – 5678 Dance Performing Arts – Charlotte - 07880 605212	Tuesday • 9-11am Tea, Toast and Toddlers • 5-6pm – Rainbows
Wednesday • 10-11am – Dance Fit - Wendy - 07596 009398 • 11am – After Church Coffee • 4.30-7.30pm – Brownies & Rainbows – Jenny- 01702 295870 • 7.45- 9pm Guides – 07725 405400	Wednesday • 7-10pm – The Fifty Choir
Thursday • 6-7.15pm – New Beginnings- Jackie 07900 497083 Newbeginningshealthieryou@gmail.com	Thursday • 10am- 12 noon Cake Club • 5-6pm - Beavers (boys & girls) • 6-8pm - Cubs (boys & girls)
Friday • 9am-12.30pm Baby Sensory Louise 07711 710495 • 1.30-3.30pm – Table Tennis • 4.45 – 7.45pm 5678 Dance Performing Arts – Charlotte - 07880 605212	Friday • 9-11am – Slimming World • 7-9pm Shoebury Society (3rd in the month)
Saturday • 9am-12.15pm 5678 Dance Performing Arts – Charlotte - 07880 605212	Saturday • 9.30-10.30 Kangoo Jumps Exercise



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PROMOTING THE HISTORY AND HERITAGE OF
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St Peter's Contact Denise ~ 293508

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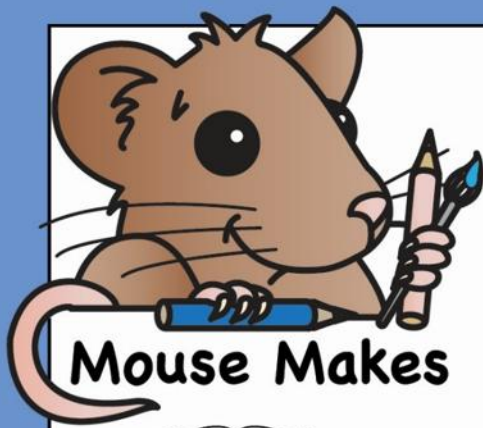
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ACROSS

1 dare; 3 cherubim; 9 son Tohu; 10 yield; 11 ranch; 12 enlist; 14 Baalah
of Judah; 17 Edward; 19 Sheol; 22 media; 23 open air; 24 apostasy; 25
Eton

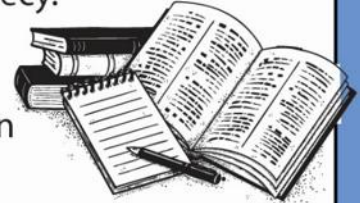
DOWN

1 describe; 2 run in; 4 household gods; 5 royal; 6 blessed; 7 MIDI; 8
Joshua; 13 children; 15 added to; 16 Jasper; 18 await; 20 exalt; 21 YMCA



The **Bible** is a collection of books, written by many different people who were helped and inspired by God. The **Bible** includes books of history, law, poetry and songs, wisdom, testimony, letters and prophecy.

The **Bible** encourages us, corrects us and teaches us about God and how we can be friends with Him.



2. Which book of the Bible has the shortest title?

1. How many books are there in the New Testament?

3. The Word of God is sharper than a two edged

Hebrews 4:12



B I B L E S U N D A Y

4. He was an Old Testament prophet that has a book named after him.

5. The first book of the Bible.

6. God's word is like?

A _____
and a _____
Psalm 119:105



8. The last book in the Bible.

9. The Old Testament book of poetry and songs.

11. The last book in the Old Testament.

10. Who wrote the third book of the New Testament?

12. Which book tells the story of the spread of Christianity?

13. The Bible is also known as the

14. A book of the Bible named after a woman

_____ of God.
Hebrews 4:12



7. What are the first four books of the New Testament known as?

