

# GRAPEVINE

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Church and Community

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Parish of Takeley with Little Canfield

*A long puddle in the Fitch Way after heavy rain.*



Takeley, Priors Green, Little Canfield, Molehill Green  
Takeley Street, Bambers Green, Takeley Park

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"The new vicar is really cool, Dad.  
Did you know that God emailed the Ten  
Commandments to Moses' Tablet PC?"

# QUIZ NIGHT?

**Saturday 2 March**  
**from 7pm, quiz starts at 7:30pm**  
**All Saints Church, Little Canfield**

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# EASTER SATURDAY CRAFTS

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arts & crafts.

All ages and abilities welcome\*

**30 MARCH 2024**

**10AM - 12 NOON**

**AT ALL SAINTS CHURCH, LITTLE CANFIELD**

**FREE ENTRY**

This event is open to adults and children.  
Children must be accompanied by an adult, adults  
may attend without children

## Helen Rollason Cancer Charity

The Takeley Fundraising Group for the Helen Rollason Cancer Charity would like to thank all those who attended their Quiz Night on 27th January which raised an amazing £831.00. They will be announcing their 2024 events soon.

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JOIN US EACH

# SUNDAY

TOGETHER IN CHURCH

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**March** services  
in Takeley and Little Canfield  
churches

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| <b>3</b>  | Family Service, L. Canfield                      |
| <b>10</b> | Holy Communion, Takeley                          |
| <b>17</b> | Holy Communion, L. Canfield                      |
| <b>24</b> | Holy Communion &<br>Procession of Palms, Takeley |
| <b>31</b> | 7am First Light Holy<br>Communion, Takeley       |

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2024



**9:30AM**

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JOIN US THIS

# EASTER

TOGETHER IN CHURCH

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**Easter services**  
in the churches of  
**Takeley and Little Canfield**  
\*see separate poster with March services

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|-----------|---|
| <b>28</b> | Maundy Thursday Tenebrae,<br>7:30pm, Takeley            |
| <b>29</b> | Good Friday Hour at the Cross,<br>2pm, Takeley          |
| <b>30</b> | Easter Crafts,<br>10am-12noon, L. Canfield              |
| <b>31</b> | First Light Holy Communion &<br>breakfast, 7am, Takeley |

EASTER  
2024





**TLC Church services and other events**  
**from**  
**March 2024 onwards**

There is a complete list of events, both church-related and not, towards the back of this issue of the Grapevine.

Further information can be found on the website of the Five Parishes:

[The Anglican churches of Stansted, Birchanger, Farnham, Takeley and Little Canfield | \(thefivechurches.co.uk\)](http://thefivechurches.co.uk)

The URL is <https://www.thefivechurches.co.uk/>

**Saturday 2nd March 2024, 10am: Prayer Share at All Saints Church, Little Canfield CM6 1SU**

**Saturday 2nd March, 7 for 7:30pm: Quiz Night at All Saints Church, Little Canfield, CM6 1SU**



**Sunday 3rd March, 9:30am: Family Service at All Saints Church, Little Canfield CM6 1SU**

**Saturday 9th March, 9am: Informal Morning Prayer at Holy Trinity Church, Takeley CM22 6QL**

**Sunday 10th March, 9:30am, Holy Communion at Holy Trinity Church, Takeley CM22 6QL**

**Saturday 16th March, 9am: Informal Morning Prayer at Holy Trinity Church, Takeley CM22 6QL**

**Sunday 17th March, 9:30am: Holy Communion at All Saints Church, Little Canfield CM6 1SU**

**Saturday 23rd March 9am: Informal Morning Prayer at Holy Trinity Church, Takeley CM22 6QL**

**Sunday 24th March (Palm Sunday), 9:30am, Holy Communion and Procession of Palms at Holy Trinity Church, Takeley CM22 6QL**

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**Thursday 28th March (Maundy Thursday), 7:30pm: Service of Tenebrae ("Shadows") at Holy Trinity Church, Takeley CM22 6QL**

**Friday 29th March (Good Friday), 2pm, Hour at The Cross, at Holy Trinity Church Takeley CM22 6QL**

**Saturday 30th March 9am: Informal Morning Prayer at Holy Trinity Church, Takeley CM22 6QL**

**Saturday 30th March, 10am—12 noon: Saturday Craft Workshop at All Saints Church, Little Canfield CM6 1SU**



**Sunday 31st March, 7:00am, First Light Holy Communion and Breakfast at Holy Trinity Church, Takeley CM22 6QL.**



### **All Saints is Open for Private Prayer**

All Saints Church is open during the day for  
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# PRAYERS FOR THE KING

*By the Rev. Colin Fairweather*



I WRITE THESE WORDS a day after the news broke about King Charles having cancer.

As the established Church, we Anglicans pray for the monarch as a matter of course. There will, needless to say, be an added urgency to our prayers over the coming weeks and months. I think the king has done a cracking job so far, assuming the role more seamlessly than many had expected: long may he reign over us.

Last night, a prayer was issued by the national church for the king. I found it on Twitter, posted by the Archbishop of York. This is what it says:

Father of mercies,  
grant to Charles our King  
comfort and sure confidence in you,  
and keep him in perpetual peace and safety  
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

At the risk of sounding disloyal to the Church I have given my life to, I'm not sure this is a brilliant prayer. No doubt it was composed in haste, but there isn't any reference to healing, which is surely the most important petition to the Almighty in this particular circumstance. I was left with the rather unnerving feeling that maybe the upper echelons of the Church of



England know more than we do – an impression compounded by the use of the word ‘perpetual’, which recalled for me the liturgy of the Requiem: ‘Eternal rest grant unto them, O Lord, and let light perpetual shine upon them.’

Well I’m certainly still rooting for the king’s recovery, and it turns out the Church of England already has a perfectly good prayer for his well-being. This from the 1662 Book of Common Prayer:

O Lord our heavenly Father,  
high and mighty, King of kings, Lord of lords, the only Ruler of princes,  
who dost from thy throne behold all the dwellers upon earth;  
most heartily we beseech thee with thy favour  
to behold our most gracious Sovereign Lord, *King Charles*;  
and so replenish him with the grace of Holy Spirit,  
that he may always incline to thy will, and walk in thy way:  
endue him plenteously with heavenly gifts;  
grant him health and wealth long to live;  
strengthen him that he may vanquish and overcome all his enemies;  
and finally, after this life, he may attain everlasting joy and felicity;  
through Jesus Christ our Lord.  
Amen.

I know which version I prefer, and I’ve made it my Lent resolution to pray it every day. Perhaps you might join me?

*Rev. Colin Fairweather*





## Why not get an Easter Egg that shares the Easter Story?

Was it Boxing Day when the first Easter eggs appeared in our supermarkets?

I have not bought any yet, but I do plan to buy a sharing pack for the Easter Egg Hunt at our Easter morning service. Usually, I buy other eggs that people can then buy from me. These eggs from the Meaningful Chocolate company – you can check out their website – are £4.50 each for the original milk chocolate egg, with other variations available. If I buy in bulk, there is no postage charge. You will probably not be able to buy these eggs in the supermarkets. I expect to have a poster available soon. Please let me know how many of each sort you would like!

I attach the story behind the Meaningful Chocolate company. Our Advent calendars come from them too!

*Flo / Sue Gowlett*

## “14 Years of Sharing the Easter Story”

THE IDEA FOR A REAL EASTER EGG began in 2008 when David Marshall, who founded Meaningful Chocolate, was given an Easter egg.

On the side of the box it read: ‘Easter is the festival of chocolate and

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loveliness'. He searched for an Easter egg which mentioned the Christian story of Easter.

It became clear that out of the 80 million eggs on sale there was not a single manufacturer who was willing to mention the religious aspects of the festival. So he asked churches and schools to help crowd fund The Meaningful Chocolate Company to manufacture the UK's first 'Real Easter Egg'.

For it to be a 'Real Easter Egg' it had to reflect the Easter themes of hope and new life and do three things – have a copy of the Easter story in the box, be made from Fairtrade chocolate and support charitable causes.

Twelve years on more than 1.8 million eggs have been sold with over 1.4 million sent through the post. The rest have been sold through retailers and supermarkets. Over £320,000 has been donated to charitable projects with Fairtrade Premium fees paid to farmers allowing them to buy everything from school books and solar panels to providing fresh water.

As such The Real Easter Egg campaign is one of the biggest evangelism initiatives in the UK. It crosses all denominations and offers a simple way to share the Easter Story.



# Helen Rollason Cancer Charity

## Coffee mornings at Helen Rollason Cancer Charity in Hatfield Peverel

Helen Rollason Cancer Charity has announced the 2024 dates for their popular coffee mornings. They are held on Saturdays from 10am to 12pm at their Mid Essex Support Centre, The Street, Hatfield Peverel, CM3 2EH (free parking). Entrance is only £3 per person which includes tea or coffee and cake, and you'll also be able to buy tickets for a raffle at each of the coffee mornings.

2024 dates are: 16<sup>th</sup> March, 20<sup>th</sup> April, 18<sup>th</sup> May, 15<sup>th</sup> June, 20<sup>th</sup> July, 17<sup>th</sup> August, 21<sup>st</sup> September and 19<sup>th</sup> October.

Coffee mornings are open to everyone in the community along with their family and friends. There is also a garden so, when the sun is shining, you can use the outdoor seating area. The mornings are relaxed and friendly, and anyone attending for the first time would be very welcome. It is an informal way to get to know the centre, and information about their cancer support services will be available for those who would like it. More information can be found on their website [www.helenrollason.org.uk](http://www.helenrollason.org.uk) or by phoning 01245 380719.

Community Fundraiser Gemma Woodhurst said:

"All funds raised from our coffee mornings allow us to continue providing support to those living with cancer. We are always on the lookout for homemade cakes and would love to receive any donated baked goods for the coffee mornings. Baking can be therapeutic while also supporting a good cause."

# Helen Rollason Cancer Charity

## Sign up for our Rural Ramble or Trail Run on Sunday 14 April in Essex countryside



Enjoy a day in the countryside and help local people living with cancer. On Sunday 14 April, Helen Rollason Cancer Charity will be organising a ramble and trail run in beautiful Essex countryside followed by a cream tea.

There are several rambles to choose from, to cater for all abilities: 1 mile, 4 miles, 6 miles and 10 miles, or you can do a 4, 6 or

10-mile trail run. The event starts at the lovely Hatfield Place in Hatfield Peverel. All routes are well sign-posted and the longer routes have water-stops manned by volunteers. At the end, everyone will return to Hatfield Place for a cream tea with tea or coffee which can be enjoyed within the estate. As well as spending a day in the beautiful Essex countryside, all participants will be helping to raise funds to support people with cancer.

Places are limited and can be booked on the Helen Rollason Cancer Charity website [here](#).

The charity is also looking for volunteers to help with their various events throughout the year so, if you would like to get involved (perhaps as a marshal), contact the Helen Rollason Cancer Charity fundraising team on 01245 380719 or email [fundraising@helenrollason.org.uk](mailto:fundraising@helenrollason.org.uk)

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Dunmow  
(right) and  
Stansted  
(below).**



**Bereavement  
CAFE**

**Meet and connect with others who understand**

- ☀ Chat, share and support each other
- ☀ Free, informal café-style event
- ☀ Facilitated by trained volunteers
- ☀ Everyone is welcome

**Where?** Old Park Meadow Natural Burial Ground, Coppice Lane, North End, Nr Great Dunmow, CM6 3P

**When?** The third Wednesday of the month

**Time?** 10am - 11.30am

For more info, call our Bereavement Support Helpline on 01279 967670.



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**Where?** Crafton Green House, 72 Chapel Hill, Stansted, Essex, CM24 8AQ

**When?** The first Wednesday of the month

**Time?** 10am - 11.30am

For more info, call our Bereavement Support Helpline on 01279 967670.

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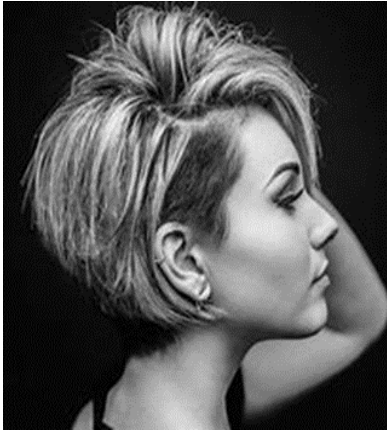
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## **Café Crafting**

Do you knit? Crochet? Draw? Sew? Embroider?  
Why not bring along your latest project to Takeley Old  
School Community Café and enjoy a time of crafting  
with others.

When: Every 1st and 3rd Friday

Time: 9:30am to noon

Come and join any time during the morning.

There is no charge.

**TAKELEY SOCIAL AND SPORTS CLUB**  
**Dunmow Rd Brewers End Takeley CM22 6QJ**  
**(behind The Silver Jubilee Hall)**

## **ENTERTAINMENT NIGHTS**

***8.30pm Start***

***Non-members welcome entry fee £5.00pp***

### **March**

**Saturday 2<sup>nd</sup> - Singing Duo**  
**Andy & Tony**  
**with hits from the 50's to the 00's**

**Saturday 9<sup>th</sup> – Singing Duo**  
**Keeley Mac**  
**with classic songs and dance hits from the 60's**  
**to the present day**

**Saturday 16<sup>th</sup> – Singer and guitarist**  
**Nick Caruso**  
**with hits from the 50's to the 90's**

**Saturday 23<sup>rd</sup> - Solo Disco**  
**for Adults only no children**

**Saturday 30<sup>th</sup> – Singer and guitarist**  
**Chris Colmans**  
**with hits from the 50's to the 90's**



**Dunmow Art Group**

**Spring Art Exhibition**

**& Sale**

**Welcoming Essex Craft Guild**



**Saturday 16 and Sunday 17 March 2024**

**Foakes Hall, Great Dunmow, CM6 1DG**

**10am to 4pm**

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## News from Brian Hockley

### Rodings Friendship Club News

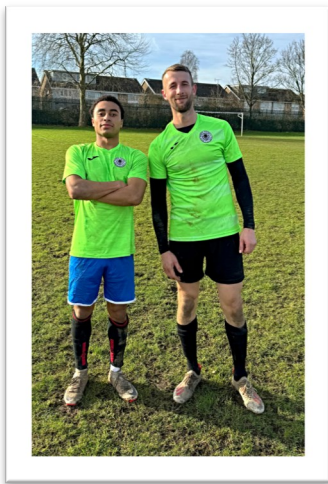
The Rodings Friendship Club held their January meeting on Wednesday 24<sup>th</sup> January at Leaden Roding Village Hall with 50 plus members attending.

Michelle Vellacott, who lives in Aythorpe Roding, came and gave an excellent talk on "The Good Old Days Music Hall". The members watched slides on the screen, and also enjoyed the singalong. After the entertainment, sandwiches, cake ,tea and coffee was served to everyone, and there was a raffle as well.



Michelle Vellacott giving her talk

### High Easter Football Club



Pictured are the goal scorers for High Easter FC in their 4 -1 win over Witham Town FC. Left to right, Mahen'a Kadimba and Alex Merrell.

### Rodings Friendship Club

On **Wednesday March 27th** singer "Talía" will bring her Electric Accordion to **Leaden Roding Village Hall** and will entertain the club for one hour. Sandwiches, cakes, tea and coffee will be served after the entertainment has finished. The meeting starts at 2.00pm.

On **THURSDAY April 25th** it is the club's first outing of the summer, when the club travel to **The Burtey Fen Collection**, stopping at the Spalding Shopping Village for lunch, and then to The Burtey Fen Collection

for the afternoon concert - going back in time to the era of Elvis, the Beatles, Dusty Springfield etc., plus tea, coffee and biscuits during the interval. Note that, unusually, this trip is on a Thursday rather than on a Wednesday.

## High Easter Village Hall

On **Saturday May 11th** it's live music night at **High Easter Village Hall**, with another performance by excellent singer **Talia and her Electric Accordion**. This event is for the High Easter Village Hall & The Monday Munsters Funds. As mentioned above, Talia will also be performing at Leaden Roding Village Hall on Wednesday March 27th.) A great night is promised, where you can sit and listen or dance the night away from 7.30pm to 10.30pm, with a couple of breaks in between. The bar will be open but bring your own food or nibbles. Tickets will be £10.00 and are available from organiser Brian Hockley on 01279 871181 or email hockley261@btinternet.com. This event is for the High Easter Village Hall funds.

Don't forget: Sunday 15th December 2024, Rodings Showtime trip to Cliff's Pavilion to see the 5pm performance of the pantomime "Beauty and the Beast".

*Brian Hockley*

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### **News for March 2024**

In February work progressed fast on the second half of the new path to make sure it was ready for visitors on snowdrop days, but unfortunately the good weather for path-building also meant the snowdrops coming up fast and being rather ahead of themselves, making us nervous for our snowdrop days. So what March will bring is anyone's guess!

Daffodil season will probably start early, so why not consider a Group Visit for March? The Gardens don't open on Thursdays until April, so a Group Visit is the only way to see the daffodils in the Lime Wood at their best. Last year we welcomed the retired International Daffodil Registrar to the Gardens. She found many daffodils that resembled the 17 old varieties that she identified in her 2003 survey. They were probably planted at the time that Peto redesigned the Gardens for the Countess of Warwick. The main

catalogue available then supplied more than 400 varieties. Now Kew reckons that 36 wild varieties have been identified and there are over 26,000 cultivated varieties. So, open your eyes to daffodils this year! If you want to arrange a Group Visit for more than 10 people on a Thursday, please contact [enquiries@eastonlodge.co.uk](mailto:enquiries@eastonlodge.co.uk)

This month we will be holding 2 New Volunteers' Days on Saturday 9 March and Thursday 14 March. Our volunteers love spending time at the Gardens, nearly whatever the weather. There are tasks suitable for all and the opportunity to make new friends. For more information go to our website: [www.eastonlodge.co.uk/whats-on](http://www.eastonlodge.co.uk/whats-on) .

*Jill Goldsmith*

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# The CONNECT 120 fund

## The Connect 120 Fund – enabling community projects in the Stansted area

Connect 120 started as a collaborative venture between Stansted Airport and the churches along the A120 corridor. The purpose was to enable churches to facilitate mission in the local area, with a particular focus on schools and young people.

After lockdown, Connect 120 is now back in a new incarnation. The Connect 120 Fund has been set up by the churches of Stansted, Birchanger, Farnham, Takeley and Little Canfield, working together with priest-in-charge Rev Colin Fairweather.

The Fund seeks to support community-based projects, which may be social, educational, creative or environmental in nature – basically, anything that blesses our villages!

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The 'Christian values' criterion has a broad remit, and does not mean that projects have to be explicitly faith-based. Justice, compassion, creativity, healing and well-being are all Christian values, as is the desire simply to make community life better.

The core purpose of Connect 120 fund is to allocate funds wisely in order to bless our communities. So if you are involved in community life and have ideas about how to enrich it, we would love to hear from you.

**More information and an application form is available at [www.thefivechurches.co.uk/the-connect-120-fund/](http://www.thefivechurches.co.uk/the-connect-120-fund/). For inquiries, please email Rev Colin at [revdrcolinfairweather@gmail.com](mailto:revdrcolinfairweather@gmail.com).**



## **PRAYER AND FELLOWSHIP ON SATURDAY MORNINGS**

We normally meet at **9:00 a.m.** on Saturdays for **Morning Prayer** in **Holy Trinity** church, Takeley. The service lasts about half an hour.

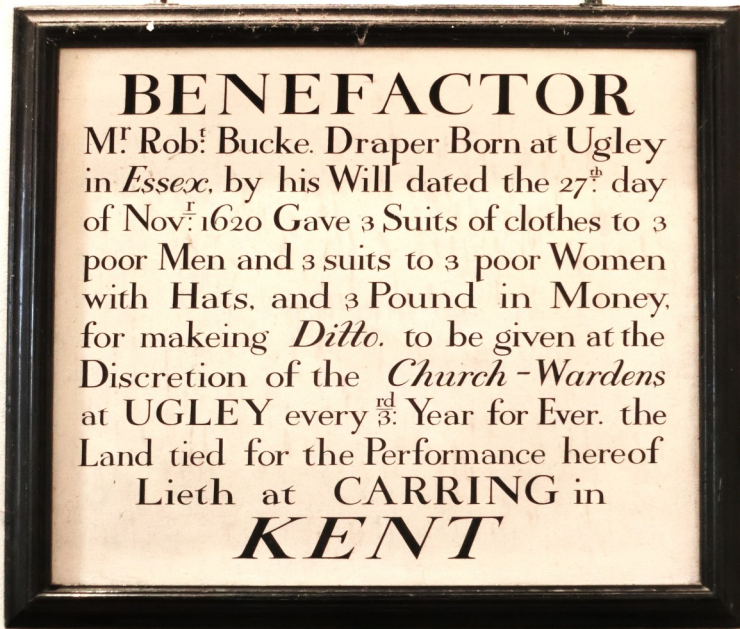
However, on the **first** Saturday of each month we go to **All Saints** church, Little Canfield, for an informal "**Prayer Share**" at **10:00 a.m.** There will be refreshments and provision for children.

There are also some Saturdays when everybody goes elsewhere, usually for one of the monthly **Deanery Walks**. These walks are a great chance to visit other churches in our area and meet people from all over the Deanery. Each walk starts by meeting at 9 a.m. at the church hosting that month's walk, then there is a walk lasting a little over an hour, then the group returns to the church for refreshments and a short act of worship lasting about ten minutes.

Deanery Walks will restart in the Spring of 2024.



## The Hundred Parishes Society



A plaque in St Peter's Church, Ugley, recording the generosity of a benefactor

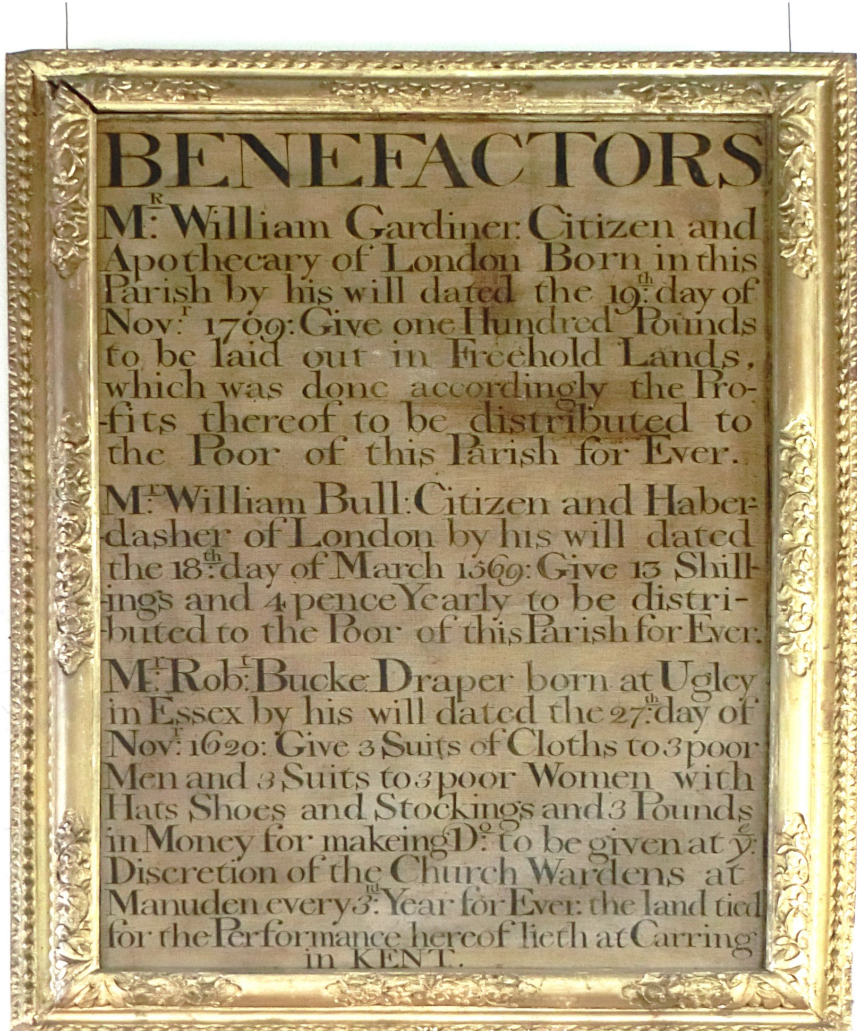
### Benefactors of the Poor

We are fortunate today that we have a benefit system to help vulnerable people. In the past, the less fortunate relied on parish relief or the generosity of the better-off. Some wealthy benefactors left money for the provision of almshouses. You can see an article on almshouses on the Hundred Parishes website at [www.hundredparishes.org.uk](http://www.hundredparishes.org.uk).

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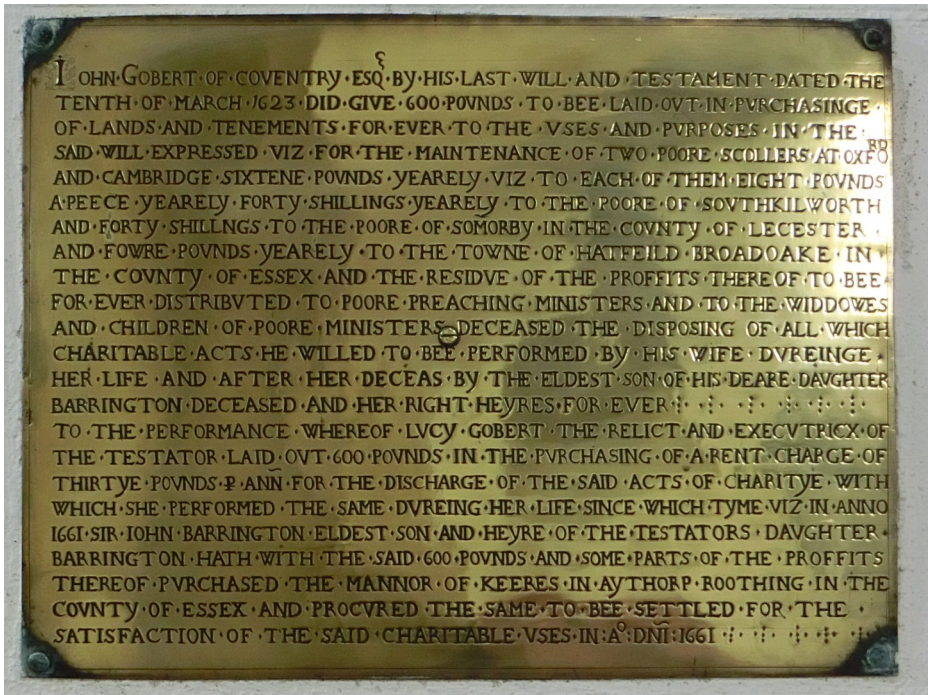


Other philanthropists helped the poor by giving money in a variety of ways. Some churches record the benevolence of these donors on large “benefactor” boards. For example, in St. Peters, Ugley we are told on one board that Robert Bucke, a draper, in his will of 1620 gave 3 suits of clothes to 3 poor men and 3 suits to 3 poor women with hats, to be given every third year “for ever”.



*A plaque in Manuden Parish Church recording three benefactors.*





*Benefactor's Plaque in St Mary the Virgin, Hatfield Broad Oak*

Just a few miles away in Manuden's parish church, a board describes three benefactors, one of whom is the same Robert Bucke. Here he gives the same number of suits to the poor of Manuden, here with additional hats, shoes and stockings.

In Little Hadham the church of St. Cecilia has a board recording that Miss Ann Scott, in her 1865 will, left dividends to the rector and church warrens to distribute bread on Shrove Sunday each year "at their discretion" to the poor of the Parish.

Hatfield Broad Oak's Church of St. Mary the Virgin has a brass plaque describing the generosity of John Gobert. He left £600 in his will of 1623 for the purchase of land, the proceeds from which were to be distributed in a variety of ways including £4 per annum to the town of Hatfield Broad Oak. His heir Sir John Barrington subsequently bought the manor of Keeres in Aythorpe Roothing to comply with the will.

Please look out for more proclamations of generosity.

*Ken McDonald*, Secretary

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*Benefactor's Plaque in St Cecilia's Church, Little Hadham*

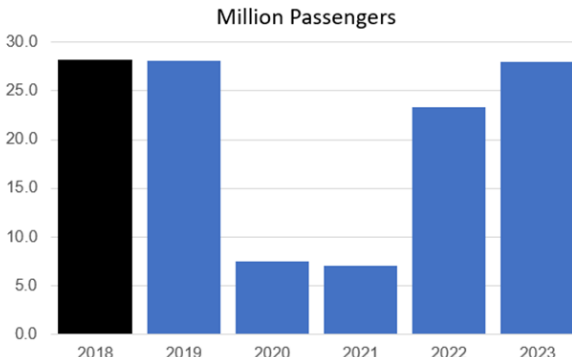


### *Opinion*

## **STANSTED RETURNS TO BUSINESS AS USUAL**

Figures released in January show that Stansted Airport handled just under 28 million passengers last year, only slightly below the number of passengers handled in 2018 and 2019, i.e. before the Covid-19 pandemic caused such

major disruption to air travel.



The severity of the impact of the pandemic upon air travel can be seen in the table above. Stansted passenger numbers slumped to 7.5 million in 2020 and just 7.1 million in 2021.

The speed of the recovery – just two years to return to pre-pandemic levels of

flying – has confounded most forecasters, especially since this coincides with a cost of living crisis.

And it's not just Stansted which has seen a fast recovery from the effects of the pandemic. Heathrow also is almost back to pre-pandemic passenger numbers and has just recorded its busiest ever December.

It's much the same picture worldwide. According to the International Air Transport Association (IATA), in November 2023, global demand for air travel reached 99% of 2019 (i.e. pre-pandemic) levels. It seems that neither economic challenges, nor concerns about global warming, are stopping people from flying.

Stansted Airport has however been taken by surprise by the speed of the recovery and now faces the prospect of severe overcrowding in the terminal over the next three years.

This is because the airport cancelled a planned increase in terminal capacity when the pandemic struck. Preliminary groundwork started for a new dedicated arrivals building in March 2019 but this was abandoned within a matter of weeks.

The airport has now decided to extend the existing terminal by adding three more bays to the rear of the terminal, rather than build a separate arrivals building. This is a major project and is expected to take until early 2027 to complete. It will also mean the removal of the airport transit trains system. This will be replaced by moving walkways.

If passenger numbers continue to increase, the existing Stansted terminal will struggle to cope, especially during the busy summer periods over the next three years.

From the standpoint of local residents adversely affected by aircraft noise, the key issue is not the number of passengers handled by the airport but the number of flights, which includes cargo flights as well as passenger flights. In this regard there is some good news.

Stansted handled 9,816 Cargo flights last year, considerably less than the pre-pandemic (2019) figure of 10,406. In fact, the number of cargo flights has been in slow decline for the past 20 years.

The vast majority of Stansted flights are, of course, passenger flights, and the vast majority of these (about 80%) are Ryanair flights. Stansted handled 168,715 passenger flights last year, more than 4,000 fewer than 2019, when passenger numbers were almost the same.

This obviously means more passengers per plane. On average, each flight carried 166 passengers at Stansted last year, the highest figure on record. The average number of passengers per flight has grown steadily, year on year, ever since the Wright brothers first took to the air in 1903! It will continue to increase steadily over the coming years.

Ryanair recently placed an order for 300 Boeing 737-MAX-10s at a staggering cost of US\$40 billion for delivery between 2027 and 2032. These aircraft are only slightly longer than the Boeing 737-800s currently operated by Ryanair but they have 21% more seats (228 seats compared to 189). The new aircraft are also claimed to be less noisy and to have lower carbon emissions than the 737-800s. We will need to wait until at least 2027 to find out for ourselves whether these claims are borne out.

Like it or not, Stansted has planning permission to handle up to 43 million passengers a year. If and when Stansted ever reaches that throughput, it would clearly be better, in terms of noise, air quality and carbon impacts, if this could be achieved with the fewest possible number of mid-size planes.

Quite how our local roads will manage to cope if and when Stansted Airport ever reaches a throughput of 43 million passengers a year is another matter!



# Helen Rollason Cancer Charity

## Helen Rollason Cancer Charity Donation Days

Helen Rollason Cancer Charity will be opening its centre in Hatfield Peverel on certain days throughout 2024 so that you can drop-off your pre-loved items. Figures show that waste from households in the UK was over 27 million tonnes in 2021. By donating good quality items to the charity, you will be reducing waste, helping the environment, and raising funds to support local people living with cancer.

The charity will accept clothing and accessories, toys, books, kitchen and homeware, ornaments, collectables, and any other valuable items. New or in good condition and preferably eBay saleable. They cannot take electrical items.

You can drop-off your items at their Mid Essex Support Centre at:

The Street, Hatfield Peverel, Essex, CM3 2EH (carparking at the rear of the building) **between 9am and 12pm** on the following Saturdays.

Saturday 09 March

Saturday 11 May

Saturday 08 June

Saturday 13 July

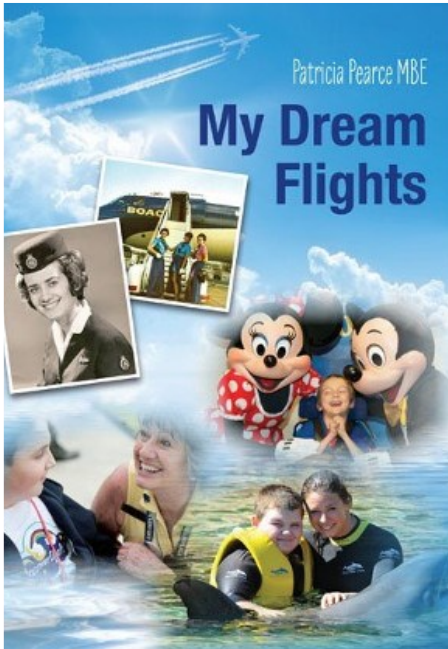
Saturday 14 September

For more information you can contact the fundraising team on 01245 380719.

Head of Retail, Alison Matthews, said, *"We are so grateful for the donated items we receive. The sales we make in our shops and on eBay provide vital funds to help support people living with cancer."*



On **Wednesday 27<sup>th</sup> March**, **Dunmow u3a** will be welcoming Patricia Pearce MBE to tell us more about her book ...



## "My Dream Flights"

The first part of the book is about Pat's 39 year flying career as cabin crew for British Airways including flying the Queen.

The second part is about the charity she founded in 1987, called **Dreamflight**. They take seriously ill and disabled children to Orlando every October for 10 days with a huge team of volunteer doctors, nurses, physiotherapists and other helpers.

Wednesday 27<sup>th</sup> March - 1.30pm  
for 2pm start

**Foakes Hall, Dunmow CM6 1DG**

Our monthly meetings are a great opportunity to **meet up with other members**, join one of our 35 **Interest Groups**, book a place on one of our popular **Outings**, choose a few magazines from our **Magazine Swaps** table, pick up a copy of our **latest newsletter** or just enjoy a cup of tea (please remember to bring your own mug) and enjoy the speaker.

These monthly meetings are free and **open to non-members** as well as members, so do come along and see for yourself.

To find out more, contact us on 07385 879846 or go to Du3a's website <https://u3asites.org.uk/dunmow/welcome>

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## Volunteers Needed

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### Volunteer Roles Available:

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# GIVE IN LENT CALENDAR



<b>14 February</b>			
Tinned cold meat (i.e. Corned Beef) <b>1</b>	Long life Milk (small carton) <b>2</b>	Squash <b>3</b>	Tinned sponge pudding <b>4</b>
Jam <b>5</b>	Tinned hot meat <b>6</b>	Tinned rice pudding <b>7</b>	Instant mash potato <b>8</b>
Rice (500g bag) <b>9</b>	Coffee (instant small jar) <b>10</b>	Ladies shampoo and conditioner <b>11</b>	Sugar (500g bag) <b>12</b>
Tinned tomatoes <b>13</b>	Nappies sizes 4,5 and 6 <b>14</b>	Tinned vegetables <b>15</b>	Long Life sponge puddings <b>16</b>
Instant mash potato <b>17</b>	Female deodorant <b>18</b>	Long life Milk (small carton) <b>19</b>	Tin opener <b>20</b>
Tinned rice pudding <b>21</b>	Tinned hot meat <b>22</b>	Shower gel <b>23</b>	Gluten Free alternatives <b>24</b>
Instant mashed potato <b>25</b>	Tinned fruit <b>26</b>	Coffee (instant small jar) <b>27</b>	Jam <b>28</b>
Shampoo and conditioner <b>29</b>	Long life sponge pudding <b>30</b>	Cat/Dog food <b>31</b>	Squash (small bottles) <b>32</b>
Tinned rice pudding <b>33</b>	Tinned cold meat (i.e. Spam) <b>34</b>	Instant mash potato <b>35</b>	Gluten Free alternatives <b>36</b>
Tinned vegetables <b>37</b>	Rice (500g bag) <b>38</b>	Tampons <b>39</b>	<b>30 March</b> Tinned fruit <b>40</b>

For information on where to make your donations please visit  
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## Roseacres Primary School

Roseacres, Takeley Bishop's Stortford. Herts, CM22 6QY.  
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Y6 had an absolutely fabulous time and an amazing experience at the O2 Young Voices recently. Over 9000 school children are able to participate in the event which is a multi-school choir performance of magnificent magnitude, held annually. The format is

repeated so that many schools can participate. Parents are also able to enjoy the experience and relish their child's and school performance at such an iconic venue at the event's evening performance.

This year, our Y6 pupils had the extra bonus of being allocated seats in the 'executive suite' which had very comfy seats and great views all round, as well as a small kitchenette and TV! Y6 felt like celebrities!

There was lots of preparation in advance of the event; at school learning all the songs and then at the venue throughout the afternoon, rehearsing with all the other schools and professional performers. This year, the supporting artists included: Natalie Williams, singer songwriter, who wrote an original song for Young Voices, 'Tears stream down your face;' dancers, Urban Stride who were amazing and dazzled the children with their choreographed routines with synchronized back flips- all with their own part to play but keeping in time to the music with one artist even using sign language as part of the performance. Finally, Nandi Bushell- a hugely talented 13-year-old drummer and MC Grammar- who creates original raps all about learning.

All the children had a wonderful and unforgettable experience....

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Maya - *"The best bit was the Mexican wave, the singing and dancing. We did a 'dance battle' to 90s music against the parent – of course WE won!!"*

Emmi-Rae - *"I loved it!"*

Maya – *"it was amazing, when the fire came up on stage it was fantastic!"*



Lucy - *"I like the fact it included everybody- it was fantastic!"*

Marie - *"it was extremely good we would love to do it again... can we come back next year?"*

And finally, how beautifully, Savannah summed up the whole experience:

*"It's a memory to remember for your life!"*

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**Giving information and advice** - helping people over the phone, by email or face to face to explore the issues they need help with. You don't need specific experience or qualifications, (although you do need to be non-judgmental, able to talk to people and confident using a computer). All our volunteers receive training and there is a paid member of staff that you can turn to for extra support whenever you feel you need it.

**Trustee** - Although you don't generally need specific qualifications or skills to be a trustee, we are currently looking for someone with current or recent experience in Human Resources or IT (ideally cloud based) to make sure our board is well balanced. We welcome applications from anyone who is passionate about advice services and can bring innovative ideas, unique perspectives and good judgement - we are particularly keen to increase diversity on our board.

**Student interns** - If you are an undergraduate or recent graduate in law, social policy or a related discipline and you would like to gain some valuable experience volunteering for us for four weeks or more during the holidays, we would love to hear from you!

Volunteering with us gives you the opportunity to help other people and build skills and confidence as part of an inclusive, friendly team and the wider local community. Here's what one of our volunteers thought about their experience with us:

*"Volunteering with Citizens Advice allowed me to do something meaningful with my time whilst learning new skills that would really benefit me in the future. I was able to be a part of an amazing team that helps*

*others every day, and was encouraged to be curious, ask questions, and absorb information. I really valued the responsibility I faced when helping people, and enjoyed the everyday challenges of the experience."*

If you would like to learn more about volunteering with us, please get in touch today! You can find information and an application form on our website, [www.uttlesfordca.org.uk](http://www.uttlesfordca.org.uk) or call us on 01799 618840.

Our office is open Monday to Friday from 9.30 to 3.30. For information and advice email [help@uttlesfordca.org.uk](mailto:help@uttlesfordca.org.uk) or call 01799 618840.





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If you or someone you know needs the help of the food bank, please encourage them to contact the Uttlesford Food Bank on 07531 436335

## REGULAR EVENTS

**Church services at All Saints Church, Little Canfield and Holy Trinity Church, Takeley** usually take place at 09:30 on Sunday mornings, alternating between Holy Trinity and All Saints. See earlier for this month's pattern of services. There are additional services at special times of the year .

**Morning Prayer** - at Holy Trinity Church, Takeley, on Saturdays at 9 a.m. **except** for the first Saturday of the month when **Prayer Share** takes place at 10 a.m. at All Saints Church, Little Canfield or on those Saturday mornings when there is a Deanery Walk.

**Canfield Coffee Pot** - every Tuesday 10am—12 noon at All Saints Church, Little Canfield. There are also often cream teas at the church on Saturday afternoons, 3pm to 5pm.

**Little Beans Stay and Play**—every Friday during term-time from 9:30—11 am at All Saints Church, Little Canfield

**Wednesday evening Craft Group**—7pm on Wednesdays in Holy Trinity Church

**Holy Trinity Churchyard Working Parties**— Fridays, 09:30am—4pm in the churchyard or inside. Please bring tools.

**Touchpoint**—Thursdays at the Old School House Community Centre. 09:15—free hour of exercise, 10-11am: free food & hot drinks (eat in or take away)

**The Old School House Community Café** - every Thursday 11am till 4pm and every Friday 9am—1pm. The café is in the community centre on Dunmow Road, Takeley, CM22 6SB, What3words: [:///sardine.hypnotist.post](#)

**The Men's Shed** Tools and workspace available on Wednesdays and Thursdays from 10am to 4pm, same address as above.

**Green Café**—local food & more, at Church Lane, Little Canfield (next to the Men's Shed, see above).

**“Face to Face” citizens’ advice service at the Old School House Community Centre** (address as for café above) every Thursdays and Fridays from 9.30am to 3.30 pm. Free private advice by video link. No technical knowledge required.

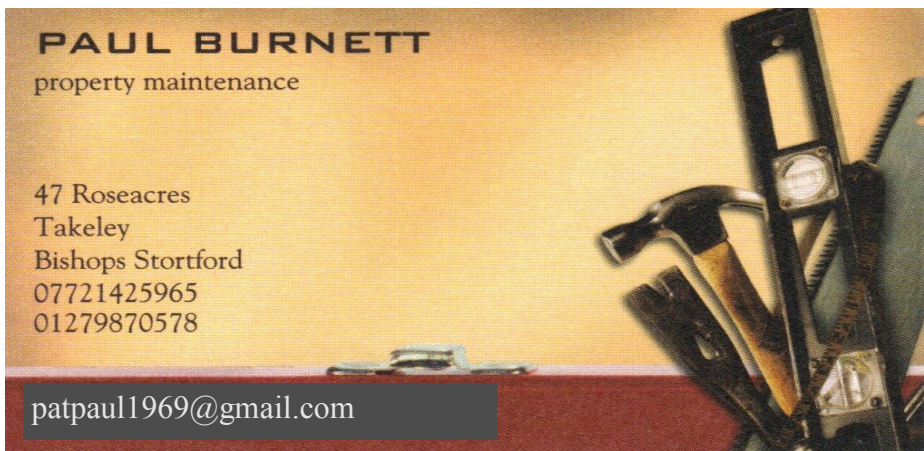
**Saffron Walden Dementia Café** - every Wednesday, 10am - 12 noon at Faircroft House, 37 Audley Road, Saffron Walden CB11 3HD. Call 01799 510525 for details.

**Hatfield Broad Oak Women’s Institute** meets at 7:30 pm on the first Tuesday of the month in HBO Village Hall, Cage End, Hatfield Broad Oak CM22 7HT. Call 01245 382233 for details.

**Buffy Playbus**—every Tuesday from 11:30am to 12:45 at Honey Road, Little Canfield CM6 1FF and then at Beach Close, Takeley CM22 6RQ from 1:30pm to 2.45pm.

**Meditation Group** at the Lady Chapel at St John's Church, Stansted: 2pm on Tuesdays

**Café Crafting**—every first and third Friday of the month, 09:30-noon at the Takeley Old School Community Café, Dunmow Road, Takeley CM22 6SB



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The password is: Stansted

The service of Morning Prayer is published on the Church of England

Website and you can find it here -

<https://www.churchofengland.org/prayer-and-worship/join-us-service-daily-prayer>

Just follow the link to Morning Prayer  
(Contemporary) for the day.

## Mediation Group

The meditation group will continue to meet on

Tuesdays at 2.00pm in the Lady

Chapel at St John's Church, Stansted.

If you haven't tried it before, do come along and give it a go! Don't worry if you think it will be too hard- it's easier than you think and you will soon get the hang of it.

Silent prayer in company with others is a powerful experience.



**Saturday  
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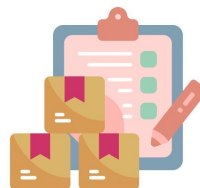
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## *Takeley Ladies Circle*

*Takeley Ladies Circle meet fortnightly on Tuesday afternoons at the Old School House, Takeley, CM22 6SB from 2-4pm. Times for day trips and meals will be announced nearer the time.*

### *Upcoming Events:*

*On 5th March we have Tracey Mackness of 'The Giggly Pig' giving us a talk on her life experience and how her business started.*

*On 9th April we celebrate 60 years of Takeley Ladies Club.*

*Our meetings and talks have a £2 charge for members, £3 for non-members. Tea or coffee and cake or biscuits are supplied.*

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## **Little Canfield Village Hall has been refurbished – and is available for hire now!**

The hall has been recently refurbished and is now available for Saturday or Sunday hirings. We now have a defibrillator fixed to the outside of the Hall. The rate is now £15 per hour with a refundable deposit of £60 if the Hall is left as found, clean and tidy.



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Our member-led interest groups include:

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Garden	Music Appreciation	Zumba Gold

Recent outings include: Christmas shopping in Canterbury, Sutton Hoo, Matthew Bourne's "Sleeping Beauty", De Havilland Museum, Leeds Castle, British Museum (London), "The Mousetrap" and Hemingford Grey Manor. There really is something for everyone

To find out more, contact us on 07385 879846 or go to Du3a's website <https://u3asites.org.uk/dunmow/welcome>  
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# Morning Prayer

SATURDAY MORNINGS AT 9AM

at Holy Trinity Church, Takeley  
except the 1st Saturday of the month when we have

10AM PRAYER SHARE

at All Saints Church, Little Canfield



## **Join our Parochial Church Council and help shape the future of our churches!**

Our Church PCC consists of:

Our ministry team: Revd Colin, Revd Helen, and Lay Minister Hugh Mascetti,

Our Church Wardens: David Daykin and Will Sadler,

Our Deanery Synod Reps: Jackie Cheetham and Sue Gowlett (who also holds the positions of Treasurer and Electoral Roll Officer), and

Our Elected Members: Jackie Cheetham, Amanda Evans, Lyn FitzGibbon and Sue Sadler (who also holds the position of Safeguarding Officer).

We currently have two vacancies on the PCC. Would you like to join and help shape the future of our churches? Contact Lisa on [admin@tlcchurch.co.uk](mailto:admin@tlcchurch.co.uk) if you are interested, or speak to one of the PCC members to find out more.



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## Community Garden Project



We are planning to develop our garden area and polytunnel to provide a community garden facility where members can grow plants and vegetable produce for themselves and the community.

We need members/volunteers who are prepared to dig, plant and maintain the garden and polytunnel, this provides an opportunity enjoy the pleasures of gardening and socialise with other members as well as sharing the produce.

No skills or green fingers are necessary although gardening experience will be welcomed.

Anyone interested in joining this project please contact:

Geoff at [Geoffglobal65@gmail.com](mailto:Geoffglobal65@gmail.com)



## Race Night Saturday 17<sup>th</sup> February

We had a very successful Race Night at Priors Green Community Hall in aid of Accuro- the charity that supports adults and children with disabilities (and their carers) in West Essex.



Great fun was had by all; and we raised over £800 for the charity. Thanks go to everyone

who came along, to Garnett's Farm in Barnston, for the sausages, to Par and Davi Badhan from the scouts who cooked the sausages, to compere 'Stretch', to all who gave raffle prizes and to Mike Best for organising the whole thing.

Our next event will be a **Community Litter Pick on Friday March 8<sup>th</sup> from 10-12 a.m.** in the **Prior's Green** area. All residents welcome to help out. Meet in the car park outside the Prior's Green Community Centre, CM6 1HE.

*Jenny Versey*, President, Takeley Rotary

Contact us on [rotaryintakeley@gmail.com](mailto:rotaryintakeley@gmail.com)





The poster is for an Easter Egg Hunt at Takeley Primary School. It features a large yellow Easter egg in the center. The text 'SUNDAY 24TH MARCH' is written in blue along the top curve of the egg. Below that, '2-4PM' is written in red. The main title 'EASTER EGG HUNT' is in large red letters, with '£4 PER PERSON' in blue below it. A list of activities includes '-CRAFTS-', '-REFRESHMENTS-', and '-RAFFLE-' in red. The text 'OPEN TO EVERYONE - COMPLETE THE TRAIL AND WIN AN EASTER EGG' is in blue. Below that, 'CHILDREN TO BE ACCOMPANIED BY ADULTS PLEASE (FANCY DRESS, BONNETS AND ADULTS ENCOURAGED TO PAY & HUNT TOO!)' is in black. At the bottom, 'TAKELEY PRIMARY SCHOOL & PRIORS GREEN ESTATE' is in white on a green background. A QR code is on the right. A white rabbit is on the left. The Takeley PFA logo is in the top left corner.

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March 2024

# Quiz Night

## at All Saints Church, Little Canfield

**Saturday 2nd March, 7 for 7.30pm.**

**Tables of 8—come as a team or make up a team on the day!**

**£5 per head.**

**Hot drinks and cake will be provided, but bring your own snacks & booze. There will be a raffle.**

# Easter Saturday Craft Workshop

## at All Saints Church, Little Canfield

All ages and abilities welcome! Children must be accompanied by an adult, but adults do not have to be accompanied by children.

**SATURDAY 30th March, 10am until 12 noon.**

Please note that, unlike in previous years, this year's Craft Workshop will be on Easter **Saturday**, rather than on Good Friday.



There will be no charge, but donations are gratefully accepted.

## Church Finances



Even as we re-open our church buildings, the lockdown and its aftermath has had a really detrimental effect on church income. The absence of collections and other donations means that we are currently losing out on about £200 per week. Additionally, most of our planned fund-raising events during the pandemic had to be cancelled, a loss from which we still have not yet recovered.

Even though worship things are not normal, most of the bills continue at the same rate as before. Our largest outgoing is the Parish Share which we pay to the diocese in order to pay the clergy, and we have had to significantly reduce our contribution to this. Next largest is the cost of insuring our two buildings.

If you come to a church service and would like to help us by making a donation to church funds, we can now accept card payments.

If you would like to help us by making a donation to church funds, please go to our website: [www.tlcchurch.co.uk](http://www.tlcchurch.co.uk), where you can make an online donation.

Alternatively, if you would like to contribute regularly, please donate either by direct debit or standing order.

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Katherine White, Planned Giving Organiser – [giving@tlcchurch.co.uk](mailto:giving@tlcchurch.co.uk)

### **Contributing to TLC Church by Debit Card**

We use an organisation called Give a Little to card giving. You can find out more at: [www.givealittle.co](http://www.givealittle.co)

Please just bring your card to church with you when you come to a service.

### **Contributing to TLC Church by Online Donation**

We use an organisation called Give a Little to handle online giving. You can find out more at: [www.givealittle.co](http://www.givealittle.co)

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### **Contributing to TLC Church by Direct Debit**

We use an organisation called Parish Giving Scheme to handle giving by Direct Debit. You can find out more at: [www.parishgivingscheme.org.uk](http://www.parishgivingscheme.org.uk)

The easiest way to set-up a Direct Debit is to call PGS between 9am – 5pm on their dedicated phone line 0333 002 1271.

You'll need our parish details:

Parish name: Takeley with Little Canfield, Parish code: 080608527,

Village: Takeley, Diocese: Chelmsford.

If you'd prefer to complete a paper form, please let one of us know.

### **Contributing to TLC Church by Standing Order**

You can set-up or amend a Standing Order using online banking if you have it, or by contacting your bank directly. Our bank details are:

Santander Bank

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Sort Code: 09-01-29

Account number: 16013946

If you'd prefer to complete a paper form, please let one of us know.

# Prayer Share!

**At 10 a.m. on the first Saturday of every month, at All Saints Church, Little Canfield.**

**An informal meeting where you can bring a favourite prayer or verse to share. This month's Prayer Share will be on Saturday 2nd March 2024.**







***This month's Informal  
Services of Morning Prayer  
at Holy Trinity, Takeley  
will take place at 9a.m. on  
Saturday 9th March,  
Saturday 16th March,  
Saturday 23rd March  
& Saturday 30th March.***





## Dates for your Diary from March 2024 onwards

**Saturday 2nd March 2024, 10am: Prayer Share at All Saints Church, Little Canfield CM6 1SU**

**Saturday 2nd March, 7 for 7:30pm: Quiz Night at All Saints Church, Little Canfield, CM6 1SU**

Saturday 2nd March, 8:30pm Takeley Social & Sports Club CM22 6QJ - Singing Duo Andy & Tony with hits from the 50's to the 00's

**Sunday 3rd March, 9:30am: Family Service at All Saints Church, Little Canfield CM6 1SU**

Tues 5th March, 2-4pm, Takeley Ladies Circle: talk by Tracy Mackness of "The Giggly Pig" on her life and business experiences

Friday 8th March, 10am—12 noon, Community Litter Pick at Prior's Green organised by Takeley Rotary Society. Meet in the car park outside the Prior's Green Community Centre, CM6 1HE

**Saturday 9th March, 9am: Informal Morning Prayer at Holy Trinity Church, Takeley CM22 6QL**

Saturday 9th March, 9am-12 noon, drop off your donations to the Helen Rollason Cancer Charity at their Mid-Essex Support Centre, The Street, Hatfield Peverel, Essex CM3 2EH. Car park at rear.

Saturday 9th March, 8:30pm Takeley Social & Sports Club CM22 6QJ – Singing Duo Keeley Mac with classic songs and dance hits from the 60's to the present day

**Sunday 10th March, 9:30am, Holy Communion at Holy Trinity Church, Takeley CM22 6QL**

**Saturday 16th March, 9am: Informal Morning Prayer at Holy Trinity Church, Takeley CM22 6QL**

Saturday 16th March 10am-4pm, first day of Dunmow Art Group Spring Exhibition & Sale, Foakes Hall, Dunmow CM6 1DG. Also on at the same hours on Sunday 17th March.

Saturday 16th March, 10am-12 noon, coffee morning at Helen Rollason Cancer Charity Mid Essex Support Centre, Hatfield Peverel CM3 2EH

Saturday 16th March, 8:30pm Takeley Social & Sports Club CM22 6QJ – Singer and guitarist Nick Caruso with hits from the 50's to the 90's

**Sunday 17th March, 9:30am: Holy Communion at All Saints Church, Little Canfield CM6 1SU**

Sunday 17th March, 10am-4pm, second day of Dunmow Art Group Spring Exhibition & Sale, Foakes Hall, Dunmow CM6 1DG (Also on Saturday 16th March)

**Saturday 23rd March 9am: Informal Morning Prayer at Holy Trinity Church, Takeley CM22 6QL**

Saturday 23rd March, 8:30pm Takeley Social & Sports Club CM22 6QJ - Solo Disco (for adults only; no children)

**Sunday 24th March (Palm Sunday), 9:30am, Holy Communion and Procession of Palms at Holy Trinity Church, Takeley CM22 6QL**

Sunday 24th March, 2-4pm Takeley Primary School Easter Egg Hunt, Takeley Primary School, Bennet Canfield CM6 1YE. Book online from 1st March at [www.pta-events.co.uk/takeleyprimarypfa](http://www.pta-events.co.uk/takeleyprimarypfa)

Wednesday 27th March, 1.30pm for 2pm start, Foakes Hall, Dunmow CM6 1DG: Dunmow u3a talk by Patricia Pearce called "My Dream Flights" on her 39-year career as British Airways cabin crew and on the charity she

founded.

Wednesday 27th March 2024, 2pm: Rodings Friendship Club: Singer "Talia" with her Electric Accordion performing at Leaden Roding Village Hall. Performance starts 2pm.



**Thursday 28th March (Maundy Thursday), 7:30pm: Service of Tenebrae ("Shadows") at Holy Trinity Church, Takeley CM22 6QL**

**Friday 29th March (Good Friday), 2pm, Hour at The Cross, at Holy Trinity Church Takeley CM22 6QL**

Saturday 30th March 9am: Informal Morning Prayer at Holy Trinity Church, Takeley CM22 6QL

**Saturday 30th March, 10am—12 noon: Easter Saturday Craft Workshop at All Saints Church, Little Canfield CM6 1SU**

Saturday 30th March, 8:30pm Takeley Social & Sports Club CM22 6QJ – Singer and guitarist Chris Colmans with hits from the 50's to the 90's

**Sunday 31st March, 7:00am, First Light Holy Communion and Breakfast at Holy Trinity Church, Takeley CM22 6QL.**

*Looking further ahead...*

Tues 9th April, 2-4pm, celebration of 60 years of Takeley Ladies Circle.

Saturday 20th April, 10am-12 noon, coffee morning at Helen Rollason Cancer Charity Mid Essex Support Centre, Hatfield Peverel CM3 2EH

THURS April 25th 2024 (Yes, a THURSDAY!), Rodings Friendship Club: Day Trip - Burtrey Fen Collection. Concert starting at 2.30pm. Stopping at Spalding Shopping Village in the morning for lunch.

Saturday 11th May, 9am-12 noon, drop off your donations to the Helen Rollason Cancer Charity at their Mid-Essex Support Centre, The Street, Hatfield Peverel, Essex CM3 2EH. Car park at rear.

Saturday May 11th 2024, 7:30pm – 10:30pm at High Easter Village Hall: singer “Talia” and her Electric Accordion. Contact Brian Hockley 01279 871181

Saturday 18th May, 10am-12 noon, coffee morning at Helen Rollason Cancer Charity Mid Essex Support Centre, Hatfield Peverel CM3 2EH

Wed May 22nd 2024 - Rodings Friendship Club: Day Trip - Sussex & Ashdown Forest Tour.

Saturday 8th June, 9am-12 noon, drop off your donations to the Helen Rollason Cancer Charity at their Mid-Essex Support Centre, The Street, Hatfield Peverel, Essex CM3 2EH. Car park at rear.

Saturday 15th June, 10am-12 noon, coffee morning at Helen Rollason Cancer Charity Mid Essex Support Centre, Hatfield Peverel CM3 2EH

Wed June 26th 2024 - Rodings Friendship Club: Strawberry Teas at Leaden Roding Village Hall.



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Saturday 13th July, 9am-12 noon, drop off your donations to the Helen Rollason Cancer Charity at their Mid-Essex Support Centre, The Street, Hatfield Peverel, Essex CM3 2EH. Car park at rear.

Saturday 20th July, 10am-12 noon, coffee morning at Helen Rollason Cancer Charity Mid Essex Support Centre, Hatfield Peverel CM3 2EH

The **Green Cafe** (just off Church Lane leading to All Saints, and also accessible from the Flitch Way) is open weekends from 10am-4pm.



Wed July 24th 2024 - Rodings Friendship Club: Day Trip - Bekonscot Model Village & Trains in Beaconsfield.

Saturday 17th August, 10am-12 noon, coffee morning at Helen Rollason Cancer Charity Mid Essex Support Centre, Hatfield Peverel CM3 2EH

Wed Aug 28th 2024 - Rodings Friendship Club: August Lunch at the Black Bull, Fyfield.

Saturday 14th September, 9am-12 noon, drop off your donations to the Helen Rollason Cancer Charity at their Mid-Essex Support Centre, The Street, Hatfield Peverel, Essex CM3 2EH. Car park at rear.

Saturday 21st September, 10am-12 noon, coffee morning at Helen Rollason Cancer Charity Mid Essex Support Centre, Hatfield Peverel CM3 2EH

Wed Sept 25th 2024 - Rodings Friendship Club: Day Trip - Tea in the Train

Carriages at Fen Drayton. Stopping at Cambridge in the morning for lunch.

Saturday 19th October, 10am-12 noon, coffee morning at Helen Rollason Cancer Charity Mid Essex Support Centre, Hatfield Peverel CM3 2EH

Wed Oct 23rd 2024 - Rodings Friendship Club: Singer Alan Reynolds, at Leaden Roding Village Hall.

Wed Nov 27th 2024, 2pm - Rodings Friendship Club: Fun Quiz organised by Jane Malyon at Leaden Roding Village Hall. Change of Programme: Talk by Wiltshire Farm Foods at Leaden Roding Village Hall.

Mon Dec 2nd 2024 - Rodings Friendship Club: Christmas Lunch at the Black Bull, Fyfield.



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**CM22 6QL**. What3words for the Holy Trinity car park:

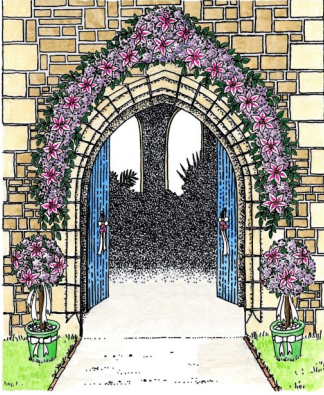
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**All Saints Church, Little Canfield** is situated at the end of Church Lane (a different Church Lane from the Takeley one!), turning south off the B1256 between Takeley and Dunmow. Postcode: **CM6 1SU**. What3words for the All Saints car park:

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## GETTING IN TOUCH

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