

# GRAPEVINE

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Parish of Takeley with Little Canfield



An Acer (*Acer Shirasawanum Jordan*). Photo taken  
by a volunteer in the Japanese-style garden at  
Easton Lodge.

## May 2024

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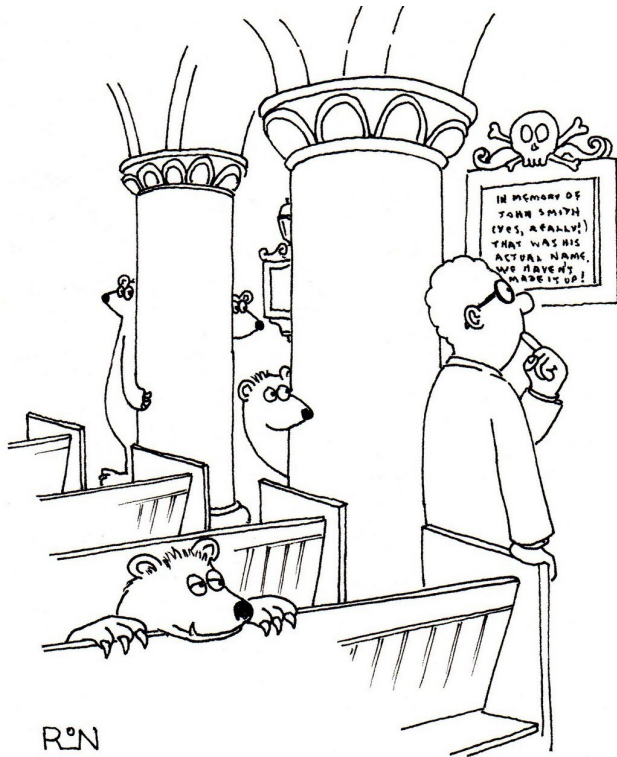
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*Dennis spent a long time in church  
looking for his forbears*

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JOIN US EACH

# SUNDAY

TOGETHER IN CHURCH

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May services  
in Takeley and Little Canfield  
churches

- 5 Family Service, L. Canfield
- 12 Holy Communion, Takeley
- 19 Holy Communion, L. Canfield
- 26 Morning Prayer, Takeley

MAY  
2024



9:30AM

# HERITAGE DAY



Explore the rich history of your parish church

✓ Guided tours

✓ History

✓ Family fun

✓ Refreshments

May  
**25**  
2-5pm

**HOLY TRINITY**

**Church Lane  
Takeley**

**CM22 6QL**



There will be guided tours of the church at 2:30pm and 3:30pm

May 2024





## TLC Church services and other events from May 2024 onwards

Saturday 4th May 2024, 10am: Prayer Share at All Saints Church, Little Canfield CM6 1SU

**Sunday 5th May, 9:30am: Family Service at All Saints Church, Little Canfield CM6 1SU**

Saturday 11th May, 9am: Informal Morning Prayer at Holy Trinity Church, Takeley CM22 6QL

**Sunday 12th May, 9:30am, Holy Communion at Holy Trinity Church, Takeley CM22 6QL**



Saturday 18th May, 9:30 am: Deanery Walk for May. Meet at 09:30a.m. at St Mary the Virgin, Church Lane, Birchanger, CM23 5QH. Parking at Church hall opposite (There will be no service of Informal Morning Prayer in Holy Trinity that morning.)

**Sunday 19th May, 9:30am: Holy Communion at All Saints Church, Little Canfield CM6 1SU**



Saturday 25th May, 9am: Informal Morning Prayer at Holy Trinity Church, Takeley CM22 6QL

**Saturday 25th May, 2–5pm, Heritage Day at Holy Trinity Church, Takeley, CM22 6QL**



**Sunday 26th May, 9:30am, Morning Prayer at Holy Trinity Church, Takeley CM22 6QL**

**Saturday 22nd June 2024 and Sunday 23rd June 2024—Art Exhibition, All Saints Church, Little Canfield CM6 1SU**

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://www.thefivechurches.co.uk)

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

*All Saints Church in Little Canfield is open during the day. We have now also started to open Holy Trinity Church in Takeley during the hours of 9am–6pm. Lavatories are available at both churches.*



All Saints, Little Canfield, Post-code: **CM6 1SU**. What3words for the All Saints car park:  
**hardly.headless.improves**

Holy Trinity, Takeley, Postcode: **CM22 6QL**. What3words for the Holy Trinity car park:  
**optimally.goggles.invite**

**Art and Ceramics**

# Exhibition



**June 22nd and 23rd 2024  
At All Saints Church  
Little Canfield**



**FREE ENTRY**  
Refreshments  
will be available



**Featuring Local Artists**

Vicar's View — by the Revd. Colin Fairweather

# SCOTLAND



I think I might move to Scotland.

Not right now you understand, and not while my parents in Kent are still alive. But I think Scotland is calling me.

Iona, from which I have just returned, is very much a spiritual home for me. Outside of Iona, so much of the country has a natural grandeur which makes my heart sing, and which is very distinct from England.

I had an idle look at Church Times vacancies when I came back, and I found a priest-in-charge's job on Stornaway in the Outer Hebrides. And do you know, if we were five years down the line and circumstances were a bit different, I'd apply like a shot.

I am a quarter Scottish. 'Fairweather' is a Scottish surname. Culturally I am every inch of Englishmen, perhaps even what the Scottish call a sassenach. But something in my Scottish blood is stirring.

My middle name is Malcolm – a fine Scottish name. A couple of months ago, I delivered a sermon about Abram being renamed Abraham, and I started to reflecting that I always liked my middle name better than my first name. To successfully effect the transition to Malcolm, however, I would have to move somewhere new, as I couldn't expect people who had got used to calling me Colin to suddenly start calling me something else.

When I said this in my sermon, it was just an idle thought, really. But in the light of my recent Scottish experience, I do wonder if I have caught a glimpse of a future self – the Reverend Malcolm Fairweather, white-haired priest-in-charge of some wee Scottish fishing village, in the autumn of his years.

But here, on this bank and shoal of time, I cannot jump the life to come (as another celebrated Scotsman once said). What God has called me to in Takeley and Little Canfield and the other parishes has not yet been accomplished, and will require several more years of hard work. Nonetheless, I have returned from Scotland with a change of perspective, from which it's now possible to see my current role, not as the culmination of my life's vocation, but as just one step in an ongoing journey of ministry. As so often, the words of the liturgy put it much better than I ever could, so I end with the prayer of a confession which really does have all the bases covered:

**Lord, forgive what we have been,  
help us to amend what we are,  
and direct what we shall be.  
Amen.**

*Rev. Colin Fairweather*

## **Confirmation**

There will be a deanery-wide confirmation service at High Easter on Sunday 7th July. The service will be led by the Bishop of Colchester.

If you are not confirmed and would like to be, please speak to me, or send me an email. Helen and I are planning to run a 'Being With' course after Easter, which allows participants to explore life's big questions without imposing the 'right' answers on people. This will run on Zoom, and function as confirmation preparation.

*Revd. Colin*

# **ART COMPETITION**

## ***For Young People***



**Theme: The 2024 Olympics**

**Prizes for each age group: 4-7, 8-11, 12-16 yrs**

**Size : Maximum A4, Unframed  
(No photographs please)**

**Entries to be left in All Saints Church from June  
15th - entry closes midday on June 21st.  
Print name and age on back of artwork**

**Winners announced and entries displayed at:**

**All Saints Art Exhibition  
June 22nd and 23rd 2024  
At All Saints Church, Little Canfield**







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## News from Brian Hockley



### Rodings Friendship Club

The Rodings Friendship Club held their March meeting at Leaden Roding Village Hall on Wednesday 27<sup>th</sup>, when Talia from North London came and entertained the club with her brilliant singing and playing her Electric Accordion. Talia plays fun uplifting pop songs from the 80's to the present day and also Latin Style & English Jazz Classics. She had the

60 plus members singing and some dancing through the afternoon. After the entertainment, the normal spread of sandwiches, cakes, teas, and coffee, all of which are donated by the club members, were enjoyed by all. A Tombola was held which was organised by Frances Tregunno. 100 plus prizes were on show and raised £168.00 for the club funds. In the next few months, the club are on their day trip travels, which start on Thursday April 25th when they travel on Lodge Coach to the Burtey Fen Collection which is all about the Old Time Music Hall. There will be a small concert in the afternoon, after stopping first at the Spalding Shopping Village for lunch.

In the bottom corner- Photo L to R. Brian Hockley, Talia, David Tregunno.

Footnote. Talia is back in Essex on Saturday May 11th at High Easter Village Hall entertaining from 7.30pm till 10.30pm. Tickets are £10.00 available from Brian Hockley on 01279871181.

### 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. 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](mailto:hockley261@btinternet.com).

## Rodings Showtime - Panto change

There has been a change of name in this year's Cliffs Pavilion Panto at Southend. It will now be **Jack and the Beanstalk**, starring TV Star Rylan as Jack. I will keep you updated on the rest of the cast ASAP. Everything else will stay the same. Date: **Sunday 15th December**, 5pm performance. Price: £53.00 per head. Book your seats with Brian Hockley by means of a £20.00 deposit ASAP, and there will be nothing more to pay until the end of July. Contact Brian on 01279871181 or email [hockley261@btinternet.com](mailto:hockley261@btinternet.com).

*Brian Hockley*

# Dunmow Country Market

Great Dunmow Country Market

Held fortnightly every Thursday at the

Catholic Church Hall, Mill Lane, Great Dunmow CM6 1BG

9am-11:30am

2nd, 16th and 30th May 2024

13th and 27th June 2024

11th and 25th July 2024

8th and 22nd August 2024

5th and 19th September 2024

3rd, 17th and 31st October 2024

14th and 28th November 2024

12th December 2024





*First light at Easter*

*Holy Trinity, Takeley, 31st March 2024*

## **Helen Rollason (HEAL) Cancer Charity Takeley Fundraising Group**

*Dear Supporters,*

After 28 years and almost £80k (since 2003) unfortunately due to operational issues we feel we can no longer support the Helen Rollason (HEAL) Cancer Charity. This decision was not taken lightly as we still believe the work that the charity does in supporting people living with cancer is very important.

So, we had a decision to make. We could either continue with our events but on an independent basis which would enable us to be more flexible when choosing charities or organisations to support or to retire.

I hope you will be pleased to know that we chose the first option; I was told we are too young to retire!

This was because we have always thought of our functions, which we have enjoyed arranging, as community events where people can come along to meet and spend time with friends. We know from your feedback this is the reason why many of you have supported us over the years. Raising funds for charity was a bonus.

We will now be known as **The Takeley Fundraisers** and a list of our upcoming events can be found below.

The charity or charities we will be supporting will be announced shortly.

The Coffee Mornings which we hold in the Takeley Social and Sports Club and which we know many of you enjoy will still be organised by us but in our capacity as Club members. Initially, any money raised at the coffee mornings will go to help the Club with its refurbishments as a thank you for all the support it has given us over the years.

Thank you for all your support in the past and we hope to see you at some or all the events in the coming year.

*- Anne and the Ladies of the Takeley Fundraisers*

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## **Takeley Social and Sports Club**

Brewers End, Takeley, CM22 6QJ (Behind the Silver Jubilee Hall)

### **Coffee Mornings 10am – 12pm Free Entry**

Saturday 15<sup>th</sup> June and Saturday 7<sup>th</sup> December.

Cakes, bric a brac, books and children's clothes and toy stalls / Raffle

Money raised will go towards the club refurbishment

## **Takeley Fundraisers Events for 2024/25**

Venue - Silver Jubilee Hall, Brewers End, Takeley CM22 6QJ

**Charity Afternoon tea** - Sunday 19<sup>th</sup> May 3.00pm – 5pm in aid of **Hummingbird Cancer Support** . Tickets £15pp Enjoy a selection of sandwiches, scones and cakes with tea or coffee while being entertained by singer Louise Masters . Raffle. To book tickets contact Anne on 07701001678

**Charity Lunch with Speaker** - Sunday 14<sup>th</sup> July 12.00pm for 12.30pm in aid of **Essex & Herts Air Ambulance**. Tickets £15pp enjoy a homemade lunch and selection of puddings. Speaker – tbc. Bar/ Raffle . To book tickets contact Anne on 07701001678

**Charity Soup & Pud Lunch** - Sunday 20th October 12.00pm for 12.30pm - **Charity to be announced**. Tickets £15pp enjoy a selection of homemade soups and puddings while being entertained by singer Louise Masters. Bar / Raffle To book tickets contact Anne on 07701001678

**Takeley Christmas Fair** - Saturday 30<sup>th</sup> November - **Charity to be announced**. We will be running the kitchen, card tombola and cake raffle.

**Quiz night** - Saturday 25<sup>th</sup> January 2025 at 7.00pm for 7.30 - **Charity to be announced**. Tickets £12pp including Ploughman's supper. Tables 8 person . Bar / Raffle. To book a table contact Anne on 07701001678

For more details on any of the above events please contact  
Anne Regeli 07701001678 / anne.regeli300@talktalk.net

**Takeley Fundraisers**  
*because we care*

# Charity Afternoon Tea



In aid of Hummingbird Cancer Support  
*with entertainment by singer Louise Masters*  
on

**Sunday 19th May**  
**3pm to 5pm**  
**Silver Jubilee Hall**

Dunmow Road, Brewers End, Takeley CM22 6QJ

£15 per person for a delicious selection of sandwiches, cakes,  
scones with jam & cream, tea or coffee.

To book tickets please contact  
Anne Regeli 07701 001678



All funds raised will be donated to Hummingbird Cancer Support  
[www.hummingbirdcancersupport.org](http://www.hummingbirdcancersupport.org)  
Charity No: 1199955

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# Takeley Social & Sports Club



Dunmow Road, Brewers End, Takeley CM22 6QJ  
(Behind the Silver Jubilee Hall)

Would like to thank everyone who came to the Coffee Morning on Saturday 20th April, we raised £375 which will go towards the refurbishment of the club.

The next one will be on  
Saturday 15<sup>th</sup> June 10am – 12pm  
Entry is free and we  
hope to see you there.



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**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***

### **May**

**Saturday 4<sup>th</sup> – Musicians & Singing duo**  
**Double or Nothing**  
**Performing rock, pop & country**

**Saturday 11<sup>th</sup> - Musicians & Singing duo**  
**Retro**  
**Performing the Rockier side of Pop**

**Saturday 18<sup>th</sup> – Singer**  
**Sam Knight**  
**Performing Swing, Soul, Motown, Pop and**  
**Rock 'n' Roll**

**Saturday 25<sup>th</sup> – Singer and guitarist**  
**Bob Whiting**  
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# The Hundred Parishes Society

## THE HUNDRED PARISHES SOCIETY

[www.hundredparishes.org.uk](http://www.hundredparishes.org.uk)

As day length increases and the air becomes warmer, plants put out new shoots. Many insects emerge and birds pair up, preparing to breed. Since the 1960's the aver-



*Littlebury—Bluebells in Howe Wood*



*Much Hadham—Hertfordshire Way*

age minimum winter temperatures have been rising. Snow fall is now a rarity, and frosty days are much less frequent. The current growing season is almost a month longer than 50 years ago. Primroses and bluebells are opening earlier. Researchers recorded that

the first flowering of some 406 plant species has advanced by almost a month since 1986! This has a knock-on effect for the time of emergence of pollinating insects such as bees and butterflies; some are adapting to the warmer climate.



*Quendon*





*Linton*



*Pleshey*

Hedgerow shrubs and trees are leafing and flowering earlier too, providing food for so many hungry caterpillars which are ideal food for nestlings. Hedgerows are a valuable wildlife habitat, often providing a living framework to the landscape and our rural heritage. Long-established hedges grow in soil that is rich in stored carbon and older trees within the hedgerow also hold large stores of carbon.

A recent planning application to fell an ancient hedgerow oak close to Clavering led to a vigorous and successful campaign by residents to save it. This tree is now registered on the Ancient



*Stansted Mountfitchet*



*Langley*

Tree Inventory, a record similar to the one for listed buildings. There are more trees in local hedgerows that could be recorded - details of how to do this can be found on <https://ati.woodlandtrust.org.uk/how-to-record>.



*Newport – caterpillars on a stripped hedgerow*

National Hedgerow Week organised by the Tree Council runs from 6th May to 12th May and is timed to showcase hedgerows resplendent with fresh new growth and full of wildlife. Please enjoy one or more of the many walks listed on the Society's website - and consider recording some of our wonderful old trees.

*Tricia Moxey, Trustee*

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## Happy New (financial) Year!

A range of changes have recently come into force, so it is worth checking that you are aware of, and receiving, all the support that is available to you.

**Welfare Benefits** - changes since the beginning of April may mean you are



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eligible for benefits where you weren't previously. You can check quickly and easily, using an online benefit calculator such as the one on the UDC website: <https://www.uttlesford.gov.uk/article/5078/Online-Benefit-Calculators>

**Managed Migration** - Tax credits are coming to an end & will be replaced by Universal Credit. Look out for your Universal Credit Migration Notice from DWP and don't ignore it! It is very important to claim by the deadline you are given, but DON'T claim before you receive your letter or you could be worse off. Call our advisers if you are unsure.

**Funded Childcare** - From April, you'll get 15 hours of funded childcare the term after your child turns 2 years old, if you're eligible. From September 2024 the scheme will be extended to include children aged 9 months and older. <https://www.citizensadvice.org.uk/family/education/claiming-the-new-15-hours-of-free-childcare-for-2-year-olds/>

**Pension Credit** gives you extra money to help with your living costs if you're over State Pension age and on a low income and is separate from your state pension. You can claim online, over the phone or by post and will qualify for a higher amount if you're severely disabled or a carer.



Go to <https://www.gov.uk/pension-credit-calculator> or just give our advisers a call.

**The National Living wage** (NLW) and other minimum hourly rates of the NMW increased from 1 April 2024. Salaried workers are also impacted by this increase, so workers doing 35 hours per week must now be paid at least £20,821 a year. <https://www.gov.uk/national-minimum-wage-rates>

**New rules around flexible working requests** also came into force on 6 April 2024. <https://www.gov.uk/flexible-working>

**If you have a disability or care needs there are non means tested benefits** to help with the extra costs of disability or long-term health conditions. Our specialist disability benefits team can help with applications for PIP, Attendance Allowance and Disability Living Allowance (for children under 16).

**Low income households** may also be eligible for reductions in Council Tax, water rates and broadband tariffs as well as help with NHS costs, healthy start vouchers and free school meals. <https://www.citizensadvice.org.uk/debt-and-money/cost-of-living/get-help-with-the-cost-of-living/>



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## News from Little Canfield Village Hall

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This project is funded by the UK Government through the UK Shared Prosperity Fund. (UKSPF).



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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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### News from Councillor Susan Barker

*Dear Takeley and Little Canfield Residents,*

Recent Parish Meetings and emails from Takeley residents have been dominated by the issue of quarry lorries using Parsonage Road, so I would like to set out the current position.

Essex is required to set out a plan for minerals extraction to provide for all Essex' requirements as well as for additional extraction towards London's requirements. The next plan runs from 2025-2040. Across Essex, sand and gravel lie in a band across the north, with sites locally at Highwood, Great Canfield and Elsenham. The lorries that use Parsonage Road come from Elsenham, where a large number of vehicle movements are permitted/allowed as part of the extant planning permission for the quarry (ref: ESS/38/14/UTT) – 400 movements (200 in and 200 out) Monday to Friday; 200 movements (100 in and 100 out) Saturdays; and 80,000 movements (40,000 in and 40,000 out) in a calendar year.

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The Parish Council is organising a lorry count on April 29<sup>th</sup> and Essex are also checking weighbridge records to ensure these numbers are not being exceeded.

In respect of concerns about speeds of vehicles and convoys – there is nothing within the planning permission which specifically seeks to prevent convoys. Furthermore, once a vehicle is on the public highway, outside of the red line boundary of the permission, enforcement under the Town and Country Planning Act 1990 (as amended) is difficult and not usually appropriate. Any potential driving offence, whether that be speeding or otherwise, should be reported direct to the Police.

I have been told that lorries leave the quarry early in the morning and I can confirm that no vehicles in excess of 7.5t (gvw) or contractor vehicle in excess of 3.5t (gvw) should be accessing or leaving the quarry before 7am. The extant permission includes a condition (Condition 7) which outlines the permitted hours of operation. If you do have evidence to show otherwise, please do let me have it.

The extant permission (ref: ESS/38/14/UTT requires landfilling to cease by 10 May 2029, with the site restored to agriculture by 10 May 2030. However, an extension to the quarry has been put forward as part of the Replacement Essex Minerals Local Plan review 2025 to 2040 (site reference A76).

This consultation has now closed, and decisions will be made later this year about which of the sites will be selected. This is a process very like the local plan for housing that the District Council is undertaking.

I have asked the Parish Council if they would like to meet with Highways to discuss whether any sort of speed calming would be possible.

If there are any other local issues, please do get in touch.

*Susan Barker*





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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.



**St Clare Hospice runs Bereavement Cafés in Dunmow (right) and Stansted (below).**



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

**Time?** 10am - 11.30am

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**Time?** 10am - 11.30am

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We are also wanting any possible Cricketers of any age, or would-be players for our **Saturday league teams**, or just to play in the friendly Sunday side.

New players to our friendly socially based club are always very welcome. Please contact our Chairman, Tim Connolly, for any further information by email at [timconnolly2023@gmail.com](mailto:timconnolly2023@gmail.com) or telephone 07770 551263.



**2024 Takeley and  
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# THE GARDENS OF EASTON LODGE

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## NEWS FROM THE GARDENS OF EASTON LODGE

### News for May 2024

We managed to open on the last two Thursdays in March, setting us up well for the new season starting in April. It was lovely to see visitors again, after that miserable wet snowdrop season!

May is a lovely month in the Gardens. It is when the cowparsley and foxgloves take over. Other highlights at the beginning of the month are the camassia in the mini orchard in the kitchen garden, the blossom on the ornamental cherries and the fresh leaves of the acers. At the end of the month the labour-



*This picture of an Acer (Acer Shirasawanum Jordan), taken by a volunteer in the Japanese-style garden at Easton Lodge, also features as the cover for this month's Grapevine.*

num walk bears gold, the handkerchiefs waft on their branches in the breeze and the wild orchids start to bloom on the bank to the Glade.

For our Sunday 19 May Open Day we are delighted that Jane Frederick is showing her **Garden Seekers exhibition**. Jane's artistic lens was focused on six historic gardens in Essex, including Easton Lodge. We will be displaying the relevant history from our archives and Jane's inspirations as well as her art works. It is also our **Nature Day** at the Gardens, and we will be joined again by an expert biologist for pond dipping and other nature activities and stalls for all the family.

The Gardens are also open every Thursday, with our produce stall selling fresh vegetables from the walled kitchen garden – perhaps rhubarb and asparagus?

The Gardens are open from 11.00 and our volunteers provide refreshments. Tickets can be bought in advance for Sundays. There is no charge for children under 16 years old. Visitors can bring picnics and dogs on leads are welcome. For more information about tickets, times, activities and refreshments go to

[www.eastonlodge.co.uk/whats-on](http://www.eastonlodge.co.uk/whats-on)

*Jill Goldsmith,  
March 2024*

**How to find the Gardens of Easton Lodge**

**For SATNAV use postcode: CM6 2BB**

By car: You will find the Gardens of Easton Lodge on Park Road, Little Easton, about 3/4 mile on past Little Easton church.

**The What3Words of the entrance to our car park is [Stocky.Bulletins.Opponent](#)**

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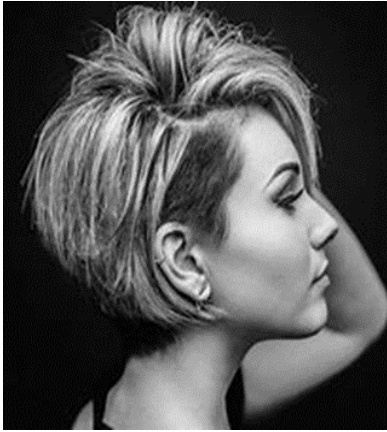
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## **Café Crafting**

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with others.

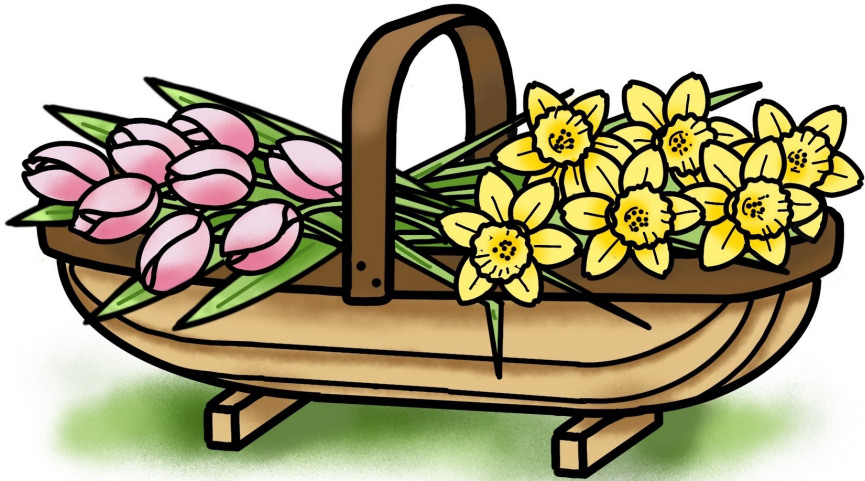
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## Roseacres Primary School

Roseacres Primary School Roseacres, Takeley, Bishop's Stortford. Herts, CM22 6QY. 01279879599

### “Roots to Food”

Recently, pupils in year 4, 5 and 6 had the wonderful opportunity of being chefs for the day. Through our catering provider TCS, a professional chef was commis-

sioned to come into school to work with each class, to prepare and cook a meal. Darren came in all prepared with electric cookers, steamers, ingredients, and other equipment such as knives, chopping boards and chef outfits so that all the pupils were able to immerse themselves in the experience. This year, Darren chose a Greek dish so the children could learn about some unfamiliar foods and dishes from around the world. Each child donned a chef's hat and

apron, then each person was given a job to do. Everyone had a turn at preparing the ingredients and then cooking it. Darren talked to the children about knife and food safety, demonstrating how they to chop safely as well as keep some foods separate. At the end of the session, everyone was invited to have a taste and there was not one morsel left! The children learnt some essential life skills such as how to hold and use a knife correctly, about food groups and healthy eating. The words used to describe the day were 'amazing' and the food 'delicious!'





*Bennet Canfield, Little Canfield, Dunmow, Essex, CM6 1YE*



*Year R and Year 1*

Life at Takeley Primary School has been very busy. At the end of the Spring Term, there was an art competition organised across the three schools of the Learning Partnership Trust: Takeley Primary School, Roseacres Primary School and Hatfield Heath Primary School. The children in all of the schools were encouraged to get creative and to make some art related to spring. The children certainly did get creative! There was embroidery, sculpture, drawings and paintings – so difficult to choose the winners for each year group!

All of the finalists of the Learning Partnership Trust Spring Art Competition proudly showed off their work in the Art Exhibition. It was lovely to see so many families from across the trust celebrating the creativity of the three schools. It was very difficult to choose the finalists and we would like to thank everyone who entered the competition for their amazing creativity and hard work.

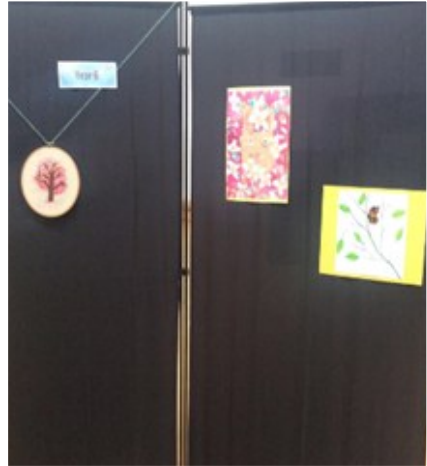


*Year 2 and Year 3*

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Year 4 and Year 5



Year 6

Below are the results, judged by local artist Catherine Baker:

Year R- 1st Takeley, 2nd Hatfield Heath, 3rd Roseacres.

Year 1- 1st Roseacres, 2nd Hatfield Heath, 3rd Takeley.

Year 2- 1st Takeley, 2nd Roseacres, 3rd Hatfield Heath

Year 3- 1st Roseacres, 2nd Hatfield Heath, 3rd Takeley

Year 4- 1st Roseacres, 2nd Hatfield Heath, 3rd Takeley.

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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!

Applications will be considered by a discernment group, which will ask three fundamental questions of any proposed project:

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- How will it promote personal, social, emotional, spiritual or intellectual flourishing?
- What legacy will it have?

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).**



## *“Being With”*

Are you interested in exploring your faith further in a positive and inclusive online group?

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We are running a 'Being With' course on Zoom for a group of up to 10 participants on Thursday evenings 7.30pm-9pm on:

**May** 2<sup>nd</sup>, 9<sup>th</sup>, 23<sup>rd</sup>, 30<sup>th</sup>

**June** 6<sup>th</sup>, 13<sup>th</sup>, 20<sup>th</sup>, 27<sup>th</sup>

**July** 4<sup>th</sup> and 11<sup>th</sup>.

Please e-mail Revd. Helen if you are interested [revhelenstn@gmail.com](mailto:revhelenstn@gmail.com)

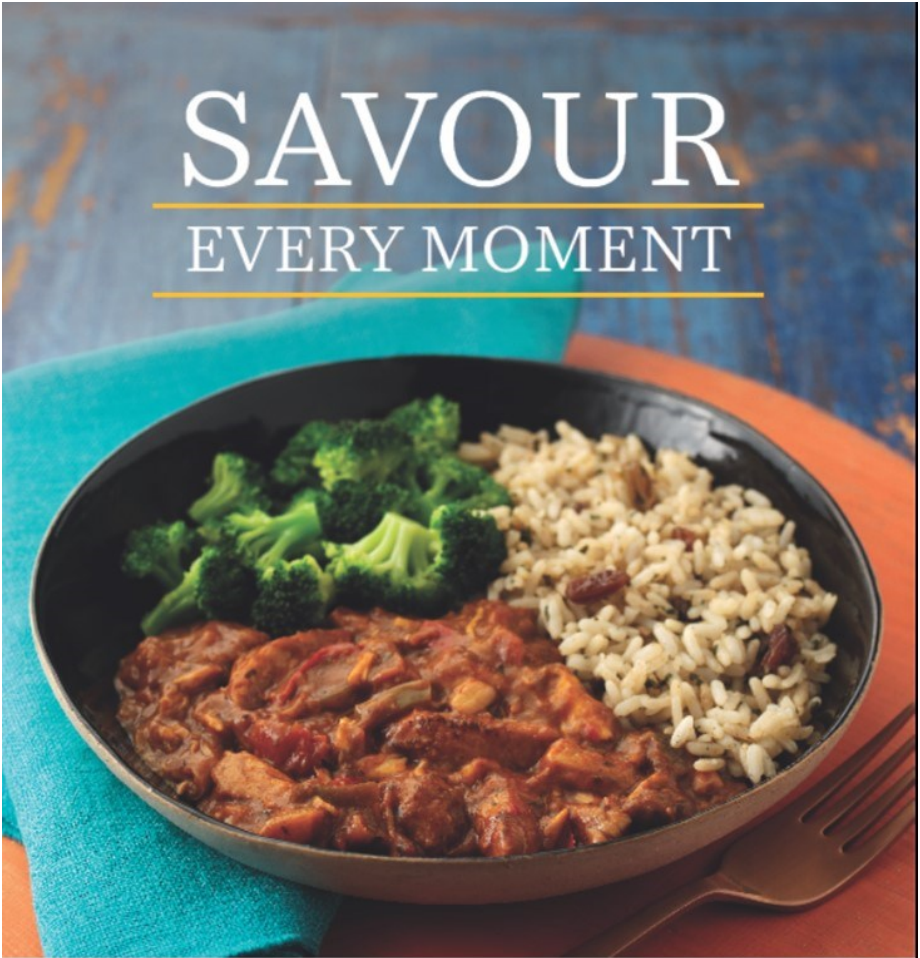


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### "Creating Talliston House & Gardens"

Join John Tarrow for an inspirational journey talking about the twenty-five year transformation that turned the UK's most ordinary house into 'Britain's Most Extraordinary Home' (The Times).

Talliston took the house John could afford (a three-bed semi in Great Dunmow) and built inside all the houses he really wanted to live in. Hear about the project and see the amazing before and after photographs.



Are you new to the area and want to meet local people? Maybe you are looking for a new hobby. Are you also no longer in full-time employment? If so, now is the time to make the most of life in your 'third age'. Dunmow u3a gives you the chance to develop your interests, make new friends and enjoy yourself.

We are part of the UK-wide u3a movement and offer opportunities for members to learn a new skill, expand existing interests and share knowledge with other members in a friendly and informal environment.

Dunmow u3a has almost 40 member-led interest groups from arts to exercise and languages to sports, with indoor games, discussion groups and outdoor activities in between.

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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## Helen Rollason Cancer Charity Donation Days

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.

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



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# Helen Rollason Cancer Charity

## “Ride for Helen” – a charity cycle ride for all ages through the Essex countryside on 12<sup>th</sup> May 2024

Helen Rollason Cancer Charity will again be holding its popular “Ride For Helen” cycle rides through the lovely Essex countryside. Now in its 11<sup>th</sup> year, the event is on Sunday 12<sup>th</sup> May 2024 and registration is open on the charity’s website [here](https://www.helenrollason.org.uk/event/ride-for-helen-essex/).  
<https://www.helenrollason.org.uk/event/ride-for-helen-essex/>



There are six cycling routes to suit all ages and capabilities: 6 miles, 15 miles, 30 miles, 50 miles, 65 miles and an exciting new 100 miles route for keen cyclists. All rides start and end in the grounds of The Crix, in Hatfield Peverel and they will be sign-posted and manned by volunteer marshals. There will be refreshment stops along the way and, in the grounds of The Crix, there will be entertainment, food and drink caterers, as well as first aid and mechanic support.

As well as enjoying a healthy day out in Essex, cyclists will be helping to raise funds to support local people living with cancer. If you don't wish to cycle,



May 2024

you might like to help on the day as a volunteer. Contact the charity's fundraising team on 01245 380719 for information about volunteering.

Zoe Jay, Head of Fundraising said: "Each rider will be supporting those living with cancer. With 1 in 2 of us facing a cancer diagnosis in our lifetime, we are so grateful to everyone that attends events like this either as a participant or a volunteer. We need to ensure that we continue to host successful fundraising events to enable us to be here to offer our vital support in the future".

Chris Dale, Group Managing Director at Vesta, the headline sponsor for the event said:

"Sadly, many of our team and families have been affected by cancer so the Helen Rollason Cancer Charity is both a cause close to our hearts as well as our community. It means a lot to us to be able to do our bit in support and help raise more awareness. We're very proud to be part of it."

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## ***Takeley Ladies' Circle - Upcoming Events***

*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.*

*May 14th A talk on the history of Easton Lodge*

*May 28th Bingo*

*June 11th We play bowls at the Takeley Sports & Social Club*

*June 25th We have a talk about medical detection dogs.*

*July 9th "My life with flowers" - talk and demonstration.*

*New members always welcome to come to the meetings on the above dates at the Old School House, Takeley.*

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## 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.

**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 2pm and every Friday 9am—1pm. The café is in the community centre on Dunmow Road, Takeley, CM22 6SB, What3words: [///sardine.hypnotist.post](https://www.what3words.com/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.

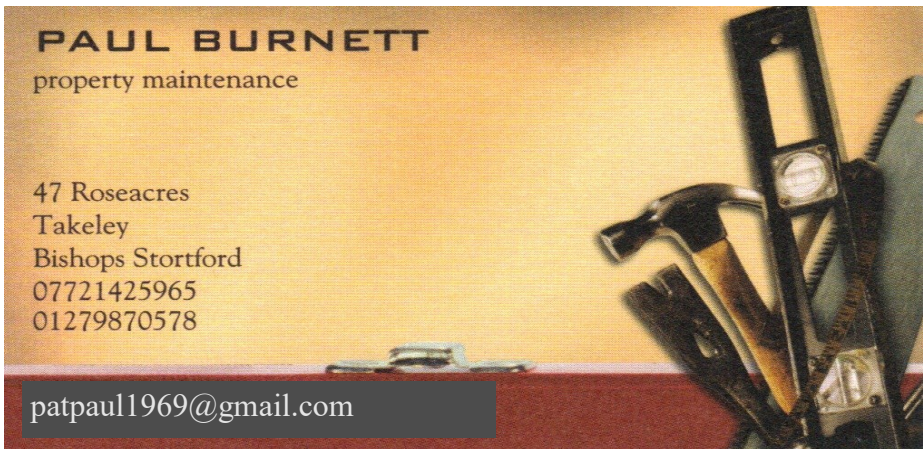
**Saffron Walden Dementia Café** - every Wednesday, 10am - 12 noon at Faircroft House, 37 Audley Road, Saffron Walden CB11 3HD. Call 01799 510525 for details.

**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



## Online Morning Prayer

9:00am on Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday and Saturday

here - <https://us04web.zoom.us/j/459441774>

You shouldn't need the Meeting ID but if you do, it is: 459 441 774

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.

## Meditation 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.

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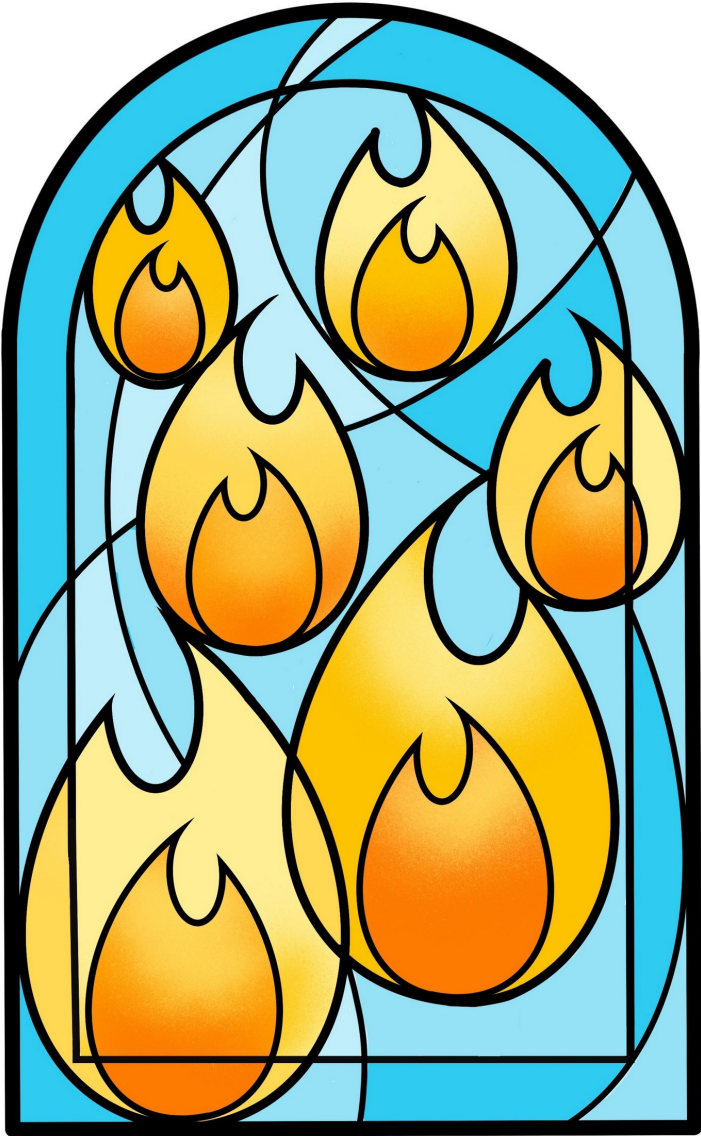
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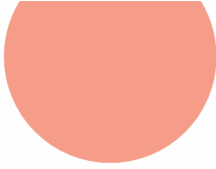
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# Morning Prayer



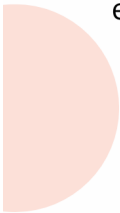
SATURDAY MORNINGS AT 9AM

at Holy Trinity Church, Takeley

except the 1st Saturday of the month when we have

10AM PRAYER SHARE

at All Saints Church, Little Canfield



**Saturday  
11th May  
2024**

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**High Easter Village Hall**

**7.30pm Start  
10.30pm Finish**



## Local Food (& More) Cooperative Ltd



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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)

## 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.

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

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

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Just go to our website: [www.tlchurch.co.uk](http://www.tlchurch.co.uk), where there is a donation link on the homepage.

## **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:

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Account name: TLC Church

Sort Code: 09-01-29

Account number: 16013946

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



## Dates for your Diary from May 2024 onwards

**Saturday 4th May 2024, 10am: Prayer Share at All Saints Church, Little Canfield CM6 1SU**

Saturday 4<sup>th</sup> May, 8:30pm – Musicians & Singing duo “Double or

Nothing” performing rock, pop & country at Takeley Social and Sports Club, CM22 6QJ (behind the Silver Jubilee Hall)

**Sunday 5th May, 9:30am: Family Service at All Saints Church, Little Canfield CM6 1SU**

**Saturday 11th May, 9am: Informal Morning Prayer at Holy Trinity Church, Takeley CM22 6QL**

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 11<sup>th</sup> May, 8:30pm - Musicians & Singing duo “Retro” performing the Rockier side of Pop at Takeley Social and Sports Club, CM22 6QJ (behind the Silver Jubilee Hall)

**Sunday 12th May, 9:30am, Holy Communion at Holy Trinity Church, Takeley CM22 6QL**



Sunday 12<sup>th</sup> May 2024 , all day: Helen Rollason Cancer Charity “Ride For Helen” cycle ride. Choice of routes of different lengths, starting and ending at The Crix, Hatfield Peverel. Register at the charity’s website [here](https://www.helenrollason.org.uk/event/ride-for-helen-essex/). <https://www.helenrollason.org.uk/event/ride-for-helen-essex/>

Tuesday 14th May, 2-4pm, Takeley Ladies Circle talk on the history of Easton Lodge at the Old School Community Centre, Takeley, CM22 6SB

Saturday 18th May, 9:30 am: Deanery Walk for May. Meet at 09:30a.m. at St Mary the Virgin, Church Lane, Birchanger, CM23 5QH. Parking at Church hall opposite (There will be no service of Informal Morning Prayer in Holy Trinity that morning.)

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

Saturday 18<sup>th</sup> May, 8:30pm – Singer Sam Knight performing Swing, Soul, Motown, Pop and Rock 'n' Roll at Takeley Social and Sports Club, CM22 6QJ (behind the Silver Jubilee Hall)

## 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 4th May 2024.**



**Sunday 19th May, 9:30am: Holy Communion at All Saints Church, Little Canfield CM6 1SU**

Sunday 19th May 11am—5pm May Open Day at the Gardens of Easton Lodge CM6 2BB, featuring Jane Frederick’s “Garden Seekers” art exhibition, Nature Trail & pond dipping. Essex Bat Group will be there to talk about bats in the Gardens.

Sunday 19th May, 3-5pm Takeley Fundraisers Charity Afternoon Tea at the Silver Jubilee Hall Takeley CM22 6QJ in aid of Hummingbird Cancer Support. Singer Louise Masters. To book tickets contact Anne on 07701 001678.

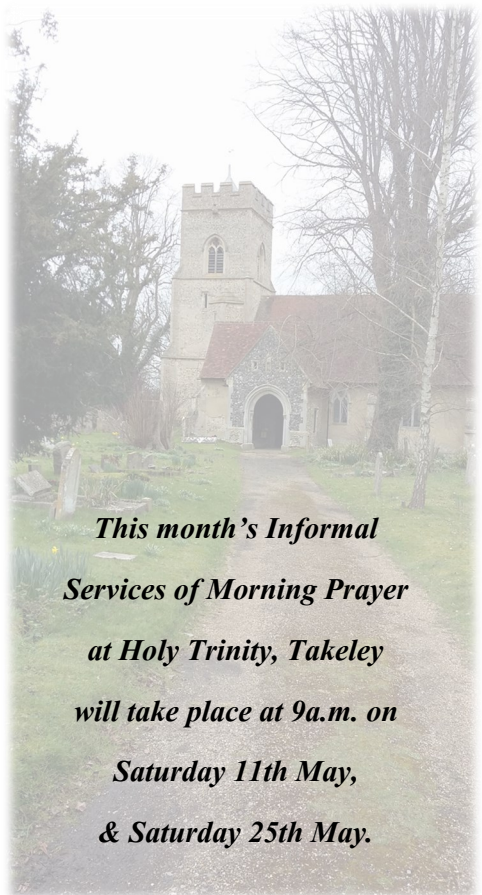
Wednesday May 22nd 2024 - Rodings Friendship Club: Day Trip - Sussex & Ashdown Forest Tour.

**Saturday 25th May, 9am: Informal Morning Prayer at Holy Trinity Church, Takeley CM22 6QL**

**Saturday 25th May, 2–5pm, Heritage Day at Holy Trinity Church, Takeley, CM22 6QL**

Saturday 25<sup>th</sup> May, 8:30pm – Singer and guitarist Bob Whiting with hits from the 50’s, 60’s and more, performing at Takeley Social and Sports Club, CM22 6QJ (behind the Silver Jubilee Hall)

**Sunday 26th May, 9:30am, Service of Morning Prayer at Holy Trinity Church, Takeley CM22**



*This month’s Informal Services of Morning Prayer at Holy Trinity, Takeley will take place at 9a.m. on Saturday 11th May, & Saturday 25th May.*







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### 6QL

Tuesday 28th May, 2-4pm,  
Takeley Ladies Circle Bingo at  
the Old School Community  
Centre, CM22 6SB

Wednesday 29th May, 1:30pm  
for 2pm start: Dunmow u3a  
present "Creating Talliston  
House" - talk at Foakes Hall,  
Great Dunmow CM6 1DG

*Looking further ahead...*

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.

Tuesday 11th June, 2-4pm,  
Takeley Ladies Circle, bowling at the Old School Community Centre, CM22  
6SB

### Saturday 15th June, 9:30 am: Deanery Walk from Broxted Church.

Saturday 15th June, 10am—12 noon Takeley Fundraisers' Coffee  
Morning at Takeley Social & Sports Club Brewers End, Takeley, CM22  
6QJ (Behind the Silver Jubilee Hall). Cakes, bric-a-brac, raffle.

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

**Saturday 22nd June 2024 and Sunday 23rd June 2024—Art Exhibi-  
tion, All Saints Church, Little Canfield CM6 1SU**



Sunday 23rd June, 12—5pm, Takeley and Canfield Open Gardens organised by Rotary in Takeley. Contact [verseyjennifer@gmail.com](mailto:verseyjennifer@gmail.com) or phone 07984 619348 for further information.

Tuesday 25th June, 2—4pm, Takeley Ladies' Circle, talk about Medical Detection Dogs at the Old School Community Centre CM22 6SB

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

Tuesday 9th July, 2-4pm, Takeley Ladies' Circle, "My Life with Flowers" talk and demonstration at the Old School Community Centre CM22 6SB

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.

Sunday 14th July 12 for 12:30pm Takeley Fundraisers Charity Lunch with Speaker in aid of Essex & Herts Air Ambulance at Silver Jubilee Hall CM22 6QJ. To book tickets contact Anne on 07701 001678

**Saturday 20th July, 9:30 am: Deanery Walk from Beauchamp Roding Church.**

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



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

**Saturday 17th August, 9:30 am: Deanery Walk from Stebbing Church.**

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.



*First Light of Easter Morn at Holy Trinity, Takeley, 31st March 2024*

**Saturday 21st September, 9:30 am: Deanery Walk from Great Salving Church.**

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, 9:30 am: Deanery Walk from ALL SAINTS CHURCH, LITTLE CANFIELD**

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

**Sunday 20th October, 4:30pm: Deanery Service at High Easter Church**

Sunday 20th October 12.00pm for 12.30pm - Takeley Fundraisers Charity Soup and Pud Lunch at the Silver Jubilee Hall, Takeley, CM22 6QJ Charity to be announced. Singer Louise Masters . To book tickets contact Anne on 07701 001678.

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.



Saturday 30<sup>th</sup> November - Takeley Christmas Fair at the Silver Jubilee Hall, Takeley CM22 6QJ. Takeley Fundraisers will be running the kitchen, card tombola and cake raffle.

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

Saturday 7th December, 10am—12 noon: Takeley Fundraisers' Coffee Morning at Takeley Social & Sports Club Brewers End, Takeley, CM22 6QJ (Behind the Silver Jubilee Hall). Cakes, bric-a-brac, raffle.

Sunday 15th December 2024, Rodings Showtime trip to Cliff's Pavilion to see the 5pm performance of the pantomime "Jack and the Beanstalk". (Note the change in the panto from "Beauty and the Beast" as previously advertised.)

Saturday 25<sup>th</sup> January 2025, 7.00pm for 7.30pm: Takeley Fundraisers Quiz Night at the Silver Jubilee Hall, Takeley CM22 6QJ. To book a table contact Anne on 07701 001678



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## 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 9:30 a.m. (note later start time than previously) 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. The

Deanery Walks for 2024 are listed on the next few pages.



## Dunmow and Stansted Deanery Walks 2024

DATE of Deanery Walk:	CHURCH	CONTACT
18 <sup>th</sup> May	St Mary the Virgin, Church Lane, Birchanger, CM23 5QH Parking at Church Hall opposite	PAM LEE <a href="mailto:pam.mark2@btinternet.com">pam.mark2@btinternet.com</a>  Tel: 07702 171744
15 <sup>th</sup> June	Broxted	HUGH MASCETTI <a href="mailto:h Mascetti@aol.com">h Mascetti@aol.com</a>  Tel: 07940 791446
20 <sup>th</sup> July	Beauchamp Roding	ROBERT PARMENTER <a href="mailto:r.p.parmenter@btinternet.com">r.p.parmenter@btinternet.com</a>  Tel: 01279 876219
17 <sup>th</sup> August	Stebbing	CLARE KANHARN <a href="mailto:Clare.kanharn@btinternet.com">Clare.kanharn@btinternet.com</a>  01371 856222
21 <sup>st</sup> September	Great Saling	LYDIA BUCKNELL <a href="mailto:lydia.bucknell@btinternet.com">lydia.bucknell@btinternet.com</a>
19 <sup>th</sup> October	Little Canfield	FLO GOWLETT <a href="mailto:sueblatches@outlook.com">sueblatches@outlook.com</a>  Tel: 07773 910080
Deanery Service 20 <sup>th</sup> October at 4.30pm	High Easter	ALLISON WARD <a href="mailto:admin@regc.org.uk">admin@regc.org.uk</a>  Tel: 07960 796346



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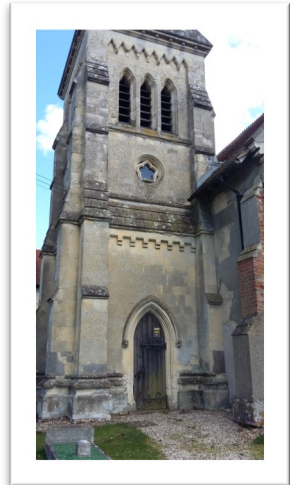
**Holy Trinity Church, Takeley** is situated at the end of Church Lane, turning north off the B1256 just west of Takeley village. Postcode:



**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



For enquiries about baptisms, weddings, funerals, visits, church groups & activities, please contact our **Church Administrator, Lisa Chambers**, at:  
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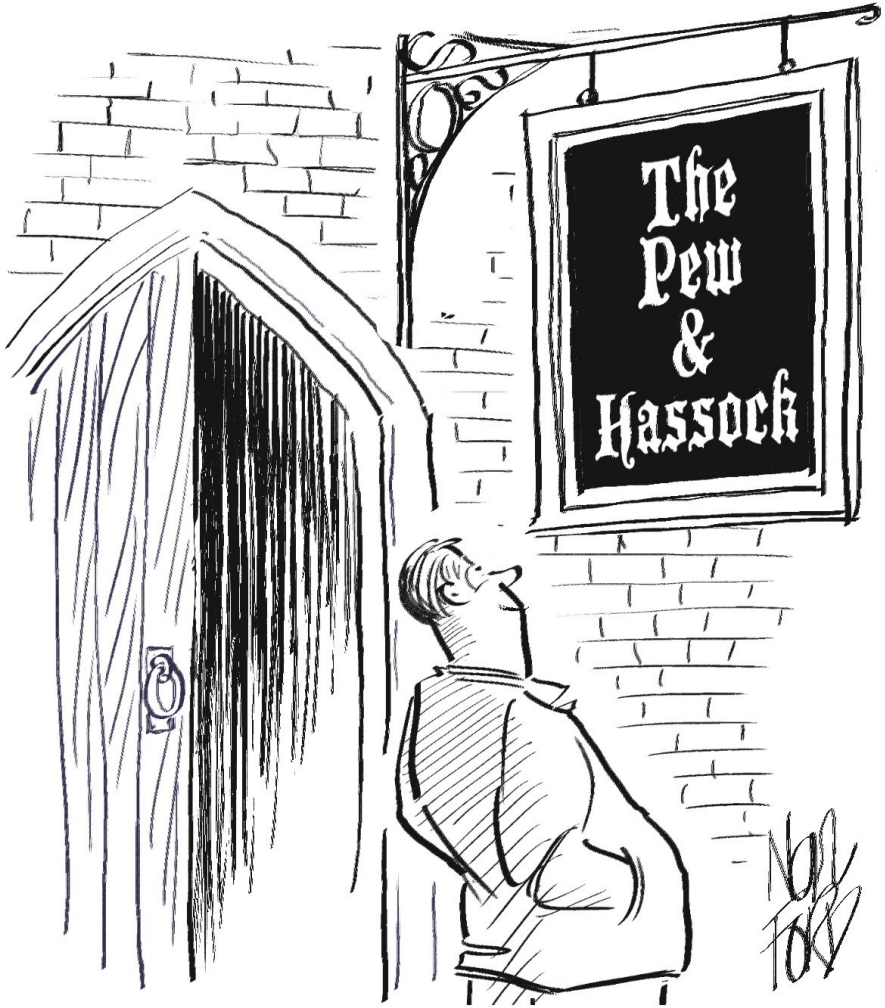
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### CHURCHWARDENS:

For Holy Trinity, Takeley: William Sadler 01279 873409  
For All Saints, Little Canfield: David Daykin 01279 870 743



Changing the name from 'St Mark's Parish Church', resulted in a big increase in the number of men attending services