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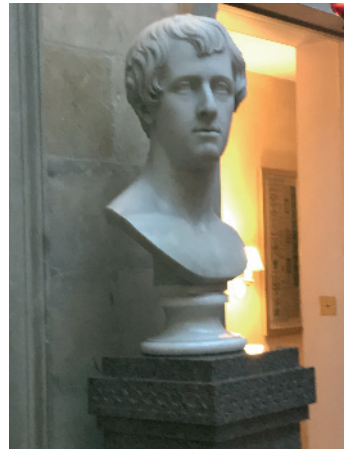
We are still managing to keep our services going during this difficult period of Interregnum. There are a few changes for March so please make sure that you check the Calendar.

On March 1st there is no 8am Holy Communion as there is a Benefice Holy Communion at Wormingford at 11am led by the Archdeacon of Colchester, the Venerable Ruth Patten. There will be no service here at that time, but we shall have Evensong at 6.30pm as usual. It would be good if as many as possible can attend the service at Wormingford. It may be that the Archdeacon will be able to give us some idea about what the future holds.

ARCHDEACON JAMES RIDGE.

As most of you know our friend James has offered to take our third Sunday evening services which are followed by a shortened Holy Communion. I am writing this after he had come in January and we were all so pleased to see him. He told us a little about new roles in the Prison Service.

In the week after he came John and I had lunch with Henry and Linda Heath. Henry was our vicar last but one and he is still working very hard at Long Melford despite having retired three times already. He lives quite near to James and has him to preach at Long Melford on several occasions. Anyway, Henry said he and Linda had visited Castle Howard and taken a photo of a sculpture which they thought looked just like James so I asked him to send it to me. Here it is. What do you think?



SUNDAY FEBRUARY 9th

I am writing this as, in all of my long association with our church, very few services have been cancelled because of bad weather. I remember struggling through snow and getting stuck near to Malting Farm. Duncan kindly pulled us out. We did not go home that day, we stayed with John and Pat Jones for the night, and I had to phone a neighbour to turn off my oven and feed the cats.

However, with Storm Ciara forecast, and each bulletin warning people to stay in

the Sunday services. The thought of any of our, mostly older, congregation, (including John and me) driving through the tree-lined and flooded lanes was more that I could contemplate. I did try to contact everyone that I could think of, either by phone or email – sometimes both. I hope no one turned out and was disappointed.

The following week Storm Dennis reared its head, but we managed to carry on as usual despite several of us having to change routes to avoid the flooding.

Everywhere in the world is having such very strange weather so I don't expect it will be the last time that we will have to cancel a service.

In the evening we decided to have a full Holy Communion service instead of Evensong followed by a short Holy Communion. It was a lovely service and James' sermon, based on the gospel reading from St Matthew 6, verses 25 – 34 was so appreciated that I asked him if he would let me have a copy to put in the magazine. You can read it on Pages 11, 12 & 13.

SAD NEWS

In the past couple of few weeks the village lost two very well-known people. Firstly, Barry Smyth died after years of ill health. Knowing that Barry's parents were buried in the churchyard I told Barry's son that I would try to get his plot nearby. However, there was no trace of a headstone or any mention on our churchyard plan. I mentioned it to David Worth who did a little sleuthing and found the stone buried under soil and grass and cleaned it up. I was very grateful to David for this.

Barry's service was attended by over 120 people which was a tribute to the high regard in which he was held by many people. Margaret Thomas kindly agreed to write about him and you can find her report on page ?

Roger Drury died suddenly a couple of week later. He did a huge amount in the village and will be so greatly missed. His funeral will not be until after this magazine goes to print so more will be written about Roger in the April issue.

Please remember the families Barry and Roger in your prayers.

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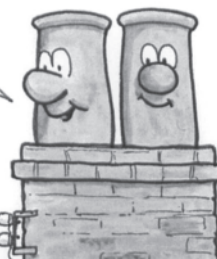
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	15	Lent - No flowers
	22	Lent - No flowers
	29	Lent - No flowers
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John's Journal

The view from the Vicar's study

~ from March 2017~

Charity begins at home

Oh yes, I truly believe that – but in its original meaning! You see, charity is quite an old word, which like many others in our language has changed its meaning over the centuries. It's all about our true nature, deep inside (character) becoming our outgoing, attractive nature (charisma) showing everyone that we really do care – it's a matter of loving deeply from the very heart of our being (cardiac!).

Let me put it another way – love begins with you. And me. You've heard of the Biblical phrase 'faith, hope & charity'? Well, more modern translations go back to the original meaning. 'Now, these three remain – faith, hope and love, and the greatest of these is love' (1 Corinthians 13:13).

March is an interesting month for showing the depth of that love. Firstly, Lent begins on 1st March, and we often talk of giving things up for Lent. Notice how not doing something is described as *giving* things up, not storing things up! Being charitable (loving to others in many ways, including being generous with money) is a wonderful Lenten discipline, and what better way to respond to God's sacrificial love for us than by developing and living out our loving nature in the community.

Secondly, March 22nd is Mothering Sunday, and there are many traditions surrounding the day. For instance, when people had moved away from home, this was the day they went back to their mother village, and to their mother Church. When girls were away from home in service, as maids or cooks in a large house, they were allowed to go back to their mothers on this day. In the early days of the industrial revolution, young workers had a rare Sunday off to go home, and they picked flowers from the roadside to take to their mothers – the source of their love. The mother Church helped by giving flowers to the children to present to their mums – and we still do!

So why not continue the old tradition – come to Mother Church on Mothering Sunday, honour mothers and all who have sustained us over the years, and show our loving, charitable nature as a matter of course. Yes, charity (love) ‘begins’ at home, not ends there; where love is shared, opportunities are endless!

Yours in Jesus

John



The Special Prayer (The Collect) for Mothering Sunday

Mothering Sunday is a day to focus on love – of mothers, and of the Lord Jesus, whose love for us was so strong that he sacrificed his life for us on the cross.



From that cross, with loving arms outstretched, he looked down to see his distraught mother and placed her into the care of St. John, who also knew the power of Jesus’ love to heal people, situations and communities. And so we pray:

God of compassion,
whose Son Jesus Christ, the child of Mary,
shared the life of a home in Nazareth,
and on the cross drew the whole human family to
himself:

strengthen us in our daily living
that in joy and in sorrow
we may know the power of your presence
to bind together and to heal;
through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord,
who is alive and reigns with you,
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
one God, now and for ever.

Sudoku

Enter a number from 1 to 9 in each square starting from the numbers given in some square. Each row, column, and region must contain only one instance of each numeral.

Easy

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Hard

Solution on page 13

Donations 2015/19

It is worth reporting details of Donations the Church has made over the last five years. Not many small congregations like ours are able to support charities to this level.

Donations

Local Charities:

Beacon House Ministries	1,000	
Age Concern Colchester	2,000	
Headway Essex	1,500	
St Helena Hospice	1,500	
Colchester Mayor's Charities	360	
Samaritans	1,000	
Little Horkesley Village Hall	3,252	
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Home Missions and other Church

Societies:

The Children's Society	1,225	
Essex Clergy Charity Corporation	1,410	
	<hr/>	2,635

National Charities:

The Brain Tumour Charity	250	
The Royal British Legion	1,825	
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Overseas Missions:

Crosslinks - (in support of Sena and Jane Ounate-Lara in Caen, N. France)	6,000	
Mulanjie Mission Hospital, Malawi	2,000	
Faith in Action, Malawi	2,770	
Christian Aid	200	
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		26,292

John Sparkes

Treasurer

Sermon delivered by James Ridge on February 16th .

I wonder if you are a worrier?

I must say that I tend not to be - it's so rarely that I find a fault that I haven't got that I feel the need to tell people about it when I discover one. Although I don't think it's necessarily a virtue – merely a lack of imagination about what could go wrong.

But I often find myself surrounded by worriers. My team at work quite often present me with their worries on a long list of topics.

I've often said that my wife worries when she hasn't got anything to worry about. She's one of those people who, just as the plane is leaving the tarmac at the beginning of a fortnight's holiday, will lean across and say "Did you lock the front door?"

One of my all-time favourite comedians is the late Victoria Wood, who once admitted the she herself was a bit of a worrier:

"Everything's getting on top of me," she once said, "I've got a self-cleaning oven – I have to get up in the night to see if it's doing it.

"I worry about the ice caps melting. Some tropical islands are going to be submerged altogether. As it is, where we live, we stand to lose a bit of privet and a bird table. People tell me worry beads are good. Suppose they break and somebody trips on them?"

But Jesus is speaking to me, just as much as to anyone with a long list of worries in this particular passage, because it's not so much a question of worry, but rather a question of priorities.

I'm sorry, but it's time for another Greek lesson! The Greek word used in this passage is μεριμνᾶτε, literally "to get carried away with".

It's easy for us to imagine that Jesus' instruction not to worry is in fact telling us not to care, but that couldn't be further from the truth. We're meant to care and to care very deeply. When we encounter injustice, poverty, cruelty and suffering – we should care. When we encounter hatred, prejudice, abuse and oppression we should care very much – enough to try our hardest to do something about it, even if it seems like we haven't got much to offer.

Jesus' instruction not to worry is not some divine "Get out of jail free" card which gets us off the hook and enables us to float through life without being concerned about our fellow human beings and their welfare. It's no good simply saying "I'm not supposed to be worrying about anything" and walk by on the other side.

As Christians we have a certain degree of responsibility for the future of God's Church, and we're meant to care about it. To do our best to make sure that

that each generation afresh has the opportunity to hear the story of God's great love for them. To experience the beauty of our buildings and the wonder of our sacred music, and through this to come into a living relationship with our heavenly father.

We're supposed to care about these things which are important to us and important to God.

The fact that we are told that we should not worry about food and clothing is interesting. Especially since the first people to hear Jesus speaking these words were in a place where people regularly went without food and clothing, in a society where poverty was a daily reality. And we hear them now in a world where for over half the population that is still the case. I don't consider myself to be wealthy, but I do have a choice of shirts when I open my wardrobe in the morning and a choice of food when I open my fridge at lunchtime – riches beyond the wildest dreams of much of the world's population.

Is Jesus telling us not to be concerned about those who do not have enough to eat or clothes to wear? Of course not. We should be as concerned as if we ourselves were in that situation.

But we shouldn't naturally assume that it's a bad thing to have material wealth either. God calls us all to different situations and some are called to have

material wealth and as such are entrusted with great responsibility, to be good stewards of what God has given them, and to make sure that it is used for the benefit of others. To have wealth and to look after it for God and to use it to his glory is a difficult calling.

But in all of this the key thing is a question of priorities. We cannot allow ourselves to be carried away with all of this – whether it is the state of our world, the welfare of others, the future of our Church, either internationally, nationally or locally, our own wealth or lack of it because we have another priority:

“But strive first for the Kingdom of God and his righteousness”

That's what we should be getting carried away with. That should be the thing which is foremost in our thoughts. To strive first for this, to put it above all other things.

But what does that actually mean? How do we strive first for the Kingdom of God and his righteousness?

Well I would suggest three things:

- 1) To pray. The older I get the more I see the value of prayer. And I don't just mean presenting God with a shopping list. But instead actually taking time to seek the will of God, to listen to what he has to say about our situation. Prayer is not about

telling God what we want him to do, but instead trying to align our wills with his, in order that together we may achieve his plans which are better than we can possibly imagine.

2) Second is to act. Action is a natural consequence of prayer. God calls us to be a praying people and a people of action. Whether it is to share the good news of his love with others in words or in practical deeds, we are called upon to act in God's name as a result of our Christian faith.

3) Finally is to be generous with what we have. To give is at the heart of our Christian Faith. To give to charity and to give to the Church, to give generously, sacrificially and in trust that we won't miss what we have given away, but rather that it will come back to us in an abundance of blessings from God.

And of course all this is very well, but what about all the other stuff? It's all

very well you might say, concentrating on being a faithful Christian, but I've got a mortgage to pay, a family to feed, a business to run and a hundred and one other things to sort out.

But here's the thing, there's a wonderful second part to the command: "Strive first for the kingdom of God and his righteousness, and all these things will be given to you as well."

God will not forget our needs, or the needs of his Church. He is faithful to us if we can be faithful to him and strive for his kingdom in our prayer, our action and our giving.

We might well feel that we've got all three of those areas sorted and we've got some time to spare to be concerned about the other stuff, but if not, don't worry.

Sudoku

Solutions - how did you do?

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Easy

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BARRY SMYTHE 1946 - 2020

Barry was a Little Horkesley man through and through. He was born, and lived all his life, in the village, predominantly in Water Lane and latterly in School Lane. His family had connections here, working at Lower Dairy Farm and as gardeners at the Hall.

Barry had two main careers. The first was as a lorry-driver, working for several companies driving the length and breadth of the country, as well as overseas in Europe. He could tell you how to get to most places in England and the routes he used to take. When he gave up long-distance lorry-driving, he started a second career as a gardener for the Ramsey's at old Joscelyns, as well as working for the Duthy's at new Joscelyns, along with many other local people. These careers fitted well with two of his main interests: machines and engines, especially lawnmowers, which he collected; and the land. He loved Little Horkesley and knew the countryside intimately; he could recall all the old field names and would happily reminisce about his childhood and the old country way of life.

Barry knew many people in the village, often popping round for a cup of tea, opening the door with a shout 'anyone home?'. He would always offer to lend a hand and would do anything for anyone. If there was an emergency or a problem you couldn't fix, you always knew that Barry was at the end of the phone and would come round as soon as he could, regardless of his own plans. He could turn his hand to a plethora of things - whether mending machinery, growing unusual vegetables, cutting down trees, mowing lawns, hedge-cutting, laying brick and cobble paths, or making wooden bird whirligigs as he had done more recently!

Barry was an exceptionally kind, honest, hard-working, humble man, who loved his quoits, his machines, his plants (often giving friends spares he'd grown too many of) and his family and friends. He was devoted to his brother Michael and took enormous pleasure from his visits to his son Andy and grandson Dylan in London and the outings they went on.

Even when his health deteriorated in recent years with heart and kidney problems, he was always cheerful and positive, remaining sanguine about setbacks. He continued to work as much as he could, often pushing himself a bit too far to get a job done. He was diagnosed with cancer of the bladder at the end of December 2018 and died peacefully on January 13th 2020 with Andy by his side.

Barry was Little Horkesley and his death will leave a huge gap. As the packed church at his funeral testifies, he was very well-loved and will be sorely missed. Little Horkesley is a poorer place without him.



PCC MEETING ON JANUARY 28th 2020

The Parochial Church Council met at Holts on January 28th, 2020 by kind permission of Mr and Mrs Orme.

Christopher Orme reported on progress following the Quinquennial Inspection and said that quotations had been received which included work that was probably not essential. He now planned to get a reduced scope of work, which would meet the needs of the Quinquennial Inspection, and he will approach Kevin Pilgrim of Bures to see if he can do this work. On other matters he said that he had reviewed the number of plots available in the Graveyard and that there were probably over 100 which would meet the needs of the Village for the next 50 years!

Meriel Sparkes said that she was under great pressure as a result of the Interregnum and that we would not be able to retain all our services in the future. Evensong remains very popular and will not be affected and there will be a 6.30 p.m. service every Sunday evening. Morning services are less well attended and will be reduced with BCP Matins only on the second Sunday in the month. There will be 8.00am Communion on the first Sunday and Parish Communion at 11.00 a.m. on the fourth Sunday. The new schedule will come into effect from May and will be widely publicised. She also noted with great regret that Christopher Orme had given notice that he did not intend to stand again as Church Warden and that there was an urgent need to find someone from the Village to take his place.

John Sparkes as Treasurer presented his draft accounts for the Year ended December 31st 2019. He said that the Finances of the Church remained healthy with net income being slightly better than the previous year. Income from planned giving had been better than 2018. Performance of Investment Funds had been exceptional, and these had shown an increase of over 18% in the year. He recommended that donations should be made to local Charities of £2000 which was approved by the meeting and said that Little Horkesley was one of the few parishes in the Diocese to make such donations. He explained how the Diocese calculated the Family Purse for the Parish and said that this could increase from the current level of £18,700 pa to £26,000 pa in the future. He said that he still intended to stand down as Treasurer at the APCM and was still looking for a volunteer to take on the role. He said that the role was not as difficult as it might appear. Members of the PCC were unanimous in expressing their huge gratitude for the work he had done over the past 38 years as Treasurer.

Meriel Sparkes said that there had been an exchange of letters with the Bishop concerning the Interregnum and she felt that the Vision Plan for the MMU would determine the final outcome and that they would probably appoint a House-for-Duty priest who would be located in the centre of the rural part of the MMU. The Benefice is due to reply to the latest letter from the Bishop but she said that we will have to become more and more self-sufficient as a Parish.

The next meeting of the PCC takes place on April 21st after the APCM which all members of the Village and Church Electoral Roll are encouraged to attend.

Will Pavry
Secretary of the PCC



When do the clocks change in 2020? Date clocks go forward and British Summer time begins

Written by Serena Sandhu - i-News

These days phones and other electrical devices will update automatically when the clocks change, but some people will still be caught out.

It happens every year, but inevitably some people are still caught unawares by the inescapable fact that the clocks change in the spring and autumn.

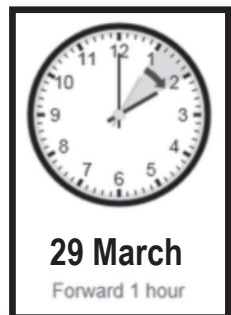
Thankfully, these days your smartphone will update of its own volition – but when the day comes you'll still have to go around the house adjusting any retro analogue timepieces you still have.

Throughout the winter we've been using bog-standard Greenwich Mean Time (GMT), which means next time the clocks change they will go forward, plunging us into British Summer Time (BST).

Sadly, when the big day night comes we'll have an hour less in bed – so here's when it's happening, and why the whole process of the clocks changing exists.

When do the clocks go forward again?

The clocks always go forward at 1.00am on the final Sunday of March – this year, that falls on Sunday 29 March.



It happens on a weekend, in the middle of the night, to ensure that there is limited disruption for schools and businesses.

Switching to BST, or Daylight Saving Time (DST), means we get more daylight in the evening but, as mentioned, your Sunday lie-in is cut slightly short.

When do the clocks go back?

Last year, the clocks turned back at 2.00am on 27 October 2019 to set us back to GMT.

Just like in spring, the autumn switch comes on a set date, the final Sunday of October – this means that BST will come to an end this year on Sunday 25 October, at the same time.

This gives us an extra precious hour of daylight in the dark autumn and winter months, with the added bonus of an extra hour in bed on the Sunday morning when the clocks change.

Why do we bother changing the clocks?

Initially it was rolled out to save energy and get people outside. Why waste electricity when there is perfectly good daylight to be used?

The campaign for British Summer Time came about at the beginning of the 20th century. Moving the clocks forward in the summer months would give us darker mornings but lighter, longer evenings.

The idea was proposed in Britain by builder William Willett, says Dr Richard Dunn, senior curator for the History of Science at the Royal Observatory Greenwich.

Willett was "incensed at the 'waste' of useful daylight during the summer. Though the sun had been up for hours as he rode his horse through Chislehurst and Petts Wood, people were still asleep in bed".

British Summer Time was adopted in Britain in 1916 to save fuel and money.

Since then, Britain toyed with moving the clocks a number of times, including bringing them forward two hours ahead of GMT during the Second World War. They were also brought forward for periods in the spring of 1947, in line with fuel shortages.

There was an experiment, between 1968 and 1971, which kept clocks one hour ahead of GMT all year round.

Britain then reverted to our now familiar system of GMT in the winter and summer time in between March and October.

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Sidesmen & Readers : March 2020

Sunday	Sidesmen	Readers	Readings
1st March			
Morning	NO MORNING SERVICE		
Evening	John Sparkes Sue Carbutt	Meriel Sparkes Sue Carbutt	Romans 5: 12-19 Matthew 4: 1-11
8th March			
Morning	FAMILY COMMUNION Will Pavry John Sparkes	Christopher Orme John Sparkes	Romans 4: 1-5; 13-17 John 3: 1-17
Evening	Ann Garnett Nick Hillyard	Ann Garnett Nick Hillyard	Romans 4: 1-5; 13-17 John 3: 1-17
	<i>Intercessor: Brian Lord</i>		
15th March			
Morning	Brian Lord Vicky Minet	Graham Soar Vicky Minet	Romans 5: 1-11 John 4: 5-42
Evening	Margaret Thomas Harold Thomas	Margaret Thomas Harold Thomas	Romans 5: 1-11 John 4: 5-42
22nd March			
Morning	MOTHERING SUNDAY FAMILY SERVICE Christopher Orme John Sparkes	TBA	
Evening	Margaret Thomas Harold Thomas	Margaret Thomas Harold Thomas	Ephesians 5: 8-14 John 9
	<i>Intercessor: Margaret Thomas</i>		
29th March			
Morning	BENEFACT COMMUNION John Sparkes Mary Perrins	Christopher Orme John Sparkes	Romans 8: 6-11 John 11: 1-45
Evening	Nick Hillyard Ann Garnett	Nick Hillyard Ann Garnett	Romans 8: 6-11 John 11: 1-45
5th April			
Morning	Vicky Minet Will Pavry	Vicky Minet Will Pavry	Philippians 2: 5-11 Matthew 21: 1-11
Evening	Sue Carbutt John Sparkes	Sue Carbutt Brenda Green	Philippians 2: 5-11 Matthew 21: 1-11

A stray called Olly

It was more than six years ago that we first saw a little black cat by the patio doors to our garden. *She* was young, maybe only about 6-9 months old, small, very thin and very hungry.

We love cats in our household and with two cats of our own at that time we had plenty of cat food and fed *her* as much as *she* wanted. We call her Olivia. She was very timid but seemed so bedraggled and hungry that *she* kept coming back for more. And as *she* grew it soon became obvious that *she* was an Olly and not an Olivia!

Over the years we had no idea where Olly went when he wasn't hanging around our house and garden and quite often, he came to us in the mornings with nasty wounds about his face and body. Last year I noticed his face looked particularly scratched and he was limping so I took advantage of the little bit of trust that he'd shown me and coaxed him into a cat cage and whisked him off to the vet to be neutered and chipped*. He hasn't been in any fights, that I know of, since! And he is now officially my cat.

We had tried unsuccessfully on numerous occasions over the years, especially around autumn and winter, to get his to come into the house but he was always too nervous. However, last summer Olly took up semi-permanent residence in our summer house at the top of the garden. He'd found a comfy cushion on a wicker chair that he liked, and he stayed. It did mean leaving the summer house open all winter but if he was happy to stay there then it was a small price to pay.

After Christmas I noticed that more cat food was being eaten overnight than usual. We now have four cats but still, I knew this was unusual. Then one night I went to make a cup of tea and saw Olly eating from a cat bowl in the kitchen, he got spooked when he saw me and quickly ran out through the cat flap. Since then, Olly used the cat flap frequently. He gradually got more bold and I am delighted to say that two months ago he has decided to stay with us permanently. He is still a little skittish but he sleeps on a living-room armchair, gets on my lap at night for cuddles and is an all-round wonderful, loving cat with loud, almost permanent purr.

Not all of our four female cats appreciate the dashing good looks and lovability of our darling Olly but they are used having him around now and I am so happy that I don't have to worry about where he is sleeping and if he is warm enough although sometimes he takes himself off to the summer house for a snooze; probably getting away from all the feline drama in the house. 😊

This poem that was sent to me by Meriel reminded me so much of Olly, even though it took Olly years to finally decide to stay with us.

On Monday he said that a crumb would do.
On Tuesday he asked me to make it two.
On Wednesday he said he's prefer to have fish
And not in the paper, he'd rather a dish.
On Thursday he said it was cold out there
And what about letting him sleep on a chair
By Friday he'd made it perfectly clear
That, lucky old me, he was going to live HERE!
On Saturday night he took half my bed
And woke me up early to get himself fed.
Today we'll share chicken because it's Sunday
I wonder what he'd like on Monday?

*** Tending Feral Cat Rescue** were unbelievably helpful last year when I was worried about Olly's condition and sleeping arrangements. Their advice, from how to catch him to how to coax him into the house was spot-on. They arranged to have Olly neutered for free and to have him stay over-night at Colne Valley vets because the weather that night was freezing. Amazing!



All-black cats are notoriously difficult to capture in a snap so I have lightened up the photos significantly so you can see his darling face.



Church Calendar: March 2020



29 March

Forward 1 hour

March 1st Lent 1

NO 8.00am HOLY COMMUNION

11.00 am Benefice Communion at Wormingford
 Led by Archdeacon Ruth (no 11am Service here)

6.30 pm Evening Service

March 8th Lent 2

11.00 am Family Communion (Change from normal pattern)

6.30 pm Evening Service

March 14th

10am to 11am Community Coffee Morning at Village Hall

March 15th Lent 3

11.00 am Morning Service

6.30 pm Evening Service

7.30 am Holy Communion

March 22nd Mothering Service

11.00 am Informal Morning Service

6.30 pm Evening Service



March 29th Passiontide

11.00 am Benefice Holy Communion

6.30 pm Evening Service

April 7th Passion Sunday

8.00 am Holy Communion

11.00 am Morning Service

6.30 pm Evening Service

