

# ***St Peter & St Paul***

Little Horkesley

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*Misty sunrise. Photo taken by Robin Moore*

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*You are very welcome*

Sunday 11<sup>th</sup> October

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*All donations to  
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## Report from Meriel



### WELCOME BACK

It has been such a long, difficult time and we have had no Newsletters since the April issue. This has been a period which none of us could ever have envisaged.

When we were told to close our lovely church in March and informed that no-one could go in – even the vicar, if we had one - it all seemed unbelievable. We certainly never expected the situation to go on for as long as it did. One person, Christopher, was allowed to check that everything was alright, every couple of weeks. One of the more bizarre instructions was that if we had bats (which fortunately, we don't) we were to put dust sheets over things that needed protection and if we were worried about smell we should sprinkle lavender! Then came a further instruction that the churchyard was also out-of-bounds and neither that or graves could be tended. Fortunately, that one only lasted a few weeks.

During this long period, I kept as many people abreast of what was going on as I could. I had quite a number of email addresses already and added a number more as the weeks went passed. I have also sent out the Diocesan sermons, Myland prayer sheets and, latterly, Emma's Messages. Emma Barr is a churchwarden at Mount Bures and now an Ordinand, in training to become a Local Minister so will probably be helping us sometimes in the future as part of her training.

I know that many of us, who have had isolating, have been subject to acts of kindness. I'll just mention a couple which came my way. Our kind and helpful Editor, Suzanne, has continued to be just that during the lockdown. She has done various bits of shopping for me, made face masks and also presented me with a lovely quilt, with a cat design.





Jim Mulcahy, our previous Editor, brought me bags of peat (for which he refused payment) at a time when everything was so difficult to get. I also have to say one of my grandsons came one day with some bags of Alpaca manure for my roses which was a real treat!

When, in mid- June, we were told that our churches could be open again for private prayer it came as a huge relief. I went back into the church, which has always seemed like my second home, after about 12 weeks - quite an emotional visit. It still looked so lovely and well cared for. However, there were, and remain, so many restrictions that opening has not been easy. The church had to be thoroughly cleaned and disinfected and all books and papers had to be removed. Many notices had to be put out along with hand sanitiser and paper towels and a Risk Assessment completed. Many churches are still not open and those that are often only open for a few hours when the church is manned. Visitors are asked to be really conscious of sanitising and cleanliness. Another more recent rule is that visitors should complete a Consent Form giving their contact details for the NHS Test and Trace scheme. I have to say that people seem to have complied with this request very well.

On the day after our church was re-opened we had been asked to have a bell tolled to remember the victims of the Grenfell Tower fire. This could only happen if it could be tolled from the ground floor as the belfry was still out of bounds. Brian agreed to perform this duty and at the appointed hour, 6 pm on June 13<sup>th</sup>. John and I went to the church and sat quietly while Brian rung the bell 72 times. He then paused for 3 minutes and then rung the bell 3 more times to denote that 3 years had passed. This happened again on July 12<sup>th</sup> when we were again asked for a bell to be tolled. On this occasion it was 72 times for the 72 years since the inception of the NHS. These two acts, in an empty and scarcely used church, felt quite strange.

From the time the church was re-opened we have had flower arrangements in the church, keeping it looking the loved church that it is. I am so grateful that the people on our Altar Flower rota have again risen to the challenge

In recent weeks two people died which involved members of our church. Firstly, Sheila Cowlin, Greta Clampin's sister and the wife of John Cowlin, from Mount Bures, died after some very difficult weeks made so much worse because of the Corona Virus restrictions. The burial service was held at Mount Bures. Only 30 people are allowed in church for a funeral but many more of us were in the churchyard, I think, there were over 100. It was a fine day and when the coffin was brought out into the church yard, led by a piper, the Revd John Chandler and Emma Barr, we all gathered round the graveside. John said more prayers and Emma gave the eulogy. It was a lovely service which we all felt part of, despite the restrictions.



The other lady was our own Esme Barratt who was 104. She was the daughter of Col. Harold Wailes who lived at Tudor House and who was churchwarden when our church was rebuilt. Esme lived quite a lot of her life abroad but returned to our church around the time it was rebuilt and was a regular worshipper. She drove herself from Colchester, until she was well into her nineties. She maintained a keen interest in the church. She died at Freda Gunton Lodge where she had lived to 8 years. Esme's funeral was at the crematorium and, again, taken beautifully by John Chandler. It was streamed so I was able to watch it. A Memorial Service will be held at our church when that becomes possible.

I am repeating an article about Esme that I put in the Magazine in 2010 on page 22.

One rather lovely and quite emotional event happened in mid-August. There were two cremation services on the morning of Monday 17<sup>th</sup>. One was a friend of my husband and Roy Chapman, a very staunch member of their Rotary Club. The other was a lady who lived at Nayland, a friend of Roy. Of course, very few, other than family, could attend the services at the crematorium and Roy and John decided to sit quietly in the church at the same time that the services were happening and I agreed to play quietly on the organ. Another three couples from Nayland asked if they could also attend. It really was very moving. I said a couple of prayers and everyone felt that they had properly remembered those who had died. By a strange coincidence I found afterwards that I was at the Colchester County High School, and in the same class, as the Nayland lady.

## **GOING FORWARD**

On 16<sup>th</sup> August it was decided to try our first service (which necessitated a further Risk Assessment) and we had a simple Evening Service which seemed to go well. It was just so lovely to be back together. There can still be no congregational singing, masks have to be worn and social distancing maintained. Sally Bramall took a few photos which show us masked and sitting well apart. There were 24 people at that service which I was very pleased about. Our small choir sat, spaced, in the chancel and sang a couple of verses of a hymn as we had just been told that that was allowed. We shall now be including a few more choir-sung items and hope that it will not be too long before everyone can join. After the service we had a short discussion about how to go forward and decided, at that time, to try a service every two weeks. The second service two weeks later was a full Prayer Book Evening Service, mostly said but with the choir singing some verses of hymns.





Mrs Phyll Wood officiated at the service on September 13<sup>th</sup>. Phyll is a lay reader who has helped us in the past. We are hoping to include more singing by the choir. Then on September 27<sup>th</sup> our friend James Ridge, Archdeacon of Prisons, will be conducting our first Holy Communion Service.

From October, hopefully, we will have weekly services. We can only have one each week as the church has to be completely cleaned (or left closed for a few days) before more people can come in. The pattern, for the time being, is that there will be one Morning Service a month, on the first Sunday. The rest will be evening services as they are the best-attended. On the third Sunday evening in the month there will be a Holy Communion Service. I have put a Calendar at the back of this issue which is for 2 months.

I have to point out that all these things may change as new guidance comes out and depending on whether we are able to get people to take our services. It really is very much that we are taking it slowly and trying to work out the best way to do things.

We will celebrate Harvest Festival on October 11<sup>th</sup> when our donations will go to the Colchester Foodbank. We usually send out offerings to the Colchester Night Shelter, but homeless people have been found accommodation during the pandemic, so the Shelter is currently closed. There are details about what is required by the Foodbank on page 11.

As you will see, November will be a little different. As the second Sunday (8<sup>th</sup>) is Remembrance Sunday, that service will be in the morning as is the custom. There will be, therefore, be an evening service on the first Sunday but not on the second.

Information about how we deal with the Christmas period will be given in the December/ January issue.

As I said at the beginning, 'Welcome Back'. It is so lovely to have just a little of our church and fellowship on track again.

**MERIEL**



Allison Phillips, a long-time member of our church, sent me this copy of a 1969 Newsletter by our dear late vicar, Holly. I thought it was worth copying it for all to see.

THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER AND ST. PAUL  
LITTLE HORKESLEY

The Church built by Love out of Chaos

NEWSLETTER

January 1969

Fishponds

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My dear Friends,

Greetings and good wishes to you all for 1969. May this New Year bring you much happiness and, above all, good health. It is our earnest hope the world situation will improve and that men everywhere will learn to live in peace with each other; that there may be mutual trust and goodwill; but this dream seems such a long way off. I think the reason why this appears to be such a hopeless thing is because man still prefers to put his trust in the things of this unstable world, which certainly have feet of clay, rather than put their trust in God and His way - one of Peace and Understanding.

As we try to look into the future we must try not to despair for God is still in His Heaven. He is still the Lord of all life, He is still the Lord Almighty and there is no other God but Him. We know through Christ that His express wish for man is to live in peace, so our despair can turn to Hope if we can but trust Him. If there is one person in this world we can trust, surely it must be our Father whom we know and love through Christ our Lord.

In Advent we were told to lift up our heads to see the coming of Christ, and in the Christmas season we welcomed him right into our homes and lives. Now, in the Epiphany season, we are challenged to show forth that hope in our daily lives. So let our aim and purpose be throughout 1969 to do just that and the whole life of our family here will be enriched.

As I write this we are looking forward to the Christmas Services not only on Christmas Day but on the Sunday before when we have the Readings and Carols. In anticipation I would like to thank all who take part for their willingness to share in



the witness of the Church's message. There is one sad thing, our organist, Mrs. Sparkes, who was taken ill recently will not be able to share with us the services which I know full well how much she enjoys. We miss her very much indeed and pray sincerely that she will soon be fully recovered to full health again. She has been part and parcel of our Church life for so long now that this prolonged break made us miss her even more. Despite her painful illness she has remained cheerful and taken a lively interest in all that has gone on in the life of the Church which means so much to her. We ask that God will bless her and grant to her good health again.

I would also like to mention with grateful thanks my daughter Jane who stepped into the breach during Meriel's illness, both at choir practice and on Sundays. I personally am deeply thankful for her willingness to give up so much time to help in this way and for the loyalty and backing of the whole choir not forgetting the auxiliary troops who have stood by us time and time again recently.

WOMEN'S FELLOWSHIP: Our sincere thanks to Mr. F.Hinds for his most enlightening and informative talk on the problems of those who live in Africa. Such talks help us all to see things more clearly. We would also thank Mrs. De Havilland for her kind invitation to her Party. I am sure it will be an outstandingly happy time if we go by past years; it does us all good to meet under such happy conditions. Mrs. Hollingworth also hopes to have the pleasure of your company at 'Fishponds' on 15th January, when all can 'let their hair down' a little and have what we need so very much - good fellowship and a bit of fun. Try and come if you possibly can.

CHRISTMAS FAIR: Most sincere thanks to all who helped in any way to make this a most enjoyable and profitable afternoon. It was good that we should meet in this way for it shows that we are really interested in what goes on and it will also show the Youth Club and the Management Committee of the Village Hall that there is real

interest in helping worthwhile things along. Thank you, everyone, for your splendid help. Our good Treasurer, Mr. R.Pryor, tells me that we made about £59 clear profit. Surely there is no harm in being just a little bit proud of such an achievement.

NEWSLETTER: Thank you for your generous giving—we will soon have paid our way again – just a little bit more effort.

ALTAR FLOWERS: The 1969 List is up; please put your names on it as soon as you can – two Sundays at a time, please. Thank you, everyone for helping to make our Altars beautiful during 1968 – these acts of love are very much appreciated by all concerned.

APPEAL: Both the Choir and Bellringers are getting short of members due to all sorts of things, mostly that they leave the area, or get married and have families, but while it was possible all gave of their very best, and I am sure that we are more than grateful for all the splendid help that they have given over the years. The question is how do we fill these gaps? It would be appreciated more than words can say if we could have volunteers to come forward and offer their help. It is a question of giving your time, but to whom are you giving it? Surely it is to God, first – the ringing of the bells and the chanting in the choir is all part of the worship of a living congregation; secondly, it is so appreciated by all who come to join with us in our family. Any member of the team of Ringers, under Mr. D.Culham, would welcome your interest, and also Mrs. Sparkes with all the members of the choir would greet you with open arms. We do need your help.

As I come to the end of this letter I would once again thank you for your help and co-operation during the past year. I speak not only for myself but for my wife as well. We have found a great deal of happiness here which has meant a great deal to us, not only because it has helped with what little we have been able to do, but it has also given warmth to us as a family.

The other Sunday night it was raining very hard, the wind was strong and the night cold; it was one of those nights when the warmth of home means so much. I thought to myself, well, if people turn out tonight they would be heroes - it was in rather a depressed state I entered the Church. I put on the lights and the whole place was full of welcome that with the quiet and the peace you can always find in our Church - I was lifted up and I said to myself 'even if the congregation is poor there is no doubt that God is in this place.' The loyal choir, Mr. Woods and myself came from the vestry to start Evensong and, to my wonder and joy, the Church was nearly full. Then was my heart lifted up and I knew that if people will turn out on a night like this then the Church is not dead and there is Hope for man. It is because of this great Hope based on such evidence that we can look forward together to 1969 with gladness, gladness in our Lord and in each other. So thank you all so very much - let us then move forward in hope, trusting in God completely and in having such confidence in each other that will stand whatever the year may bring.

From all at 'Fishponds' our love, and may God our loving Father keep you and yours always.

HAROLD P. HOLLINGWORTH

COLLECTIONS/November: Church ... £54. 6.0.

Westwood Park ... £3. 5.6. Communicants ... 55

ALTAR FLOWERS	SIDESMEN'S ROTA	
Jan. 5: Mrs.de Havilland	Mr. R.Pryor	Mr.Parratt
" 12: Mrs.de Havilland	Mr.T.Goodchild	Mr.Greenway
" 19:	Mr. A.Garwood	Mr.H.Warren
" 26:	Mr.V. Cowan	Mr.J.Nicole
Feb. 2: Mrs. F.Hinds	Mr.T.B.Martin	Mr.R.Grimes

SMILE, PLEASE! Vicar, trying to patch up separation: "Did your husband love you very much?"  
 Wife: "Love me. He wouldn't leave me to go to work."

A Bigamist is a chap who has had one too many.

BETAPRINT, KETTLEBURN





# HARVEST FESTIVAL

**Sunday October 11<sup>th</sup>**

**Evening Service - 6.30pm**

This year we are asking for donations to the  
**Colchester Food Bank**

The items needed are:

- Small bags of rice
- Longlife milk
- Longlife juice
- Shampoo
- Squash
- Tinned fruit
- Deodorants
- Tinned potatoes
- Tinned tomatoes
- Tinned puddings
- Tins or packet of custard
- Jam
- Peanut butter
- Toothbrush/toothpaste
- Razors
- Shower gel
- Small tins of coffee
- Small washing powder/liquid
- Small multipack snacks (Penguin/Club/Twix)
- Carrier bags





## **Lizzie's Fund is continuing to grow.**

In this strangest of years, like so many plans, the vast majority of our fundraising for Lizzie's Fund has been put on hold. But we've managed a couple of things.

In June we held a virtual walk Around the World in 30 Days. 140 people participated, from ages 8 to 80 years, counting all their steps during the month, which was a great way to motivate people to get moving and fun to imagine where you might walk! Together we completed 38.5 million steps plus over 6,000 cycle km, a total equivalent of 36,000km or 47million steps!! Not quite enough to get all the way round the world about 4,000km short (equivalent of Nova Scotia to London) but it was lovely to get lots of positive messages about how it helped people to get out and about each day.

Then at the beginning of September, the talented Brenda offered me the cutest of bears to raffle, which she'd made during lockdown, teaching herself to crochet. Bear arrived at my house (in Bear Street!) together with his meticulously crocheted clothes, backpack and even pencil case!

I made him a bear sized face mask before we raffled him. He was won by a lovely family in Scotland Street, Stoke by Nayland, who named him Mario Bear.

We raised a super £110 for Mario Bear; the generosity of friends and family is amazing.

So, Lizzie's Fund has continued to grow, now totalling £305,000. Lizzie would be so proud that she has inspired support for funding critical research for children's cancer, as I am of her.

Sally



# ROME TO DUBAI

February– March 2020

By Gill McInnes

## *Part 1*

Well, we booked this holiday 12 months ago for three people, as the itinerary took in The Suez Canal where Maggie at aged 19 year, had lived. How things change – she had to cancel but we decided to keep the booking. Firstly we were notified that we would lose a day and be put in a hotel over night, near Rome Airport this meant one day short and we would miss Kusadaki in Turkey - one place I really wanted to see as I'd never been to Turkey. Then, I found on the internet, that Norwegian Spirit was in for refurbishment and change of layout and ours was the inaugural cruise! We joked that it might not be ready on time. Many a true word spoken in jest!

Two days before we were due to fly, Jessica our local Travel Agent, phoned me at 6.10pm and said an email from Norwegian Cruise Company had just popped into her inbox - the ship was now going on Friday 14<sup>th</sup> February instead of the Monday 11<sup>th</sup>. So after two hours in Triangle on Saturday lunchtime and having aborted packing because we thought we would have another four days, Jessica came up with the idea that we kept our original flight and they would pay for a hotel in Rome for four nights. This sounded good. Now, we had excursions booked with another company. What would happen because days would now be different and we would miss four stops in the Mediterranean. A phone call to them (they'd been trying to contact us) and they had already rescheduled our trips and sent through the revised itinerary on the phone. Jessica printed them for us, and we walked out with all our documentation complete. Whew!

The next hazard to be passed was the Sunday journey to Heathrow with gale force winds. Thanks to a friend we made our hotel for a

night stop before our very early flight. We were lucky, our flight on Monday morning was on time.

Our pick-up at Rome was booked as a minibus. No, a saloon car turned up. Interesting. Three passengers, with one large and one small piece of luggage each and a small boot. The driver did get it in but it was balanced between Jill and I on the back seat. He had lived in England, was charming and took lots of photos of our luggage and us. After arriving we found our rooms and went out and found a reasonable restaurant and then back to bed.

On our first full day, we took a cab to the Colosseum. There was warm sunshine and lots of people were about. We only walked round the outside as there was lots of building work going on, but it was a long way with dodgy steps and no handrails. Quite scary! The whole area is full of Roman ruins. What an incredible city it must have been. After a very short snack we walked to The Pantheon – an incredibly large Roman building with a 'hole' in the roof. Then onto The Trevi Fountain, via a small street with lots of stalls, where we looked, but didn't sample. There were lots of scarf sellers, who all held out the same scarf. . Odd! A very welcome stop was at a Gelati Shop. Lovely ice creams, sensibly in a bowls, were very welcome. Not sure how far we walked but after a visit to The Spanish Steps, a taxi back to our hotel was very welcome.

## **Day Two**

We walked to The Vatican and Jill and I left our other traveller to see The Cistine Chapel and walked on to St Peters Basilica. It is amazing in every way but as we'd both seen

it fairly recently we went for a wander and found, quite by chance, a Leonardo da Vinci Museum where a lot of his inventions had been reproduced – it was fascinating, as were his pictures. We really enjoyed it – but the last room was full of small chattering children, so we took less time in that.

Another day, another walk. We set off to look at a large Castle. It looked as if we could wander through the grounds while George went off St Peters. Unfortunately, because of the traffic we had to walk round by road, a long way, until we reached a large, open cobblestone area, in front of the castle, now a museum. Jill and I wandered, until we all met again later’

Back in the hotel we had very welcome cups of tea. We’d walked a lot and seen a lot during our three days. Later we met to walk to a restaurant we’d found online. We got there following the satnav, quite successfully, but the journey back was not so good. Satnav had reverted to ‘by car’ and it took us much longer to eventually find our hotel – very tiring.

Walking out from the hotel was quite taxing. The pavement and edges of the roads were very challenging. It was very much ‘eyes down looking’ as there are unexpected deep holes and VERY uneven surfaces, including edges of crossings where obviously the road was originally cobbled, leaving big areas of ‘scary’ surfaces. Parking in Rome must be so difficult. Lots of small cars, some parked front-ways, some in half a space at an angle and motorcycles by the 1000’s. I certainly wouldn’t fancy trying it and all this interspersed with many and varied dustbins which seemed to serve the blocks of flats, which also accounted for the parking problem.

And so, came the day we got on board The Norwegian Spirit. The procedure worked quite well, and we found our cabin (stateroom). It was being cleaned. The ship

had been in dry dock for a major refit and alterations, hence us being onboard four days late. The staff were trying to get the cabins ready from scratch. Ours was quite good, although a bit tight in a corner by the beds. We went up to The Garden Café for lunch, which was very good. We had paid for a ‘package’ which included all drinks, tips etc. By chance we found out that two of our cards didn’t have the right symbols and I had a ‘new’ passenger card when I’d been Silver last year. It was then we discovered there were many, many problems. Ours was minor. We joined a queue and two hours later, having not moved, the desk was closed for Lifeboat Practice, something which has to happen on all cruises. There was nearly a riot by those who’d reached the front. Afterwards we found a longer queue. Four hours in all. But we met people who had bathrooms not working, some just had loos not working and one, when she went into her assigned cabin, she found hers was occupied, luckily not present, by a man.

Eventually most things were sorted but walking round decks men were painting and putting up handrails. I’m sitting on the balcony, in the sun, having scribbled for the last two hours trying to try and catch up on four days events! I’ve also decided to give up on dates! Schedules have changed, hours have altered, electronic equipment sometimes updates, sometimes not, depending where signals are. No idea what the day/date is!! So, the diary is in the right order but that’s all I promise!!



### Day Three

We arrived at HAIFA, Israel and set off in a minibus, with a wonderful guide call Farah, who lives in Nazareth and was so informative. The drive was through very rocky terrain and the sun shone. Nazareth is now a small city, with only one main street, which makes for bad traffic jams. The first church we visited was the Church of Annunciation, built over the caves where Mary was brought up as a child- the cave was the central point of the church. Apparently, it was usual for poor people to live in caves, often with their animals. The area is full of caves, now mostly built over. Then on to St Joseph's Church which had been built round and over the cave where Joseph, Mary and Jesus lived and where Joseph passed on his skills to Jesus. There were the remains of the living quarters and the staircase, hewn out of the rock going down to the workshop. It was all quite atmospheric, a little ruined by the pieces of paper and coins thrown into the rooms!

We then had lunch, with our Guide, in a local restaurant. The variety of fresh salads was amazing, and we had chickpea balls, Falafel. It was very good.

One of our stops was at the Baptismal Site on The River Jordon. It was admitted that this was not the original site, but it was worked out that the river as it came from The Dead Sea would have been the correct water. One American said, 'I thought we would see a river like the Mississippi, but this is like a backwater.' Admittedly it was very small but lots of people came down, wearing white robes, to be baptised. Apparently, people can be baptised as many times as they like.

Then back on the minibus out of Nazareth past the Sea of Galilee, which we saw from the road on our long drive to the village of Capernaum. To me it was definitely the most moving place. St Peter's House in the centre, is now a church

but all the excavations underneath have been left exposed. Jesus apparently visited regularly in the last three years of his life and went to The Synagogue, the ruins of which are opposite. As we entered there was a garden and a 'statue' of Jesus – A homeless person on a park bench' All this, beside The Sea of Galilee as the sun went down, with a large statue of Jesus, with, at his feet the loaves and fishes. The area was fairly small, but we were walking on cobbles which had been there since the time of Jesus.

We had one man, an American, who had never been baptised and was NOT religious, but he had tingles and bought a book called MESSIAH. He had asked the guide where he could buy a book so he could learn about Capernaum – We did suggest Matthew, Mark, Luke and John. (He had only learned to read and write quite recently, although he ran a very successful business)!

The Sea of Galilee looked so calm, and surprisingly small, so I asked the guide if the water ever got rough. He said, two weeks before, he'd been a guide to six trainee priests, and they wanted to go out in a boat. So, they went, and a storm blew up and it got very rough. He said they'd all been scared. It was a long journey back to the ship.

Next day we had a very early start for our journey to Jerusalem and Bethlehem. An even longer day – we were out 13.5 hours. It started off with a long drive, mostly on the only Motorway in Israel. Road 6 for some reason.

On the way we saw, fleetingly The Mount of the Ascension.

On arrival in Jerusalem we first went up The Mount of Olives where we had a panoramic view of Jerusalem where many of the sites were pointed out. The Mount itself, now covered in houses.



Then down, where we had an equally panoramic view of Gethsemane Church and The Garden of Gethsemane which is outside the City walls. The church was lovely and the garden really peaceful, with Olive Trees, the oldest being 1400 years old. It had such a peaceful, calm feel. And sitting, looking at us, was a cat.

Then lunch in a restaurant inside a Monastery – same lunch as yesterday.

After lunch, to Bethlehem which is separated from Jerusalem by a really ugly wall (I don't think it was here 25 years ago) and we had to pass through a check point to enter the Palestine side and The Church of the Nativity. Apparently, Palestinians who work in Jerusalem have to have a special number plate to drive to work – re-issued regularly. On the other hand, Israelis can freely go to Bethlehem

The crowds and walking was fairly difficult but we made Manger Square and entered The Greek Orthodox Church and then into The Catholic Church which I was last in 26 years ago, one week after I was married to James and it then decorated for a wedding. Finally, we entered The Armenian Church. It was very difficult with crowds and meeting people with candles going to a service. We had very hushed explanations.

We then went into a little room instead of the stable – the queues were very long – and it was a cave which had been turned into a church with an altar and carvings straight into the rock, where once one could look through a hole into the stable, but now closed. I actually found this room much more atmospheric than my visit to the stable. When I was in Bethlehem 26 years ago the open ground and rocks impressed me most – I could imagine the Shepherds. We didn't see any of this. I wonder if its all been built on.

Then back to Jerusalem through the wall, which looked even worse from this side and

back to The Jaffa Gate where we walked round the walls to get into the old city. We'd left everything on the coach and so, of course, it started raining. Where was the umbrella -yes back on the coach?

Anyway, we walked to The Church of the Holy Sepulchre at the end of the Via dell Rosa, through uneven steps and masses of market stalls. Looked interesting but no time to stop! Very steep and then up a very old, very narrow spiral staircase, with two-way traffic and no hand rail – very scary.

When we got to the top, a Greek Orthodox Service was about to start with crowds carrying candles. Very softly, Farah explained Five Stations of the Cross and **then** down the stairs, into another section of the church where a tomb had been built next to the slab where Christ's body was washed, before entombment in Gethsemane.

Then into a Courtyard, where looking up, we saw a building erected over the rock which is the site of Calvary. –It was raining and getting dark but the building, being illuminated, made it very atmospheric.

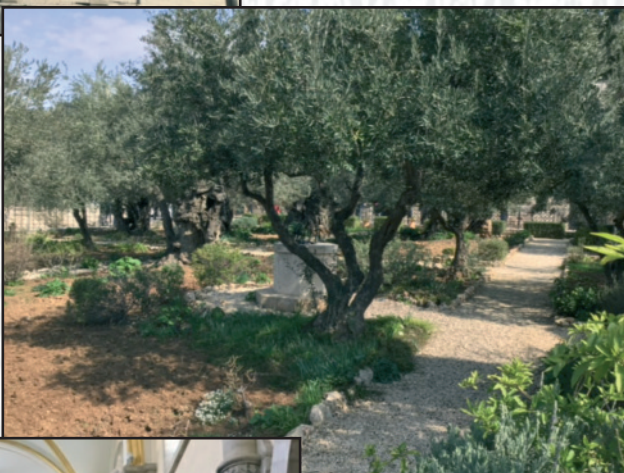
Back through the bazaars – quite odd after where we'd been. It was now raining steadily. Uneven cobbles, steps and trying to keep together was difficult when one needed to look ahead. Suddenly we came out by The Wailing Wall, not on our schedule but some Jews with us really wanted to go. Those who wanted to, did, but we stood back and amongst the crowds. There were a lot of Orthodox Jews, with black outfits and hats and ringlets, often with Wives but all seemed to be in a great hurry, often reading a book. One interesting sight was one of them with a perfectly fitted plastic cover to the hat.

Back on the bus, and damp, we had a long journey back to Haifa. Eventually on board, we chose to go straight to the buffet – after a very quick tidy. It was too late for the main dining room.



*Gethsemane Church*

*Garden of  
Gethsemane*



*Inside Gethsemane  
Church*

## A message of thanks from Andy Hutton

I would like to take this opportunity to say a big thank you to all of those that donated to the British Heart Foundation in memory of my father, Barry Smyth. Your generous donations totalling £524.56 will contribute to the work that this great charity undertakes to research ways to help those affected by heart conditions, including those who are affected by acute heart failure which my Dad had the misfortune of suffering from in his later years. It is also a fitting tribute to a man who did so much to help others in the local community, he would have been very touched by your kindness in the same way that I have been.



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Easy

					9	1		2
	5	2	6					
		6		7			8	3
						6		5
5	6		4		7		3	8
7		3						
1	2			4		8		
					1	2	5	
4		7	5					

		7		4				
8		2	6				7	
4						9		6
6			9		4			
	7						1	
			7		8			2
7		4						3
	8				5	1		7
				3		6		



Medium

*Solution on page 27*



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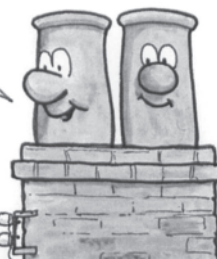
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## Heating Oil



As it comes to the time when you are thinking about topping up your heating oil tank for winter, with the value of fuel it is worth considering its security.

In the more isolated parts of the countryside it is primarily domestic properties that have been targeted by the heating oil thieves, but we have also seen such thefts at farms and other businesses.

There are several security devices available that will protect your fuel supplies - details of which can be found via your fuel supplier or local plumber's merchant. One such system is Tank Commander [www.commandersecurities.co.uk](http://www.commandersecurities.co.uk) which has "Secured by Design" accreditation <https://www.securedbydesign.com/>. Products like this will detect a dramatic drop in fuel and notify you by phone and/or audible alarm. There are also other similar security products that can add onto an existing intruder alarm system, whilst others may protect the filler cap and there are of course the conventional locks.

Another consideration would be concealing it with landscaping and spiky planting around the tank, restricting access to it with gates or fencing, and where possible locating the tank under lighting in view of lived in rooms within the house.

## The Illusion of occupancy

As the nights draw in earlier don't forget to use table lamps on timers, and there are TV simulators such as "Fake TV" that produces lighting that resembles a television switched on within a room. Consider installing external "Dusk till dawn" lighting and remember to ensure gates are in good condition, closed and locked. Other products available to make it appear that you are home are a movement sensor that activates an appliance plugged into a plug socket and doorbells that you can answer remotely after viewing the caller; an internet search will find these and other security products.

If you would like further advice regarding security please look at the Essex Police website [www.essex.police.uk/cp/crime-prevention/](http://www.essex.police.uk/cp/crime-prevention/) and <https://www.securedbydesign.com/>.

Naturally we also ask locals to report any unusual activity to police in an emergency on 999 or after the event on 101 or "Do it online" [www.essex.police.uk/do-it-online/report-a-crime/](http://www.essex.police.uk/do-it-online/report-a-crime/) or to Crimestoppers anonymously on 0800 555 111.



## ESME BARRETT AND THE CAP PILAR

Esme Barrett, whose father, Col H Wailes, was a churchwarden here when the church was rebuilt, lived at Tudor House and has always considered Little Horkesley her home. It was Esme who provided our outside notice board in memory of her father and sisters. Recently she said she would like the board renovated and a few weeks ago I phoned her to say that the work would soon be in hand. She told me that she would not be at church on the following Sunday as she had been invited to attend an exciting event at the Rowhedge Heritage Trust. She gave me a little background and I said to her that it sounded like something for our Magazine.

The story is this. Last November Esme read a letter in the Essex County Standard from a Martin Knowles who was researching the round-the-world voyage in 1936 to 1938 of the barquentines, Cap Pilar. Mr Knowles first read the book about the Cap Pilar when he was at prep school and remained fascinated by it. Esme contacted Mr Knowles as she had received many letters, in diary form, written to her by her friend, George Batterbury, who was the ship's navigator. Their families were friends and they used to play tennis together. George had been invited to join the crew by his brother-in-law, Adrian Seligman, who was the skipper. The majority of the rest of the crew had answered an advert for the trip of a lifetime, an adventure sailing round the world. For this they paid £100. In his letters and cards, he detailed all of the problems of the voyage, seasickness, storms, and information of the people and places he encountered on the way. One of the remarkable events was that the skipper's young wife became pregnant and her baby girl, Jessica, was born in New Zealand and spent the first year of her life on board. After the voyage was over the war broke out, they went their separate ways and Esme rarely saw or contacted George again for 50 years. The re-igniting of their friendship occurred after the 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the voyage. Esme heard, from a friend, Joy Donnelly, that there was to be a dinner in London to

celebrate the Anniversary. Joy Donnelly's husband (a Colchester solicitor) was boatswain on the Cap Pilar. She told Esme that George would be attending the dinner from his home in Vancouver so Esme sent the diaries along with Joy and they were given to George who was delighted with them and had had absolutely no idea that she had kept this record all these years.

When the publicity in the Essex County Standard arose, Esme contacted him again and the four notebooks into which she had recorded the letters, photos and News Chronicle newspaper cuttings were returned to Colchester. (Esme assumes that the News Chronicle sponsored the voyage.) Mr Batterbury, who is now 98, was contacted and spoken to on the telephone by Esme and by the organisers of the exhibition. It was also attended by the 'baby', Jessica, who is now a grandmother herself. All of the information that Esme had kept has now been photocopied and Martin Knowles hopes that a book will one day be published of these letters.

Esme has kept in touch with George over recent years and has visited him in Canada. By coincidence, our friend Pam Croger now lives near him in Vancouver. At Esme's instigation Pam contacted him and she now sees him each Sunday and sometimes plays cribbage with him.

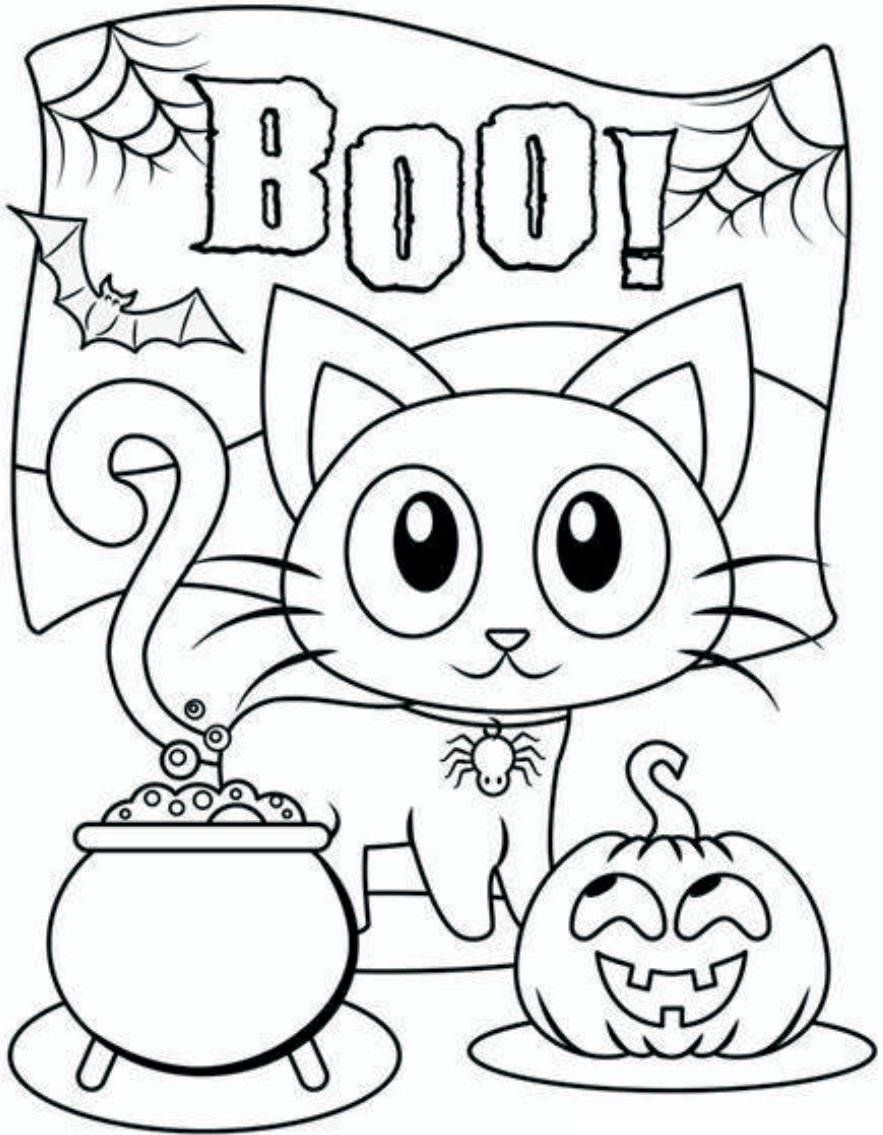
This is a wonderful story made so much more interesting by the fact that at 93 Esme is still a regular attendee of our church from her home in Lexden and a much-loved member of our congre

Meriel

*The Cap  
Pilar*



# COLOUR ME





In Flanders Fields  
John McCrae

In Flanders fields the poppies blow  
Between the crosses, row on row,  
That mark our place; and in the sky  
The larks, still bravely singing, fly  
Scarce heard amid the guns below.

We are the Dead. Short days ago  
We lived, felt dawn, saw sunset glow,  
Loved and were loved, and now we lie  
In Flanders fields.

Take up our quarrel with the foe:  
To you from failing hands we throw  
The torch; be yours to hold it high.  
If ye break faith with us who die  
We shall not sleep, though poppies grow  
In Flanders fields.



## The Peace of Wild Things

Wendell Berry

When despair for the world grows in me  
and I wake in the night at the least sound  
in fear of what my life and my children's lives may be,  
I go and lie down where the wood drake  
rests in his beauty on the water, and the great heron feeds.  
I come into the peace of the wild things  
who do not tax their lives with forethought  
of grief. I come into the presence of still water.  
And I feel above me the day-blind stars  
waiting with their light. For a time  
I rest in the grace of the world, and am free.



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## *Sudoku*

### **Solutions - how did you do?**

3	7	4	8	5	9	1	6	2
8	5	2	6	1	3	7	4	9
9	1	6	2	7	4	5	8	3
2	4	9	1	3	8	6	7	5
5	6	1	4	2	7	9	3	8
7	8	3	9	6	5	4	2	1
1	2	5	3	4	6	8	9	7
6	3	8	7	9	1	2	5	4
4	9	7	5	8	2	3	1	6

Easy

Medium

5	6	7	3	4	9	8	2	1
8	9	2	6	5	1	3	7	4
4	3	1	8	7	2	9	5	6
6	1	5	9	2	4	7	3	8
2	7	8	5	6	3	4	1	9
9	4	3	7	1	8	5	6	2
7	5	4	1	8	6	2	9	3
3	8	6	2	9	5	1	4	7
1	2	9	4	3	7	6	8	5



# Pet Of The Month

## Beware! Cuteness Overload!

Meriel's daughter, Louise, and her family got a new puppy during lock-down. Some of you may already have met her, but for those of you that haven't, please let me introduce you to the delightfully gorgeous, BONNIE! I am certain will be seeing more of her in these magazines in the future. Ed.



## Sidesmen & Readers : October 2020

Sunday	Sidesmen	Readers	Readings
<b>4<sup>th</sup> October</b>			
Morning	Christopher Orme John Sparkes	Christopher Orme John Sparkes	Exodus 20: 1-4, 7-9, 12-20 Matthew 21: 33-end
Evening	NO SERVICE		
<b>11<sup>th</sup> October</b>			
Morning	NO SERVICE		
Evening	<b>HARVEST FESTIVAL</b> Margaret Thomas Harold Thomas <i>Intercessor: Margaret Thomas</i>	Margaret Thomas Harold Thomas	Deuteronomy 8: 7-18 Luke 12: 16-30
<b>18<sup>th</sup> October</b>			
Morning	NO SERVICE		
Evening	<b>PARISH COMMUNION</b> Sue Carbutt John Sparkes	Sue Carbutt John Sparkes	1 Thessalonians 1: 1-10 Matthew 22: 15-22
<b>25<sup>th</sup> October</b>			
Morning	NO SERVICE		
Evening	Brian Lord Ann Garnett <i>Intercessor: Brian Lord</i>	Brenda Green Ann Garnett	Nehemiah 8: 1-4a, 8-12 Matthew 24: 30-35


### ANNUAL CHURCH MEETINGS

Owing to the Covid crisis the Annual Meetings, originally scheduled for April 21st, had to be postponed. They will now be held on October 27th starting at 7 pm in the church.

The meetings are as follows:

- Annual Meeting of the Parishioners, for the election of two church wardens. Everyone on the Civil and Church electoral Rolls are entitled to attend this meeting.
- Annual Parochial Church Meeting where officers of the church are elected and reports on the previous year are made.

# Sidesmen & Readers : November 2020

Sunday	Sidesmen	Readers	Readings
1 <sup>st</sup> November			
Morning	NO SERVICE		
Evening	Margaret Thomas Harold Thomas	Margaret Thomas Harold Thomas	Revelation 7: 9-end Matthew 5: 1-12
8 <sup>th</sup> November			
Morning	REMEMBRANCE SERVICE		
<u>10.50am</u>	Christopher Orme John Sparkes	TBA	
Evening	NO SERVICE		
15 <sup>th</sup> November			
Morning	NO SERVICE		
Evening	PARISH COMMUNION		
	Brian Lord Mary Perrins	Brian Lord Mary Perrins	1 Thessalonians 5: 1-11 Matthew 25: 14-30
22 <sup>nd</sup> November			
Morning	NO SERVICE		
Evening	Christopher Orme Sue Carbutt	Graham Soar Sue Carbutt	Ezekiel 34: 11-16, 20-24 Matthew 25: 31-end
	Intercessor: Brenda Green		
29 <sup>th</sup> November			
Morning	NO SERVICE		
Evening	BENEFICE ADVENT CAROL SERVICE		
	John Sparkes Ann Garnett	TBA	TBA
6 <sup>th</sup> December			
Morning	Will Pavry Vicky Minet	Will Pavry Vicky Minet	Isaiah 40: 1-11 Mark 1: 1-8
Evening	NO SERVICE		

## Church Calendar: October/November 2020

**October 4<sup>th</sup>**      **17<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Trinity**  
11.00 am   Morning Service

**October 11<sup>th</sup>**      **Harvest Festival**  
6.30 pm   Evening Service

**October 18<sup>th</sup> 19<sup>th</sup>** **Sunday after Trinity St Luke**  
6.30 pm   Holy Communion

**October 25<sup>th</sup>**      **Last Sunday of Trinity Bible Sunday**  
6.30 pm   Evening Service



**November 1<sup>st</sup>**      **All Saints and All Souls**  
6.30 pm   Evening Service with lighting of  
candles

**November 8<sup>th</sup>**      **Remembrance Sunday**  
10.50      Remembrance Service



**November 15<sup>th</sup>**      **2<sup>nd</sup> before Advent**  
6.30 pm   Holy Communion

**November 22<sup>nd</sup>**      **Sunday next before Advent**  
6.30 pm   Evening Service

**November 29<sup>th</sup>**      **Advent Sunday**  
6.30 pm   Advent Carol Service

**December 6<sup>th</sup>**      **Advent 2**  
11.00 am   Morning Service