



Services for August

Sunday 1st	7.30am	Trinity 8 Morning Prayer	St. George the Martyr
	8.00am	The Eucharist	St. George the Martyr
	10.30am	The Parish Eucharist	St. Mary the Virgin
	6.30pm	Evening Prayer	St. George the Martyr
2nd	9.30am	The Eucharist	St. Mary the Virgin
	10.00am	The Eucharist	St. Mary the Virgin
5th		Feast of the Transfiguration	
6th	11.00am	Holy Communion	Seven Rivers
	7.00pm	The Eucharist	St. Mary the Virgin
	9.00am	The Eucharist & Rosary	St. Mary the Virgin
7th		Trinity 9	
Sunday 8th	7.30am	Morning Prayer	St. Mary the Virgin
	8.00am	The Eucharist	St. Mary the Virgin
	10.30am	The Parish Eucharist	St. George the Martyr
	6.30pm	Evening Prayer	St. Mary the Virgin
11th		S Clare	
12th	6.00pm	Holy Communion	Hamilton Lodge
	7.00pm	The Eucharist	St. Mary the Virgin
13th	11.00am	The Eucharist	Seven Rivers
14th		S Maximillian Kolbe	
Sunday 15th	9.00am	The Eucharist & Rosary	St. Mary the Virgin
		Assumption of our Lady	
	7.30am	Morning Prayer	St. George the Martyr
	8.00am	The Eucharist	St. George the Martyr
16th	10.30am	The Parish Eucharist	St. Mary the Virgin
	6.30pm	Evening Prayer	St. George the Martyr
	9.30am	The Eucharist	St. Mary the Virgin
	7.00pm	The Eucharist	St. George the Martyr
18th	10.00am	The Eucharist	St. Mary the Virgin
19th	11.00am	The Eucharist	Seven Rivers
20th	9.00am	The Eucharist & Rosary	St. Mary the Virgin
21st		Trinity 11	
Sunday 22nd	7.30am	Morning Prayer	St. Mary the Virgin
	8.00am	The Eucharist	St. Mary the Virgin
	10.30am	The Parish Eucharist	St. George the Martyr
	6.30pm	Evening Prayer	St. Mary the Virgin
23rd	9.30am	The Eucharist	St. Mary the Virgin
	7.00pm	The Eucharist	St. George the Martyr
25th	10.00am	The Eucharist	St. Mary the Virgin
26th		S Monica	
27th	11.00am	Holy Communion	Seven Rivers
	2.00pm	Wedding of Rebecca Edwards & Peter Batchelor	St. Mary the Virgin
28th		S Augustine	
Sunday 29th	9.00am	The Eucharist & Rosary	St. Mary the Virgin
		Trinity 12	
	7.30am	Morning Prayer	St. George the Martyr
	8.00am	The Eucharist	St. George the Martyr
30th	10.30am	The Parish Eucharist	St. Mary the Virgin
	6.30pm	Evening Prayer	St. George the Martyr
	9.30am	The Eucharist	St. George the Martyr
	1.00pm	Wedding of Angela Barnes & Jason Berry	St. Mary the Virgin

BRAZIL CYCLE CHALLENGE FOR MACMILLAN CANCER RELIEF

It seems that the time has come again for the Abbott family challenge! You may remember that two years ago Mrs A and Jamie participated in a cycle trip across Ecuador for Macmillan Cancer Relief.

Well... 2 years on and little sis has now been talked into doing the very same thing, again with Jamie but this time across Brazil.

Although we are leaving our Mum safely at home this time, we are taking (dragging!) our other halves, Bruce and Tracy, with us. The trip, starting on 9th October, will take us from the Iguacu Falls on the border with Argentina, 700-km across Southern Brazil and ending up on the Atlantic coast. It promises to be an extremely testing physical challenge over difficult terrain and in hot and humid conditions. 8 days of continuous cycling and rough camping is certainly not for the faint-hearted but we are doing all of this in order to raise money for Macmillan Cancer Relief.



We each have to raise a minimum of £2700 to take part (of which at least 65% will benefit Macmillan) but we hope to raise much more! If you would like to sponsor us in our challenge, please send cheques made payable to Macmillan Cancer Relief to the address below.

Brazil here we come! Thank you for your support.

Nicole and Jamie Abbott

Fir Tree Cottage, Stone Rd, Gt. Bromley, Colchester, CO7 7TX

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In June 2000 forty five of them came here for a long weekend as part of the Church's celebrations for the Millennium. Part of the reason for inviting them was to show them that it is a thriving community here, and to put personalities into the picture. Many of the Stones (that is the surname of the brothers) have been and continue to be most generous to the Church, in the past 7 years I think we shall have received £16,000 from them-that's quite a few Coffee mornings!

Now they have invited us to make the journey of the forefathers, though this time the plan is to fly! A gathering of Stones is planned for the weekend of October 9th/10th in Cambridge / Boston

Massachusetts and the hope is that some people from here will join them. I plan to fly out for the week, to visit some of them in the area, and then join them as they visit the places the two brothers first settled in and developed. It would be really good if you were able to join me, simply let me know that you are interested and I can give you more details.

Apart from the trip being a link to our past history, being and thank you for their generous support, it will be a deepening of relationships between different peoples who share similar values and aspirations in life. The Stone family is as diverse as anything we have here in the village; some of them are religious, Catholics, Episcopalians, (that's the C of E abroad!), Protestants and Jews, but most are not. Some are very rich, most are not! They vote Republican and Democratic or not at all. But they see here as home, and that unites us. If you can't come that's a shame, but I can set you up with a pen/ e-mail friend if you want!

God bless.

Fr Nicolas.



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MERRIEL DAVIS

With sadness we learnt of the death of Merriel Davis in June. Merriel played a very active part in the production of *The Messenger* from its launch in July 1986 until April 1993.

THE REVEREND CANON RICHMOND HARTREE GURNEY

Mrs Christine Maccoll (nee Gurney) of 1 Manor Close, Thrapston, Northants, NN14 4LP has written:

"Some of the older members of the parish of Great Bromley may remember my brother, Richmond Gurney, who died on 26th June 2004 aged 80 years. He was the eldest son of the Reverend AGH Gurney, Rector of the parish from 1929 until 1944. Richmond leaves a wife, Pamela, four daughters and several grandchildren. The funeral took place on Friday, 2nd July at West Chilton, Sussex."

PCC MINUTES

The Parochial Church Council met on July 8th.

The repair work to the church roof continues and the estimated date for completion is now December 2004.

Once the roof is finished attention will be focused on another building project to convert the vestry into a cloakroom with toilet facilities and wheelchair access. It is also hoped to build a meeting room at the back of the church, under the tower. Plans for this work have already been drawn up and approved by English Heritage but if it is to go ahead further fundraising will be required. An initial working party has been set up to take this forward.

Everyone is welcome to come to the Parish Barbecue on 4th September in Church Meadow from 5.30pm.

You are also invited to take part in a sponsored cycle ride on 11th September between 10am and 6pm. If you are interested please contact James Wild, tel. 230679.

The PCC also discussed Tendring District Council's proposal for a new industrial estate, with a possible 2,000 new homes. We will be informing TDC that the PCC considers it is important that the spiritual needs of potential residents are taken into account, so plans should include adequate facilities for church services. An additional priest might also be required.

There was further discussion about the implications of women priests in the parish. It was felt that the decisions at the last meeting were a true reflection of the PCC's wish that no changes are made during Fr. Nicolas' time here but should he leave and an interregnum occur, then a woman priest could preside at the Eucharist. However, the PCC would wish for a man to be in overall charge of the benefice should another permanent appointment need to be made.

THANKS



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That was the amount raised at our CHARITY FAIR on 18th July. Despite the weather doing its best to dampen spirits, the sun shone just as we opened and everyone involved used every minute of the afternoon to achieve this wonderful result. So many people contributed so much - it was a real team effort.

FANTASTIC, GREAT and MOST OF ALL - THANKS. We can't tell you how much we appreciate all you did to make the event so special.

Richard and Brenda

LITTLE BENTLEY HALL WATERWAYS & GARDEN SHOW

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Hospice, Boxford Church and Suffolk Wildlife Society.

Show director Nigel Dyson said that it is hoped to hold the next show in June 2007, when new features are sure to be added. For details call 01206-251790



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Well at the end of term we finished on a real WET note. We teamed up with Great Bromley and Frating playgroup, and had a Farm Yard Friends Fancy dress get together. It was held at Little Bromley Hall, the children had a good time and the Mum's made the best of what they could due to terrible weather! We would like to say a big thank you to Natalie who kindly invited us all into her home ground. Many Thanks.

We do hope you have enjoyed your time with us at Scally Wags, and we look forward to seeing you all back, and new faces in September.

Have a safe and Fun summer holiday, see you soon.

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Kelly Buckingham & Tracey Sutherland



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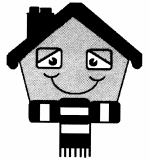
Many businesses and services have already made changes to comply with the act, but, however, it does appear that many are not aware of their obligation.

Tendring Access Group has produced a leaflet in order that Service producers in the District are aware of what is required of them. Due to the immensity of this task Parish Councils are being asked to deliver these leaflets within their Parish. If you could help deliver leaflets perhaps you could get in touch with the Parish Clerk.

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At a recent committee meeting it was decided to form a 2nd Eleven for next season. Mr Dave Hardy has agreed to run it and I think we will enter a league for next season so there will be a game every week. The idea is that the team will be made up from players who don't get into the 1st Eleven every week and the best of the Colts.

Chairmans Day was a most enjoyable day. Kesgrave C.C. were trying to win back the Pirie Trophy but after a keenly

contested game Gt. Bromley came out the winners and so held on to the Trophy. The players and our guests were treated to a superb Buffet Lunch and tea very kindly donated by Mrs. Margaret Holland. We are also very grateful to Mr. Phil Wright for donating Sports memorabilia for Auction. About £1,100 was made for the club over the day. We would like to thank all the V.P.'s and guests who came and supported us.

FORTHCOMING EVENTS.

Fun Day, Barbecue, Disco and Presentations, Saturday 28th August at the cricket ground.

Cricket Club Quiz Night. Saturday 9th October, 2004. Gt. Bromley Village Hall.

FROM THE PAST ...

DO YOU LOOK UP?

As you enter Great Bromley Church you can see if you look up well executed little figures of Adam and Eve. Eve holds out her hand with the apple and Adam has to stretch out to take it.

Similar figures are in the spandrels of the inner door of the south porch of Ardleigh Church.

Mr Frederick Chancellor, the well known Essex Architect of the last century, doubted whether these were in their original position in Great Bromley. If they are then stonework has been destroyed which would have enclosed them.

John Appleby

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Public Rights of Way

Great Bromley has 28 recognised public rights of way comprising footpaths, bridleways and byways. These are recorded on a definitive map produced and periodically updated by Essex County Council. The map is available for public inspection through the parish council.

The County Highways Department is responsible for maintaining public rights of way in conjunction with landowners who have certain obligations to keep paths accessible. The parish council through its Footpath Warden (Alan Sievwright, tel: 01206 230791) monitors footpaths and notifies the Highways Department of any problems concerning access or difficulties of use. The advice and assistance of the Ramblers Association may also be sought. The council will also be consulted on any footpath matters such as diversion, creation and removal.

Although the council acknowledges with thanks the co-operation of local landowners some footpaths, even with frequent use, do become overgrown during the summer. (Residents with hedges adjacent to paths and roads are asked to keep these cut back). Although the Highways Department does cut back overgrowth on certain paths once a year it does not have the resources to maintain the complete network to an appropriate standard. However through its *Parish Paths Partnership (PPP)* scheme the county can provide financial assistance to communities that want to take a hand in maintaining and developing their rights of way.

Rights of way will be discussed at the parish council's next meeting at 7.30 pm 12 August at the Village Hall. The Footpath Warden and the County's Footpath Officers will be on hand to take questions, complaints and suggestions and also explain the PPP scheme. The definitive map will be on display. Residents are invited to attend.

The Countryside and Rights of Way Act 2000 provides for public access to common land and open country in England. A provisional map of registered access land has been published by the Countryside Agency and confirms that Great Bromley has none beyond the existing public rights of ways. Further information is available at www.countryside.gov.uk/access/mapping.

Roads

The Ardleigh level crossing will be closed from 2330 on Sunday 8 August to 0530 on Monday 9th August.

Motorcycles

The District Council has notified the owner of the land being used as a motorcycle circuit that planning permission is required and that a formal application must be made by 20 July. The District Council has also undertaken an assessment of the noise levels to see if they are recognised as a nuisance to certain residents.

War Memorial

A resident has agreed to look after the War Memorial on behalf of the Council.

The next meeting of the Council will be at 7.30 pm on Thursday 12 August 2004 at the Village Hall Great Bromley.

LITTLE BROMLEY PARISH COUNCIL

The next meeting of Little Bromley Parish Council will be held on 9th September.

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PARISH COUNCIL NEWS

GREAT BROMLEY PARISH COUNCIL

**Report of the Great Bromley Parish
Council meeting held on 8 July 2004**

Parish Council accounts and audit

The 2003/4 accounts have been approved by the Council and internal auditor and are presently with the external auditor. Copies can be obtained from the Clerk.

Planning

The Planning Inspectorate has dismissed an appeal against Tendring District Council's refusal of permission for a garden store and carport to be built at the Coppice View caravan site Carrington Road.

Tendring District Council has approved the following planning applications:

Meyrick, Colchester Road – amendment to conservatory approval
Arcan, Colchester Road – extension and garage (approved with conditions)
Cross Inn, Ardleigh Road – proposed sub-post office room

Tendring District Replacement Local Plan

The Council had a further discussion of the draft new plan with local residents and agreed to make representations against both the proposed business park and a possible large housing estate. It has also commented on the upgrading of the A120 and enhancement of the interchange between the A120 and A133. The Council will also seek further public consultation on these proposals, which it believes has been entirely inadequate.

NEWS FROM THE DOCTORS' SURGERY

GREAT BENTLEY SURGERY

THE HOLLIES, THE GREEN, GT BENTLEY

After an unscheduled break, "Surgery News" is back! I've been off on a secret mission to test out some of the NHS services currently on offer. Please don't think me biased if the report is generally favourable.

It's the time of year again when we change Registrars and that means a double "goodbye" this year, as both Dr Moutafis and Dr Carter leave us at the beginning of August. They are going to be released on the unsuspecting world as fully fledged GPs and we wish them every success in the future. We'd like also to thank them for all the hard work they have put in while they have been with us. We're going to miss them.

Our new Registrar, who starts with us on 4th August, is Dr Benedict Dewa (pronounced the Scottish way he tells me) who will spend the next six months with us. He is already quite experienced, having done the first half of his Registrar year at Walton-on-the-Naze. We're looking forward to having him here and I expect many of you will get to know him well in the coming months.

The really good news this month is that Dr Steiner is back, albeit only part-time, and very much better than he was. He's gradually building back up to full-time

working and his target for this is mid-August. This means that we also lose Dr Kaufmann towards the end of July. He has been with us for six months as cover for Dr Steiner and like our two Registrars has made a huge contribution during his time here.

Anyway, things move on and we are currently setting up recall systems which will help us to take better care of a lot of people who suffer from chronic diseases such as diabetes, asthma and high blood pressure. Every now and then we will be writing to people who suffer from these and other problems asking them to come in for blood tests or special reviews. For some people this will be six monthly, for others yearly.

If you do get the call, please make an appointment and come along to see us. The whole intention is to improve care. Timely intervention can sometimes prevent problems which seem minor or not particularly important gradually becoming worse - perhaps even life-threatening.

One item of staff news this month is that Diana Woodward has had a well deserved promotion to Reception Manager. Di works out all our rotas for reception staff, doctors and nurses etc, not to mention telling everyone which room they can use each day. Woe betide us if we use the wrong room!

Di, who is from good local farming stock, joined us almost two years ago when she returned to her roots after a spell living in Lincolnshire with husband Tony and daughters Sallie and Lucy. She has been a tremendous asset ever since. You can always tell when she's not on reception as the volume of the whole place seems to reduce!

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GARDENER'S CORNER FOR AUGUST

There is still time to take semi-hard cuttings of Hydrangea. As soon as they have rooted, pot up into a 6" pot and grow on as a pot plant. Pinch out the growing tip to encourage side shoots.

Roses: Make sure that the high winds have not rocked them to leave a hole at ground level. Tread the soil round the base of the plant.

Chrysanthemums: Keep well supported and tied in. Continue to disbud. Feed and water pot grown plants.

Dahlias: Keep well staked. Disbud side shoots to encourage blooms.

Bulbs: As soon as daffodils and narcissi are available plant at the end of the month.

Lilies: Towards the end of the month propagate lilies from bulblets.

Heathers: Take semi-hard cuttings, with a heel, of all heathers.

Frank Griffiths

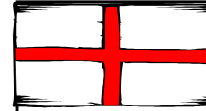


WOMEN'S INSTITUTE

As well as our July evening being an atrocious one weather-wise, our speaker was unwell and unable to attend. However, we had an enjoyable time in spite of everything.

Since it was also our Birthday evening, Jean Dalgety had made a scrumptious cake which we enjoyed with our usual cup of tea or coffee. We also had time for a chat, which does not happen very often. Afterwards, June Malcolm, our social secretary had some competitions for us to try.

In August we have our outing and this year we are looking around then having tea in Natalie Finch's garden in East Bergholt.



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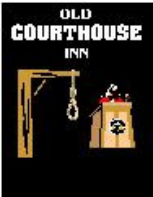
EVENTS

- **Thursday, 19th August CHARITY QUIZ NIGHT 8.30 pm start**
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AUGUST

- 19 Friendship Club meeting, Village Hall, 2.00pm
- 28 Fun Day, Barbecue, Disco and Presentations at Cricket Ground

SEPTEMBER

- 4 Parish Barbecue, Church Meadow, 5.30pm
- 9 Little Bromley Parish Council meeting
- 11 Sponsored Churches Cycle Ride
- 14 Village Hall Trustees Committee meeting, Village Hall, 7.30pm
- 24 Church Harvest Barn dance

OCTOBER

- 2 Organ recital, St Mary's Church, Ardleigh, 7.30pm
- 3 Harvest Lunch, Gt Bromley Village Hall, 1.00pm
- 9 Cricket Club Quiz Night, Village Hall

NOVEMBER

- 20 Christmas Fayre, Village Hall
- Royal Hospital School Band concert, Ardleigh Church, 7.30pm
- 26 St George's School P.T.A. Christmas Fayre

PARISH BARBECUE

in Church Meadow
at 5.30pm
on 4th September

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Contact Gayle (Secretary) on 01206 251349

Our setting has trained staff, is friendly and welcoming. It's fully committed to early years learning. We accept 'nursery education vouchers' funded by the State for three and four year olds, and are regularly inspected by OFSTED to ensure that our educational provision is of an acceptable quality. Our last inspection (December 2003) was with good results, copies of which are available.

We finished our summer term with a themed fancy dress get together. It was called "Farmyard Friends" and was held at Little Bromley Hall, the home of our Chairperson Natalie, so we would like to thank her for inviting us into her home ground. Thank you Natalie!

The children had fun and everyone tried to make the best of our terrible weather! It was a wet and cold day, but the children seemed to cope better than the adults! (Don't they always!) There were planned activities for the children, but because we were let down so badly by the weather most of them could not be done. Apologies to anyone who felt let down by the whole event.

We are planning something for when we return after our summer break as a way of making up for such a poor end of term event! I can safely say we won't be relying on the British weather next time, that's for sure.

We look forward to seeing you back after the summer holidays, have a safe and fun time.

This year, Great Bromley and Frating Playgroup took part in the Tendring Hundred Show, by being part of the Educational Marquee. All children took part in some way in the display which ranged from hand and feet paintings to paper mache Wellingtons and little mice. The whole project was lead by Jo Smith (one of our playgroup assistants) and with all her hard work, time and effort their display looked absolutely wonderful. I myself attended the Tendring Hundred Show and saw for myself how much hard work had gone into it! Well Done Jo! And last but not least, Well Done children! I really hope lots of you attended, so you will know exactly what I am talking about. Once again congratulations on such a beautiful display!
Kelly Buckingham.

Term Dates: Return to Playgroup on Monday 13th September 2004.