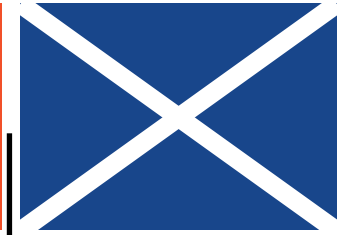


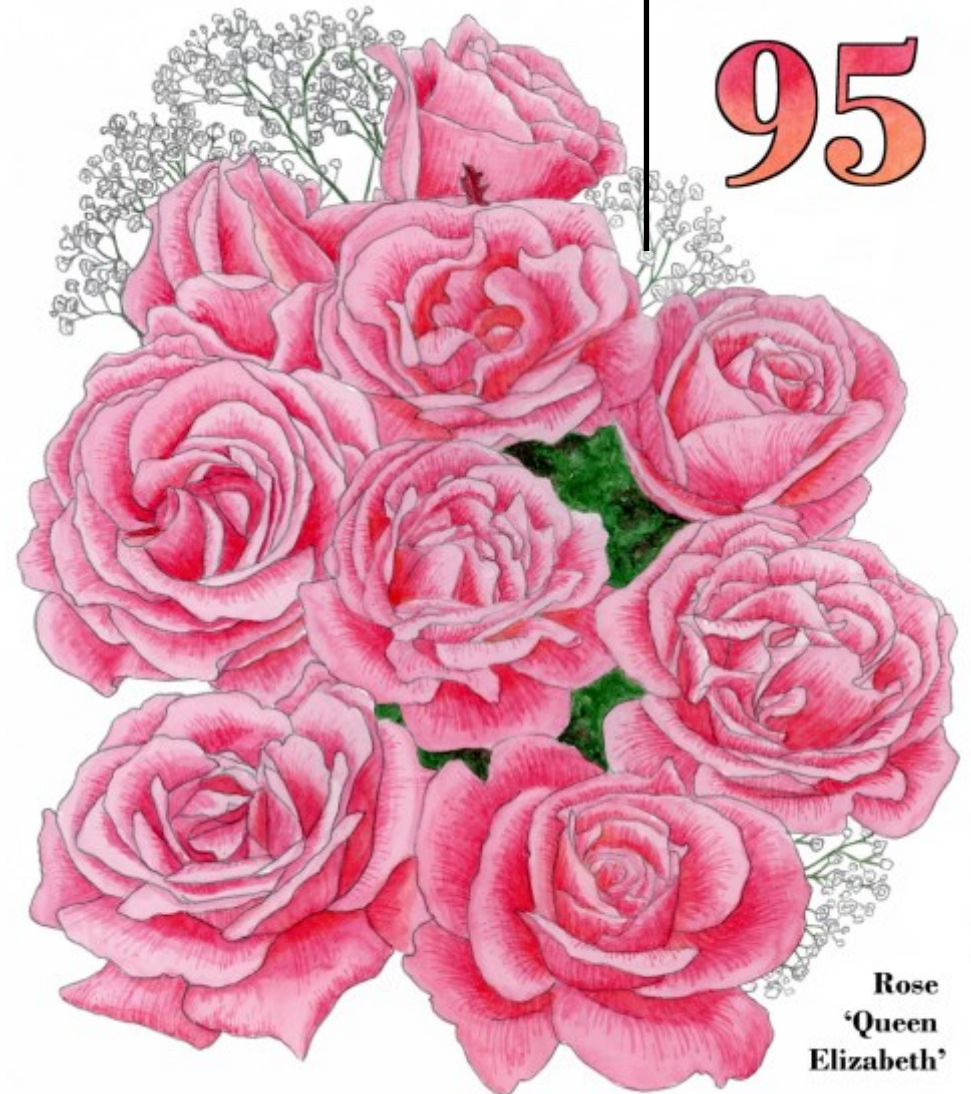
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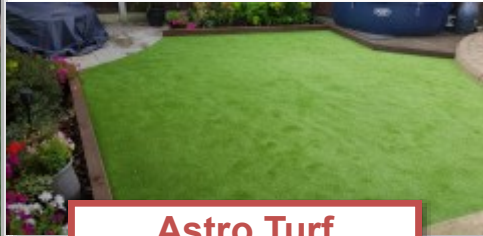
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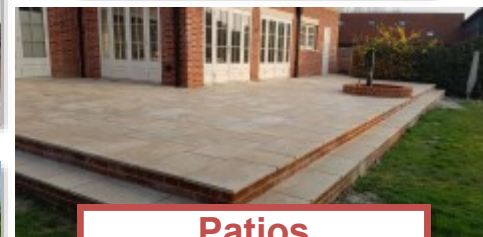
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## Church path

If you have walked through our churchyard you would have noticed the beautiful path which has been laid at the West end of the Church.

The funding of this path has been met by 4 widowers of our church who gave the money in memory of their wives. We have not had an opportunity to dedicate this path because the church has been locked for several months.

We are pleased to announce that on

**Sunday 5<sup>th</sup> September  
at 10 am**

Elizabeth Snowden, the Archdeacon, will attend and bless the new path at the end of the service. This will be followed by a glass of sherry and cake. Do please come and give your support on this happy occasion.

## Two Pastors

Reverend David Smith was the part time pastor of the local Baptist church and Pastor Peter Day was the minister of the URC cross the road.

They were both standing by the road pounding a sign into the ground that read, "Turn round now before it is too late!" As a car

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sped past them the driver leaned out of his window and said, "You religious nuts!"

From the bend they heard screeching tyres and a big splash!

Rev Smith turns to Rev Day and asks, "Do you think the signs should say, 'Bridge Missing?'"

## Terry's Letter

In the lead up to COP26 we need to call for the strongest possible action on the climate crisis.

COP26, is a meeting of World leaders to discuss the climate crisis, and is being hosted in the UK in Glasgow from the 1<sup>st</sup> - 12<sup>th</sup> November this year. What does COP26 mean? COP26 is the annual UN climate conference. 'COP' means 'conference of parties'.

Governments and negotiators from across the world will travel to Glasgow to discuss how to keep temperature rises below dangerous levels, and prevent the climate crisis from causing even worse catastrophes for the world's poorest and most vulnerable people.

COP26 is critical because it is the first COP since the coronavirus pandemic began.

Governments are now planning how to rebuild from the pandemic, and it is vital that these plans are based around the need for a global, green and just transition.

When we read our Bibles, we are told that God is the creator of the world and he thinks it is, 'very good' (Genesis 1:31).

This world is not something that God made for us to use and abuse and throw away. The whole creation is incredibly precious to God. When we love someone, we

naturally want to love and look after the things that are significant to that other person. And so, because we love God, part of how we worship him is by loving and looking after this world and all that is in it.

We are created beings, part of the whole community of creation. We have also been given a special task: to look after the rest of what God has made (Genesis 1: 26-28; Gen. 2:15). This is not an optional extra, it is a fundamental part of what it means to be human.

There has often been a problem with the command to humans to 'rule over' the fish of the sea, birds of the air etc. But consider how God expected his kings to rule. They were to rule with justice and compassion, looking after the poor and abandoned.

It is a sad truth that the many problems our world and its inhabitants face are caused by human activity.

Our relationships with God, with other people and with the wider natural world are all bound up together and impact each other. One thing that strikes me is how the natural world responds to how we act. Both Jeremiah 12:4 and Hosea 4: 1-3 speak movingly of how the land mourns because of the wickedness of the people. By contrast, how wonderful to picture the trees of the field clapping their

hands and the mountains and hills bursting into song because the people's relationship with God has been put back to rights again. (Isaiah 55:12)

The good news is that God is working to put back to rights what has gone wrong. The Gospel invitation is to follow Jesus and join in: to play our part in working to see justice, peace and ecological healing.

This year, St Andrew's church was presented with a bronze award from Rocha UK's award scheme for churches in England and Wales who want to demonstrate that the gospel is good news for God's Earth. We as a church needed to increase our focus on environmental issues in worship and teaching. We needed to reduce consumption and develop the churchyard better to support wildlife. We must take the cause to heart and make big changes to our own lifestyles, as well as sharing the message with those around us. We are feeling the impact of climate change and so we need to work hard at reducing our ecological footprints.

Ways that we can help:

- Enjoy green spaces and wildlife, and take care of them in practical ways

- Walk or cycle to go to places near home.
- Travel on buses and trains, and make fewer car journeys.
- Use energy efficiently for heating, lighting and electrical items, making sure we don't waste it.
- Switch to a green electricity/gas supplier.
- Enjoy some vegetarian meals, and eat less meat and dairy food.
- 3Rs: reduce how much we buy, re-use what we've finished with, and recycle what we can't re-use.
- Try to buy things which are eco-friendly, ethically-produced and fairly-traded.
- Support charities who care for the environment and campaign for climate action.
- Pushing the government to take serious action on climate change.

I finish with words from a former Archbishop of Canterbury Dr. Rowan Williams, "Living in a way that honours rather than threatens the planet is living out what it means to be made in the image of God. ... What we face today is nothing less than a choice about how genuinely human we want to be."

Take care. God Bless. Terry





## Howe Green URC

As I write this the Chapel is still not open for worship, but we hope that towards the end of May we shall be able to start having our monthly afternoon service. Chelmsford City Council asked that it could be used as a Polling Station, so we had a big clean for that, and we hope that local

people and groups will now be able to use it as they did previously, and as we move out of this lockdown.

So do come and join us on **Sunday 20<sup>th</sup> June at 3:00 pm** for what I hope will be a joyful service together again.

*Pam Knott*

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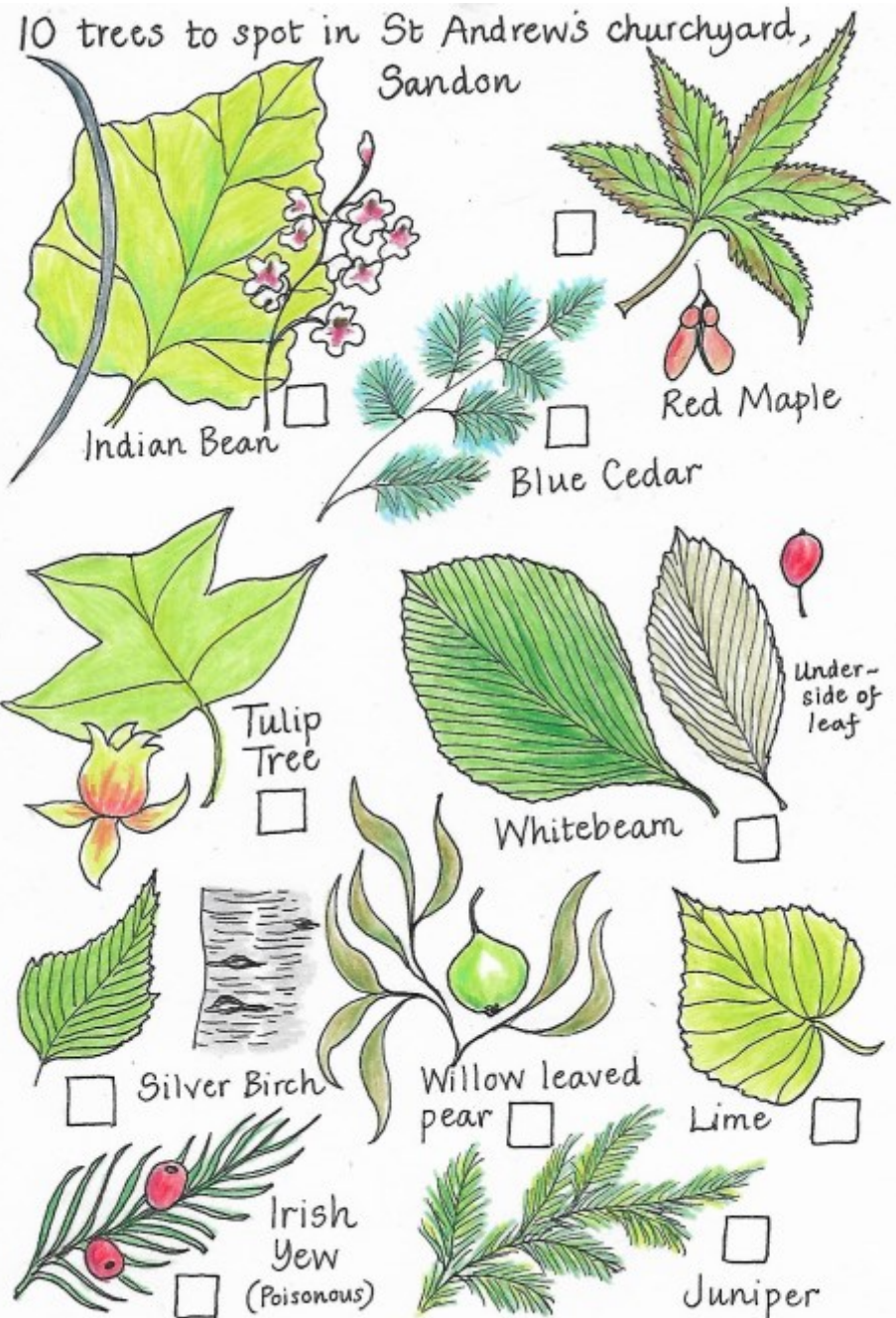
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## Anthea Burgess

Anthea was born into a relatively prosperous family in Stourbridge. Her father was an optician and had made enough looking after expats in Ceylon to build his family home in an uptown area. He served two terms as mayor and with his wife were very involved in charitable and civic life. Anthea's father was also an accomplished magician who made parties at Christmas very memorable, especially for the neighbour's white rabbit which he often pulled out of a top hat.

Mother was educated at Stourbridge High and then, to avoid the local brogue, the Alice Ottley school in Worcester. She

enjoyed playing tennis, hockey and lacrosse. She made many friends and gained her school certificate. Then she went to Oxford Brooke's college to study Occupational Therapy where she met Gillian with whom in due course she shared a houseboat! Gillian introduced her to her brother John at the Randolph hotel on the evening of a college ball.

John and Anthea's courtship consisted of long motorcycle trips

between Oxford or Stourbridge and Sandon on poor roads with money tight for fuel and newspaper tucked into their clothes to keep warm. They also played tennis and sailed on the Burgess family boat at weekends.

Anthea then embarked on marriage as an impoverished farmer's wife, a stark contrast to her upbringing, living in a caravan



in a field with no electricity or running water, and an Elsan loo. They later moved into the luxury of a derelict farmhouse whose tiles were slipping and with water dripping from above into

many buckets, as well as piglets, chicks and ducks under infra-red lights in the front room and a garden full of scampering pigs with attendant aroma!

Anthea rose to these challenges in a number of ways; she developed a keen sense of frugality, buying broken biscuits, cracked eggs, feeding us game, never having a proper repair done when it could be bodged for pennies less. However, Anthea used her savings to buy second-

hand caravans which she rented out on the old tennis court. Anthea's maternal instincts consisted of putting the children, Julian, Alistair and Pamela out at dawn and taking us back in at dusk with occasional pit-stops summoned by a bell for meals. Anthea had to nurse John through two bouts of meningitis and latterly from colon cancer. The farm had to be sold and for the rest of his life John was in and out of work. Nonetheless Anthea kept the family home and household together, shielding the children from worry to give a happy childhood.

Anthea went back to work as an OT. Later she joined the social services assessing disabled and elderly people for home improvements. It was work that she thoroughly enjoyed and this took her until John's retirement. Anthea had an acerbic turn of phrase when required. Once a lady lodger complained that "Your son does not like me, what are you going to do about it?" She replied "Well! I cannot tell HIM to leave can I?" Last year when Julian was explaining why he had to wear a face mask because of the bug, she had wit enough to reply, "That should stop it becoming a bugger."

Anthea had a long interest in antiques and so later in life she began scouring auctions and

antique shops looking for glass, China and silver which she took to antique fairs around the county. Hard work, but an interesting and sociable hobby which was sometimes lucrative, it was an enthusiasm which she passed to her children.

Anthea was at times involved with the church flowers and for many years she helped run the Red Cross trolley at Chelmsford hospital. For a while she was secretary of the local conservative association, was a keen member of NADFAS and the ceramic circle and also the Wives Fellowship. Bridge was her great passion and her home resounded to the chatter of her many friends and the clink of porcelain teacups.

Anthea loved to entertain whether it was at the Henley Royal Regatta or with dinner parties at home.

Her work with the elderly, along with the knowledge of her own mother's final years with Alzheimer's, made her acutely aware of what the end game would be when her faculties began to wane, and over a gin and tonic one evening four years ago she asked, "What will become of me?" But she knew the answer. Again, she did not tell us, shielding us from worry as she had always done.

*Précised from Julian's tribute*



## Bell Restoration Appeal

So much has happened in the last three months but I want to start with a big 'Thank You' to everyone who has been involved and contributed, in whatever way. We have had a fantastic response to the appeal and, whilst there is still a lot to do and more funding required, we are now confident that we will be able to complete the project and restore the bells in 2022.

Our logo competition was won by Mitzi Pritchard, who was also the winner of the 'age 11 and under' group. Congratulations to Mitzi - her design has been turned into a digital logo and you will see it being used across the project. Congratulations also to Ben Scurlock who won the 'age 7 and under' group and to Martha Carmichael who won the 'age 18 and under' group.

The process to obtain formal approval for the restoration work



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to go ahead is in its final stages. Chelmsford Diocesan Advisory Committee recommended the proposal for approval and we expect to complete the process with the grant of a Faculty in June or July.

Over 1300 copies of the appeal leaflet were delivered to local homes and businesses via the church

magazine 'delivery team' and the bell ringers. The Bell Restoration Appeal was successfully launched on Zoom on 28 April,

## Sandon Church Bell Fund Sponsored Walk

Saturday 19<sup>th</sup> June

Start 10 am From Sandon Green

4 mile circular walk

12 noon lunch at the Crown  
pre-orders only

2.00 pm 3 mile circular walk

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attended by Mayor Jude Deakin. We have received several offers of help from volunteers, both to help the bellhanger remove and re-hang the bells (more people required!) and to transport the bells. This volunteer support will significantly reduce the overall cost of the project.

Discussions with the bell hanger have highlighted the opportunity for the work to start in January 2022 and complete in May, which is earlier than expected. This places pressure on the fundraising but also gives us some focus to get the money raised and the project completed.

Grants are an important part of our fundraising strategy and we will start applying for these in

June. Personal donations are still very welcome and we will be running a number of fund raising events. The first of these is the Village Walk on 19 June and this year the funds raised will go to the Restoration Appeal. If you would like to join the walkers and be part of the event, which promises to be a good day, you are very welcome – just contact David Farrar or myself to find out details. Walkers will be seeking sponsorship so please support the event if you can. If you haven't been approached and would like to sponsor a bell ringer you can sponsor me! I'd be happy to share details of the project and, for a pound more, will give you the short version!

To find out more about the project and stay in touch with progress, please visit the church to see the exhibition or look at the church website.

*Mike Worboys,  
Tower Captain,  
01245 224612*

[mike.r.worboys@gmail.com](mailto:mike.r.worboys@gmail.com)

The current (10<sup>th</sup> May) total, promised, actually received and including Gift Aid, currently stands at £20,436.25. Nick Bobeldijk

## Farming Today

At the time of writing (the beginning of May) our first lambs have gone. There has been an abundance of young grass, which has provided good feed for the growing animals, but an excess can bring on 'grass staggers' in older animals. This means loss of balance and being unable to stand. This can be put right, if recognised early enough, with an injection of magnesium. Mastitis in the lactating ewes has been a problem, and with bad cases the ewe has had to be culled. Looking forward a few weeks to shearing time, usually the shearers have been coming from New Zealand, when they then 'work' the country before returning home. This year Covid has put a stop to all that, but we have been able to get shearers from Wales. The only difference is that the Welsh shearers prefer to work with proper music, from Wales of course, and not music that the Maoris like. This year the lambs from ewes that were covered with

Suffolk rams were good quality, so three more Suffolk rams have been purchased to use in the Autumn.

On the arable land, 550 acres of Spring barley has been sown into good seed beds. The increased acreage is so that there has been a better chance to control 'black grass' with cultivations, which can completely smother a crop if not controlled. The only spray that could control it has been withdrawn. The other crops, wheat and particularly winter beans, look good. The oil seed rape is another matter. Just after germination, large areas of the crop were attacked by

the cabbage stem flea beetle. There is absolutely nothing that can be done to stop the resulting damage to the crop, as the only spray that proved useful in stopping this has been withdrawn. In the last farm bulletin we said there had been no pigeon damage to the rape. Before the ink had dried, hundreds of

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pigeons arrived and stripped large areas of the crop. Once they have started it is very difficult to move them on, and if they do go elsewhere it is only to the next crop of rape.

Have a lovely summer,

*Bernard & Gillian*



## It's back! Tea on the Green and Songs of Praise



Chelmsford Salvation Army are happy to come to Sandon on

**Sunday 1<sup>st</sup> August**

At 3 pm for Tea and cake

At 4 pm Songs of Praise

This year we will hold the service in our lovely Churchyard

Please bring a folding chair or blanket to sit on.

We all look forward to seeing you once again





Hopefully things are beginning to come back to a new normal as we have now been able to resume face to face scouting. We have had some drop in numbers in the cubs and scouts sections, but we have had a few take up scouting in the Beaver section.

All sections have been busy; beavers have had games and have done some indoor archery (watch out Robin Hood), The cubs have been very energetic with the Athlete's and Athlete's plus activity badge. The scouts have participated in the County Pedal cars races. They have been to Riffhams for wide games, and cooking over fires and all sections have varied programmes.

If there are any young people who wish to join in the adventures and learn skills for life, please do not hesitate to contact me at [1stsandgsl@gmail.com](mailto:1stsandgsl@gmail.com)

*Stay safe everyone.  
Yours in Scouting  
Jean  
Group Scout Leader*

## Dictionary Definitions

|            |                                 |
|------------|---------------------------------|
| Avoidable  | What a bullfighter tries to do. |
| Bernadette | The act of torching a mortgage. |
| Heroes     | What a man in a boat does.      |
| Relief     | What trees do in the spring.    |
| Selfish    | A seafood store does this.      |



## Church Services

## St. Andrew's, Sandon

*Services currently planned online are shown in italics.* Some are planned to be Zoomed from church. Details to access online services are on page ##.

### June

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|---------------------------------|---------|-------------------------------------|
| <b>Tuesday 1<sup>st</sup></b>   | 9:30 am | <i>Celtic Morning Prayer</i>        |
| <b>Wednesday 2<sup>nd</sup></b> | 8:30 pm | <i>Night Prayer</i>                 |
| <b>Thursday 3<sup>rd</sup></b>  | 8:30 am | <i>Compass Group Morning Prayer</i> |

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| <b>Sunday 6<sup>th</sup></b> | <b>Trinity 1</b> | 10:00 am | <i>Sung Eucharist</i> |
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| <b>Tuesday 8<sup>th</sup></b>   | 9:30 am | <i>Celtic Morning Prayer</i>        |
| <b>Wednesday 9<sup>th</sup></b> | 8:30 pm | <i>Night Prayer</i>                 |
| <b>Thursday 10<sup>th</sup></b> | 8:30 am | <i>Compass Group Morning Prayer</i> |

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| <b>Sunday 13<sup>th</sup></b> | <b>Trinity 2</b> | 8:00 am  | Communion              |
|                               |                  | 10:00 am | <i>Morning Worship</i> |

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| <b>Tuesday 15<sup>th</sup></b>   | 9:30 am | <i>Celtic Morning Prayer</i>        |
| <b>Wednesday 16<sup>th</sup></b> | 8:30 pm | <i>Night Prayer</i>                 |
| <b>Thursday 17<sup>th</sup></b>  | 8:30 am | <i>Compass Group Morning Prayer</i> |

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| <b>Sunday 20<sup>th</sup></b>    | <b>Trinity 3</b> | <b>Fathers' Day</b> | 10:00 am | Sung Eucharist                      |
| <b>Tuesday 22<sup>nd</sup></b>   |                  |                     | 9:30 am  | <i>Celtic Morning Prayer</i>        |
| <b>Wednesday 23<sup>rd</sup></b> |                  |                     | 8:30 pm  | <i>Night Prayer</i>                 |
| <b>Thursday 24<sup>th</sup></b>  |                  |                     | 8:30 am  | <i>Compass Group Morning Prayer</i> |
|                                  |                  |                     |          | <i>Morning Prayer</i>               |
| <b>Sunday 27<sup>th</sup></b>    | <b>Trinity 4</b> |                     | 10:00 am | <i>Morning Worship</i>              |

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| <b>Tuesday 29<sup>th</sup></b>   | 9:30 am | Communion           |
| <b>Wednesday 30<sup>th</sup></b> | 8:30 pm | <i>Night Prayer</i> |

### July

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| <b>Thursday 1<sup>st</sup></b> | 8:30 am | <i>Compass Group Morning Prayer</i> |
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| <b>Sunday 4<sup>th</sup></b> | <b>Trinity 5</b> | 10:00 am | <i>Sung Eucharist</i> |
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| <b>Tuesday 6<sup>th</sup></b>   | 9:30 am | <i>Celtic Morning Prayer</i>        |
| <b>Wednesday 7<sup>th</sup></b> | 8:30 pm | <i>Night Prayer</i>                 |
| <b>Thursday 8<sup>th</sup></b>  | 8:30 am | <i>Compass Group Morning Prayer</i> |
| <b>Saturday 10<sup>th</sup></b> | 2:00 pm | Memorial for Dennis Terry           |

### Church opening for Private Prayer

At the time of writing our Church is now open for Private prayer on

**Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays at 11am to 12 noon**

We are hoping as time goes on to open on other days. Please look on the Church notice board and Church door for times of opening.

### Sunday 11<sup>th</sup>

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| <b>Tuesday 13<sup>th</sup></b>   |
| <b>Wednesday 14<sup>th</sup></b> |
| <b>Thursday 15<sup>th</sup></b>  |
| <b>Sunday 18<sup>th</sup></b>    |

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| <b>Tuesday 20<sup>th</sup></b>   |
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| <b>Thursday 22<sup>nd</sup></b>  |
| <b>Sunday 25<sup>th</sup></b>    |

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| <b>Tuesday 27<sup>th</sup></b>   |
| <b>Wednesday 28<sup>th</sup></b> |
| <b>Thursday 29<sup>th</sup></b>  |
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| <b>Sunday 1<sup>st</sup></b>     |

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| <b>Tuesday 3<sup>rd</sup></b>   |
| <b>Wednesday 4<sup>th</sup></b> |
| <b>Thursday 5<sup>th</sup></b>  |
| <b>Sunday 8<sup>th</sup></b>    |

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| <b>Tuesday 10<sup>th</sup></b>   |
| <b>Wednesday 11<sup>th</sup></b> |
| <b>Thursday 12<sup>th</sup></b>  |
| <b>Sunday 15<sup>th</sup></b>    |

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| <b>Tuesday 17<sup>th</sup></b>   |
| <b>Wednesday 18<sup>th</sup></b> |
| <b>Thursday 19<sup>th</sup></b>  |
| <b>Sunday 22<sup>nd</sup></b>    |

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| <b>Tuesday 24<sup>th</sup></b>   |
| <b>Wednesday 25<sup>th</sup></b> |
| <b>Thursday 26<sup>th</sup></b>  |
| <b>Sunday 29<sup>th</sup></b>    |

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| <b>Tuesday 31<sup>st</sup></b> |
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### Trinity 6

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| 8:00 am  | Communion                           |
| 10:00 am | <i>Morning Worship</i>              |
| 9:30 am  | Communion                           |
| 8:30 pm  | <i>Night Prayer</i>                 |
| 8:30 am  | <i>Compass Group Morning Prayer</i> |

### Trinity 7

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| 10:00 am | Sung Eucharist                      |
| 9:30 am  | <i>Celtic Morning Prayer</i>        |
| 8:30 pm  | <i>Night Prayer</i>                 |
| 8:30 am  | <i>Compass Group Morning Prayer</i> |

### Trinity 8

|          |                                          |
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| 10:00 am | <i>Morning Worship James the Apostle</i> |
| 9:30 am  | Communion                                |
| 8:30 pm  | <i>Night Prayer</i>                      |
| 8:30 am  | <i>Compass Group Morning Prayer</i>      |

### Trinity 9

|          |                                      |
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| 10:00 am | <i>Sung Eucharist/Sung Eucharist</i> |
| 3:00 pm  | Churchyard Tea on the Green          |
|          | Songs of Praise                      |
| 9:30 am  | <i>Celtic Morning Prayer</i>         |
| 8:30 pm  | <i>Night Prayer</i>                  |
| 8:30 am  | <i>Compass Group Morning Prayer</i>  |

### Trinity 10

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| 8:00 am  | Communion                           |
| 10:00 am | <i>Morning Worship</i>              |
| 9:30 am  | Communion                           |
| 8:30 pm  | <i>Night Prayer</i>                 |
| 8:30 am  | <i>Compass Group Morning Prayer</i> |

### Trinity 11

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| 10:00 am | Sung Eucharist                      |
| 9:30 am  | <i>Celtic Morning Prayer</i>        |
| 8:30 pm  | <i>Night Prayer</i>                 |
| 8:30 am  | <i>Compass Group Morning Prayer</i> |

### Trinity 12

|          |                                     |
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| 10:00 am | <i>Morning Worship</i>              |
| 9:30 am  | Communion                           |
| 8:30 pm  | <i>Night Prayer</i>                 |
| 8:30 am  | <i>Compass Group Morning Prayer</i> |

### Trinity 13

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| 10:00 am | Churchyard Forest Church     |
| 9:30 am  | <i>Celtic Morning Prayer</i> |

## Saint Andrew's Parish Church Contacts

Some of this will change at the APCM on 23<sup>rd</sup> May after going to print.

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## Riddle of the Foulness Sands

In the late nineteen-seventies, with two shipmates, I was sailing in Sea Beagle - a 31 foot cruiser/racer sloop. We were tacking in the narrow channel between the Buxey and Foulness sands and shaping up to enter the River Crouch, when the helmsman (it wasn't me) suffered a lapse of concentration and grounded the vessel on the Foulness Sands. The weather was mildly inclement and the tide was falling. Oh dear! The timing could not have been much worse. It was mid-afternoon and we were faced with several hours of embarrassment until the tide rose sufficiently to float us off again, therefore it was unlikely that we would reach our destination at Burnham-on-Crouch until the early hours of the following morning. Modern communication systems, which nowadays we take for granted, were not available then. We did not have the luxury of mobile 'phones, satellite navigation and marine VHF communicating radio. Therefore we could not warn our wives of our predicament. Being young, fit and definitely foolish, I volunteered that as soon as the tide had ebbed sufficiently to leave Sea Beagle high and dry, I would run up the sands, scramble ashore onto Foulness Island, find



a telephone and let it be known to our wives that we would be late for supper. Time and tides permitting, I would then return to Sea Beagle if safe to do, else I would make my way home and my shipmates would bring Sea Beagle back to Burnham without my help. Sounds a simple plan, doesn't it?

It was raining so I disembarked wearing my seagoing oilskins and sea boots and carrying a 6' boat-hook. I took the boat-hook because I thought it might be handy when crossing saltings. The first few yards were easy, but jogging up the Foulness Sands in full seagoing gear was not very comfortable and very hot. Foulness Island did not seem to be getting much closer but I had to press on at maximum possible speed to reach *terra firma* before the tide began to flood again. Eventually the sand ran out but instead of hard soil I now had to cross sticky mudflats and dangerous creeks all of which would be covered and filled when

the flood tide got under way. I had not realized how arduous and indeed hazardous my trek to dry land was going to be.

It is obvious from the fact that I am able to write this account that eventually I set foot on Foulness. However I did not have to search for a telephone because a Ministry of Defence (MOD) policeman was waiting with a Land Rover to 'greet' me. The Cold War with the USSR was at its height and Russian 'trawlers', bristling with radio masts but with scant recognisable fishing gear to be seen, were frequently reported in British territorial waters. Foulness Island was, and still is, MOD property from which armaments are tested out to sea, so it is obvious that security and vigilance would be considered very important to the military. Apparently Sea Beagle's grounding and my progress on foot had been noted – hence the welcoming policeman. While he appeared to accept the explanation for my afternoon's activity, I was 'asked' to ride with him in the Land Rover to the gatehouse to 'have a word' with his boss. Actually I was only too pleased to accept his offer of a seat – after completing my recent challenges, a few seated minutes was quite a relief. At the gatehouse I was quickly cleared

of being a Russian agent; probably because it was highly unlikely that a professional spy would ever have been so incompetently stupid. Following a brief interrogation, I was able to use the MOD's 'phone to call home. Mission accomplished but more embarrassment was to come.

Again by courtesy of the MOD, I was given a lift to Southend Bus Station where I would catch a bus home to East Hanningfield. By this time the weather had improved and the early evening sun was quite warm, so wearing ridiculously inappropriate seagoing oilskins with squelchy water filled sea-boots, also carrying a formidable boat-hook, *on a bus*, must have appeared rather odd to those around me. None of my fellow passengers said anything but I suspect they must have thought that this strangely attired person carrying a 6ft boat-hook looked more than a little out of place and, if not just eccentric, could be a dangerous nutter. Nonetheless I couldn't fail to notice several quickly taken querulous looks. I didn't feel the need to explain. 45 minutes later I arrived home. Much later Sea Beagle picked up her mooring at Burnham. I slept very soundly that night.

Bernard White

## A Real Scam - Beware

One Friday recently, I was called on my landline from someone claiming to be from my bank in Chelmsford. I asked him to phone back on my mobile so that through 'Bluetooth', I could route the calls into my hearing aids. I was suspicious so I called my bank to check that the call was genuine. The employee said she had been unable to speak to the Chelmsford Branch but some branches were making goodwill calls to certain customers. I concluded that the caller was probably genuine.

The following Monday the 'caller' called again, first on the landline then my mobile introducing himself as a Customer Relationship Manager from my bank. In this report I will refer to him as C.

C explained that he had replacement debit and credit cards for my wife and me at the Chelmsford Branch. However, he could arrange a 'no charge' delivery. I suspected a scam; told him so and gave him a hard time with several minutes of questioning. He had personal and banking details in front of him, even to the extent of seeing that I was in the process of making an online donation. I can now see that he had hacked into our joint bank accounts.

Our cards were still valid but C countered that the bank was renewing cards earlier than necessary and that they were co-ordinating issues of debit and credit cards for ease of administration. I kept on 'smelling rats' but each time C had a plausible answer and promised to ring when the new cards would be delivered.

C was well informed with information about me. Looking back, I am *very* chastened.

When C rang back, he gave me PINs for the new cards. I said I would change both PINs to my existing numbers. He suggested that I should select new numbers. Like as ass, I overruled C's suggestion so he said he would use my existing PIN then asked me what it was. I refused saying, "You tell me." Whereupon he said that for security reasons he could not give the whole number but it contained the number one, which it did. After a further few minutes arguing the toss, ending with him giving further 'proof' that he was genuine, instead of ending the conversation, I convinced myself that I was making too much of a paranoid fuss and passed the four digits to him. How stupid was that?

C said that a courier, D, would be arriving shortly but that since I

was so suspicious, he would keep the line open to ensure all was satisfactory. He asked that I should have the old cards available for D's verification and that we would be given a £20.00 gift card which could be redeemed at several major stores.

D arrived and I handed the cards to him. With C still on the line, to divert my attention, D handed me an envelope, which I assumed contained the new cards, and quickly moved from view as C continued talking to me again. I asked C where D had gone with the old cards. C replied that he had gone back to the van to verify the old cards and activate the new ones prior to returning them, which would take a few minutes, while C stayed on the line. I could not see the van and asked C where it was. His reply was that it was just along the road. C said he would ask D to come up the drive in the van to hand over the cards when he had finished so I could see the bank's logo on the van.

I had had enough so, without telling C, I searched for D who was nowhere to be seen. C said that D would soon be finished. I angrily told C that he was nowhere to be seen to which he responded that D was on his way back to the bank and realising

that he had been rumbled he rang off.

I immediately returned home as quickly as possible and reported to my bank that I had been scammed. Before I could speak to anyone in authority, I had to go through a time-consuming rigmarole of button pressing which wasted even more time, circa 50 minutes.

I now find that as I was being stalled by C his accomplice D had withdrawn more than £770 at a cashpoint.

I never thought that I would fall foul of such an obvious scam and with hindsight I still find it incredible that I did not twig what was going on. Again, with hindsight, C's vocabulary and cliché-laden general conversation were not what I would have expected of a senior bank employee nor was D's appearance (he never spoke) up to the mark. I have come to accept that present day standards are not what they were.

I never thought it would happen to me. It did. So, please do not believe it could never happen to you.

*From a parishioner who, for obvious reasons, want to be anonymous.*



## St Alban - the first British martyr

## Word Search

Persecution of Christians worldwide is rising fast, so it is worth remembering St Alban, the first British martyr. Alban was a Roman citizen living in England when the Roman emperor, Diocletian, began a fierce persecution. Soon Alban found a desperate priest on his doorstep, hunted by local soldiers. Alban gave the priest shelter, and within days was converted. When the soldiers arrived, Alban took the priest's place, refused to offer sacrifice to the Roman gods, and was condemned to death. Alban went to his execution on 22<sup>nd</sup> June 250AD with such serenity that one of the executioners was converted. He died on the site of the Hertfordshire town that now bears his name.

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| persecution | converted  | death     | town     |
| Roman       | soldiers   | Execution | name     |
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## Jack Whinney's "gleanings"

Be careful what you ask for you may get it. *Chinese proverb*

Give me the ability to see good things in unexpected places, and talents in unexpected people. And give me, O Lord, the grace to tell them so. Amen.

*Quoted in the Chipping Norton Deanery Magazine May 1976*

O Lord, support us all the day long of this troublous life, until the shades lengthen, and the evening comes, and the busy world is hushed, the fever of life is over, and our work is done. Then, Lord, in thy mercy, grant us safe lodging, a holy rest, and peace at the last; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

*Prayer of Cardinal John Henry Newman*

Exhortation is used more and accomplishes less than almost any behaviour-changing tool known to man.

*From "Developing attitude towards learning" Robert F. Mayer*

We don't stop playing because we grow old,  
We grow old because we stop playing.

*Anon (believe quoted in "The Oldie")*



Jack in his Gleaning days!

As soon as men decide that all means are permitted to fight evil, then their good becomes indistinguishable from the evil that they set out to destroy.

*Christopher Dawson (quoted in "Sunday Link" 6 March 1994)*

Much learning does not teach understanding. *Heraclitus*

Things may come to those who wait,  
But only the things left behind by those who hustle.

*Abraham Lincoln*

## Cause for Hope

Readers may remember a piece in the Parish Magazine a few months ago about a Sandon resident and character; the late Walton Rigby. Until his retirement to Sandon in 1966, Walton had been an old style 'dog and stick' farmer on the Essex marshes at Mayland. Without the benefit of modern techniques and weather forecasting, Walton and his ilk paid heed to wisdoms, developed mainly by unscientific observations and experiences, passed down through the ages. Such wisdoms, probably for reasons that they were made memorable, were encapsulated in adages or 'old sayings'. More often than not they proved to be remarkably accurate; there are many, but with our recent weather two seem to be particularly appropriate.

This year April's weather was dominated by winds from the north-eastern quarter of the compass. The resulting cold, dry weather retarded the emergence of the fresh spring grass so much needed by farmers and stockbreeders for their animals, particularly as fresh grass is so vital for the success of lambing - which has already started. Animals still have to be fed and as hay stocks fall, prices rise,

causing much extra anxiety to fretting farmers. Walton would have said to me, several times, "*Wind in the east is no good to man or beast,*" which for many of us has been spot-on.

As I put pen to paper, May's weather, when compared with April, has made a different start with high winds and heavy rain from westerly directions - but, for the time of year, it remains cold. With forecasts currently predicting more of the same - for the next week, at least - to suit the moment I'll quote the words that I'm sure Walton would have recited to me, "*A cold, wet and windy May the barns do fill with corn and hay.*"

Mother Nature usually seems to even things up in the end, so let's be optimistic and hope that Walton's forecast is on the ball with June turning out to be warm and sunny with plenty of nourishing grass for the beasts - and a bumper harvest of corn and hay. *Bernard White*

The heart has its reason, which reason does not understand.

*A miss quotation of the 17<sup>th</sup> Century philosopher Blaise Pascal*



## WI Meeting

### ***A Talk on Hearing Dogs for Deaf People***

On Thursday 8<sup>th</sup> April, we met on Zoom and Paul, a volunteer for about 5 years, spoke about Hearing Dogs for Deaf People.

The charity helps deaf people leave loneliness behind. Today in the UK about one in six of the adult population suffers from some form of hearing loss. Around 850,000 people have been born deaf in this country, and there are about 50,000 children with hearing problems. Hearing Dogs for Deaf People can help everyone with hearing loss by supporting them through their daily lives. Those with profound or severe hearing loss are provided with fully trained assistance dogs.

A hearing dog, matched carefully to a deaf partner, can be a companion and help for around a decade. The dogs are trained to alert the deaf person to sounds that they may otherwise miss around the home or workplace. But it is the companionship and the happiness that the deaf person will receive from their hearing dog that is the most beneficial aspect. Currently the charity cares for around 1000 working partnerships in the UK.

They are a volunteer driven organization, so very cost effective. They have volunteers who look after the hearing dogs' parents as part of the breeding scheme. They use poodles, cocker spaniels, labradors and cross breed spaniel/poodles, as these breeds have demonstrated the traits needed to be successful hearing dogs.

For the first eight weeks the hearing dog pups live with their mother and their foster carers. At 8 weeks the pups are ready for training and volunteer puppy trainers expose the dogs to everyday life, such as shops and public transport so they can discover and learn about the wider world. The puppies will go to routine puppy training classes where they will learn to be a good dog and to obey commands.

Around the age of 4 to 6 months a pup is normally ready to move on to more advanced training, including reacting to specific sounds the deaf partner might require help with, in their home or in their workspace, like a baby crying or a text message.

All the hearing dogs are trained to alert their deaf partner to everyday sounds in the home that they might miss, such as a cooker timer, doorbell or smoke or fire

alarm. When alerted, the deaf partner will ask the dog and sign 'what is it?' and the dog will lead the deaf partner to the source. Smaller dogs use a 'sit up and two paws' method for alerting their partner or they will put two paws on their partners bed for the alarm clock. Bigger dogs, like labradors, use the nose nudge to alert their partner. Hearing dogs act differently when they hear a fire alarm or smoke alarm: they are taught to lie down rather than nudge their recipient this tells the deaf recipient it is a danger alarm and the dog will lead them out to safety, (not to the source of the sound and danger).

Paul then introduced Maggie who explained how helpful Ludo had been to her after losing her husband, and the companionship she and Ludo have together. She explained that he has been the best thing for her and that now

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## **Folk Tale**

Prayers like gravel flung at the sky's window, hoping to attract the loved one's attention. But without visible plait to let down for the believer to climb up, to what purpose open that far casement? I would have refrained long since but that peering once through my locked fingers I thought that I detected the movement of a curtain.

*R S Thomas*

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she has a dog, she has to get up in the mornings and take him out.

Questions were asked by members and Wendy thanked both Paul, Maggie and Ludo.

*Julie Fisher*

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## Recipe

### Draniki

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1 Onion , medium  
1 Eggs  
3 Flour tbsp.  
Sea Salt  
pepper Fresh ground , coarse

#### Steps

You can peel or leave the skin on the potatoes. Grind them with a hand grater or food processor. Add the egg, chopped onion, flour and salt and pepper.

Hand mix the ingredients using a spoon or fork. If the mixture seems too dry you can add another egg, but this will alter the texture of the pancake. We prefer a drier mix.

Add coconut oil or olive oil to the cast iron pan. We like to use a cast iron pan for even heat.

Spoon a small amount of the mixture into a hot pan and gently flatten and shape each into a pancake. Fry until golden brown on both sides. You should only have to flip the pancake once.

Best served with sour cream.

## Churchyard

We have a beautiful Churchyard which is well maintained by our Parish Council, Church Volunteers and a grass cutting contractor. There is always work to do and so every month on the Second Saturday of the month we meet between 10am and 12 noon to set about helping. We are always looking for more help from the village so please consider coming along to help. At 12noon we stop work and have a refreshing cup of tea/ coffee and usually a hot piece of bread pudding.

These are the next dates  
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**Saturday 9<sup>th</sup> July and**  
**Saturday 13<sup>th</sup> August.**

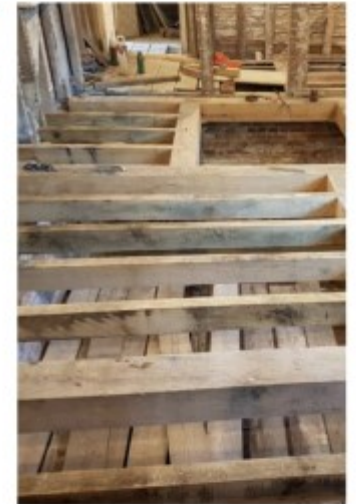
## Dennis Terry

A year has passed since Dennis passed away. Due to Covid and lockdown we were unable to use the Church for his funeral. We will be holding a memorial service for Dennis on Saturday 10th July at 2pm. All who knew Dennis are welcome to attend. Thank you once again to friends and neighbours for support over the year.  
Janet Terry.

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