

# *St Peter & St Paul*

Little Horkesley

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Merry Christmas & Happy New

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## Walking in a Winter Wonderland.

I have just enjoyed a wonderful week break away with the family, including our 10 month old grandson, Elyan. Without giving too much away, and inadvertently advertising, our week was spent in Elveden Forest, in a place, I feel sure might be familiar to many people, ideally suited to family holidays.

Arriving on Friday night, it was clear that preparations were already afoot for getting the sight ready for Christmas. By Monday evening, the lights were switched on, and for the next 4 days, we found ourselves in a Winter wonderland, with enchanted forests, twinkling lights, Elves springing up all over the place and frequent light dustings of snow. Knowing that I had to come home and go straight into Remembrance Sunday services, I really wasn't feeling quite ready for all this festive fun. But it is hard to resist getting drawn in when you have a young child with you!

Any references to Christmas were cleverly avoided, it was most definitely a 'Winter Wonderland', Father Christmas, was Santa, with any reference to Christmas removed, and amidst the sparkling lights, the snow machines and Elves, there was no room for even just one nativity scene, pointing people to the real reason for the season. And of course, wishing to be open to all, there are probably many reasons for this.

And yet as we stood and listened to Rudolph and his reindeer friends singing their 'Winter Wonderland' songs, amidst the 'Jingle Bells' and 'Chestnuts roasting on an open fire', they sang a wonderful rendition of 'Silent Night, Holy Night'. Or again, having popped along to hear the choir singing on a Tuesday night, they couldn't seem to resist throwing in 'O little town of Bethlehem' and encouraging everyone to sing along.

Christmas carols are so deeply woven into the fabric of the season, that its almost as if no-one noticed, that every so often, the whole story of Christmas was told, in the familiar, beautiful words of a carol.

I might sometimes want to rant at the desire of an increasingly secular world wanting to turn Christian festivals, into Wintervals. But still, we hear the voice of the angels sing, as the message of Christmas wafts through the air in the words of familiar carols. For those who have ears to hear, in the Carols and in the giving and receiving of gifts, we remember that at Christmas time we are celebrating the birth of Jesus Christ, the ultimate gift for everyone.

Happy Christmas and may God Bless you and your family  
Heather



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## Prayer, using the first verse of 'It came upon a midnight clear.'



It came upon the midnight clear,  
That glorious song of old,  
From angels bending near the earth  
To touch their harps of gold.  
'Peace on the earth, goodwill to men,  
From heaven's all gracious king!'  
The world in solemn stillness lay  
To hear the angels sing.



As the world is rocked by conflict and strife  
May we hear afresh the Angels song  
and may we know the peace that only Jesus can  
give.



## Pet Of The Month

### Snowdrop

Linda sends, almost daily, photos with the most amusing captions of Snowdrops antics.

Snowdrop really did fall on her feet when she adopted Nick and Linda Hillyard to be her forever people. They quite rightly continued to give her a wonderful pampered life, and although typical of most cats she can be a little aloof, she is completely doted on.

Here's one of Linda's gems.  
Thank you, Linda



*Snowdrop: I found a chair near a radiator ...*

*..... with a fleece on it, ready and waiting for me. Linda can be so thoughtful sometimes.*

*Linda says: I have a sustainable heated chair. It runs on Sheba.*



# MERIEL'S REPORT

## HARVEST FESTIVAL



The response to the Harvest Appeal for the Colchester Food Bank was very good.

Thank you to everyone who gave so generously. According to the Food Bank 68.3 kilos were collected for which they were very grateful. Last year, coming after Covid restrictions, the church did not get as many decorations as usual. This year, despite having few decorators, the church looked lovely. Sally and Robert Chapman had brought me a bunch of sunflowers when we were discussing Roy Chapman's funeral. They were a new crop for Malting Farm and absolutely beautiful. I then asked if I might have some for our Harvest decorations. They were delighted as it seemed like a continuation of all the times Duncan Brown brought sheaves to celebrate Harvest. He is also remembered for the reading of the Harvest Gospel when he would substitute the crops in the bible reading for ones which the local farmers had grown that year! There is photo of the arrangement and also one of the field of flowers showing Malting Farm and the iconic barn.




The stunning flower displays for Harvest





The flower arrangers were Roger Beatty, Fionna Morrison, Julia Orme, Meriel Sparkes and Duncan Turner. Duncan had done wonderful arrangements for his mother Sarah's funeral so I asked if he could continue Sarah's tradition. I was grateful to him for agreeing and also to be added to our rota – a most welcome addition.

As it is difficult to get wheat sheaves I suddenly remembered my father's corn dollies which have been in the church shed for many years. I was quite proud of my display which you can see in the picture along with the notice about them.



**CORN DOLLIES**

THESE CORN DOLLIES WERE MADE BY MY FATHER, PERCY BLOYCE, WHO DIED IN 1973. THIS MEANS THAT THEY ARE AT LEAST 55 YEARS OLD. THEY HAVE NOT BEEN ON DISPLAY FOR MANY YEARS.

NOTE THE CROSSED KEYS AND SWORDS FOR OUR PATRON SAINTS, PETER AND PAUL

THE BEEHIVE ORIGINALLY HAD DEAD BEES FROM MY FATHER'S HIVES ATTACHED ON WIRES.

MERIEL SPARKES

The other lovely thing was that Sue Carbutt had been offered the loan of a Harvest Loaf for our service. We have not had one for some years, so we were pleased to accept. Our vicar, Heather, then said she was making a loaf with the West Bergholt children on the Saturday, and she would bring that along. I assumed it would be a sort of cottage loaf and put some grapes on the altar grapes on the altar to go along with it. How wrong I was. It turned out to be a beautiful sheaf complete with mice. So, we had two which you can see were both beautiful.



Our Evening Harvest Service was well-attended. The singing was led by our very supportive choir who also sung an anthem.

### CHURCH FLOWERS

On the subject of the church flower arrangers the list for 2024 is in the church. Our grateful thanks go to everyone who has helped during this year.

### ALL SOULS November 5<sup>th</sup>

In the evening, for All Souls, we had a quite lovely, very well-attended, service at which a list was read of the names of loved ones to be remembered and candles were lit in their memory. Emma officiated and preached a superb sermon on the words from the beginning of the gospel of St John Chapter 14.

### REMEMBRANCE

This year was again a memorable service with Joy Budden and Michael Foster officiating. Roger had some wonderful floral displays and Fionna Morrison had added her usual poppy tributes. Wreaths were laid at the War Memorial by Michael Culham and a representative for the Parish Council.







## **ROY CHAPMAN**

Roy died on 6<sup>th</sup> September and his funeral was held at Nayland church on 17<sup>th</sup> October. He, along with his late wife Mary, had been attenders at Little Horkesley for over 40 years. They were tremendous and generous supporters of everything that we did for such a long time.

As it was expected that there would be many people at the service it was held at Nayland, where Roy had lived and worked for a number of years. That expectation proved correct as around 475 people attended a service of real celebration for his long life. Roy had been organising his service for many years and his sons, Robert and John, had followed his instructions as closely as they could. It was taken by our friend, Archdeacon James Ridge, at Roy's request, with the prayers being led by the vicar of Nayland, Revd Stephane Javelle. His grand-daughter, Emma, spoke about him along with a message from his grandson, Sam. His friend, Sue Carbutt, read a poem and a farewell letter, written by Roy, was read, speaking of his happy and fulfilled life and thanking those involved in it. There was also eulogy by a friend and James gave the address. Our choir joined Nayland choir to lead the singing.

Afterwards everyone was invited to The Talbooth where again Roy had organised exactly what was on offer and it was a wonderful party, just what he would have wished.

In all it was a fitting tribute to a great and honourable man. We will miss him so much.



## **CHURCH MAGAZINE DONATIONS**

We now have a Church Magazine every two months. It costs an enormous amount to produce so I am asking if you could make a donation of £10 towards the cost. If it is posted to you I would ask that you pay £15. I hope you will be generous with your donations as the cost to the church is considerable.

I would like to thank Suzanne, our very able and willing Editor, for all her help.

## DETAILS REGARDING PAYMENT

Payments can be made in cash or by cheque, made payable to Little Horkesley PCC, and can be given to Sally Bramall, Forge House, 82 Bear Street, Nayland, Colchester, CO6 4HY. They can also be made by Bank transfer as follows: HSBC plc, sort code 40-18-51, account no. 71027395, reference – your name.

## DAVID CULHAM – A SPECIAL BIRTHDAY

David Culham, our first Tower Captain when our church was rebuilt, celebrated his 80<sup>th</sup> birthday on November 19<sup>th</sup>. His family decided they would like to ring a Quarter Peal at Little Horkesley in his honour. So, on the morning of November 19<sup>th</sup>, David, his three sons, Ivan, Neil and Ian, along with his daughter-in-law, Claire, rung a Quarter Peal. Quite an occasion.

David is currently Tower Captain at Ardleigh church and has contributed a huge amount to the world of bellringing over many years. He holds weekly training sessions for new ringers.

Congratulations, David and many happy returns.



## CHRISTMAS CARDS

You will receive with our Magazine a Christmas card showing the Christmas services. This beautiful card is also available, at church services, to purchase for £5 for a pack of 10. The card has no wording inside so can also be used as a notelet at any time of the year.

## RONALD BLYTHE

It is now almost a year since we lost our dear friend, and we think of him so often. I was looking through my scrapbook of Little Horkesley and the church and found a card he sent me in 2009 when I had been playing the organ for 50 years (now 64).

I hope I still don't quite resemble the lady on the card.



## CHRISTMAS

**OUR CAROL SERVICE WILL BE ON DECEMBER 17<sup>TH</sup> AT 6.30PM AND MULLED WINE AND MINCE PIES WILL BE AVAILABLE BEFORE THE SERVICE – FROM 5.45PM**

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**ON CHRISTMAS DAY THERE IS A BENEFICE CHRISTMAS DAY SERVICE AT LITTLE HORKESLEY AT 10.30 AM.**

**ON 31<sup>ST</sup> DECEMBER THERE IS A UNITED HOLY COMMUNION SERVICE AT WEST BERGHOLT. NO OTHER SERVICES ON THAT DAY.**

**YOU ARE CORDIALLY INVITED TO ALL OF THESE SERVICES.**

**A HAPPY CHRISTMAS AND PEACEFUL NEW YEAR TO YOU ALL.**

**MERIEL**





"Those were the Days"

Oil by Marius van Doekum. 1999



In Meriel from Ronnie

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# LITTLE HORKESLEY PARISH COUNCIL



The Little Horkesley Parish Council hope that you are all well and safe after the high winds and bad rain that storms Babet and Ciaran brought to us during the first two weeks of November. Compared to other parishes in the area we were very lucky to come through it so well with just the odd tree down and the flood at the bottom of the Water Lane when the river burst it's banks. The detour caused by the flood highlighted a rather deep pot hole in Fishponds Hill but as you will have noticed that was inspected and filled the same day. Please do not hesitate to contact The Parish Council if you see a pothole in the parish that needs attention.

Fordham Pylons is the local action group campaigning against the use of

50m high pylons to carry electricity across our area please continue to visit their website on

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There are always updates on their website including the recent SeaLink development.

The Parish Council hope that you all have a happy and peaceful Christmas.



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# November 2023

Dear friends and family,

Greetings from Normandy! We are doing well and looking forward to what God will be doing through us and the church here this coming year. Our children are back at school.

Manan, the youngest is preparing for his French Baccalaureate (equivalent of A-level). Joshua and Eloïse are back at University in the UK. We thank God that they are enjoying their courses. They both plan to do a year placement in Industry next year. ***Please pray for them that they will find the right placement.***

In October we were greatly encouraged by a team who visited us from the UK from Holy Trinity Hinckley, one of our supporting churches. Our church in Caen had a men's breakfast as well as a women's breakfast with them on the Saturday morning, where they shared their testimonies about God's love and faithfulness.

## Ministry in Caen

Thank you for praying for the annual gathering we had in September for the six churches of our network. It was a blessed time with teaching and discussion on the theme of making disciples. We

thank God for several new people who have joined churches in the network. One of these is 'Ishmael' from Iraq. He moved to Normandy recently and has joined one of the churches. He is on fire for God and has been sharing his faith in Jesus with people from the Middle East. He has started a well-attended house group with them. ***Please pray for the churches and for 'Ishmael', his ministry and God's provision for an apartment for him.***



*Women's breakfast with members of Holy Trinity Hinckley*



*Men's breakfast with members of Holy Trinity Hinckley*

renovation of the Adventist church building in Caen and the possibility of moving in as a church for our Sunday services and midweek events. It is well located in the city centre. This is becoming more and more of a reality now. The building work has progressed, and we hope to be able to move in this

## Future place of worship

We have been praying for a while for the



February. **Please pray for the people living in that area of Caen and for God to prepare and guide us for the new season coming.**

### Equipping church members

We are keen to see more church members discover their gifts and use them for the advancement of the kingdom of God. In that respect we ran a **preaching training** called "Club Pred" in the network two years ago. It was very fruitful and some of the participants are now preaching in their churches. We ran it again on the 4 October with 13 participants from five churches including Dave and Xavier from the church in Caen. We will gather via Zoom every three weeks for eight months. **Please pray for this new group and for Sena, Francis and Kevin who will be leading it.**

**On Saturday 4 November we are running a Sunday school teachers' training in Caen.** We thank God that we have more children coming to the church in Caen and more volunteers to help with children's ministry. **Please pray for Jane who leads this ministry, for the new people joining the team and for the children in the church to grow in their love for Jesus.**

### Equipping church planting teams (M4)

In October we had the second weekend of training for the four church planting teams. There were 30 people, and we were very encouraged by what God has been doing through them throughout France. They are all impacting their local communities. One team now has a very good relationship with their local authorities, who six months ago were very resistant to them doing children's ministry in the community. **Please pray for these four teams** and especially for God's



Church planting teams

guidance for the church plant in Montmartre, which is in the centre of Paris. It is an unreached area with many artists living there. May God use that church to impact that area with the gospel and hope in Christ.

### Local evangelism

We continue to reach out to people living in the neighbourhood of Grace de Dieu. We thank God for the good contacts we already have and are praying for God to open doors to new ones. We long to bring the hope of Christ and the love of God into that disadvantaged area. **Please continue to pray with us that the Catholic church there will allow us to use one of their venues to host people at least once a week around tea and coffee.**

On Christmas Eve we are planning an evangelistic event: **Christmas Around the World.** We will have a special guest service followed by festive food from the seven nationalities represented in our church. **Please pray with us as we plan, organise and invite friends to this event.** Thank you for your love, support and prayers.

Love from, Sena & Jane

**Sena and Jane Ounate-Lare.** Caen, France  
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## LITTLE HORKESLEY WEATHER

September - October 2023

By Adrian Szabo



The summary of the weather conditions for the past couple of months: a record breaking warm September and a wet and unsettled October, especially in the second half.

High pressure influenced the UK's weather for the first half of September, bringing fine, sunny, dry conditions and the most significant spell of warmth since June. From 4th to 10th, the UK experienced a significant heat wave with temperatures exceeding 30°C somewhere in the UK for seven consecutive days: a September record. Temperatures here reached 29.3°C on the 9<sup>th</sup> and **29.7° C** on the 10<sup>th</sup> of September making this the hottest day of the year (**33.5°C** at Faversham, Kent on the same day- 2023 UK record). The UK monthly mean temperature was 15.2°C, 2.2°C above the 1991-2020 average making this the UK's equal-warmest September in the series from 1884 (shared with 2006). For England and Wales this was the warmest September on record. Mean temperature in our village was 17.8°C which was nearly 3 degrees warmer than usual. The second half of the month saw an abrupt change to much more unsettled and autumnal conditions with westerly weather bringing Atlantic low-pressure systems and significant rain. Storm Agnes had

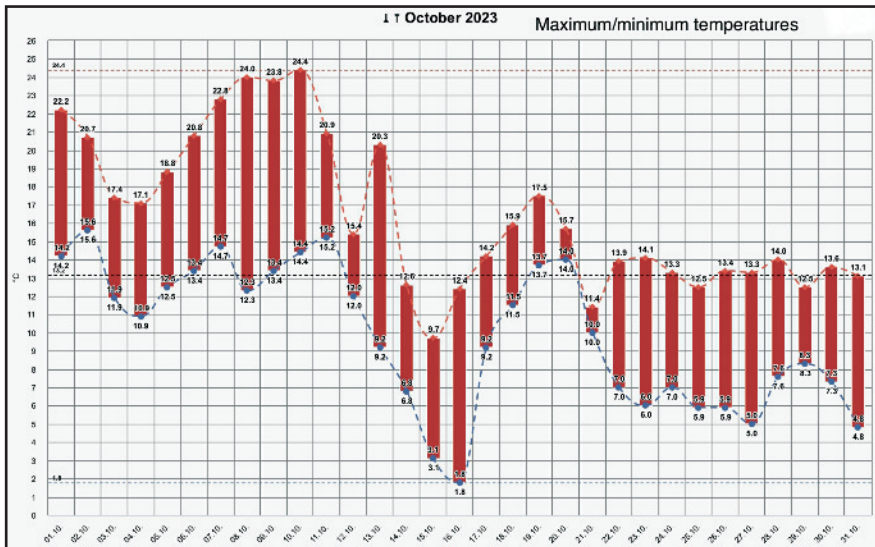
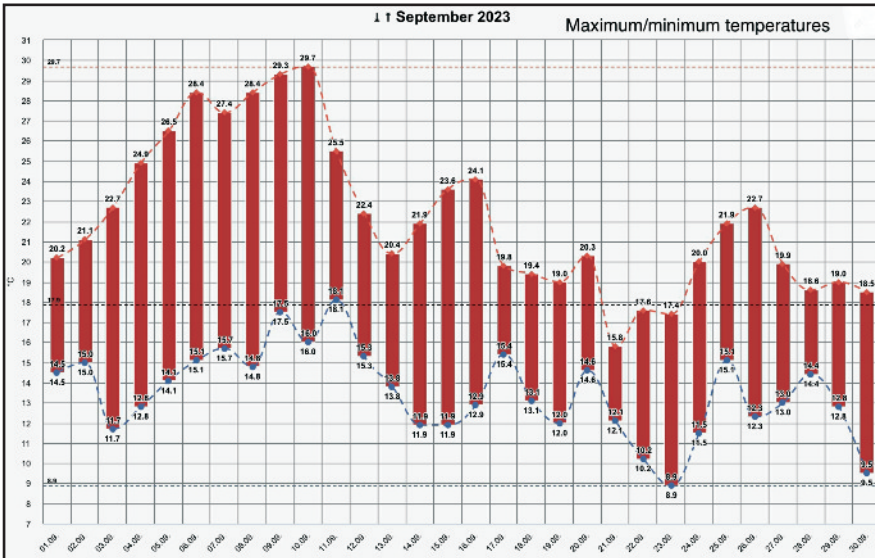
very little effect in our area. We recorded 9 rainy days in September with totals (41 mm) close to the usual values for September and a predominant south-westerly air circulation.

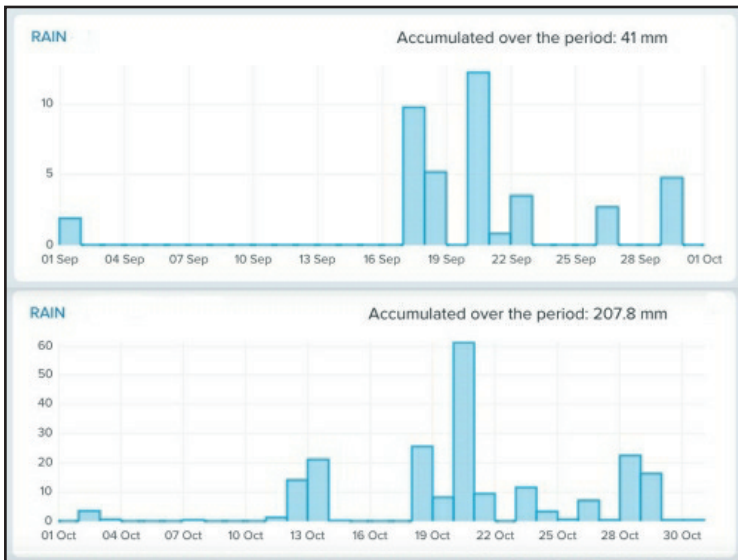
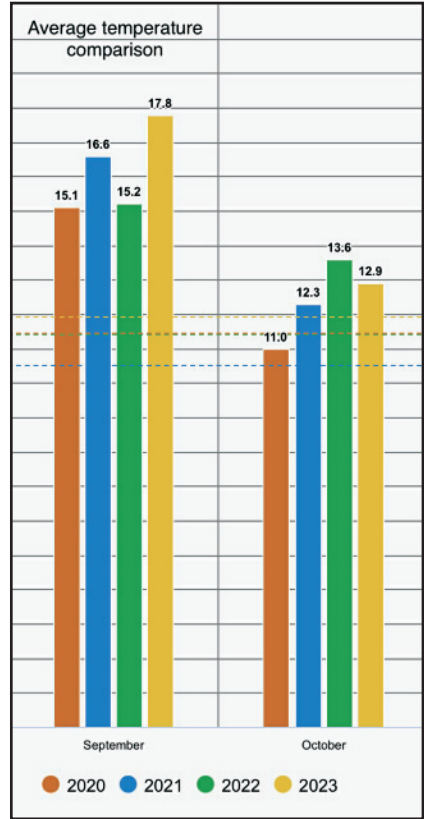
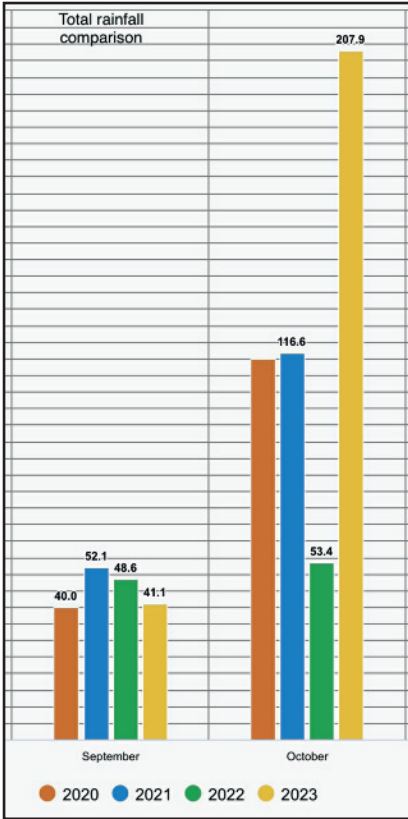
October started with warm and sunny days especially in the 6-10<sup>th</sup> interval (24.4° C reached on the 10<sup>th</sup>), this is more than 8°C above average for the time of year. This was the most significant spell of October warmth since 2011. Fronts sweeping across the UK from 12th to 13th brought widespread wet and cooler weather to the UK more generally, and a final end to any lingering late summer warmth. On the mornings of the 15<sup>th</sup> and 16<sup>th</sup> we recorded the first mild air frosts this autumn. The second half of the month was unsettled and very wet at times. Widespread, prolonged and heavy rainfall from storm Babet from 18th to 21st brought serious flooding problems to many areas, with eastern Scotland worst affected. In Little Horkesley we totalled 20 rainy days , we recorded 61mm of rain (well over an average month's rainfall) on 20<sup>th</sup> October and a total of 208mm for the whole month making it one of the wettest October on record. For comparison we totalled 53mm of rain in October 2022. Mean temperature for October was 12.9° C, slightly above the multiannual values.

Another interesting statistic is that the total cumulative precipitation at 31 October 2023 (total rainfall accumulated in the first 10 months of the year) is about 820mm which is more than double the total amount by the same date last year (380mm).

Live weather data for Little Horkesley can be viewed here:

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# Funding local parish ministry

Parish Share 2024 explained



## How are our churches funded?

People are often surprised to discover that Parish churches are largely funded by voluntary donations and giving.

It is thanks to this generosity that churches can pay for the maintenance and running cost of their buildings, any staff they employ and all their activities.

Funding for ministers such as vicars and their houses comes from Chelmsford Diocese which serves all the Church of England churches in Essex and East London.

But Chelmsford Diocese is reliant on local parish churches to provide most of this funding in the first place through an annual contribution called Parish Share.

So, your local parish church is funded almost entirely by the generosity of worshippers and the local communities they serve.



## What does Parish Share pay for?

- Each Parish is asked to make a Parish Share contribution each year.
- The Parish Share is put into the Diocesan General Fund Budget, alongside other money Chelmsford Diocese raises. £16.3m of the £22.2m budget comes from Parish Share (73%)
- The budget is used to resource and support local parish ministry as set out in the diagram below.

### Our Diocesan General Fund Budget



**80%**

**funds local parish clergy & ministers**

**Total: £17,781,000**

The stipends (pay), national insurance, pension, council tax, water rates, insurance, housing management costs, DBS checks and training costs for our clergy and licensed ministers. This includes training and supporting future clergy.

**20%**

**funds vital support for parish churches**

such as safeguarding, legal and financial support

**Total: £4,457,000**



Scan to read our FAQs about how Parish Share is spent.

## Who decides how much each parish is asked to contribute?

Parish Share changed in 2023 following a major parish consultation. The consultation told us that Parish Share should:

- **Help parishes to mutually support each other**, with those better able to contribute, supporting those less able:
  - Parishes in areas of economic deprivation, those facing the particular challenges of rural ministry and parishes without full time stipendiary (paid) clergy are asked to contribute less than others.
  - Parishes are encouraged to come together with neighbouring churches in their deaneries to discuss whether they can help each other.
- **Be transparent and just** - previously there were inconsistencies in how share was calculated, which caused a sense of injustice. In the new Parish Share Scheme every contribution is calculated using the same transparent formula.



**How the new parish share scheme works.**

## How do churches raise the money they need?

The past few years have been extraordinarily challenging for our parish churches and the communities they serve. As with all charities they continue to be almost entirely dependent on people's generosity. Without giving and donations, most churches would simply not be able to pay their bills and their Parish Share, which means Chelmsford Diocese would not be able to pay for clergy and ministers. We are enormously grateful to those in our churches and local communities who have continued to support their local parish church through this time.

## How can I help?

If you are able to give to your local parish church or would like to increase how much you give, please speak with someone on your church leadership team or visit your church website.

Thank you!



## Meeting of the PCC on October 17th, 2023

At the meeting of the PCC, we were sorry to have to record the sad loss of three very important members of the Little Horkesley Church community, namely Roy Chapman, Mary Langstone and Sarah Turner. They had all made huge contributions to the life of the Parish and will be sadly missed.

David Lewis as Churchwarden said that the worship of the Church continued as planned with Evensong on most Sundays and Morning service once a month. He had no major issues to report regarding the church fabric. A few minor issues regarding lighting and the sound systems were raised which he will address.

Sally Bramall as Treasurer was not present, but she had reported that income and expenditure were broadly in line with budget. The question of Parish Share for 2024 had been discussed at a meeting of the Deanery at which the total share for our six-parish Benefice had been notified. We agreed that Little

Horkesley would pay a little more than our allocation to provide a measure of support for the other parishes.

The Vicar said that the Patronage issue for the Church had been resolved and Keble College, Oxford is now our Patron. This clears up an issue outstanding since the death of George Reynolds several years ago.

The Vicar also said that the issue of the formalization of the Combined Benefice of the six parishes continued to move forward but that no name had yet been agreed.

We congratulated Emma Barr on her ordination. She kindly agreed to take the service on All Souls Day in Little Horkesley. The Big Celebration for the six parishes held at Mount Bures on August 20<sup>th</sup> by courtesy of Emma, had been a great success.

**Will Pavry**  
Secretary Little Horkesley PCC



## Sidesmen & Readers : December 2023

	Sidesmen	Readers	Readings
<b>3<sup>rd</sup> December</b>			
Morning	NO MORNING SERVICE		
Evening	<b>ADVENT CAROL SERVICE</b>		
	David Lewis Ann Garnett	TBA	TBA
<b>10<sup>th</sup> December</b>			
Morning	NO MORNING SERVICE		
Evening	Margaret Thomas Harold Thomas	Margaret Thomas Harold Thomas	2 Peter 3: 8-15a Mark 1: 1-8
	<i>Intercessor: Margaret Thomas</i>		
<b>17<sup>th</sup> December</b>			
Morning	NO MORNING SERVICE		
Evening	<b>CAROL SERVICE</b>		
	John Sparkes Christopher Orme	TBA	TBA
<b>24<sup>th</sup> December</b> <i>CHRISTMAS EVE</i> NO SERVICES AT LITTLE HORKESLEY			
<b>25<sup>th</sup> December</b> <i>CHRISTMAS DAY</i>			
<u>10.30am</u>	<b>BENEFACTIVE SERVICE</b>		
	David Lewis Nick Hillyard	David Lewis Nick Hillyard	Hebrews 1: 1-4 John 1: 1-14
<b>31<sup>st</sup> December</b> NO SERVICES AT LITTLE HORKESLEY			



## Sidesmen & Readers : January 2024

Sunday	Sidesmen	Readers	Readings
<b>7<sup>th</sup> January</b>			
Morning	Brian Lord Vicky Minet	Brian Lord Vicky Minet	Ephesians 3: 1-12 Matthew 2: 1-12
Evening	NO EVENING SERVICE		
<b>14<sup>th</sup> January</b>			
Morning	NO MORNING SERVICE		
Evening	Christopher Orme Sue Carbutt	Christopher Orme Sue Carbutt	Revelation 5: 1-10 John 1: 43-51
	<i>Intercessor: Brenda Green</i>		
<b>21<sup>st</sup> January</b>			
Morning	NO MORNING SERVICE		
Evening	<b>HOLY COMMUNION</b> Margaret Thomas Harold Thomas	Margaret Thomas Harold Thomas	Revelation 19: 6-10 John 2: 1-11
<b>28<sup>th</sup> January</b>			
Morning	NO MORNING SERVICE		
Evening	<b>PATRONAL FESTIVAL</b> John Sparkes Ann Garnett	TBA	TBA
<b>4<sup>th</sup> February</b>			
Morning	Will Pavry David Lewis	Will Pavry David Lewis	Colossians 1: 15-20 John 1: 1-14
Evening	NO EVENING SERVICE		



## Church Calendar: December 2023

**December 3<sup>rd</sup>**  
6.30 pm

**Advent 1**  
ADVENT CAROL SERVICE

**December 6<sup>th</sup>**  
7.30 pm

**Wednesday**  
ADVENT UNITED TAIZE SERVICE

**December 10<sup>th</sup>**  
6.30 pm

**Advent 3**  
Evening Service

**December 16<sup>th</sup>**  
2pm – 4 pm

**Saturday**  
FESTIVE FUN AFTERNOON  
(SEE POSTER)



**December 17<sup>th</sup>**  
6.30 pm

SERVICE OF LESSONS AND CAROLS

**December 24<sup>th</sup>**  
3.00 pm  
7.30 pm

**Christmas Eve**  
Crib Service at Mount Bures  
Christmas Eve Communion at Wormingford

**December 25<sup>th</sup>**  
10.30 am

**Christmas Day**  
Benefice Christmas Service at Little Horkesley  
(not Holy Communion)

**December 31<sup>st</sup>**  
10.30 am

**2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday of Christmas**  
United Celebration of Holy Communion at  
West Bergholt No service at Little Horkesley



### DEADLINE DATE

The deadline for articles in the next magazine is  
**January 15<sup>th</sup> 2024**

Please send your articles to [parishmag@msn.com](mailto:parishmag@msn.com)

**Church Calendar:**  
**January 2024**

**January 7<sup>th</sup>**  
11.00 am

**1<sup>st</sup> Sunday of Epiphany Baptism of Christ**  
Morning Service

**January 14<sup>th</sup>**  
6 30 pm

**2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday of Epiphany**  
Evening Service



**January 21<sup>st</sup>**  
6.30 pm

**3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday of Epiphany**  
Holy Communion

**January 28<sup>th</sup>**  
**6.30 pm**

**PATRONAL FESTIVAL ST PAUL**  
**PATRONAL FESTIVAL SERVICE**

**February 4<sup>th</sup>**  
11.00 am

**3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday before Lent**  
Morning Service



**SUNDAY DECEMBER 3<sup>rd</sup>**

**6.30 PM**



**ADVENT CAROL SERVICE**

**Darkness into Light**