

St Peter & St Paul

Little Horkesley

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Image: Tomb effigies of Henry VII and Elizabeth of York in Westminster Abbey.
Read more about this King and Queen overleaf.

MAGAZINE DONATIONS

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Henry Tudor, Henry VII and Queen Elizabeth of York

From Hampton Court Palace Facebook page

On 18 January 1486, Henry VII married Elizabeth of York, bringing to an end the 'Wars of the Roses'.

Henry Tudor spent the first years of his reign securing his position as King and his marriage to Elizabeth unified the warring Houses of York and Lancaster. However he did face a number of revolts, most notably from the pretenders Perkin Warbeck and Lambert Simnel. On his death in 1509, the throne passed to his son, Henry VIII.

Henry VII (b. Jan 1457) married Elizabeth of York (b. Feb 1466) in 1486, he was 29 years of age and she was 20.

They had 8 children:

<i>Arthur, Prince of Wales</i>	<i>(b. Sept 1486 d. Age 17)</i>
<i>Margaret, Queen of Scots</i>	<i>(b. Nov 1489 d. Age 52)</i>
<i>Henry VIII, King of England</i>	<i>(b. Jun 1491 d. Age 56)</i>
<i>Elizabeth</i>	<i>(b. Jul 1492 d. age 3)</i>
<i>Mary, Queen of France</i>	<i>(b. Mar 1496 d. Age 37)</i>
<i>Edward</i>	<i>(b. 1498 d. Age 1)</i>
<i>Edmund</i>	<i>(b. 1499 d. Age 1)</i>
<i>Katherine</i>	<i>(b Feb 1503 d. 16 days old)</i>

Arthur, Prince of Wales, died six months after marrying Catherine of Aragon (she was 16, he just 15) and a full 7 years before his father, thereby making his little brother, who went on to become King Henry VIII, the heir.

Henry VII and Elizabeth of York were happily married for 17 years. After Elizabeth died due to complications during the birth of Katherine, Henry VII was said to be inconsolable. - Wikipedia



Henry VII seen hold a red rose and Elizabeth of York seen holding a white rose



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Report from Meriel



I am starting to write this in the middle of December as we do not have a January Magazine so there are all the events to report on up to Christmas and beyond. We are fortunate that we have been able to secure the help of some very good people to take our services. Mike Crisp, the Wormingford churchwarden, and I have worked very hard to get cover for as many services as possible to keep our three little churches going during this period when we do not have anyone looking after us.

As I read this through, after Christmas, I would just add that I had a very sad message at the end of December. The Revd Tony Rose, who was to take a number of our services in the evenings and at Easter has been diagnosed with cancer which requires a long period of treatment. We shall miss him a great deal and will remember him in our prayers.

We have had one meeting with the Bishop and the Archdeacon. The churchwardens wrote to the Bishop afterwards with a number of questions. The Bishop replied early in January and we will discuss this at our PCC Meetings but I think it will be quite a while before we have any concrete information about what the future holds.

I just ask that anyone with an interest in keeping our church going supports us as much as they can in what is really a very difficult period.

ADVENT CAROL SERVICE

We started our Advent /Christmas period, as usual, with the Advent Carol Service. Our soloists were Brenda, Peter and Roger. I must say that Roger, who has been quite unwell, did a marvellous job. He has never been keen on singing solos but has, of late, often acted as Cantor for visiting clergy. Graham Soar, who usually sings at this service was away on holiday, and Roger agreed to cover the solos. The service was very well-attended and went off amazingly well. It was the first service that had been led for us by Mrs Phyll Wood, a layreader, and she was very pleased with it. She has agreed to take a service a month for us and we are grateful to her for that. Her husband, Fr Martin Wood has also taken a Communion Service and is helping in the future in the Benefice.

This service is such a lovely service and, to my mind, a more meaningful service than the Christmas Carol Service.

DECEMBER FAMILY SERVICE

The following Sunday was what we still term a Family Service and Brenda has agreed to lead these during the Vacancy. Her theme was St Nicholas and we were entertained

the story of him as a forerunner to Santa Claus. We had appropriate hymns, readings and prayers and then Brenda got us all making Christmas boxes (photo on back page). She had measured out red and green squares and, in the end, we all made quite credible items. She then gave us a luscious decorated shortbread to go in each box which she had made from a recipe in Lizzie's Cookbook (recipe is reprinted, with permission, on page 14).

We are enormously grateful for the effort she puts into these services.

CHURCH DECORATING

As usual the church looked beautiful. Our brass candle holders always enhance the look of our church from Advent until Christmas and along with the arrangements, the crib scene and the Christmas tree, it looked so lovely. Brenda added some fairy lights outside on the trees for the Carol Service which was an extra touch. Thank you all for your help.

Our Christmas tree, which was mine before I gave it to the church, and must be about 30 years old, was getting a bit the worse for wear. Our gardener, Richard, who puts it together and decorates it said it was unlikely to last another year. I went to the sales just after Christmas and bought another one so next year, hopefully, we shall start with a much more stable (good word) tree.

CAROL SERVICE

I was a little worried as there had been so much rain and many of the roads to the church were flooded. However, our intrepid congregation managed to get through. Before this service we laid on refreshments - mulled wine, mince pies, etc., which all seemed to be well-received and put the congregation in a happy frame of mind and in good voice. It really was a lovely service. Our augmented choir performed well, and the lesson readers were excellent.

CRIB SERVICE

This year we held one Benefice service at Wormingford which was led by Brenda. This was, as usual, a lovely service and there are some photos showing the children and the stable scene.

Our Crib Service Collection usually goes to the Children's Society but as we did not have one of our own, we shall send a donation of £200 anyway.

~ photos of the Carol Service and Crib Service are on the back page ~

CHRISTMAS EVE COMMUNION AND CHRISTMAS DAY

The evening communion was at Mount Bures and there must have been about 50 communicants. It was led by Sally Morris, the wife of Bishop Roger. The church looked beautiful and it was a lovely way to begin the Christmas celebrations.

The Family Communion Service on Christmas morning at our church was led by Revd Hannah Cooper from High woods, Colchester. She is a young woman with 2 small children and it was so good of her to give up some of her Christmas morning to be with us. The service had been brought forward to 10 am (at Hannah's request) which had been advertised extensively. However a few people turned up at 11 am which was sad as it was poorly attended anyway.

As I have said before, none of these services and events just happen. Many other people put in a lot of effort to decorate, arrange, play, practice, sing, read, shop, organise, serve refreshments and clear up.

Thank you all.

JANUARY 12th

This again tested our valiant little band of helpers to their limit. The morning service is the informal service and apart from celebrating the Baptism of Christ it is also Plough Sunday when farmers and their employees are remembered. I recall many years ago when Grandpa Brown, Duncan's father, used to bring an old piece of plough to stand in the church. Anyway, Brenda made it her theme and as we are a rural community it was very appropriate. This is one of the prayers that she wrote.

Great Father in heaven, we thank you for the good earth and for all things that grow in fields and orchards; for farmers and busy people who work that we may eat. We remember the shepherds and herdsmen who manage livestock, for those who cut hedgerows, plant woodlands, for animals in some parts of the world that are used instead of tractors to prepare the soil. We thank you for our modern farm machinery which make soil suitable for planting and for the awesome combine harvesters which reap the wheat, oats and barley at harvest time. We thank you for all your good gifts and ask that we remember all those throughout the world who need to share the abundance of food we in the western world are able to produce.

After this service Sally Bramall sent me an email about Plough Sunday and Monday and you can read it on page 8.

The Evening Service proved a little more difficult. We were expecting an officiant and when he had not arrived by 6.30 we assumed he was held up by the road closure at the bottom of Beehive Hill but would be arriving soon. We therefore started the service with Brenda leading the prayers and Graham acting as cantor. However, no-one came so we carried on, with lesson readers in place and Brian leading the Intercessions. There was then the question of what to do for a sermon. I, playing the organ, and thinking very fast, first considered that maybe we would sing another hymn. Brenda thought maybe we could have a story from a book in the vestry. I then remembered that I had cut out from a newspaper an article by Frederick Forsyth entitled the Greatest Story Never Told. I had been planning to show it to our absent officiant. I gave it to Brenda who read it, beautifully, despite never having even had time to read it through. Actually, I think our very quickly assembled service was enjoyed by all although it was a little stressful for those of us trying to think on our feet (or organ stool).

MARCH 1st

On March 1st the services will be different. There will be no 8 am Holy Communion or 11 am Morning Service at our church. Instead there will be a special Benefice Holy Communion at Wormingford at 11 am led by the Archdeacon of Colchester, the Venerable Ruth Patten.

MAGAZINE DONATIONS

At the time of writing this we really have not had a great many donations towards the cost of production – around 120 Magazines distributed and 16 donations to date.

The cost is £7.50 pa and £12 if it is sent to you. There are several ways to pay:

CASH. This can be brought to church and given to John Sparkes.

CHEQUE. This can be sent to John Sparkes, 13 Keepers Green, Braiswick, Colchester, CO4 5UT made out to Little Horkesley PCC.

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This prayer is taken from February 2016 Lt Horkesley magazine and was written for us by Revd John Chandler.

Love and marriage:
A prayer from the Wedding service



God of wonder and of joy:
grace comes from you,
and you alone are the source of life and love.
Without you, we cannot please you;
without your love, our deeds are worth nothing.
Send your Holy Spirit,
and pour into our hearts
that most excellent gift of love,
that we may worship you now
with thankful hearts
and serve you always with willing minds;
through Jesus Christ our Lord.
Amen.

Village Hall - Update!

REMINDER!

Spring Fair Village History Exhibition - Saturday 25 April 2020

This is just a quick reminder to anyone who might be interested in contributing to the above exhibition. I do hope there are still some of you out there who might have something of interest lurking with relatives or amongst old papers or boxes. If so, please contact one of the committee as soon as possible as the exhibition is starting to be put together now, on the following:

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Thank you, JMO

Dear Brenda and Meriel,

Brenda's talk about Plough Sunday yesterday was most interesting and I thought you might like to see this commentary on practices in Medieval Essex which I came across today. *Sally*

"Today, the first Monday after the Christian feast of Epiphany, was traditionally the day of another money-raising celebration in the lives and times of our Catholic Medieval ancestors: Plough Monday. My posts, Christmas in a Tudor Town, told the story of how the people of the North Essex parish of Great Dunmow celebrated Christmas with a Lord of Misrule who 'reigned' throughout the Twelve Days of Christmas, collecting money for the church. In 1538 (or 1539), Great Dunmow's churchwardens' accounts show that the Lord of Misrule possibly also collected money for the yearly Plough-Feast...

In Medieval times, many rural towns and villages of England celebrated the first Monday after the Feast of Epiphany as the start of the agricultural year. Ancient customs and religious practices were used to protect and safeguard the plough which was so vital for the coming year's crops. 'Plough lights' were kept burning in the parish church and feasts were held to celebrate the plough. Sums of money received from Great Dunmow's plough-feast activities were recorded throughout the churchwardens' accounts for the reign of Henry VIII. As the accounts were only the financial records of the church, once again the accounts do not explicitly state what occurred during the Plough-Feast. However, it is likely that the young men of the town dragged a highly decorated plough from door to door of the richest households in the parish collecting money. If people did not hand-over money, then a trick would have been played on the unlucky house-holder (an event similar to today's Halloween Trick or Treating). This trick was likely to have involved the young men ploughing a furrow across the offender's land. So that the house-holders could not identify them, the lads probably had their faces blackened with soot. The young lads were often accompanied by someone playing the Fool – in Great Dunmow's case, this person could possibly have been the Christmas Lord of Misrule (I have made this assumption because of the way the entries in the accounts have been written.)

The accounts do not state what happened to the money raised but possibly the money was used to maintain a special candle (the plough-light) to constantly burn within the church. Henry VIII banned the practice of plough-lights in 1538 – along with other traditional lights maintained in churches. However Great Dunmow's plough-feast still continued for a further few years -the final plough-feast occurring during one of the years between 1539 and 1541..."

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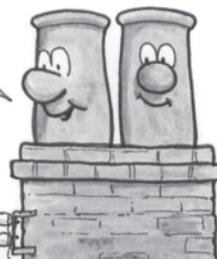
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Month	Date	Arranger
February	2	Fionna Morrison
	9	Fionna Morrison
	16	Sarah Turner
	23	Sarah Turner
March	1	Lent - No flowers



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**Saturday 8th February
10am – 11am**

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Sudoku

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

Medium

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

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

Very Hard

Solution on page 15

Newsletter February 2020

If Jesus returned tomorrow, would he find you ready, or wanting, or waiting, (wanting in the sense that you are still waiting for something to happen, or to get going)? February begins as Epiphany ends, and February ends as Lent begins, so you have a few weeks to prepare yourself to be tested. So, let's begin with an Epiphany question for each of us to get us ready for Lent. Every time we come in to church, or go out, we pass the Font. The ancient symbol of entrance in to the Christian faith. You were probably baptised in one very similar, (or even this one), in a church somewhere in this Country, some of you may have had a 'bath' baptism, a full emersion, and some of you may even had a river or sea baptism, but I want to draw your attention to our Font. The Epiphany ends in a Biblical sense with Jesus walking in to the river Jordan to be baptised by John the Baptist, anointed by the Holy Spirit (in the form of a dove), and the voice of God the Father, (like thunder), saying: 'This is my Son, with whom I am well pleased', a launch pad for Jesus's ministry to begin.

Now, here's the thing, when you walk past our font on your way in or out, remember God's words as if they were aimed at you: 'This is my child *n*, with whom I am well pleased.' Every time you come in, or you go out, at the font: pause....'this is my child *n*', and ask yourself: '*is God pleased with me?*' If yes, why yes, if not, why not?

Are you ready for Lent? Are you going to do something this Lent? And I don't mean give up chocolate, wine or cheese, I mean are you going to do something about your relationship between yourself and God? You can make a start on building on that relationship, by asking yourself every time you pass the Font: '*is God pleased with me?*' And giving some thought to the answer.

Revd Ray Gibbs
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Playground

For 25 years the playground has served the community well but, with age, comes escalating maintenance costs which are beyond the sources of a small parish. The Parish Council have reluctantly concluded that given the cost involved and the declining number of young children in the village the playground should be much reduced.

The central core with its slides and climbing frame will be removed but we will retain two double swings, always the most popular feature in a playground, and the child rockers.

The Council hopes to develop the playing field in the centre of the village as a recreation area for all ages.

We already have:

- The scattered orchards of eight fruit trees provided by the Dedham Vale and Stour Valley Project;
- Bill Watson's wildflower meadow – a joy throughout the year; and
- The Pollinator Patch of shrubs designed to support our threatened insect life – again provided by the DV&SV Project.

We will refurbish the bench and seek to provide a haven of peace for all.

Roger Drury



Sudoku

Solutions - how did you do?

Very Hard

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

Medium

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

This recipe is taken from Lizzie's "Keep Baking" recipe book, copies of which are available from Meriel, or from Blue Owl at Great Horkesley.



Lizzie's mum, Sally, says that when Lizzie first heard about The Brain Tumour Charity they were running their Big Bake fundraising campaign. This March, one of Lizzie's recipes from her book features in the national marketing material being posted out to thousands of supporters of The Big Bake.

If anyone would like to host a coffee morning or bake sale in Lizzie's memory this March, you can order a fundraising pack from <https://www.thebraintumourcharity.org/get-involved/big-bake/>. Or phone 01252 749990

Or just try this recipe!

Keep Baking

Lizzie Bramall's

Shortbread Hearts



Mummy is not a great chocolate fan, but really buttery shortbread hearts are definitely one of her favourites. She loves them as a treat with her coffee, but she sometimes makes them to have with a pudding, such as sorbet or ice-cream.

You could always dip half the biscuits in chocolate if you want to make it extra special.

300g salted butter (softened to room temperature)

150g caster sugar

400g plain flour

50g corn flour

Extra sugar for dusting, or milk chocolate for melting to decorate

Heart shaped cutters (or other shapes as desired)

Baking trays (greased)



Preheat our oven to 160°C / gas mark 3.

Creams together the butter and sugar in a large bowl until it is light and fluffy.

Sift together the flour and corn flour onto a plate. Add to the butter mixture and combine to form a stiff dough.

Roll our dough to around 1cm thick and cut into hearts. Place onto the greased baking trays and prick each lightly with a fork.

Bake for around 15-20 minutes until the edges of the biscuits are golden.

Remove from the oven and sprinkle a little sugar over each biscuit.

Leave to cool before transferring to a wire rack to cool completely.



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I've learned...

That the best classroom in the world is at the feet of an elderly person.

I've learned...

That when you're in love, it shows.

I've learned ...

That just one person saying to me, 'You've made my day!' makes my day.

I've learned...

That having a child fall asleep in your arms is one of the most peaceful feelings in the world.

I've learned...

That being kind is more important than being right.

I've learned...

That you should never say no to a gift from a child.

I've learned...

That no matter how serious your life requires you to be, everyone needs a friend to act goofy with.

I've learned...

That sometimes all a person needs is a hand to hold and a heart to understand.

I've learned...

That simple walks with my father around the block on summer nights when I was a child did wonders for me as an adult.

I've learned...

That life is like a roll of paper. The closer it gets to the end, the faster it goes.

I've learned...

That money doesn't buy class.



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John had a gift cracker containing cheese, biscuits and chutney. Much to my surprise there was also a hat and a motto.

The motto read,

‘Why did the Swiss cheese go to church every day? Because it was very holey.’



M.

Sidesmen & Readers : February 2020

Sunday	Sidesmen	Readers	Readings
2nd February			
Morning	Will Pavry Vicky Minet	Will Pavry Julia Orme	Hebrews 2: 14-end Luke 2: 22-40
Evening	Sue Carbutt John Sparkes	Sue Carbutt John Sparkes	Hebrews 2: 14-end Luke 2: 22-40
9th February			
Morning	FAMILY SERVICE		
	Christopher Orme John Sparkes	TBA	1 Corinthians 2: 1-12 Matthew 5: 13-20
Evening	Margaret Thomas Harold Thomas	Margaret Thomas Harold Thomas	1 Corinthians 2: 1-12 Matthew 5: 13-20
	<i>Intercessor: Margaret Thomas</i>		
16th February			
Morning	Mary Perrins Brian Lord	Mary Perrins Brian Lord	Romans 8: 18-25 Matthew 6: 25-end
Evening	Nick Hillyard Ann Garnett	Nick Hillyard Ann Garnett	Romans 8: 18-25 Matthew 6: 25-end
23rd February			
Morning	PARISH COMMUNION		
	John Sparkes Nick Hillyard	Christopher Orme John Sparkes	2 Peter 1: 16-end Matthew 17: 1-9
Evening	Margaret Thomas Harold Thomas	Margaret Thomas Harold Thomas	2 Peter 1: 16-end Matthew 17: 1-9
	<i>Intercessor: Brenda Green</i>		
1st March			
Morning	NO MORNING SERVICE		
Evening	John Sparkes Sue Carbutt	Meriel Sparkes Sue Carbutt	Romans 5: 12-19 Matthew 4: 1-11



Church Calendar: February 2020

February 2nd

8.00 am

11.00 am

6.30 pm

Candlemas

Holy Communion

Morning Service

Evening Service

February 8th

10am -11am

Coffee Morning at Village Hall

February 9th

11.00 am

6.30 pm

3rd before Lent

Family Service

Evening Service

February 16th

11.00 am

6.30 pm

7.30 pm

2nd before Lent

Morning Service

Evening Service

Holy Communion

February 23rd

11.00 am

6.30 pm

Next before Lent

Holy Communion

Evening Service

March 1st

Lent

NO 8am HOLY COMMUNION

11am

**Benefice Holy Communion at WORMINGFORD
with the Archdeacon of Colchester the Ven Ruth
Patten**

6.30 pm

Evening Service

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VALENTINE'S
DAY ♡**

Pets Of The Month

for Australia 



Pet Of The Month

for February

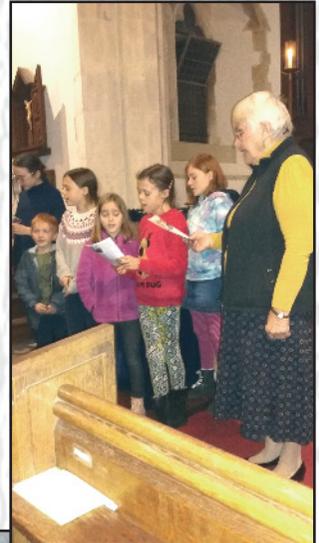


Big congratulation to the lovely **Lulu** seen here with her four little pups. Lulu's mum, Claire Easton, said Lulu was amazing and is a brilliant and caring mummy.

Carol Service Refreshments



Crib Service



The 'biscuit' box made from Brenda's design during the Family Service.

