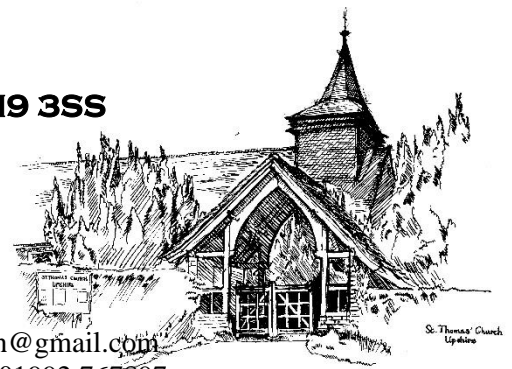


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NEWSLETTER

November 2023



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SERVICES AND DIARY FOR NOVEMBER

- Saturday 4th 3-4pm SEEDLINGS meet in the church
- Sunday 5th All Saints Day
9.15am HOLY COMMUNION
Readings: Micah 3:5-12 Matthew 24:1-14
- Saturday 11th 11am-3pm CRAFT FAIR in the Village Hall
- Sunday 12th Remembrance Sunday 9am Service of Remembrance at the Lych Gate followed by
HOLY COMMUNION in church
Readings: Amos 5:18-24a Matthew 25:1-13
- Wednesday 16th 11.30am for 12noon-2pm AUTUMN LUNCH in the church –
07899 846711 to book – please let us know if you have to cancel. Thank you.
- Saturday 18th 10.30am-2.30pm CHRISTMAS BAZAAR in the Village Hall
- Sunday 19th Second Sunday before Advent
9.15am HOLY COMMUNION
- Wednesday 23rd 2.15pm Upshire Mothers' Union meet in the Village Hall
- Sunday 26th Christ the King
9.15am HOLY COMMUNION
Readings: Ezekiel 34:11-16, 20-24 Matthew 25:31-46
- Saturday 2nd November 3-4pm SEEDLINGS meet in church
- Sunday 3rd December Advent Sunday
9.15am HOLY COMMUNION
Readings: Isaiah 64:1-9 Mark 13:24-37

ELECTRONIC NEWSLETTER:

Our mailing list to receive the electronic version is now in excess of 70 participants so if you are not one of those and wish to be included please send your email address to : lynanddavewackett@hotmail.co.uk We are looking to reduce our 'paper footprint' for climate change by printing fewer copies – your contribution will help.

NEWSLETTER ARTICLES

Thank you to the people who have sent in articles to be included in the Newsletter. Please keep them coming! Anything: maybe a poem you have written, what you have been doing in the garden, childhood memories, something that happened to make you smile, it all makes for interesting reading.

THE VICAR WRITES:

As November dawns, debate rages in households across the country on a Saturday night.

“That was worth way more than a 7” ; “There is no way he is getting many votes with that performance”; “well of course she’s good, she has loads of dance training in the past”

It is of course Strictly Come Dancing season, a season that has become almost as synonymous as Advent in marking the imminent arrival of Christmas.

Now while the glittering, sparkling, captivating world of Strictly may seem worlds apart from our journey of faith, there are in fact parallels to be found between the art of dance and our journey with God. Our Life's journey could be compared to a dance, filled with ebbs and flows, moments of celebration, and times of challenge. In the same way, our faith journey is marked by seasons of growth, moments of revelation, and periods of introspection. A variety of tempo's in life as in dance.

Much is made on Strictly of a contestants journey. Often the most popular contestants are not those who get a 10 on week 3, they are the ones who start out stumbling and hesitant, almost tripping over their own feet in the beginning but who are transformed by the end of the series into elegant and confident performers.

Like these contestants we too are on a transformative journey. Our faith journey begins when we take our first step into the dance of life with God. Each time we enter his presence, it's like we are stepping onto the dance floor. It's a place where we have the opportunity to move, to learn, and to grow. Just as the contestants commit to weeks of rigorous training, we commit to deepening our understanding of God's word through prayer, study, and fellowship. It's a journey of transformation, moving us from the person we were to the person God envisions us to be.

But like the contestants , we may stumble and falter along the way. They are just one Rumba away from the bottom of the leader board just as we may be one mistake away from a major dip in faith. In those times it's important to remember that even in our missteps, God is there to catch us, to lift us up, and to set us back on the right path. Our faith is not measured by our perfection, but by our willingness to continue dancing, even when the steps are difficult.

So as we engage with the world of Strictly Come Dancing this month, let us remember the life lessons that it can offer us. Let us move through life with a sense of purpose, trusting in God's leading, embracing the rhythms of faith, and offering our hearts with vulnerability.

May our dance with God be a beautiful and transformative journey, filled with moments of awe and wonder. Let us revel in the knowledge that, in His arms, we are held, guided, and loved beyond measure.... And how can that be judged as anything less than a 10!

Blessings,

Revd Jane Yeadon

Team Vicar St Thomas, Upshire and Holy Innocents, High Beech

PRAYER REQUESTS

You are invited to offer names to be added to our prayer diary to remember those who are unwell or unhappy. First names only are required as God will know who we are praying for.

Contact Lyn Wackett on 01992 711573 or email lynanddavewackett@hotmail.co.uk

This month we pray for Glenis, Laura, Alan & Pam, Lesley, Charlie & John, Anne, Pam & John, Barbara, Vernon, Mal, Louise, Sue, Ann & Cyril, Rosalind, Doreen, Maureen, Carol & George, Beverly, Terry, Jackie, Jean, Andrea & her Mum & Dad, Nina, Carmel & the Price family, Tim, Dave, Pat, Kathrine & Paul, Nigel, Lola, Steve, Val, Gina & Bill, Joseph, Derek & Reg.

GARDENERS NOTE

Free bagged compost ready for collection in the churchyard. Any donation to the church fabric fund would be appreciated. Thank you.



ST THOMAS' SEEDLINGS

1st Saturdays of each month (unless otherwise stated)

A free Stay and Play church group for children and those who care for them

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ST THOMAS' CHURCH COMMUNITY LUNCHESES 2023

AUTUMN LUNCH – WEDNESDAY 15th NOVEMBER

CHRISTMAS LUNCH – WEDNESDAY 6th DECEMBER

Please book your place to confirm attendance: 07899 846711

If after booking you are unable to come, please phone to cancel, we can then offer a place to people on the waiting list.

GROWERS CORNER

Check on your cold frame plants to see if they require watering, if so water just after breakfast and before noon. We are now in the dormant season November – March, so now is the time to plant hedgerow whips, roses, fruit trees, shrubs, fruit bushes, fruit canes etc so that they are well established before next summer comes. Most of the above type of plants are available as bare rooted stock from nurseries or growers direct (parcel delivery) at reduced prices at this time of the year. Good hunting!

A light pruning of your roses now will prevent wind rock with the main pruning in the early spring for their best shape and bloom display.

Do not prune all your border plants to the ground at this time of the year as the top foliage will protect your plants from snow and frost so pruning should be carried out in the spring. The cover that you leave will be home for the insects etc for their winter home, also seed feed for the birds.

If you feed and water the birds carry out this task daily, any food left out over-night attracts vermin so do not over feed them.

Later this month is the time to re-pot your prepared hyacinths into a bowl or basket of your choice. The shoots of one or two inches high will be a yellow colour but will soon turn green in daylight and will flower for Christmas. You should have planted your next year's spring bulbs outside by now, if not it is a task that should be completed as soon as possible.

If you have some containers that you wish to plant with bulbs to give a splash of colour during the spring months make sure you have good drainage holes and crocks in the bottom of the container; put in a layer of compost then tulips, layer of compost, daffodils, layer of compost, hyacinths, layer of compost, crocus, layer of compost, snowdrops, layer of compost and finish with a layer of grit. Place the containers in a frost free cool place until the snowdrops show, then move them to a place of your choice outside.

Now is the time to ensure that any plants that you wrapped up for winter outside are still wrapped up and can withstand any winter gale force winds we may have later.

Steve

ANAGRAM

Unscramble this 10 letter anagram: LOCOCLIENT. The answer will be found elsewhere in the Newsletter.

STAMPS

Please continue to save your postage stamps and foreign or out of circulation coins as the charities we support can use them to raise funds. At present we collect the coins for Essex and Herts Air Ambulance and The British Legion and stamps for St Clare Hospice. Stamps and coins can be left with Lyn & Dave at 94 Upshire Road – please leave in the porch if no reply. Please leave about ½“ of envelope around the stamps. Thank you.

CHURCH EVENTS COMING UP

11th December: CRAFT FAIR in the Village Hall (not church event)

18th November: 11am – 2pm CHRISTMAS BAZAAR in the Village Hall

1st December: 6.30-10.30pm CHRISTMAS JINGLE PARTY in the Village Hall (not church event)

10th December – CHRISTMAS CONCERT by Enfield Brass Band

17th December – Carol Service

Every month Community Lunches – see separate article

CHURCH FLOWERS

Each month we can create memorial dedications, wedding, anniversary or special occasion flowers – contact Kate
Dale: email dalek16@btinternet.com

UPSHIRE MOTHERS' UNION

At our September meeting Maxine Paul, the Chelmsford Diocesan Mother's Union President, and her husband Jon joined us for the afternoon, it was lovely to welcome more visiting guests too. Thank you to all who came and supported us.

The afternoon started with our Corporate Communion Service lead by Revd Jane, thank you Jane. Following the Service Maxine gave us a very informative update from the Mother's Union Members Day, held in York on 22nd September. The conference was opened with a talk from the Mothers' Union Worldwide President, Sheran Harper. The impact Mother's Union made worldwide in 2022 was: MU made a difference to the lives of over 3.4 million people worldwide, MU indirectly supported over 2.7 million people last year, there were 26,696 gifts of love, MU supported 750,670 people through our face-to-face work and community projects, 11,796 offers of service, 5,412 acts of nurturing faith, over 2,238 family members enjoyed an 'Away From It All, holiday supported by their MU branch and 19,834 craft items, made with kindness and compassion, were produced. There were 3 main commitments for the coming year launched at the conference. They are RISE UP, Rise up against domestic abuse. 1 in 3 women worldwide continue to be affected by domestic violence or abuse. The letters RISE UP stand for, Respond, Inform, Support, Empower, Unite and Pray. MU's aim to raise the awareness of domestic abuse and to make sure that activism against domestic abuse and gender-based violence happens 365 days a year and not just during the 16 days of Activism campaign in November and December. It is not aimed to turn us into domestic abuse professionals but to be aware of how to respond appropriately and know where to signpost a victim to. If a person is in immediate danger, call 999, otherwise direct them their local abuse helpline, (ours is 0330 333 7444) or the Refuge 24 hour helpline 0808 200 0247. BUILDING BRIDGES, the aim of which is to strengthen and encourage Mother's Union working with the Clergy. And METAMORPHOSIS Bitesize, this is a resource for small groups. It describes the approach to change and transformation. It is based on the understanding that if we want to see transformation in our churches and communities, we first need to allow God to transform ourselves.

After the conference everyone went to York Minster where Archbishop Steven gave a wonderful service. It was a long day for Maxine and Jon, they left home Friday 6.30am and returned home Saturday 12.30am. Maxine finished the update with the Transformation pray. Thank you Maxine.

Following on from the update, Maxine presented Long Service awards to 4 of our branch members, Ann Smith, Eleanor Huxter, Sue McKinley and Jean Brewster. Well done and congratulations to you all. The afternoon ended with everyone enjoying tea and cake.

Our next meeting is on Wednesday 22nd November, where we will be having an informal Flower Workshop. All are welcome, just bring along a bunch of flowers, (and some foliage if you have any), oasis and container will be supplied. Tea Hostesses: Sue McKinley and Ann Smith. Raffle: Gill Negus
Further information from Eleanor Huxter on 01992 892869.

DANGER! BEWARE!! THE DEER!!!

The rutting season is now in full swing and the deer are everywhere so by keeping below the local speed limits it can save lives, motor damage and repairs as well as insurance claims and costs.

In the early hours of the last Tuesday in September a deer was killed and a wheelie bin damaged as well as the car that was involved.

Both the driver and the passenger must have had a lot of forms to fill in once they got back to base.

“More haste, less speed” comes to mind! Steve

ANAGRAM

The answer to the anagram is COLLECTION.

COPPER JAR

Our thanks to everyone who donated to Water Aid via our copper jar, raising £55 when last emptied.

50/50 CLUB

Congratulations to the winners of the 50/50 Club Draw in September, who were:

1 st :	£35	No. 23	Steve Huxter of Claverhambury
2 nd :	£25	No. 22	Jean Bregenzer of Chingford
3 rd :	£15	No. 77	Norma Barrett of Waltham Abbey

Our thanks to all our members for their support of St Thomas' Church. Good luck to everyone who enters. It's not too late to become a member of the 50/50 Club, for further information phone Lyn on 01992 711573.

CHRISTMAS BAZAAR

St Thomas' Christmas Bazaar will be held in Upshire Village Hall on Saturday 18th November between 10.30am and 2.30pm (please note change of time). Items for stalls, especially raffle and tombola prizes or cakes would be appreciated.

SHOEBOXES LATE NEWS: All the boxes going from this area will be going only to UKRAINE.

Our thanks to everyone who has donated filled shoe boxes, items to go into shoe boxes or donations to help pay for transporting the shoe boxes to Ukraine. At the time of printing this Newsletter we have already exceeded last year's total – 140 boxes so far. The boxes are due to be collected at the end of October so I will be able to give the exact total in the December Newsletter. Well done to all, and keep them coming! Lyn & Dave x
You can watch the Shoe Box Appeal video on our YouTube channel: Blythswood Care

Exhibition - Epping Forest District Museum, Waltham Abbey

23rd September - 22nd December 2023 Admission Free "Greater in Spirit, Larger in Outlook"

A community partnership exhibition exploring the world culture collections from Saffron Walden and Epping Forest District Museums. Epping Forest District Museum has a collection of around 300 ethnographic objects connected with the Buxton family, some of which will be included in this exhibition. The family were of course 20th century social reformers descended from abolitionist Sir Thomas Fowell Buxton. The Buxton family built St Thomas' Church.

The aim of the project is to ensure the museums and their collections reflect their diverse communities by working directly with cultural groups to research different objects and tell their stories.

There are items from New Zealand, Ethiopia, India, West Africa, and the Pacific Islands. One of the items for the exhibition is a Māori Feather Box (Waka huia). These would have stored a high-ranking person's most valuable items such as Feathers, Combs, and Amulets. The containers were considered a cultural treasure and were valued for their sacredness. The museum has been working closely with the London Māori Society, Ngāti Rānana, to identify this object and learn more about its history.

The collection also contains a selection of Ethiopian baskets. These were common in Harar, a city in the East of the country, to be displayed on wall of homes in a decorative manner. However, some were used for the transportation of foods such as Injera (bread). The museum has worked alongside the Ethiopian History Society UK to understand more about these items and their significance to Ethiopia.

The title, 'Greater in Spirit, Larger in Outlook' is inspired by Haile Selassie, Emperor of Ethiopia from 1930 to 1974. We hope you will make time to visit this intriguing exhibition.

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Our door opens at 1.30pm for a 2pm start and we finish at 4pm. We have a raffle and a sales table. Our membership fee is £30 per year with a £3 entry fee to each meeting, or you are welcome as a visitor, entry fee is £7. This includes refreshments and homemade cake. We have added a £1 entry to meetings when we have a paid demonstrator due to the extra cost.

Here is our programme for this year:

28th November Demonstration by Morag Bennett "It's nearly Christmas"

We look forward to seeing you, all are welcome! Chris 07792 594443

ST THOMAS' CHURCH, EN9 3SS

CHRISTMAS BAZAAR

On Saturday 18th November 10.30am-2.30pm

In Upshire Village Hall

Everyone welcome, so do come along and join us.

Buy your Christmas presents from the lovely items on sale:

Stalls include cakes, pickles & Jams, handmade bags, handmade cards, jewellery, plants etc

Raffle, tombola, pick a bag and more

Refreshments available

Admission free

FUNDRAISING

During September and October St Thomas' Church has held a few fund raising activities both for the church and for other charities. In September we held a Macmillan Coffee Morning which raised £512 for Macmillan Cancer Support. We also celebrated harvest with an auction of produce. This raised £112 for 3Food4U. This was in addition to the food items that people donated and which we took to their food bank.

There have been two events to raise funds for the Church. The Enfield Brass Band Concert 'Proms in the Pews' raised £412 and the quiz raised £733. September saw the last of our Sunday afternoon teas. Throughout the season teas raised £2,500. The money raised at these events goes to help pay for the running costs of the church. Thank you to everyone who has supported all these events by attending and to all those who worked hard to make them successful and enjoyable.

FREE FOOD FOR YOU

A letter from Pesh Kapasiawala, Chair of Trustees 3FOOD4U

"Please accept our sincere thanks for your very kind Harvest service donations and fundraising £112.26, they will be a vital lifeline for so many families during these challenging times. Please also forward our sincere thanks to Hatter's Farm for their kind donations.

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CHRISTMAS CONCERT

with ENFIELD BRASS BAND

Sunday 10th December 3pm for 3.30pm start

Adults £10, under 16s £5, book with Lyn on 01992 711573

Seasonal refreshments, raffle

CHRISTMAS PUDDINGS

We will be making Christmas Puddings again this year – anyone wishing to order one in advance should contact Lyn and Dave on 01992 711573. 1lb pudding will be £4, 2lb £8. Other sizes and prices available – please ask.

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ST ANDREW'S AFTERNOON

3 course meal, quiz, music

Saturday 25th November, 2pm-5pm

Please contact Valerie on 01992 713996 to reserve tickets by Wednesday 22nd November Adult £10, child £5

A load of hot air

What does someone buy for a person who has everything? Well, of course we don't all have everything but as you get older you want for less and less, after all you have all the CDs, DVDs and books that one could need, it's possibly why we always end up getting socks. Dorothy, my better half, has over the years bought me some fabulous gifts – I have only to drop a hint! One which was to celebrate a wedding anniversary was a trip on a steam hauled dining service from Victoria down to Canterbury. It would include a full English breakfast, elevenses and a four-course dinner on the return in the evening. I must admit there was great hilarity in my carriage when the other passengers realised that I had come on an anniversary trip but without my wife! A lovely day out except that upon returning to our train we found it stuck in the sidings – the points had failed!

Not to be deterred I later mentioned that I fancied a balloon trip! So an Essex firm was contacted and a booking made to coincide with a birthday of mine. Although a date is booked this is dependent on the weather so after a couple of telephone calls to say that the trip wouldn't happen I eventually had the call to say that the trip was on for that evening. We had to meet on a green in a village deep in the heart of Essex, so allowing plenty of time we found the place. I should mention this was in the days before satnavs and mobile phones, one had to rely on maps! Upon reaching the green we found the balloon laid out on the grass with the basket fastened to it and with the gas burner lying on its side between the basket and balloon. Two men were in attendance, one the pilot and the other the assistant who would be driving the twelve-seater Land Rover that would follow us with the trailer to bring back the equipment and the passengers to the starting point. We mentioned that Dorothy and I had to get back home a bit sharpish so it was decided that Dorothy would follow in our little van so that we could get away after the flight. That didn't quite go to plan as the assistant, who was obviously Lewis Hamilton's brother, drove through the countryside at breakneck speed losing Dorothy in the process who then had to try and find her way back to the starting point! A large fan was blowing air into the balloon mouth and slowly the balloon took on a sausage shape at which point the pilot lit the burner and directed it into the inside of the balloon. The noise was incredible but as the gas heated up the air inside it slowly started to take on a proper balloon shape and creep up into an erect position. After several minutes of this the balloon was floating vertically with the basket hung under it but still in contact with the ground for it was tethered to the front bumper of the Land Rover. Steps were produced and the pilot instructed us eight passengers to climb aboard, there we saw that the wicker basket was subdivided into nine compartments, eight around the perimeter with one in the middle for the pilot. Clambering in we found that the rim of the basket came up to our chests, no chance of leaning out and falling! The pilot then gave us the safety talk: when instructed we were to crouch down in our compartment whilst bracing our legs and backs against the structure and holding onto the strap in front of us!

After satisfying himself that we could all do that he increased the gas and signaled to the assistant to release the tether, with that we ascended at quite a rate up over the houses in the village. Catching the breeze we started to drift off over the fields that lay below. From a height of several hundred feet everything took on a different view and I was totally lost! The pilot then mentioned that it is possible to make a balloon go in circles; evidently at various heights the wind blows in different directions. With that he applied the burner and we shot up much higher and started going off in the opposite direction; taking us back down to the original height we continued our former journey. Down below dogs in gardens were going berserk as we drifted over, running around and barking at this strange apparition that was over them. The pilot explained that horses react similarly and could do themselves harm so it was imperative that when horses were spotted that the burner was not used and we would drift silently over them.

Eventually as dusk crept in the time came to make our descent at which point the pilot became quite agitated. A small town was approaching, so we had to descend quickly. We were told to squat down in our compartments as he began pulling on various ropes which lifted flaps in the balloon to release the hot air. Peering over the edge of the basket I could see that the ground was approaching very rapidly and then, suddenly, we dropped like a stone. The basket hit the ground, keeled over and slid for a few yards with the balloon collapsing down alongside. The pilot had spotted, at the last moment, an electricity power cable running across the field and had to get the balloon down before it collided with the line! We scrambled out of the basket none the worse for the descent to have glasses of champagne thrust at us by the assistant who had just arrived at the field. Would I do it again, dead right I would! Anyhow, I've always had a hankering to do a wing walk on one of those old biplanes and I've just found out that a flying club in Essex provides the opportunity – what could possibly go wrong?

Adrian J Liddle



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CRAFT FAIR

Saturday 11th November 11am-3pm

In Upshire Village Hall, EN9 3SP

A variety of stalls including Jewellery, Cards, Bags, Pictures, Cakes, Candles and many more items

All handmade by local crafters

Many Christmas gift ideas

Tea and coffee will be available

Free entry

The Christmas JINGLE PARTY

The Hall in Upshire Village

Friday 1st December 18.30-22.30

LIVE MUSIC & DANCING with SAFFRON and the ELEVATORS

60s, 70s, 80s onwards

Welcome drink, pay bar, raffle and walking canape buffet

Advanced tickets only - £20 per head – call 07831 143200

AT HIGH BEACH CHURCH:

Saturday 9th December from 11am-1pm **Christmas Wreath Making** Come and make a wreath to decorate your door for Advent. Limited places so first come, first served basis. The workshop will cost £30 per adult which will include all materials and light refreshments. Contact Sandra on 07814 540307.

Sunday 10th December 3pm **Christmas in the Forest** An afternoon of Carols, Wassails and Storytelling.

Wednesday 13th December 7pm **Carols by Candlelight** Informal Carols and Woodland themed tales.

An evening where you, the audience, get to set the programme by choosing the Carols

A Sunday school teacher asked, "Johnny, do you think Noah did a lot of fishing when he was on the Ark?" "No," replied Johnny, "how could he, with only two fish."