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All the delightful Spring Bulbs are coming into bloom throughout the town, heralding the start of another Bloomin' year for Brightlingsea!

If you have some free time – like to meet new people – exercise after Winter – the Bloomers would love your help...men and women...to create the Summer floral displays, all hands on deck makes it light work!

Also urgently needed are drivers with a tow-bar facility to tow the waster bowser, the most essential part of the Bloom project.

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BRIGHTLINGSEA MUSEUM

Easter weekend sees the reopening of the Museum for the summer season with a new exhibition focused on Brightlingsea Schools. It will now be open from Easter until Christmas on Saturdays 11 am – 5pm; Sundays 2 – 5pm. In addition in June, July & August it will open on Wednesdays, Thursdays & Fridays from 2 – 5pm.

20 - 21 Apr TOWN SALE TRAIL Forms available from Spirals, for either or both days. Lists of addresses will be on sale at Spirals in the preceding week.

6 May BANK HOLIDAY CAR BOOT SALE Trading from 8 am – noon. Our prices once again will not be increased and will remain at £5 per car – no need to pre-book, just arrive after 6.30am. Looking forward to seeing you all again soon.

INTERNATIONAL WOMEN'S DAY

A highly successful day's programme was held at Colne Yacht Club on 8 March, with an intriguing variety of stimulating 15-minute speakers through the morning and afternoon, and delightful lunchtime music from the Women in Harmony.

This event goes from strength to strength each year and those attending are already looking forward to next year's IWD. Many thanks to the organisers.



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APRIL: WORSHIP AND PRAYER

St. James' will be open for personal prayer Mon to Fri. 8am - 2pm

Sun 7 Apr 8am Holy Communion,
 10am All-Age service 11:15 Zoom

Sun 14 Apr 8am Morning Prayer
 10am Holy Communion 11:15 Zoom

Sun 21 Apr 8am & 10am Holy Communion at All Saints
 10am Sparklers Sunday Group at St James'
 11:15 Zoom

Sun 28 Apr 8am Morning Prayer
 10am Holy Communion 11:15 Zoom

Tue 9-9:30am Prayers in St James' [
 - Being Quiet with God

Wed 10am Holy Communion
 9pm Compline service (a short
 service of late evening prayer.
 All welcome.)



Prayer Requests can be conveyed via the Church website, Church Facebook page, email to revjudithgibbons@outlook.com or by calling our prayer request line on 01206 825 479 and leaving us a message.

NOTABLE DATES: APRIL

- 14** Church APCM (in St James' after morning Communion)
- 23** St George, patron saint of England
- 25** St Mark

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FROM THE VICAR

HAVE YOU FOUND JESUS?

Really, the Easter story has it all: clandestine meetings, dramatic crowd scenes, betrayal, secrets, friendships under strain and life or death risks; swords, healing, two unjust trials, a mob baying for blood, a hero stoic and true to his ideals in the face of violence and appalling suffering, loyal friends, weeping women, brutal soldiers, conniving leaders, a tear-jerking death scene and the most startling plot twist of all him when our hero doesn't stay dead!

This Easter we have welcomed years 1-6 of Brightlingsea Primary School to St James' for the Easter Prayer Trail: storytelling, craft and time to think, pray or reflect on various feelings and experiences in their lives that connect with the Easter story.

From who our heroes are, to what we do when we hurt a friend, how to cope with sadness and fear and what gives us hope and joy; it is always moving to watch participants navigate the prayer-space.

One thing the Easter prayer trail teaches its adult volunteers is that our young people are not immune to the darker emotions of human life. One activity this year involved thinking about the Garden of Gethsemane and Jesus dreading what was coming. Participants wrote their fears and anxieties on leaves and added them to the trees in the garden display.

Nothing much has changed between Jesus' day and ours: fear of death, 'what other people think about me', fear of risk or 'failing at my dreams' or 'losing my friends' featured.

Those same motivations drove Jesus' disciples and the Palm Sunday and Good Friday crowds. Fear can make us do awful things, and the only remedy for fear is love.

There was a lot of wisdom found in trying the deliberately difficult tasks on one prayer station. "I can do hard things," one young man said as he kept trying, "It just takes time." Yes. This.

Another activity was grinding grains into flour and thinking about the good things that can come out of suffering and struggle. Not because there is something good or even 'planned' about the struggles themselves, but because the power of God and of love is so great it can bring good even out of terrible things.

We had some lively debates over why Jesus 'had' to die. Would it have made



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a difference if people had actually listened to him and the leaders had worked with him? Could he have saved us by living a long and happy human life? It's a fascinating question. What is it about someone healing and preaching love, inclusion, forgiveness and second chances that makes others want to kill them?

The conclusion we came to, that day at least, was that it was us not God who decided it would 'all end in tears.' Except, of course, that wasn't the end! God can bring good out of good, that's wonderful. But to bring good out of pain is miraculous.

My favourite part of the Easter story is the way Jesus is so relentlessly loving. He forgives the soldiers crucifying him; tells his mother and best friend to be family to each other; gives hope to the man dying on the cross next to him. After dying he goes down to hell.

And yes, I do think there's a good chance Judas gets redeemed, since Jesus names himself the Good Shepherd and the shepherd leaves the 99 sheep safe and goes after the one – perhaps an explanation for why he takes an extra day rather than coming back on Saturday.

Once he comes back to life, he hunts down Peter who denied he even knew him, and forgives him. He walks through a locked door to find his other friends hiding out and greets them with peace. He pops up in all kinds of places and even cooks breakfast for his friends on one occasion.

By the time he returns to heaven, he has left his friends so strengthened and empowered that they begin a Church that continues to this day.

To mark this last part of the story, we are asking the question, 'Have you found Jesus?' No, the Church hasn't lost him!

Instead, we are hiding 200 mini Jesus figures around Brightlingsea for people to find between now and Ascension Day.

A reminder that God pops up in the most unexpected places, as well as our ordinary everyday lives, and is alongside us in all the moments of our days. Alleluia! Christ is risen!

Every blessing, Caroline

DIARY DATE:

Sun 14 April 2024 OUR APCM – Annual Parochial Church Meeting – will be held on in St James' at 11.15 am following a shorter Holy Communion service at 10.00 am.

Please come along and show your support for your Church Council as we look back at what has taken place in our two churches in 2023 and look forward for the year ahead.

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April Prayer....

*My Father,
 I come to you at the beginning of this day
 to ask you to guide and help me.*

*Give me courage
 to face the problems that lie ahead
 and give me a heart
 wide open to the joys
 that you have prepared for me.*

*Forgive my many sins,
 that I may start this day anew.
 And as you forgive me,
 may I learn to be forgiving
 and compassionate
 to others in return.*

*My Father,
 I long to serve you aright.
 May all that I do and all that I say
 be pleasing in your sight. Amen.*

*From a collection entitled
 Celtic Praise: Prayers of Praise from Cornwall*

FOR OUR YOUNG PEOPLE...

Wed 2, 16 and 30 Apr BRIGHTLINGSEA BEARS 1- 3 pm offers a warm welcome to toddlers with mums and carers. This group meets fortnightly on Wednesdays in St James'. Also on 14 and 28 May.

18 Apr STEPPING STONES Baby & Toddler group resumes on term-time Thursdays in St James' 9am – 12 noon. Suggested donation 50p per child. For details email: stepping-stones_group1@outlook.com

Sun 21 Mar SPARKLERS from 10am in St James'

LEGO CHURCH - Thursdays 5.30 -7pm in St James' (ages 9 – 13)

TEENS2TWENTIES – Wednesdays 7 – 9pm in St James' (ages 14 -29)

CHURCH LADS AND GIRLS BRIGADE meets on Fridays in St James' – 6 pm younger group: 7.30 pm older group

Finding wellness through the joy of Gospel Singing!

'Wellness encompasses a healthy body, a sound mind and a tranquil spirit. Enjoy the journey as you strive for wellness,' says Laurette Gagnon Beaulieu.

Sadly, some of these things are taken out of our control through ill health but striving for a tranquil spirit is perhaps something we can all journey towards.

We encountered such a way a couple of weeks ago when by invitation of Alison Benz the Reverend Basil Meade MBE, founder of the London Community Gospel Choir, visited

our lovely town with his daughter, musician and singer, Stephanie Sounds.

Basil, Stephanie and Alison had a jam-packed couple of days, firstly, by treating the Brightlingsea Primary school children to a Gospel workshop on the Friday and then by visiting St James' Church on the Saturday, where we experienced a colourful patchwork of emotional songs, some reflective and some full of hope and healing.

A 65-strong choir came together on the day to learn the music and

were so inspired by Reverend Basil, aided by Stephanie, that we gave a free scratch performance to anyone that wanted to just stop by and listen that evening. Humming, foot tapping, clapping, piano playing and community singing filled the rafters with both gentle, prayerful songs as well as more well-known, rousing 'gutsy' songs such as 'Freedom!'

The day passed by too quickly, because we like-minded people were having so much fun through Basil's inspiration, just being together, making new friends and rolling along on an intense learning curve.

Golly! He worked us hard! I'm not sure if my spirit was

tranquil since I was buzzing when I travelled home, my soul having certainly been uplifted, but I wanted more.

The healthy body and sound mind may take me a little longer to achieve but I'm going to enjoy the journey filled with the inspiration of those wonderful Gospel songs.

Jane Girdlestone



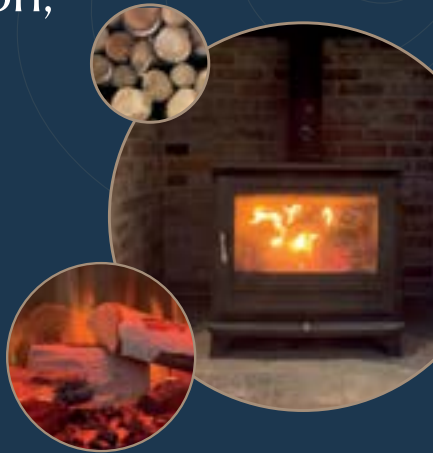


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SATURDAY COFFEE weekly in St James' 9.30 am – noon.

Sat 20 Apr BIG BREAKFAST 9 – 10.30 am in St James' – full English or light-bites

Next **AFTERNOON TEA SERVICE** on 13 May.

Next **FOREST CHURCH 2024** on 20 May at 2:30pm

CHURCHES TOGETHER BRIGHTLINGSEA

Many thanks to everyone who supported our Good Friday service and Walk of Witness so strongly. Also to our regulars at the Soup Lunches. Through your appreciative generosity we have been able to donate nearly £600 to Christian Aid over the past year.

Fri 5 Apr SOUP LUNCH for Christian Aid 12.30 pm – 1.30pm in St James'. Choice of homemade soups, roll & cheese, tea/coffee for minimum £3 donation for Christian Aid. Next lunch **Fri 3 May**.

Mon 8 Apr OPEN HOUSE at 38 High Street 10.30am. All welcome.

Tue 16 Apr CTB FRIENDLY LUNCH @ Victoria Café 12 for 12.15pm. If you plan to come along, please let Vivien know so there are enough chairs round the table. Do note that this group is now meeting twice monthly on the 2nd & 4th Thursdays.

Thu 11 and 28 Apr FRIENDSHIP CLUB @ United Church 10am to noon: dementia-friendly, run by Age Concern. A warm welcome with tea, coffee, biscuits, chat and table-top activities.

Sat 13 April SPRING FAIR & COFFEE MORNING raising funds for United Church building repairs. 9 am – 1 pm at the United Church hall, Chapel Road. Cakes, Books, Jigsaws, Bric-a-brac, Tombola, Good-as-new Clothes.

During **WORLD IMMUNISATION WEEK**, we pray for communities around the world that do not have the same access to medicine and vaccines as we do. Lord, would you burden our hearts for the less fortunate, and stir us to act for the good of our international neighbours.

During **STRESS AWARENESS MONTH**, we pray for everyone feeling overwhelmed by stress.

We pray for your supernatural peace and remember Jesus' invitation to "Come to me, all you who are weary and burdened, and I will give you rest." (Matthew 11:28)

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The build up to Easter throughout Holy Week has been filled with activities and events, from the procession through town on Palm Sunday, the Stations of the Cross from Monday to the solemnity of Maundy Thursday with ritual foot-washing and night vigil.



Good Friday began with the Churches Together service and walk of witness to Gandergoose Green, then

First Fires on Holy Saturday then the 6:30am dawn service outside All Saints', before full communion in St James' mid-morning.

In the days running up to Easter, a team of helpers welcomed more than 500 children through the doors of St James' for prayerful activities to help understand the Easter message and the power of the Cross.

All Saints' had an engaging springtime focus - stretching from the snowdrop weekend at the start of March through

to the Egg Hunt on Easter Day itself, accompanied by craft activities for the youngsters inside the church building.



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MISSION OF THE YEAR: CHERISH OUR PLANET

ALL SAINTS' ECO-CHURCH AWARD AND PARTNERSHIP

Late last year, the All Saints' with St James' environment sub-committee began applying for an *A Rocha UK* award to reflect the environment support represented not only by the All Saints' project team's activities and building protection work but also by the Holy Mowers' labours in the churchyard.

A Rocha UK is a Christian Charity which offers an award scheme for churches in England and Wales who want to demonstrate that the gospel is good news for God's earth. (More information at www.arocha.org.uk)

There are three levels to aim for and I am absolutely delighted to announce that All Saints' Brightlingsea has been awarded a bronze certificate.

You will see this displayed on our literature, website and social media pages. The aim now is to get a silver award, and part of that effort is to partner with local environmental groups.

As a start, we have joined up with Brightlingsea Nature Network, a local conservation group headed by Susie Jenkins.

Here is a brief update of what they've been doing since the beginning of this year

- Worked on the library wildlife garden including the habitat tubs at the front
- Litter picked on the Gravel Fields off Mill Street
- Tended the Oak Tree in Victoria Place by cleaning off the string graffiti and pulled out the old staples from posters
- Cleared the stream running off Mill Street down towards The Rope Walk, removing the granite chippings which rain had washed off the track. Freshwater shrimps have been found in this stream, which is a good sign but microscope pictures are being checked to make sure that they are not the invasive variety.
- Planted hedge saplings in the gaps in the beautiful old hedge on Bayard's Recreation Ground

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The Oak frame of the bell chamber

We are fortunate to have ancient bells within a fine 15th Century oak framework. The original bells, installed when the tower was built, consisted of 4 or 5 bells.

Two of the bells were taken into the King's hands in 1642-46. A third or fourth bell was sold to pay for tower repairs and replaced in late 1880s with a set of 10 tubular bells. The remaining bell was cast in 1400. There is also a smaller Sanctus bell.

All the bells require renovation and will be removed from the tower, restored, replaced and adapted to be rung electronically.

In order for the bells to be removed

from the tower a steel frame has to be installed to take the weight of the bells as they are lowered.

Tubular bells are particularly effective at ringing tunes as well as peals. This could be used to financial advantage for weddings, funerals, baptisms and other special events when a fee can be charged for the bells to be rung.

The ringing chamber can then be used for small exhibitions, albeit with restricted access. Visitors to the tower will be able to see into the belfry.

The estimated cost of the project is in the region of £50,000 – the price of an electric car!

Some of this money can be reclaimed through a VAT refund and we have applied for a grant.

This leaves us with £40,000 to find. We are conscious that many in Brightlingsea and beyond have already given most generously to the tower project and we hope to raise this money without launching another appeal.

Instead we are looking for 4 benefactors to donate £10,000 each. Brightlingsea has a fine roll call of such people over the centuries, the names of some still live on in local families.

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The tubular bell frame pictured before the Tower restoration work

generous way to the preservation of part of our history.

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There were many facets to Peter - brother, partner, husband, Dad, Granddad, Step-Granddad. A Bright Voice, A Motley, An adventurer, but most of all, a friend and servant.

A local lad, son of Joan and Jeff Dines and brother to Paul, Peter grew up and attended the town schools before serving his apprenticeship and setting up as a self-employed electrician.

From early years he developed what became a lifelong passion for music, in particular as a drummer, and then as a singer in local groups such as the Bright Singers, St James' Singers, and the Motley Crew.



He joined the Church Lads Brigade in 1959, eventually becoming the Drum Major for their thriving band that headed many processions.

Several family members followed him into the Brigade, including nephews, nieces and cousins; and his son John continues the tradition as the current Brigade leader.

Peter enjoyed foreign travel, but was more adventurous than many - walking the Great Wall of China; scaling Mt Kilimanjaro; mountain climbing in Venezuela; a pilgrimage to the Holy Land; and a walking trip to Ethiopia.

In 1974 he became a Freeman of the Cinque Port Liberty, maintaining the connection for the rest of his life. Peter was a natural, willing and reliable handyman, who took joy in fixing and mending things.

He took on the position of Verger and Sexton at All Saints' and St James', and was valued by both the church team and the funeral directors for his quiet presence, ready to deal with any minor problems when needed.

He was also in attendance at weddings and other church gatherings, reliable as always.

The churchyard and the Ash Lawn benefited from his attentions as he took care of each corner, roping off, digging, filling, cutting the grass.

We celebrate his full life. *'Well done, thou good and faithful servant.'*



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HARBOUR LITES: NEWS FROM THE HARBOUR MASTER

GETTING READY FOR THE NEW SEASON

Apparently the February weather has been the hottest on record, but is still a mix of cold, windy and wet, with a tiny amount of sunshine; quite like last year's in fact.

Six ships; one scrap and five Cement since Christmas; and another Cement due next week. The work of the Wharf continues.

As I write the Foot Ferry is being prepared to commence duty once again on Monday 1 April. This marks the beginning of the season; I expect with such an early Easter this year the crabbers will be on the Jetty much earlier.

On Sunday 9 June the Blessing of the Waters will once again happen at the Harbour. A month later, the Brightlingsea Regatta and fireworks happen on 6 July; unfortunately this year it has broken away from the carnival.

All of these depend on the weather. After the terrible summer of last year we hope to have a more normal summer this year.

Our usual ferry service will be supplemented by our new electric ferry 'Colne Innovation'. Last year we managed a few trips to the Black Buoy when they eventually found a chef. This year 'The Anchor' at Rowhedge has changed hands and the new owners very much endorse the visiting of customers by water.

The wintering birds have also been in abundance at the Harbour; they seem to love wandering around the muddy area at the bottom of the Hard.

So with eight days until spring officially starts, the days are getting lighter for longer and the temperatures are gradually increasing; summer will soon be here.

In a few weeks Marks and Spencers will be recording an advert down on the Hard with Michelin-starred chef Tom Kerridge, so keep a look out on your TVs as the year goes on.

Talking of TVs, the website has had another Webcam added to its offering. Not only are you able to see the Harbour from the office but also the Creek heading out towards the Colne.

Let's hope 2024 is the hottest and sunniest year on record.

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EASTER MESSAGE FROM THE BISHOP

Once again, the message of Easter hope and resurrection life breaks into a world that is full of sorrow, conflict and pain. How can we possibly make sense of this central event - the one that everything else in the Christian faith hangs on - when all the evidence seems to point away from it?

When much of the time it feels like death and hatred and evil have the final say, rather than life and love and hope? Both on a global scale, but perhaps personally too, for there is so much suffering and loss. Well, if you rely on your emotions, on how you feel at any particular moment and in response to any specific event that might make you happy or sad - if you rely on your feelings, then faith is indeed a fickle thing.

For sometimes God can feel close and other times far away. But the truth at the heart of the Gospel is that God, through Christ, is ever present, whatever is going on and whether or not we experience that closeness or not. I have these words of Karl Jung hanging in the hallway of our home, and I look at them every time I come in or go out: "Bidden or not bidden, God is present."

God was present on Good Friday, just as much as on Easter Day. The important thing is not to confuse our experiences and emotions - whether we feel the nearness of God or not - with the reality of Easter resurrection.

There's no denying that embracing this requires a leap of faith. No logic or experiment will prove the existence of God or convince you of the Easter story.

But faith knows more. In the words of the French mathematician and philosopher Blaise Pascal, The heart has reasons, of which reason knows nothing. On Easter morning, Christ rose from the dead and broke the power of death and hatred through the strength of his love and sacrifice.

As Christians we try to embody that in the way we live our lives, in the service of others, speaking out against injustice, seeking to respond in love wherever there is hate. This is the Easter story, and it is ours to tell. It is challenging, mysterious and life changing. It offers light and hope in the midst of darkness, and I commend it to you wholeheartedly. For, Christ is risen!

He is risen indeed, Alleluia. I wish you a joyful and blessed Easter.

Guli Francis-Dehqani, Bishop of Chelmsford



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ALL SAINTS' CHURCH

FLOODLIGHTING THE TOWER AT ALL SAINTS' CHURCH

Marking an occasion - a birthday, a wedding, an anniversary, Christmas, in memory of a loved one, or any other occasion.

MARCH

28 In loving memory of my dear wife, Marianne Gasgoyne, and celebrating the 80th anniversary of her birthday on 28th March; greatly missed by family and all fortunate enough to have known her

APRIL

2 In loving memory of Sandra French, very sadly missed and loved by all the family

4 In loving memory of Donald Woods on his birthday

9 In loving memory of Sonia Jean Aylward (nee Francis) on her birthday

11 In loving memory of our dear daughter, Carol, on her birthday

19 Happy birthday Oliver Long

21 In loving memory of Janet Finbow who left us six years ago, dear wife, mother, Grandma, Nana. Always in our minds

24 Happy memories of our son, Mark Whitfield, on his 52nd birthday

26 In loving memory of Douglas Whittle

27 Mabel Rothwell (Grannie). Remembering a very special lady

30 Remembering Roy Birnie - a very special husband, Dad and Grandad. Sadly missed

Grandma, wife, sister and mother

To light up the tower at All Saints' Church, please get your request in **by the 6th of the previous month**. £8.00 per entry.

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APRIL RECIPE

ST. GEORGE'S SALAD

St. George's Day on April 23rd celebrates England's patron saint. He was a Christian martyr from Cappadocia living in the 3rd century AD.

He was killed for refusing to recant his Christian faith – although he was a member of the Roman Praetorian Guard.

Using the colours of white and red, this salad is a timely reminder of our national flag.

Ingredients

- 1 small red cabbage
- 1 packet of mixed salad leaves (preferably green & red)
- 400g tin white beans (e.g. haricot or cannellini)
- 200g feta cheese
- 6 tomatoes
- French or vinaigrette dressing

Method

1. Discard tough outer leaves, then slice the cabbage very thinly
2. Slice the tomatoes and set aside.
3. Drain the beans and mix with the cabbage
4. Add sufficient dressing to hold the bean/cabbage mix together
5. Lay the salad leaves on the base of a large platter
6. Cover with the bean & cabbage mix
7. Crumble the feta and lay all over the dish.
8. Use the tomato slices to form a red cross over the salad platter.

Recipe supplied by Elizabeth Foss-Smith

OPPORTUNITY BECKONS AT ALL SAINTS'

Volunteers are again needed for Custodian duties at All Saints' church from 13 May to 14 Sep. We hope to be able to open every afternoon from 2.30 to 4.30.

There will be a 'Briefing Session' on Sat 13 April at 2.30pm at All Saints'; light refreshments will be provided. Custodians' pre-opening social gathering on Saturday 11 May at 2.30pm at All Saints' with refreshments.

On Sun 15 Sep, there will be a debriefing afternoon tea for all Custodians who are able to be there.

THE NATIVE

Copies of The Native are available at Spar, Spirals, Wine Well and Lucas Estate Agents, as well as St James' church where you will find a blue box for voluntary donations.

Also available on the parish website www.allsaintswithstjamesb-sea.co.uk

Cover: The Easter Cross decorated by children at dawn on Easter Day

Deadline for May issue – please submit items by **15 April**

Please send any articles of future interest to Carole Maytum via the Church Office. Email: brightlingseaparish@btconnect.com

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