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February 2026

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**FOODBANK THANKS** – Brightlingsea Foodbank coordinator Win Pomroy has issued grateful thanks to our local community for their continuing support for Foodbank especially over the Christmas season.

### WINTERFEST MONTH

Winterfest offers a rich and varied programme of events to brighten the winter days and help chase away depression. Plenty for all, young or old – music – dancing – writing – art and more, in various venues around town. Community events, mostly free. Come and join in.

**31 Jan – 8 Feb COMMUNITY ART EXHIBITION** at Brightlingsea Museum Theme: The Next Wave.

**7 Feb WELLBEING DAY** at Community Centre 10am – 4pm.

Discover some of what's on offer in our town. Variety of stalls from local groups. Performances from choirs and dance groups. Wellbeing talks and demonstrations. Snacks and drinks available from the kitchen all day.

**13 Feb SHANTY NIGHT** AT Colne Yacht Club with the Motley Crew, including a singalong. 7.30pm. Bar available. Free event, but donations welcome for Winterfest charity MIND.

**28 Feb FRESH AIR FESTIVAL** in Victoria Place 5 pm – 9pm. Free!

**Sat 21 Feb 'MUSIC BY CANDLELIGHT'** will break new ground with St James' church dressed up to look like a prohibition jazz club. Music from Katie Bingham Best, Loxley's Corner and Swing Express.

Doors open 6.30pm for 7pm start. Tickets £10 from Spirals, Little Boat or online via Winterfest website.

**Sat 28 Feb FRESH AIR FESTIVAL** for Winterfest 5 – 9pm in Victoria Place. Free fun for all.

Organisers will transform Victoria's Place into a magical winter playground of light, sound and spectacle, with its first Winter Fresh Air Festival.

As darkness falls, audiences can enjoy a programme of illuminated street theatre, giant puppetry, live music, and all sorts of unique entertainment.

**Sun 1 Mar JOG-WALK-RUN** 5K or 10K from Sailing Club 9 am. Fun event – no formal timing. Course along Prom and old railway line to River Colne.

Look out for the leaflets with all details. Read more on their website: [brightlingseawinterfest.co.uk](http://brightlingseawinterfest.co.uk) and enjoy the short video of Bagheera the cat.

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## CHURCH DIARY

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

**Sun 8 Feb FOREST CHURCH** 2.30pm in our usual space at the bottom of All Saints' churchyard. Newcomers always welcome - all ages. Hot drinks & toasted marshmallows.

**Mon 9 Feb OPEN HOUSE** at 38 High Street 10.30am. All welcome.

**Wed 11 Feb AFTERNOON TEA SERVICE** cancelled as it would coincide with Ann Dart's funeral that day.

**Tue 17 Feb PANCAKE PARTY** for Shrove Tuesday 3.30 – 6.30 pm in St James', with fun activities to join in.

**Sat 21 Feb BIG BREAKFAST** 9–10.30am in St James' – full English or light-bites. Thanks to some younger volunteers, the Breakfast continues into 2026. There is still opportunity to join the team.

**Sat 1 Mar ASSEMBLY BANGERS** come and sing your hearts out to favourite hymns and choruses from your schooldays. This activity was hugely popular at Glastonbury, and similar events during 2025. There will be food too!

**ST JAMES SINGERS** have resumed practising (except 2nd Thursday of the month). Each Thursday in St James' at 7.30 pm. New singers always welcome.

## LENT COURSE

The course will be based on Henri Nouwen's book *The Return of the Prodigal Son* - his extended contemplation on the famous Rembrandt painting.

**Tuesdays** starting 24 Feb 7:15pm for 7:30 start at Colne Yacht Club Brightlingsea

**Sundays** starting 28 Feb 12:15pm for 12:30 start St. James' Church  
Online version time and day to be confirmed.

## CHANGES TO PARISH BANK ACCOUNTS

Please note that the Lloyds Bank account will be closed on 28 February. If you wish to pay money to the Parish by Standing Order or Bank Transfer please contact our Treasurer David Wiggins [treasurer4stjames@gmail.com](mailto:treasurer4stjames@gmail.com) (07982 770471) and he will be able to give you details of our Barclays Bank account.

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## FEBRUARY : WORSHIP AND PRAYER

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

**Sun 1 Feb** 8am Holy Communion 10am All-Age Communion service  
11:30am Online service (Zoom)

**Sun 8 Feb** 8am Morning Prayer  
10am Holy Communion 11:30am Online service (Zoom)

**Sun 15 Feb** 8am BCP Holy Communion *in All Saints'*  
10am Holy Communion *in All Saints'*  
10am Sparklers Sunday School Group *in St James'*  
11:30am Online service (Zoom)

**Wed 18 Feb** **Ash Wednesday** (with optional imposition of ashes)  
10am Holy Communion  
6:30pm Evening Service

**Sun 22 Feb** 8am Morning Prayer  
10am Holy Communion  
11:30am Online service (Zoom)

**Tue** 9-9:30am Parish Prayers in St James'


**Wed** 10am Holy Communion

**NOTABLE DATES: February**

2	<b>Candlemas</b>
8	<b>Racial Justice Sunday</b> (Theme: Love Your Neighbour)
14	<b>St Valentine</b>
17	<b>Shrove Tuesday</b>
18	<b>Ash Wednesday</b>

**FORWARD DATES**

Good Friday	3 April
Easter Day	5 April
APCM	26 April – our church Annual Meeting, 11.30am





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## **FROM THE VICAR**

### **THE ART OF FINDING LOST THINGS**

A friend once asked me to sum up life in Brightlingsea and the first place my mind went was Winterfest.

I love that I live in a place that recognises February can be a dark and difficult month for all sorts of reasons, mental ill health among them, and Brightlingsea's response to that is a winter festival of all things good and active, creative and life affirming, social and welcoming.

Recently, too many good people I know have been telling me they are losing their faith – in humanity, in the future, in God, in goodness, in themselves. Or that they have lost their joy, or their way or their purpose.

What can we do if we feel like that? And, let's face it, most of us will feel like that at some point in our lives, whether it's over international events or personal griefs, disappointments, limits, losses and fears.

When I feel I am losing something from my life that I miss, my heart and mind turn to some very old advice my mother gave me in childhood, that works on lost things of all kinds.

If you realise you have lost something, go back to the last place you remember having it and start searching from there.

If you have lost faith or joy or a sense of purpose in life, instinct might drive you to hide that loss, or hide from people who still have it, as though hurt and doubt and loss are contagious, but it's better to do the opposite. Go back to where you last had it and find it again. When and where did you last feel fully alive? Connected? Joyful? Free?

On 1st March, our Church is pinching an idea from Glastonbury and holding a singalong event called Assembly Bangers, giving all comers the chance to revisit the songs (and the 'bangers, mash and pud' school dinners) from their Primary School era.

On one level, it's a piece of shameless nostalgia and it works because for some of us, song time in assembly was a chance to throw our heads back, sing our hearts out and feel all our feelings, at a simpler time of our lives before the self-consciousness of getting older set in (or someone told us we couldn't sing).

I recommend it. Nostalgia in small doses can re-energise us and, if you didn't enjoy it the first time, a do-over isn't half bad either.

Of course, we're adding a bar, a box of percussion instruments, some singers and a musician or two to give things a bit of a boost, but whether you listen, clap,



stomp, drum, jingle, boogie, sing or shout, it should be a good time for all. Grab a ticket and try it!

It's good to remind ourselves of our sources of joy, faith and strength in the cold and dark times: it's fuel to keep us going.

So - do Winterfest (there is SO much on offer!), do Assembly Bangers, do a return to the good in 'good old days' and carry it like a flame in your heart. Or if the old days weren't that good for you, try something new.

And, if you want to discover or rediscover faith in God, we are one of your local churches and you know where to find us.

*Every Blessing, Caroline*

## **Psalm 23 For Busy People**

*'The Lord is my Pace-Setter, I shall not rush,  
He makes me stop and rest for quiet intervals,  
He provides me with images of stillness,  
which restore my serenity.  
He leads me in ways of efficiency,  
through calmness of mind; and his guidance is peace.  
Even though I have a great many things to accomplish  
each day,  
I will not fret, for his presence is here.  
His timelessness, his all-importance will keep me in  
balance.  
He prepares refreshment and renewal in the midst of my  
activity,  
by anointing my mind with his oils of tranquillity.  
My cup of joyous energy overflows.  
Surely harmony and effectiveness shall be the fruits of  
my hours,  
For I shall walk in the pace of my Lord, and dwell in his  
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*Toki Miyashina*

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Entries for the exhibition can be delivered and registered at the museum on the following days:  
Saturday 24<sup>th</sup> January and Tuesday 27<sup>th</sup> January from 10.00 - 12.30pm

### At Brightlingsea Museum

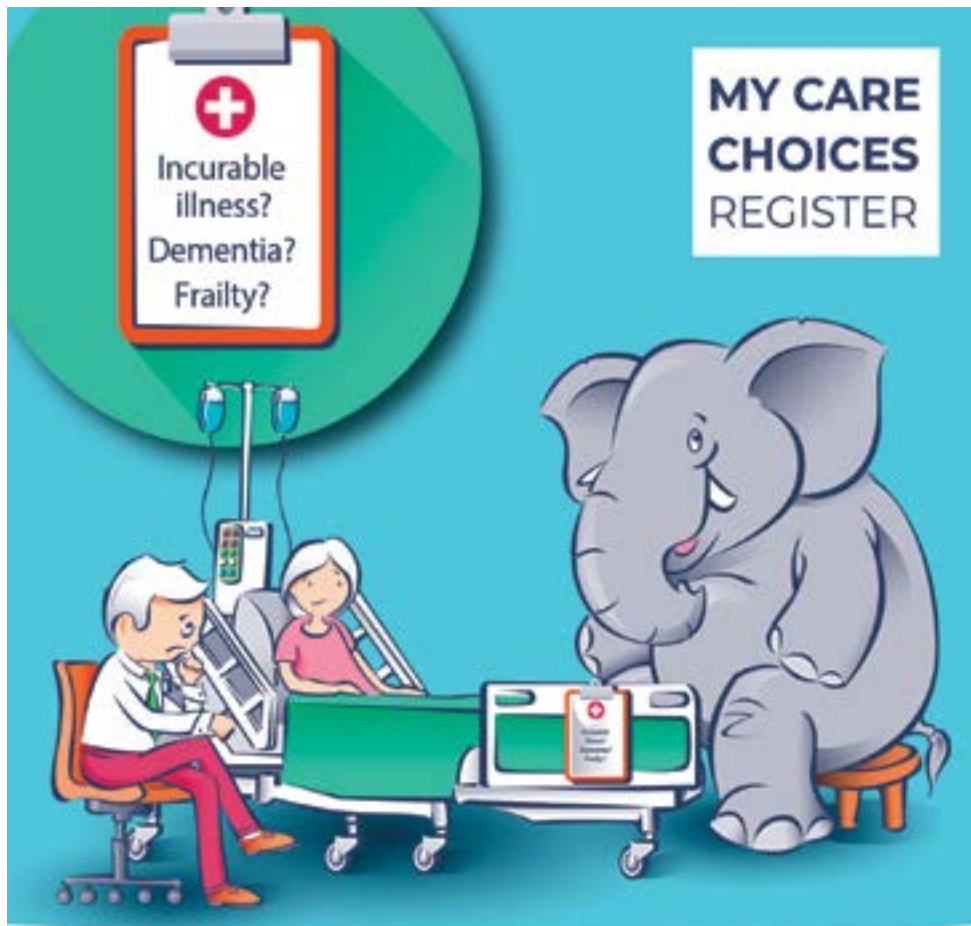
Open 10 am to 3:30 pm on:  
Sat Jan 31<sup>st</sup> - Preview for exhibitors  
• Sun Feb 1<sup>st</sup> • Sat Feb 7<sup>th</sup> • Sun Feb 8<sup>th</sup>

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**BRIGHTLINGSEA WINTERFEST 2026**  
WEEK 1 EVENTS  
31ST JAN - 8<sup>TH</sup> FEB

<b>SATURDAY 31ST &amp; SUNDAY 1ST FEB</b> 10-3.30PM ART EXHIBITION BRIGHTLINGSEA MUSEUM	<b>SUNDAY 1ST</b> 10-4PM ALL SAINTS ACTIVITY DAY ALL SAINTS CHURCH	<b>SUNDAY 1ST</b> QUIZ THE YACHTSMANS	<b>SUNDAY 1ST</b> 3-5PM LAUNCH AT THE LEGION BRITISH LEGION	<b>MONDAY 2ND</b> 3:30-5PM WINTER WARMER THE DRAGON'S NEST
<b>FRIDAY 6TH</b> 9:30-1pm MIND MENTAL HEALTH TOOLKIT TRAINING TOWN COUNCIL OFFICES	<b>FRIDAY 6TH</b> 2:30pm WINTERFEST SINGALONG IN THE LIBRARY LIBRARY	<b>FRIDAY 6TH</b> 7:30pm till late Come along and join in the magic! MAGIC: THE GATHERING THE DRAGON'S NEST	<b>SATURDAY 7TH</b> 10-4pm WELLBEING DAY COMMUNITY CENTRE	<b>SATURDAY 7TH &amp; SUNDAY 8TH</b> 10-3.30pm ART EXHIBITION BRIGHTLINGSEA MUSEUM
<b>SATURDAY 7TH</b> 1pm - 5pm PAINT YOUR FIRST WARHAMMER MINIATURE THE DRAGON'S NEST	<b>SUNDAY 8TH</b> 3pm-4pm SOUL TO SINTRA BRITISH LEGION			



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

**Thursdays LEGO CHURCH** for 9 – 13-year-olds meets weekly at 5.30pm in St James',. Tuck shop available. No meeting on 19 Feb.

**Fridays CHURCH LADS AND GIRLS BRIGADE** meets in St James'

**Sun 8 Feb FOREST CHURCH** will be held every 2nd Sunday in the month, all at 2.30pm, in our special corner down All Saints' churchyard. Future Dates: **8 Feb, 8 Mar, 12 Apr, 10 May, 12 Jul, 9 Aug, 13 Sep, 11 Oct, 13 Dec**

**Tue 10 & 24 Feb 2026 BRIGHTLINGSEA BEARS** meets in St James' 10am till 11.15. Warm welcome to toddlers and mums/carers.

**Sun 15 Feb SPARKLERS** Sunday group meets on the third Sundays in St James' from 10 -11 am

**Fri 20 Feb** Half-term **LEGO STAY & PLAY** note change of day. 10 am – 3pm. Children should have an adult companion.

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# Looking back on a season of festive activities

We arrived at January almost breathless after the welter of events and services over the Christmas period.

Once again, our Christingle service proved very popular and was well

attended. The finale has a magical atmosphere when the electric lights are switched off as everyone stands in a wide circle with their lighted candle.

In the run-up to Christmas we enjoyed the traditional outdoor carol singing

outside The Swan, which attracted a record crowd this year who revelled in a wealth of seasonal favourites .

The Christmas Eve Nativity, brilliantly performed by our young people, drew in a capacity audience at St James' Church. For many families this has become their principal Christmas service.

The Burns' Luncheon is now established as our New Year celebration, the haggis, neeps and tatties offering a welcome change after the turkey, ham,

pudding and mince pies of Christmas.

The 'Great Chieftain o' the Puddin'-race' was ceremonially carried in, to the skirl of pipes, and some brave souls attempted Scottish dancing, while others just enjoyed a good chat.





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**CAROL SINGING OUTSIDE THE SWAN** drew a great attendance of people ready for a joyful singalong and raised £60 for the Salvation Army's Christmas appeal.

**Fri 6 Feb SOUP LUNCH** 12.30–1.30pm Choice of home-made soups with roll and cheese, tea & coffee. These lunches continue to raise money for Christian Aid. Next Soup Lunch Fri 6 Mar.

**Tue 10 Feb** 10.30 am **CTB ANNUAL MEETING** in the St James' Church Vestry. Coffee from 10.15. Open to all church members. Review of 2025 events and plans for 2026

**Thu 12 & 26 Feb COLNE COMMUNITY FRIENDSHIP GROUP** at the United Church Hall, Chapel Rd. Now runs on the second and fourth Thursdays 10.30am - 12.30pm. £2.50 per session, includes coffee & cake, board games, speakers, community support.

**Tue 20 Feb CTB FRIENDLY LUNCH** @ Victoria Café, 12 for 12:15 pm. 12 for 12:15 pm. If you plan to come along, please let Alison know so there is enough table space. These lunches are held in the Victoria Cafe, always on the third Tuesday of the month at 12 noon for 12.15 pm.



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### READYING FOR THE NEW SEASON

Happy New year. The Wharf continues with its Cement and Scrap trading although some imports are originating in North Africa. The Winter fully arrived and scattered a light sprinkling of snow over the ground on 5th January. It seemed to have been incredibly warm until that date.

We welcomed a new Head of Maintenance to the Harbour in November; he came all the way from Morgans and lives locally in Brightlingsea. Our former Head went to Essex Fire service to follow his long-held aspiration to work for them, and we wish him well.

We worked with Colchester City Council and Rowhedge Moorings Association to destroy of some abandoned boats at the end of 2025. There is an ever-growing trend of folk buying small cheap boats with a plan to live inexpensively on them. They quickly understand that the reality is very different to the fantasy. We helped one such aspirant to get back to his council, flat having vacated it just the day before. He had with him a cat and a dog and a bag full of dreams believing his future was transiting between beautiful locations enjoying nature at its best from the comfort of his small cockpit. Shortly after leaving the Harbour the boat broke down and he was rescued by the RNLi and recovered back to the Harbour, cold, frightened with two pets and dreams shattered.

In November there were some notable achievements by Harbour staff who were recognised with awards. One of our Apprentices was presented with an Essex Maritime Achievement Award, and our Deputy Harbour Master was presented with his Harbour Master Certificate, which only 25% of those starting the course have achieved.

Next month we will be doing the Harbour and Marina Dredge using injection dredging to sweep the mud out of the Harbour ready for the season. Fortunately, the Marina only requires periodic dredging to maintain the berths. However, the whole process requires many days of moving boats like a large-scale Chinese puzzle.

Concurrently we will prepare our boats for the season and look forward to trips up to the Anchor Inn at Rowhedge for a hearty lunch; charterers visiting Wivenhoe; trips to St Osyth boatyard for afternoon tea; or people taking advantage of the regular service to East Mersea and Point Clear.

The next time I write I expect the Jetty will be populated by crabbers when spring is truly sprung.

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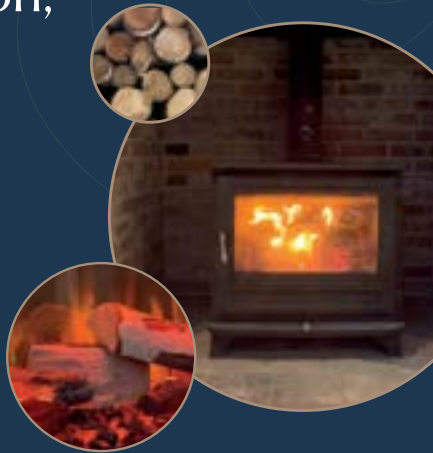


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## REFLECTION

### YOU HAVE A MINUTE, LORD?

Older readers may remember this phrase coined by the actor David Kossoff fifty years ago for a series of short Sunday evening programmes when he talked to God in the manner of someone talking over his concerns and puzzles with a good friend in an easy, relaxed manner. Their simplicity was quite moving, as many people couldn't imagine talking to God this way.

There are times we get a feeling that there is more to this life than meets the eye. Perhaps it's prompted by an amazing happening when we find ourselves murmuring 'Thank God for that'. Or maybe illness or an accident affects one of our family or friends, and we have an instinct to reach out beyond ourselves.

Try to notice such 'something else' moments and hold onto them for quieter moments when you can rest and ponder what's going on inside you, your moods and feelings. God has infinite minutes when you can share this with Him; invite him in. He's always ready to listen.

"At the back of our brains there is a forgotten blaze or burst of astonishment at our own existence. The object of the artistic and spiritual life is to dig for this sunrise of wonder." *GK Chesterton*

"Although I'm an agnostic, I sometimes pray, but I don't ask for anything, except perhaps the ability to get through something. Usually – this sounds unbearably pious – I give thanks." *John Diamond, a journalist with cancer*

### ALL SAINTS' UPDATE

**Sun 1 Feb WINTERFEST OPEN DAY** 10am to 4pm drop-in with crafts for all and a well-being walk.

**Mon 16 Feb FAMILY ACTIVITY MORNING** 10am – 12 noon Activities for all; everyone welcome.

**Sat 28 Feb - Sun 1 Mar SNOWDROP WEEKEND** 10am - 4pm

Bookings taken via [AllSaints\\_Activities\\_Brightlingsea@outlook.com](mailto:AllSaints_Activities_Brightlingsea@outlook.com) or by Messenger or calling the church office on **01206 302738**

TOWER TOURS available on these weekends at 2pm:

**Feb. 1, 7, 14, 21, 22, 28, Mar 1 & 14 – but they must be booked in advance.** £7 adult and £4.50 for children (only those over 8yrs allowed).

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## NEWS FROM THE HOLY MOWERS

### TACKLING THE DEVILISH INVADERS

In last October's Native, I wrote about the challenges of the invasive 'Tree of Heaven' which is described by the Royal Horticultural Society as "devilish" and listed by the Government as a 'species of special concern'

I noted: *"This year, we have seen dozens and dozens of saplings which have appeared suddenly and grown rapidly, some from wind scattered seeds and some as suckers. We have, of course, removed them. Now we know, we will be vigilant and responsible."*

That's not the end of the story, however. Growing in the hedge on the Northern boundary of the churchyard, there were 3 huge trees which were obviously the source of the spread of all the saplings which had started as suckers and seedlings.

Clearly, they had to be dealt with to stop the spread in the churchyard – also to stop them spreading onto the neighbouring farmer's field. I'm pleased to say that they have now been felled and the logs removed.

John Bateman, "the old squire of Brightlingsea" (late 19th and early 20th centuries) was the son of very keen horticulturists who imported plants and trees from all around the world to create a celebrated garden at Biddulph Grange.

He inherited their passion and did the same thing in Brightlingsea when he bought the manor and moved here. It was he who imported and planted the Eucalyptus trees, Monkey Puzzle trees - and – the trees of Heaven!

### CELEBRATING OUR SNOWDROPS

These are already appearing in large numbers and daffodils are beginning to show themselves.

This year's **SNOWDROP WEEKEND** will be held at All Saints' Church on **Sat 28 Feb and Sun 1 Mar** from 10am-4pm. This event has become very popular in recent years, and many people buy snowdrops "in the green" from us to plant in their own gardens.

### A REMINDER ABOUT THE HOLY MOWERS

The churchyard up at All Saints' is cared for by The Holy Mowers, a group of volunteers who meet most Thursday mornings to do the job that need doing. People come when they can and some (still working) at other times. If you'd like to give a little time to help, get in touch via the Church Office (for details see back page).

*Bob Goodenough*

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## BISHOP INVITES 100 DAYS OF PRAYER

Bishop Guli is inviting everyone to pray individually, in small groups or in church communities over these 100 days beginning on 18 February 2026.

Since the early days of the Church, Christians have lived with change. Indeed, without change the life of the Church would likely stagnate.

So in every generation, the people of God are called prayerfully to discern how we are to respond to new challenges and opportunities; how we are to be God's people in our own particular time and place and how we are to use the resources God has generously provided, so that we might be a missional presence in the communities we serve.

A collection of prayer resources, bible passages and videos, are being made available on the Diocesan website to support you in your prayers [www.chelmsford.anglican.org/about-us/travelling-well-together/travelling-well-together-sustaining-ministry](http://www.chelmsford.anglican.org/about-us/travelling-well-together/travelling-well-together-sustaining-ministry)

These will also be shared throughout the 100 days across the diocesan social media channels.



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As part of WinterFest – **Open day** with drop-in crafts for all Sun 1st, 10am–4pm

**Family activity morning** – Activities for all, everyone welcome Mon 16, 10am–12pm

**Forest Church** – An outdoor church service, all welcome Sun 8 at 2:30pm

**Note:** Tower Tours run regularly throughout the year and are advertised separately.

For more info, email: [AllSaints\\_activities\\_Brightlingsea@outlook.com](mailto:AllSaints_activities_Brightlingsea@outlook.com) or call: 01206 302378

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## ALL SAINTS' CHURCH

FLOODLIGHTING THE TOWER AT ALL SAINTS' CHURCH

### FEBRUARY

19 For Pam Grant: 1944-2017

20 In loving memory of Kathleen Potts-Lord

24 In loving memory of Rob D Tidman. Always missed.

27 Mrs Alison Hitchcock, dearest wife, Mum and Nanny, on her birthday

To light the tower at All Saints' Church, please get your request in by the 6th of the previous month. Minimum donation £8 per entry.

Requests for this special form of remembrance should be directed to Claudia Campbell via the Church Office at St James' Church, or by email: [claudiacampbell@hotmail.co.uk](mailto:claudiacampbell@hotmail.co.uk); or by mobile: 07753 660 779

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## FEBRUARY RECIPE

### MOGGY

In February there aren't many celebrations, although we often remember some of the lesser-known saints, but at least we can have family time together at half-term. This easy soft biscuit recipe is a family favourite and very easy to put together.

#### Ingredients

- 340 g plain flour
- ½ tsp salt
- 1 dessert spoon baking powder
- 85 g hard margarine
- 85 g lard
- 115 g sugar
- 1 tbsp syrup
- 85 ml milk

#### Method

1. Preheat oven at 160C (gas 3)
2. Rub the margarine & lard into the flour, salt & baking powder.
3. Add sugar, syrup and milk and mix to a stiff dough.
4. Roll out to about 1cm thick and place on baking tray.
5. Bake for 25-35 minutes.
6. Cut in tray and leave to cool.

*Recipe supplied by Elizabeth Foss-Smith*

#### RECIPE FOR FRIENDSHIP

Take two heaped cups of patience; Two handfuls of generosity;  
One headful of understanding; One heartful of love; A dash of laughter.  
Sprinkle generously with kindness and plenty of faith and mix well.  
Spread over a period of a lifetime and serve everybody you meet.

## **THE NATIVE**

Copies of The Native are available at Spar, Spirals, Wine Well, Little Boat Gifts, Flo's Flowers and Lucas Estate Agents, as well as St James' Church.

Also available by subscription - contact the Parish Office for details.

**Cover: Winterfest Postbox Topper**

**Deadline for March issue – please submit items by 18 February**

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

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