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28 – 30 May SISTER ACT production in St James' by the Musical Theatre Group. Thursday, Friday, Saturday at 7.30 pm; Saturday matinee at 2.30pm. Tickets: £12 stalls; £10 balcony, from Spirals or Tel: **07738 258131**. Light refreshments available.

The **BRIGHTLINGSEA IN BLOOM TEAM** urgently needs volunteers with a Tow Bar Facility to help with the watering of the town's displays. This involvement takes about one and a half hours once a fortnight, at a time to suit.

We also welcome volunteers to partner with a driver. For further info contact Chris on **01206 304245**.

13 & 14 Jun OPEN GARDENS WEEKEND for St Helena Hospice. If you are willing to open your garden on either or both days, please contact Mary Goggin on **01206 308023**.

20 Jun CARNIVAL DAY on the Recreation Ground, Regent Road, including Car Boot Sale.

Any information please call Tracey on **07813 721614**

SUMMER DATES 2026

14 Jun BLESSING THE WATERS at The Hard

13 & 14 Jun OPEN GARDENS WEEKEND across town

20 Jun BRIGHTLINGSEA CARNIVAL Recreation Ground

18 Jul BRIGHTLINGSEA REGATTA with Fireworks Sat evening

25-31 Jul PYEFLEET WEEK Brightlingsea Sailing Club

1st & 2 Aug BRIGHTLINGSEA FREE MUSIC FESTIVAL Hurst Green with evening fringe events around town

29-30 Aug FOOD & DRINK FESTIVAL Western Prom Green

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CHURCH DIARY

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

Sun 10 May FOREST CHURCH 2.30pm in our usual space at the bottom of All Saints' churchyard.

Mon 11 May OPEN HOUSE at 38 High Street 10.30am. All welcome.

Sat 18 May BIG BREAKFAST 9–10.30am in St James' – full English or light-bites. Thanks to our new volunteers, the Breakfast continues into 2026. There is still opportunity to join the team.

Wed 13 May AFTERNOON TEA SERVICE 3 pm in St James'.

Theme: **Friends of Jesus**. Short service of bible readings, prayers and songs, with tea, cake and fellowship. Dementia friendly. All welcome.

Sat 6 Jun SPRING BAZAAR in St James' 10am – noon. Tell your friends.

We welcome any saleable items to fill the stalls, please: Cakes etc; Raffle prizes; Gifts & Jewellery; Toys & Puzzles. Plants and garden produce welcome. You can leave items in the box in church from early May. No clothing, electricals, or CDs/DVDs thank you. Stallholders: we will be in church at 2pm on Fri 5 Jun to sort out donated items.

Offers or queries to Kathy Tidman **01206 302482**.

BLESSING AND RECLAIMING OF THE WATERS

Come along to Brightlingsea's Town Hard on **Sun 14 Jun** at 12 noon to witness and be a part of Brightlingsea's maritime version of 'beating the parish bounds'. Bring along a whistle, horn, drum or even an old pan and wooden spoon so that you can join in with making the noise of the Traditional 'Din'!

It all starts outside St James' Church at 11.45am where the Deputy of the Cinque Port of Brightlingsea assembles visiting coastal mayors, civic dignitaries and the clergy.

After being announced by the Town Crier the procession, dressed in colourful robes and chains of office, heads down Sydney Street towards the Wreck House. Here the dignitaries are greeted by the Harbour Master who escorts the procession to the Town Hard. A short service is held on the steps before the Bishop of Colchester blesses boats and people.

The Droit Gatherer then guides the dignitaries to the historic Oyster Smack Pioneer (CK18) and other traditional working vessels. Once everyone is aboard, at 1.00pm the flag-covered flotilla of historic working boats and fishing vessels heads out to Brightlingsea Creek to assert our rights to these waters. The audience are invited to make as much noise as possible (the traditional Din) to see them on their way.

Further information: www.blessingofthewaters.co.uk

NEWS FROM THE HOLY MOWERS

PROUD TO BE MAKING SUCH A DIFFERENCE

In the newest extension to the churchyard (Section Q, a little way down Moverons Lane) we did establish a garden of remembrance here but lost all our planting. I believed at the time our new planting had been stolen; I'm sorry to say that we do have things stolen from the churchyard. However, it may be that, on this occasion, deer were responsible; we are currently trying to re-establish this with a view to open it as part of "God's Garden" (the whole churchyard) during the Open Gardens' Weekend.

The Holy Mowers continue their fabulous work to maintain the churchyard. When I made my final report as a churchwarden in 2014, I said that we had to be realistic and recognise that we are getting older and it would be wonderful to attract people a bit younger. We do have some, not many, and more would be very welcome.

Annoyingly, we continue to get older. It would still be nice to have more young people volunteer; however, most of us are in our "golden years" – so, whatever age you are, you will be very welcome to join us on either a regular or occasional basis.

Strong winds during the year have caused a lot of damage to trees and we are mindful of the risk to visitors from falling branches. We have done a lot of work to trim those that are most obviously at risk. We realised that we had 3 very mature "Trees of Heaven" which were responsible for hundreds of suckers and seedlings. We had to employ Mark Wilby to fell them and cut them up. He did a fabulous job in very difficult circumstances.

The motivation for starting the Holy Mowers in 2014 was that the cost of maintaining the churchyard with either paid staff or contractors was totally beyond the resources of the church; I'm afraid that it looked neglected, overgrown and, frankly, a mess. It was obvious that if anything could be done to make it safe and accessible to people, it would have to be taken on by volunteers.

So... The Holy Mowers! It does look altogether better but - more importantly - anybody can now safely gain access to anywhere in the churchyard and, because it is free of the stranglehold of waist-high grass, there has been an explosion in growth of snowdrops, daffodils, primroses, bluebells and even lupins! (how did they find their way in?)

Our churchyard is huge; there is a huge amount of work to be done but we do it, we love doing it and are proud of the difference we have made.

Bob Goodenough

St James'

THE CHURCH AT THE 'HEART' OF THE HIGH STREET

MAY : WORSHIP AND PRAYER

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

Sun 3 May 8am Holy Communion
10am Holy Communion 11:30am Online service (Zoom)

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

Sun 17 May 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)

Sun 24 May 8am Morning Prayer
10am Holy Communion
11:30am Online service (Zoom)

Sun 31 May 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: May

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| 2 | St Philip and St James the Less |
| 14 | St Matthias, apostle / Ascension Day |
| 10 | Rogation Sunday |
| 24 | Pentecost |
| 31 | Trinity Sunday |





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FROM THE ASSOCIATE PRIEST

GENEROUS BRIGHTLINGSEA, WE NEED YOUR HELP!

St James' Brightlingsea, the Church in the High Street, is a much-loved space for worship, private prayer and for the many and varied activities that serve both young and old in the town. As many of you are aware, the church is being 'reordered' (i.e. the space is being reorganised) to create a more flexible building fit to serve the needs of our community both now and for generations to come.

Our forebears had a vision of how the church could be better used, and they put aside funds for the day when their dream could be realised. Now we have picked up the baton previous generations have left us, taking their work forward and drawing on the financial gifts they bequeathed to us. Plans are coming to exciting fruition to turn the existing vestry and sacristy into one, large, insulated (warm!) room which will become the new Lady Chapel, open every day for private prayer and small services even when community activities are taking place in the main part of the church. The former organ loft will become the new sacristy but with a mezzanine floor to provide much needed storage space.

Over the years, we have carefully stewarded the funds left to us in order to meet the costs of the work. However, because of a change in VAT exemptions for places of worship and the rising cost of materials and labour, we cannot complete the reordering unless we raise another £15,000.

Like our forebears, we too have a vision for our church: for it to remain the community's one free space, open every day of the week, offering spiritual refreshment, WiFi hospitality, physical comfort (when the building is open, so are our toilets and available for anyone in need) and a wide range of events many of which are free. The reason we cannot self-fund all the renovations is that we want to keep offering what we do for free.

Can you help us to bring those two visions together? Any gift, however small, will make a difference. You might like to sponsor something specific: the re-siting of a cupboard; a new beam in the sacristy; the mezzanine floor; the flooring in the sacristy or the Lady Chapel; the new lights in the Lady Chapel. These are just a few suggestions and many other sponsorship opportunities can be found, along with creative ways to acknowledge the donor.

If you can help, please contact any of the following:

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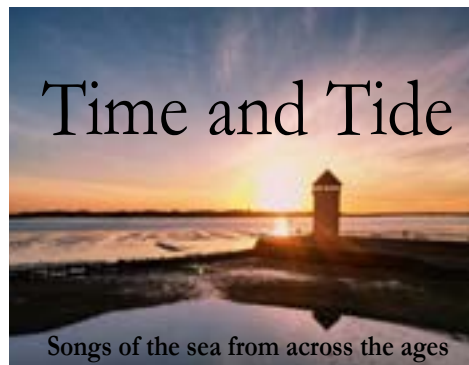
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***From all that dwell below the skies,
let the Creator's praise arise;
let the Redeemer's name be sung,
through every land by every tongue.***

***Eternal are thy mercies, Lord;
eternal truth attends thy word.
Thy praise shall sound from shore to shore,
till suns shall rise and set no more.***

***Your lofty themes, ye mortals, bring,
in songs of praise divinely sing;
the great salvation loud proclaim,
and shout for joy the Saviour's name.***

***In every land begin the song;
to every land the strains belong;
in cheerful sounds all voices raise,
and fill the world with loudest praise.***

Isaac Watts 1674 - 1748

The Spirit of Easter?

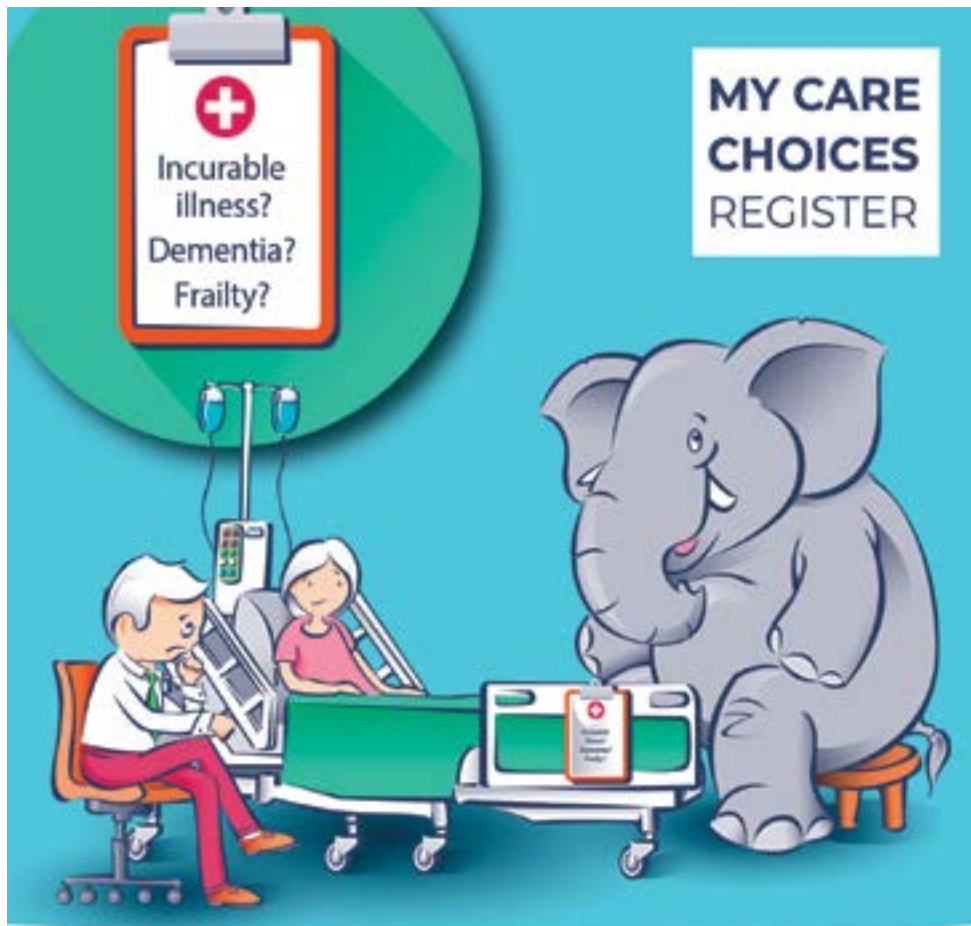
***Easter eggs have filled the stores from early in New Year,
And hot cross buns are all-year-round these days,
it does appear,***

***So treats one deemed so special are trivialities,
They lose their true significance & novelty to please.***

Every day I ponder – I feel I'm at a loss.

Really – for such trivia did our Lord die up the cross?

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CHURCHES TOGETHER BRIGHTLINGSEA

Fri 1 May SOUP LUNCH 12.30 – 1.30pm in St James'. Choice of home-made soups with roll & cheese and hot drink. Proceeds to Christian Aid. Newcomers always welcome. Next date: **5 June**

Thu 14 May and 28 May 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 19 May CTB FRIENDLY LUNCH @ Victoria Café, 12 for 12:15pm. 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. Newcomers welcome.

WHO WILL CHRISTIAN AID WEEK SUPPORT THIS YEAR?

During this Christian Aid Week (**10-16 May**) your support could help mothers in Nairobi, Kenya, facing the devastating reality of urban poverty and the daily struggle to feed their children.

By funding urban farming projects alongside specialist training from our partner Beacon of Hope, we can help parents fight food insecurity, grow fresh food in city spaces and earn an income to support their families.

Donations can be made easily online through the Christian Aid website christianaid.org.uk

APCM REPORT

At the APCM (the Church annual meeting) Jane Girdlestone was elected unanimously as Churchwarden for the year ahead. Finances remain challenging despite good efforts to raise funds, and to control expenses.

Regular giving is helpful for forward planning but needs to rise so we can continue to offer better outreach into the wider community.

Once we have spent the funds specifically reserved for the further re-ordering of the space in St James', we may become eligible to apply for more outside grant funding.

Caroline thanked all members who support the efforts of the ministry team by many small actions that contribute to our church life. Our church has received recognition and thanks from the Diocese that good things are happening here in Brightlingsea.

Sincere thanks must be expressed to Caroline, Judith and Catherine for their leadership, inspiration, tolerance and unceasing commitment to our church life.

Church members bear witness across the town



The sun shone on our traditional Palm Sunday 'journey' that started around the Victoria Place fountain, then moved to St James' for the 10 o'clock Communion service.

The sun stayed with us throughout Holy Week, which included three evening Stations of the Cross, and Maundy Thursday's foot-washing at the communion service; then on to the Walk of Witness on Good Friday along with our friends from Churches Together Brightlingsea.

around sundown, which in the Jewish tradition marked the start of the Sabbath (our Easter Sunday). This is a less formal all-age service and includes the toasting of marshmallows around the fire bowl.

The Dawn service was our early-bird celebration in All Saints' churchyard on what the hymn-writer named 'that glorious Easter Morn'.

The 10 o'clock Family Communion in St James' drew together those who prefer a gentler start to their

Sunday morning.

The All Saints' Easter Egg Hunt added more joy to this wonderful day, and numerous visitors enjoyed a stroll around the beautifully kept churchyard a gleam with bright flowers.



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Prior to Holy Week our Ministry Team had put in a lot of 'overtime', assisted by church members, providing an Easter Prayer Trail in St James' for children from the Primary School who came up, class by class for more than a fortnight.



Various activity tables offered the opportunity to explore parts of the Easter story, to make it more meaningful. Scenes of key events depicted in knitted figures proved a key feature and also caught the interest of adults who saw them in church at various times.



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Thursdays LEGO CHURCH for 9 – 13-year-olds meets weekly at 5.30pm in St James'. Tuck shop available.

Fridays CHURCH LADS AND GIRLS BRIGADE meets in St James'

Sun 10 May 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: **12 Jul, 9 Aug, 13 Sep, 11 Oct, 13 Dec**

Tue 5 & 19 May 2026 BRIGHTLINGSEA BEARS meets in St James' 10am till 11.15. Warm welcome to toddlers and mums/carers.

Sun 17 May SPARKLERS Sunday group for children meets on the third Sundays in St James' from 10 -11 am. Bible stories, songs, prayer and crafts. New members always welcome

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REFLECTION

SO, WHAT IS 'LISTENING TO GOD'?

In the context of prayer, it is being open to God who is ready to communicate in many ways than simply words, and at all sorts of times. He is always there in all that we do. He may seem hidden, but he's not hiding.

Sometimes we may find ourselves having 'deep thoughts', in moments when we pause from the busyness of everyday life' demands.

At other times it's a sudden insight when we hear or read or see something; a recognition or disclosure that is very personal to us and touches our heart.

God often speaks to people through the language of creation. We live in a stunningly beautiful and amazing world. The reaction of the astronauts who recently made the journey round the Moon was very revelatory.

The Bible, that special record of God's love for us, invites interaction with Him.

We may also encounter Him in our response to music, poetry, art or the written or spoken word. Those deep and unexpected emotions bear the signature of the divine.

Thy Kingdom Come, 14 – 24 May, is a global ecumenical prayer movement that invites Christians around the world to pray from Ascension to Pentecost for more people to come to know Jesus.

May is Stroke Awareness Month. We pray for all those who have suffered from strokes and for those who have lost loved ones to strokes. We give thanks for organisations seeking to raise awareness, as well as improve treatment and support people who have experienced strokes.

At Pentecost, we remember the arrival of the Holy Spirit. Thank you, Lord, that you sent us a helper to be with us forever, who dwells with us and in us. Holy Spirit, please continue to guide and empower us; help us keep in step with you and bear fruit in our lives.

HOUSE GROUPS continue once a month:

Tue 12 May at Chris Bloor's home, 34 Hurst Green at 7.30pm.

Wed 20 May 7.30pm in the Vestry with Revd Judith. This group will normally meet on the last Wednesday of the month.

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A FOND FAREWELL TO BRIGHTLINGSEA

The school holidays brought with it a short run of sunny, yet still a little cold weather, unusual for the Easter break but very much appreciated.

Crabbing became the activity of the week where once again, delighted children fed bacon and bread to the crabs whilst seagulls circled overhead waiting for the opportunity to grab a crab scrambling sideways to return to the water. The wharf received several Scrap and Cement ships following repairs to its sheet piling.

The Foot Ferry commenced duty once again on Monday 3rd April. This marks the beginning of the season. Unfortunately, there was some unusually windy weather which reduced the service slightly, but it still retains its popularity

On Sunday 14 June the Blessing of the Waters will once again happen at the Harbour, then a month later - the Brightlingsea Regatta and hopefully fireworks happen on 18 July. We will of course be running our annual Duck Race which last year raised £1017 for the First Responders. Hopefully the weather this year will ensure another generous donation.

We carried out a large dredging campaign this year both in the Marina and Harbour. We needed to find a dredging company that would meet our needs, be the greatest value for money, and comply with UK legislation; in the end we found Van Oord. We shall see once the season starts how many notice.

It's officially 37 days until Summer but the signs are most definitely here. In the last two years I have prayed for a summer of great weather and been disappointed twice; let's just hope its third time lucky.

Since last I wrote our senior apprentice has achieved her Yachtmaster qualification and a rare distinction in her apprenticeship's End Point assessment. Perhaps she will one day return to Brightlingsea to take on the role of Harbour Master.

This year, like the wintering birds, it is time for me to leave Brightlingsea Harbour and move to the Westcountry. I have been fortunate to serve here for the last ten years. It has been a great honour to do so but an even greater one to hand over to my Deputy Owen Evans. I wish all of you the best for the future and am confident that the Harbour will continue to go from strength.

James Thomas

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ALL SAINTS' UPDATE

2 & 3 May MARITIME THEME WEEKEND – Saturday 10-4pm and Sunday 10-2pm displays and talks from the Pioneer Trust, Museum, the local sailing community, Shipwrecked Mariners' Society etc. Free entry, but donations appreciated.

Sun 3 May TIME AND TIDE Marenzio Singers' Concert at 3pm. Tickets £10 available from Little Boat Gifts, or by cash or cards on the door.

Sun 31 May ALL SAINTS' WALK on at 2pm, as part of National Walking Month (approx. 90 minutes) with refreshments available on return. Gentle guided walks with views of River Colne. Look out for more details closer to the date.

TOWER TOURS

Sat 2 May, Sun 3 May, Sat 9 May, Sat 16 May, Sun 17 May - must be booked in advance.

Usual start time is 2pm and the tours cost £7 per adult and £4.50 for children (only those over 8yrs allowed). Please be confident you can comfortably meet the access requirements of the tower before booking.

Full details can be found at www.friendsofallsaintsbrightlingsea.com/tower-tours/ Bookings via email and phone as above.

BELLS PROJECT MOVES FORWARD

Work has started on the tubular bells in the All Saints Tower with the steel framework being prepared, and the tubular bells moved in early April to facilitate the removal of the older bells, so they can be sent for repair.

A huge thank-you to everyone who volunteered to help with this work, which has helped to reduce some of the expense of this project.

The budget has been extended to after the government withdrew the VAT rebate for churches, which saved us 20% on our costs. So, we are anxious for any extra donations we can find from bell-lovers.



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MAY

- 1 In loving memory of Jackie Warren, forever in our thoughts.
- 2 Remembering our dearest Mum, Nanna and Great Nanna, Joan French on her birthday. Loved and missed by us all.
- 2 In loving memory of Jim Lungley on what would have been his 91st birthday. Thinking of you as always, love Shirley and all the family.
- 2 Remembering Karen Birnie on her birthday - a very special lady loved and missed by us all.
- 9 Remembering Maureen Legall on her birthday. Gone but never forgotten.
- 18 In memory of my Dad, George Coppin, on his birthday. Though you are beyond the stars your love shines bright. Still loved and missed very much.
- 27 Remembering my dear husband, John Bryan, on his birthday.
- 30 In loving memory of Chrissie Skinner on her birthday. Much loved Wife, Mum and Nan.
- 31 In loving memory of my Dad, Denis Welham, on his birthday. Beloved Father, Grandad and Great Grandad.

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; or by mobile: 07753 660 779

Payment to be made either by cash or cheque payable to "The Friends of All Saints' Church, Brightlingsea" addressed to Claudia Campbell, c/o The Church Office, St James' Church, Victoria Place, CO7 0AB.



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MAY RECIPE

STOTTIE CAKES

This May many of our friends will be joining the Pilgrimage to Lindisfarne (Holy Island) in Northumberland. This is a Northumbrian recipe for a substantial snack; it's a dense bread bun often pairing Craster Kippers.

Originally made from the last bits of the baker's dough (with a thumbprint in the centre) and baked at the end of the baking shift, it has a unique texture. On my childhood holidays in Northumberland, we picnicked nearly every day with chewy stotties filled with ham and cheese

Ingredients

- 1 packet of dried yeast
- 125 ml warm water
- 125 ml warm milk
- ½ tsp sugar
- 400 g white bread flour (or 200 g wholemeal + 200 g white)
- 1 tsp salt
- 1 tsp milk powder
- 2 tbs olive oil
- Fillings of your choice (scraps of ham, cheese, fish, meat)

Method

1. Mix yeast, water, milk & sugar together in jug, cover with cling film and leave to activate or go frothy (about 10 minutes).
2. Sift flour, salt & milk powder together in bowl, sprinkle olive oil on top, then make a well into which you pour the yeast mixture.
3. Knead (preferably with electric mixer) very well for 10-15 minutes.
4. Leave in floured bowl, covered in cling film, in a warm place to rise to about double size – approximately 1 hour.
5. Knock back and knead again, then make into four separate rounds (about 10 cm across, and 2-3 cm thick). Press your thumb deeply into centre of each, prick twice and place on a floured tray.
6. Leave to rise again in warm place for another 40-50 minutes.
7. Meanwhile preheat oven to 220° C (Gas 7).
8. Cook the bread buns for about 15 minutes until they sound hollow when tapped on base.
9. Leave to cool before splitting, buttering each half and add your chosen filling.

Recipe supplied by Elizabeth Foss-Smith

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: The Women At The Cross - Easter in wool

Deadline for Jun issue – please submit items by 18 May

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

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