

The Creeksea Chronicle

A new start

A 'blessing of the bags' service,

Sunday 3rd September 10.15am

Do you still feel as if September is a month of new beginnings? I'm sure it's all those years of preparing for the start of the new school term – moving up to a new class or a new school. Every year brought its inevitable changes. Every year brought its first day – the unusually tidy classrooms, the unusually fresh smells of new paint and polish, the new teachers opening new registers and the new timetable with its mix of hard work and pure joy – depending on what subjects you were good at.

Stepping over the threshold on that first day – whether in a new classroom at a familiar school or the main entrance of a different school – always held a frisson of trepidation. This was the start of something new.

But tucked away in the bottom of the school bag – among all the new fiercely sharpened pencils in their shiny case, the first fountain pen, the regulation geometry set and the 12 inch rule – there was always an old friend; a battered reminder of home. Something small and insignificant, that wouldn't attract attention but was a talisman of

happier times. There it sat, a little reminder of the world outside that had been your playground for the long hot summer. It could have been a shell picked up on the beach, a pebble from a pathway, an acorn or beech mast or feather, an odd foreign coin - just a piece of flotsam floating in the busy-ness of the holidays – and touching it briefly reminded you of the fun and the freedom of life outside the daunting fences of school. This year at All Saints' we have decided to observe the end of the holidays and the beginning of the new school year with a special service that includes the blessings of the bags – whether it's a pencil case, a PE bag, a back pack or satchel. Just bring your chosen bag to church on the 3rd September for our special service for everyone returning to work or school after the holidays – including teachers.

As well as blessing the bags that you will carry into your new year there will be a tiny holding cross presented to any who would like one. It can



quietly sit in the bottom of your bag, to be held when life seems a bit stressful and you want to be reminded of the love that surrounds you every minute of the day as a Christian.

This is a service for all the Church Family full of music and laughter and with bread of friendship as well as the Communion and everyone is welcome to share in the blessing of the bags.

Play & Praise

Sponsor a

Guide Dog Puppy

When Sue & Mike Lovell brought their lovely Guide Dog puppy Joyce to Play & Praise in 2013 the collection was donated to the Charity, the Guide Dog Association. At the June Play & Praise they brought news of Joyce and another puppy to see us. They were looking after this puppy while its walkers were on holiday.

We learnt how much it cost to train a Guide Dog - £27, 300.00 - and that's only part of the total costs. In all it costs £50,000.00 to pay for the whole of the life of a Guide Dog from birth to retirement. Each fully trained Guide Dog makes a huge difference to their human partner and so the children and parents at Play & Praise decided that they would like to help by sponsoring a Guide Dog. They agreed to make a monthly collection in the service which will be given to the Treasurer to pay over to the charity.

Special money boxes have been arranged for the children to decorate - the one in the photo is Ronnie - but I'm not sure he would make a very good guide dog himself as he is trying to eat Rose's breakfast.

We have lots of boxes to decorate and the idea is that the children take them



home to save their pennies during the month and then bring their contribution to the next Play & Praise where it will be collected and passed on to the Treasurer to be sent to The Guide Dogs Association. Then 'pup-dates' will be received about the progress of 'our' puppy as they join their puppy walker and eventually go onto full training.

Occasionally the puppies do not qualify to be guide dogs and then they become companion dogs for people with other disabilities. Joyce has become a companion dog to someone living in the New Forest and is making her new owner very happy and increasing her confidence daily. So whatever our puppy achieves our sponsorship will be a positive help for someone in need.

Play & Praise Programme

27th August - Solomon's Temple and money box craft

24th September Harvest Festival

22nd October Pet Service

26th November Getting ready for Advent

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The Film Club

Restarts

Monday 4th September at 7.00pm for programme meeting and film

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Film Club

New programme starts

Monday 4th September

Film Club has been missing during the summer but will restart on Monday the 4th September at 7.00pm.

Several films have been selected for viewing and at the beginning of the September meeting the members will decide the programme. The films range from comedy to love story to weepies and include *The Viceroy's House*, *The Rewrite*, *Mrs Henderson Presents*, *Esio Trot* and *Into The Arms of Strangers* [a film about the Kinder Transport]. The films are shown on the big screen in the church and Film Club is open to everyone. Members often bring much loved films to share. It will continue to meet on the first Monday of the month [except in January].

A Kids' Film Club is in the process of being arranged too with a list of films soon to be published and a regular time slot in our monthly programme. If you'd like to come along to Kids' Film Club do let us know so we can keep you informed of our progress in setting up the club. If you haven't experienced Film Club do give it a try – there are no charges, but we do ask for a donation towards costs. Usually the Film Club contributions cover the costs of all the licences necessary to show film, play music and reproduce hymn words.



The wine tasting

'Best Ever', 'Fantastic Food', 'Wonderful Wines' 'A Great Evening'

Those were some of the comments heard after the Wine Tasting on the 28th July.

The first picture [above] shows the team preparing for the arrival of the guests – and many thanks are owed to Chris, Helen, Bob and Carole, Colin and Gwynneth Hart's friends who volunteered their time not only to provide superb service as they raced the wonderfully tasty food from counter to table, but helped to set up the tables and clear up afterwards. David Wadman again ably assisted his brother Stephen in the accurate pouring of the tasting wines. Some 80 people enjoyed a happy evening thanks to Colin and Stephen's expert choices of wine and Becky's delicious menu. Becky was ably assisted by the team including Leanne who contributed a marvellous risotto to the evening's tasty bites.

That second photo [right] – is it out of focus or is that a blur of activity – really sums up the evening, a wonderful memory of a smashing time, but a bit hazy on the details.



Thanks to everyone who worked so hard and who brought friends and neighbours to enjoy the evening. The Church raised over £1000 towards the extension fund which was the best wine-tasting result ever. Don't forget our next fundraiser - the Barn Dance on the 22nd September. See Page 5.

Harvest Festival

Sunday 24th September

The end of harvest will be celebrated throughout the day on the 24th September, beginning with the 8.30am service of Holy Communion. In Play & Praise the children will be putting their final touches to the decorations in the church with their pew ends of wheat and listening to a harvest story with Algernon Bear.

At 6.00pm there will be a Songs of Praise service of hymns and readings for Harvest, with special contributions from the Creeksea Choir. This joyful celebration of God's goodness is always a mixture of the new and the old, with readings from many different sources, all emphasising the importance of this time of year to humankind and our thanksgiving to God for his generosity in creation.

Everyone is encouraged to bring a donation of tinned or packet food for HARP, the Southend Charity which provides shelter and food for the homeless and whose Patron is our Diocesan Bishop Rt. Rev^d Steven Cottrell. Please look at their website <http://www.harpsouthend.org> to discover how much good they do with their Restart and Learning for Life Programmes, and through Acorn Housing.

Creeksea Open Church & Gardens

With four beautiful gardens to visit and the church decked out in arrangements to the theme of 'afternoon tea' the Creeksea Open Church and Gardens afternoon on the 1st July proved a great



Coming Soon!

**Harvest Supper
& Barn Dance**

Friday 22nd September 2017, 7.00pm

at Elmwood Equestrian Centre

**Proceeds in aid of the All Saints'
Creeksea Annexe Fund**



Take your partners.....

for the harvest supper
and barn dance!

Friday 22nd September at 7.00pm

Come and celebrate the end of harvest in style with the Creeksea Harvest Supper and Barn Dance at the Elmwood Equestrian Centre. It will be held on Friday 22nd September at 7.00pm. Just across from one of the large barns at Elmwood a marquee will be available for the supper and the dancing with room for at least 100 revellers. There is plenty of space for parking.

Dancing will be to the St George Barn Dance Band – who played magnificently at the fundraising Ceilidh a few years ago.

Tickets at £20.00 for adults [children go free] will be for sale during September.

Lyn Cronin, of the Fundraising Committee, is organising the food and will be approaching people for donations of the food they like to make most for the evening. She will be putting lists in church soon.

Can you help setting up the tables, organising the bar and staffing it and stewarding the parking? If you can and would like to help please contact Ian Harvey, chairman of the Fundraising Committee on 01621 929745.

draw. Visitors poured in and were delighted by the variety of the gardens and the generosity of the tea.

Visitors were treated to the eclectic and intricate garden of Darren Johnson – at Creeksa Cottage on the Creeksa Place Caravan Park - with topiary and sculpture; the astounding views across the Crouch and wonderful variety of English country garden flowers at Sue & John Kettle's Keyway; the magical mystery tour of Colin and Gwynneth Hart's Ferry End Cottage Garden; and Joff and Magdalen Beckett's newly refurbished Walled Garden of the White House. Each offered a very different aspect of the country garden at its best. At Keeway a sustaining cream tea was provided with free-flowing tea and coffee and second helpings of magnificent cakes which was very much appreciated by all.

The weather was wonderfully kind and enabled a comfortable stroll around the village, starting at the church where an amazing variety of beautiful flower arrangements expressed the English addiction to tea and cake. From arrangements of flower filled cupcakes on stands, a teddy bears' picnic and a tray with gypsophila 'milk' foaming out of a milk jug, to individual cup and saucer decorations, the displays amused and delighted the eye.

Because of the generosity of the garden owners and all the volunteers manning the church, entrance to the gardens and serving the teas a magnificent £2000 was raised for the Church and the extension fund.

Choral Evensong

Summer Series

May

The summer series got off to an exciting start in May as Stephen Bowyer came to describe his proposed sponsored cycle ride from the west to east coasts of England across the Pennines. Stephen's Coast to Coast Ride was in aid of the charities Downs Syndrome Association and Glenwood School. He had come from a training ride and brought his cycle with him to show us the style and weight of this superb machine. Stephen's daughter Abigail attends Glenwood School which is currently being redeveloped. The children have been able to watch the construction of their new school from their classrooms and Stephen explained how the new school with its specialist equipment would make an enormous difference to the lives and the progress of the students. As well as members of the church supporting Stephen through his Just Giving Page a collection of £150.00 was taken which has now been passed on to the charities concerned.

June

Steven Sibley came to speak about the Knightswood Centre's relocation on behalf of the Dengie Project Trust in June. The specialist day care facility was in danger of being lost as the old building was to close. Now it has been relocated to Hall Farm, Asheldham. The Knightswood Centre provides day care to those that are elderly and vulnerable, who have not only physical and mental disabilities, but for those that are just very lonely, in order that they all may continue to benefit from living in their homes. £200.00 was sent from the collection at the service to the Dengie Project Trust towards the costs of the move and the development of the new

Choral Evensong
Every 4th Sunday at 6.00pm
With the Creeksa Choir

facilities.

July

The July Choral Evensong featured the Essex and Herts Air Ambulance Service and Roger Smith, representing the service, explained that all the costs of the air ambulances are met by public support through the shops, donations and fundraising events and grants.

Last year £1.5 million was received from the Government's Libor Fund where the fines incurred by the banks are being allocated to good causes. This, with ongoing support from the people and businesses of Essex and Hertfordshire, enabled the purchase of a new helicopter.

During the year a grant of £250 000 from the Association of Air Ambulance Charity meant that the expansion and refurbishment of the North Weald Airbase could be completed. Half the income for the charity comes from their lottery and they are developing the retail wing of the charity, opening new shops in Hertfordshire and in Essex in the coming months.

The Air Ambulance service treated 879 patients last year and is a vital part of our medical services. In gratitude to all the work done by the team the congregation donated £225.00 towards the Essex and Herts Air Ambulance



Roger Smith, the Speaker for the Essex and Herts Air Ambulance Service with Rev^d Vera after the service on the 23rd July. £225.0 was raised for the charity.

Service through its collection.

August

On the 27th August our Archdeacon, the Venerable Elizabeth Snowden, is to visit us and speak at the Choral Evensong service at 6.00pm. We look forward to hearing the details of the charity she

Michaelmas

The feast of St Michael and All Angels [Michaelmas] has always been something of a celebration in the countryside. In Medieval England Michaelmas was a Holy Day of Obligation – a day when all the community were expected to attend Holy Communion. Since then, throughout the centuries, Michaelmas continued to be celebrated by communities around the country. Michaelmas is the 29th September, harvest has finished and there is a sense of summer passed and winter waiting in autumn's wings. Traditionally it was seen as the end of the old farming year and the

start of the new, making it a bitter sweet festival as labourers were 'let go' at the end of their year's employment. So Michaelmas is associated with the season of the Hiring Fairs. At the Hiring Fair male and female labourers would present themselves for inspection by future employers, often wearing a symbol of their expertise. Shepherds held a crook or a tuft of wool, cowmen brought wisps of straw, dairymaids carried a milking stool or pail and housemaids held brooms or mops. Parents would also bring their older children to set them off on their working life by hiring them to a local farmer. If master and man agreed a shilling would be given to set the bargain and the labourer would begin a new year of work on a new farm on the next day. Michaelmas is also one of the four quarter days which, in former times, were when bills were traditionally settled. Geese fattened on the harvest stubble were traditionally eaten at this festival and were often given as presents. We shall be celebrating the Feast of Michel and All Angels on the 1st October, the Sunday nearest to the 29th September – the day after our own Carnival celebrations.

The Michaelmas Fair *A story from childhood past*

The golden light lay on the floor, criss-crossed by the window's leading. Outside in the yard engines chuntered as lorries brought sacks full of potatoes back from the fields. From the orchard the busy clucking of the hens advertised the evening feed and egg collection. Standing on the table, in greaseproof-lined baker's trays were ranks of freshly picked apples, hard and bright, a wooden skewer through each core. On the cooker the great saucepan waited, the sugar glinting in the scale pan beside it, lemon juice and water at the ready.

It was Michaelmas Eve and tomorrow the small church primary school down the road would be magically turned into a Michaelmas Fair. In the farmhouse kitchen those ranks of apples would soon be twirled in the saucepan to be coated in a dark golden layer of brittle toffee.

In the farm cottages down the lane industrious dads were busy putting the finishing touches to the games that on the previous Sunday had been collected from the shed behind the church. Here, the drain pipe was being firmly attached to its backing board which would rest on the head teacher's easel – while the well thumped 'rat' was being thrust into another old sock and a new 'nose' and 'eyes' were sown on to make a face. Thwack the Rat was once more ready to entertain and beat the children as they swung the rounder's bat just too late to hit the sock 'rat' as it appeared from the bottom of the drain pipe. There, the three cats which traditionally sat on a 'wall' ready to be pelted with bean bags were having a tidy up, freshly painted nose and whiskers or a new coat of ginger and a grimacing face – would anyone succeed in knocking all three off the wall with their five bean bags?

Further on, homemade cakes and biscuits were cooling before being carefully bagged up for the cake stall. Jars of jam and pickle, baskets of runner beans and late tomatoes, strings of red and gold onions and shallots were all being prepared in the many village houses along with monster cabbages and parsnips that half the village would declare were no good because 'we haven't had a frost'.

Bunting was carried to the school house, a few extra chairs and tables arrived from the village hall. Mr Brown, the school caretaker, took delivery.

Children on tiptoe looked over the brick wall that surrounded the school and tiny playground and wondered and longed for the next day, looking forward to the bustle, the sweets and cakes, oh and those games. Small boys polished up their throwing skills in back yards and boasted of being sure of thwacking the rat – young girls secretly dismissed their stories of prowess knowing that their superior skills would ensure that the boys were trounced yet again. Though everyone knew in their heart of hearts that Johnny, whose dad played Cricket for the first eleven and had been coaching his young son as a potential county bowler, would probably win everything this year – just as he had for the last three.

The next morning seemed like any other – except that there was an eagerness and urgency among the pupils to get to school – no hanging round by the cottages where the thatcher was working, or picking blackberries along the fence even though they all knew that after to-day – Michaelmas – the brambles wouldn't be fit for eating 'cos the Old Devil would have spat on 'em'. No, there was a singular attention to the sound of the school bell and an earnest determination to line up in the playground ready to file into the three classrooms.

Infants filed in first to sit on the floor of their smart new classroom to answer 'here, Miss'; juniors crossed briskly to their room in the old Victorian building and sat in the wooden desks that their parents had used, to respond 'yes Miss' to their names while the senior class marched into their class in the same building, which doubled as the school hall, to say firmly 'present' when their name was read out.

That was almost the last moment which resembled any part of a normal morning. Having announced their presence the pupils were back in line to begin the short walk to the village church where the bells were already ringing.

The Prayer Book Communion washed over them with its repetitive hum of ancient language as the children sat in the pews that had supported their ancestors before them. The annual Michaelmas sermon flowed seamlessly yet again across the shining heads, touching not a single mind, leaving no memory. For every head buzzed with the promise of the day – the return to school when, with their teachers, the children would swing into a routine that had been followed for years – or was it generations?

In the hall desks were pushed together to form tables for the sale of produce, second hand books and toys, and various craft items donated by people in the village. The white elephant stall claimed the largest surface area, on village hall tables, closely followed by produce, with just two desks together provided a home for the book stall. The juniors' class room was always the site of the cake stall – where sponge, lemon drizzle, madeira, fruit, and the exotic coffee and walnut cakes stood proudly on a mismatched selection of china, each plate with a name firmly attached with Sellotape underneath, to ensure that it was returned to its owner. Buns, biscuits, pies and sweets filled desk tops but pride of place was left to those toffee apples that would soon appear from the Farm House, each tray carried by two of the trusted seniors. Would there be a disaster this year – like the time the toffee coating had not

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reached its setting point when they were dipped and fell off so they were all floating in a sea of runny toffee? The problem was solved by a new batch of toffee and re-dipping the apples – they had arrived, better late than never, to joyful acclaim.

Thankfully there was no problem with the toffee apples, they were carried safely into the classroom to take their place, and the box for the money and the label saying 3d put beside them. Soon the children would descend on them like a hoard of locusts.

By noon almost everything was ready – but first came school dinners. From the van parked in the road outside the little school the driver staggered across the playground with two large insulated metal boxes. These contained the main course, beef stew and mash, and after them followed a large container of carrots and another of custard which was to accompany the sponge topped with raspberry jam and desiccated coconut for afters. These were placed on serving tables in the large and airy infants' class room and dished up to the hungry children in record time. Dinner was demolished with a thoroughness that was a delight to the eyes of the dinner ladies who carried stacked plates into the lobby for their rapid wash.

Within moments of the last plate disappearing into the hot soapy water chairs were being carried across to the infants' class to be put round the little tables set with little gingham cloths. The serving tables, study trestles, were left standing for here the tea was to be served and cakes displayed. Infant-sized chairs formed a little circle in the corner around a play mat and toy box for the children too young for school who would be brought by their mums for the Fair.

At 2.00pm the fair opened. Boys and girls won prizes as they tipped cats and thwacked rats and some, bewitched by new technology, tried their hand at the magical wiggly wire, trying to move the ring from one end to the other without making it buzz. A great many mums and one or two dads dutifully bought cakes and biscuits made by each other, and produce, crafts and china given by each other. Everyone enjoyed tea and cake [or orange squash] and the littlest members of the village community thought that school was great fun as they played with the toys.

As the afternoon drew to a close the headmaster and school secretary collected all the little tins of money from the stalls. Ha'pennies*, pennies, thruppennies*, and tanners* were piled up – with the addition of a few larger shillings, two-bobs* and half-crowns* until the grand total was counted and noted in the little red cash book. The headmaster walked out into the playground to tell the waiting crowd. A cheer went up as it became clear that there would be enough to cover the annual outing – a trip on a horse-drawn barge on the nearby canal was planned for next summer. What was not said, but was understood by every adult there, was that there would also be plenty for the Christmas party, when that very special person, the gentleman in the red suit and snowy white beard, would bring presents for every child in the school. Soon the only evidence of the day's excitement was the waste paper basket, lined with a paper carrier bag filled with the sticks and cores from the toffee apples and a small band of the seniors carrying a drainpipe and rather sorry rat with the three very battered wooden cats across to the church where the churchwarden was waiting to receive them at the door of the shed.

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*Pre decimal coinage - half-pence, three pence and six pence pieces, 2 shillings and 2 shillings & sixpence

St Luke's tide service

For healing and peace

Every year, near the feast day of St Luke, we remember the quiet and steady contribution that this loving physician made to the Christian faith. For it was Luke, writer of the gospel and the Acts of the Apostles, who walked alongside St Paul on his missionary journeys, providing all the medical help needed and no doubt inspiring that wonderful quotation – 'take a little wine for your stomach's sake'.

St Luke's day is 18th October and so on the nearest Sunday – the 15th - we shall be following our tradition of remembering this kindly Saint with a special service with healing ministry.

The ministry of healing service creates an opportunity to relax into God's care and to receive his comfort and peace through the laying on of hands. It is not necessarily about curing illness but about healing dis – ease, that strain of heart and mind that attacks us when we are ill, or those we love are suffering; or that discomfort of the mind and soul as we are beset by the anxieties and troubles of the world.

Whatever our individual situations the reassurance of God's love through prayer and a hand on one's shoulder, the blessing of his presence through the bread and wine, and in the bread of friendship, can be just the help needed to face the world and our problems. It is the reassurance that we are never alone in the stresses and strains but are loved and supported by God, who offers his care should we chose to accept it.

Everyone is welcome to this simple service of God's love, which concludes with communion and the bread of friendship and the opportunity to receive the laying on of hands and prayer for healing.

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Play and Praise

Pet Service 22nd October at 10.15am

The October Play & Praise Service is always devoted to thanking God for our pets.

Over the years we have welcomed many different pets, lots of dogs, a pet rat or two and even some chickens and all of them meant so much to their owners. We receive so much from our pets, their unconditional love, their companionship, their comforting presence so it seems only right to thank God for the delights of our animal friends. In this simple service we give thanks, learn a little about the Patron Saint of all animals – St Francis – and enjoy the presence of pets sharing our worship with us. All his creation worship God, how beautiful it is to share with all creation's joy.

If your pets would like to join in do please bring them along BUT.....if they are small please ensure that they are in protective boxes or cages. If they are big—please be sure you can keep them under control with all the excitement.

Celtic Worship

A service of the light

22nd October 6.00pm

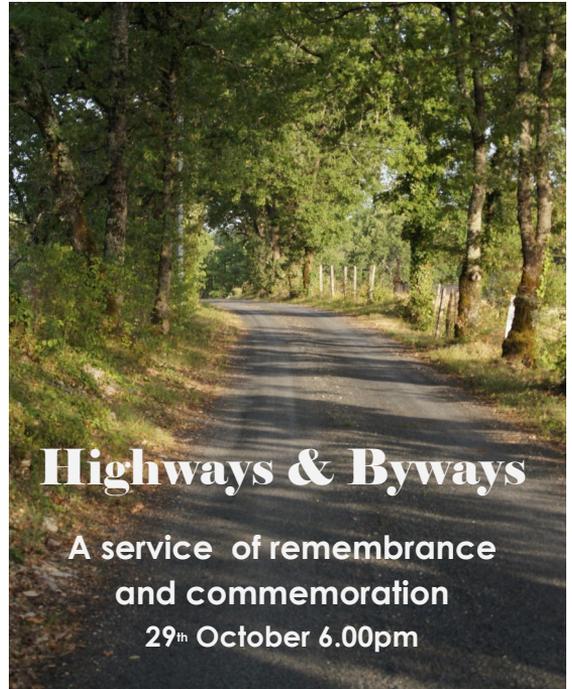
October is a month of blustery days and darkening evenings. Although occasionally blessed with Luke's little summer – an unseasonable period of mild and warm weather around the 18th - the falling leaves and fresher mornings make us think of the winter months to come. To counteract the prevailing mood the evening service on the 22nd will be a Celtic Service of the Light. Replacing Choral Evensong will be a contemporary service of music, readings and prayer focussing on the power of God love to lighten our darkness.

Book Review

Where did that come from?

Ever wondered where some of those everyday phrases come from? For example, who first coined the phrase - 'that covers a multitude of sins' or 'out of the mouths of babes'? Or even - 'bite the dust'?

The Good Samaritan Bites the Dust is the book that gives you all the answers. By Freddie Addis, it shows the amazing way that one significant book has shaped our language. All those phrases are found in the Bible and this book gives you the chapter and verse. It's a fascinating trip through our language and the Bible and is published by Michael O'Mara Books of London



Highways & Byways

A service of remembrance
and commemoration

29th October 6.00pm

Each of us follows our own path through life, following the highways and byways of our own choosing, making detours, meeting fellow travellers and sharing the pathways with friends and family. All too soon our paths diverge, we part, and at these times, whether we feel his presence or not, God is with us along the way, offering us his comfort, peace and support.

At All Saints, each year, we have a gentle service of remembrance for all those we have loved who are with us no more. In the quiet of the late Autumn we hold the this service of Commemoration of our loved ones, It is an important day in our church Calendar, marked by an evening service of readings and music when in an atmosphere of reflection we can bring to God our sorrows and our joys and offer him thanks for the gift of loving memories. This year we will be holding our service on the 29th October at 6.00pm. At the heart of the Commemoration service is an

opportunity to light a candle of remembrance in the memorial display as the names of loved ones are read out. This year the theme of the service is Highways and Byways – thinking of the paths we take, the journeys we make, and the presence of God in our wanderings. It is the custom of the Church to invite those recently bereaved to this service and for many this becomes an annual pilgrimage. Everyone is welcome. If you would like the names of loved ones read out during the service contact Revd Vera on 783963 and she will take the details, or write to Revd Vera at 8, Fernlea Road, Burnham-on-Crouch, CM0 8EJ.

Celebrate the Saints!

On the 5th November at the 10.15am service we shall be celebrating All The Saints! Our church isn't dedicated to one or even two Saints – but all of them. So this is a great opportunity to celebrate the history of the church and

all the Saints that built it up; it's a great opportunity to remember the people who taught us about the faith and, by their example, encouraged us to keep going; and it's a great opportunity to remember that we are Saints Alive – the generation who by their prayer, love, care and worship, reveal the nature of God to friend, family and stranger alike. We start at the 8.30 BCP Holy Communion, singing 'For all the Saints' with gusto, rejoicing in the creation and development of the Church as a whole, in all its many guises, and celebrating all the Saints, especially those who have kept the light of faith burning at Creeksea, and have handed the torch over to us. It's our very own Festival Day and will be celebrated with very special Family Service at 10.15am. This is a service for the whole church family to enjoy and will be full of stories and quizzes and maybe some cake and of course lots of Saints! With communion and bread of friendship too.

Services and events for September

3rd September	8.30am	Holy Communion BCP
Trinity 12	10.15am	Family Worship with communion & the Blessing of Bags
10th September	8.30am	Holy Communion BCP
Trinity 13	10.15am	Family worship followed by Communion
	2.30pm	Christening of Charlie Barnard
16th September	2.00pm	Wedding of Corrine Lowery & James Page
Saturday		
17th September	8.30am	Holy Communion BCP
Trinity 14	10.15am	Sunday Worship Holy Communion
22nd September	7.00 for 7.30pm	Harvest Supper and Barn Dance at Elmwood
24th September	8.30am	Holy Communion BCP
Harvest Festival	10.15am	Play & Praise Family Harvest Festival
	6.00pm	Harvest Festival Songs of Praise

Services and events for October

1st October	8.30am	Holy Communion BCP
Trinity 16	10.15am	Sunday worship with Holy Communion
	2.30pm	Christening of Thomas Harvey
October	8.30am	Holy Communion BCP
Trinity 17	10.15am	Family Worship followed by Holy Communion
	2.30pm	Christening of India Rose Aylieff
October	8.30am	Holy Communion BCP
Trinity 18	10.15am	Sunday Worship for St Luke's tide - a healing service
	2.30pm	Christening of Alisha Clark
October	8.30am	Holy Communion BCP
Trinity 19	10.15am	Play & Praise Pet Service
	6.00pm	Celtic service of the light
October	8.30am	Holy Communion BCP
Last Sunday after	10.15am	Sunday Worship Holy Communion
Trinity	6.00pm	Highways and Byways - a service of thanksgiving and commemoration

Services and events for November

5th November	8.30am	Holy Communion BCP
Celebrating	10.15am	Family Worship for All Saints followed by Holy Communion
All Saints		
12th November	8.30am	Holy Communion BCP
Remembrance	10.10am	Joint service CTIB in Burnham at the Baptist Church
Sunday		Act of Remembrance at the War Memorial
		Creeksea Remembers - a service of readings and music for Remembrance Sunday
19th November	8.30am	Holy Communion BCP
2nd Before	10.15am	Sunday Worship with Holy Communion
Advent		
26th November	8.30am	Holy Communion BCP
Sunday next	10.15am	Play & Praise preparing for Advent
before Advent	6.00pm	Choral Evensong preparing for Advent
Christ the King		



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