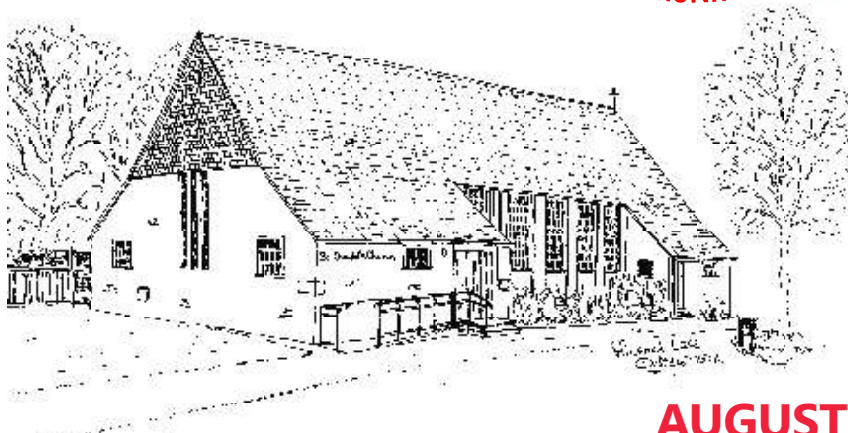


# PARISH MAGAZINE OF ST. OSWALD'S CROXLEY GREEN



**AUGUST  
AND  
SEPTEMBER  
2026**



# WELCOME



Hello and welcome to the April/May edition of St. Oswald's magazine, and thanks to all who have contributed articles or write ups from events.

Articles include a report on the MU June meeting which celebrated 80 years of MU at St. Oswald's (page 4); an update from the Trinity Project (page 12); the Count on Nature Weekend activities (page 22); a write up from the magnificent concert given by 2 choirs (page 16); a short article on our very own Award Winner (Page 15). Thanks for Reading.



Please send articles for the JUNE/JULY edition of the magazine to [magazine@stoswaldschurch.org.uk](mailto:magazine@stoswaldschurch.org.uk)  
By 13<sup>th</sup> SEPTEMBER Thank you

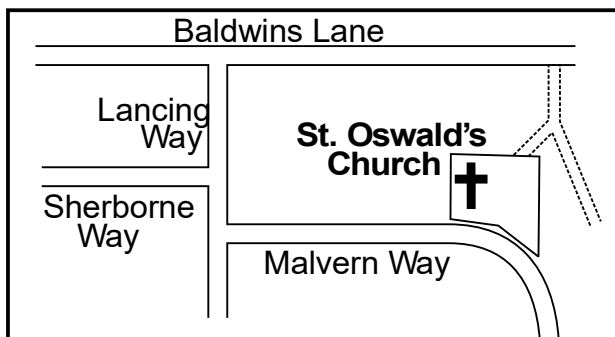
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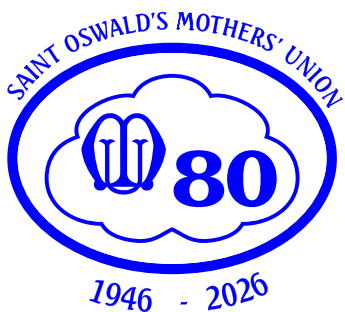
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## **Here for Christ, Community and Creation**





## MOTHERS' UNION JUNE

*Welcome to everyone who has come along to support the event of celebrating our 80 years of Mothers' Union at St. Oswald's Church. Robert who always supported me/us in all we did, Miriam who was our MU Chaplain and supported the Deanery Teas which we did together with All Saints,*

*Marilyn our Cluster Co-ordinator who is always available to give help and advice, and we welcome Ritah our vicar, and Julian our Parish Nurse.*

### The History of Mothers' Union at St. Oswald's



The first Mothers' Union meeting to form a group was 3.30 p.m. in St. Oswald's Church on Thursday 20th June 1946, arranged by the Rev Raymond Wilkinson. Eleven mothers turned up and the officers and programme were talked

about. My Grandmother, (Mums Mother), Annie Seddon was one of this group, she had attended the Church ever since it first opened.

Mrs Dorothy M Jeffery was elected the Enrolling Member, and she was in post until September 1949, she was well known round Croxley as she was the wife of the Headmaster of Durrants School and was an English and Music Teacher there.

Later that year there was a second enrolling of members and Nanny Hughes was one of them and a copy of her membership card is on display.

**In the January 1947** Church Magazine the first mention was made of having a Mothers' Union Banner and an anonymous donation of £5 was mentioned.

**In the February 1947** Church Magazine it was stated that as soon as a design had been chosen for the Banner and agreed, an order would be put in to Mowbray's to get it made as it would take a year.

**In the July 1947** Church Magazine was the write up celebrating the first Anniversary of the group, there were 9 members in 1946 and 24 this year.

The article in the September Magazine, written by G Reading, mentions the fund raising efforts for the money for the Banner – Donations, Coffee Mornings, Bring and Buy, Auctions, and Christmas Gifts. The ladies were very industrious and made many items that could be sold to help the funds.

**By February 1948** Mrs. Hetty Thomas said that two thirds of the money for the Banner had been raised.

Annie Seddon developed a terminal illness and was confined to bed in 1948 and the Rev Raymond Wilkinson visited her regularly and commented on the little picture that her daughter Mary had put beside her bed. It was a picture called 'Love among the Lillies' by Margery Whittington that had been given to Mary by St Thomas' Sunday School in Derby August 1932 before they moved to Watford, and then a year or so later to Lancing Way in Croxley. (Pop my Grandfather, Annie's husband worked on the Railways and got promotion to The Headquarters where The Grove Hotel now is.)



Raymond thought the little picture would be an ideal design for the Mothers' Union Banner and everyone agreed. Nellie Manning's daughter Pam was very artistic with her pencils and paints and was asked to copy the picture and add the lettering so members could see what the final Banner would look like. Though money was short in those days the members had worked hard to raise the funds needed for Mowbray's to make the Banner. Unfortunately, I cannot find anywhere how much the Banner cost to make.



*In the magazine July 1948 it stated: The Banner will be completed at the end of July and we will be holding another Bring and Buy to raise the final £5. C. Child and D Joiner wrote parts of that month's article.*

**The beautiful Banner was dedicated on 3rd October 1948** but sadly Annie died in the September before this service and she did not see the finished banner. It has been much admired in Church and on the many occasions the banner was paraded at Diocesan Services. It was Mums dearest wish that the little picture should go up by the banner,

with the story, and this was in the 80's, but we found it after Mum died, in the office, dirty, dusty, glass and frame broken and the picture slightly damaged so I took the picture home again. Once repaired it found its place on my bedroom wall.

The Banner was repaired in May 1981 at a cost of £150.70 and in 1989 the back was replaced. At one point Pen Smith, one of our members, replaced all the gold thread.

**Magazine December 1949** – Mrs D E Wilkinson (Raymond Wilsons wife) became the Enrolling Member

**Magazine June 1950** – Mrs Hilda Sears became Enrolling member as the Rev and Mrs Wilkinson were moving to Abbots Langley.

It appears that Mrs Sheila Read, (David Reads wife), set up a Young Wives group in 1960 but I can not find a date when it closed. But from this time there were many joint meetings and activities with the Mothers' Union.

**Magazine August 1961** – Mrs Hetty Thomas became Enrolling member.

**1967 – 1971** Mrs Ann Grover became Enrolling member

Evelyn Warman and Cathie Child were leaders of the Afternoon Group  
Jean Scott took on this roll in 1988 until her untimely death in 2016.

Whilst Sue Morgan was here, (the wife of Denis), she suggested that an evening Group was started for the ladies of the Church that went out to work. So, 15 ladies met at the Vicarage on the last Wednesday of **February 1985 for the first meeting of the Evening Mothers' Union.**

The Afternoon Group carried on for the ladies who already attended. Pauline Watson, Yvonne Fitton, Pat Phillips and Debbie Clifford have all been the leaders of the Evening Group but I do not have the dates. If any of you know the dates please let me know.

The Evening Mothers' Union finished in 2019 and 12th January 2020 we had a Moving On Service, and the Afternoon Diocesan Group now meets monthly on the second Thursday of the month.

Over the years there have been numerous guest speakers both from MU and others, visits to various places such as Mary Sumner House, Harrow School, Chenies Manor, various Gardens and so on.



Mothers' Union members have been involved with the Afternoon Teas at St. Albans Abbey when we provided all the cakes, Deanery Teas, and the numerous Bazaars and Summer/Christmas Fayres. St Oswald's

has always had a reputation for the delicious cakes produced.

There have also been the numerous Garden Parties in August (when we hoped the weather would be kind) at my parents, Mary and Jack's, house and garden. This tradition has been followed by Alison and Richard for many years.

We have supported many groups by knitting twiddle muffs for Dementia Patients, baby items and teddy bears for the hospitals, heart pillows for breast cancer patients, chemo scarves for cancer patients, homemade cards for Prisoners, Probationers and other disadvantaged groups.



I took on the Afternoon Group, when Jean suddenly died, though I had not been a member for that many years (since 2005), though always helped with events since a small child. I was divorced nearly fifty years ago

and there was a huge stigma attached to that and indeed also the reason for the divorce and I never felt that I was able to join, as Mothers' Union had strict thoughts on marriage and did not at the time, believe or accept divorce.

But my dear friend Jean Scott persuaded me – we had many many discussions about it – and now I think back, it was as if she was training me up to take it on! With my Grandmother Annie, Mum Mary in her many roles within MU, and Dad being an Honorary Member, and now, I continue with the family association lasting the 80 years.

Over the years there have been many, many, members of Mothers' Union in our groups – we have made a note of members from memory, from items in the Church Magazine but we have no specific records of members, which is a shame. If you remember any names from the past please let me know to add to our list. We thank them all for what they have done over the years, for the organisation and for St. Oswald's.



Mothers' Union has changed and adapted in many ways over the years, trying to change to keep up with the changing society, and I do hope it will continue for many years to come.

Please have a look at the items on display – though

we do not have much for the early years.

I must thank Alison for her time and efforts for the board display and the photos of past members – Alison is our technical whizz.

Strangely enough, Brenda Cottle one of the MU members from the Diocese, came along to the service for Ritahs' Induction and Installation, and she commented on the display in Church and she was so pleased we were advertising the celebrations.

I must thank the members who help on a regular basis with our meetings – I could not do it all without you – really it is all of you to thank because you support me and our group by attending.

To finish we remember the Mary Sumner personal prayer written by her in 1876 and then prayed by her every day for the rest of her life, it is as appropriate today, as it was the day she wrote it.

*All this day, O Lord, let me touch as many  
Lives as possible for thee,  
And every life I do touch do thou by the spirit quicken,  
Whether through my word I speak,  
The prayer I breathe or the life I live.*

 *Amen* 



# ST. OSWALD'S JUMBLE



# SALE



**Saturday 10th Oct**

**2.00pm - 4.00pm**

**Entry £1**

**CLOTHES SHOES TOYS  
BRIC-A-BRAC**

**JEWELLERY and more.....**

***REFRESHMENTS in the Church***

***Please bring any donations of items  
to sell to the Church Hall Mon 5th -  
Fri 9th Oct from 7.00pm - 8.00 pm***

**SORRY - NO FURNITURE, BOOKS  
DVD's OR ELECTRICAL ITEMS**

**Malvern Way WD3 3QL**

**more info from 07790 330981**



## ST. OSWALD'S CHRISTMAS FAIR SATURDAY 14<sup>th</sup> NOVEMBER



We would like to put out an early request for Christmas items for

### 1) A CHRISTMAS STALL

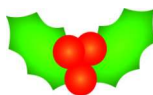
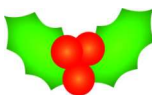
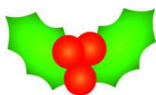
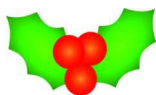
Anything that is new i.e decorations/craft/ or anything Christmas themed and of good quality that can be sold.



### 2) GIFT STALL

Have you received a gift that is not quite your style or that's duplicated, and is new, unopened and unused? Don't let it take up your valuable space, why not donate it to St Oswald's to sell on our Gift Stall at this years Christmas fair.

Your donated gift could be someone elses perfect find. So clear out, give back, and spread a little early Christmas cheer! Happy to collect and store from now up until November. Mim and the Team.



## HAND MADE CARDS

**Cards for all occasions**  
**At the back of the church**  
**Hand made by members**  
**of St. Oswald's**  
**Please leave a donation**  
**Thank you**

## TRINITY PROJECT UPDATE JULY 8 2026 (DEANERY SYNOD)

This September The Trinity Project is entering its fourth year of working to support the mental health and wellbeing of children and young people across the Rickmansworth deanery. I'm very pleased to announce we'll be sending off our application for charitable status in the next few weeks, now that we can welcome Jonathan Cox as our new chair.

It's been quite a journey but one on which we have learnt much about how to support the needs of children and young people attending schools and organisations across the deanery.

Our focus has been primarily on helping children facing that huge hurdle we've all been through - moving up to big school with all its challenges, leaving the safety and security of our junior schools, parting with friends we have known since we were in nursery and saying goodbye to teachers who have always been there for us.

Several churches have held regular after-school youth clubs for the new year 7s, which bring children back from their different secondary schools to meet up again with old junior school friends. It's a chance to swap experiences of completely new environments in which our young people have to cope with hoards of unknown students, new sets of teachers and often baffling lesson timetables in huge unfamiliar buildings. The youth clubs have proved so popular that we're now putting them on for year 8s as well.

At the same time, teams of dedicated adult volunteers in the background oversee the sessions and are there to lend a confidential listening ear if a young person has any worries or problems they may want to talk about. It's about making the sessions a welcoming space and where necessary helping to nip in the bud those mental health and wellbeing issues at school or at home that if ignored can cause so much angst later in young people's school careers and beyond.

Add to that much of our work which is done during school hours. The project has set up any number of weekly one-to-one sessions with our project director and founder, Charlotte Barton (an experienced youth worker from St Andrew's), add-on discussion sessions addressing young people's mental approach to sport as part of school tennis coaching, and lunchtime activity sessions for year 7s.

To mark our imminent transition to charity status, we will be putting on an exciting launch this September, to which we want to attract as many people as possible. It will be an information and fund-raising evening designed to encourage folk to join our existing trustee and volunteer team that we need to build on to meet the greater demands of the new charity's expanded programme in local schools and churches within the deanery.

We are also asking for individual donations over the next few weeks to help us gather the £5,000 in cash and assets that the Charity Commission requires us to have as start-up funding to accompany our charity application - we already have £2,800 held in trust for us by St Oswalds. Only when we gain charity status will the Charity Commission allow us to start applying for - and spending - the large-scale funding available from recognised bodies to fully function as a new charity and pay employees.



That's why your generosity now is so important! Without charitable status, we cannot expand and take on part-time staff to fulfill our goal of improving the mental health and wellbeing of children and young people within the deanery. Please help us get over the line to meet the growing mental health needs of young people in our area.

Many thanks and hope to see you all in September! Date and venue to be confirmed

**Please remember our 10%  
giving recipients in your prayers:-  
USPG, CMS, ASCEND  
Christian Solidarity Worldwide,  
Church Army Marylebone Project,  
Alternatives Newham,  
Watford Schools Trust and A Rocha**

## CROXLEY GREEN PARISH NURSE

It is with great sadness that we heard Cathy Scarborough (our Parish Nurse) had passed away - many of us were unaware that she was terminally ill. Thoughts are with her family and friends. I, myself, didn't need to see Cathy in her Parish Nurse role but I know that she will be greatly missed - her calm gentle way of speaking and her gentle encouragement. There is a book of condolences, and below are some extracts of people's comments which I think show how much Cathy was loved and appreciated.

*"Thank you for your warmth,  
friendship, support, compassion and the love  
you gave to so many of us."*

**"In the short time we knew Cathy she helped us  
immensely with warmth, calm and loveliness."**

**"Your kindness, your compassion, taken too soon."**

*"May you be rewarded in heaven for  
all you did on earth."*



### PASTORAL CONTACT GROUP



Pastoral Contact Group: this group aims to ensure contact is maintained with anyone who finds it difficult to get to church, for whatever reason. Where appropriate, arrangements can be made for a lift to church, or for a home visit with the possibility of Communion at home. If you become aware of anyone who you think the group could make contact with, then please speak to

Tony Barton [tony.barton@stoswaldschurch.org](mailto:tony.barton@stoswaldschurch.org)  
07803 608230,

Gill Thomson - [gillthomson48@gmail.com](mailto:gillthomson48@gmail.com)  
Pat Phillips or Sue Barton.



## CAFE O AT ST. OSWALD'S CHURCH REOPENS AFTER THE SUMMER BREAK ON SEPTEMBER 7th

**Cafe O at the Revels took £1068 for the Parish Project. A big THANK YOU to all who gave their time and donated cakes and goods to make this event so successful.**



### AN AWARD WINNER!

There are many categories for awards at the annual Croxley Revels, and this year our very own Brita Blackwell received one, the "Hazel Seeley Award". This is presented to someone who has helped improve life for people in the Parish, or has given exceptional service to the community - which Brita certainly has over her many years in Croxley. Among other things, Brita has led the Welcome Club, helped to organise a weekly dance session (old time not modern!!!), and most recently has campaigned to save the Red Cross Centre.

The award is named after Hazel Seeley who herself gave many years of service to Croxley and was on Croxley Green Parish Council for 18 years. Hazel was the first person to be presented with the award in 2016, commenting that she felt honoured to have received it and that it was to bear her name.

*Well done Brita, a worthy  
recipient indeed*

## **MUSIC FOR A SUMMER EVENING**

### Choirs combine to entertain packed house at St Oswald's in Croxley

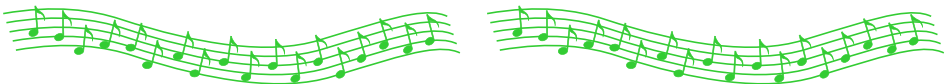
On Thursday 2nd July, Croxley Green Community Choir and Watford Phil Voices came together to put on a concert titled 'Music For A Summer Evening'.

The concert, held at St Oswalds Church, was free to attend and the choirs took the audience on a beautiful musical journey through the ages.

Watford Phil Voices sung first, opening with songs from the 16th century and finishing in the 1980s, then Croxley's Community Choir brought things forward with renditions of themes from James Bond and a medley of the Lion King's soundtrack.

For the finale, both choirs sung together for the first time ever, closing the show with 'Dance a Cachuca'.

Held as a fundraiser, the concert raised over £1,000 for the refurbishment of St Oswald's Hall, a space used by many within the community. Kisakye Busuulwa.



### **ST. OSWALD'S PARISH PROJECT 2026**

#### **REFURBISHING THE HALL KITCHEN**



Normally, St. Oswald's would choose a charity to support through fund raising during the year. This year, it's a bit different, as the money raised will go towards renewing the kitchen in the church hall. Why? The hall is used by many organisations, and the revenue from it forms an important addition to our funds. The time has come to update the kitchen, so that there are good facilities available for hall users.

***Groups that use the hall are being asked what sort of facilities they would like to see included in the design.***

## MOTHERS' UNION JULY

We had another very amusing talk from Lin Welch telling us of her experiences as a bank manager and later as a trainer for people to work at the bank's call centres.

She had an amusing experience when she was filling up the money for ATM. She had an amusing conversation with 2 ladies who were waiting to use the ATM. She could see them through a slot in the machine from where she was sitting behind the ATM in the bank. One of the ladies thought someone had to sit there all of the time to add more money as necessary.

At the end of the session she taught us how to count to 10 in Japanese, using actions to help us remember.

*Next Meeting Aug 13<sup>th</sup> - celebrating 150 years of MU*



**Mothers' UNION**  
Christian care for families



## WATFORD SCHOOLS TRUST

**Tues 8th – Friday 11th September:**

**Watford Schools Trust are taking the ExploRE workshop to Rickmansworth Park School.**

**There are opportunities to help run the**

**sessions in school and transport the equipment back to Bushey on Friday afternoon.**

**If you would like to be involved, please speak to the Wardens or Brian Thompson.**





## INTERCESSIONS



*The following suggestions for prayer week by week are by no means exhaustive. They are intended as prompts to encourage our prayers for: the life of our church; the charities with which we are connected; the roads of our parish; the village and the wider community.*

### **Sun 2nd August - Sat 8th**

The Vicar and Readers

Christian Aid

The King and Royal Family

Beechcroft Ave, Oakleigh Drive, Sycamore Approach, Valley Walk

### **Sun 9th - Sat 15th**

Baptism preparation and follow up

Watford School's Trust

Parish, District and County Councillors

Byewaters, Evensyde, Basildon Close, Gill Close, Heckford

Close, Longmans Close

### **Sun 16th - Sat 22nd**

Café O

The Children's Society

Our Diocesan Bishops, Alan, Richard and Jane

Girton Way, Malvern Way, Sherborne Way, Winchester Way

### **Sun 23rd - Sat 29th**

Prayer Fellowship

USPG

Our local shops and businesses

Claremont Cr, Lancing Way, Winton Cr, Winton Drive

### **Sun 30th August - Sat 5th September**

Sunday School

Watford and Three Rivers Refugee Partnership

Our Local Schools

Dulwich Way, Lincoln Drive, Lincoln Way, Little Green Lane

### **Sun 6th - Sat 12th**

Our Mission Action Plan

A Rocha

All Saints' Church

Baldwins Lane, Kenilworth Drive, Manor Way, Rochester Way

### **Sun 13th - Sat 19th**

Choir and church musicians

Bible Reading Fellowship

Parliament and our MP Gagan Mohindra

Durrants Drive, Hastings Way, Lewes Way, Norwich Way

### **Sun 20th - Sat 26th**

Mothers' Union & Men's Breakfast

Church Mission Society

Shaftesbury Court

Merchant Taylors Place, Appleby Drive, Gloucester Court,

Hertford Close, Pevensey Way, St. Mawes Close,

Scarborough Drive, Scotney Close

### **Sun 27th - Sat 3rd October**

Safeguarding team and Pastoral Contact Group

The Marylebone Project

Churches Together in Croxley Green

Canterbury Way, Gade Bank, Links Way, Rousebarn Lane

*Jane Brading has produced the weekly intercessions for the magazine over many years but will no longer be doing this, so many thanks Jane for this important contribution. The Intercessions fall into 4 groups - Life of our church; Charities that we are connected with; The Village and wider Community; Roads in Croxley.*



## SOME DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

### AUGUST

Sunday 2nd - **FAMILY SERVICE** will *not* be in  
the church - venue to be decided

Thursday 13th 2.30 pm Mothers' Union -  
celebrating 150 years of MU.

Sunday 16th 10.00 am Spotlight service

Sunday 23rd 3.00 pm Litter Pick with Friends of  
Common Moor - meet at the Mill Lock entrance.

Monday 31st 10.30 am - **WALK** from the church  
ending with lunch.

### SEPTEMBER

Sunday 6th 10.00 am Family service

Monday 7th - **CAFÉ O REOPENS**  
after the summer break

Tue 8th - Fri 11th - Watford Schools Trust at  
Rickmansworth Park School

Friday 18th 3.30 pm Donut Club

Friday 18th 5.15 pm Hotdog Club

Saturday 19th 07.45 am Men's Breakfast  
with Ritah Namakula

Saturday 19th 7.00 pm Churches Together  
Quiz at All Saints

Sunday 20th 10.00 am Spotlight service

Friday 25th 3.30 pm Donut Club



## OCTOBER

Friday 2nd 3.30 pm Donut Club  
Friday 2nd 5.15 pm Hotdog Club  
Sunday 4th 9.00 am **HARVEST BREAKFAST**  
Sunday 4th 10.00 am Harvest Family service  
Friday 9th 3.30 pm Donut Club  
Saturday 10th 2.00 pm **JUMBLE SALE**  
Friday 16th 3.30 pm Donut club  
Saturday 17th 07.45 am Men's Breakfast - Land of the  
Maple Leaf part 4 - Phil Brading  
Sunday 18th 10.00 am Spotlight service  
Friday 23rd 3.30 pm Donut club



**DON'T FORGET**  
**ST. OSWALD'S CHRISTMAS FAIR**  
**SATURDAY 14<sup>th</sup> NOVEMBER**



## ST. OSWALD KING AND MARTYR



St. Oswald was the King of Northumbria in the 7th century AD, a time of many battles and conflicts in the whole land. His family were not Christian, but Oswald was, and always took a cross into battle with him, praying for God's protection for him and his soldiers.

His feast day is 5th August, and he is the patron saint of soldiers and fishermen.

# COUNT ON NATURE WEEKEND

## LITTER PICK



On the morning of Saturday 4th July an intrepid band of about 14 of us set off to clean the litter from the streets and parks of Croxley. This year the group included friends from St Bede's church.

We covered much ground in Croxley in an hour or two and finished with refreshments back at the church. Altogether we cleared 20 kgs of rubbish. A good morning's work.

Thanks to the Parish Council for lending the equipment.



## NATURE COUNT



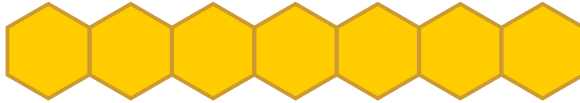
Care for nature was the theme of July's family service. Afterwards a number of us, young and older, but mostly young, scoured the church grounds to discover what bugs we could find. The weather has been so dry that I was concerned we would find very little. But I need not have

worried. There were several gatekeeper butterflies and the stars of the show were the dramatic black and yellow caterpillars of cinnabar moths munching on ragwort and lots of grasshoppers amongst the longer grasses of our little 'meadow'.

Val supplied bug collecting jars to give us a better chance of looking at the little animals we found. Collecting grasshoppers became somewhat competitive but hopefully without undue drawbacks for the insects.

Then Alan Restarick brought his bee-keeping equipment to show us, so we left entertained and informed. Brian Thomson





## PRAYER

In these days of uncertainty about all the wars, this is a prayer for the Middle East from The Church of England website, but would be just as apt for any of the ongoing conflicts in the world:-

God of mercy, look with compassion on  
all who are affected by the present conflict.  
Grant insight to hardened hearts,  
comfort to the fearful,  
protection to those in danger,  
and hope to those who are despairing,  
through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

*Also rather apt, St. Alban is not only the patron saint of converts but also of refugees and torture victims.*



# **THE KITCHEN**

**CAKES FOR ALL OCCASIONS**

**CROXLEY**

**AT THE KITCHEN, WE BAKE BEAUTIFUL  
CAKES AND CUPCAKES  
USING FAIRLY TRADED INGREDIENTS**

**WE CATER FOR BIRTHDAYS, WEDDINGS,  
CHRISTENINGS AND ALL OTHER  
CELEBRATIONS**

**WE WOULD LOVE TO DESIGN A CAKE  
TO SUIT YOUR OCCASION AND BUDGET**

## **FIND US:**

**198 WATFORD ROAD, CROXLEY GREEN**

**WEB: [WWW.THEKITCHENCROXLEY.COM](http://WWW.THEKITCHENCROXLEY.COM)**

**TWITTER: [@KITCHENCROXLEY](https://twitter.com/KITCHENCROXLEY)**

**PHONE: 07912 847295**



## IN MEMORY AUGUST



*Kenneth Greenlees WINWARD ~ 10th June 1920  
to 31st Aug 2012*

*James Edward BANKS ~ 3rd Jan 1933 to 11th Aug 2017*

*Pamela Winifred TYRRELL ~ 10th March 1932  
to 20th Aug 2017*

*Frederick James GIBBENS ~ 14<sup>th</sup> Nov 1895 to 6<sup>th</sup> Aug 1986*

*Arthur William Eugene HITCHCOCK ~ 6<sup>th</sup> Feb 1919  
to 6<sup>th</sup> Aug 2001*

*Brian ACREMAN ~ 3rd Aug 1945 to 10th Aug 2016*

*Richard Paul ASHTON ~ 17th Nov 1956 to 10 Aug 2016*

*Bernard Roy HARRIS ~ 28th October 1923 to 11th Aug 2016*

*Phyllis May LEE ~ 23<sup>rd</sup> Aug 1911 to 11<sup>th</sup> Aug 1978*

*George Wilfred HAMBLIN ~ 22<sup>nd</sup> June 1911 to 16<sup>th</sup> Aug 1974*

*Sylvia NEWELL ~ 17th Jan 1931 to 17th Aug 2014*

*Leonard Sidney DENTON ~ 24<sup>th</sup> Dec 1908 to 18<sup>th</sup> Aug 1986*

*Arthur William STEELEY ~ 3<sup>rd</sup> June 1910 to 22<sup>nd</sup> Aug 1990*

*Gerald Mark CHURCHILL ~ 9<sup>th</sup> July 1910 to 26<sup>th</sup> Aug 1998*

*Marjorie JACKSON ~ 22<sup>nd</sup> Oct 1915 to 26<sup>th</sup> Aug 2014*

*Diane HUGHES ~ 14<sup>th</sup> Feb 1933 to 28<sup>th</sup> Aug 1984*

*Robert VICKERS ~ 27<sup>th</sup> March 1926 to 28<sup>th</sup> Aug 2006*

*Daisy Maud WILLIS ~ 23<sup>rd</sup> Jan 1917 to 28<sup>th</sup> Aug 2012*

*Percy SEDDON ~ 20<sup>th</sup> April 1894 to 31<sup>st</sup> Aug 1966*

## SEPTEMBER

*Jean HOUGHTON BROWN ~ 14<sup>th</sup> June 1960  
to 3<sup>rd</sup> Sep 1985*

*Robert Graham BALDWIN ~ 13<sup>th</sup> December 1926  
to 5<sup>th</sup> September 2016*

*Kate STRANZ ~ 28<sup>th</sup> June 1889 to 16<sup>th</sup> Sep 1964*

*Alfred George James MUNNS ~ 10<sup>th</sup> Feb 1904  
to 18<sup>th</sup> Sep 1992*

*Annie SEDDON ~ 23<sup>rd</sup> Sep 1895 to 19<sup>th</sup> Sep 1948*

*Vera Nellie de BRAUX ~ 21<sup>st</sup> Sep 1918 to 18<sup>th</sup> March 2001*

*Cecil Hubert de BRAUX ~ 2<sup>nd</sup> July 1917 to 29<sup>th</sup> May 2008*

*William HUGHES ~ 27<sup>th</sup> Nov 1896 to 22<sup>nd</sup> Sep 1970*

*Neil Edward WARMAN ~ 12<sup>th</sup> June 1939 to 22<sup>nd</sup> Sep 1971*

*Olive (Pearl) CARELSE ~ 9<sup>th</sup> April 1921 to 25<sup>th</sup> Sep 2012*

*Constance Emma HOOK ~ 24<sup>th</sup> Oct 1908 to 24<sup>th</sup> Sep 1995*

*Joan Alice HEATH ~ 28<sup>th</sup> Sept 1931 to 25<sup>th</sup> Sept 2014*

*Katherine Tsui Hsien MAN ~ 23<sup>rd</sup> Jan 1974  
to 26<sup>th</sup> Sep 2012*

*K Joyce WILBY ~ 19<sup>th</sup> Aug 1926 to 28<sup>th</sup> Sep 2006*

*John Arthur Spencer WATSON ~ 31<sup>st</sup> March 1927  
to 28<sup>th</sup> Sept 2009*

*Dorothy Iris STEVENS ~ 19<sup>th</sup> June 1920 to 29<sup>th</sup> Sep 1968*

*Sylvia Kathleen VICKERS ~ 13<sup>th</sup> April 1929 to 29<sup>th</sup> Sep 2012*

*Alan James ROBERTS ~ 19<sup>th</sup> December 1938  
to 29<sup>th</sup> September 2019*

*Andrew Keith RESTARICK ~ 11<sup>th</sup> December 1956  
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# ST. OSWALD'S HOLIDAY CLUB 2026

This edition of the magazine will have been printed before Holiday Club has finished, but let's say many thanks to all those involved in any way in the preparation, admin and running of the club - always a great team effort. The theme this year was some of the Miracles of Jesus - turning water into wine at the wedding feast, healing people and feeding a crowd of 5000 with just a small lunch that a young boy offered. All of these involved something that changed, or transformed - a **MIRACULOUS TRANSFORMATION**



**WHAT AN INCREDIBLE WEEK**

**NOT 1, NOT 2**

**BUT 3 MIRACULOUS EVENTS!**



**WE SAW PEOPLE  
WHO HAD BEEN  
CURED BY JESUS!  
A MIRACLE!**

**READ ALL  
ABOUT IT  
ONLY IN  
THE**

**ONE LITTLE BOY  
GAVE TWO FISH  
AND FIVE LOAVES -  
JESUS FED 5000 - IT'S  
ANOTHER MIRACLE!**



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## PUZZLE PAGES

## BINARY

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|   |  | 0 |   |  |   |   | 1 |
| 1 |  |   |   |  | 1 |   |   |
| 0 |  |   |   |  |   |   | 0 |

The rules of this puzzle are, deceptively, very simple -

- (1) Every square in each grid must contain either a 0 or a 1;
- (2) Every row and every column must contain four 0's and 1's;
- (3) There must be no more than two 0's or 1's adjacent in any row or column; and
- (4) No Row layout is repeated and no Column layout is repeated. All you have to do is work out where they go! They are all solvable using logic alone without the need for trial and error, although some can be quite tricky! (Don't forget rule 4!)

Good luck!!!

## SUDOKU X

|   |   |  |   |  |   |
|---|---|--|---|--|---|
|   |   |  | 5 |  | 1 |
|   | 4 |  | 2 |  |   |
| 6 |   |  |   |  | 3 |
|   |   |  |   |  |   |
|   |   |  |   |  |   |
|   |   |  |   |  |   |

*In the Sudoku X square each row, column, individual 3x2 box and the two main diagonals all contain one each of the numbers 1 to 6. The puzzle, just like an ordinary Sudoku, is to work out, using the numbers given, where the rest fit in!*

## WORDSEARCH - HATS & HEAD WEAR

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| G | E | O | C | P | R | W | P | S | B | U | C | K | E | T | T |
| H | T | B | K | S | E | H | C | E | N | C | P | J | Y | E | F |
| T | A | R | E | C | D | I | E | I | V | A | A | R | W | N | E |
| V | O | A | P | R | N | A | N | L | M | O | O | P | O | N | R |
| P | B | T | I | A | E | N | E | A | M | L | T | G | O | O | A |
| H | E | R | T | S | E | T | N | H | E | E | Y | S | L | B | R |
| O | A | O | H | H | L | A | G | A | Q | B | T | S | L | J | A |
| M | R | M | C | W | P | B | N | P | G | E | A | L | Y | D | I |
| B | S | E | N | R | O | C | I | R | T | F | U | T | O | E | T |
| U | K | P | R | W | R | L | M | S | A | K | R | O | H | C | P |
| R | I | Z | L | B | L | A | M | R | S | A | H | C | N | R | W |
| G | N | E | V | B | M | K | I | U | P | C | O | W | B | O | Y |
| M | R | F | O | W | B | O | W | N | E | L | P | M | I | W | D |
| P | C | X | E | C | O | S | S | A | C | K | I | Y | J | N | H |

There are 48 words in the grid, all types  
of hat and head wear.

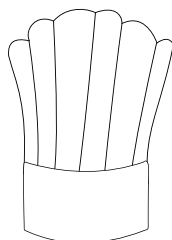
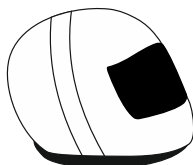
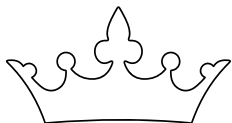
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| BEANIE      | FLIGHT      | RAIN      |
| BEARSKIN    | HARD        | SAFARI    |
| BERET       | HEADSCARF   | SKULL     |
| BOATER      | HELMET      | SOMBRERO  |
| BONNET      | HENNIN      | STETSON   |
| BOWLER      | HOMBURG     | STOVEPIPE |
| BUCKET      | HOOD        | SWIMMING  |
| CLOCHE      | KEPI        | TIARA     |
| COSSACK     | MITRE       | TITFER    |
| COWBOY      | MOBCAP      | TOQUE     |
| CRASH       | MORTARBOARD | TRICORNE  |
| CROWN       | PANAMA      | TURBAN    |
| DEERSTALKER | PARTY       | TYROLEAN  |
| FASCINATOR  | PILLBOX     | WELSH     |
| FEDORA      | PITH        | WIMPLE    |
| FEZ         | PORKPIE     | WOOLLY    |

HENNIN is the tall, cone shaped hat worn by ladies  
in medieval times

TITFER is cockney rhyming slang as in "Tit For Tat"

TOQUE is the white hat of chefs

WIMPLE another medieval form of headwear, now  
most often worn by nuns



## ANSWERS

## WORDSEARCH

F Y D E E R S T A L K E R T I M  
L R R Q W P E M F N F E U Q O T  
I R A L K I I Y O A R O D E F I  
G E O C P R W P S B U C K E T  
H T B K S E N C E N C P J Y E F  
T A R E C D I E I V A A R W N E  
V O A P R N A N L M O O R O N R  
P B T I A E N E A M L T G O O A  
H E R T S E T N H E E Y S L B R  
Q A O H H L A G A Q B T S L J A  
M R M C W P B N P G E A L Y D I  
B S E N R O C R T F U T O E T  
U K P R W R L M S A K R O H C P  
R I Z L B L A M R S A H C N R W  
G N E V B M K U P C O W B O Y  
M R F O W B O W N E L P M I W D  
P C X E C O S S A C K I Y J N H  
X D R A H S L E W J N A B R U T

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| 0 | 1 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 1 |
| 0 | 1 | 0 | 1 | 1 | 0 | 1 | 0 |
| 1 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 1 |
| 1 | 1 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 0 |
| 0 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 1 | 1 |
| 1 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 1 |
| 0 | 0 | 1 | 1 | 0 | 1 | 1 | 0 |

BINARY

SUDOKU X

|   |   |   |   |   |   |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| 3 | 2 | 6 | 5 | 4 | 1 |
| 1 | 4 | 5 | 2 | 3 | 6 |
| 6 | 5 | 1 | 4 | 2 | 3 |
| 4 | 3 | 2 | 6 | 1 | 5 |
| 2 | 6 | 3 | 1 | 5 | 4 |
| 5 | 1 | 4 | 3 | 6 | 2 |

## PCC NOTES JULY 2026

Revd Ritah attended her first PCC meeting on 2nd June.

Members discussed safeguarding in the church, noting progress on the Safeguarding Action Plan. Safeguarding on church premises reaches beyond activities by St Oswald's itself now that all non-church users of the buildings agree to implement appropriate safeguarding measures.

The PCC noted that the replacement of gutters, fascias and soffits at the rear of the church hall had been completed at a cost of £2,820.

Progress has been made on the long-standing issue of creating two additional parking spaces next to Shaftesbury Court. The PCC agreed to a 'Building Licence and Agreement for Variation of the Lease' which will allow the work, funded by Sanctuary Housing, to take place.

The PCC discussed concerns raised about the black metal bench donated by the Tilley family. The seat becomes very hot when the sun shines on it and it could be dangerous, especially for children. Several ideas were considered for overcoming the problem which will be discussed with the family.

The next PCC meeting will be on 28th September.

Copies of PCC minutes are available on request to those on the Electoral Roll from the secretary, Brian Thomson.  
[secretary@stoswaldschurch.org.uk](mailto:secretary@stoswaldschurch.org.uk)

### Goodbye, thank you



This is the last newsletter from Alternatives Trust East London before we close our doors. We want to say a heartfelt thank you

to everyone who has played a part in the life and work of this special charity over the last 32 years. We are very grateful to everyone who has supported the work in different ways whether as a volunteer, supporter, partner or team member. It's been a privilege to share the journeys of so many magnificent women.



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## REGULAR CHURCH SERVICES

### **SUNDAYS**

**8.00 am Communion (said) every week**

**10.00 am 1<sup>st</sup> Sunday of the month:**

**Family Service**

**10.00 am Other Sundays: Sung Communion**

**10.00 am Sunday school in the hall**

**4.00 pm First Sunday of the month -**

**Evening Prayer**

### **WEDNESDAYS**

**11.00 am Communion**