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Oct/Nov 2017

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Our regular service of **Holy Communion** is at 10am each Sunday. All are welcome.

More details may be posted onto our website www.st-nicholas-rawreth.org.uk

FORTHCOMING EVENTS AT ST NICHOLAS CHURCH AND DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

1st October

Pet Service

14th October

Quiz Night

29th October

Memorial Service

19th November

Reception Class Service

12th November

Remembrance Service

25th November

Christmas Bazaar

9th December

Rayleigh Salvation Army Carol
Concert

VILLAGE NOTICE BOARD

BIN COLLECTION DAY: Wednesday, check Web site for which bin.

KEEP FIT Classes are held in the Village Hall on Monday evenings between 8 and 9 p.m. All are welcome.

BALLROOM AND LATIN DANCE CLASSES classes are held on Monday evenings in the Village Hall between 9 and 10 p.m. All enquiries for Keep Fit and Dance classes to Linda King, 01375 375810.

MOBILE LIBRARY. Please support the Mobile Library which stops at Goose Cottages 14.00 till 14.30, Bedloes Corner at 14.45 till 15.05 and Lubbards Close 15.35 till 16.00 on Friday 6th and 20th October and 3rd and 17th November. Books can be ordered and there is no charge for overdue items. Video Cassettes and large print books are carried.

RAWRETH LADIES CLUB contact Sue Murton (Chairperson) on 01268 561703 for details.

1st RAWRETH (ST NICHOLAS) BROWNIES. Thursdays, 4.45-6.15pm, in the Village Hall (term time only). Contact: Suzanne Wood (Brown Owl) on 01268 642859. To register for a place: www.girlguiding.org.uk/information-for-parents/register-your-daughter/

Kyle, spelt 'k ... y ... l ... e'

I met a young man today (he brought his mum and dad to talk about getting married; at least I think it was that way round). He proudly introduced himself as Kyle and then thoughtfully, 'k ... y ... l ... e,' he spelt it out.

You might guess he is moving up from reception class to year 1 in a couple of days time and really looking forward to it. I wonder if, by the time you read this and after a few weeks back at school, he will be as keen. I hope so and think he probably will be, he was paying attention the whole time we were going through the legalities of getting married, and that's the boring bit about getting married!

At the moment I am also involved in appointing vicars in other parts of the Rochford district, short-listing and interviewing. We have been deciding which questions to ask at interview, one of the most popular with interviewers is:

"Tell us about something that did not go as planned; what did you learn from it?"

It's a searching question, and its importance is not so much in the details of the answer as the attitude of the person being interviewed:

Is it obvious to them that things that don't go well are learning opportunities?

Do they think they already know all that they need to know or are they always ready to learn?

Jesus said, 'unless you are willing to become like a child you can never enter the Kingdom of God'. That is a rich statement with lots of applications but here it reminds me that we need to be eager to learn, to soak things up, when things don't go as planned as well as when they do.

One of the joys of my work is that I get to meet people in all sorts of circumstances; parents with young children who want to bring them to church for baptism, couples who want to get married.

Sadly I also meet people in less happy times, people for whom life is a struggle. Some have heard that their cancer has come back, others have had disastrous family news, and some have lost a loved one and want me to take the funeral.

They all come because I am the priest, vicar, rector or whatever you want to call me (polite names only please!) and yes, I do have something rooted the Christian faith to share. But they all leave something with me too, something very valuable, a glimpse of the work of God in their lives.

In one way or another we all show something of God because we are created to do just that. Fair enough it might be easier to see sometimes than at others, but it is always there. There is always something to learn.

So thank you Kyle, spelt k ... y ... l ... e, I learnt something very special from you. I do hope you and your friends are still enjoying school and that you are as excited as ever about the things you have to learn!



Richard Jordan
Parish Priest of Hullbridge, Rawreth and Rettendon
and Area Dean of Rochford

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If any residents have any concerns or questions and they would like to speak to one of our Parish Councillors regarding the LDF Core Strategy, Planning or any other matter their contact details are as follows.

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Number for Non Urgent Police Matters

There is a new number for local non urgent police matters, this replaces the old Rayleigh number, the new number is 101 it goes without saying, if it is an emergency always use 999.

Wyvern Community Transport registered Charity
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Wyvern Community Transport operates four minibuses in the Rayleigh and Rochford District to transport its members to day centres, medical appointments and recreational activities. Their buses are available for hire on a brokerage scheme by other users during their out of hours time and weekends.

Contact 01702 542099 Andrew Woodley, email
manager@wyvernct.co.uk
www.ravs.org.uk

Parish Council Website

The website has details of forthcoming meetings, minutes of the meetings held and other interesting news.

You can visit the site on www.rawrethparishcouncil.co.uk the website also has a facility to report faults directly to either Rochford District Council or Essex County Council, if you enter the Useful Links page of the website you have the facility just to click on one entry and it will take you directly into the online reporting process for the relevant Council, things such as street lighting, pot holes and fly tipping can all be reported quickly and directly.

The Parish Council website also has a page to display photographs of the Parish. If anyone has any photographs that they would like to see on the website please email them to the Clerk. Photo's can be of events, scenic, etc, but unfortunately we cannot display any pictures of individuals unless their prior written consent has been given

In addition, if anyone would like to advertise an event on the website please feel free to contact the Clerk.

Email Distribution

If any residents would like to receive information from the Parish Council such as agendas for forthcoming meetings, minutes of meetings held, events, Core Strategy News etc via email then please forward your details to the Clerk at clerk.rawrethparishcouncil@btinternet.com.

If you do not have access to a computer but would like a family member to receive the emails on your behalf please ask them to contact the Clerk as above advising on whose behalf they will be receiving the information.

Next Meetings

There is no meeting in August due to Summer recess. Wednesday the 4th October 2017 7.30pm in the Village Hall.

From the Clerk, Hayley Bloomfield

As always if you have any concerns or matters to report please do not hesitate to contact me on either 07773 952455 or by email at clerk.rawrethparishcouncil@btinternet.com



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Dear Friends

5th September 2017

It has certainly been a busy start to the term! Our new Early Years children have settled in really well even though they have only been in school a few days, and we are delighted to welcome them into the St. Nicholas family. We are also really pleased to welcome our new staff who have really embedded themselves into life at St. Nicholas. We are all excited about the year ahead!

Having welcomed our new reception children into school, we were also very sad to see our year 6 children leave. They really were a very unique group of children who were integral to the life and successes of our school. We will miss them but wish them every success for their futures. We were also really sad to say farewell to Mrs Dane who has been with the school for many, many years. The start of the school year has been very strange without her here. However, I am sure that, like me, you will want to wish her all the very best for a very long and happy retirement. We all hope that she won't be a stranger to us.

I hope that you have had a lovely summer. By the time you read this, we will be well into the autumn term. Harvest Festival is in the process of being organised by Mrs Crouch, as is our annual Christmas week and I know that lots of exciting learning has also been planned. There was a lot of very detailed planning and preparation going on during the holiday period! If you, as members of the wider community, have anything that you would like to consider as a part of the process, please do let us know.

Our autumn term started with some superb training about management and also about educational visits. We also reviewed our health and safety and safeguarding procedures. We reviewed our school improvement priorities for the coming year as well. A very busy few years. In addition, if you visit our school now, you will see that there have been lots of changes to our learning zone area as we have sought to embed Accelerated Reader.

Reflecting on the last year in preparation for the next year is always a challenge. We have had to face and acknowledge the areas that we haven't done so well in as well as celebrate the areas we have done well in. However, this process has certainly focused us!

Thank you for continuing to support us and pray for us. In an ever evolving educational landscape, your support has been and continues to be invaluable.

I look forward to updating you soon.

Yours faithfully,

Mrs Pigram

L. Pigram
Executive Headteacher

Rawreth Ladies Club Meetings

Chairperson Sue Merton 01268 561703

July Meeting

A nice warm day with a gentle breeze on the day of the meeting. Not so many of us at the hall because of holidays and illness which meant all the more cake for us who did attend when we had our refreshments.

After the birthday cards had been given out raffle tickets bought and the sales table perused I introduced the speaker Susan Burns who is a keen knitter who uses many unusual yarns and amongst the things she makes she knits and crochets jewellery with wire the sort you use to thread beads with etc. It comes in lots of different colours and we all had a go at trying to knit using the wire with number eight needles (don't know what that is in new money).

Susan had a display of her work which included necklaces, bracelets, earrings and flowers. As well as giving demonstrations at groups such as ours. Susan runs workshops and a weekly knitting and fortnightly embroidery groups in Grays. A busy lady as she also attends fairs such as the one at Alexander Palace.

Next came the welcome cup of tea break then we had a quiz which Jean Pietch was the only winner so well done.

The raffle had lots of prizes and the plants were highly sort after and I'm pleased to say I won one of them.

I read out a letter from Remus Horse Sanctuary which told us they were delighted to have collected £117.94 in donations when they came to give us a talk last month.

The competition winners which was a necklace were: 1 Ruth Lushey 2 Maureen Benson 3 Jill Vane. Jean Taylor had taken round a list of what we wanted to eat at the August lunch and we discussed what else there was to do so that is something to look forward to. The year is flying by much too quickly for my liking and the corn is already ripe in the fields surrounding where I live.

I have had a bumper crop of tomato's not that they get indoors to put in a salad as I eat them as fast as I pick them there so delicious warm and sweet.

I hope all the members who are not well are soon on the road to recovery and we see you soon.

August Meeting

The day started with rain but by the time of the meeting the sun had come out and it was nice and warm.

It was our August lunch and we had a selection of fish or chicken and chips to eat but some ladies bought their own meal of a salad. Jill Vane opened up the hall and then went and collected our entertainment who was Margaret Brown and her grandson Charlie.

The members arranged the tables and where they were going to sit while Pam Galbally and Doreen Minney sold the raffle tickets so when I arrived with our meals that were bought from Peggotty's at Rawreth Lane we were all ready to eat them. Any one who wanted tea or coffee made their own with the promise of washing up their own crockery. Margaret and Charlie then entertained us in a George Formby style as she plays a banjo etc. and her grandson sung a couple of songs. If you want to learn to play a ukulele or banjo she teaches at Rayleigh Library and she also plays at a few Folk Clubs and is called The Essex Girl.

After the entertainment we did the raffle which took £54.50 sorted out the refreshments for next month and there is a change to the programme it will be Keith (Badger) Price who does a very interesting talk on gardening.

Then it was back out into the sunshine earlier than usual but I think a few were going to have a few zzzzz's when they got home as most of us aren't used to eating a big meal at lunch time.

Sue Murton

Quiz Night

to be held in
**Rawreth Village Hall, Church
Road, Rawreth SS11 8SH**

on

Saturday 14th October

7 for 7.30pm - Tickets £8

Teams of 10 - maximum 12

Bring your own drinks and nibbles but a
light snack will be provided.

Please get in touch with
Heather (01268 734970) or
Richard (01268 766565)
to book your place

PLEASE NOTE

Copy for Dec/Jan 2018

Magazine

by

5th November

Church News to Christine Holmes

Tel: 781662

Village News to Dave Collins

Tel: 734933

Please let us have your news in good time

Thank you

RETTENDON PARISH EVENTS

CRAFT JUMBLE.

Sunday, 15th October in the afternoon in aid of the Essex Air Ambulance.

Come and see what goodies you can find. Come and meet and talk to people of like mind who enjoy various crafts such as knitting, spinning, tapestry.....

And all over a cup of tea or coffee with home-made cake.

If you would like to donate any items you can bring them to the Village Hall in the morning of the JUMBLE, from 9am.

Sandie Cottee via Facebook, or Hazel Dale-Evans 01245 401538

RETTENDON HORTICULTURAL SOCIETY talk

“Diluted: A garden and its relationship to water.”

The speaker, Darren Lerigo, is the Director of Modern Mint, Chelmsford. The talk will be about using water more wisely in our gardens and the effect on plants, politics and landscape.

There will be a break for tea/coffee and home-made cakes and time for questions.

Date: Thursday 19th October at 7:30pm

Venue: Rettendon Memorial Village Hall (CM3 8DP)

Cost: Members free, non-members £3.

RETTENDON VILLAGE QUIZ NIGHT

Friday, 17th November 7 for 7:30pm start.

Teams of up to 6 at £5 per person. This quiz is open to all and will be benefiting the hall and All Saints Church. Please come and support us.

A chance to pit your wits against the quiz mistress and of course, the other teams. We look forward to meeting everyone for a fun evening. Bring your own drinks and food, a picnic perhaps.

Contact Hazel Dale-Evans on 01245 401538 to book your table.

Little Owls in Rawreth Church



Rawreth Church has now got Little Owls in the church Tower.

The small owl was introduced to the UK in the 19th century. It can be seen in the daylight, usually perching on a tree branch, telegraph pole or rock. It will bob its head up and down when alarmed. In flight it has long, rounded wings, rapid wingbeats and flies with a slight undulation.

These photos were captured by Wayne Lagden

Visit our Facebook page to see drone footage of St Nicholas taken by Bradley Paul. www.facebook.com/stnicholasrawreth

ST NICHOLAS CHRISTMAS BAZAAR

to be held in

**Rawreth Village Hall,
Church Road, Rawreth**

*all money goes to the up keep of St Nicholas Church, Rawreth
on*

Saturday 25th November 1.30pm-3.30pm

Gift and cake stalls, raffle and many more.

Refreshments (*including homemade cakes*) will be available.

From the Parish Register Baptism Anniversaries

October

Paul Keith and Gemma Louise Vicerage
Ryan Michael Pavitt

November

Chloe Lucy-Ann Down
Oliver Green
Jessica Hardy and Max Hardy

*Our prayers remain with you as you journey
on in life and grow in Gods love.*

Whist Drive

6th October	Whist	3rd Nov	Whist
20th October	Whist	17th Nov	Whist

First and Third Friday in the month
7.30pm-10pm.

**New players always welcome, for
further information please phone**

**Eric Chasmer
01268 773115**

THE SNEEZE

They walked in tandem, each of the ninety-two students filing into the already crowded auditorium. With their rich maroon gowns flowing and the traditional caps, they looked almost as grown up as they felt.

Dads swallowed hard behind broad smiles, and Mums freely brushed away tears.

This class would NOT pray during the commencements, not by choice, but because of a recent court ruling prohibiting it..

The principal and several students were careful to stay within the guidelines allowed by the ruling. They gave inspirational and challenging speeches, but no one mentioned divine guidance and no one asked for blessings on the graduates or their families.

The speeches were nice, but they were routine until the final speech received a standing ovation.

A solitary student walked proudly to the microphone. He stood still and silent for just a moment, and then, it happened.

All 92 students, every single one of them, suddenly SNEEZED !!!! The student on stage simply looked at the audience and said, 'GOD BLESS YOU'

And he walked off the stage... The audience exploded into applause. This graduating class had found a unique way to invoke God's blessing on their future with or without the court's approval.

Isn't this a wonderful story? Pass it on to all your friends.....and

This is a true story; it happened at Eastern Shore District High School in Musquodoboit Harbour, Nova Scotia.

I hope this goes around Canada, the USA, Australia, New Zealand and the rest of the world!!!

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