

Church Chimes

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SHARING GOD'S LOVE IN CONSTABLE COUNTRY AND THE TENDRING HUNDRED

Our monthly news sheet with details of upcoming services and events in our nine rural churches.

**Full details can be found on our website:
www.tendringdedhamparishes.org.uk**

Message from the Parishes Administrator

As to be expected, when starting to use new software, we have had some teething issues. Some people have had problems setting up their iKnow Church accounts and passwords. Please email the office if you have any issues and I will do my best to resolve them. If you haven't received your email to set up your account, please check your junk folder or email the office:

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A Message from our Minister

Dear friends,

I wonder how many of us experienced a bit of 'Royal mania' last month around the visit of Their Majesties King Charles III and Queen Camilla. Dedham was transformed from a relatively peaceful village to a highly secure public stage for their visit. People came from far and wide to get a glimpse of the couple (notwithstanding the chilly and wet climes that prevailed on the day!). People prepared cakes, dance moves, songs and speeches for the occasion and some went to great lengths to get a happy snap or a handshake with either or both of them. And then, shortly after they departed, life as normal resumed. But the event left its impression upon us all through photographs, memories and the inevitable flurry of press coverage of the visit.

Only a few months ago at Christmas time, we remembered the coming of another royal. Not in a peaceful English village, but in a fairly modest home in a small city in the Middle East. His arrival attracted some attention (both at home and abroad), but was otherwise fairly unremarkable. But his legacy and what He came to teach and to do for humanity was unimaginably profound. He came to rescue us from the difficulties and darkness that sap us of the fullness of life to which many of us aspire. He came to deal with the spiritual isolation we face because many of us find ourselves in dark and hopeless paths in life we never thought we'd end up. And He came to demonstrate the sin-forgiving, death-defeating victory He won from us through His sacrifice once for all upon the cross.

The Church is currently in the season of Lent. At this time Christians often try and slowdown and pause or take time out to examine themselves, to turn away from what seems to rob them of life and hope, to give up something so that they might seek God more intentionally. Do you ever feel life goes at such a pace that it seems to just pass you by? Why not take some time to slow down, to 'unplug from the matrix' and to reconnect with your Maker? We'd be delighted to help you to do that. Just head to our group website

www.tendringdedhamparishes.org.uk and find a service near you.

Best wishes,

Phillip

Some recommended viewing/listening from our Minister

The Life and Death of Hugh Latimer with James Cary. In this episode we travel back to Reformation times in England to consider the life and legacy of Hugh Latimer, a Bishop of Worcester. Fascinating for history buffs and people interested in some of the personalities that have left their mark on the Church of England. James Cary has written sit-coms for the BBC and is a lay member of the Church of England's General Synod.

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=kftgCTlKrc>

Heading on a long(ish) car journey? Why not listen to a podcast on developing healthy spiritual practices with Matthew Bingham. He is vice president of academic affairs and associate professor of church history at Phoenix Seminary in Scottsdale, Arizona and explores some healthy spiritual habits we could adopt to grow in our relationship with God this year.

<https://podcasts.apple.com/us/podcast/how-and-how-not-to-think-about-spiritual-habits-in/id1457099163?i=1000743019233>

Benefice Announcements

From the Registers in February

Weddings :

Dedham - Cameron Sant & Sarah Watson

Funerals:

Dedham - Graham John Kitson & Raymond Tucker

Great Oakley - John Henry Mowle & Leonard Tite

Wrabness - Michael Antony Elliot

Interments -

Dedham - David Albert Victor Carter, Sheila Edwards & Colin Edwards

March Services across the Benefice



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	1st March	8th March	15th March	22nd March	29th March
All Saints Great Oakley	09:30 HC	09:30 M Praise	09:30 HC	09:30 Family Praise	09:30 Lord's Supper
St. Mary Wix			11:00 Mothering Sunday Service	11:00 Morning Prayer	
All Saints Wrabness	11:00 M Prayer	11:00 HC	11:00 Morning Praise	11:00 HC	11:00 Lord's Supper
St. Edmund Tendring		09:30 HC	09:30 Mothering Sunday Service	09:30 Morning Prayer	
St. Leonard Beaumont	11:00 HC		11:00 Morning Prayer	18:00 Evensong	
St. Mary Little Bentley	11:00 M Prayer		11:00 Mothering Sunday Family Service*		
St. George Great Bromley	11:00 HC (BCP)	11:00 HC	18:30 Evensong	11:00 HC	11:00 Procession and HC
St. Mary Ardleigh	08:00 HC (BCP) 09:30 Café Church*	09:30 HC with KSO*	09:30 HC with KSO*	09:30 Morning Praise with KSO*	
St. Mary Dedham	09:30 RiseNShine* 17:00 E'song (BCP)	11:00 HC	09:30 Morning Prayer 17:00 Revive@5	09:30 HC	11:00 Lord's Supper

* services suitable for families and children

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