



Snowdrop in the creek

127 Years of Goldhanger Parish Magazine

There has been a Parish Magazine since 1895 when the Revd. Frederick Gardner started it shortly after being appointed Rector at Goldhanger. In all those years there have only been a few breaks in publication, most notably during both World Wars.

All articles (ideally in PDF or plain text) to be submitted by midnight on the 15th of the month, and advertising (including For Sale and Wanted) by midnight on the 13th of the month please.

Please contact the editors if you have any questions about your article.

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Magazine & Goldhanger
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For Sale or Wanted - To list your items in the magazine the minimum donation is £1 per advert. If you would like to donate more it would always be welcome.

Please note: We cannot guarantee the delivery date of your magazine. Please bear this in mind when advertising functions at the beginning of the month.

This magazine is run entirely by volunteers and relies on donations and advertising to fund it. It costs approximately £1 per issue to produce. We print about 350 copies each month.

Donations can be made at any time. Cheques made payable to **Goldhanger Parish Magazine** please - or you can go to the Goldhanger website and make a donation online.

Current and previous issues of the magazine are available in glorious technicolour from the Goldhanger website at: www.goldhanger.org.uk.

Goldhanger Correspondent

If you have any news articles about the village for inclusion in the Maldon & Burnham Standard and the Essex Chronicle.

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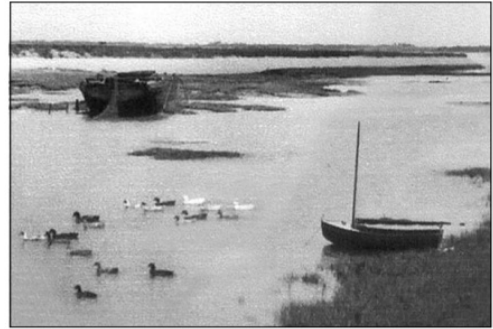
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Snowdrop in Goldhanger Creek

The barge called "Snowdrop" was ignominiously abandoned in the Creek in the 1950s and has been steadily deteriorating there ever since.

This is the earliest picture of it we have...
It was part a postcard sold in the Village store in The Square in the 1950s...



...this shows the Kelly Family onboard Snowdrop at Greenwich in 1928.



Here is Snowdrop being unloaded in Heybridge Basin, probably in the 1940s. "Snowdrop" and "Harwich" are carved in the stern...



...Snowdrop in Ipswich docks, probably also in the 1940s. "Snowdrop" is carved on the bow.



The scene in the Creek in the 1970s at a time when the bow, stern and rudder were still visible. There is also a wheel just visible near the bow...



This month's cover picture is a recent aerial view of Snowdrop.
David Newman

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Goldhanger Parish Council

2nd Wednesday of each month 7.30pm.

Website: parish-council.goldhanger.org.uk

Goldhanger Art Society

Every second Thursday of the month 2pm to 4.30pm. Catherine - 01708 788488. <http://goldhangerartclub.co.uk>

Goldhanger Kazen Kai Karate Club

Weekly on Thursday evenings. For children and adults.

Basking Babies

Weekly on Thursday mornings from 10am.

Dazzlers Craft Club

Monthly on Saturdays 10am to 4pm

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Village Hall Bookings

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Community Page

Goldhanger Sailing Club www.goldhangersailingclub.org.uk

All types of sailing, including sailboarding and canoeing, with racing organised on Sundays during the season, there is something for everyone who loves the water.

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Maldon District Council Monthly Surgeries

1st Saturday of the month at the Queens Head
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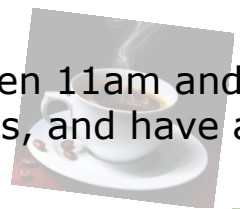
Mother's Union

4th Friday of each month at 1.45pm at Honywood Hall, Hall Road, Great Totham.



Coffee mornings

Community Room at St. Peter's Church on Tuesdays between 11am and 12noon. Everyone is welcome. Pop along, bring your friends, and have a chat over coffee.



Wednesday lunchtime Picnic Service

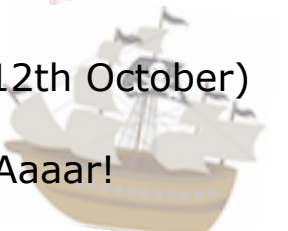
For Parents and toddlers. Last Wednesday of the month in term time. St. Peter's Church.



Shanties in the Pub

Billiards room at the Chequers every other Tuesday (from 12th October) from 7pm.

Just join in the responses or take a lead as you wish. Ooo-Aaaar!



GOLDHANGER PARISH COUNCIL
New website: www.parish-council.goldhanger.org.uk/
Parish Clerk: Julie Webster
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To contact the Parish Council please use the details above.

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A reminder that carpet bowls restarts on Friday September 2nd at 1.45pm . Everyone welcome to enjoy the bowling and socialising .

Tide Times

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<https://www.tidetimes.co.uk/maldon-tide-times>





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David Griggs, 6.10.42 – 5.6.22

A sincere thank you to all our friends and neighbours in Goldhanger for all your kindness and support during David's illness and since he died. It was very moving to see so many folk say 'farewell' to David on 28th June, as the hearse drove through the village on his final journey.

Although we have only lived in Goldhanger since 2015, it was evident that we are part of a very special village community, supporting one another. Something which I will always remember.

Thank you once again.

Deborah Griggs and all David's family.

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your unwanted goods.

Dates are as follows:

Saturday 27th August 12pm - 4pm

Saturday 24th September 12pm - 4pm

Any enquires please call Kim
01621 788698.



Goldhanger Church Services

Sunday 7th August **Trinity 8**
9.30am Family Communion (CW)

Sunday 14th August **Trinity 9**
10.00am Family Service.

Sunday 21st August **Trinity 10**
9.30am Morning Prayer

Sunday 28th August **Trinity 11**
9.30am Morning Prayer

On-line Sunday services can be found at:

<https://www.churchofengland.org/news-and-media/church-online/weekly-online-services>

On-line Morning Prayer will be on Facebook on Mondays and on YouTube on Wednesdays and Fridays both at 10.00am.

Morning Prayer can be accessed through our Facebook page, YouTube channel and on “a church near you”.

Weekday Holy Communion Services

Weekday Holy Communion service from The Book of Common Prayer

Every Wednesday at St Nicholas, Tolleshunt D'Arcy at 10.00am

And

Every Saturday at All Saints, Little Totham at 5.30pm

Please get in touch with Lizzie Armour or the churchwardens if you are considering baptism for yourself or your children, confirmation, and weddings Please contact Rev'd Tracey for funeral arrangements.

Parish Prayers

If you would like someone, an event or concern included in church prayers please contact Kim Evans or George Bunting

Votive candles are lit at Sunday Services.

Raise free donations for Goldhanger church through Easyfundraising

All you need to do is:

1. Go to <https://www.easyfundraising.org.uk/causes/stpeterschurchgoldhanger> and join for free.
2. Every time you shop online, log in to www.easyfundraising.org.uk first to find the retailer you want and start shopping.
3. After you've made your purchase, the retailer will make a donation to the church at no extra cost to you whatsoever!

Thank you for your support. Please contact Lizzie Armour, our Benefice Administrator on 07908 776750 or office.blackwaterbenefice@gmail.com for any queries or help.

Prayer for Ukraine

God of peace and justice,
we pray for the people of Ukraine today.
We pray for peace and the laying down of weapons.
We pray for all those who fear for tomorrow,
that your Spirit of comfort would draw near to them.
We pray for those with power over war or peace,

for wisdom, discernment and compassion to guide their decisions.
 Above all, we pray for all your precious children, at risk and in fear,
 that you would hold and protect them.
 We pray in the name of Jesus, the Prince of Peace.
 Amen

Archbishop Justin Welby
Archbishop Stephen Cottrell

St. Peter's Church Goldhanger

Priest in Charge of the Blackwater Benefice*	Reverend Tracey Caswell	07742 999 633 blackwaterbenefice@gmail.com
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	Reverend Sarah Clare	07762 840905 / 01621 868819 sarahclare9@gmail.com
Church Wardens:	Mr George Bunting	01621 929690 gvbunting@gmail.com
	Kim Evans	01621 788698 kwestwood58@aol.com
Benefice Administrator	Lizzie Armour	07908776750 office.blackwaterbenefice@gmail.com
(Please contact Lizzie if you wish to book, a wedding, baptism etc. She is available on Tuesday and Thursday mornings. Messages left at other times during the week will be responded to at regular intervals)		
Church flowers	Mrs Elaine Clark	788686 elaclark@me.com

* Goldhanger, Little Totham & Great Totham and Tollesbury, Salcott, Tolleshunt D'Arcy and Tolleshunt Major

St. Peter's Goldhanger website: www.st-peters-church.goldhanger.org.uk

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Christmas Greetings Monies 2021

Hello everyone,
The jubilee was so successful the monies I raised at Christmas with the greetings pages wasn't needed to fund the printing after all.
So I hope you are happy that I've donated the £317 raised to the local women's refuge.

Many thanks
Julia Bourn



Foul Sewage - Disposal of Wipes and Nappies etc

Hello Everyone,
I need to report that recently a sewer drain got blocked in the village and overflowed into a residents garden !
The blockage was cleared by Anglian Water, however it was completely preventable, as the problem was due to nappies and wipes. Our sewer system in the village is not capable of handling this type of waste and while I am sure most people don't dispose of nappies, personal sanitary items or wipes (even flushable wipes) down the toilet, please remind visitors and also mention to new neighbours, that these items should be put into bins.
Thank you for your help to ensure that this does not happen again.

Julia Bourn
Chair - Goldhanger Parish Council

Pink recycling and green waste food bags

These can be collected 15 minutes before each Parish Council meeting.
Parish Council meetings are usually every 2nd Wednesday of the month and start at 7.30pm
(Check the website or notice board in the square for any changes to usual dates.)

These bags are also available at other locations like the library, and information is on the Maldon District Website.



Word of the Month

Fugacious *adverb*

Literary, tending to disappear, fleeting





Summer Reading Challenge 2022

GADGETEERS

Get ready for Gadgeteers, arriving in your local library this summer!

Children across Essex are being challenged to help the Gadgeteers by reading six books and earning cool stickers. Along the way they'll discover amazing science and innovation in the world around us. If they complete the challenge they receive a certificate and medal. Find out more about how to take part in this free activity on our website:

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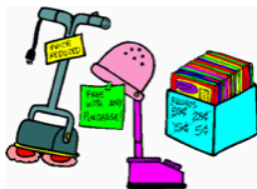
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GOLDHANGER PARISH COUNCIL

Notes of the meeting held on the 13th July 2022. Full minutes can be viewed on the website or village noticeboard once they have been approved at the next

Parish Council Meeting

www.parish-council.goldhanger.org.uk

clerk.gpc@outlook.com

Planning Decisions

22/00539 13 Maldon Road - Approved

Planning Applications

None

The Internal Auditors Report was received by council

Correspondence

A letter from a resident had been received regarding removal of a tree in Fish Street

EALC AGM invite

Bus Tender Report - revised time changes to the school return bus

Notification of Applause comes to Essex, Love Parks week and RCCE Rural Affordable Housing

Playing Field

A updated quotation had been sent by Bonz Tree specialists and the Clerk would contact them to approve work commencing in due course

Cllr Sargeant had been in touch with the contractors regarding work at the Playing Field/Sea Wall and it was hoped that work would commence shortly

It was reported that the Playing Field Gate had been smashed recently by a vehicle. This occurred after grass mowing by MDC so the Clerk was asked to contact them to ascertain whether they had any knowledge of this incident and in the meantime witnesses would be sought.

Highways

- The bin at the playing field was mentioned and agreed to discuss at next meeting

Marigold Wood

- A resident had offered a donation for a plaque and the design was approved

Bus shelters and defibrillators

- The damage caused by a bus had been reported to the bus company

To receive an offer of partnership working with MDC from the Senior Community Engagement Officer

This was well received by the Council and Cllr Reynolds would contact her to discuss the possibility of her attending a future meeting

Members Register of Interest were reviewed, risk assessment to be reviewed at next meeting and it was agreed to adopt the NALC Code of Conduct Policy

Next Meeting date 10th Aug 22



*Join us this Summer for an afternoon of fun
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What: Messy Church

*Where: St Peter's Church Community Room,
Goldhanger*

When: Wednesday 3rd August 2-3.30pm

*Art & Craft Activities
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Answers to crossword in
July issue



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Help for people from Ukraine and their sponsors

There is a lot happening locally with people welcoming family members through the Ukraine Family Scheme and also hosting visitors as part of the Ukraine Sponsorship Scheme. At the time of writing there are 29 confirmed matches of sponsors and guest families within the Maldon District.

Good networks are building up within our towns and villages of people preparing to welcome guests to their homes as they work out the practicalities, including visa applications, having their homes checked by Maldon District Council and finding schools. Through social media and attending meetings we are aware of many offers of wider support for families when they arrive including help with translation, language lessons, social groups, and sports and activities for the children.

The Migrant and Refugee Community Hub will have had its first meeting on 26th April at the Fullbridge Church in Heybridge. Information packs, local to the Maldon District, in both Ukrainian and English are being produced to cover many of the issues likely to arise.

Citizens Advice have information on their public website which is constantly updated and will be helpful to either the hosts or visitors.

Offering to let someone from Ukraine stay with you <https://www.citizensadvice.org.uk/immigration/offering-to-let-someone-from-ukraine-stay-with-you/>

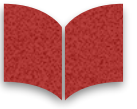
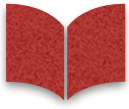
Bringing family members from Ukraine to the UK
<https://www.citizensadvice.org.uk/immigration/bringing-family-members-from-ukraine-to-the-uk/>

Advisers within Citizens Advice have access to more detailed information than on the public site, so if you have any queries, please do get in touch.

We can help with understanding the benefit system and special rules which have been put in place and, as well as giving advice, can help with making benefit applications.

We look forward to hearing from you about this, or any other issue.

- Telephone: 01621 875774, leave a message and an adviser will return your call
- Email: bureau@maldoncab.cabnet.org.uk
- Drop in: Monday 10-12 The Surgery, Bentalls Centre, Heybridge (in the car park opposite Asda)
- Appointments can then be made in our main, Maldon, offices for further advice if this is appropriate.



Is your child starting primary school?

Starting primary school can be scary for children and their families. You can take the scare factor out by coming to one of our Big School Meet Ups before the big day in September. You can get the chance to meet other children and their families who will be starting at your own child's school.

There have been several of these events already, but they'll be continuing until the end of August. See [what's happening at your local library](#) for details. And if you've missed the event for your own local school, don't worry – you can still come along to one of the others, chat, listen to a storytime and get some tips and tricks.

Recycling at your local library

Here's a tip about disposing of your empty ink cartridges in an eco-friendly way. Take them to your local library.

Every library has a new Ink Bin recycling box to put your empty home-use ink cartridges in. Once they're collected, they'll be sorted, refilled and put back on the market as remanufactured ink cartridges. This will stop them ending up in landfill.

What else does your local library recycle? Most will take old batteries; some take small electrical items too. Save yourself a trip to the recycling centre!

If you're running short of recycling sacks or caddies for roadside collections, your local library may be the place to help. Food sacks, garden sacks and recycling boxes can all be found at some of our libraries.

Coverage does vary, so check out the [recycling facilities available at your local library](#).

Book groups and Essex Library Service

Are you keen to share your thoughts about a book you've read? Can't wait to find out what others thought of it, too? Starting a book group is a great way to stay in touch regularly with book lovers and to make new friends.

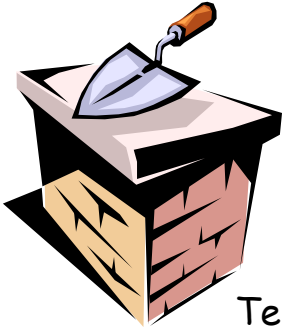
[Essex Library Service helps book groups](#) in many ways. By registering your group with us you can reserve multiple copies of your chosen book which can be borrowed for up to three months, and you chose to be added to the list of book groups which can be shared with other interested readers. Our website can give your group ideas for what to read.

Summer Reading Challenge

A reminder that the Summer Reading Challenge – Gadgeteers – is running until Saturday 3 September in all Essex libraries and mobile libraries.

To take part, children will need their own library card, so if anyone in your family is not a library member pop down to your local library to join or join online now.

The challenge for children is to read six books over the summer. If they do, they'll earn a certificate and medal.



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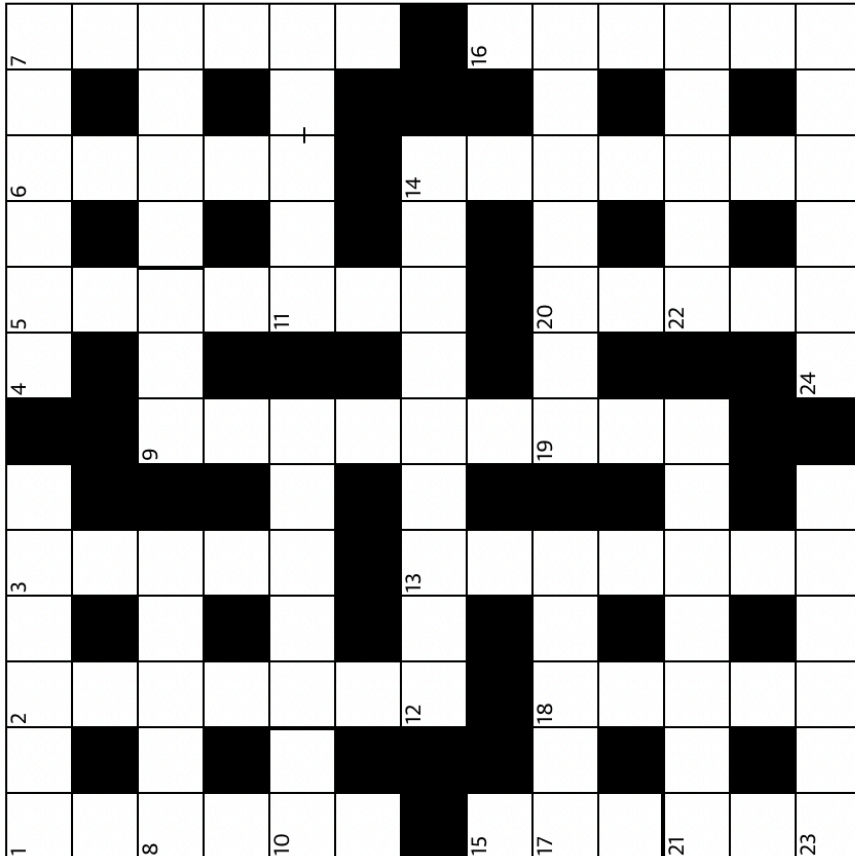
Like a bit of Sudoku?

The same idea but with letters instead of numbers

I					D		B	H
H				G	B			
		C	A			F		
E	G			C		A		
	I		H	B	G		C	
		B		F			I	G
		E			C	B		
			G	H				A
D	C		B					I

Answers next month

*Apologies but I forgot to save the answers for the
July Sudoku.*



Across

- 1 Illicit whiskey (6)
 4 Bad writing (6)
 8 Isolated elements considered separately from the whole (5)
 9 Misfortune (3,4)
 10 In reality (2,5)
 11 Extra time in bed in the morning (3-2)
 12 TV programme depicting true facts about a person or event (9)
 17 Proposal (5)
 19 Demand for payment (7)
 21 Feathers (7)
 22 Avoid dealing with (5)
 23 Native American village in the south-western United States (6)
 24 Risk – peril (6)

Down

- 1 Crew cut, bob or perm? (6)
 2 Too well nourished (7)
 3 Function in trigonometry (abbr) (5)
 5 ç: what's under this letter (7)
 6 é: what's over this letter – urgent (5)
 7 Feeling of pleasure (6)
 9 A speech of violent denunciation – I do beards (anag) (9)
 13 Cut short (7)
 14 Lasting a long time (7)
 15 Range of responses to one question (3,3)
 16 Plastic cup (6)
 18 Stroke of luck (5)
 20 Pleasant prospect (5)

Online games and puzzles to keep you amused

Online games and puzzles: <https://www.games.co.uk/games/puzzle>

Online jigsaw puzzles: <https://www.jigsawplanet.com/>

Online brainteasers, maths puzzles, word games, sudokus and memory games: <https://www.mindgames.com/>

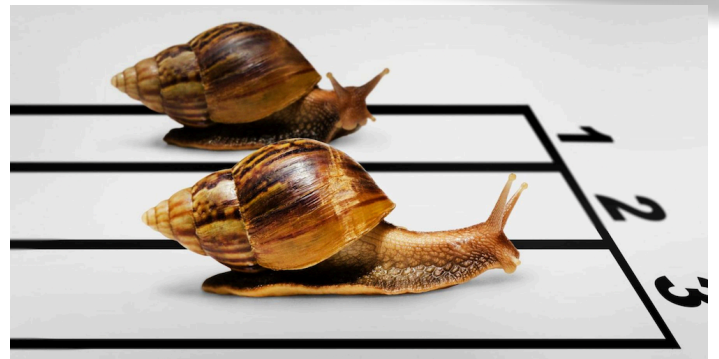
Children's Pages

Children's Quiz

1. Which bird lives in a rookery?
2. What is Harry Potter's middle name?
3. What type of food do penguins eat?
4. By area, which is the largest state in the USA?
5. Where is the smallest bone in the human body?
6. Which of Snow White's seven dwarfs wear glasses?
7. Which is the largest desert in the world?
8. In Great Britain in which month does the longest day occur?
9. What was Beethoven's first name?
10. In which country is the Louvre Museum?

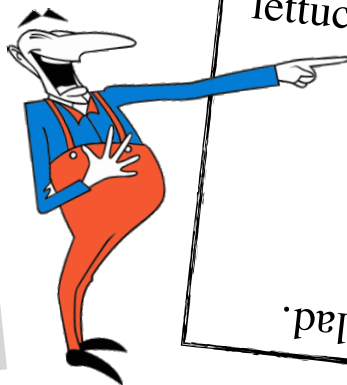
Answers on page 45

I had a pair of racing snails. I removed their shells to make them more aerodynamic, but they became sluggish.



DID YOU KNOW?

In New York it is illegal to sell a haunted house without informing the buyer.



Q: What do you call a rooster staring at a pile of lettuces?

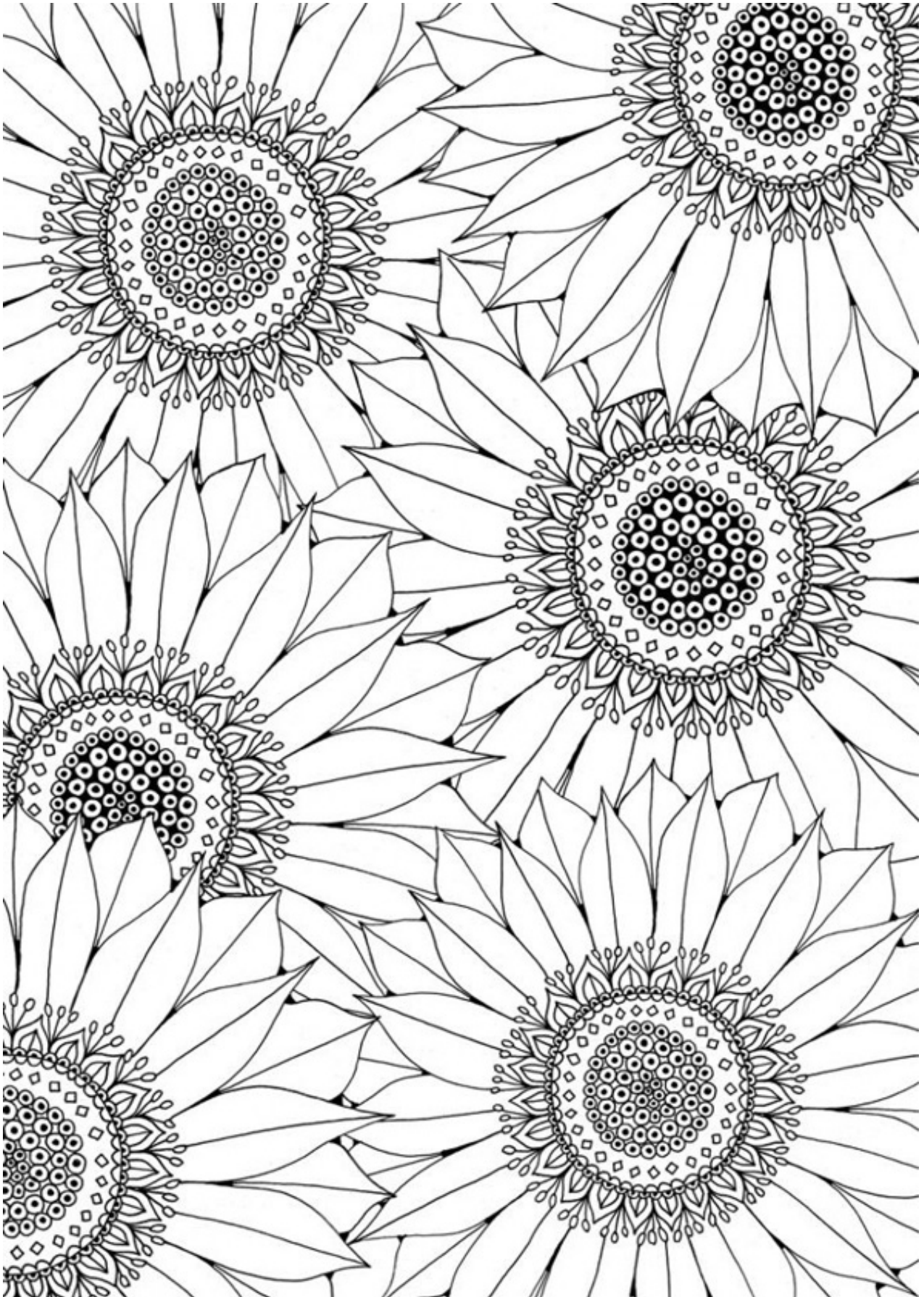


A: A chicken sees a salad.

Children's Pages

(Adults can join in too)

Get your colouring pencils out



Ministry Team Message for August

Just as life seemed to be getting back to normal we are facing a new crisis. And, there is no doubt, for some people it will be the straw that breaks the camel's back.

Christians, however, should be better prepared than most. We have a faith that stems from the unexpected.

The Jews might have expected God to send them a great leader but they didn't expect his arrival to be via an unmarried teenage girl. And they certainly wouldn't have expected his birth to be among animals in a stable.

A group of fishermen going about their daily business certainly didn't expect a wandering teacher to be so charismatic that when he called them away from their work they left it to join him.

John the Baptist knew his role was to baptise people who professed their belief in God but he didn't expect to baptise the man he believed came from God.

The ministry of Jesus is full of people who find themselves in situations they would never have expected. When Zaccheus climbed a tree to get a better look at the passing teacher he never expected not only to be noticed but to be called down and given a job to do.

When the Samaritan woman met Jesus at the well she never expected not only to be speaking to a man but a Jew as well. Nor would she have imagined believing him when he said he had the water of life.

Yet in the end she was so sure that Jesus might be the Messiah that she convinced others to come and see him. And, we are told, he spent two days with them.

Then there was the woman caught in adultery who fully expected to be stoned for her sin. The last thing she would imagine would be Jesus's words: "Whoever one of you has committed no sin may throw the first stone." And then to find that all her accusers had slunk away.

Just as surprising was that Jesus did not condemn her either but, instead, told her to go on her way and not sin again.

Very early on in John's gospel we are told that there was no need for people to tell him about themselves because he already knew what was in their hearts.

That could be a comfort or a warning, dependent on which way you look at it. But for most of us it is a comfort to know that God is aware of our innermost thoughts and the influences on our daily lives.

This doesn't mean that we are puppets. We have free will and everyone in the previous examples could have made a different choice. But the effect of Jesus on them was clearly so great that they opted for the right one.

We cannot see Jesus as they did. He is not sitting with us. He is not looking into our face, telling us our past and foreseeing our future. But he is even closer.

We don't have to wait for the opportunity to meet him. He is always with us if we bother to lift the curtain that we so often bring down between us.

The unexpected will always be with us – for good or for ill – but we can face it with confidence. The appearance of Jesus in their lives was not always expected by the people we have read about. But it made all the difference to what happened next.

If we let him Jesus will make all the difference to our lives as well whatever the world throws at us.

Recipe of the month

Green bean parsley pesto gnocchi

Preparation time: 10 mins

Cooking time: 3 minutes

Ingredients

- 100g flat-leaf parsley , leaves only
- 1 garlic clove
- 40g cashew nuts , toasted
- 120ml extra virgin olive oil
- 40g grated parmesan or vegetarian alternative, plus extra to serve
- 1 lemon , zested
- 500g bag gnocchi
- 450g green beans , halved



Method

1. Roughly chop the parsley leaves and whizz in a food processor with the garlic, nuts and oil to a smooth consistency. Transfer to a bowl and stir through the parmesan and lemon zest, season and set aside.
2. Bring a large pan of lightly salted water to the boil. Add the gnocchi and beans, and boil for 2-3 mins or until the gnocchi floats to the top of the pan. Drain and toss the gnocchi and beans with the pesto, then divide between four bowls. Finish with a little extra shaved parmesan, if you like.



Mobile Library dates & times

Dates	Location	Stop name	Arrives	Leaves
2022 03 August 24 August 14 September	Ulting	Doe's Corner	9:40	9:55
	Ulting	Ulting Lane/Water Co. Houses	10:00	10:15
	Heybridge	Colne House	10:45	11:15
	Heybridge	Coopers Avenue	11:20	11:50
	Heybridge Basin	Bus Stop	12:00	12:15
	Heybridge Basin	Daisy Meadows car park	12:20	12:50
	Goldhanger	Village Hall	13:10	13:40
	Heybridge	Plantation Hall	14:45	15:15
	Langford	Little Hills	15:30	16:00

What goes where?



Essex Police Contacts

Call 999 (emergency) if:

- A crime is in progress
- Person suspected of a crime nearby
- There is a danger to life
- Violence is being used or threatened

Call 101 for any non-emergency contact with the Police. This number covers all of England and Wales but you get the option to speak to Essex Police. Alternatively you can report a crime and more at <https://www.essex.police.uk/do-it-online/>

The Goldhanger Neighbourhood Watch email system is free & confidential. It sends emails with information & advice on current issues in the village. Contact goldhangernw@outlook.com for more information.

Crimestoppers

0800 555 111

You can contact them anonymously with information about crime

**Our collection day is Friday;
Landfill and Recycling on alternate weeks.**

Answers to Children's Quiz on page 40

1. Penguin
2. James
3. Fish
4. Alaska
5. In the ear
6. Doc
7. Sahara
8. June
9. Ludwig
10. France

Website of the Month

Your editors present a quirky, interesting, surprising or who-knows-what web site that may be of interest. Hand-curated by your intrepid cybernaut navigators Chris and Stephen 😊

<https://www.winecellardoor.co.uk>

The idea of visiting a number of French wine cellars on holiday is nothing new, but how about trying it in this country for a change?



Move along

Nothing

To

See

Here

Oven temperature conversions

Centigrade	Farenheit	Gas Mark
140°C	275°F	1
150°C	300°F	2
160°C	325°F	3
180°C	350°F	4
190°C	375°F	5
200°C	400°F	6
220°C	425°F	7
230°C	450°F	8
240°C	475°F	9

BUS TIMETABLE

Monday to Friday

95 Tollesbury to Maldon	Hedingham Omnibus				
TOLLESBURY The Square	0735	0920	1130	1430	1605
TOLLESHUNT D'ARCY School	0740	0925	1135	1435	1610
GOLDHANGER Square	0745	0930	1140	1440	1615
HEYBRIDGE Osea Road	0750	0935	1145	1445	1620
HEYBRIDGE Mill Beach Hotel	0752	0937	1147	1447	1622
HEYBRIDGE Square	0755	0940	1150	1450	1625
MALDON Tesco Store	0758	0943	1153	1453	1628
MALDON High Street	0801	0946	1156	1456	1631
MALDON Blackwater Leisure Centre	0805	0950	1200	1500	1635
MALDON Morrisons	0810	0955	1205	1505	1640
95 Maldon to Tollesbury	Hedingham Omnibus				
MALDON Morrisons	0825	1040	1250	1520	1645
MALDON Blackwater Leisure Centre	0830	1045	1255	1525	1650
MALDON High Street	0835	1050	1300	1530	1655
MALDON Tesco Store	0839	1054	1304	1534	1659
HEYBRIDGE Square	0843	1058	1308	1538	1703
HEYBRIDGE Mill Beach Hotel	0846	1100	1310	1541	1706
HEYBRIDGE Osea Road	0848	1102	1312	1543	1708
GOLDHANGER Square	0853	1108	1318	1548	1713
TOLLESHUNT D'ARCY School	0858	1113	1323	1553	1718
TOLLESBURY The Square	0903	1118	1328	1558	1723

The Blackwater Link - 90

Runs from Morrisons in Maldon to Witham Ebenezer Close (passes Witham Station)
Take the 95 to Bentalls and pick up the 90 there.

For more details contact 01702-541511

BUS TIMETABLE

Saturday

95 Tollesbury to Maldon	Hedingham Omnibus			
TOLLESBURY The Square	0900	1100	1300	1440
TOLLESHUNT D'ARCY School	0905	1105	1305	1445
GOLDHANGER Square	0910	1110	1310	1450
HEYBRIDGE Osea Road	0915	1115	1315	1455
HEYBRIDGE Mill Beach Hotel	0917	1117	1317	1457
HEYBRIDGE Square	0920	1120	1320	1500
MALDON Tesco Store	0923	1123	1323	1503
MALDON High Street	0926	1126	1326	1506
MALDON Blackwater Leisure Centre	0930	1130	1330	1510
MALDON Morrisons	0935	1135	1335	1515
95 Maldon to Tollesbury	Hedingham Omnibus			
MALDON Morrisons	0955	1155	1355	1625
MALDON Blackwater Leisure Centre	1000	1200	1400	1630
MALDON High Street	1005	1205	1405	1635
MALDON Tesco Store	1010	1210	1410	1640
HEYBRIDGE Square	1015	1215	1415	1645
HEYBRIDGE Mill Beach Hotel	1017	1217	1417	1647
HEYBRIDGE Osea Road	1019	1219	1419	1649
GOLDHANGER Square	1025	1225	1425	1655
TOLLESHUNT D'ARCY School	1030	1230	1430	1700
TOLLESBURY The Square	1035	1235	1435	1705

Hedingham Omnibuses:

01206 769778
www.hedingham.co.uk

Stephenson's Buses:

For the Blackwater Link - 90
 01702 541511 (0900-1730)
www.stephensonsofsex.com

HEALTH

Blackwater Medical Centre	876760
Longfield Medical Centre	876433
Tollesbury Surgery	869204
St Peter's Hospital <i>NHS</i> (Maldon - no A&E)	725323
Broomfield Hospital <i>NHS</i> (Chelmsford, has A&E)	01245 362000
Colchester General Hospital <i>NHS</i> (has A&E)	01206 747474
NHS Advice (non-emergency)	111

LOCAL PUBLIC SERVICES

Maldon District Council	854477
Job Centre Chelmsford	0845 606 0234
Local Police (non-emergency)	101 (<i>puts you through to Essex Police</i>)

HELP & ADVICE

Maldon Citizens Advice Bureau	841195
Social Services	08457 430 430
Victim Support (charity for victims of crime)	08 08 16 89 111
Women's Aid	01245 493114
Alcoholics Anonymous	01904 644026
Childline	0800 1111
Universal Credit Helpline	0800 328 5644
Salvation Army	853942
Gingerbread (Charity for single parents)	01245 352708
Outhouse East (LGBT Charity)	0345 123 23 88 (<i>7pm-10pm weekdays</i>)
National Domestic Abuse/Violence Helpline	0808 2000 247 (<i>open 24 hrs, every day</i>)

ELECTRICITY & WATER

UK Power Networks	0800 783 8838
Anglian Water (Sewage flooding)	03457 145 145
Essex & Suffolk Water	0345 782 0999

TRAVEL

National Rail Enquiries	0845 748 4950
Hedingham Omnibuses Ltd	01206 769778 or 564581
Regal Busways	01245 249001
First Eastern National Buses	0845 678 2977
Bus Station Chelmsford	01245 263859
Bus Station Colchester	01206 572478
Stansted Airport	0844 335 1803

SPORTS CENTRES

Blackwater Leisure Centre	851898
Witham Leisure Centre	0845 260 1535

Have you seen my Gnu?

