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We continue to pray for those who have asked to be remembered on our Prayerslips :-

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The Departed: Audrey Smith, Sandra Hill and Ethel Munson

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Our churches are currently now open for a Sunday morning service at 10am each week, but if you cannot make that, may I draw attention to the fact that although we cannot provide an online service, we are including a service on our church website each week. If you are able to get onto the internet there is the “www” link showing above to the All Saints’ with St Cedd’s website and under the heading “Home Worship” there is a weekly service listed, which is kindly provided for us by Rev’d Ray Sams. Also, there is a weekly “Prayerslip” which has details of the people who we remember in our prayers. If you have time to spare, we have numerous back copies of our church magazines or under the heading of “Churches – Visited and Revisited”, you can download numerous booklets that I have compiled of churches seen and visited since I retired from work in December 2016. To date I have covered over 600 in my travels, but not too many new ones seen since March 2020.

Brian Waller

Sunday Readings for October

Revised Common Lectionary:- Year B

The following readings for 'Principal Services' from the Common Worship Lectionary are given as a guide, although these could be subject to change depending on the nature of the service held and at the discretion of the minister who will be conducting that service.

3rd October 18th SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY

Job 1: 1 & 2 : 1 - 10

Psalm 26

Hebrews 1 : 1 - 4, 2 : 5 - 12

Mark 10 : 2 - 16

10th October 19th SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY

Job 23 : 1 - 9 & 16 - end

Psalm 22 : 1 - 15

Hebrews 4 : 12 - end

Mark 10 : 17 - 31

17th October 20th SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY

Job 38 : 1 - 7 (34 - end)

Psalm 104 : 1 - 10, 26 & 35

Hebrews 5 : 1 - 10

Mark 10 : 35 - 45

24th October LAST SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY

Job 42 : 1 - 6, 10 - end
Psalm 34 : 1 - 8, 19 - end
Hebrews 7 : 23 - end
Mark 10 : 46 - end

31st October 4th SUNDAY BEFORE ADVENT

Deuteronomy 6 : 1 - 9
Psalm 119 : 1 - 8
Hebrews 9 : 11 - 14
Mark 12 : 28 - 34

Your word is a lamp for my feet, a light for my path. - Psalm 119:105

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY - OCTOBER

Sunday 3rd	Public Harvest Worship 10.00 am St Cedd's
Sunday 10 th	Public Worship 10.00 am All Saints'
Sunday 17th	Public Worship 10.00 am All Saints'
Sunday 24th	Public Worship 10.00 am All Saints'
Sunday 31st	(All Saints' Day) Public Worship 10.00 am All Saints'

Following the lifting of the majority of the legal restrictions by the government, the wearing of masks in some indoor spaces, hand sanitising and registration for Test and Trace are all being left to individual personal responsibility. Despite increased vaccination rates, the number of cases of Covid is still high, as are hospital admission rates and long Covid remains an ongoing concern, so our approach is to be cautious and careful. Personal responsibility means taking our responsibility toward our neighbours as well as ourselves. We would ask, therefore, that all those attending our churches for services are mindful of those more vulnerable than themselves and to respect any measures that we feel advisable to recommend in our buildings.

PARISH FINANCE

Many thanks to all those who have given donations to the Treasurer, by whatever method, for their collections, their magazine subscriptions or for church flowers, etc. These contributions are very much appreciated as there are still bills to be paid during these challenging times.

If you are away from church at this time you may wish to either send your giving to the treasurer, Brian Waller at 16 Devon Road, Colchester, CO2 9BB (cheques made payable to All Saints PCC), or transfer the money into the church bank account, at sort code 20-22-67, account number 00111112 with a reference to your name. You can also set up a direct debit to the church bank from your bank account.

For any other questions that you may have concerning our parish finance, please phone Brian Waller on 01206 540449.

From the Church Warden

Firstly I wish to thank those of you who voted for me as Church Warden last month. I hope that we as a congregation can work together to keep the Parish of Shrub End thriving. Also a thank you to our visiting clergy, especially the team from Lexden (Rev Matt Simpkins for co-ordinating this task) for helping us to provide cover at our services.

As I write this article, looking out at the sun and feeling the last vestiges of Summer warmth, it's hard to imagine that we rush into the later part of 2021 with its mellow fruitfulness that Autumn brings. We thank all the people who will have and continue to provide our Harvest either through time, toil and talents.

Also with the passing of time we have had the sad news in the last few weeks of the passing of two faithful parishioners, that of Ethel Munson and Sandra Hill, both of whom will be sadly missed by their immediate families and also from their church families.

Moving on into the latter part of the year, we have some items planned and dates for your diaries for the next few months:

Firstly we have our **Harvest Festival at St Cedd's on Sunday 3rd October**. Harvest gifts are going to the Foodbank.* We are also trialling refreshments that morning after service (Covid restrictions allowing). There will be tea and coffee and pre-wrapped biscuits and cakes. The catering team is in place to meet current Covid restrictions, so please stay if you feel comfortable.

Secondly - Remembrance Sunday 14th November. The time of service may change slightly to allow for an Act of Remembrance at the War Memorial at 11.00 am.

Lastly, Christmas (I know it's only October!!!) **Sunday December 19th Service of Nine Lessons and Carols at All Saints' at 4.30 pm (note change of time)** We have been offered the services of Stephen Evans and his choir to celebrate the Festive Season. Afterwards some seasonal refreshments will be provided (subject to Covid restrictions).

At present we are working on other services for Christmas but it has been agreed and confirmed that there will be **NO SERVICE AT EITHER CHURCH ON SUNDAY 26th DECEMBER 2021**.

A reminder to all who are welcome to come to our forthcoming services that Covid 19 hasn't gone away and to keep churches open we need to keep buildings ventilated, so please bear this in mind when attending services.

Yours
Nigel
(Church Warden)

(*Please see page 20 for a list of Foodbank requirements. Ed.)

Dear friends in God,

After I retired as your Church Warden I was overwhelmed by your unexpected generous and kind gift of a book token. Thank you all very much. Since then I have spent much time leafing through the book shops in the High Street and have selected two history books to read in my retirement.

The first is concerned with the foundation of England, "The Anglo-Saxons" by Marc Morris.

The second is concerned with the present day United Kingdom from Suez to Brexit, "Britain Alone" by Philip Stephens.

I trust God that they do not record the start and end of the history of the English speaking people on this planet.

May God be with you all in these difficult times.

Robin Webb

"Manners maketh man"

I have just read a piece read in today's paper about the modern tendency to rubbish people who hold opinions different from our own. It is sad when people cannot disagree without being disagreeable to each other. Good manners include accepting that someone who thinks differently is not necessarily a fool. But accusing other people of discourtesy can be a bit of a minefield. A few years ago, I was waiting in a Chinese take-away to pick up dinner for my wife and me. The Champions League final between Chelsea and Bayern Munich was on the TV. Then six children, aged about 13, arrived outside. Five boys and one girl. The girl sat down on the pavement, playing with her mobile phone. The boys peered through the window, banging on it from time to time in approval or disapproval of what was going on in the match. Then one of the boys came in and shouted at me "Oi, mate, what's the score?"

The other chap in the shop took refuge behind a magazine. I wanted to shout back at the boy "I'm not your mate, I don't answer to 'Oi' and if you want to know the score, just look at the top corner of the screen like a normal person would, instead of yelling at me." But I didn't say anything, because I didn't want to be the sort of grown-up I detested when I was his age, who thought children should be seen and not heard. (And preferably not seen either.) No, I didn't say anything, but I thought plenty. "Do your parents know where you are?" and "Why are you such an ill-mannered little tyke?" were among my more repeatable thoughts. Because the truth is, I did feel this child was disrespectful to me. Was it so unreasonable to want people, including children, to behave courteously? Only later did I understand the lad probably didn't particularly mean to be rude. He was just communicating in what was his style, in the way he communicated with his friends. If societal standards of communication between children and older people had shifted, it was my problem not his, because I chose to get upset about it. Later still, I realised that I knew plenty of children of his age who would not have dreamt of speaking to older people like that. So, me putting it down to a general problem with "society" was also part of my problem.

The proverb "Manners maketh man" was coined by William of Wykeham(1324–1404), bishop of Winchester and chancellor of England. It meant simply that we how behave towards each other marks our humanity. Of course, it includes politeness and courtesy, but forms and styles of speech matter much less than what we actually do, or don't do: whether we care about what happens to people around us. Someone else (I forget who) recently said that the key to living

well is – just be kind. Love is the thing. If we put loving concern for other people at the centre of our lives, it is not possible to behave discourteously: to park on double yellow lines with the hazard lights on, to chuck litter out of car windows, to ring people up trying to sell them stuff they don't want or send them text messages saying they still haven't claimed the £6500 they are owed after the accident they never had. Or, for that matter, to get cross with a child who I don't think has shown me enough respect. Love, said Saint Augustine, then do what you will.

Ray Sams

A Prayer for all Refugees

Heavenly Father

You are the source of all goodness, generosity and love.

We thank you for opening the hearts of many to those who are fleeing for their lives.

Help us now to open our arms in welcome, and reach out our hands in support, that the desperate may find new hope, and lives torn apart be restored.

We ask this in the name of Jesus Christ your Son, our Lord, who fled persecution at his birth and at his last triumphed over death.

Amen

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Reducing the causes of climate change is essential to the life of faith. It is a way to love our neighbour and to steward the gift of creation.

Archbishop Justin Welby

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DEANERY NEWS

The brothers Ride 100 – raising awareness of prostate cancer.

Our Area Dean, Paul Norrington, was diagnosed with prostate cancer in 2014 and we are all delighted that he is in remission. He and his three elder brothers have all been treated for this disease and the four of them are planning a 100 mile cycle ride to raise awareness, and to raise cash at the same time. Paul has posted a letter on the website www.colchesterdeanery.org.uk/docs/TheBrothers100milecycleride.pdf and he is seeking donations via their justgiving site :-

www.justgiving.com/fundraising/NorringtonBrothers

New Priest-in-charge announced

It is announced that Revd Heather Wilcox has been appointed Priest-in-Charge of the Benefices of West Bergholt with Great Horkesley, Langham with Boxted and Wormingford & Mount Bures with Little Horkesley. Heather comes to us from the Diocese of Norwich, where she has amassed a great deal of experience of rural ministry. It is hoped that her Licensing will take place in November. We are asked to pray for her and her family and all the Parishes she will leave and will serve.

Songs of Love and Life at St. James the Great

The Church of St. James the Great, East Hill, Colchester are hosting a concert by Mersea Island based singing group Amoroso on Friday 1st October at 7.30pm, subtitled "Songs for Love and Life". The concert is an eclectic blend of sacred and secular music from Mozart to

Morricone and songs made famous by Eva Cassidy, Lady Gaga, Billy Joel and more. Expect the unexpected. Tickets are £10.00 through the website Eventbrite.co.uk. Search for St. James the Great, Colchester, or ring 01206 86766. I hope you are lucky enough to read this in time to get a ticket. If not I'm sorry – you'll just have to keep an eye on the Deanery News website in future.

Beacon house needs Volunteers

With lockdown easing, Beacon house are able to expand their activities for those in need, so more volunteers are needed. Usual hours are 9.00am until 2.00pm, to help with cooking, laundry and other duties. Contact office@beaconhouseministries.org.uk for an application form. They'll be delighted to hear from you.

Share the Good News with Confidence

Would you like to build up your confidence in telling the Gospel story? The Diocese's local Evangelist course provides an informal interactive setting to explore and grow in confidence and find ways that work for you, to share your faith with others. It is online 9.00am until 1.00pm Saturday 25th September, 23rd October, 20th November and 22nd January 2022. Lots more information from snorris@chelmsford.anglican.org

From Evidence to Action

The Church of England's major report "Evidence to Action" is four years old now, but as we gradually come out of lockdown, Parishes may find a new relevance and importance. The website www.fromevidencetoaction.org.uk has lots of resources and suggestions to encourage Church growth in all settings. It is worth surfing the pages for inspiration to assist our mission activity in the months ahead.

Elections to General Synod

Nominations for the next Quinquennium (5yrs) of membership of General Synod opened on Friday 6th July and closed Thursday 2nd September. Voting opened on the 14th September and closed on 6th October. The results will be announced after the count a day later.

Terry

Editor's Note

Many thanks to all this month's contributors. May I please have material for next month's magazine by the **15th** of this month? Handwritten or typescript items are welcome, as are items on CD or memory stick. If you are unable to get material to me, please phone and I will try to arrange collection.

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Points to ponder

Perfect kindness acts without thinking of kindness. *Lao-Tze*
c 600 BC Chinese philosopher and founder of Taoism

Your own soul is nourished when you are kind; it is destroyed when you are cruel.

Proverbs 11 : 17

Wise sayings often fall on barren ground; but a kind word is never thrown away.

Arthur Helps, 1813-1875, English historian

A good deed is never lost. He who sows courtesy reaps friendship and he who plants kindness gathers love. *Anon*

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Unfortunately the sound system at All Saints' was not operational for the funeral of Ethel Munson, held on 13th September, so a number of those attending were unable to properly hear the tribute given by her son Steve, a copy of which is reproduced below.

Ethel May Carter

Ethel May Carter (Mum) was born on 25th July 1926 the youngest of 7 children. Ethel's early life was spent with her family at Bays Mill, a farm workers cottage set back from Maldon Road close to the Roman River near to where the zoo is now. Whilst the Carter family was materially poor, there was no gas or electricity and their water was drawn from a well, Mum had a happy childhood with loving parents, Henry and Jesse, and loving and supportive older brothers and sisters. They kept a pig and chickens and her father and older brother Reg grew much of what they ate in their large garden.

Mum attended school at what is now the Shrub End Community centre on Straight Road before transferring, at 11, to the Girls' High School, which was based at what is now the Grey Friars' Hotel. To travel to school Mum would walk up the farm track from Bays Mill and then through the muddy Butchers Wood before changing out of her boots into her school shoes before traveling on to school. She would hide her boots on the edge of the wood for use on her way home.

Mum left school at 16 to be an Accounts Clerk at Bland, Fielden & Co., an accountancy company based in Colchester town centre, where she continued to work for 10¹/₂ years. This was a happy time for Mum; she enjoyed her independence and made several strong friends at work with whom she enjoyed "girls' holidays" to London, the Kent coast, Isle of Wight and to Guernsey.

The work gave her the opportunity to exercise her prodigious numeracy skills. During the Second World War, Mum joined the Civil Defence as a messenger and later became a telephonist at the Maidenburgh Street HQ. She enjoyed the Civil Defence work and about once a week Mum would be on an overnight shift, catching sleep between air raids.

Mum married Eric Munson (Dad) in April 1953 and, as was the fashion at the time, gave up work to set up home for him in Berechurch Hall Road and subsequently to look after first Susan and then me. Mum was proud. She kept our home spotlessly clean and required us to keep it that way. Despite living in quite a small cottage we had to constrain ourselves to the living room, the front room only to be visited at Christmas and on other rare special occasions. Before Susan and I left for school each day we were thoroughly scrubbed and inspected (neck, behind ears and fingernails), dressed in clean and crisply-ironed clothes, with our dinner money knotted into our handkerchiefs. Mum used her accountancy skills to good effect in managing our household finances. Each week she would relieve Dad of his pay packet and distribute it amongst the multiple cells of her cash box, one for each of electricity, rates, food, heating, holiday etc. before returning a few coins to Dad for his personal use. We never spent beyond our means and this was engrained into us all.

Mum worked hard, getting up before 6am to get Dad his breakfast and packed lunch before he went to work and to get Susan and me ready for school. She expected us to work hard at school and to help at home. Mum preferred gardening to housework and she was always knitting. Mum's gift to me when I first went to University was a new woolly jumper and a huge Dundee cake, the essentials for my life away from her. One year, when I was at the Gilberd School, I was selected for the school cricket team but matches clashed with my evening paper round delivering the Evening Gazette in the town centre. Without hesitation, Mum agreed to do the paper round without any embarrassment and without payment so that I could play cricket. Also, when Colchester United reached the fifth round of the FA cup, Mum queued for hours to get tickets for Dad, Susan and me.

As Susan and I progressed through school, Mum went back to work, firstly as a dinner lady at Kingsford Primary School, so that she would be at home to pack us off in the morning and welcome us home in the afternoon, and then as a receptionist and clerical assistant at a number of small businesses in Colchester, including Motson the Opticians at Headgate. In 1972 Mum landed her dream job working part-time as a clerical assistant at Colchester Adult Education at Greyfriars and, occasionally in the evenings, at schools around Colchester. She loved the work and made many strong friends especially Valerie Denniss. Mum was particularly delighted when this group treated her to a high tea at the Grey Friars' Hotel for her 90th Birthday. The hotel being the site of her school years and her happy 19^{1/2} years of working at the Colchester Adult Education.

Mum has always had a strong relationship with the Church, particularly here at Shrub End. She attended All Saints' Church from a young age with her family and joined the choir here at the age of 8, often attending church 3 times on Sundays. When she moved to Berechurch, she attended St Michael's Church but returned to Shrub End in 1987 when Mum and Dad moved to Prettygate. She attended Young Wives and took part in Passion Plays and sketch shows, and over the years these developed into the Shrub End Parish Players. The annual pantomime became an important part of Mum and Dad's life with Dad making the props under the direction of Gerry Petit (his Chitty Chitty Bang Bang was a masterpiece) and Mum as a chorus girl with walk-on parts. Many of Mum's friends were from the Church and from the Parish Players. After Dad died in 2004 Mum would sometimes be lonely but, with the support of friends, she continued to enjoy the weekly Woods Social Club. Mum loved her family especially her grandchildren Ben, Lucy and Sophie and she would treasure their frequent visits to her when

her bungalow rang with her laughter at stories of their exploits. She also enjoyed receiving letters from them and from other friends and family and she would proudly show these letters to each one of her visitors, often her helpers in later years, and she looked for them to read the letters and then nod approvingly. If you wrote to Mum, you knew that you were writing to a wider audience! In looking through her things since her death, I have found my own letters to her and Dad from my time at University.

Over recent years, as Mum became physically less able, she was supported by her “Girls” from Homeinstead. She loved their company and the kind care that they gave her. They became her friends and she cared deeply for them.

Mum was proudly independent. She continued to ride her bike daily up until her 85th Birthday and to bus into town most days to do her shopping until she first broke her hip.

Mum was the last of a generation of our family and it is almost impossible for us to envisage the world that she was born into. Her early years framed her life, taking care of family, being self-reliant, avoiding waste, being careful with money, taking care of things, not taking risks and making the best of what the world presented to her.

We loved her and we will miss her.

Lord,

you understand me,
you know my every thought,
my brain is not a mystery to you.

Enter my mind, Lord,
guide and direct my thoughts.

Be before me when I speak,
be beside me when I act,
be within me when I listen,
that I might possess
the wisdom born of love,
for you are love,
the love which understands everything.

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Never give in! Never give in! Never, never, never - in nothing great or small, large or petty -
never give in except to convictions of honour and good sense.

Winston Churchill, 1874-1965, British statesman and Prime Minister.

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Quiz Time

- (1) In the Bible, what are the first three words of Genesis?
- (2) Which Sanskrit word means ‘awakened one’?
- (3) According to the Bible, Ham was the second son of whom?
- (4) Which ‘stone’ was removed from London’s Westminster Abbey on Christmas day 1950?
- (5) Which S is a deadly sin, and a tree dwelling animal?

- (6) Which African country is regarded as the spiritual home of the Rastafari religious movement?
- (7) Which F is to be moving at high speed, and to abstain from food or drink as a religious observance?.
- (8) In religion, according to Islam, who was the last of the prophets?
- (9) John Sentamu was given which English title in May 2005?
- (10) Which Biblical figure destroyed the Temple of the Philistines?
- (11) Theravada is a branch of which religion?
- (12) According to the bible, what was the name of the murderer who was released by Pontius Pilate in preference to Jesus?
- (13) Who was the first person to commit murder in the Bible?
- (14) Which London palace is the official residence of the Archbishop of Canterbury?
- (15) According to the Bible, how many children did Adam and Eve have together?
- (16) Not including Sundays, how many days are there in Lent?
- (17) In Roman mythology, what was the name of the brother slain by Romulus?
- (18) According to the Bible, what was the first bird to be sent out of the Ark by Noah?
- (19) Which luggage company is named after a Biblical strongman?
- (20) What is the first bird mentioned in the Bible?

Answers on page 19

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THE CHURCHES OF COLCHESTER

I now believe that I have come to the end of my record of churches seen and visited in my local area when I complete my list below, so I will have to think of something else to talk about next month.

I conclude my trip around Colchester, and first it is to the **Evangelical** church in **Stanway** in Chapel Road (Book 13, Page 3). This is opposite the Doctor's Surgery. In 1878 a group of Christians were meeting in a barn that was situated in Warren Lane. Attendance grew to such an extent that there was a need for a permanent building. This was built in Chapel Road in 1886. In 1955 the denomination became known as the Union of Evangelical Churches (U.E.C.). They are also associated with the Fellowship of Independent Evangelical Churches (F.I.E.C.). The church premises were completely rebuilt during 1991 and it offers comprehensive facilities for the requirements of church members and the community it serves.

The next church on my list does not exist any more, but once was close to where the Bus Station is now. This was the **Strict Baptist** in Stanwell Street (Book 1, Page 38). This was demolished in 1971 to make way for Colchester's Inner Ring Road. The chapel was built in 1811 or 1812 for a new congregation, some of whom had seceded from the Baptists in Eld Lane. Colchester Elim_Pentecostal Church used the chapel 1957–71.

The Lifehouse was in King Harold Road (Book 8, Pages 12 and 13). However in recent times they now hold their services in St Cedd's church hall. When I initially wrote my research about the group it said that they are part of the Partners in Harvest network, and they are lovers of the river of revival which has been pouring out since 1994. In their Father's love they are truly alive ... being built together to be a safe place, where his presence can rest ... where the thirsty can be refreshed ... where the lost can find life...They love to laugh yet also to care for those who need a hug.

In Maldon Road, can be found the **New Church** (Book 1, Page 14). This was built in 1924. In 1967 the church building was expanded. The sanctuary was extended two metres in length, a new school room, and a new entrance porch were also added. The designer of the new additions was architect Geoff P. Dawson.

Unitarians, Trinity Street (Book 18, Page 17). Little is known but they seem to meet in the Trinity Centre.

In Wimpole Road, Old Heath is the **Wimpole Road Methodist** church (Book 9, Page 3). It is a substantial Gothic style Methodist Church erected in 1904. The New Town area of Colchester was developed from 1878 and within four years the Colchester Wesleyans had started the search for a suitable site. By the turn of the century the first Trustees had acquired a prominent corner site immediately next to the former Military Parade Ground and then (and still) a Recreation Ground. Total costs including the land were about £4,500.

The Church when opened contrasted with the small plain country Chapels in the surrounding villages. It had a tower and a spire, although these were of no practical use. It was clearly a Church and not a Chapel. It did not however follow that because the Church and its premises were large that the congregation were affluent. Early records show that although the congregations were good, the people “mostly if not altogether of the Artisan class” were of limited means and “were unable to grapple” with a great and long lasting debt. Three years after opening the debt was well over £3,000 and the balance at the bank was £33. The work however was “a decided success”.

The Church flourished between the two World Wars. As was the fashion, pews were placed in every part but, it is said, the Church was full for both morning and evening services. The Sunday School was very strong numbering several hundred children. After the Second World War other Methodist Churches in the district closed with members transferring to Wimpole Road. Membership peaked in the 1960s. Substantial renovations took place in 1979 and the premises have now been subsequently updated.

Today they have an attractive Church with modern facilities and with an active caring family membership. They have served the New Town area of Colchester for over a hundred years and have every intention of doing so in the years to come.

And finally a church that I struggled to find, but did eventually spot it. This was the **Wycliffe Baptist** church in Parson’s Heath (Book 12, Page 25). Sadly no detailed information could be found about this building.

All reference to books can be found on our church website www.shrubendparish.co.uk These are found under the section “Church Visited and Revisited” Thanks to the various church websites and other sources for my information

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FRIENDS OF ALL SAINTS’

Do you have links with the parish church of Shrub End?
Were you, or a loved one, baptised, confirmed or married there? Is a loved one buried in the churchyard?

If so, you would probably wish All Saints' to stand there in perpetuity as a keeper of your own memories and to provide the same services to others. Have you considered joining the Friends of All Saints'? By expressing your support with a modest annual subscription you can help to ensure this church's survival against the ravages of time.

Please contact Stephanie D'Silva on Colchester 576370 for further information.

Answers to Quiz Time on page 17

(1) In the beginning, (2) Buddha, (3) Noah, (4) Stone of Scone, (5) Sloth, (6) Ethiopia, (7) Fast, (8) Muhammed, (9) Archbishop of York, (10) Samson, (11) Buddhism, (12) Barabbas, (13) Cain, (14) Lambeth Palace, (15) Three, (16) 40, (17) Remus, (18) Raven, (19) Samsonite, (20) Raven

*We need someone to update our Baptismal Role
and the Book of Remembrance,
ideally someone who can do calligraphy*

*If you would be able to help in maintaining these
records please contact Brenda
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To make you smile ...

A teacher was giving a lesson on blood circulation. To try and make it clearer she said, 'Now class, if I stand on my head the blood will run into it and my face would turn red.' The class agreed. 'Why is it, then,' she said, 'that when I stand on my feet the blood doesn't run into them and turn them red?' 'That's easy', said one of the pupils, 'Your feet ain't empty!'

1st Actor: 'What's the matter with our leading lady?'

2nd Actor: 'She's only had nine bouquets after her performance tonight.'

1st Actor: 'Isn't that enough?'

2nd Actor: 'No - you see she had paid for ten!'

Please don't forget your local Foodbank.

They continue to provide a minimum of three days emergency food to local people in crisis. Their shopping list currently requires donations of small bags of rice, longlife milk, longlife juice, shampoo, carrier bags/reusable bags, squash, tinned fruit, deodorants, tinned potatoes, tinned puddings, tins or packets of custard, jam, peanut butter, tooth brush/tooth paste, razors, shower gel, small jars of coffee, small washing powder/liquid, small multipack snacks (Penguin/Club/Twix), and tinned tomatoes.

Some notable events that happened in October...

1 st	1207	Birth of England's King Henry III
2 nd	1452	England's last Plantagenet King Richard III is born.
3 rd	1283	Dafydd-ap-Gruffydd, Prince of Wales, became the first nobleman in Britain to be hanged, drawn and quartered.
4 th	1911	Britain's first escalator opens at London's Earls Court
5 th	1930	The British airship R101 crashes near Beauvais, France, killing 48 people.
6 th	1892	Death of the English Poet Laureate Alfred, Lord Tennyson, who immortalised 'The Six Hundred' in his poem 'The Charge of the Light Brigade'.
7 th	1920	Women become eligible for admission as full members of Oxford University and are given the right to take degrees.
8 th	1967	Clement (Richard) Atlee dies. British Labour politician. As Prime Minister 1945-51 he introduced radical reform of the social welfare system and introduced the NHS.
9 th	1967	Transport Minister, Barbara Castle, introduces the breathalyser. The breathalyser offers a way of testing a person's BAC (<i>blood alcohol concentration</i>) level at the roadside.
10 th	1903	Founded today by the English suffragette Mrs Emmeline Pankhurst at her home in Manchester <i>The Women's Social and Political Union</i> , campaigning for women's suffrage in Great Britain.
11 th	1899	Start of the Anglo Boer War.
12 th	1984	An IRA terrorist bomb kills 4 people at the Grand Hotel, Brighton, Sussex.
13 th	1852	Birth of Lily Langtry, actress and mistress of King Edward VII.
14 th	1066	Harold II, England's last Anglo-Saxon King was killed at the Battle of Hastings in Sussex - possibly by an arrow in the eye as shown in the Bayeux Tapestry.
15 th	1666	Samuel Pepys, diarist, records the wearing of the first waistcoat by King Charles II.
16 th	1902	England's first prison for Young Offenders is opened at Borstal in Kent.
17 th	1860	The first professional Golf Tournament is played at Prestwick, in Western Scotland. Mr Willie Park heads the leader board.
18 th	1865	British Tory politician Lord (Pumice-stone) Palmerston dies in office. His abrasive and arrogant style earned him his nickname.
19 th	1781	British general Lord Charles Cornwallis surrenders to George Washington at Yorktown, Virginia, ending the American War of Independence (Revolution).
20 th	1632	Birth of English architect Christopher Wren who was responsible for the rebuilding of St Paul's Cathedral following the Great Fire of London.
21 st	1805	Admiral Nelson was mortally wounded at the Battle of Trafalgar, near Gibraltar.
22 nd	1957	The children's cartoon hero Captain Pugwash makes his television debut.
23 rd	1642	The first major battle of the English Civil War takes place at Edgehill in south Warwickshire. Charles I and Prince Rupert lead the Royalists and the Earl of Essex leads the Parliamentarians.

24 th	1537	Henry VIII's third wife, Jane Seymour dies following the birth of the future king Edward VI.
25 th	1854	Lord Lucan leads The Charge of the Light Brigade at Balaclava during the Crimean War - famously recorded in Tennyson's poem.
26 th	1863	Formation of the English Football Association who documents the first rules of soccer.
27 th	1914	Birth of Welsh poet Dylan Thomas.
28 th	1831	English physicist Michael Faraday demonstrates the dynamo founding the science of electro-magnetism.
29 th	1618	English courtier, writer and explorer Sir Walter Raleigh' is beheaded on the orders of King James I.
30 th	1925	The first television transmission of a moving image is made by Scottish inventor John Logie Baird.
31 st	1517	Martin Luther nails his '95 Theses' to the church door at Wittenberg Germany triggering the Protestant Reformation.

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