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### Clerks to the Parish Councils:

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Little Braxted Gordon Musset Tel 01376 520103

### Neighbourhood Watch Coordinator:

Great and Little Braxted Mandy Chapman Email:  
[thebraxtedsneighbourhoodwatch@yahoo.com](mailto:thebraxtedsneighbourhoodwatch@yahoo.com)

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Saturday 09.00 – 13.00

## Next Parish Councils

**Great Braxted** The next meeting of the Gt Braxted PC Thursday 9th  
January 2019, 8:00pm – in the Pavilion  
Email: [greatbraxtedpc@gmail.com](mailto:greatbraxtedpc@gmail.com)  
Website: <http://greatbraxted.com/>

**Little Braxted** All are held at the Braxted Bakery, and start at 7.00 p.m.

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## WELCOME TO DECEMBER

And so we come to December, which is traditionally a time when everything picks up pace – at least for the first 24 days of the month!

So here is part of a Christina Rossetti poem for you.

"In the bleak midwinter, frosty wind made moan,  
Earth stood hard as iron, water like a stone;  
Snow had fallen, snow on snow, snow on snow,  
In the bleak midwinter, long ago."

## WELCOME TO BRAXTED

... If you have new neighbours that you would like to add to this article next month, please let me know.

## MONTHLY COMMUNITY COFFEE MORNING \*free Tea & cake

Held the first Tuesday of every month, from 10am to noon at the Braxted bakery. Lots of information booklets available covering avoiding scams, safety advice, health etc When possible the local police attend and it is a great chance to meet other people from the villages. \*Tea & cake for Braxted residents.

## Transform your garden for free !

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# ST NICHOLAS, LITTLE BRAXTED

(In the Ecclesiastical Parish of Wickham Bishops with Little Braxted)

There are the usual December Services at St Nicholas this month starting with the St Nicholas Patronal Festival on Sunday 8th at 4.00pm, then the special mid-week Carol Service on Wednesday 18th at 4.00pm followed by some 'seasonal refreshments'. The Candlelit Christmas Eve Mass as usual takes place at 11.30pm - a spectacular atmosphere with hundreds of candles lighting the way!

All are of course very welcome at these and at any of the services listed below: The third Sunday of the month Communion Service will start in January and each month thereafter with a couple of exceptions in April and September – see separate item for the 900th Anniversary Celebrations.

## AT ST BARTHOLOMEW'S, Wickham Bishops

St Nicholas' and St Mary's Chapel and other venues where shown

<b>Sunday 1st</b>	<b>Advent 1</b>
8.00 am	Holy Communion
10.30 am	Parish Eucharist
4.00 pm	Christingle Messy Church
<b>Monday 2nd</b>	8.30 am Parish Prayers at the start of the month
<b>Wednesday 4th</b>	10.15 am Holy Communion
<b>Sunday 8th</b>	<b>Advent 2 and St Nicholas Day</b>
8.00 am	Holy Communion
10.30 am	Parish Eucharist
4.00 pm	Patronal Festival Eucharist at St Nicholas
<b>Wednesday 11th</b>	10.15 am Holy Communion
<b>Sunday 15th</b>	<b>Advent 3</b>
8.00 am	Parish Eucharist
10.30 am	Morning Praise
<b>Wednesday 18th</b>	
10.15 am	Holy Communion
4.00 pm	Carol Service at St Nicholas
<b>Sunday 22nd</b>	<b>Advent 4</b>
8.00 am	Holy Communion (1662)
10.30 am	Parish Eucharist
6.30 pm	Festival of Lessons and Carols
<b>Tuesday 24th</b>	<b>Christmas Eve</b>
5.00 pm	Crib Service
11.30 pm	Midnight Mass
11.30 pm	Candlelit Mass at St Nicholas
<b>Wednesday 25th</b>	<b>Christmas Day</b>
10.30 am	Holy Communion
<b>Sunday 29th</b>	<b>Christmas 1</b>
8.00 am	Holy Communion
10.30 am	Parish Eucharist

<b>Contacts:</b>	Priest-in-Charge	Rev Hilary le Sève	01621 892867
Churchwardens		Barry Cousins	01621 891355
		Graham Wingrove	01621 891844



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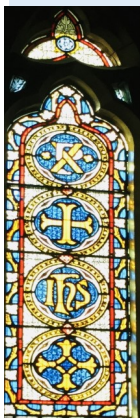
There will be the usual and regular services, such as on Good Friday, Easter Sunday, a Choral Evensong and of course the Patronal Eucharist. A number of events, activities and special services are also being planned during the year some of which are in the diary now, viz:

A Friday in March—A lunchtime Concert with soup and a roll or sandwiches

Thurs 17th September—A talk on the work of Rev. Ernest Geldart by Dr James Bettley JP DL FSA

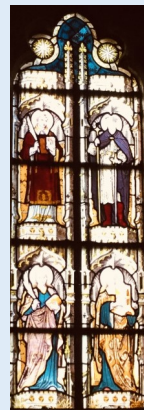
Sunday 27th September—Parish Eucharist at 10.30 am led by Bishop Stephen

Still in the planning stage are a couple of Saturday Open Days a Songs of Praise and an Evening Concert later in the year.



The start of Celebrations and the first opportunity to join in will be at the 9.00am Parish Eucharist on 19th January , with a special guest The Ven. Archdeacon Ruth.. .....followed by breakfast, well, at least coffee/ tea and bacon butties, a photo-shoot and perhaps snowman building for the kids!

Please register your interest on the form at the back of St Bartholomew's or let Elsie Rees know that you are coming at [donald.rees@btconnect.com](mailto:donald.rees@btconnect.com) or tel. 01621 8936



For 'Group Visits' of about 1½/2 hrs for clubs and societies email [stnicholas@churchinwickhambishops.org.uk](mailto:stnicholas@churchinwickhambishops.org.uk)



## ALL SAINTS GREAT BRAXTED

### CHURCH NEWS December 2019

Another year almost over and we are looking forward to Christmas when we can celebrate the birth of Jesus Christ. This season is ADVENT.

Our services will be slightly different of course – please see details below.

There will be a Christmas Tree Festival at St Luke's Tiptree from 30th November to 7th December and a number of local organisations are entering trees. Our one from All Saints Great Braxted will demonstrate a variety of activities from the village. Proceeds from the festival will be for Farleigh Hospice and Friends of St Luke's. Also, there will be a concert at St Luke's by the BEVERLY BROTHERS on 30th November at 7.30 pm

Our main CAROL SERVICE will be on Sunday 22nd December at 11.15 am and will consist of the Nine Lessons and Carols and we include building the Crib. All welcome to this popular event.

The church services at All Saints for the coming month are as follows:-

SUNDAY	1st December	<b>CHRISTINGLE</b> at 11.15 am Supporting The Children's Society
SUNDAY	8th December	Communion at 11.15 am
SUNDAY	15th December	Matins (Morning Service) at 11.15 am
SUNDAY	22nd December	<b>CAROL SERVICE</b> at 11.15 am
TUESDAY	24th December	"MIDNIGHT" COMMUNION at 10 pm
WEDNESDAY	25th December	Family Communion at 11.15 am
SUNDAY	29th December	<b>NO SERVICE TODAY</b>
SUNDAY	5th January 2020	Epiphany Family at 11.15am Followed by a Baptism

#### Contacts:

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	Toni Curson	01621 819149
Admin Assistant	Christine Hall [office hours]	01621 819557

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The responses we get from this consultation will enable us to develop an Integrated Risk Management Plan (IRMP) in the New Year.

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The consultation will close at 5pm on Friday 13 December 2019.

If you have any questions or comments please email [IRMP@essex-fire.gov.uk](mailto:IRMP@essex-fire.gov.uk)

Thank you for your support.

James Palmer

Assistant Director (Prevention and Protection)

Essex County Fire and Rescue Service

## Message from the District Councillor

The district council over the past year has gone through a major transformation and the first phase of this has just been completed. As part of the transformation of services, you can now access services online.

To register or access go to: [Maldon.gov.uk](http://Maldon.gov.uk) and click on the myMaldon button at the top right hand corner of the page.

The Council is also seeking your views so that we can shape the future delivery of services. A survey has been published for residents to complete.

The survey will be available from 7 October 2019 to 29 November 2019 online at [www.maldon.gov.uk/yourviews](http://www.maldon.gov.uk/yourviews) or you can access the survey at the Council offices where staff will be available to help complete the survey online.

The results of the survey will be analysed and reported to Councillors as part of performance reporting and District insight. If you have the time to complete the survey it will enable the council to meet your needs.

I look forward to meeting more residents in the next 12 months, and to help in anyway that I can.

I would like to wish everyone a Merry Christmas and Happy New Year.

Kind regards

Councillor Richard Siddall

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## School News

### Year 2 - Butterflies



We have been learning about butterflies and that the lifecycle goes round and round. We released some butterflies. They were painted ladies. We saw them change from a caterpillar to butterflies. It was very cool seeing it. *By Natasha 2P*

### Year 1 - Toy Museum

*Year 1 enjoyed a wonderful day with a visit from the Toy Museum. The children were given the opportunity to learn about and explore toys from the past. In the afternoon the children made some of the toys that were investigated in the morning. Both children and adults had an enjoyable day. Thank you to all the adult helpers that gave up their time to help out. What a great way to kick start our new topic!*

### Cross Country

Our first sporting event of the year was on the 8th October, when our cross country competitors arrived at St Francis Primary School Field in Maldon. The afternoon started in warm sunshine but after the Year 3 and 4 groups raced, the black clouds loomed overhead. It took us by surprise, as many of us came unprepared for what was to come.

The year 5 and 6 race was shortened because of the heavy rain but the children's resilience came into force. Even the spectators were in good spirits although soaked through! The certificates did not survive – of which we received many, but we were able to reprint them! Three children achieved 1st place, five children 2nd place and 3rd place was awarded to two children! They all deserved a medal for their determination and high spirit, especially considering the awful weather!

### Year 6 Football Tournament

Shrub End Sports Ground in Colchester was the destination for the Year 6 Football Tournament. We won four matches and drew one, which means we are through to the finals on in November where 8 teams will compete for the trophy.



### Tag Rugby Tournament



Maldon Rugby Club hosted a whole day of tag rugby for the local schools. During the morning Year 3 and 4 played and in the afternoon it was the turn of Year 5 and 6. It was an enjoyable day for all involved with Year 5/6 taking joint second place. Thank you to Stuart Pearson (our rugby coach) for organising the event

### Dates for the Diary

Friday 6th December 2019 – Christmas Market (4:30pm)

Saturday 16th May 2020 – Sponsored Walk (10am start)

Friday 10th July 2020 – Summer Fete (5-8pm)

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## Remembrance Day Service

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Residents from Little Braxted, Great Braxted, Wickham Bishops and Great Totham joined together in a tremendous show of respect.

Services on 10th November all went well, and our local Memorial was attended by the 4 parishes plus scouts, guides, and a bugle player.



# Home Alone On Christmas Day?

are you going to be alone at home on Christmas Day  
or do you know someone who is:-

Why not join us as our guest for a complimentary luncheon at the  
United Reform Church, 90 Newland Street, Witham, CM8 1AH.

A traditional Christmas Day lunch at 12:30 pm on 25<sup>th</sup> December  
including a slice of Christmas cake and a cup of tea until around 4:00pm,  
whilst watching the 'Queen's speech' in friendly company.

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**Start at The Old Ducane, Great Braxted** proceed toward **Wickham Bishops** via **Tiptree Rd**, until you reach a sharp bend in the road, and then turn right into **Braxted Rd**, follow the road passing another fork in the road where you stay left and follow the road down until you reach the junction of **Tiptree Rd** with **The War Memorial** on your left, turn tight at this junction and follow **Tiptree Rd** down until you reach the cross Roads at **Snow corner**.

Proceed straight over at the cross roads with **Wickham Bishops Village Hall** on your right, and follow **Church Road** as far as you can passing the beautiful **St Bartholomews Church** on your left.

Shortly after passing the church you will turn sharp left into **Station rd**, follow this road all the way down until you reach the junction with **Langford Rd**, turn left at the junction, follow the road for a short distance and you will see a gate on the right with a small sign post for **St Peters**, turn into this bridleway, and after going around the gate follow the path until you reach the **old railway bridge**, after crossing the bridge turn left and follow the bridleway which will lead you onto the **Blackwater Trail**.

Follow the **Blackwater trail** until it abruptly ends at the **Langford Rd**, turn left here and follow **Langford Rd** back to the junction with **Station Rd** which should be signposted **Wickham Bishops**, turn right into **Station Rd** watching for traffic on this sharp bend.

Retrace your route back **up,up Station Rd & Church Rd**, perhaps dismounting on the steeper part, and maybe stopping for a well earned water break at **St Bartholomews Church**.



After either stopping at or passing **St Bartholomews Church**, follow **Church Rd** back up past **Wickham Bishops Village Hall**, until you once again reach the cross roads at **Snow corner**, cross straight over and follow **Tiptree Rd**, until you see **Carters Lane** on your left, turn up **Carters Lane** and follow this until you reach the **T junction**, turn left here and follow the road until you reach **The Green Man pub**, where you could stop off for a tempting drink or continue on.

After your potential indecision at **The Green Man** turn right up **Braxted Rd** and retrace your route via this road and **Tiptree Rd** back to **Great Braxted** and the **finishing line**.



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## VILLAGE ACTIVITIES IN BRAXTED PAVILION & GROUNDS

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**Metafit [keep fit]** 6:30pm – 9pm. *Lisa Brand*  
*01621 893720*

**Tuesday**      **Whist Club**, 7pm every 1<sup>st</sup> & 3<sup>rd</sup> Tuesday of the month from October to April. *Roy Copsey*01621 892697

**Wednesday**    **Pilates Class** 4:30pm - 5:30pm. *Maureen Barnes*  
*07718741362*

**Thurs& Sat**      **Dog Club** Thursday 09:30am-1:30pm, 1<sup>st</sup> Saturday of the month (Excl Jan), from 10am. *Diane Sawford* 01621 893664

**Friday**          **Braxted Art Club** 12pm-5pm. *David Joyce*01621 891241

**Pop-Up Pub**, bring drinks & nibbles, all welcome, £1 a head, *every second Friday evening of the month from April-December*

**Saturday**      **Braxted Bombers Keep Fit** (outdoors when weather good) 8.30am -9.30am. Terry Martin 07976617534

**Misc**            **Parish Council and Pavilion Committee** Meetings (details in Bulletin)  
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## KIDS CORNER

