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Dear all,

On the second Sunday before lent the gospel reading (Matthew 6:25-end) reminded me how sometimes as human beings when we go through challenges we start worrying resulting in fear and emotional distress. The scripture also made me realise that the world is filled with anxiety- about finances, health, relationships, and the future -worry has become almost normal. Yet Jesus spoke directly into this human struggle with words that remain as powerful today as when He first spoke them: *"Therefore I tell you, do not worry about your life... But seek first the kingdom of God and His righteousness, and all these things will be added to you."* (Matthew 6:25, 33)

Jesus was not dismissing real needs. He acknowledged that we require food, clothing, shelter, and security. But He challenged something deeper - the tendency to let these concerns dominate our hearts and determine our peace. Worry, He taught, cannot add a single hour to our lives. It drains our strength but produces no fruit.

Instead, Jesus invited us into a better way: **trust**. He pointed to the birds of the air and the flowers of the field - neither anxious nor striving, yet abundantly cared for by God. If the Father clothes the grass and feeds the sparrows, how much more will He care for His children? Worry, then, is not simply emotional distress; it is often misplaced trust - trusting circumstances more than God's character.

This is why Jesus does not merely say, "Stop worrying." He replaces fear with purpose: *"Seek first the kingdom of God and His righteousness."* To seek God's kingdom means to place His rule and His values first. As we do God's work, working in His vineyard, serving people, loving one another and seeking him (the Word of God and prayer). Seeking His righteousness means aligning our lives with God's ways.

God does not ignore our needs- He promises to provide for them. Provision flows best when trust flows first. When we make God our highest pursuit, we discover that He faithfully carries the weight of what concerns us.

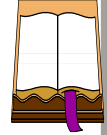
The teaching does not mean life will be free from hardship. It means hardship no longer rules our hearts. Faith does not deny difficulty - it declares dependence. Peace comes, not from having everything under control, but from knowing Who is in control.

In an age that teaches us to secure ourselves through our own strength and knowledge, Jesus teaches us to trust and seek. His kingdom does not begin with anxiety but with surrender. His righteousness does not grow through fear but through faith.

So today, when worries rise -about tomorrow, etc , we return to Jesus' words. We lift our eyes above circumstances and re-center our hearts on God's reign and goodness. When we seek Him first, we discover something greater than provision: We discover peace.

The Reverend Theresa Musiwacho

# PARISH REGISTER



Name	Date	Community
<b>Death</b>		
Barry AYERS	24.12.2025	Essendon
David WILLIAMS	01.02.2026	Essendon
Eli GRAHAM	02.02.2026	Essendon
Rita PALLETT	10.02.2026	Essendon
Rosemary TUBBS	20.01.2026	Little Berkhamsted

## MARCH 2026 Calendar

### Sunday 1st March

09,30	Parish Communion	Essendon
09,30	Family Service	Ponsbourne
11.00	Parish Communion ,	Brickendon

### Sunday 8th March

09.30	Parish Communion	Bayford
11.00	Family Service	Little Berkhamsted

### Sunday 15th March

09.30	Family Service	Essendon
09.30	Parish Communion	Ponsbourne
11.00	Family Service	Brickendon

### Sunday 22nd March

09.30	Parish Communion	Little Berkhamsted
11.00	Family Service	Bayford

### Sunday 29th March

10.15	Group Parish Communion,	Brickendon
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### Easter Services

#### Friday 3rd April                      Good Friday

10.00	Easter Garden	Essendon
11.00	Easter Story	On Line
12.00	One hour at the cross	Little Berkhamsted
18.30	Evening Service	Essendon

#### Saturday 4th April

19.30	Easter Lights Vigil	Ponsbourne
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#### Sunday 5th April                      Easter Day

09.30	Parish Communion	Essendon
09.30	Parish Communion	Ponsbourne
11.15	Parish Communion	Bayford
11.15	Parish Communion	Little Berkhamsted

### Wednesdays

09.30	Holy Communion Service, Essendon , followed by coffee
10.15	Telephone Service

## From the editor

### Are you a local historian with a story to tell?

I would like to include an occasional local history section—perhaps starting with the history of the 5 churches or other buildings or monuments—are there any local historians with a good tale to tell?



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### **Prayer Share**

God of peace, care and love, we pray for your holy Spirit to rule in our hearts. May you give us your peace when we are worried and continually assure us that you are the provider of all our needs. For you have good plans for us, plans to bring us to a good and expected end.

We pray all this through our Lord Jesus Christ. **Amen**



**Bible Study** The Bible study group has started again at 7pm at The Rectory in Little Berkhamsted. This year the Nicene Creed has its 1700th anniversary so we will be using this as our theme . We try to meet every two to three weeks. Each study is a separate topic so you just attend when you can manage. We are a friendly group trying to make sense of God's word and everyone is welcome.

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## Garden Notes March



I am sitting here in the middle of the day, indoor lights full on, it is pouring with rain outside and I am wondering if by the time you read this how things will be looking in our gardens! Nature is quite amazing how it appears to tease us in so many ways and how, in turn, we

cope!

One of the vital things at this time of year is balancing what we can get on with outside on a fine day with any accidental damage we may cause if conditions are too rough. Nature is amazing in the way it restores things so we must be sensibly positive!

I always think it is worth trying to 'rescue' apparently damaged plants when the weather is rough but there still looks hope. So, carefully cut

back the damage and, if you can, do move what survives to a safer place, if only for the time being. Also 'pot up' and keep in a sheltered place anything that looks as if it might grow and you will be surprised what does!

Snowdrops this winter have been a picture so don't be afraid to sort and spread these too.

It is a good thing that we don't know what March will bring, but we in turn, if we are flexible, will cope. Let us continue to share our 'hatchings' with other gardening friends!



Happy Spring Gardening! Germander Speedwell

### ***Jobs for March***

\* Focus on prepping for spring by clearing weeds, applying mulch to borders, and planting summer-flowering bulbs like Dahlias and Lilies.

\*Start sowing hardy vegetables such as peas, onions, and parsnips, and plant early potatoes.

\*It is also the ideal time to divide perennials, prune shrubs, and clean greenhouses and tools.



# Bayford

## St. Mary's Church

**Church Cleaners -**  
Dawn Staal & Tracy Bensted

### **BAYFORD PARISH COUNCIL**

To read the minutes and agendas just Google '*Bayford Parish Council*' and follow the link to '*Minutes*'.

**Meetings.** Please check the web site.

The next meeting is the Parish Assembly, 16<sup>th</sup> March, 8pm in the Memorial Hall.

Michael Wainwright , Chairman.

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#### **Bell's Wood**

We are at present seeking a further Zoom meeting with Sara Saunders, Head of Planning at EHC. The central issue is the number of mobile homes allowed on the site, when EHC responds to the submitted 'certificate of lawfulness'.

#### **Friends of The Baker Arms.**

A revised planning application has been submitted by McM. The PC and FOBA have posted letters on the Web site, broadly in support of the revised application. We recognise this application is not ideal, but we consider it to be the best we are likely to obtain. It does address a number of issues raised by us and others, in particular the width of the footway.

**From the Editor - re Baker Arms** - I recently received a newspaper cutting from a Bayford resident about The New Clarence pub in Hull which was rescued from closure by a community effort. They listed the pub as an Asset of Community Value (AVC) and raised almost £250,000 (helped by selling 500 shares at a minimum of £100) and received £300,000 through a government Community Ownership Fund (sadly no longer available). After six months of renovations, it reopened as a community-owned pub - which are mainly not-for profit operations, and recently won a Pub Saving Award. My informant wondered if a similar approach could be tried for the Baker Arms - unless the PC and residents have already tried - or if there were a few wealthy locals who could help out....

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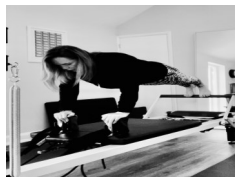
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## Essendon Nature Notes

It often seems that the most ignored and unobtrusive of all our common birds is the humble hedge sparrow. It is not actually a sparrow and its proper name is 'dunnock' but for a bird which needs all the help it can get to be noticed I



am not sure that its more modern moniker does it any favours so I will carry on with its traditional designation for now.

On one of those gloomy rainy days that have marked out this late winter, I heard a hedge sparrow singing as I walked the byways, its lone voice a welcome note of brightness in the dampness and drizzle. It is fair to say that its song, a pleasant melodic jangle, is completely in keeping with its character - understated and more chorus line than main act. However this bird is worth a second look even though at first glance 'dun' certainly seems a correct description. Its features are fine and delicate with its sharp bill, streaked upper parts and chestnut and grey coloration.

As the more colourful and glamorous birds dominate the bird table and feeders, scuffling and jockeying for position, the hedge sparrow creeps unnoticed underneath, picking up scattered seeds and generally keeping out of the way of the noise and bustle. Nonetheless its low-key attributes are ones to be admired, consistent and regular in its habits it is always around in our gardens and hedgerows and a point of consistency amidst the changing seasons. Perhaps all us shy introverts should recognise one of our own and vote to adopt the hedge sparrow as our official bird.

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# Brickendon

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### Services March 2026

1<sup>st</sup> 11.00am Parish Communion Service  
15<sup>th</sup> 11.00am Family Service – Mothering Sunday  
29<sup>th</sup> 10.15am Group Communion Service

**Easter Sunday – 5<sup>th</sup> April - The service will be  
Parish Communion in Bayford Church at  
11.15am**

### Altar Flowers

	26 <sup>th</sup> (February)
	5 <sup>th</sup> March
LENT	12 <sup>th</sup> March
no flowers	19 <sup>th</sup> March
	26 <sup>th</sup> March

### Church Cleaning

Tessa Whitlow
Polly Shipton

### **Parish Council Meetings**

**Next meeting : 26th March 2026**

Parish Clerk: Laura Brooks-Payne  
Brickendon Liberty Parish Council  
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**Book Club** - meets first Tuesday of the  
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## Cooking Ideas by Ruth Newton

### Fresh Basil Pesto

Pesto is a great versatile, store cupboard ingredient that adds flavour to many different dishes. The homemade version will keep for up to a week in the fridge, ready to add at a moments notice to pasta, soups or casseroles. I like to make it in a pestle and mortar, but you can use a mini chopper instead – just add everything and blitz until smooth.



#### Ingredients:

1 clove of garlic, finely chopped  
1 bunch of fresh basil leaves (about 30g)  
½ tsp sea salt  
20g pine nuts  
20g grated parmesan  
2tbs olive oil

**Method** Remove the larger stalks from the basil leaves and tear up the leaves into the pestle and mortar. Add the sea salt and garlic, and pound together until you have reduced the leaves to a pulp. Add the pine nuts and crush into the basil pulp. Add the parmesan and repeat until all the ingredients are mashed together – it will be a bit sticky at this point. Finally add the olive oil and stir together until combined. Transfer into a lidded jar or small dish covered in clingfilm, and store in the fridge.

#### Recipe Ideas:

Stir a spoonful of pesto into a bolognese sauce for spaghetti or lasagna.  
Add to any green pasta dish, for example courgette and peas.  
Use to flavour soup or casseroles – it goes particularly well with minestrone or chicken by adding a spoonful at the end of cooking.  
Spread on top of salmon or cod fillets before baking in the oven.  
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# Essendon, Woodhill, Wild Hill & Woodside

St. Mary the Virgin

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Lent—no flowers



## Essendon's Parish Council Meeting – 10th March

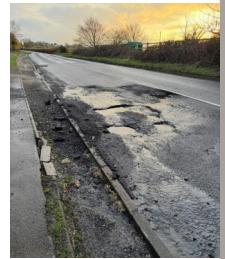
The next meeting of Essendon Parish Council will take place on Tuesday 10th March at 7.00pm in the Village Hall. The agenda will be available on the Parish Council website and displayed on the village noticeboard during the week beforehand.

Residents are warmly encouraged to come along. There is always an opportunity to raise questions or concerns, and the Council is keen to hear from anyone who wishes to share a local issue or idea. If you have a query you'd like to discuss in advance, please contact the Clerk at [clerk@essendonparishcouncil.gov.uk](mailto:clerk@essendonparishcouncil.gov.uk)

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## **Rita Pallett** **1939 – 2026**

Many of us were very sad to learn recently of the sudden death of Essendon resident Rita Pallett. Rita was born in the village and lived there all her life, marrying Barry in 1957 and raising her two sons Duncan and Jamie. The family moved into their

home in Rectory Close when it was built in 1963 and have lived there ever since.

Becoming a grandmother and great grandmother, her family was the focus of Rita's life and she cherished her role as matriarch and confidante.

Her other love was nature and animals – and she could often be seen around the village picking greenery for her tortoise or walking her beloved dogs. Varied interests including speedway, greyhound racing and a huge variety of handicrafts kept her busy. Rita loved the village and was very involved, throughout her life, working at the school she had attended, organising events, fundraising and supporting her neighbours and friends.

Rita was a 'people' person and enjoyed nothing more than talking to anyone and everyone, often to the embarrassment of the person who was with her! She had a wicked sense of humour and you always knew when she was in the room – she was loved by many and will be much missed.

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The family would like to thank everyone for the kind words and memories of Rita and appreciate that people will want to remember her and pay tribute to her. Rita requested a private send off for close family only but the family have said there will be the opportunity for everyone who wishes, to pay their respects to her in due course.

With grateful thanks – Barry and family



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### **Current regular events at the village hall**

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**WI** 3rd Wednesday evening 7.45 Contact Lyn 07971 909 540

**THURSDAY** Pilates 9.30-10.30 Contact Keti 07718 386 195

**FRIDAY** Essendon Connect Coffee and Chat 9.30-11.30 am

Contact Cas 07831 341 886



## Essendon Connect

We are open every Friday morning in the Village Hall from 9.30-11.30 for free tea, coffee, cake and lots of chat. All residents welcome. Give us a try!



**Photos of the Soup lunches at the Village Hall last month.**



**ESSENDON WI Wednesday 18th March  
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If you didn't attend the February meeting you missed a real treat -

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Interested in considering joining Essendon Women's Institute?

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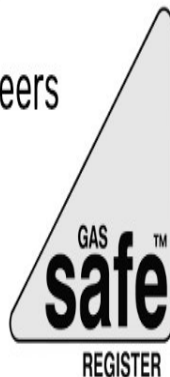
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### **COUNCIL VACANCY**

We have a vacancy to become a Parish Councillor. The civil parish of Little Berkhamsted covers the village of Little Berkhamsted and the hamlets of Epping Green and Howe Green. The council comprises seven elected members and meets in the village hall at 7.30pm usually on the 3rd Wednesday of alternate months. Being a councillor is all about giving back to your community by bringing your energy, passion, and hard-working attitude. By doing this, you can make a real difference to the local community.

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# St Andrew's Church News

## Friends of St Andrews Pancake Supper

28 people came together in the Little B village hall on Shrove Tuesday to enjoy a warm evening of food and fellowship. There was an array of home cooking with quiches ranging from Quiche Lorraine, spinach and ricotta, asparagus and Chevre, salmon and watercress, salmon and courgette, as well as pizzas, all accompanied by Tuscan, Waldorf and green salads and coleslaw. This plentiful feast was followed by as many pancakes as you could eat. After we had finished eating, there was a very challenging pancake quiz and a raffle with some tempting prizes. Many thanks to Maggie, Norma, Margery, Sandie, Reuben and Siena for all their help. All funds raised went to the church" Sarah B.



### Weddings, Baptisms and other matters.

Registration is held on the 1<sup>st</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> Saturdays of each month 10.00 to 11.30 am at Little Berkhamsted Church

### VISIT OUR WEBSITE

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5. In Greek mythology, which goddess did Paris choose as the winner of a beauty contest?
6. Which English city has the nickname "Pompey"?
7. How many US states include a cardinal compass point in their name?
8. What is the maximum number of 20p pieces you can offer for a purchase to remain legal tender?
9. Where will the 2030 winter Olympics be held?
10. In which Shakespeare play is the St Crispin's Day speech made on the eve of the Battle of Agincourt?

**Brain teaser** Can you name the 10 EU capital cities that do not have either an E or a U in their name?



  
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4. Rugby Union;
5. Aphrodite ;
6. Portsmouth;
7. 5: West Virginia, North and South Dakota, North and South Carolina;
8. 50 x 20p coins – up to the value of £10 ;
9. French Alps ;
10. Henry Vth

**Answer to February brain teaser -** The Danube River flows through which ten European countries:?

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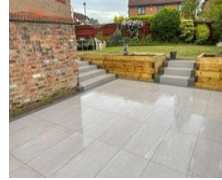
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