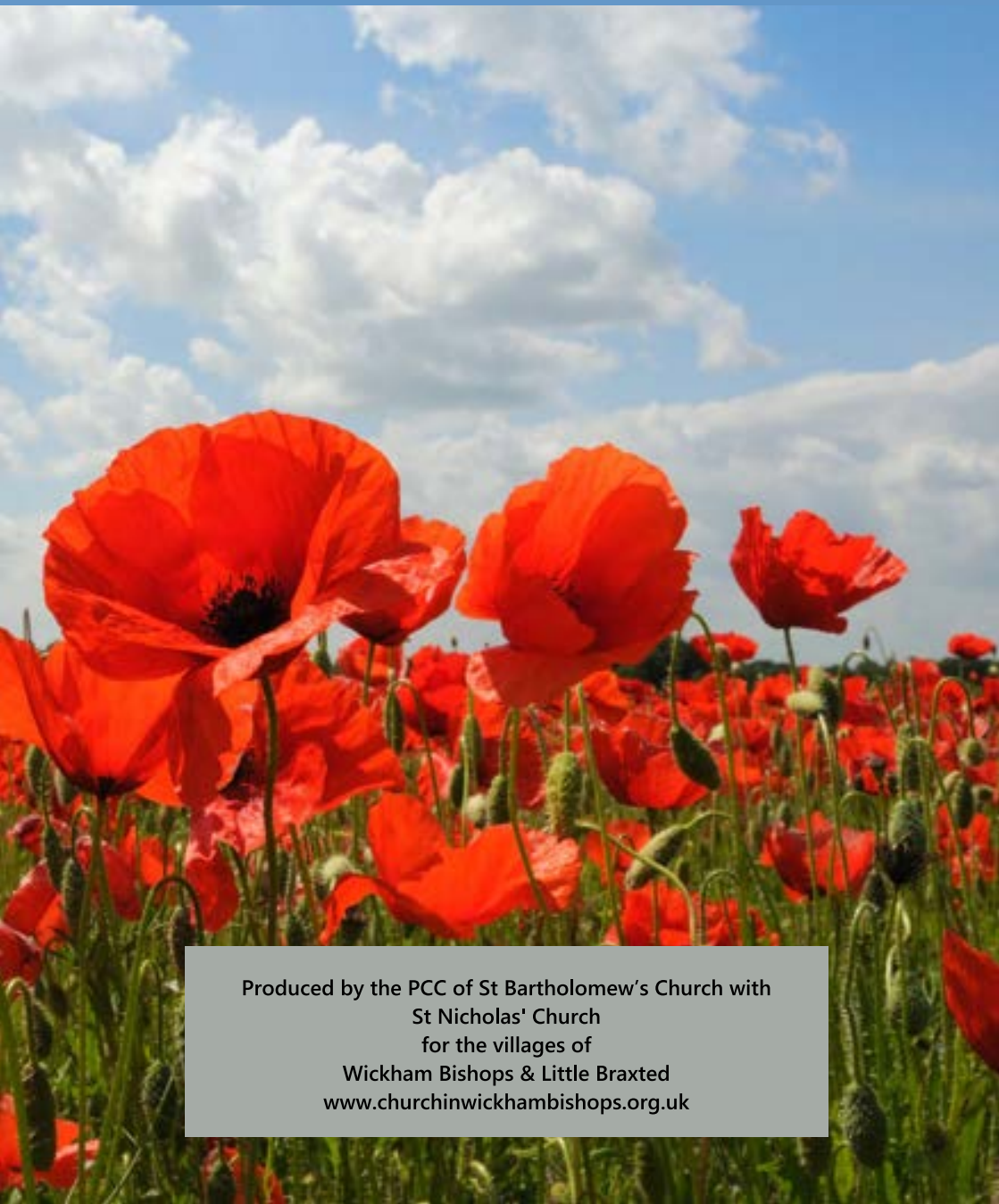
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Marriages: None
Funeral Service and Burial: None
Interment of Ashes: None

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Church Services for November 2026

At St. Bartholomew's or, except where shown in red.
Our 10.30am Sunday services at St. Bartholomew's are on FB Live.

Sunday 1st	**All Saints**
8.00am	Holy Communion
10.30am	Holy Communion
Sunday 8th	**Remembrance**
8.00am	Holy Communion at both services we hold a
10.30am	Holy Communion short Act of Remembrance.
Sunday 15th	**2nd Sunday before Advent**
9.00am	Holy Communion BCP at St Nicholas'
10.30am	Family Morning Praise
Sunday 22nd	**Christ the King**
8.00am	Holy Communion BCP
10.30am	Holy Communion with Baptism
Saturday 29th	**Advent Sunday**
8.00am	Holy Communion
10.30am	Holy Communion: Hosting Beacon Parishes

All Holy Communion Services are from Order 1 Common Worship except where shown as BCP, i.e. the Book of Common Prayer, 1662 version. The 8.00am Service is a shorter, said service without music and at the 9.00am said BCP at St Nicholas' we usually have a couple of hymns.

NB. Depending on the availability of visiting Clergy services are subject to change.

All are very welcome at any of our services and especially for a chat at refreshment time after the 10.30 service

Dear friends



November: it's unusual for you to hear from me again after only a couple of months. The last time I wrote the foreword for the magazine was in September, and many will have realised that, in the absence of an incumbent or priest-in-charge for the Ecclesiastical Parish of Wickham Bishops with Little Braxted, the monthly task has fallen to just a few folk. Whether you are a member of our congregations or not, I'm sure you will know that the parish post of 'church leader', and 'cure of souls', has been vacant since the Rev. Hilary retired after Easter 2024 — yes, that's two and a half years and counting that we've been 'in vacancy'. It's the longest we've ever been in this situation, and it's a trying time for our small team of volunteers, especially the retired and other busy priests on whom we rely for our Sunday and other occasional services, such as baptisms, weddings and funerals.

The latest news is that there is a current advert for the post of Team Vicar for the Beacon Group of Parishes, covering Great and Little Totham, Goldhanger and our parish, and interviews are scheduled for early December. This means that, if we have suitable applicants, we could have an incumbent in place by Easter next year. Your prayers are needed!

So why my turn so soon? John G has moved away; Christine, our Pastoral Assistant and an Authorised Preacher, wrote last month; and Elizabeth, also an Authorised Preacher, is enjoying a late holiday on the high seas, so I've picked up the ball! My wife and I just dream about holidays, but we do hope for a few days away before this gets into print. Our last holiday was three nights away last March!

Holiday! It looks a bit like Holy Day, and of course that's where the word originates. The Old English word for Holy Day was "hãligdæg", and over time it evolved into 'holiday', with a much wider meaning that now includes secular and leisure time, from breaks between school terms to time off work or vacations. Holidays, in the main, tend to be longer periods of time and are a much more recent innovation, deriving especially from the Industrial Revolution, when factories closed down for maintenance. Even then, in the beginning, they were not paid days 'off work'!

Holy Days originated as religious, particularly Christian, times of reflection and worship and usually tend to be a single day. The most obvious Holy Day in the Christian calendar is every Sunday, the day set aside for worship and reflection after a busy week, and associated with piety, reverence and solemnity, as well as joy in community with our fellow travellers in the faith. Over the years, many Holy Days have emerged to commemorate certain events or the lives of certain people recognised as saints, but not all of these have continued as holidays in this country as they have in Europe.

Then we have Bank Holidays, a term originated by Parliament in 1871; before that, the Bank of England closed on about 33 working days a year. These were mostly Saints' Days. The Bank Holidays Act 1871 fixed just four days on which banks must close in England, Wales and Northern Ireland: Easter Monday, Whit Monday, the first Monday in August and Boxing Day. Good Friday and Christmas Day, along with all Sundays, were considered traditional or customarily recognised as common-law holidays. A further Act came into force in 1971, and subsequent changes and additions were made, including the scrapping of the religious Whit Monday (the day after Pentecost) and the introduction of the late spring holiday. The 1971 Act also introduced a legal device whereby Bank Holidays can be moved or additions declared by Royal Proclamation.

We, in a Christian context, also celebrate or commemorate Holy Days that are not 'public holidays' but are nevertheless marked with services of solemn remembrance and piety, such as Epiphany, Ash Wednesday, Maundy Thursday, the Feast of the Ascension, Pentecost, All Saints' Day and All Souls' Day.

And so, we have the evolution of Christian belief and tradition, sometimes through the adoption of old pagan ritual days over the past couple of centuries, to thank for giving us both special Holy Days and other holidays on which to regularly renew and refresh body, mind and spirit.

November heralds All Saints' Day, Remembrance Sunday and Advent Sunday, which begins the four Sundays of preparation for the Feast of the Nativity, i.e. Christ-mas — or is it *Krismus*?!

Every blessing. Happy holydays, whenever they are.



Acting as Verger and general dogsbody for the 8.00 am at St Bartholomew's and the 9.00 am at St Nicholas'… Ever yours.

Church News

Womens Christian Fellowship

Our AGM was held on a beautiful, sunny October afternoon. After a short business meeting, we enjoyed a delicious cream tea, a table quiz and a bring-and-buy table. We also discussed the venue for our Christmas meal.

On the subject of Christmas, our speaker at the next meeting is Mr John Richard, a magician whose talk is entitled "My Life in Magic"—definitely a fitting subject to start the festive season. John is a member of the Magic Circle, and it promises to be a 'magical' afternoon. Do come; everyone is welcome. The meeting will be held on Wednesday 11 November at 2.30 p.m. in Bartholomew's Church Hall.

Denise

REGULAR CHURCH SPONSORED GROUPS

NOVEMBER

2nd 2.00pm BIBLE STUDY GROUP in St B Hall
7th 9.30am BEACON PARISHES PRAYER CIRCLE WICKHAM BISHOPS
9th 2.30pm DROP IN for tea and cake in St B Hall
10th 7.30pm BIBLE STUDY - check venue
11th 2.30pm WOMENS CHRISTIAN FELLOWSHIP St B Hall
16th 2.00pm BIBLE STUDY GROUP in St B Hall
24th 7.30pm BIBLE STUDY - check venue

CARPET BOWLS CLUB - every Tuesday at 2.00pm in the Hall
EDWARD BEAR CLUB – every Monday at 10.00am in term time

St. Bartholomew's Church

Remembrance Sunday

8th November



8 a.m. Holy Communion

10.30 a.m. Holy Communion

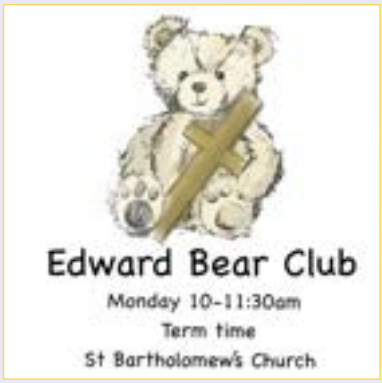
with 2 minutes silence

2.30 pm at the

War Memorial







This term at Edward Bear Club we have been celebrating Autumn, with a collection for Harvest Festival and lots of arts and crafts, including making hedgehogs and painting autumnal trees.

Come and join us!

Every Monday during term time, 10:00-11:30am at St Bartholomew's.

Visit from the Lord of Ulting



In September Rev. Derek Clark arranged a special visit to St.Bartholomew's from the 25th Lord of Ulting, John Wright.

He brought his personal Piper Alastair Mac an t-Sealgair along to give us a rendition on the bagpipes of Amazing Grace during the morning Eucharist service.

St Bartholomew's
Church Hall
Wickham Bishops

Monday 10th November 2026
2.30 - 4.00 pm

Interested? Just come along or call Sue on 01621 892032



Braintree Area Foodbank
Together with Trussell

Our Harvest shopping list

Food items

- Packet/Cup Soup
- Tinned Veg (Carrots, peas, sweetcorn)
- Tinned Fruit
- Packet/Instant Mash
- Jam/Marmalade
- Tinned/Packet Custard
- Chocolate
- UHT Milk





Non food items

- Soap (Bars or Hand Pump)
- Shampoo



We ask for small packs as larger packs do not fit in our boxes making it difficult for our clients to carry home.

We follow the standards set by the Food Standards Agency. We can only accept donations of unopened and undamaged goods that are still well within their "use by" date (no less than six months if possible).

We have lots of ways that you can help including Fundraising. Hold a tea party, do a sponsored personal fitness challenge or just make a monetary donation it will help someone in food hunger

W: braintreearea.foodbank.org.uk/give-help/collection-points/

T: 01376 330694

Registered Charity Number 1148782 Company Number 08183618

Harvest Festival



The church looked beautiful last weekend for our Harvest Service and food collection. Our flower ladies certainly did a good job!



Many thanks to all those who donated food items. These will be transported to the Trussell Trust warehouse in Braintree this week for sorting and distribution out to the various centres who deliver and issue food to those in need across the area.



The foodbanks also offer help with local debt advice or mental health support. For further information visit https://braintreearea.foodbank.org.uk



Would you like St Bartholomew's Church to pray for you?



If so please send an email to :

prayer@churchinwickhambishops.org.uk

Do state if you would like your prayer

- Said in a service
- Prayed for by our prayer circle who meet monthly on the first Saturday in the month
- Emailed to those on our prayer chain

There are also Prayer Request cards in the Church which, when completed can be popped in the Prayer Request box.

Church Groups and information

The church has a number of groups for people who wish to learn more about the bible and the Christian faith and fellowship.

There are:

- Study groups that meet during the week
- Home fellowship groups that meet during the week
- Drop in for coffee and chats

For details of meeting times and dates please see the details in the box on **page 6** for November. The weekly pew sheet is also available on the church's Facebook page or via the website **churchinwickhambishops.org.uk**

In our prayers at all our services and at home the following are currently on our list:

Louise, Denise, Jean, 'James, Charlotte, Ellie and Oliver', Martin, Ann, Barbara, Peter and Elsie.

Requests can be left in the box in St Bartholomew's or via Christine our Pastoral Assistant



THREE VILLAGES WAR MEMORIAL

SERVICE OF REMEMBRANCE

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HONOURING OUR WAR DEAD

SUNDAY 8TH NOVEMBER at 2.30pm



Appeal for help!

We are looking for persons willing and able to volunteer to help keep St Bartholomew's churchyards tidy on an organised and regular rota basis.

Duties generally occur every 4/5 weeks and involve just a couple of hours or so mowing each time and at your own time. Saying this we find it works quite well if we can 'pair' mowers up but it's not essential as flexibility is the key.

Mowing machines provided!

This work is, incidentally, very much appreciated, not only by the families of the bereaved, but by the village in general.

If you can help please contact Richard Yelland on 07936128209.



Community News

Welcome to the community news pages of the magazine.

We have started compiling a list of all the groups in the village with contact details as a regular feature in the magazine. The current list is inside the back cover.

If you would like your group included please email details to:

magazine@churchinwickhambishops.org.uk or wbmag@outlook.com

WICKHAM BISHOPS WI
REPORT SEPTEMBER 2026



September's meeting was full of light-hearted entertainment. Singer-songwriter Rick Christian accompanied himself on guitar and encouraged everyone to join in songs from the 1950s, 1960s, 1970s and 1980s. We were surprised by how many lyrics we remembered, and we would warmly recommend him.

Members also discussed possible speakers and outings for 2027 before concluding the afternoon with our usual tea and home-baked cakes.

Our meetings are held in Wickham Bishops Church Hall on the last Thursday of the month 2-4pm. We are always happy to welcome visitors and new members.

Please contact Margaret on 01621 815161 for further information.

Margaret Curtis

Beacon Wine Circle



Our latest meeting was our AGM, which we tried to make more appealing by offering members port and cheese, as well as our version of the TV show The 1% Club. Things did not start well because the hall had no power following an earlier cut, but the problem was resolved and we had a really good evening.

The official proceedings were brief, after which we moved on to the food, drink and game. The game was difficult: it is all about interpreting cryptic clues and thinking in a particular way, which I found challenging, especially after a port or two! Anyway, there was a clear winner, so we have proved that we have some clever members.

We are now looking forward to an Italian wine tasting on 13 November, when the theme will be a Venetian carnival. Members are encouraged to dress appropriately, although this is not compulsory. The committee is also working on pop-up events to complement the programme, which we hope members will find appealing.

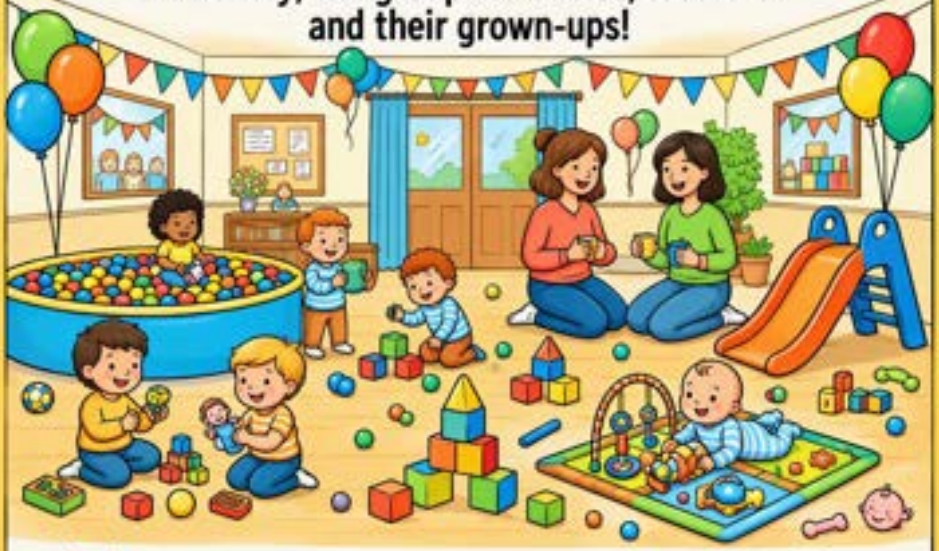


We are keen to welcome new members and encourage people to come along and give us a try. We meet in the village hall at 8 pm, usually on the second Friday of the month. For enquiries, please contact Simon Morrison at beaconwine81@gmail.com.

WICKHAM BISHOPS

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Great Totham WI

At our October meeting, we welcomed fellow WI member Lindsey Barrell back for a highly entertaining follow-up to “Burlesque, Me and the WI”, which we enjoyed a couple of years ago. This time, Lindsey focused on members of her group who, like her, were navigating the tribulations of menopause while continuing to perform burlesque. Where does one put an HRT patch when wearing a corset? Lindsey kept us in stitches as she displayed some of the performers’ costume adornments and shared numerous anecdotes about incidents on stage. It was an uplifting evening!



Next month we will be undertaking some Christmas crafts under the expert tutelage of Brenda and Margaret.

We are always delighted to welcome new members. You are invited to join us as a guest at any of our meetings, held on the second Thursday of each month at Great Totham Village Hall, starting at 7.30 pm.

For more information about our group, visit our website at www.greattothamwi.weebly.com or email greattothamwi@gmail.com.

Would you like to see your photo of the local area on the front cover of the magazine? If so send your photo to wbmag@outlook.com. No prizes but we will credit the photographer.

This month's cover photo is a stock photo chosen by Louis - poppies for Rememberance Sunday



Wickham Bishops Parish Council

A General Meeting of the Parish Council was held on the 6th October. The minutes can be read on:

www.wickhambishopsparishcouncil.org

Several residents have reported dog-fouling, especially around Handley's Lane. If you are walking a dog and it leaves a 'deposit', you are legally bound to clear up after it. There are many dog bins around the village which are emptied regularly. Failing to clear up after a dog in any public open space is an offence, and you could receive a Fixed Penalty Notice (FPN) and/or a fine of up to £1,000.

There have been a number of power cuts in recent weeks, with the area around School Road particularly affected. Though many of these last for just a few seconds, they can seriously disrupt computer users, as a sudden loss of power can cause data loss. UK Power Networks, which maintains the distribution cables, has asked us to keep a diary of any such interruptions to the supply. If you suffer a power cut, please report it to the Parish Clerk at the email address below once the power is restored, giving the date, time and duration of the interruption, if possible, and the road affected.

Our Chairman and Councillors would encourage you to attend the annual Service of Remembrance at the War Memorial on Sunday 8th November. Chairman Ian Warprop will lay a wreath on behalf of the Parish Council.

A 'Saturday Surgery' will be held in the village library from 11 am until 12 noon on Saturday 21st November. If you would like to discuss anything about Wickham Bishops in a less formal setting than a monthly meeting, we would encourage you to come along and speak to the councillors on duty.

A General Meeting of the Council will be held in the boardroom of the village hall on Tuesday 3rd November, starting at 7:30 pm. All residents are invited to attend and may raise questions about any agenda item or other matter of concern during the Public Forum section of the meeting.

Councillors may be contacted individually, or you may contact the Parish Clerk on 07542 190176 or by email at

info@wickhambishopsparishcouncil.org

You can view the Council website on your mobile phone by scanning this QR code:

Wickham Bishops Horticultural Club



Our meeting during October was a visit to Dragons Garden, near Roxwell. Thankfully, it took place on a dry morning in what had been a rather wet week, and 20 members enjoyed this beautiful garden, not to mention the excellent cakes and coffee!

For our meeting in November, we look forward to welcoming renowned local artist and sculptor, John Doubleday, to talk about "**Art In The Garden**". John's work has included statues of political leaders such as Nelson Mandela and Golda Meir, as well as cultural icons such as The Beatles, Sherlock Holmes and Laurel and Hardy, plus, of course, the statue of Byrhtnoth in the Promenade Park in Maldon. The talk will be in the Church Hall on Thursday 19th November, at 7:30 pm. All are welcome to come along and hear what should be a fascinating talk.



Members enjoy a 10% discount on all stock at Olivers Nursery and at Claremont Garden Centre (between Maldon and Danbury), packeted seeds from King's Seeds at half the catalogue price, as well as free entry to all talks, visits and social events at cost price, and lots of free gardening advice.

For more information, please phone Wendy or Stewart on 01621 893360, or email HortiClub@outlook.com.

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Christmas at Mrs Salisbury's

FROM 13TH NOV	Festive Afternoon Tea Begins	All Sites
FROM 13TH NOV	Sunday Roasts & Evening Menu	Wickham Bishops
WED 25TH NOV	Christmas Wreath Making Workshop	Wickham Bishops
THUR 26TH NOV	Festive Favourites Bistro (Light Up Maldon)	Maldon High Street
TUE 1ST DEC	Christmas Wreath Making Workshop	Coggeshall
TUE 1ST DEC	Princess Afternoon Tea with Elsa & Anna	Maldon High Street
FRI 4TH DEC	Festive Favourites Bistro	Maldon High Street
SAT 5TH DEC	A Country Christmas with Live Country Duo	Coggeshall
TUE 8TH DEC	Princess Afternoon Tea with Elsa & Anna	Coggeshall
11TH - 24TH DEC	Enlightened	Coggeshall
TUE 15TH DEC	Princess Afternoon Tea with Elsa & Anna	Wickham Bishops
THUR 17TH DEC	Festive Favourites Bistro	Maldon High Street

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December 2026/January 2027	November 13th 2026
February 2027	January 13 2027
March 2027	February 12th 2027
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The final notes from the farewell letter of Rev T G Gibbons, Rector 1899-1907

I started this series in April after noting the photo and advert/notice about the village library, formerly the village school. The following jumps back to the beginning of Rev Gibbons' letter.

Dear People,

After nearly eight years spent amongst you in Wickham I should like to write a few words of farewell, with a brief record of some of the events that have taken place.

It was the 7th of June,1899 that I received a letter at Halstead from the Bishop of St Alban's offering me the living and saying, "I shall feel great satisfaction in entrusting the parish to your charge."

The next day my wife and I started on a voyage of discovery and arrived at Wickham station a little before 10 o'clock. It seemed too early to call at the Rectory *[the old Rectory]* at once, so we climbed the hill and walked past the church and High Hall then by the school to Grange Lane. I was a lovely day and we could see the distant view. The gardens at Mrs. Percy's and Mrs. Coote's were bright with flowers, so the first impressions (except for the poorness of some of the cottages) was very favourable.

We received a hearty welcome from Mrs. Snell and her daughters at the Rectory. Of course we were charmed at the garden, though the size of the house rather alarming.

I was very fond of Halstead, but after nearly thirteen years there, I thought it would be a good thing for the place to have a change and other reasons had some influence with me; so after sleeping over the prospects I wrote to the Bishop and accepted Wickham.

It took some time to settle up affairs and the Rev. Stephen Perry was in charge of the parish until we could move, On August 4th the Bishop admitted me with a solemn service to be the new Rector and the formal induction was fixed for September 2nd.

Mrs. Gibbons came in advance to settle the furniture and made friends with Mr. Arthur Williams, who kindly undertook to send out invitations to a tea for the parishioners.

We wanted to make a good start and see everybody and so we invited the adults to tea at the Rectory. The weather had been beautiful and no one expected rain so arrangements were made for tea out of doors, but

the sky became darker and darker, and many of the older people were afraid to come and there was a heavy thunderstorm.

The service of Induction was conducted by the Rural Dean, Mr Bussell, the new Rector tolled the bell, and he was admitted into the possession of the temporalities of the living. The rain had upset our plans for out-of-doors and so the guests crowded into the Hall and Drawing Room for refreshments. Prominent amongst them were Mr. and Mrs. John Williams, and the Hon. C.H. Strutt kindly came to express words of welcome. He also tendered his resignation of the office of parish clerk, but it was not accepted, and so he remains in office at present.

The greetings were hearty on both sides and in spite of the weather the day came to a pleasant end.

Next day being Sunday, the Rector, according to rule, read the 39 articles in Church.

I've now presented almost all of Rector Gibbon's letter to his parishioners, leaving out his two farewell sermons; he ends with:

After all this talk, *[and here tells of his two farewell sermons delivered on May 5th 1907; the second of which concludes]* St. Peter's precepts: "Honour all men"; "Love the Brotherhood"; "Fear God" and "Honour the King".

"The "Good-bye," or in full "God be with you," must now be said, a fitting end to a happy intercourse. Yes, indeed God will be with us though distance separates us.

Work then good people to make the church what it should be, the power to civilise, to purify, to convert the world to godliness.

My wife and children four, George, Mary, Dora and Wickham's child Joan join with me in wishing you all a very happy Christmas and many future blessings.

I cannot say I remain yours ever T. G. Gibbons, for I have lost my name, but I subscribe myself, hoping that I have not changed in other ways, your ever grateful and loving friend.

T. G. DIXON.

HOLTON LE MOORE,
Near Lincoln

December, 1907

Barry C

Editor's afterword

November is upon us, bringing thoughts of Bonfire Night and jacket potatoes cooked in the embers of the bonfire—or at least that is one of my childhood memories! I also recall a tiny firework display in our back garden, along with many Blue Peter warnings about keeping pets indoors and checking the bonfire for hibernating hedgehogs. Those warnings still hold: if your family chooses to have its own fireworks, please celebrate sensibly and be mindful of neighbours with pets and family members who may find the noise distressing.

November is also a month of remembrance. The church has several services, detailed on page 7, including the service at the War Memorial at 2.30 pm. The services provide an opportunity to remember those lost in conflicts around the world.

Barry's reproduction of the letter from the Rev. T. G. Gibbons concludes this month, but it leaves one question unanswered: why did he change his name? Barry was unsure, although he thought the change might have been a condition of the legacy connected with his move to Lincs. We may never know!

Helen Ewers and Louis Filho

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13th November 2026

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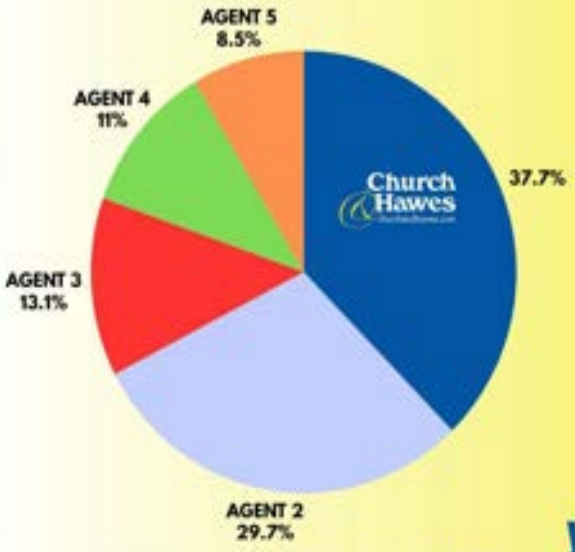
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