



WALTHAM CATHEDRAL

The following edited leading article appeared in the Bell News of September 11th 1897

Some weeks ago we alluded to a suggestion made by Mr. Keeble, regarding a Cathedral for Essex. It will be remembered that we mentioned the Abbey of Waltham as the most suitable place. We know that the proposal has been received with considerable favour among influential Churchmen in the County. Scarcely a doubt existed as to the suitability of Waltham Abbey for the purpose in question. There has for some time been a proposal to increase the number of Abbey bells to ten, with a complete restoration of the present ring. A powerful ring of bells, taking precedence of all others in the County, would be a factor in aid of the Cathedral. There is no question that the time is ripe for Waltham Abbey to have a ring of bells worthy of its position and importance in our history. The tower is sufficiently capacious to contain a ring of twelve bells. The work of providing a Cathedral for Essex, and furnishing a ring of bells worthy of such an edifice, is a noble one. The provision of bells is the one which more immediately concerns us, perhaps, and we certainly should like to see this effort pressed forward at once.

Chelmsford was eventually chosen to be the Cathedral. The original peal of eight bells at Waltham Abbey was augmented to twelve on 17th December 1914, given and they continue to be rung to this day.

REMEMBER TO BE BEACONS OF LIGHT

NOVEMBER IS A MONTH of remembrance when we observe All Saints' Day and All Souls' Day as well as Remembrance Sunday. Three observances that remind us of those who have gone before. The month also calls us to have hope because within these three observances we are called to reshape the future so that it more reflects more how God wants us to be. All Saints' Day is a day of celebration for all the saints, known and unknown, whose lives have shone as beacons of God's love. The saints remind us that each of us, how ever ordinary our lives may seem, is called to shine God's light in the world. As we honour the saints, we are also called to remember "All Souls", those loved ones who have gone before us into that marvellous light. This month, we also gather for Remembrance Sunday, to remember the courage and sacrifice of those who served in times of conflict. This day calls us not only to honour the past but to take seriously our commitment to peace in the present and future. As we move toward the close of November, our focus begins to shift towards the season of Advent, that calls us to pause, to slow down, and to prepare for the coming of Christ. So, throughout November, when the nights are drawing in, let us be the beacons of light that can shine through our observances of All Saints, All Souls and Remembrance so we are prepared to welcome the Advent season of hope, peace and joy in a world that deeply needs them.

Rev. Trevor Scott

WALTHAM ABBEY FRIENDS AT ALL HALLOWS BY THE TOWER

ON 17th SEPTEMBER a group of sixteen Friends of Waltham Abbey Church had a very enjoyable day with outing to All Hallows by the Tower, the oldest church in the City of London. After a delicious and sociable lunch at the adjoining Byward Kitchen and Bar, the group was taken on a fascinating tour of the church and Crypt

Museum which contains a section of the Roman tessellated floor of a late 2nd Century Roman house and Roman and Saxon artefacts as well as a church plate and ancient registers dating back to the 16th century.

Sir Thomas More, Samuel Pepys and William Penn had connections with the church and, for forty years, the Vicar was the Revd "Tubby" Clayton, who founded ToCh, originally a refuge for soldiers fighting in the trenches in France in the First World War.



...I've moved with the times - I've now got a solar-powered radio microphone...

Trevor was pleased the Bishop was taking eco church seriously!

The day closed with Evensong, led by the Vicar, who included the Abbey Church in her prayers and invited members of the group to read the lessons. If you are not a Friend of Waltham Abbey Church and would like to join, drop into the Friends' shop in the Lady Chapel and pick up a form, or contact either Valerie Davis or Lin Murrell in person or via friends@walthamabbeychurch.co.uk.

The membership fee is a minimum of £5 a year.

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CARING FOR CREATION

by Amanda Beggs

“LET’S TAKE CARE HOW WE TRAVEL”

AMANDA BEGGS reminds us that how we travel affects God’s creation. November’s World Sustainable Transport Day celebrates simple, sustainable ways of moving that honour the earth and strengthen our sense of community. Whether it’s walking to church, cycling, sharing a lift or choosing the bus, every small choice helps us tread more lightly on the world God has entrusted to us. Even choosing to walk, cycle, or use small changes, such

as public transport to reduce emissions or avoiding unnecessary trips, offering someone a lift, can make a meaningful difference. As a church family, we can travel gently and show, through our everyday actions, how deeply we care for God’s world. Let’s take care how we travel!

Prayer

Creator God, guide our journeys and help us travel in the best way, with love for your world. Amen.

THE INEQE SAFEGUARDING GROUP is an independent company of safeguarding professionals. As part of Chelmsford’s five-year audit programme, they have been asked to carry out an audit of Chelmsford Cathedral and Diocese at the beginning of February 2027. This is to ensure that the Diocese is doing all it can to create environments where everyone feels safe, valued and respected. Bishop Guli invites anyone who would like to take part in the survey to follow this link <https://ineqe.com/churchofengland/chelmsford/>

HYMN TUNES QUIZ

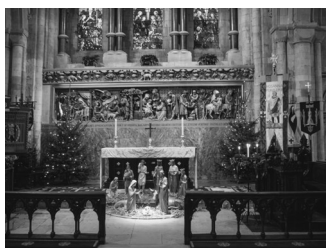
WE SING hymns every week and each tune that we sing has a name! *Why not enter our Hymn Tunes Quiz?* The answers in this quiz are all names of hymn tunes. A quiz sheet purchased for £2 can be collected from one of the Beggs family during November after a Sunday morning service. Please ensure that your answer sheet is placed in the Hymn Tune Quiz answer box located on the Welcome Desk by the church entrance by the end of November.

All proceeds to church funds.

A prize of £25 will be awarded to the entry with the highest number of correct answers.

In the event of a tie there will be a draw. All answer sheets will be checked on the same day. The winner will be announced in the January issue of the Abbey View Newsletter and contacted by phone.

Remember the closing date is the 30th November 2026



THE FRIENDS SHOP is in the Lady Chapel. It has many items including bibles, church guides, souvenirs, cards and other Waltham Abbey Church items. Christmas stock will be on display for sale in the Church shop from 8th November including a coloured version of the Abbey Church Christmas card (left).

WE WOULD LOVE TO HEAR FROM YOU

Articles for next month’s Abbey View should reach the editor,
The Revd. Trevor Scott by **November 15th**

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

THE CALVALCADE OF LIGHT is on Friday, 27th November and provides a good opportunity for outreach to the community. Do you have a burning desire to run a stall or help in any way on the night or help set up during the day? If you do then contact the church wardens. All are most welcome.



LAST MONTH ON 10th October the town celebrated King Harold Day. Our King Harold banner was proudly processed through the town to his memorial. The banner has been showing signs of wear for some time. This week it was delivered to Faith Craft who are part of The Society of the Faith behind Church House in Westminster within the showrooms of Watts & Co. The repairs needed were assessed and will be done by skilled embroiders within the next few months.

The October church attendance count has been completed and numbers for every service for the four weeks of October are recorded and submitted to the Diocese as 'Mission Statistics'. In addition to attendance, other details submitted include the number of baptisms, weddings and funerals. These attendance statistics for our weekly services in these four weeks play a crucial part in determining how our Parish Share is calculated (what we have to pay to the Chelmsford Diocese every year). More information on our Parish Share will be in the next issue of the Abbey View. **Linda & Caroline**