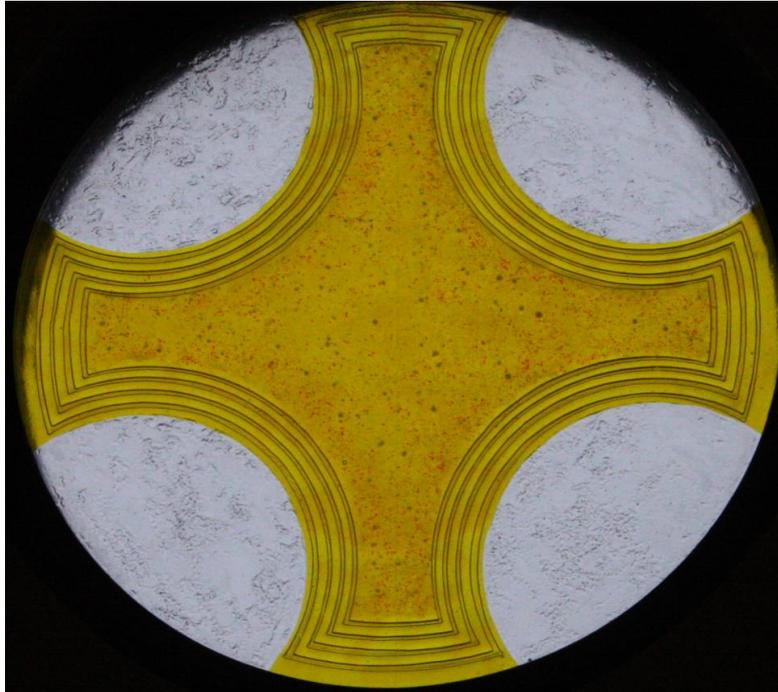


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Welcome

CELEBRATING LIFE WITH HOPE

Greetings of peace and joy. May this message find you at the best of everything with the grace of God. I am glad that yet another edition of the parish magazine is coming out in this Easter season. A great season in the liturgy of the church and in our own personal life along with our parish community.

Easter is always the time to celebrate life. It is the mystery of Christ winning over his death and coming into life. Jesus gave himself up on the cross, so that all his children may have eternal life, saved from the stains of sin and risen to a new life.

The nature also celebrate along with us this new season of life. We may call it spring or summer, but in fact it is the season when all the dormant plants and trees bloom with new buds and produce the sign of life and tell the world that we are still alive. In the cold winter, many of them looked like dead and they have all come to life to add to the joy of mankind who celebrate the Easter glory.

Both Jesus and nature tell us one thing. The joy of life is reserved to those who can endure through a period of suffering and hardships. A journey through wrong judgement, persecution, passion, crucifixion and death. In the nature, the trees and plants go through the atrocious weather of winter with snow, gales, blizzards, cold winds and heavy rains. But nothing fails them as at the end they all come out victorious with blooming green life.

Human life as well goes through a series of all these things. Pain and misery, sufferings, misunderstandings and misjudgements, hard works, disbeliefs, sickness..etc. All those who give up in the midst of all these fail their lives and cannot wait to enjoy the glory that awaits them. If the disciples and the pious ladies who followed Jesus would have given up HOPE in Jesus Christ, they would not have been able to be witnesses of Jesus' glorious resurrection. So let this season give us the courage, strength and the HOPE to take up our own crosses and follow the way of the cross of our own life, enduring all the passion it has prepared for us. So that we can be crucified at the mount of our own sufferings and rise to the eternal glory that God has promised us.

May this season breath into every individual of our parish community a new life, so that we can all work together with a new vigour and HOPE for the spread of the kingdom of God and his teachings in our own life, in our community and into the life of our fellow brothers and sisters around us. Being the people of risen glory let us try our best to spread that joy to others as well. Thus along with the nature may our parish community and our families' breath a new life and give that life giving energy to everyone.

May I thank each and every one of you for everything that you are doing for the growth and development of our parish community. And I invite each and every one you to come forward to do anything that will enable us to be a community that welcomes every one and add flavour to their life. United with you in this prayer.....

"SEND O LORD, HOLY APOSTLES INTO YOUR CHURCH"

Yours in prayer,

Fr. Sabu Pariyadan RCJ



A note from the Chair

The Parish Pastoral Council works on your behalf to achieve our vision through a number of groups working on particular aspects of parish life.

Groups currently working are the communications group, the bereavement group and the social group. If you would like to make a contribution to any aspect of parish life, please contact me to volunteer or to share any ideas about how we could further strive to achieve our vision.

The PPC has recently been working in conjunction with Tom Coen our Steward of the Gospel in preparing feedback for the diocese on the first proposal of the renewal and restructuring of our Diocese. Thank you to those parishioners who have attended the open meetings where the proposal has been discussed.

This is an exciting time of renewal, so please pray for Bishop Alan and the Stewards of the Gospel at this time:

Stewards of the Gospel Prayer

Merciful Father, author of creation,
your Spirit enriches our world.
Through your Son, who shares our humanity,
you have called us to participate in your divine creativity
and to build the kingdom of God here on earth.
Form us, we pray, as one community
under the leadership of our Bishop Alan,
to serve the people of our Diocese of Brentwood.

Inspire us to discover new ways
to spread the joy of the Gospel.
Open our eyes to see Christ in others,
especially the poor, the sick and the marginalised.
Empower us to be the hands and feet of Christ
in our parishes and communities.
Help us to welcome all into His embrace.

Guide us in our discernment.
Give wisdom to our Stewards of the Gospel
who will help us in each parish
to see new paths of possibility:
for a spirit of mission that invigorates our every effort;
and for the strength to be unafraid of what is new.
We ask this through Christ, our Lord. Amen

Christine Webb

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St John Payne School

I know the vast majority of parishioners have at least some connection with St John Payne, with some families' associations extending back many decades and across a number of generations, making it the fantastic community it remains in which to work: one where students are supported and challenged to fulfil their God-given gifts. It is a community very much mirrored by our own at St Augustine's, which enjoys the same commitment and support from families that lies at the heart of the school's success. I provide a brief review of some of the vast array of activity just this year alone.



The new sixth form block opened in October. For many years our sixth form has been rated Outstanding, and the new facilities reflect the quality of teaching and learning that sees students achieve continued success. It is also a further improvement to complement the new reception area that was added some years ago.

Opportunities to celebrate students' successes abound, with this term alone seeing a production of High School Musical to complement the success of last year's Spies, Jewels & Platform Shoes – an original play written and produced by our then Head Girl.

Elsewhere, our Year 8 girls' basketball team continues to achieve great success, competing against schools for which basketball is a far more established sport than at St John Payne. Last year the girls reached the semi-finals of the Essex Cup, losing to St Martin's of Brentwood by just one point in the last seconds of the match. True to the SJP ethos, the girls were gracious in defeat and attended the final in support of St Martin's. The team is enjoying similar success in this year's cup competitions.

In 2017 the school won the District Athletics Championship.

Parishioners will know of the passing of Tony Ward in 2016. It was a shock that saddened the whole community. The manner in which we gathered to celebrate Tony's long service to the school was a powerful testament to its strength and heart, as it was to his own. As Tony's anniversary approaches, we will soon offer a lasting tribute to his service. The many generous donations received following Tony's passing allowed his family to choose a Welsh slate and oak bench, two additional oak benches, an armillary and an acer tree. His family have chosen an inscription for the slate and oak bench, and the other items will also be inscribed with appropriate sentiments to celebrate Tony and his life. This will occupy a prominent place in the school grounds to serve as a reminder of a man who continues to inspire our vocation.



Our faith naturally underpins all that we do, and one of the greatest qualities of SJP students is the pride they take in witnessing the faith. Upon joining the school in 2009 I was struck by students wearing bracelets with icons of various saints alongside their V Festival passes. It inspires me that young people are able to combine their faith with other aspects of what it is to be young, ensuring that this ancient devotion is forever relevant and contemporary. Our Year 7 students recently received the sacrament of reconciliation – a key opportunity for reflection and forgiveness as we are now in the season of Lent. Over the Easter break a party of students and staff will make a

pilgrimage to Rome, and we have a number of students preparing for Confirmation – proof that the faith here really does endure.

This spirit is also seen in the number of SJP students that have gone on to devote such fantastic service to Walshingham House retreat centre for many years, with the retreat’s current and previous managers both former SJP students. It is further evident in the devotion many students make to supporting the disadvantaged and the disabled on pilgrimage

to Lourdes; and of course – the school is hugely proud of Michael Barwick’s vocation and his service to the school. He and his family are ever in our prayers.

I hope this has been of interest to the many people for whom SJP has played a part in their lives. We look forward to working together with families to support the young people in our care towards their potential, be they children, grandchildren, great grandchildren, or even.....

SVP’s Indian Student Sponsorship Scheme

The SVP National Office in London, recently revised its table of fees for sponsoring schoolchildren, Higher Education and vocational training students in India. This Parish has sponsored more students than any other in England and Wales; with the total currently standing at 328, since 1986.

However, we need more sponsors to continue this excellent work and confirm that this has been a successful project, which the SVP regularly audits. There are three separate schemes: - For a one-off cost of £15, a child who has never received any education will do so. The SVP in Australia will pay the remaining fees until a child completes his or her schooling. However, if £24 is gift aided then two schoolchildren will receive an education as described above. Technical and Vocational Training for a student lasts from one to three years, costing £70 per year. This category includes general nurses, teachers, plumbers, fitters, electricians and nursing assistants. The Higher Education Scheme is mainly for nurses and engineers, costing £120 per year. This scheme can last for up to four years and also benefits some medical students. The table below summarises the costs for the three schemes. Additionally, your donations may be gift aided.

Annual Cost (£’s)	Range of Total Costs (£’s)	Beneficiaries
120	360 - 480	Nurses and Engineers
70	70 - 210	Technical Training
15	15	Schoolchildren’s Education

Please contact us if you would like to support this ongoing project.

Thank you.

Please telephone or email Chris Pinto on: -Chelmsford (01245) — 467764 (Kindly leave a message and he'll phone you back) or email him on chrispinto@hotmail.co.uk Christopher (Chris) Pinto Member — St Augustine's Conference, Chelmsford Charity Registration Number 1053992

Ascension Street Pastors



Street Pastors were pioneered in London in 2003 by Les Isaac having originated in Kingston Jamaica. On the first night in London, 18 volunteers took to the streets of Brixton – 15 women and 3 men.

Since then more than 12,000 street and prayer pastors have been trained and played an active part in strengthening community life in safer streets. More than 300 towns and cities around the UK have a Street Pastors team. With prayer pastors, management teams and trustees, there are over 20,000 volunteers associated with the Street Pastors network. There are also a number of street pastor teams overseas.

As well as serving the night-time economy, the Street Pastors model is being used in daytime, in parks, schools and colleges. In 2014 we started to train experienced Street Pastors for the role of response pastors –volunteers who provide physical and emotional support in times of crisis.

Whichever context they are in, Street Pastors offer reassurance, safety and support through listening, caring and helping. They work together with other partners to make communities safer.

Each city project is set up by Ascension Trust, which is the governing body behind Street Pastors, and run by a local coordinator with support from local churches and community groups, in partnership with the police, local council and other statutory agencies.

Chelmsford Street Pastors

Established in 2008, Chelmsford Street Pastors are now a familiar sight on the Chelmsford weekend nightlife scene. We are acknowledged as a force for good, not only by pubbers and clubbers, but also by the police, CCTV authorities and pub/club owners. Local authorities have commented that since the scheme started there has been a significant drop in the level of anti-social behaviour on Friday and Saturday evenings in Chelmsford. In this time the City has achieved the awards of World Health Organisation 'Safe Community' and the 'Purple Flag' which was renewed this year.



What do Street Pastors do?

Chelmsford is thriving! On many Friday and Saturday nights, the city is teeming with people. But when the bars, pubs and clubs turn out, it can sometimes be a time of tension and tears on the streets. During these periods (10pm - 4am) we deploy a team of Street Pastors, focussing on the city's known hotspots.

The teams of 3-4 men and women look to help people with anything from finding a taxi to assisting those worse for wear on drink/drugs, even helping to diffuse arguments occasionally. Recently we have been working alongside the Open Road SOS bus which provides paramedic support in the City to reduce the need to call an ambulance and hopefully the need to use Accident and Emergency facilities.

As our Street Pastors get to know people in the community, they find out their needs and what can be done to help. Despite the title 'pastor', the role is not about preaching, but one of listening, caring and helping – working in an unconditional way.

Additionally, and equally as important, there is a team of pray-ers at the Street Pastors' base who receive regular calls from the Street Team so that they can pray into the various situations going down on the streets.



Contact Us

If you would like to help out with the Street Pastors scheme, join our Prayer Team, or wish to find out any other information about the work we are doing in Chelmsford, please email us at info@chelmsfordstreetpastors.org

James McEvoy (1935 – 2017)

“Mr SVP Chelmsford”

James (Jim) McEvoy passed away on Monday 18th December 2017. He was a dedicated member of the St Vincent de Paul Society (England & Wales) for more than three decades; successfully promoting the Society's national and international work, mainly in Chelmsford, but also elsewhere within the Diocese of Brentwood. During his long service in the SVP, he held five different posts.

He began working for the Society locally, through SVP Immaculate Conception Conference, in New London Road, in the early 1980s. Later he became a founder member of St Augustine's Conference, in Springfield; following the establishment of St Augustine's Church and the Church of Saviour, Chelmer Village. Jim encouraged several members of other Christian denominations to join St Augustine's Conference. This proved so successful that meetings were regularly held during the daytime and in the evening to accommodate member attendance.

Following the retirement of long standing members of SVP Immaculate Conception Conference, in early 1987, a new team was elected to take on the essential task of helping the City's needy families and individuals. We had little experience of how best to achieve this, however, we took the opportunity to meet Jim, at a SVP District Council meeting, in Braintree, on Friday 12th June 1987; the day after the General Election. At that time, he was SVP Chelmsford District Council Treasurer and spoke with authority to a large gathering on the importance of filling local posts in the Society.

In February 1987, Jim was part of the team which helped co-ordinate the free distribution of food locally, originating from the European Economic Community's "food mountain" (now the European Union). Since that time he has been regularly involved with the organisation and distribution of food parcels at Christmas, often liaising with the other conferences and the local Rotary Club to reach as many needy individuals and families as possible, living in and around Chelmsford.

The Ongoing Indian and Sudanese Projects

In his capacity as Twinning Officer for SVP Brentwood Central Council, Jim annually attended our Conference meetings to advise on the Indian Student Sponsorship Scheme, to seek funding for twinned Indian conferences; and to seek financial support for projects identified and approved by the Society in India. He successfully raised thousands of pounds, mainly through St Augustine's Parish, for the Sudan children's feeding programme. This was a difficult task, as an ongoing project had to be implemented against the background of a civil war, which eventually partitioned the Country.

In 2004, a Tsunami devastated parts of Thailand, Sri Lanka and the impoverished State of Tamil Nadu, in India. National Office were quick to liaise with the SVP in India to identify children who had been orphaned and who risked losing out on their remaining schooling. There was an excellent response from the Parishes of Our Lady Immaculate and Holy Name where we found sponsors for around 80 children. In 1986, SVP Immaculate Conception Conference had set a relatively low target of sponsoring one student a year in India. However, thanks to Jim's promotion of the Sponsorship Scheme and a regular supply of forms, this figure rapidly increased; hence currently around 328 students have either received schooling or have trained to become doctors, nurses, electricians, teachers and engineers.

This figure is greater than that for any other parish in England & Wales and is probably the highest sponsorship figure anywhere within the United Kingdom.

In 2006, Jim sought funding for an £800 project for a "Self-Help Village Plantation," in Madurai, India. We were able to contribute £500 towards this project with the National office in London, providing the rest of the funds. He also persuaded us to support more than one Indian conference, where possible, hence Immaculate Conception Conference was supporting three, by 2010.

St Augustine's Conference, Springfield

Jim held the posts of Conference President and Conference Treasurer at various times since the 1980s. He acquired a thorough working knowledge of the SVP through regular attendance at National Council, Brentwood Central Council and Chelmsford District Council meetings.

He regularly reminded Conference members of the aims and objectives of the Society and went out his way to identify and help needy individuals and families. Essex County Council Social Services often passed the names of the needy onto Jim; safe in the knowledge that the SVP would do its best to support them, once they had moved into permanent accommodation.

Today, St Augustine's Conference has an effective and cohesive team of dedicated members, thanks partly to Jim's diligence and example.

Providing Temporary Accommodation for the Homeless

In the 1990s Jim worked alongside Churches Together in Chelmsford (CTiC) to provide temporary accommodation for local homeless people. He was successful in being able to achieve the use of St Augustine's Church Hall in Springfield, to provide sleeping quarters for several young homeless individuals, during cold weather. He also persuaded several members of the Parish to sleep over in the Hall and prepare breakfast for these cases.

By 1995, this directly led to the founding of Churches Homeless Emergency Support Scheme (CHES), which purchased a building in George Street, near Chelmsford City Centre, which still provides temporary housing for homeless men and women.

The Springfield Unemployment Project

Britain's membership of the Exchange Rate Mechanism (ERM) had caused interest rates to rise to around 15 % by 1992; causing an increase in unemployment, as both small and large businesses shed their staff. Jim set up a project at St Augustine's Church Hall which enabled the unemployed to find work. Several local individuals were assisted in developing their interview techniques and producing effective curriculum vitae; to improve their prospects of finding work. Again he encouraged several local members of the Parish to attend once a week to give help and hope to the unemployed.

This essential work was subsequently undertaken by Government sponsored providers based in Springfield Road.

Bene Merenti medal

On Saturday 7th December 2013, at the Church of Our Saviour, Fr Nick De Keyser presented Jim with a Bene Merenti medal, in recognition of his dedicated service to the Church, most of which he had achieved through the SVP (see photograph).

At the time of his death, despite failing health, Jim still held the post of SVP Chelmsford District Council President, persuading members to carry on the task of helping the City's needy. He'll be greatly missed by SVP members, parishioners and the many whom he directly helped for more than thirty years.

One parishioner suggested, "Mr SVP Chelmsford" as a suitable epitaph. Those of us who have worked alongside Jim and learned from him would certainly agree with that!



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Diocesan Director of Development

When our diocese advertised for a Director of Development (DDD) in December 2016 I was excited about the opportunity that it created for us as a diocese. It signalled that our church wanted to look afresh at how we organise our lives and our parishes. It also signalled that we should all be working together to find our appropriate response to God's love for us as His family here in Essex and East London in 2017.

It had long been my opinion that we were using the response of previous generations and that we needed to look afresh at ourselves and ask for guidance as to how we should be responding today. The world has changed around us and if we are to proclaim the Good News of the Gospel to that changed world then it was clear that we needed new approaches.

On top of this need to change so as to better evangelise, it is clear to see that our clergy are becoming older and that one day in the future numbers were going to reduce quite significantly. Those priests who would be left would be worked beyond anything that could be considered reasonable unless very significant changes took place.

These two very different motivations for change would need to be tackled together and Bishop Alan's desire to appoint a DDD showed that he wanted to be proactive and start a process that would lead to us finding that new response to God's love for us and new ways to organise ourselves so that we could care for each other and our priests whilst ensuring that the sacraments could continue to be celebrated across our diocese.

I know only too well that most people really don't like change and that they like it even less when it involves their church. The job I have been given is to facilitate a time of discernment, decision making and change for our Diocese, as it seeks to make best use of its resources to spread the Gospel and to offer the best possible pastoral support to Catholics across Essex and East London. So the key thing here is that it is not for me to decide what the changes will be

but rather for me to find a way for us all to help Bishop Alan decide what those changes will be.

It is a real privilege to work with people and priests from all over our wonderfully rich and diverse diocese. Stewards of the Gospel have been appointed in each parish to develop a plan for evangelisation and speak for the laity on pastoral priorities in the Diocese. It is amazing how different things can be in our universal church even in one diocese and it is wonderful to see the many new initiatives getting off the ground.

Business models of change do not fit perfectly with making big changes in our diocese. This is partly because Bishop Alan is and always has been, committed to make the whole process one of discernment in an episcopal context.

Discernment requires that we try to do things according to God's will and not our own. Discernment involves listening to God, listening to each other and working together. It means putting into practice the words of the Lords Prayer "Thy will be done". The episcopal context is that our diocese is led by Bishop Alan as our shepherd. The ultimate responsibility for making decisions rests with him as our Bishop, but he wants and needs to hear everyone's voice before he makes those decisions. Therefore prayer is central to everything in this at every stage.

Change is inevitable and that change will be significant. It will impact on us in Springfield and in every parish in our diocese. I have said many times that our choice is about how we change and not whether we should change. So the three stages of what we are trying to do are:

1. Discern the right changes to make for our diocese
2. Make decisions about how these changes should be made
3. Implementing those changes

Running across all of this is the desire to keep flexibility in our planning, to be open to the working of the Holy Spirit, to respond as unforeseen changes happen and to constantly keep in mind that everything we are doing is affecting people's relationships with each other and with Christ.

So far we have been working on the discernment phase and having reviewed all of the information sent in by parishes in their questionnaires we issued a Draft Working Plan in August. Since then we have listened to the feedback and we've now issued a First Formal Proposal for everyone in our parish to consider along with everyone else across our diocese. Change involves Renewal (changing our hearts and minds to embrace evangelisation) and Restructuring (changing how we organise our parishes) but the two things have to go hand in hand. If we only restructure then we might justifiably be criticised for merely managing decline. If we only renew we might justifiably be criticised for burying our heads in the sand. If together we can do both then we believe that together we can find the right response to God's love for us.

The latest stage in the process is for us all to consider the First formal Proposal for the Renewal and Restructuring of Our Diocese. Our Steward of the Gospel (Tom Coen) will be finalising our parish response in the next couple of weeks after having had meetings in the parish and attending the recent Stewards and Clergy day in Brentwood when around 180 clergy and stewards came together to discuss things and to listen to Bishop Alan, Fr Dominic (about caritas) and Fr Mark (about a priests perspective on the changes), Adele Angel and her Evangelisation team about evangelisation, oh and me of course!

I have a section on the diocesan website where you can keep in touch with our work. <http://www.dioceseofbrentwood.net/departments/development/>

Your prayers and your opinions can make a difference and I'd urge you to let both be heard.

Please pray for our Bishop, our steward Tom, our parish family and our diocese.

Our Lady of Lourdes, pray for us.

John Furze



On a Saturday morning in January, 10 of John Furze's 14 altar servers from New Hall gathered together to give him a surprise party for a 'significant' birthday! They all joined together to show John how much they appreciated his knowledge of being a dutiful server for the Guild of St Stephen, himself having been awarded the gold medal for 50 years of serving. The celebrations continued at New Hall the following Sunday with a cake featuring a wonderful icing model of John, created by Claire Tighe.

We all thank John for keeping the tradition of altar servers being present at New Hall alive even while numbers are at the moment very slim, but we are confident that there are some new servers waiting in the wings.

Easter Foods



There are some special foods eaten at Easter time, one of the most famous are **Hot Cross Buns**. These are often eaten in the U.K. on Good Friday. These are yeast dough buns with currants and raisins in them. They were eaten all year round in pagan, pre-Christian times, the bun represented the moon and the four quarters, the four seasons. Christians took over this tradition and changed the meaning so the cross represented the cross that Jesus died on.



Another food eaten in the U.K. at Easter time is **Simnel Cake**. This is a rich fruit cake covered with a layer of Marzipan. There are 11 marzipan balls put around the top of the cake that represent the 11 faithful disciples of Jesus. The cake also has a layer of Marzipan in the middle of it! It is traditionally eaten on Mothering Sunday in the U.K. which is always on the middle Sunday of Lent. Simnel Cakes were first made by servant girls and maids to take home to their mothers on Mothering Sunday.

Hot Cross Biscuits



Ingredients for 16 biscuits

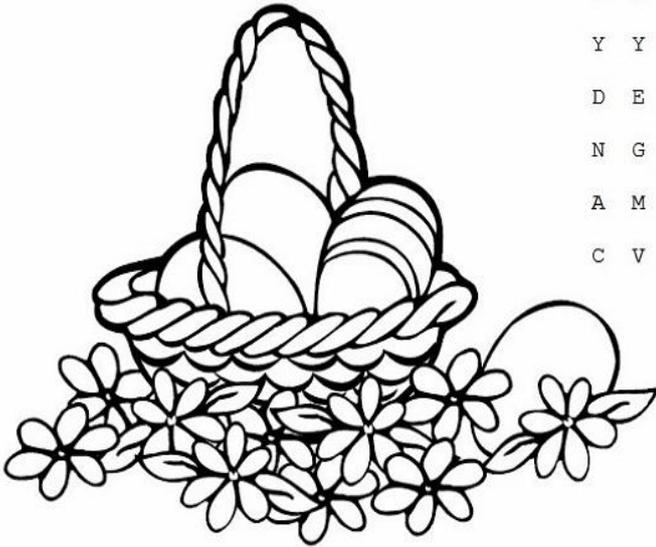
- 200g softened butter, plus extra for the trays
- 100g muscovado sugar
- 1 egg
- 250g plain flour
- 1 teaspoon cinnamon
- 2 teaspoons baking powder
- 100g sultanas
- 200g white chocolate chips

Method

1. Heat the oven to 180c/160c fan/gas 4. Lightly butter a few baking trays. In a large bowl beat together the butter, sugar and egg until smooth. Sift in the flour, cinnamon and baking powder, then combine to make a dough. Add the sultanas and 100g of the white chocolate and mix together
2. Roll lumps of dough into balls the size of golf balls. Flatten these onto the trays, leaving enough space between them to expand. Bake for 10 minutes until golden (you may have to do this in batches). Remove the biscuits from the trays and cool on wire racks
3. Melt the remaining white chocolate either in the microwave or over a bowl of hot water. Using a small piping bag or a teaspoon carefully drizzle a cross on the top of each biscuit. Leave to set before eating. These biscuits can be stored in a biscuit jar up to 3 days.

Easter

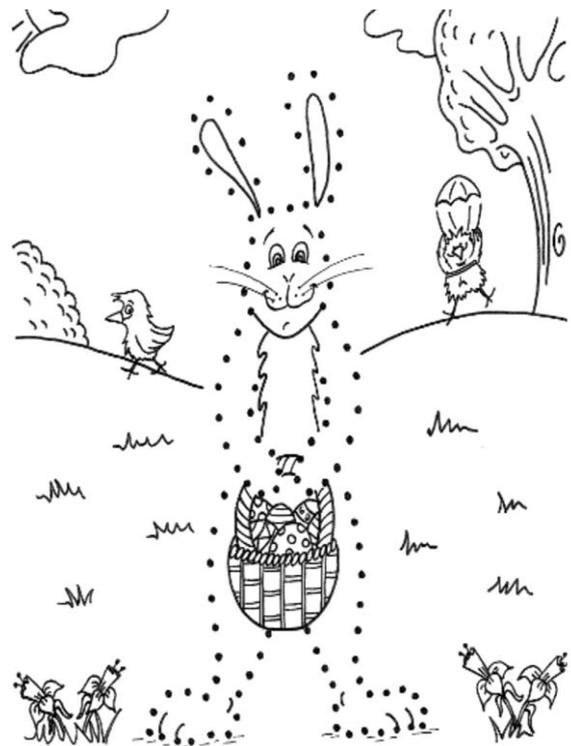
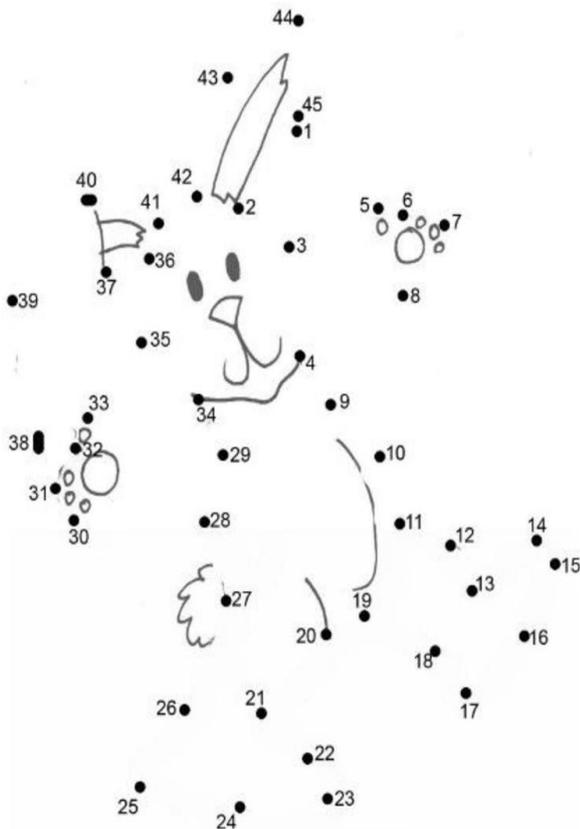
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JOIN THE DOTS



Quiz - Springfield in the Snow!

Snow and dark make lots of places look quite different. Can you recognize them? There will be a (very) small prize for the best answers: points will be given for detail. Send answers to the editor by Easter Sunday!



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OUR PARISH VISION

1. A dynamic worshipping community - where people come for the first time and immediately sense the presence of God
2. A community where everyone is growing in their understanding of the Catholic Faith
3. A community where everyone is growing in the life of prayer and their relationship with God
4. A community where pastoral, spiritual and practical care is given to those in need
5. A community where more people are actively involved in the Mission of the Church.

OUR PARISH PRAYER

Loving Father,

You so loved the world that you sent us your only Son, that we might believe in Him and have eternal life.

May we encounter Jesus Christ anew this day and live the Good News with joy.

Through the power of your Holy Spirit, Help us to "go out to the whole world and proclaim" our faith with confidence.

Give us the courage to witness to the joy of the Gospel by our words and actions.

Help our parish to become more welcoming and missionary, so that you may be known and loved by all people.

We make this prayer through Our Lord Jesus Christ Your Son, Who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, One God for ever and ever,

Amen

EDITOR'S NOTE

We are back to what I hope will be our normal timetable. Thank you to everyone who has contributed material and to Ben who has helped by formatting the material. Also, thank you to New Hall for printing and collating the final magazines.

As I hope we will be trying to get another edition to you just before the School Holidays, we are already looking for material for that. Send it to me at thompsoncj01@blueyonder.co.uk or give me typed copy in a form that I can scan.

Chris