

Messy Church heads to Rio

After they had prepared for their Messy Olympics, Nicholas told Messy Church the true story of an Olympic competitor who was injured in his race. His father helped him across the finish line but he was disqualified. In the Christian race of life, said Nicholas, it is not wrong to help each other, it is actually one of the rules of the race!



... designing trainers



... making Olympic torches and Olympic rings



... preparing discuses to throw and wreaths for the victors



... 'We are running in the love of God'





Windmill United Benefice

The parishes of Burstow, Horne and Outwood

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Celebrating Lammastide

Lammastide is an ancient festival that goes back to Old Testament times when the Hebrew people celebrated the first fruits of the grain harvest. In the Saxon church the festival was named hlaf-maesse, meaning loaf mass, which later became Lammastide and in recent years the Church of England has breathed new life into old agricultural

festivals such as this, particularly in rural areas. Traditionally it was the day when the first new grain was milled and baked into small loaves of bread, which were offered on the altar as thanksgiving for the first fruits of the harvest.

The people of the three Windmill churches gathered on 31 July at the Outwood farm of James and Carol Wells for a picnic tea before a celebration of Lammastide in their barn. James brought



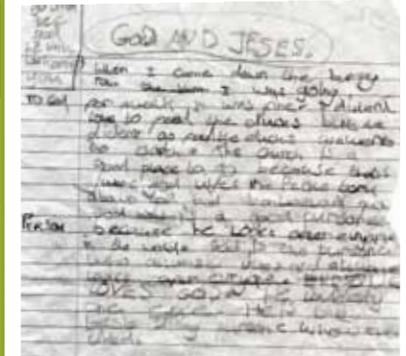
a pot of his grains of wheat to the altar, and a loaf made from the grains by Carol was also brought up to be consecrated and distributed at communion – moving symbols of the link between our faith and the land on which our lives depend.

"Summertime, and the living is easy...", not the Rector's words, but the first line of one of the songs played and sung at the musical garden party in aid of St Mary's, Horne, on 21 August. The afternoon went very quickly and everyone enjoyed the relaxed atmosphere in the woodland garden at Oak Lodge. A big thank you to all who worked so hard to make it a success, especially the cake makers, the lenders of the marquee and gazebos, the musicians and all those who helped set up and clear up. The weather stayed fine and dry, if a trifle windy. There were over 50 people in attendance when you include the helpers and musicians. As a result the sum of £275 was added to church funds.

David Spruce



The Outwood Church Fair, combined with the Horticultural Society Early Show, saw the church full of produce with a wonderful array of decorated windowsills. All enjoyed the sights and scents as well the tombola, raffle and plenty of tea and cake, while raising funds for the church.



GOD AND JESSES
by Alfie (aged 8), for his Dad
(*talking about Burstow Church*)

Plees go and see God he will look after you.

When I go down the bumpy road, I was going for a walk I was fine I didn't love to feed the ducks but we didn't go to feed the ducks we went to church. The Church is a good place to go because that's ware God lives. People tork about God and believing in God God is a good purson because he looks after everyone in the wold. God is the purson who always looks after everyone. Evryone loves God. He is the best living purson who ever lived.

To Jeses
Jeses is the best as well because he is very speshal everyone loves him as well. He is great to look after everyone as well. We all love Jeses and Jeses loves us as well. He Is nice at doing everything at sept (*except*) doing horrible stuff. People love him I love God and Jeses he is loved and looked after as well people love him.



Much fun was had at a barn dance in the Centenary Hall in July, put on as a fundraiser by Horne church. The band (which also played at the garden party, *above*) and caller soon got everyone up on their feet to swing their partners high and low!



Nicholas's daughter Rachel married Damian Casey in July. Nicholas both gave Rachel away and conducted the ceremony which was enriched by the wonderful singing of the joint benefice choir

The Queen's 90th Birthday was marked with a Benefice tea at Horne, followed by Choral Evensong. And the Burstow bellringers joined ringers across the country in ringing out congratulations

