

YEAR 11 ARE NOW ON STUDY LEAVE.

being the first ever students to do everything. They have served this community with their leadership and generous spirit. We will always be grateful to them.

We have been thinking for weeks about what gift we could get them. Bishop Stephen has provided the students with a copy of his book: "How to Live". I am sure they will find it a fantastic read. In addition, Su Garlick one of our Founding Members of Staff came up with the idea of a us creating our own recipe book to give them.

Various colleagues offered simple recipes for the book and we also added some basic advice for safe and successful cooking, on a budget! Many of us have added a recipe that we ourselves relied when we were at university; it

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Becket Keys Church of England School

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Recipe for Life

As I write today, I am looking out of my office window to see Sixth Formers walking around with big bags of gifts! They are getting out and around the school to say, "Thank You!" to the teachers who have served them so faithfully over these last two years as they have studied their A-Levels.

For most of them, this is the end of a seven-year journey. They were here on the very first day in September 2012 and they have been here ever since. Others joined us on the very first day of Sixth Form and have enjoyed the privilege of being the first ever cohort to go through.

As teachers, we wanted to say thank you to them as well. It has often been quite a challenge



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Year 9 have had a busy week. A large group travelled to Bude for a thrill-seeking week and those who remained were off timetable at school.

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gave us quite a thrill to think that our leavers might choose to cook our recipe whilst they are setting up camp in their first digs.

We have also sprinkled a number of simple prayers in the book that they can use at key moments in their life ahead. I wrote each one and I hope that these, along with the recipes, will be truly useful to them as they move forward with the next phase of their life.

It is been a very thoughtful and apposite gift.

It has occurred to me that when we set up the school, we established a *recipe* of what we were going to achieve here. Like all good recipes we had a picture in our head of what we wanted the final dish to look like. We had a dream! We also knew what the basic ingredients were and how we were going to put them together.

The dream was to be an Outstanding Church School. We knew we would need to have great teachers who built compassionate and strong relationships with students, beautiful buildings to learn and play in, a strong curriculum offer that focussed on the core subjects, and parents who would partner with us in the process. We were blessed with the support of the Russell Education Trust; it is like having Marco Pierre White on the end of the phone, regularly popping in to see us and giving us advice.

We are now the only Outstanding

School in Brentwood. Our exam results and 'Parent View' data testify that the recipe is working. We could not have done it without these Founding Students and of course, you the parents. I will always be grateful to you!

Any time that I am in the kitchen there are always some slip ups and some mistakes made! I get things in the wrong order or forget an ingredient. The other day, I had to go out and get a key ingredient half way through a recipe as I started without something! It happens. I know we have made mistakes along the way. No one is perfect. No school could be. The students certainly haven't been! Teenagers make mistakes! Lots of them! But these things have always made us stronger, not weaker. We learn from them. God has been good and has never let us or the students down. Even things which seem awful at the time have been turned into good some way or another. Often it is a so called "mistake" which leads to the creation of something new that no one has ever done before. I'm sure some of the best chefs work this way.

Together we have succeeded in creating a new school which very much reflects what the founding governors, parents, staff and students wanted. Today has been a day of celebrating and looking back. I wrote a poem for Year 13 that I read to them in their final Collective Worship today. I have put it here. I doubt our A-Level English students would rate it very highly, but it hopefully

expresses something of what we have been trying to achieve here over the last seven years.

A Recipe for Life

To my dearly beloved students, As you reach the final day, It falls to me to say a few words, So, I've written a poem to say...

I pray that by now you've learned the recipe, We've been showing you every day, The ingredients you need are simple, They'll set you on your way.

You must know the recipe,
You must know what to include.
If you put these in, your life will be
full,
Of joy you will exude.

As teachers we've tried to show you,
We've written them on the wall,
We've modelled them in our daily work,
We believe in them all.

They're not anything new, you know,
They're timeless, ubiquitous and free,
I'm sure by now you know them,
But I want you to hear them once more from me.

But I also want you to know the Creator, The Author of these things, He is our Father in Heaven, The Ruler and King of Kings.

His ways are perfect and straightforward, His path though not easy, is best, By now I'd hope you know Him, No need to put Him to the test.

He proved his love for you by sending His Son,
To show us how life should be lived,
The 7 values he showed us are writ large
And here are the gifts:

Show respect to those around you Be responsible in all you do Be forgiving, honest and caring Be trustworthy and fair – please.

It's all I want for you really, Nothing else matters at all, Live these values and know who designed them, That's why we have built this school.

We created a whole community for you,
We designed it and made it for us,
But that's nothing compared to what He's done,
Keep your eye on Him and not this.

He's always been watching and caring,
He'll always be with you, you know,
He came up with a recipe for each of you,
And it has been my honour to see you grow.

It been my honour to serve you, My honour to teach you, I'm proud of you, God bless you. You.

> Mr. Scott-Evans Headteacher





It was a wonderful celebration this afternoon for our Year 13 students. An emotional time for many teachers saying goodbye to our founding students and wishing them well in their exams and the next stage of their journey.

Full details and photographs of our Y₁₃ leaving event will be in next week's newsletter.

Art/Textile Department Exam Pieces

Amazing intricate work from our A-Level students this year. We are so proud of all the hard work these students put in over three very busy days.





Hear your own heart

As Year 11 and 13 begin their study timetables and exams, Mr. Scott-Evans reminded them of the importance of faith, living out our Christian values and the power of prayer in their lives. I thought that I would take the opportunity to revisit the theme of prayer. In our Year 11 celebration, Mr. Scott-Evans used the account of Daniel in the Lions' Den to illustrate this. Daniel clearly showed the power of prayer combined with faith and obedience. Our experiences of prayer may not be as dramatic as being protected and saved by God in a den of lions, but our experiences can still be life changing. At each pre-exam briefing there will be a prayer for our students, pertinent to the subject being taken. We hope that they will know the presence of God with them and that this will calm their heart and galvanize their minds. All things are possible through the strength that God provides (Philippians 4:3). If they do their best, God will do the rest! These moments of quiet will punctuate their days with renewing stillness. May we also all be reassured that were we cannot find the words. God knows them anyway; He simply listens through our heart.



Finding time to pray in our busy lives, and sustaining prayer even in difficult times, can be challenging. However, we need to be disciplined and consistent in our prayer, like Daniel. Mother Teresa believed that silence is the first step towards building our relationships with God. She said, 'We forget that in the silence of the heart God speaks, and from the fullness of the heart we speak. Only when we have heard [God] in the silence of our hearts, only when we have learned to listen to God in the silence of our hearts, only then can we say: I pray.' Mother Teresa understood that making time for silent communion with God is often a sacrifice. It is not easy to do with all of the demands on our time and the many distractions around us. Not only does she call us to make this sacrifice, but she also calls us to 'provide each other an atmosphere of peace and quiet which will facilitate prayer, work, study, and rest. Our prayers do not

need to be spoken, they can be moments (however short) of silence; from a walk in the countryside to a moment by a stream. In the words of Mother Teresa:

'The fruit of silence is prayer. The fruit of prayer is faith. The fruit of faith is love. The fruit of love is service. The fruit of service is peace.'

Some years ago, on a retreat, this is how the importance of silent prayerfulness was explained to me: 'If you still your mind, you can hear your own heart. And at the core of your heart is the indwelling of God. It is just like when you love someone, you just sit there and you look at each other. You just silently stare, and there is a wonderful presence between you. God is present and you are present—to each other and yourself. It is a matter of just being there.'



The prayer of silence has a long history. Jesus went away to pray at times, away from the crowds, from the noise, from the spoken services of the synagogue. The early desert mothers and fathers went to the desert to pray. Silence was built into the structure of their rules of life. Silent prayer may also be known as meditation, contemplation or centring prayer. May we encourage each other to take time, set it aside to rest, hear God and have an opportunity to think about our relationship with God. Within our busy schedules, we seem to spend our days running back and forward, but where does God come in all of this? We can be almost too busy to pray! Think about having a quiet time for yourself; it can give you space just to simply be. Jesus said to his disciples and a crowd of people: 'Come to me, all you who are weary and burdened, and I will give you rest. Take my yoke upon you and learn from me, for I am gentle and humble in heart, and you will find rest for your

souls. For my yoke is easy and my burden is light'. (Matthew 11:28-30).

Moving forward, set yourself aside some time alone - a gift of being with yourself and, of course, our heavenly Father. This secret place of silent communion with God includes no ritual; it is the still and quiet place of the heart and mind. Wherever we are, we can practise this silent communion. This gives us plenty of freedom to pray – we carry our sanctuary with us - and our silent recognition of the power of our Father's love blesses us and those around us. Our moments of silence are effective as we reach inward in guiet communion with God. The silence, or quieting of the senses, allows us to feel His loving hand, which guides us to the answers we need and calms our fears. In this way, true silence is our active listening to our Father in Heaven who blesses us openly.

God promises us in His Word that He hears every word that we pray to Him. Like a good parent, He is waiting, ready, and willing to listen to our worries, concerns, and needs. Whether we are seeking forgiveness, strength, or healing, prayer provides the channel to communicate with God.

Consider the words of the hymn, 'Be still for the presence of the Lord' by David J Evans:

'Be still, for the presence of the Lord,
The Holy One, is here;
Come bow before him now,
With reverence and fear:
In him no sin is found
We stand on holy ground.
Be still, for the presence of the Lord,
The Holy One, is here.'

In this silence, the Lord can whisper in your heart and mind. You can also hear your own heart. You communicate that you are there, quiet, but attentive to the Lord.

Please pray for all those taking GCSE and A Level exams at this time and, in addition, I pray, that when you take time alone, the solitude will renew you and, like morning sunlight on flowers, touch you with peace.

Let us pray:

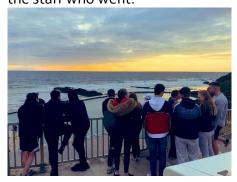
God of stillness and creative action, help us find a space of quietness, so that we may live creatively, discover the inner meaning of silence and learn the wisdom that heals the world. Send peace and joy to each quiet place, to all who are waiting and listening. May your still small voice be heard.

Amen.

Mrs. Sharp - Deputy Headteacher

Year 9 Activities

Wow! What a week for the Year 9s! Around 80 students made their way down to Bude for 6 days of sea, caves and heights. All students were impressive in their approach to all activities with many students trying out new things and putting themselves out of their 'comfort zone'. Here are some of the highlights from the staff who went:



My highlight of the week was watching Harvey Newman, Finn Marks, Sam Willett, Tom Kitching, Ed Carr and Freddie Derbidge dancing to Ah-ha's Take on Me' at the front of the disco stage.

Mr. Lock History Teacher



I really enjoyed Bude once again. The students overall were really good. My highlight apart from the activities, was getting to know some of the students. This is a year group I'm not familiar with so spending 6 days with them has been a good introduction. I spent an afternoon on the beach with a couple of students and we spent the time rock pooling.

I also enjoyed seeing some of the students overcoming their fearsparticularly high ropes and the support the other students gave to them when they were scared. There was a lot of support of each other in friendship groups.

Mrs Bailey Lead Science Technician



The Year 9 trip to Bude is always one that lasts in the memories of students throughout their school lives and beyond. As ever, it lived up to expectations of being an extraordinary experience in which students were able to explore, develop, and challenge themselves in new scenarios.

Activities on the trip ranged from surfing and body boarding, mountain bike and mountain boarding, to mapping skills. Students were a delight, thoroughly throwing themselves into the challenges they faced, and all have a great deal of which to be proud.

As a Year 9 form tutor, I was immensely proud of the courage, commitment, and comradery that was shown between all students. Long lasting friendships were solidified during tough activities as well as new and unlikely friendships which were made. It was truly a wonderful experience for all involved and I am glad I was able to be a part of the trip team this year.

Well done to everyone involved in making it yet another successful Becket Keys trip!

Mrs Russell English Teacher





The Bude trip was a great success! I particularly enjoyed the surfing, the weather and the waves were just perfect conditions this year. I was very impressed with the students who conquered fears and those I got to spend time getting to know in a different light. The Just Dance and Karaoke sessions in the evenings were the most entertaining activities and exposed some great hidden talent (the boys in my Form love to dance!). A wonderful time all round but completely exhausted now after such a physically active week!

> Miss Abdilla Music Teacher



I am pleased that I did every activity offered to me there. The funniest thing was I came back with a black eye!

Charlotte O'Brien

The one thing I will never forget was the last night disco in the marquee because we danced all night to our childhood songs! I liked it when we went surfing because I knew that we were actually in Cornwall. I was so proud of our team winning the Superteam prize. The funniest moment was when Harry Sanderson fell out of his bed and thought that it was a dream. I wish I could have stayed in Bude longer and that we had no limits on the activities we could try.

Toby Hancox

I liked it when we had free time and I could talk to everyone because I got to talk to people on the other side of the school. I also liked the body boarding because everyone joined in, I was nervous when I got dragged under the waves. The funniest thing was at night when everyone did 'Just Dance' and were singing on the stage.

Robyn Hart

The one thing I'll never forget is the evenings at Bude. I liked it when I stayed outside all night playing football and basketball. I was so proud of reaching 99 points on the basketball machine and pushing myself to participate in the sea activities such as surfing and body boarding. The funniest thing was

doing 'Just Dance' on our last night. It was brilliant because I talked to new people and started a conga line! I wish that I had done mountain biking.

I had an amazingtime even though I was really tired and homesick. P-j won an award because he pushed himself to do things that he was really scared of. Our group leader Nicola was really nice to us. The teacher did the activities and gave us great opportunitites. Miss Elllis was the funniest teacher with the best dance moves.

I was proud of all I achieved.

Aurora Bould

I liked it when we celebrated Charles Warren's birthday and saw the gifts he got from his family and us whilst at Bude.

Surfing in Bude was brilliant because there were good waves and most of us managed to stand up!

William Endacott

I liked it when we went climbing and caving. I was so proud when I abseiled. The funniest thing was when Miss Ellis and Mr Birkett fell in the water, trying to get me and my friends out of out boat.

Harvey Newman



For those Year 9s who stayed at school a whole new timetable was created to give them a 'different' experience. There were many activities that ranged from team building, rounders, maths challenges and a Dragon's Den style session. All the students were fully immersed in the activities and created many beautiful pictures and sounds! Look out in next week's newsletter where we will hear more from the students in Year 9 about their experiences!



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Becket Keys School Fund

You will have recently received a letter asking families to make a voluntary contribution to the School Fund to allow the governors to meet a wide range of demands that cannot easily be met from the main school budget.

This new fund will contribute towards, for example: the employment of an independent counsellor who visits the school once per week; the additional costs of our extra-curricular clubs, enrichment days; school sports matches (including coach travel, kits, trophies); competitions; events; musical activities; the running costs of the school chaplaincy, church services and liturgies. All of which, we believe, richly contribute to the distinctive school that we have created here.

The first contribution of £30 should be made via the school's internet payment facility: ParentPay.

The school can reclaim 25% in tax on every eligible donation made by a UK taxpayer through the Government's Gift Aid scheme – at no extra cost to you. Details of how to register were sent with the letter but please contact the school for more information. Thank you to all those who have already shown their support by donating to this fund.

A Word for Year 11 from Mr Scott-Evans



I am pleased to say that we had a wonderful day with Year 11 on Thursday. It was a joy to look back over the last five years and to help them to prepare for the exams ahead. We gave each of them a Bible and I reminded them of the story of Daniel and the Lions' Den. God was with Daniel and closed the mouths of the Lions. With God's help he faced an impossible situation and came out unharmed. With God's help, I am confident that they can face the task ahead of them. They have the same God on their side. So, I was able to offer assurance to each one of them that if they continue to work hard and give their best – they will get what they deserve!

All of the Bibles, Books and Final Day gifts that we have presented the students with have been paid for by our staff or by local churches.

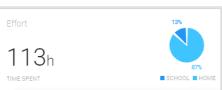
I would like to give a special mention to Bishop Stephen's Office, Immanuel Church, Sawyers Church and Billericay Baptist Church who have all given very generously to this. My own belief is that the Bible is <u>THE</u> recipe book for life. It is my joy to be able to give it to each Year 11 at this crucial time before their exams.

Mathematics Department

Before the Easter break the Mathematics department entered a competition to increase participation in extra-curricular maths at home and online using the online platform Mangahigh.

We had a great turn out from the students with a huge number of achievements as can be seen from the below statistics.





Out of 100s of schools in the competition, we came 29th which is a huge achievement.

A special mention to the following students who came in the top 10 and will be receiving a certificate in assembly next week.

Rebecca Lyle
Sam Manning
Thomas Heyes
Lucy O'Hare
Fahmid Chowdhury
Matthew Tilbrook
Emily Moore
Sam Pain
Diadem Okwuosa
Frankie Peel

In addition, as part of our weekly cyber challenge club, we have been working on our entry for another Mangahigh team competition - Cracking the Code game design. The game design involves solving maths problems and is themed around cracking a code in order to make an escape. We have had fun working together with the concept. Our entry has been submitted today and we hope to be put through to the next round. We will then present our entry with the hope of having our design made into a real game! Special mention to the entrants Fahmid Chowdhury, Toby Hancox, Luis Hayes and Samuel Andreetti.

UKMT Maths Challenge

On 30th April, 64 students from Year 7 and 8 took part in the annual UKMT Junior Maths Challenge. The UKMT individual maths challenges are a national competition involving lively, intriguing multiple choice question papers, which are designed to stimulate interest in maths in large numbers of pupils.

The three levels cover the secondary school range 11-18 and together they attract over 600,000 entries from over 4,000 schools and colleges. The papers contain 25 multiple choice questions. Of these, the first 15 are more accessible whilst the final 10 will provide more food for thought. Gold, silver and bronze certificates are awarded to 40% of participants nationally. The most successful participants at each level are invited to enter follow-on rounds at regional finals on June 11th 2019.

We look forward to getting the results of the competition in four weeks, so keep an eye out next term for any winning entries.



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Drama Department Year 7 Performance

Being in the Year 7 production of 'Just' was a really good experience. It was a production that can still relate to today as it was about a young girl named Victoria (Matilda Smith) and how she was being unfairly judged upon by a blindfolded old lady named Mrs. Wright (Caitlin Smith). The significance of Mrs. Wright being blindfolded is to prove that even if you are one of the most open-minded people you can still make mistakes when it comes to making big decisions. I participated in the play and won the character of Albert, a policeman who mixes up his words a lot and falls in love with Victoria, who unfortunately gets stabbed at the end of the play. There are other characters in the play which include the townspeople. The townspeople represent members of the public in society and they get picked by Mrs. Wright -along with the Jury who give biased decisions about everything as they are Mrs. Wright's children- to make the big judgement on Victoria to see if she is guilty. They, of course, completely back up Mrs. Wright as well so they go along with everything she says and completely agree with her. This all links back to today's politicians because they sometimes can not make decisions themselves and they pass it over to the 'townspeople' or in other wordsus. And this just proves that even the best of us make mistakes.

Lowri Cole









Volunteers needed: **Careers Speed Networking Event**

On Friday 24th May 2019 we are running an Enrichment Day for our students. Year 10 have a focus on careers and planning for the future.

We are looking for volunteers to talk to our students about their careers; the pathway into the job, the opportunities and experiences that are involved.

The day will be split into 3 sessions:

Session 1: 9.20am - 10.35am Session 2: 11.00am - 12.40pm Session 3: 1.30pm - 3.10pm

Each session will run as a carousal with students rotating and talking to each visitor.

Please do let us know if you are able to spare any time to attend one or all of the sessions. We would very much appreciate your support in running this informative and meaningful day.

Mrs North - Head of PSHEE



Food Department



A project to teach 60,000 students to cook game by 2020 was launched in the summer. Taste of Game and The Food Teachers Centre launched the "Game Changer" initiative in June and it has already engaged with more than 200 schools. This week it was the turn of Becket Keys!

Students were able to take part in a Masterclass on how to joint, prepare and cook pheasant. They also gained information on how animals are reared and the contribution of seasonal, local and nutritious foods to modern and traditional British cuisine.







It's an easy, convenient way to receive school messages.

Change in School Communications

Remember we are now sending school communications via ParentMail.

Messages will be sent from the email address <u>info@parentmail.co.uk</u>.

Please ensure this email address is added to your email address book or approved sender list so that you continue to receive communications from the school.

Thank you!

Friends of Becket Keys





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CASH 4 COINS

We are collecting your unwanted foreign currency from around the world! We can take <u>ANY</u> coins or banknotes regardless of currency or denomination.

(We even accept old pound coins and preeuro currency)

Please bring your coins/notes into school and leave at Reception.

Thanks for your continued support and don't forget to ask your family, friends and colleagues at work!

Nearly New Uniform



We always welcome any donations of uniform. If you have any uniform to donate, please drop into reception.

Date of next sale to be announced soon.

Sporting Fixtures

MONDAY 13TH MAY

Year 7 Rounders v St Martin's School (a)

TUESDAY 14TH MAY

U13 Incrediball Cricket for Girls
(a) Springfield CC (10am-3pm)

Year 7 Cricket v Great Baddow High School (h)

WEDNESDAY 15TH MAY

Year 7 Rounders v Shenfield High School (a)

Year 9 Cricket v Brentwood School (a)

THURSDAY 16TH MAY

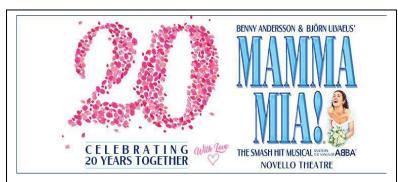
Year 7 Cricket v St Martin's School (a)

TUESDAY 21ST MAY

Boys' Athletics (field events) - St Martin's School

THURSDAY 23rd MAY

Year 7 and 8 Boys' and Girls' English Schools Athletics Cup @ Melbourne Park (10am-4pm)



Further release of Mamma Mia tickets for 19th December. On sale for a limited period only fromwww.pta-events.co.uk/fobk

FREE!

Training session for Parents and professionals

John and John worked as covert officers targeting paedophiles online and have a unique insight into how they target children.

The 2 Johns wrote and present the 'Walk Online Roadshow'. The aim of the event is to bring parents up to date with the apps their children are using and how they are being directly targeted in that environment.

They are doing two free presentations for parents, teachers and anyone who works with young people. The presentations will be held at St Martin's School on 14th May 2019 at 4pm and 7pm.

Please click on the link below to book your place at one of the presentations.

https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/o/essex-youth-service-19937617168

If you have any questions please contact Claire.Love@essex.gov.uk



DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

YEAR 12 BIOLOGY TRIP
MONDAY 20TH – WEDNESDAY 22ND MAY

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YEAR 8 MADRID TRIP
THURSDAY 23RD – TUESDAY 26TH MAY

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ENRICHMENT DAY
FRIDAY 24TH MAY

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WHITSUN HOLIDAY
MONDAY 27TH MAY – FRIDAY 31ST MAY

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INSET DAYS
(NO STUDENTS IN SCHOOL)
FRIDAY 14TH JUNE
MONDAY 17TH JUNE

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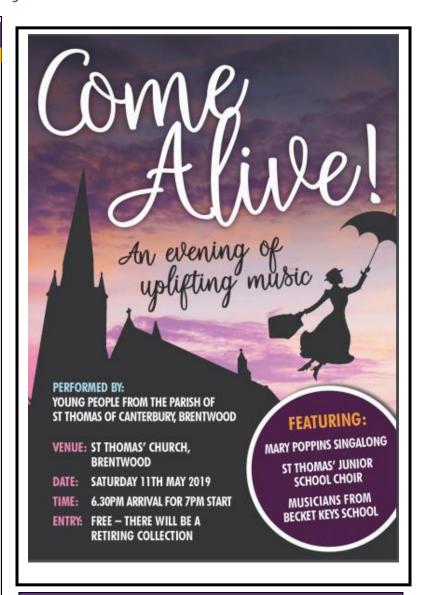
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FRIDAY 21ST JUNE

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