

Parish Newsletter

OUR LADY OF RANSOM

20th October 2024 Twenty-Ninth Sunday of the Year

Psalter Week 1



So embarrassing – failing exams. Especially when your friends do well. I know to my cost. Failing ‘A’ levels, so no university place. Felt so powerless. But thank God, one or two kind and wise people helped me along. I was told to try to find God and his will in this. I began to work with people with disabilities, while re-taking, and re-taking exams until I finally I got there. Not easy. I feel sure God wanted to introduce me to the world of disability, so I needed to fail, or no introduction. God was in my failure, my powerlessness, my pain. So real.

Jesus always sides with those whose lives are “failures”. In fact, this is the perspective of the whole Bible. To read the Bible from the perspective of “establishment” is to completely miss the point. Just feel Jesus’ frustration with his disciples as he is trying to teach them the way of powerlessness, the way of descent. They just don’t get it. Too much for them, too much for us, if like them, we continue to look for status, trying to climb the ladder of success.

Interestingly, the philosopher Neitsche hated Jesus because of Jesus’ teachings on powerlessness. He concluded, *European civilisation must be strong and powerful so it can triumph, we must be Supermen!* Then he said, *God is dead!* Whilst we do not agree with his conclusions, he understood Jesus. Yet Jesus’ own disciples do not. Hitler came soon after Neitsche, followed his teachings, the rest we know. His disciples did not understand. Do we?

Jesus teaches that the only power we can trust is in those who have experienced powerlessness – learned from it, and found God right there. Some experience powerlessness and do not learn, they just ruminate on it and become twisted, angry and bitter all their lives. Jesus wishes for us to find meaning in these harsher moments of life. Hence the cross. In our powerlessness, God can really use us, not so if it is all about social climbing, status, success etc. No-one likes failure, descent. But that is where we find God. We all need one or two kind and wise friends to nurse us through. The disciples miss the point. Do we? Where in life do we feel rejected, inferior, hurt, betrayed and a failure. That is where God can really be found. Would you rather listen to someone who is “powerful”, or someone whose power comes through having experienced powerlessness and failure and then won through?

1st Reading: Isaiah 53: 10-11

Psalm: 32: 4-5, 18-20, 22

2nd Reading: Hebrews 4: 14-16

Gospel: Mark 10: 35-45



MASS INTENTIONS

Saturday 19th October

5.30pm Mass Mina Fox RIP – the Weldon Family

Sunday 20th October 29^h Sunday of the Year (World Missions Sunday)

8.00am Mass Parish Community
10.00am Mass Tim Gleadall RIP (Anniv) – Maureen Gleadall

Monday 21st October

9.30am Eucharistic Service

Tuesday 22nd October

9.30am Eucharistic Service

Wednesday 23rd October

10.00am Eucharistic Service

Thursday 24th October

9.30am Eucharistic Service

Friday 25th October

9.30am Eucharistic Service

Saturday 26^h October St. Cedd

5.30pm Mass Holy Souls RIP

Sunday 27th October 30th Sunday of the Year

8.00am Mass Teresa Cody RIP – Joseph Brady and Family
10.00am Mass Parish Community

All Church Services are now Live Streamed. To take part please go to

<https://stream.seccomgroup.com/channel/olor>

Masses can be watched "live" or later as a recording

PARISH PRIEST

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Public Mass times:

Saturdays 5.30pm
Sundays 8am & 10.00am
Mondays & Tuesdays 9.30am
Wednesdays 10.00am
Thursdays & Fridays 9.30am

The Sacrament of Reconciliation: 4.30pm – 5pm Saturday evenings (not in the confessional box)

Please be aware - Times and days of weekday Masses are subject to change. Our Parish is part of The Brentwood Diocesan Trust, Registered Charity Number 234092



ANNIVERSARIES Kindly pray for all those whose anniversaries are at this time. Especially..... John Donaghy, Hilary Barry, Josephine O'Connor, Peter Taffurelli, James Marshall and Molly Walmsley

May they rest in Peace. †

NEWSLETTER ITEMS: Please ensure all items for the parish newsletter are submitted to the parish office by 11am on Thursdays at the latest. Thank you

A copy of the newsletter is placed on the notice-board for quick reference. Please leave it attached to the notice-board for others to see. Thank you.

†Please keep Mrs. Karen Masters RIP in your prayer. Karen died recently. Her funeral service will be in Our Lady's at 1.00pm Tuesday October 29th. Please keep Sheila her mum, Maria her daughter, and all the family in prayer too. May Karen rest in Peace.†

PLEASE: when receiving Holy Communion, consume the Sacred Host IMMEDIATELY. The Sacred Host should be consumed before receiving the Sacred Blood from the Chalice, if you do not receive from the Chalice, then consume the Sacred Host straight away in front of the Altar. Thank you.

Church Car Park: anyone who wishes to leave their car in the church car park overnight, or especially over several nights, must check with the Parish Office first. This is for reasons such as funeral guests having priority parking during funerals, other celebrations occurring requiring car park use, and possible ground and work maintenance being ongoing, as evidenced recently. Please respect this request. Thank you.

Parish Garden: if anyone has any good and constructive ideas for our garden, do please let us know. A few have already been expressed. Thank you.

Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults Programme (RCIA)

All are welcome to come along to our Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults programme and learn more about what it means to be a Catholic Christian. **We will meet again this Monday 21st October 2024 at 8pm in the Bethany Room.**

Perhaps you are completely new to Christianity, or maybe you left the Church as a teenager and now want to return to the Catholic faith. Alternatively, you may just want to informally ask questions to deepen your understanding. Whatever your circumstances, you are welcome to come along and learn more about what it means to be a Catholic Christian.

Please come along to find out more. You do not have to make any commitments at this point.

However, if you are not part of the Catholic tradition, and you decide during the programme you would like to commit yourself to the Catholic faith, you may be received into the Catholic Church at Easter in April 2025.

Special Collection Gift Aid Envelopes: For those making their regular donation online/by bank transfer, and would like the Gift Aid envelopes for special collections only, they will be available to collect from the church porch.

Wednesday Coffee Morning

Coffee Morning will take place on Wednesday **23rd October 2024 after the Eucharistic Service.**

If anyone is willing and able to volunteer to help once each month, please come along and make yourself known. We'd love to see you.



Good Morning!



If you are interested in running a coffee morning after the Sunday 10am Mass, for a Charity of your choice, please inform the staff in the presbytery office. Thank you.

October is the month of the Holy Rosary. *All people are encouraged to pray the Rosary throughout the month of October. We must ever more urgently pray for world peace – especially in these dangerous times we live in. When we pray the Rosary calmly and meditatively, we can find remedies for any evils that may be lurking deep down within, and find the source of all blessing.*

World Mission Sunday - 20th October, 2024

World Mission Sunday is a day that unites Catholics in every parish and every country. From the remote villages of Malawi to the rugged landscapes of Mongolia, faith communities like ours are getting to celebrate, pray and share whatever they can with our brothers and sisters in need. We stand united with them in prayer, solidarity and action.

On this Mission Sunday, Pope Francis reminds us of Christ's call to each one of us to 'go and invite everyone to the banquet'. And when he says 'everyone', he means everyone. Our mission is to be instruments of God's love, to share the Gospel; and our mission is not just local - it's global.

Missio is the Pope's charity for world mission, and he has entrusted the global Missio network with coordinating the World Mission Sunday celebration. Mission ensures that today's offerings- and those collected in parishes worldwide - reach communities in the greatest need. These are places where poverty, conflict, or the challenges of being a young Church create profound needs. Your generosity will help faith communities build their own chapels, fund hospitals, schools and support vocations where the Church is just beginning to take root or is struggling to survive.

To share a glimpse of your support's impact: In Lebanon, where families live under the constant threat of rockets and gunfire, the Sisters of the Forsaken Jesus are a beacon of hope. Sister Jovanna lives alongside struggling communities in Lebanon. She tells us, 'Our aim is to share love and care with families in real need. As long as we have food, we will share it and do everything we can to support them, preserving their dignity and hope'.

In Mongolia, home to the youngest Catholic Church in the world, the harsh winters can decimate the crops and herds the nomadic people rely on for survival. Missionaries there offer shelter, food and hope to those who have lost everything, whilst quietly sharing their faith. With your help, Missio has also played a key role in training lay catechists and the first Mongolian Priest, who alongside missionaries from around the world, provide education, healthcare and spiritual formation. They are inviting everyone to know God's love.

World Mission Sunday is a lifeline for thousands of missionaries like those in Lebanon and Mongolia, who bring Christ's love to some of the most challenging places in our world.

These missionaries are often the first to respond in times of crisis and the last to leave the communities they serve. Today we give thanks for their tireless efforts as we share in their God-given mission to build a world of justice, peace and solidarity.

The essence of mission is to go out and invite others to share in the joy we receive through Christ's Resurrection. This joy isn't just for us; it is meant to be shared with the whole world. As Pope Francis reminds us the heart of our mission is to spread the Good News of God's love, which has the power to transform lives and heal our world.

As we gather around the Eucharistic table this World Mission weekend, let us remember that the poorest and most vulnerable of our brothers and sisters are the special guests at God's banquet. Together, let's respond to Christ's call to 'Go and invite everyone to the banquet'. Let's be the light and hope our world desperately needs, bearing witness to the love of Christ in all that we do.

Please pray for our sisters and brothers and for the work of missionaries throughout the world. And if you can, please donate on this world Mission Sunday weekend using Missio envelopes or online at [Missio.org.uk](https://www.Missio.org.uk)

On behalf of Missio, THANK YOU for your generosity, your prayers and your commitment to God's global family

Missio Red Boxes

We are about three months away from the Missio Year End report submission for OLOR.

If you have a Red Box and it needs emptying and the contents banked into the Missio account, please speak with your local Missio Promoter **or** bring your Red Box to church and hand it to one of the Ushers who will leave it in the Presbytery for safe keeping.

It will be dealt with in good time and returned back to you.

Thank you.

APPEAL TO ASPIRING YOUNGER PARISHIONERS FROM THE JMG TRUST

Do you feel you would like to make a personal contribution towards the alleviation of poverty both locally and overseas? The "Trustees" are aiming to recruit like minded individuals to take on the work of this locally based charity with assets of £1M. We are looking in particular for younger members preferably with some Financial or IT experience, (but not necessarily qualified) to fill some administrative roles connected mainly with the distribution of grants to the "poor and needy". If you feel that this vocational work may suit your Christian ethos, please apply to Christopher Johnson on 07783326732. We meet only twice a year to discuss Trust business matters.



Kids' Bulletin A children's version of the gospel is available weekly. This can be accessed on the following website: **www.thekidsbulletin.com** and is aimed at primary school children. It can be downloaded and printed out.

Do you have the need of a Wheelchair/ Mobility Aid?

Over a period of time, a collection of Wheelchairs, Strollers, Walkers and other mobility aids have gathered in the Presbytery garage.

If you or a family member have the need for any of the above items, please contact Fr. Paul for more information.

Tel: 01268 382499

These can be very expensive items and there is no cost involved whatsoever.

They will be fully sanitised and delivered to wherever they are required in the area. Thank you.

Homeless Shelter

We have been asked if we would be able to put a team of volunteers together to run a homeless shelter this coming winter. The shelter is likely to run from December through to the end of March 2025. The shelter will be central and not at the Sacred Heart Church. If you would like to volunteer, please contact the Parish office by email in the first instance to record your interest.

southend@brcdt.org

As more information becomes available, we will of course share. Thank you.

Thank you for your help. God bless, Liam Rand

Catholic Parish of The Sacred Heart, Southend-on-Sea and St John Fisher,
Prittlewell The Presbytery, 418 Southchurch Road, Southend-on-Sea, Essex SS1
2QB Telephone (44) 01702 465720

THANK YOU. A big thank you to all who have put donations of toiletries in the box in the church entrance all which go to help people who are underprivileged. More are needed, if you are able to donate, this would be so very much appreciated.

And thanks also to those who came to support, and organised, the recent coffee morning in aid of HARP's Bradbury Daycentre for the Homeless. It was a delightful turn-out, a great success. £111.50 was raised. Thank you again.

Assisted Suicide Bill. Kim Leadbeater MP is introducing a bill to introduce assisted suicide, which will be voted on by MPs on the 29 November. We know that assisted suicide laws in other jurisdictions have had devastating consequences for the poor, disabled and marginalised. This is the biggest threat to the vulnerable in a decade, and we need a huge effort to lobby MPs. Please contact your MP by visiting www.livesworthliving.org.uk

From the Good Counsel Network "There have now been over **ten and a half million abortions in Great Britain since the Abortion Act was passed 57 years ago, on 27th October 1967. On the day before this terrible anniversary please pray and fast for the end of abortion in this country. On Saturday 26th October please go to Mass, say an extra Rosary and give up some food for the day. Share this with your friends on Facebook, <https://www.facebook.com/events/808459844574645> "**

Our Lady of Ransom Theatre Club

There are a few trips arranged that may be of interest . Most are local (meet at theatre) with just two in London . No coaches included but car share / travel companions can be arranged . £5 pp initial payment . All tickets can be paid in instalments.

The trips arranged are as follows :

November 5th Grease The Musical 8pm- (£35.50)

November 30th - Jack and The Beanstalk Panto Towngate Basildon- £21pp

31st December Jack and The Beanstalk pantomime Cliffs Pavillion £32.50 (all front stalls)

2025 'Paddy McGuinness - Nearly There..' - Feb 21st - 7:45 (£44.50)

'& Juliet' May 7th 8pm

'Tina Turner Musical' August 27th - 7.30pm (£33.50)

To book please contact clare_simon@hotmail.co.uk or message 07757 138345

Only Fools And Horses The Musical Thurs 3rd Oct 2:30pm - Cliffs Pavilion £49.50

Come From Away

Sat 10th Oct 2:30pm. New Wimbledon Theatre London - £44.50 (travel by train.)

7000 Stranded Passengers. One Small Town. A Remarkable True Story.

Winner of four Olivier Awards (including Best New Musical in London)

Please contact Clare Mason 07757138345 for more details and for information on other shows later in the year and next year. All shows can be paid for in instalments.

PARISH CHOIR

Do you like to sing? You would be most welcome to join us in the Parish Choir. Just come up to the choir loft after 10am Mass on a Sunday when we are singing. We only sing twice a month, so the commitment is not great. We hold a choir practice on most Thursdays too at 7.30pm for an hour or so. For more details contact Isobel Kennedy (07795 821705)

The Knights of St. Columba will be holding a Bingo Night on the 26th Oct. to raise funds for the work of Sr. Joachim and her Mission of Hope. A “flier” will be handed out after weekend Masses with information on the excellent work carried out by Sr. Joachim whose mother resides in our parish. Please support these events. There will be an opportunity for those who cannot attend to donate – do take an envelope from a member of the Knights.

Learning Support Assistant - Early Years/Key Stage 1 Our Lady of Ransom School

31.25hrs per week term time only 8:30am - 3:15pm with an unpaid 30 min lunch break
Scale 3 Point 5 £23,500 f.t.e. - Actual salary £16,749

We are looking for a dedicated, talented and experienced practitioner to work as a Learning Support Assistant in our school and with our fabulous team.

Are you motivated to bring out the best in every child?

Is building strong and nurturing relationships central to your practice?

Are you motivated to bring out the best in every child?

Can you work within our distinctly Catholic ethos?

You must be flexible, with an ability to think on your feet and use your initiative. You must have patience, empathy and a positive, can-do attitude. Holistic development is embraced across the school, therefore we are looking for an individual who is able to promote the physical, spiritual, emotional, intellectual and social development of every child.

The successful candidate will have wide experience of working within Early Years and/or Key Stage 1 and be able to apply their knowledge and expertise to support the class teacher in creating an engaging environment which stimulates pupils' curiosity and interests, progress and development. Early Years qualifications, NVQs and/LSA qualifications or HLTA status is desirable. A good standard of English and maths is essential. Also desirable is a First Aid qualification.

We are building a Trauma Perceptive Practice approach and place the highest value on inclusion and celebrating diversity.

The Governing Body is committed to safeguarding and promoting the welfare of children and expects all staff and volunteers to share this commitment.

The appointment is subject to satisfactory references, medical and enhanced DBS checks. Following safer recruitment procedures an appointment will be subject to satisfactory references, medical checks and enhanced DBS clearance.

Visits to the school are welcomed and encouraged.

For more details please contact Mr. Parascandolo (Head Teacher) via the school office (01268 785741)

For an application form please visit the school website www.olorcps.net

Closing date: 4pm on Monday 11th November 2024

Interviews: w/c 18th November 2024

We reserve the right to call for interview and appoint prior to the closing

VACANCY AT ST BERNARD'S HIGH SCHOOL

SCHOOL CHAPLAIN

Part-time, three days a week, term time only, 8.30am – 4.30pm

Salary Scale 9 to 19 - £25,119 - £29,777 (actual salary £13,095 - £15,523)

Are you a practising Catholic with a passion for working with children?

We are looking to appoint a School Chaplain to support the Catholic Life and Collective Worship of our school community. You will need to be proactive and be able to work independently, with excellent time management

and organisational skills, arranging events such as whole school masses, form masses, charity fundraisers, retreats. Experience in education or youth ministry would be an advantage.

The Chaplain must be a practising Roman Catholic and should have relevant experience or qualification (e.g. Catholic Certificate in Religious Studies). You will be someone who is skilled in dealing with a wide range of people, and be compassionate, personable and discreet.

Youth Gather, Essex Outdoors, East Mersea, 26th – 27th October

For anyone in year 9 and above, join us for a weekend of speakers, workshops, prayer, the chance to try archery or climbing, socialise with friends old and new, and all while sharing in and celebrating our Catholic faith. Travel, meals, accommodation and activities are all included in the price.

Applications are now open and you can apply and find all information at www.bcys.net/events/yg24/

Youth Mass, First Thursday of the Month, Brentwood Cathedral, from 6pm

Join the BCYS to celebrate Youth Mass each month with other young Catholics from all around the Diocese.

There will be pizza in the Parish Hall from 6pm, with a different input each month - speakers, workshops, prayer and worship, Reconciliation or more!

Catechist Training and Resources Day, Brentwood Ursuline Convent School, Saturday 9th November, 10am-3pm

With guest speakers, new workshops, exciting resources and fresh ideas.

Open to anyone working with young people in the Diocese of Brentwood, including First Holy Communion / Confirmation Catechists, Parish Partnership Youth Coordinators and Youth Leaders as well as those who look after the children's liturgy, especially any young people (16+) who already are or may be interested in working as young leaders and catechists in the parish, and wish to develop their faith further post-confirmation. Please visit www.bcys.net/events for more information on how to reserve your **FREE** place.

Catholic and aged between 18 - 30?

Join a group for faithful young adults for faith based discussions. Presentations on relevant theological or ethical issues, evening prayer, exposition and benediction. If you are interested then contact Max on 07783506474 for more information or to confirm your place. Food and drink will be provide. The first session: Monday 28th October at 18:30pm in Sacred Heart Church Hall (SS1 2QB) featuring a presentation by Fr. Graham Smith titled :*Gender Ideology: A Catholic Perspective*.

From the Canonesses of the Holy Sepulchre

Senior carer position for a Community of 9 religious sisters in their home in Colchester. For further details please see our website: <https://canonesses.co.uk/senior-carer-position-howe-close/> OR call Care Manager on 07394-980188

. St. Margaret Clitherow Pilgrimage 26th and 27th October 2024

On 26th and 27th October 2024, there will be a St. Margaret Clitherow themed pilgrimage, we will visit the Shrine of St. Margaret Clitherow, visit her relics at the Bar Convent and visit the place of her execution. There will also be other social and devotional activities/talks.

The event is organised by Young Catholic Adults and the Traditional English Association of Catholic History. All ages are welcome. Please come to as much or as little of the pilgrimage as you want. To book onto this FREE pilgrimage please go to:- <https://bookwhen.com/youngcatholicadults-yorkpilgrimage2024>

The Brentwood Catholic Children's Society (BCCS) Christmas Craft and Gift Fair will be held at The Mill Hall Arts & Events Centre, Bellingham Lane, Rayleigh SS6 7ED on Sunday 3rd November from 10.30am - 4pm. There is free parking at the venue and admission is only £1.50 for adults and free for children under 14. There will be over 40 stalls selling many unique crafts, gifts and handmade fare so come along and pick up some early Christmas presents. BCCS will have its own stall selling donated gifts and crafts and there will be a fundraising raffle during the event. If you have any crafts, unopened gifts or homemade jams and chutneys you would like to donate to us and are able to drop off to our premises in Billericay, we would be delighted to receive them. Thank you.

WALK AND TALK

Meet other people in recovery local to you



TURN ME OVER TO FIND A WALK NEAR YOU

Are you in recovery and want to meet others local to you? Do you work for a drug and alcohol service and want to help build a bigger recovery community?

Join one of Essex Recovery Foundation's walks which happen every two weeks across Essex. Walks will be around an hour long and will finish with a coffee.

CONTACT US ON:

- 07356102692
- essexrecoveryfoundation.org



DISTRICT	DATE/TIME	LOCATION & MEETING POINT
CHELMSFORD	24th April 2024 10:30am	Central Park. Meet at the cafe (CM1 1LO)
HARLOW	8th May 2024 10:30am	Town Park. Meet outside Spurriers House (CM20 2QQ)
BRAINTREE	22nd May 2024 10:30am	Braintree and Bocking Public Gardens (CM7 9AE)
BASILDON	5th June 2024 10:30am	Wat Tyler Park. Meet at visitors' centre (SS16 4JH)
TENDRING	19th June 2024 10:30am	Furze Hill. Meet at Mistley village hall (CO11 1HS)
MALDON	3rd July 2024 10:30am	Burnham Seafront. Meet at war memorial (CM0 8AG)
UTTLESFORD	17th July 2024 10:30am	Saffron Walden Common. Meet in car park (CB10 1FH)
SOUTHEND	31st July 2024 10:30am	Shoeburyness. Meet at the station (SS3 9AW)
BRENTWOOD	14th August 2024 10:30am	King George Playing Field. Meet at the pavilion (CM14 5AE)
THURROCK	28th August 2024 10:30am	Thameside Nature Park. Meet in car park (SS17 0RN)
CASTLE POINT	11th September 2024 10:30am	Canvey Island. Meet outside The Boy Cafe (SS8 0AY)
EPPING FOREST	25th September 2024 10:30am	Theydon Bois. Meet at the station. (CM16 7EU)
ROCHFORD	9th October 2024 10:30am	Hockley Woods. Meet in the car park (SS5 4RN)
COLCHESTER	23rd October 2024 10:30am	Castle Park. Meet in Leisureworld car park (CO1 1YH)

IF YOU HAVE ANY ACCESSIBILITY NEEDS TO PARTICIPATE IN OUR WALKS, PLEASE GET IN TOUCH WITH SALLY ON 07356102692.



DONATIONS NEEDED

We are in desperate need of the following items:

Toiletries

Deodorant (Men's & Women's)

Shower gel

Shampoo/Conditioner

Sanitary Pads (All sizes)

Toothpaste

Toothbrushes



Clothing

Sleeping bags

Tracksuit bottoms (All sizes)

Jumpers (All sizes)

Underwear and socks (All sizes)

Trainers (All sizes)

Warm Coats (All sizes)



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❄️ WINTER VOLUNTEER SHOUT-OUT ❄️

At St Vincent's Centre, we are the Door of Hope. Your involvement can help us open that door and shine a light on the lives of those in need. Let's work together to clear a path and turn frowns into smiles.

We are urgently seeking **VOLUNTEERS** especially **DRIVERS**. Can you spare an hour or more a week?

How You Can Help: Other Roles:

Food Pickup & Delivery

Furniture Pickup & Delivery

Event Support

And More.

For more details, contact: lilyd@svp.org.uk

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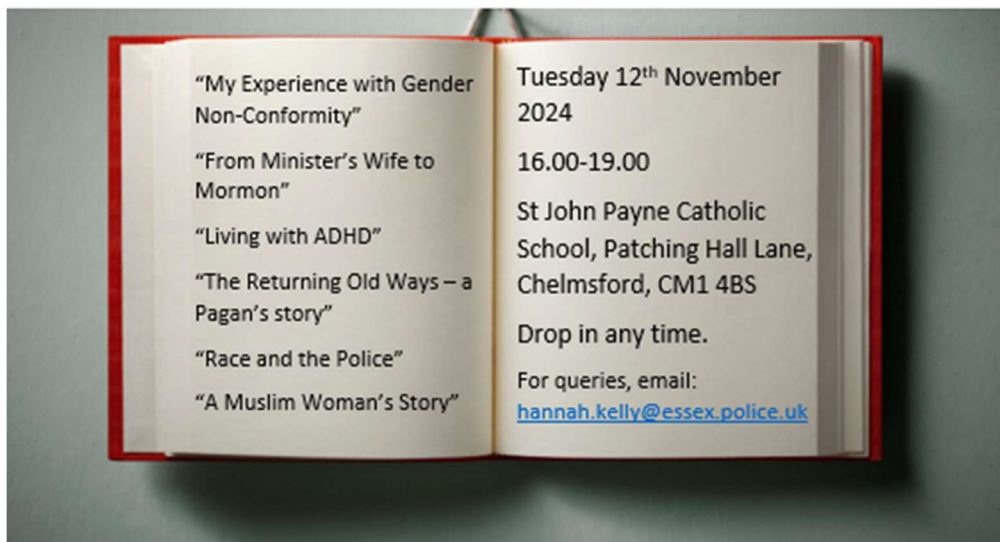
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Essex Faith Covenant and Essex Mind and Spirit invite you to

HUMAN LIBRARY

At the library, you can hear real life experiences, listen to their stories, and ask questions. Books include (but there are many more):



Don't judge books by their cover.

Come and hear their stories.