

## Order of Service

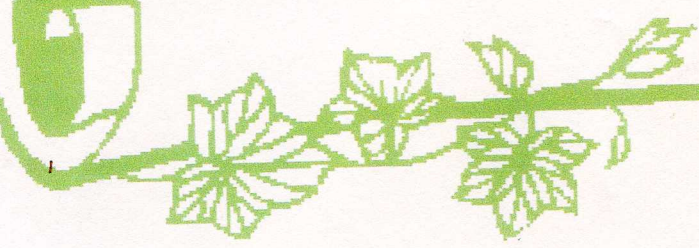
To commemorate the unveiling of a  
memorial to those who lost their lives  
And those who worked tirelessly thereafter  
following the floods of  
31<sup>st</sup> January 1953

To be held at  
Great Wakering Memorial hall  
Sunday 27<sup>th</sup> January at 2.30

- |      |   |
|------|---|
| 2.30 | Welcome and address   |
| 2.50 | James Duddridge MP.   |
| 3.00 | Unveiling of the Memorial   |
| 3.10 | Blessing by Catholic, Anglican,<br>Methodist and Evangelical<br>Churches. |
| 3.20 | Refreshments  |

Close of Service

---





**IN MEMORY OF THOSE WHO LOST THEIR LIVES  
EAST COAST FLOODS of 31<sup>st</sup> JANUARY 1953  
GREAT WAKERING VILLAGE MEMORIAL HALL  
SUNDAY 27<sup>th</sup> JANUARY 2013 at 2.30pm**

**INTRODUCTION**

'Since we believe that Jesus died and rose again, even so, through Jesus, God will bring with him those who have died. So we will be with the Lord for ever. Therefore encourage one another with these words.'

*1 Thessalonians 4: 14, 17, 18*

'I will comfort you says the Lord, as a Mother comforts her child, and you shall be comforted'

*Isaiah 66: 13*

**DEDICATION of the MEMORIAL PLAQUE**

We ask Lord for your blessing as we dedicate this plaque to remember those who lost their lives during the East Coast Floods of 1953. We give thanks for each and every one who perished and for all that they meant and still mean to their families, friends and colleagues.

We especially remember those who died from our local community.

**FROM FOULNESS ISLAND**

Bertha Rawlings 64

Violet Rawlings 41

Stanley Gray 47 (from Rochford-died at Havengore)

**FROM GREAT WAKERING**

Stuart Curtis 3

Ellen Kirby 69

George Kirby 71

David Whitehead 4

Nellie Whitehead 24

William Driscoll 40

Walter Manning 67

In silence we recall them now .....

May they be remembered and never forgotten and this plaque always be a reminder of that night. In the name of Jesus Christ our Lord. AMEN.



**PRAYER**      So let us pray.

Eternal God, maker and redeemer, we are reminded in the memory of this tragedy 60 years ago, of the force, power and random nature of your creation of planet earth, alongside the compassion and fortitude of humankind. We remember the many selfless acts of heroism and kindness that took place on that dark and stormy night and in the days afterwards. For this we give them thanks and praise through Jesus Christ our Lord. AMEN.

**THE LORD'S PRAYER**

We say together the prayer that Jesus taught us:

*Our Father, who art in Heaven  
Hallowed be thy name  
Thy kingdom come  
Thy will be done  
On earth as it is in heaven  
Give us this day our daily bread  
And forgive us our trespasses  
As we forgive those who trespass against us  
And lead us not into temptation  
But deliver us from evil.  
For thine is the kingdom,  
The power and the glory  
For ever and ever. Amen.*

**BLESSING**

All our laughter, all our sadness, is safe now in God's hands.  
All our anger, all our gladness, is safe now in God's hands.  
All our stories, all our memories, are safe now in God's hands.  
Those we remember, those we love, are safe now in God's hands.  
And until we meet again,  
may God hold us always in the palm of his hand.  
And the blessing of God almighty,  
the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit,  
be with us now and remain with us always. AMEN.