

## WELCOME TO ST LAWRENCE CHURCH

### What's on at St Lawrence on Sundays?

**Holy Eucharist at 8am** - A quiet and reflective said Communion service.



**Parish Eucharist at 10am** - Our main act of worship for all ages. In term time, our young people can join Young Church (or Youth Church from Year 6) during part of the service, returning in time for Communion. For our under 5's, play bags are available. The service is followed by coffee in the hall - a great time to meet other folk and make new friends.

### When is our next once-a-month Saturday evening Family Celebration?

**Saturday 24th November at 6pm** - The service content is intended to be ideal for families with children in years 5 & 6. The worship provides an introduction to being part of a church family. It includes singing and music, craft activities, prayer, a talk and a shared meal. We aim to make everyone feel welcome and at home during the worship. Why not come along and see what you think?

You are invited  
to the ...

**FRIENDSHIP  
CAFE  
@ ST LAWRENCE**

Come for ...

**Coffee/Tea, Cake  
& Conversation @ £2  
in the St Lawrence Centre  
First Wednesday of every month  
10.30 - 12.00**

Please join us as we celebrate

**90<sup>TH</sup>  
ANNIVERSARY**

of the Dedication of  
St Lawrence Church, Eastcote

**Saturday 21st October**

2.00 pm Eucharist  
at St Martin's Ruislip

followed by pilgrimage walk from  
St Martin's to St Lawrence's.

4.00 pm Choral Evensong  
with sermon by The  
Revd Dr Robert Chapman,  
followed by tea and cake.

[www.st-lawrence-eastcote.org.uk](http://www.st-lawrence-eastcote.org.uk)

St Lawrence Players proudly present

# Haywire

a comedy  
by ERIC CHAPPELL



## Programme 50p

5th, 6th, 7th October 2023

This amateur production of "Haywire" is presented by  
arrangement with Concord Theatricals Ltd.  
On behalf of Samuel French Ltd. [www.concordtheatricals.co.uk](http://www.concordtheatricals.co.uk)

programme cover by Justin Grant



## A NOTE FROM THE COMMITTEE

Welcome everyone to our performance this evening. We hope that you will enjoy a night of entertainment and laughter, leave your cares at the door and follow the mishaps and the fallout of Alec's carefully laid plans.

A big thank-you to Val Clarke who has once again stepped up magnificently to bring us this hilarious play, and has directed the cast with her experienced eye for superb comedic timing. Over now to the cast to give it their best, and to remember our motto 'just for the fun of it'. We hope you enjoy the play as much as we do.

Also, a big thank-you to the backstage team. They not only support the smooth running of the performances on the night (i.e. props, lighting and sound, front of house, prompt and refreshments) but also in the run-up to the performances, with the many jobs needed to bring the play to the stage in the weeks before (i.e. set building and design, costumes, special sound effects and many rehearsals). It is a lot of fun and we would welcome more members to join us, so why not come along to the church hall on Thursdays at 8.15pm and join us?

### Want to contact us? Or book tickets?



Players have an e-mail address that you can use to book tickets or to get in touch if, for example, you're interested in joining us. Alternatively our phone number to book tickets is 07864 006 477.

[stlawrenceplayers@gmail.com](mailto:stlawrenceplayers@gmail.com)



### St Lawrence Players' next production

Please visit our recently updated website where you will soon find details of our next production:

[www.stlawrenceplayers.org.uk](http://www.stlawrenceplayers.org.uk)



## CHRISTMAS AT ST LAWRENCE

St Lawrence Church

# Christmas Fair & Grotto

Book tickets for visiting Santa on Eventbrite.  
Lots to enjoy, including ...

- \* Gift stalls
- \* Tombolas
- \* Crafts
- \* Grand Draw
- \* Refreshments
- \* Entertainment & more!

Entry: Adults £2; Concessions £1; Children FREE

**Sat 2nd DECEMBER**  
2.30-5.30PM

**CHRISTINGLE**  
Sunday 3rd December  
4pm



**CHURCHES TOGETHER  
IN EASTCOTE  
CAROL SERVICE**  
Monday 11th December  
8pm  
at St Lawrence Church

**CRIB SERVICE**  
Sunday 24th December, 4pm



**FIRST MASS OF CHRISTMAS**  
Sunday 24th December, 11pm



**CHRISTMAS DAY MASS**  
Monday 25th December, 10am





## IN LOVING MEMORY

### Ann Taggart



We recently lost our dear friend and member, Ann Taggart, after a period of ailing health.

Ann joined us, along with her husband Tag, in the mid 1980s and, initially, they were both active in backstage roles. However, some years later, both were coerced onto stage, memorably performing together in *When We Are Married*, as well as many other productions. Ann's own favourite part was as Hanky Panky in *Cinderella*. Ann also served many years on the committee, but her biggest sacrifice was to volunteer as prompt for a production - only to find herself with this as a semi-permanent role! This was a thankless task in our group, particularly in the last few rehearsals when hers was often the most heard voice!

Our condolences to Ann's three sons: Colin, Blair and Michael.



### ALL SOULS DAY SERVICE

Wednesday 7th November, 7.30pm

We will be praying for the faithful departed, listing those whose funerals have been taken over the last twelve months. You are warmly invited to come along, and to invite anyone else you think may find this service a support.



### REMEMBRANCE SUNDAY SERVICES

Sunday 12th November

At 9.30am - All-age Parish Eucharist in the Church, followed by ...

At 11am - Service of Remembrance at the War Memorial organised by the Eastcote Royal British Legion, led by Fr John Seymour.



## A NOTE FROM THE DIRECTOR



Welcome to Players and our production of *Haywire* by Eric Chappell.

This has been such an enjoyable play to direct. Everyone from the cast, backstage crew, sound and lighting, to the front of house and box office have worked so hard. I want to take this opportunity to thank all those members of Players involved with this production and, especially, the wonderful cast.

The playwright, Eric Chappell began his career by writing novels. Luckily he branched out into writing plays and by the end of his career, he had written almost thirty. Eric's first stage play inspired the classic TV comedy series *Rising Damp*. Over a period of twenty-five years, he wrote, or co-wrote, some of the most successful television sitcoms, including *Only When I Laugh*, *Duty Free* and *Home to Roost*.

*Haywire* is a comedy about Alec and his attempts to get his wife, Maggie, away on holiday, 'Three capitals in five days and the tulip fields', so he can pursue plans of his own involving Liz, his assistant. But life, or rather his family, seems to conspire against him. The road to his own holiday in Spain is obstructed by three unhappy family members and a new pet.

Alec tries desperately to deal with each new obstruction but nothing goes to plan. In fact, as you will have guessed, everything goes haywire! Enjoy!

Valerie Clarke

PLEASE

support St Lawrence Players by buying lots of raffle tickets this evening ... and then remember to check your raffle ticket numbers as you leave this evening! Good luck!

Thank you so much!  
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**St Lawrence Players**  
present their 219<sup>th</sup> production

## **Haywire**

A comedy by  
**Eric Chappell**

### **CAST**

*(in order of appearance)*

Alec Firth	-	Mark Kimsey
Liz	-	Sue Worker
Maggie Firth	-	Emma Klmsey
Phoebe Firth	-	Alison Wyatt
Jamie Firth	-	Kieran Gallagher
Mandy Firth	-	Charlotte Kimsey

The action takes place in the upstairs living room  
above Alec Firth's bookshop.

### **SYNOPSIS OF SCENES**

ACT 1	Scene 1: Good Friday, late afternoon.
	Scene 2: Late Saturday morning.
ACT 2	Scene 1: Early Saturday afternoon.
	Scene 2: Saturday evening.

## **PRODUCTION TEAM**

Director	Valerie Clarke
Producer	Jo Williams
Lighting & Sound	Cathy Jones & Duncan Sykes
Props	Alison Marshall
Stage & Production Management	Graham Edwards & Garry Marshall
Prompt	Caroline Crockford
Set Design & Construction	Players
Poster & Programme Cover	Justin Grant
Publicity	Gwenllian Leach
Programme	Sue Cobb
Box Office	Jane Williams & Jo Williams
Front of House Manager	Gwenllian Leach
Front of House	Players
Photographs	Diane Maltz



You are respectfully reminded that smoking is not allowed  
in the building and to switch off your mobile phones  
for the duration of the performance. Thank you.



There will be an interval between Act 1 and Act 2.  
Coffee, tea and wine will be available during the interval;  
there is no set charge for tea and coffee but a donation (cash only)  
will be gratefully received. Thank you.