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## ALL SAINTS CHURCH, NAZEING

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The parish church of Nazeing, Essex, is built on a headland on the northern boundary of the parish. All Saints Church dates from the 12th century. As with many churches there have been, through the centuries, renovations and additions.

Externally the building is of flint and rubble, patched with brick and partly plastered. The early 16th century tower is of red brick with blue diamond shaped patterns on the south face the embattled top is reached by a stair turret. From the top there is a splendid view over Nazeing towards Hertfordshire.

The name of Nazeing appears in the Domesday Book as "Nassingham". The original Saxon settlement was probably near the church. Both Nazeing and its church were closely associated with Waltham Abbey.

In 1848 Sir Charles Wake owned a sizeable portion of Nazeing. A memorial tablet to Sir Hereward Wake (1876-1963), Lord of the Manor of Nazeing can be found on the north wall of All Saints Church. The vicar's stall in the daughter church of St. Giles, which was built in 1963, also bears a memorial to him.

There is a strong American connection with Nazeing. In 1631 the Pilgrim Fathers sailed to New England in 'Lyon'. Among them was John Eliot (1604-1690) "The Indian Apostle;" in Massachusetts, who lived in Nazeing as a boy. John Curtiss, who also emigrated, was baptised in All Saints Church on 15th September 1577.

### **Index of Baptisms, Marriages and Burials in All Saints' Church, Nazeing 1559-1840**

We have transcribed these records and printed an index. Copies of the index have been sent to the Essex Record Office and the Society of Genealogists for display on open shelves. The printed index, covering eight volumes of records, contains a total

of 8714 name entries. There are 4250 baptisms, 2876 burials and 794 marriages, (2 names for each marriage). Each entry has the date and month listed as well as the year. Names are listed alphabetically, with separate lists for bride and groom.

Should anyone wish to purchase a copy of the index they should write to me. The cost, with postage and packing, is:

**United Kingdom £10.00 - World-wide £15.00**

Cheques (in sterling only) to be made payable to NAZEING PAROCHIAL  
CHURCH COUNCIL - all profits will go to the church funds.

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