

**The Witch Trials of Chelmsford  
by Mike Dodsworth (Essex Storyteller)**

**2.30pm 21<sup>st</sup> September 2024**

**Trinity Methodist Church, Rainsford Road, Chelmsford, CM1 2XB.**

**Visitors and prospective members warmly welcomed – £5.**

In 1566, the first witch trial was held in a secular court in Chelmsford. Join Mike Dodsworth on an investigation into the prominence of Witch Trials and the execution of women found criminally guilty of witchcraft in Chelmsford during the 16th and 17th centuries.

In order to broaden the historical context of these events, Mike will be delving into the world of literature and folklore to assist in our understanding of the trials that took place, so expect to find a balance of contemporary historical accounts with literary readings and traditional folktales.



Mike Dodsworth is a professional Performance Storyteller and Theatre Director working nationally and internationally for over 25 years, and a guest tutor at E15 Acting School (University of Essex) a global leader in conservatoire training for the Theatre, Television, Film and related industries. He engages with thousands of people annually in a broad range of settings and venues including sites of historical interest, where he connects particularly with the idea of bringing history to life within the framework of live performance.

