

## Welcome to the Churches of Orsett, Bulphan and Horndon-on-the-Hill

Weekly notice sheet Sunday 18th April—3rd Sunday of Easter



**8.45am BCP Holy Communion Service**

**10am Holy Communion Service**

At St Peter and St Paul's Church, Horndon-on-the-Hill

### Today's Collect

Risen Christ, you filled your disciples with boldness and fresh hope: strengthen us to proclaim your risen life and fill us with your peace, to the glory of God the Father.

### Post Communion

Living God, your Son made himself known to his disciples in the breaking of bread: open the eyes of our faith, that we may see him in all his redeeming work; who is alive and reigns, now and for ever.

Dear Everyone,

I hope you are remaining well.

Following the joy of Easter Week, we heard the sad news of the death of His Royal Highness, The Duke of Edinburgh, and our thoughts and prayers are with the Royal Family at this time as they experience, along with many other families, a funeral with Covid restrictions. We will be giving thanks for the life of Prince Philip and remembering the Royal Family in our Facebook Prayers on Friday Morning at 8.30am @HOBNOBChurches and there will be a service at Horndon Church on Friday Evening at 7pm should you wish to come along. There is also an online book of condolences, details of which can be found later in the notice sheet and, should you wish to lay flowers in memory of Prince Philip, there is an allocated space in each of the three churchyards for this. There are also some prayers on this notice sheet which you might like to use in your own private devotions.

It is often not until a person dies that we find out the full extent of how much they contributed in life. And, certainly, since his death, most of us discovered more than we already knew about Prince Philip's life of faithful and loyal service, not only to the Queen and the Commonwealth but to the many groups and organisations with which he was associated, not least the Duke of Edinburgh Award, which he initiated.

The Archbishop of Canterbury, in his reflections about The Duke of Edinburgh, said, "It wasn't 'me, me, me'. It was about the world, about those he served, and in doing that his own role was more and more significant...He had a righteous impatience. He would not accept the status quo. If things were not right, he would say so and say so quickly, and clearly, and often bluntly.... Prince Philip, also though, had a deep and genuine sense of service and humility." He went on, further, to describe him as someone who "knew the talents he had and what he could bring, and he brought them 100%, at full throttle, right through his life".

As I read these words of the Archbishop, I reflected upon our call, as Christians, to live lives of service and humility, to stand up for what is right, to be prepared to challenge what is wrong in our world, and to care for and love others, particularly those shunned by society. Christ gave each one of us his 100% commitment as he served on earth and as he died on the cross so that our sins could be forgiven, and I am often challenged to reflect honestly upon what my level of commitment is to serving him.

Recent months have caused many of us to ask questions both of ourselves and of God and to seek meaning beyond the here and now. We are going to be running a 6 week SHAPE Course from the beginning of May, to help us think about the gifts God has given each one of us and how he might want to use them. All are welcome to join this course and more details are available later in the notice sheet. But do come along if you would like to. We would love to see you.

It has been great to see some of you at church over the past two weeks and especially good to welcome some new members to our congregation.

Take care and God bless,

Sue



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## Prayers for the week

### Prayer Diary

- Pray for those who today still risk all to proclaim their faith in an often hostile world. Remember Arab Christians and our Asian sisters and brothers as they struggle to maintain their freedom to worship.
- *PRAY for the Church of Ireland*
- Prayers for the rest of the week can be found here-: <https://www.chelmsford.anglican.org/uploads-new/publications/WePray-APR-MAY21-prayers.pdf>

**Horndon** Suzarne P, Nick T, Revd Brenda, Jean, Jan C, Moira, Ivy  
**Orsett** Maureen D, Pat, Di, Margaret C, Steve J following his surgery  
**Bulphan** Sue C, Richard, June  
**Other** Dottie and her family



### Prayers for the recently bereaved

**Orsett** Angela following the death of her mother Doris last year, Colin and family following the death of Kathleen J, Michael and family following the death of Eileen  
**Bulphan** Friends and family of Eric J

Please let Revd Sue or Revd Max know of people who are unwell or in need of pastoral support

## The Duke of Edinburgh

Following the death of His Royal Highness an online condolence site has been set up and this can be found at <https://www.churchofengland.org/remembering-his-royal-highness-prince-philip/his-royal-highness-prince-philip-book-condolence>

*Remember, O Lord, your servant Philip, who has gone before us with the sign of faith and now rests in the sleep of peace. According to your promises, grant to him and to all who rest in Christ, refreshment, light and peace; through the same Christ our Lord. Amen.*

*Most merciful God, whose wisdom is beyond our understanding, surround the Queen and the Royal Family with your love, that they may not be overwhelmed by their loss, but have confidence in your goodness, and strength to meet the days to come. We ask this through Christ our Lord. Amen.*

On Friday 16th April our Facebook Morning Prayers will be dedicated to remembering His Royal Highness, The Prince Philip, The Duke of Edinburgh and on Friday evening, instead of Facebook Night Prayer, there will be a short service in Horndon Church at 7pm. You are also welcome to leave flowers in each of the churchyards.

## SHAPE Course

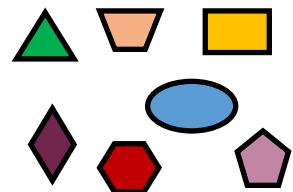
***God has given each one of us gifts. Come and discover more about your unique gifts!***

The SHAPE Course is a 6-session course to enable church members to understand the unique SHAPE God has made them, the gifts he has given them and how he might want to use them. This is so that God's Kingdom may be built up as each person finds the ministry to which God is calling them in the Church and in the world.

Hopefully this will enable participants to live and serve with more joy, satisfaction and fruitfulness. This should build a healthy growing church, and will affect the way each person engages with their family, friends, job, local community, and voluntary / leisure activities.

**The core topics** The sessions involve looking at your:

- **S**piritual Gifts (God's unique gifts to you)
- **H**eat's Desire (what motivates and excites you; what you love to do)
- **A**bilities (your talents, knowledge and skills)
- **P**ersonality (your character, personal qualities and strengths)
- **E**xperience (your life experiences and what you've gained from them)



### for God's Service

Revd Sue is planning to run a six week Shape Course using Zoom on a Thursday evening at 8pm starting on 6th May. As with other Zoom activities she will send the link out to everyone on the database. All are welcome but it would be helpful if you could let Sue know if you will be attending.



## Do you like singing or drama?

Is anyone interested in being part of an informal drama group or an informal singing group for the 10am Sunday services? These groups wouldn't be every week but just when required and the participants need to be able to come to church to rehearse at 9.15am on the day. If you are interested please could you let Sue know, her contact details are at the end of this notice sheet.



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## Thurrock Foodbank

Your continued support for this charity is much appreciated. The Benefice has organised 5 collection boxes as listed below:

Orsett	The Rectory and Orsett Stores
Bulphan	24, Church Lane and Bulphan Local Store
Horndon-on-the-Hill	1, Lion Cottages, High Road



Shortages this week are: tinned fruit, long life milk, sponge puddings, tinner meats and coffee

## Hobnob Magazine

- May edition—Please submit articles to Ron by April 25th email: [r.porter@hobnob.org.uk](mailto:r.porter@hobnob.org.uk)
- The online version of the magazine can be found on our website news page [www.hobnob.org.uk/maqazine](http://www.hobnob.org.uk/maqazine)

## Individual Private Prayer

The following churches are open for private prayer—10am to noon

Bulphan Church Monday and Thursday Horndon-on-the-Hill Church Tuesday and Saturday



## Diary Dates

### Services

- This week's Sunday Services are at Horndon-on-the-Hill Church
- 7pm Friday 16th April A service of remembrance and prayer at Horndon-on-the-Hill Church
- Next week's Sunday services (25th April) are both held at Bulphan Church 8.45am Said Holy Communion followed by a 10am Family Service
- Morning and Evening Prayers will be on Monday to Saturday at 8.30am and 7pm respectively and can be found through Facebook @HOBNOBChurches.
- If you would like to listen to daily prayers, these can be heard at <https://www.chpublishing.co.uk/apps/time-to-pray>
- Daily Hope, a free phone line of hymns, reflections and prayers can be found on 0800 8048044



**Advance notices** (Please remember due to Covid regulations only those invited to funerals can attend)

- Fischy Music assemblies on Mondays at 11am. The link for Fischy Music is [www.youtube.com/user/Fischymusic](http://www.youtube.com/user/Fischymusic)

## Bible Readings for this week

Sunday	Principal Service
Acts 3.12-19, 1 John 3.1-7	Psalm 4 Luke 24.36b-48

	Morning prayer	Night prayer		Morning prayer	Night prayer
<b>Monday</b>	Psalm 96 Deuteronomy 5.1-22 Ephesians 1.1-14	Psalm 61 Exodus 19 Luke 1.1-25	<b>Tuesday</b>	Psalm 98 Deuteronomy 5.22-end Ephesians 1.15-end	Psalm 71 Exodus 20.1-21 Luke 1.26-38
<b>Weds</b>	Psalm 5 Joshua 1.1-9 Ephesians 6.10-20	Psalm 3 Isaiah 43.1-7 John 15.1-8	<b>Thursday</b>	Psalm 136 Deuteronomy 7.1-11 Ephesians 2.11-end	Psalm 73 Exodus 25.1-22 Luke 1.57-end
<b>Friday</b>	Psalm 115 Song of Solomon 7.10-8.4 Luke 8.41-end	Psalm 107 Exodus 13.17-14.14 1 Corinthians 15.35-50	<b>Saturday</b>	Psalm 110 Deuteronomy 8 Ephesians 3.14-end	Psalm 27 Exodus 29.1-9 Luke 2.21-40

## Contact details

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