

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

Weekly notice sheet Sunday 25th April—4th Sunday of Easter



8.45am CW Holy Communion Service

10am Family Service

At St Mary the Virgin Church, Bulphan



Today's Collect

Risen Christ, faithful shepherd of your Father's sheep: teach us to hear your voice and to follow your command, that all your people may be gathered into one flock, to the glory of God the Father..

Post Communion

Merciful Father, you gave your Son Jesus Christ to be the good shepherd, and in his love for us to lay down his life and rise again: keep us always under his protection, and give us grace to follow in his steps; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Dear Everyone,

I hope you are enjoying the sunshine. It is lovely to be able to sit outside again, isn't it? As we are making tentative steps towards a new normal, it has been good to welcome more people back into church, some of whom have been unable to attend for the past year. We had a lovely time of worship at Horndon last Sunday and, although we are not yet able to sing, we enjoyed listening to some uplifting hymns and songs.

As we continue with our new service pattern, I would like to thank those of you who have supported services week after week during the lockdown, on Youtube, Teams, Zoom and now in different churches. Your unwavering support has not gone unnoticed and both Max and I have been grateful for your presence, as we have navigated our way through the past 12 months. As I mentioned, in one of our previous notices, we are all members of one united church congregation which worships in different places, not dissimilar to the first Christians who followed Jesus' itinerant ministry.

In order for all to have access to our church services, it is really important that people have transport so if anyone feels able to take on the role of coordinating lifts to church services across the Benefice, when it is safe to do so, to ensure that those without cars are not excluded, I would be really pleased to hear from you.

God calls each one of us to serve him and each one of us has gifts. Our SHAPE course which begins on Thursday May 6th at 8pm on Zoom is an opportunity for each one of us to consider our God given gifts and how God might be calling us to use them either within the Church or further afield. It is an exciting course and I do encourage you to be part of this. I will be sending out a Zoom link before the first session but it would be helpful to know if you are planning to attend before the first session.

As we enjoy something of increased freedom now, let us remember and pray for those who live in parts of the world where they are still struggling with huge numbers of Covid-19 cases. In particular, this week, we remember the people of India who are facing a devastating second wave.

As ever, please do continue to let me know of any prayer or pastoral needs.

Take care and God bless,

Sue



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Prayers for the week

Prayer Diary

- Please pray for followers of other faiths, that there may be discussion and understanding between all of God's people.
- *PRAY for the Nippon Sei Ko Kai*
- Please pray for those in India coping with the covid crisis
- 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 W, 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

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



Forest Church

Saturday 1st May - 4-5pm

St Mary's Church, Bulphan

Forest Church is a new way of doing church outdoors for all ages.

It is for all ages and includes outdoor fun activities on a Biblical theme, worship, often around a fire.

The service will carry on even if it is raining so please wear wellies, waterproof clothing and bring an umbrella! You should also bring along a rug or a chair to sit on.


I look forward to seeing you there.

Revd Sue




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.

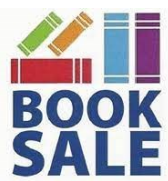


If you are interested please could you let Sue know, her contact details are at the end of this notice sheet.



May Bank Holiday 'Driveway sale' in Bulphan (Mon 3rd May) - noon to 4pm

Please support the Benefice by
visiting our second hand
book sale at
Bulphan Church.



Shape Course

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.

The core topics

The sessions involve looking at your:

- **Spiritual Gifts** (God's unique gifts to you)
- **Heart's Desire** (what motivates and excites you; what you love to do)
- **Abilities** (your talents, knowledge and skills)
- **Personality** (your character, personal qualities and strengths)
- **Experience** (your life experiences and what you've gained from them)

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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 and sponge puddings.

Hobnob Magazine

- May edition—Please submit articles to Ron by April 25th email: r.porter@hobnob.org.uk
- The online version of the magazine can be found on our website news page 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 Bulphan Church
- Forest Church is at Bulphan Church on Saturday 1st May at 4pm
- Next Sunday's (2nd May) All Together Service is at Bulphan Church at 10am
- 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

Bible Readings for this week

Sunday	Principal Service	
	Acts 4.5-12+	Psalm 23
	1 John 3.16-end	John 10.11-18

	Morning prayer	Night prayer		Morning prayer	Night prayer
Monday	Psalm 37.23 Isaiah 62.6-10 Acts 12.25-13.13	Psalm 45 Ezekiel 1.4-14 2 Timothy 4.1-11	Tuesday	Psalm 139 Deuteronomy 9.23-10.5 Ephesians 4.17-end	Psalm 116 Exodus 32.15-34 Luke 3.1-14
Weds	Psalm 135 Deuteronomy 10.12-end Ephesians 5.1-14	Psalm 47 Exodus 33 Luke 3.15-22	Thursday	Psalm 118 Deuteronomy 11.8-end Ephesians 5.15-end	Psalm 85 Exodus 34.1-10 Luke 4.1-13
Friday	Psalm 33 Deuteronomy 12.1-14 Ephesians 6.1-9	Psalm 36 Exodus 35.20-36.7 Luke 4.14-30	Saturday	Psalm 139 Proverbs 4.10-18 James 1.1-12	Psalm 149 Job 23.1-12 John 1.43-end

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