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

Weekly notice sheet Sunday 2nd May—5th Sunday of Easter

10am All Together Holy Communion Service

At St Mary the Virgin Church, Bulphan

Today's Collect

Risen Christ, your wounds declare your love for the world and the wonder of your risen life: give us compassion and courage to risk ourselves for those we serve, to the glory of God the Father.

Post Communion

Eternal God, whose Son Jesus Christ is the way, the truth, and the life: grant us to walk in his way, to rejoice in his truth, and to share his risen life; who is alive and reigns now and for ever.

Dear Everyone,

I hope you are continuing to enjoy the sunshine. Don't forget we have Forest Church this Saturday, 1st May, in Bulphan Churchyard at 4pm. Please remember to bring something to sit on, either a picnic blanket or a chair and make sure you wear warm clothes and bring a waterproof in case it rains. And we have our United Benefice Service, All Together Service, at Bulphan Church on Sunday at 10am. There is no need to book for Forest Church as it is outside, but please could you let me know if you are planning to come to the United Benefice Service on Sunday.

On Bank Holiday Monday the driveway sale is being held in Bulphan from 12.00 until 4pm, where we have a stall, outside the Church, to raise money for the Benefice. The stall will be selling secondhand books, cards, face masks and some jigsaws. Thank you to those who have brought books to sell and to those who have offered to help on the day. There will be many stalls around Bulphan, so do pop along to support this if you are able.

I would like to encourage you to attend our online SHAPE Course which is now beginning on Thursday 13th May at 8pm not on 6th May as originally planned. More details can be found later in the notice sheet. Do let me know if you would like to be part of this.

As you know all three churches are working towards an Ecochurch award. Bronze, silver and gold awards are presented to churches for environmental attainment across a wide range of areas, including care of buildings and churchyards, energy-saving, recycling, food and lifestyle, worship, preaching and teaching, engagement in communities and the wider world. Each week we will be including an 'Eco Pause for Thought' on our notice sheet, if you have any suggestions for this piece please let Lynda know.

Thank you, also, for your continued support of the foodbank. Yesterday, in their weekly bulletin, it said that the last year has been unprecedented, with a huge increase in the need for food banks. Between 1 April 2020 and 31 March 2021, food banks in the Trussell Trust's network distributed 2.5 million emergency food parcels to people in crisis, a 33% increase on the previous year. Almost a million of these went to children – that's almost two parcels every minute. Compared to this time five years ago, the food banks in the Trussell Trust network are providing 128% more emergency food parcels.

At the end of the last financial year, our local foodbank saw an increase of 25% in referrals. Last year they fed 8,414 people, 3770 of whom were children. 75,726 meals were provided for people referred to the foodbank in crisis; a year on year increase of over 15,000 meals. And the foodbank has not only supported all those referred to us in crisis but have also been empowered to support other organisations supporting people in need across Thurrock. Hunger in the UK isn't about food. It's about a lack of income. The main reasons people need emergency food are:

- Problems with the benefits system (delays, inadequacy and reductions)
- Challenging life experiences or ill-health
- Lack of informal support

As some of us are only too painfully aware, it can happen to anyone, articulated in the words of the poem, 'No Shame, No Stigma,' which you can listen by going to Share the poem - The Trussell Trust. You may like to share it with others.

As we take seriously our Christian responsibility to care for our brothers and sisters, let's continue to work together to build a more just, more compassionate future.

I look forward to seeing you soon.
Take care and God bless,
Sue

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Prayers for the week

Prayer Diary

- Pray and give thanks for the work of our Diocesan Representatives on General Synod.
- Please pray for those people who are isolated and unable to get out.
- *PRAY for the Episcopal Church in Jerusalem & The Middle East*
- 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, Jan C, Moira, Ivy
Orsett	Maureen D, Pat W, Di B, Margaret C, Steve J following his surgery
Bulphan	Sue C, Richard
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,
Bulphan	June and family following the death of Steve

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

Care and Relief for the Young (CRY)

https://www.cry.org.uk/about-us

Stamp donations

CRY can use your old stamps to generate additional income for the charity. Do you or your place of work keep the stamps it receives or does it throw them away? Please consider saving them for Cry. The stamps need to be trimmed from the envelope, collected together and for the moment kept at home. Eventually, there will be collection boxes in our churches and in Bulphan's Community café and Orsett's Oasis café.

Cry is able to sell the stamps and raise essential money for their projects all round the world. They can use all kinds of stamps but they especially love any foreign ones as they are more sought after and bring in more money for the charity.

CRY is a Christian children's charity which believes in a world where all children and young people are able to fulfil their God-given potential. They work in 28 nations and with 33 partners, to meet the practical needs of the most vulnerable and marginalised children, to help them grow up in safety, and with the support and resources they need to survive and thrive.

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.

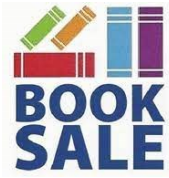
I look forward to seeing you there.

Revd Sue

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

Please support the Benefice by visiting our stall at Bulphan Church.

There will be second-hand books, jigsaws, face masks and cards for sale.



Happy May birthdays

Romeo K, Crystal B, Bear N, Nancy C, Archie R, Harrison L, Amelia S and Phil M.

Eco Pause for Thought

Sow some pollinating seeds in your garden to attract bees and butterflies

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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: sponge puddings, custard, tinned fish, tea and coffee

Hobnob Magazine

- June edition—Please submit articles to Ron by May 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/magazine*

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 Service is at Bulphan Church
- Next Sunday (9th May) services are at Orsett Church, 8.45am Holy Communion followed by a 10am Family Service
- Thursday 13th May the SHAPE course starts on zoom 8pm and carries on for six weeks.
- 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

	Principal Service	
Sunday	Acts 8.26-end+ 1 John 4.7-end	Psalm 22.25-end3 John 15.1-8

	Morning prayer	Night prayer
Monday	Psalm 145 Deuteronomy 16.1-20 1 Peter 1.1-12	Psalm 105 Numbers 9.15-end Luke 4.38-end
Weds	Psalm 30 Deuteronomy 18.9-end 1 Peter 2.1-10	Psalm 99 Numbers 12 Luke 5.12-26
Friday	Psalm 138 Deuteronomy 21.22-22.8 1 Peter 3.1-12	Psalm 66 Numbers 14.1-25 Luke 6.1-11

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Tuesday	Psalm 19 Deuteronomy 17.8-end 1 Peter 1.13-end	Psalm 97 Numbers 11.1-33 Luke 5.1-11
Thursday	Psalm 57 Deuteronomy 19 1 Peter 2.11-end	Psalm 104 Numbers 13.1-3 Luke 5.27-end
Saturday	Psalm 146 Deuteronomy 24.5-end 1 Peter 3.13-end	Psalm 118 Numbers 14.26-end Luke 6.12-26

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