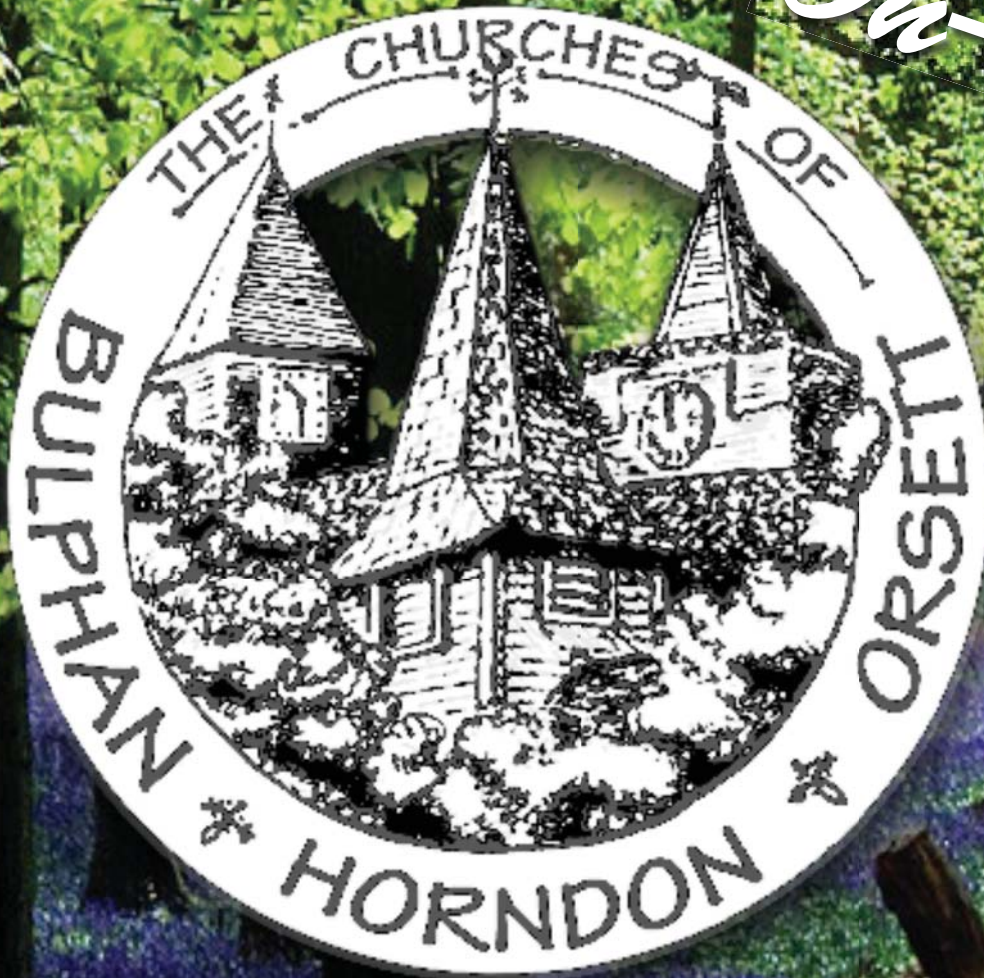


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Rector's Report

On Easter Day, we celebrated the resurrection of Christ in Orsett Church. It was wonderful to be able to worship together in person again. May is another busy month in the church calendar.

On Rogation Sunday, the Church has traditionally offered prayer for God's blessings on the fruits of the earth and the labours of those who produce our food. A common feature of Rogation days was the ceremony of beating the bounds, in which a procession of parishioners, led by the minister and churchwardens would proceed around the boundary of their parish and pray for its protection in the forthcoming year. As it is no longer practical to follow exact boundaries, services have a focus on specific elements of creation such as livestock, fields, orchards and gardens. This year we will celebrate Rogation Sunday on 9th May at Orsett Church.

On Ascension Day, 40 days after Easter, we remember Jesus leaving this earth and returning to his Father, ascending into heaven to take his throne over all dominions and powers. Ascension Day will be celebrated in our Tuesday Morning Holy Communion Service on 11th May at 9.30am at Horndon Church.

In between Ascension Day and Pentecost, 'Thy Kingdom Come' takes place. It is a global prayer movement that invites Christians around the world to pray from Ascension to Pentecost for more people to come to know Jesus. Since its start in May 2016, God has grown Thy Kingdom Come from a dream of possibility into a movement. Christians from 172 countries have taken part in praying 'Come Holy Spirit', so that friends and family, neighbours and colleagues might come to faith in Jesus Christ. During the 11 days of Thy Kingdom Come we are encouraged to :

- Deepen our own relationship with Jesus Christ.
- Pray for 5 friends or family to come to faith in Jesus.
- Pray for the empowerment of the Spirit that we would be effective in our witness.

And then, at Pentecost, we celebrate the gift of the Holy Spirit. Pentecost is celebrated on the Sunday 50 days after Easter. The name comes from the Greek word, 'pentekoste,' which means fiftieth. Pentecost is also regarded as the birthday of the Christian Church, and the start of the church's mission to the world. This year Pentecost falls on Sunday 23rd May and we will be celebrating it at Bulphan Church.

Christian Aid Week also takes place in May and will focus on the issue of Climate Change.

'This climate crisis hurts us all. But people living in poverty fight the worst of it every day. From drought to flooding, climate change robs people of control over their lives.' Christian Aid

If you would like to contribute to the work of Christian Aid, you can do this by giving through our online envelope, details of which can be found later in the magazine. Last year we raised over £600 through our e-envelope. It would be great if we could equal or even beat that total this year. Our service will be at Horndon Church on Sunday 16th May.

We will also be running an online SHAPE course during May and June to help people discover their God given gifts and how they might use them in God's service. Do contact me if you are interested in participating in this course.

I would certainly challenge anyone who says that being Christian is boring!

As ever, with love and prayers for you all.

Take care and God bless,

Sue

Christian Aid Week - 10th to 16th May

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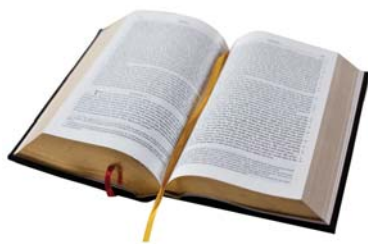


Benefice Worship

1st May to 6th June 2021

	HORNDON	ORSETT	BULPHAN
Sat 1 st May	Open Church 10am to mid-day		Forest Church 4pm in Churchyard
Sunday 2nd May <i>5th Sunday of Easter</i>			10am All Together Holy Communion Service
Mon 3 rd			Open Church 10am to mid-day
Tues 4 th	Open Church 10am to mid-day		
Thurs 6 th			Open Church 10am to mid-day
Sat 8 th	Open Church 10am to mid-day		
Sunday 9th May <i>6th Sunday of Easter</i>		8.45am Holy Communion Service 10am Family Service	
Christian Aid week 10 th – 16 th May			
Mon 10 th			Open Church 10am to mid-day
Tues 11 th	Open Church 10am to mid-day		7.30pm Holy Communion Service
Thurs 13 th			Open Church 10am to mid-day
Sat 15 th	Open Church 10am to mid-day		
Sunday 16th May <i>7th Sunday of Easter Ascension Day</i>	8.45am BCP Holy Communion 10am Holy Communion & Sunday School in a Tin		
Mon 17 th			Open Church 10am to mid-day
Tues 18 th	Open Church 10am to mid-day		
Thurs 20 th			Open Church 10am to mid-day
Sat 22 nd	Open Church 10am to mid-day		
Sunday 23rd May <i>Pentecost</i>			8.45am Holy Communion Service 10am Family Service
Mon 24 th			Open Church 10am to mid-day
Tues 25 th	9.30am Holy Communion Service		
	Open Church 10am to mid-day		
Thurs 28 th			Open Church 10am to mid-day
Sat 29 th	Open Church 10am to mid-day		
Sunday 30th May <i>Trinity Sunday</i>	10am All Together Holy Communion Service		
Mon 31 st			Open Church 10am to mid-day
Tues 1 st June	Open Church 10am to mid-day		
Thurs 3 rd			Open Church 10am to mid-day
Sat 5 th	Open Church 10am to mid-day	Forest Church 4pm in Churchyard	
Sunday 6th June <i>1st Sunday after Trinity</i>	10am All Together Holy Communion Service		

Open Church means that the Church is open for private prayer.



PRAYER DIARY

Some thoughts to include in your daily prayers

May 1st	For those living in Albert Road in Bulphan
May 2nd	For the Clergy and Lay Ministers in our Deanery
May 3rd	For those living in Church Road in Bulphan
May 4th	For all the youth of our Benefice
May 5th	For the Orsett Churches' Centre
May 6th	For our schools, the pupils and staff
May 7th	For the wonder of our planet
May 8th	For those living in Baker Street in Orsett
May 9th	For members of our congregations who live in Grays
May 10th	For humanitarian organisations working around the world
May 11th	For those who would have been married this month
May 12th	For those living in The Spinney in Orsett
May 13th	For those living in St Giles Close in Orsett
May 14th	For those living in Gordon Road in Horndon
May 15th	For those living in Victoria Road in Bulphan
May 16th	For Christians in lands where the church is being persecuted
May 17th	For those living in Prince Charles Avenue in Orsett
May 18th	For the children who will be born today
May 19th	For those living in the High Road in Horndon
May 20th	For those living in Church Lane in Bulphan
May 21st	For those living in Penn Close in Orsett
May 22nd	For those living in Orsett Road in Horndon
May 23rd	For our farming community
May 24th	For those living in South Hill Crescent in Horndon
May 25th	For those living in Victoria Road in Horndon
May 26th	For Bishop Guli our new Bishop of Chelmsford
May 27th	For the hospitals in Orsett and Basildon
May 28th	For those living in Mill Lane in Horndon
May 29th	For those living in The Green in Orsett
May 30th	For those living in Doesgate Lane in Bulphan

Please pray daily for victims of Covid-19, frontline workers and our clergy

To see a world in a grain of sand
And a heaven in a wild flower
Hold infinity in the palm of your hand
and Eternity in an hour
William Blake



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HORNDON ON THE HILL CHURCHWARDEN'S REPORT

Hello everyone,

Well that is a third of the year gone. I do hope the next third will be more hopeful and we will be able to enjoy our beautiful country to its full extent, and use our churches to sing and worship.

Already the daffodils and tulips are looking forlorn, but the late spring flowers are just beginning to show their colour. Hoorah!

Thanks to our wonderful Tuesday bunch of workers our churchyard and cemetery are looking resplendent. Thank you, Tony, Colin, John and Pete.

Now that we are using a format of only one church being open each week for services, it is great to meet other parishioners from Bulphan and Orsett. If you would like a lift to any service, please do not hesitate to phone me (01375 674212). If you would like a weekly sheet with all the details of church activities and services, please phone the rector Sue.

Our open church will be resuming on Tuesday 18th May. Then every Tuesday and Saturday from 10a.m. until noon. We offer time for quiet prayer and reflection, someone to talk to and free refreshments. It is a great way to make new friends and meet up with acquaintances in a lovely setting.

The PCC needs somewhere to store items which it collects over the year for sales. This could be part of a garage or a small shed. If you could help us, please contact Alastair on (673327)

God Bless

Sonia Ward



THE BENEFICE REGISTERS

Interment of Ashes

3rd April

Glenn Osborn (56)

(H)

22nd April

Kathleen Jenner (82)

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Bulphan Churchwarden's Report

Back in church for the first time in almost a year!

How welcome it was to receive communion after such a long period in the Covid wilderness, but how strange it felt not to be able to shake hands with friends and to try to converse through a mask.

On Sunday 25th April we had two services back-to-back; Holy Communion at 8.45 followed by a Family Service at 10.00, both were well supported and only just within our congregation limit for social distancing. I understand why some people were unhappy about having the church door open on a cold Sunday morning, but it must be recognised that to make the church Covid safe there must be full ventilation and the only way to achieve this is with a fully opened door.

Sunday was our first service within the new rota, which is quite a departure from the previous pattern, and will need time to bed into one's established routine. However there is a very clear diagram in this magazine, which together with the weekly notice sheets should avoid any misunderstanding. The online diagram also has an end of month overlap which will help with forward diary dates.

Each Monday and Thursday between 10.00 and midday we open our church door for private prayer and contemplation and from the 17th May we hope to be able to offer refreshments too; Janet McCheyne has kindly volunteered to arrange this. But we must be mindful that Government Policy might change and plans may have to be put on hold. Nonetheless, all of the safety requirements such as wearing face masks and social distancing will need to be observed.

As with all churches, the pandemic has severely reduced our income and for Bulphan the Parish Room was an asset that brought in revenue from lettings. This has obviously dried-up since closure in March 2020 and the limit that can presently be accommodated under government guidelines for socially distanced church business meetings is 6. Once further opening up is permitted we will hopefully see an active return of our usual social groups. Whilst income will always be a necessary fact of life, the restart of safe social gatherings and one-to-one interaction is most important for us all.

May we all look forward to a summer that brings warm sunny days and something close to normality.

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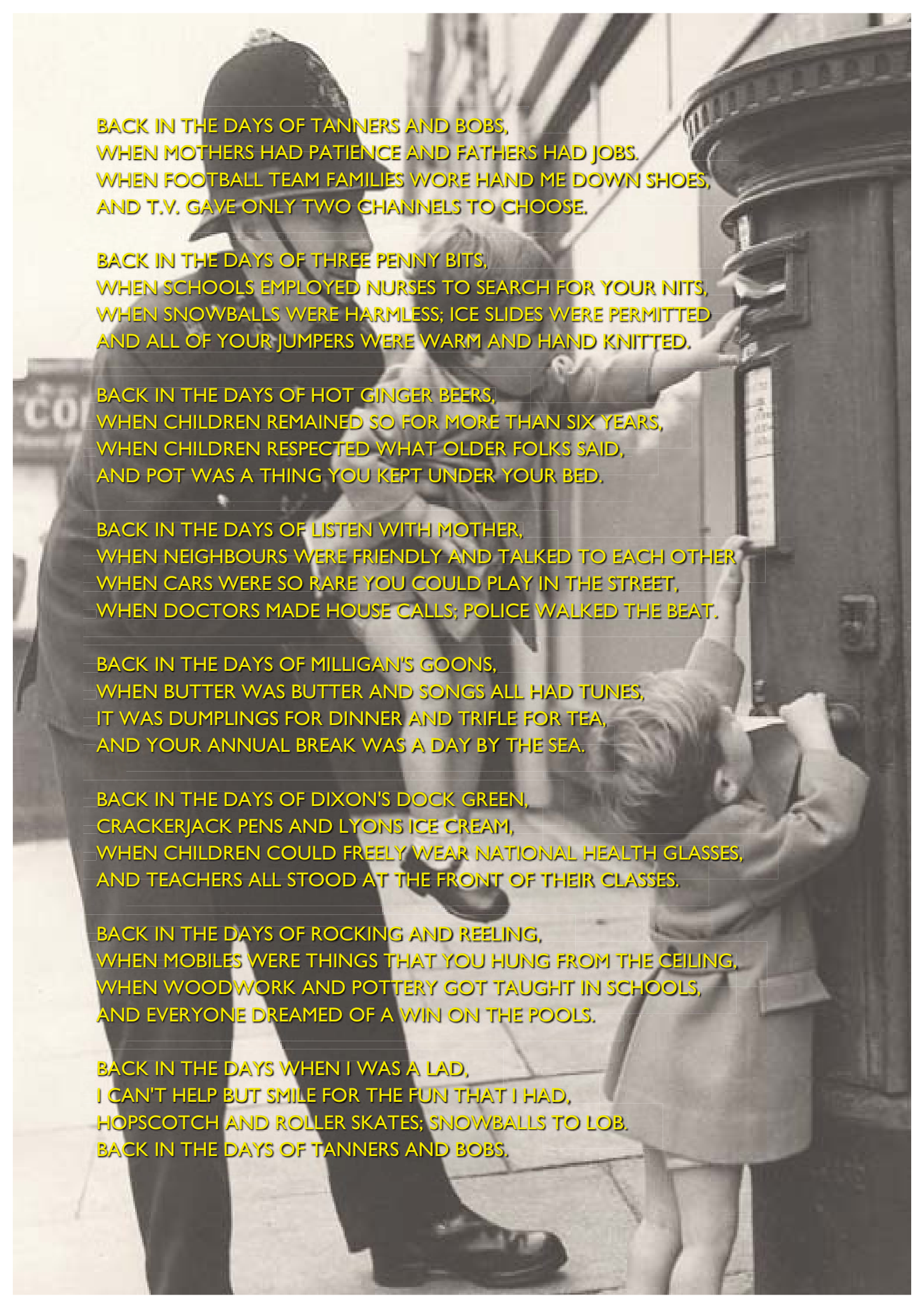
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BACK IN THE DAYS OF THREE PENNY BITS,
WHEN SCHOOLS EMPLOYED NURSES TO SEARCH FOR YOUR NITS,
WHEN SNOWBALLS WERE HARMLESS; ICE SLIDES WERE PERMITTED
AND ALL OF YOUR JUMPERS WERE WARM AND HAND KNITTED.

BACK IN THE DAYS OF HOT GINGER BEERS,
WHEN CHILDREN REMAINED SO FOR MORE THAN SIX YEARS,
WHEN CHILDREN RESPECTED WHAT OLDER FOLKS SAID,
AND POT WAS A THING YOU KEPT UNDER YOUR BED.

BACK IN THE DAYS OF LISTEN WITH MOTHER,
WHEN NEIGHBOURS WERE FRIENDLY AND TALKED TO EACH OTHER
WHEN CARS WERE SO RARE YOU COULD PLAY IN THE STREET,
WHEN DOCTORS MADE HOUSE CALLS; POLICE WALKED THE BEAT.

BACK IN THE DAYS OF MILLIGAN'S GOONS,
WHEN BUTTER WAS BUTTER AND SONGS ALL HAD TUNES,
IT WAS DUMPLINGS FOR DINNER AND TRIFLE FOR TEA,
AND YOUR ANNUAL BREAK WAS A DAY BY THE SEA.

BACK IN THE DAYS OF DIXON'S DOCK GREEN,
CRACKERJACK PENS AND LYONS ICE CREAM,
WHEN CHILDREN COULD FREELY WEAR NATIONAL HEALTH GLASSES,
AND TEACHERS ALL STOOD AT THE FRONT OF THEIR CLASSES.

BACK IN THE DAYS OF ROCKING AND REELING,
WHEN MOBILES WERE THINGS THAT YOU HUNG FROM THE CEILING,
WHEN WOODWORK AND POTTERY GOT TAUGHT IN SCHOOLS,
AND EVERYONE DREAMED OF A WIN ON THE POOLS.

BACK IN THE DAYS WHEN I WAS A LAD,
I CAN'T HELP BUT SMILE FOR THE FUN THAT I HAD,
HOPSCOTCH AND ROLLER SKATES; SNOWBALLS TO LOB.
BACK IN THE DAYS OF TANNERS AND BOBS.

Orsett Churchwarden's Report

Things are starting to feel a little better!

We are now back in church more regularly and that feels wonderful.

The church grounds are looking absolutely wonderful. You may however have noticed that there is Yew tree at the back of the church that has been taped of as it has fallen. We are in the process of getting some work done on this and hopefully will be dealing with some other urgent work on some of the Lime trees . Thanks to the Friends of Orsett Church for supporting some of the funds for this. We will however have to raise funds for further work to some of the large trees at the back of the Churchyard; this is required to keep our Churchyard safe. If anyone has any ideas about raising some funds please do not hesitate to let us know. It is essential that we keep the Churchyard open for those visiting. Also for those who like to walk their dogs through the Churchyard which is lovely to see.

See you soon

Jackie

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We have been pleased to have been meeting again in April following the restart of our services on Easter Day. We will continue to meet weekly unless shown otherwise. The services for May are as follows:

May 2 nd	6:30 pm		Pholani Ncube
May 9 th	6:30 pm	Communion	Adrian Tinning
May 16 th	6:30 pm		TBC
May 23 rd	6:30 pm	Pentecost	Keith Maynard
May 30 th	6:30 pm		Pholani Ncube

We have a small building and Covid – 19 distancing measures means that capacity is limited to a congregation of 9-13 depending on whether attendees are in bubbles. To help us arrange seating please let the Secretary know if you are planning on coming to our services.

Although the Government's roadmap out of lockdown means that restrictions are starting to lift, for the present please be reminded that:

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- Observe social distancing at all times
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Update from Orsett C of E Primary School



Time has flown by since our last update to you!

The children have returned from Easter and have thrown themselves into learning. It's been lovely for myself to finally start getting into classrooms and to get to know the children and our families here at Orsett a little better! This week I've worked with several groups of children on what makes a fantastic lesson and hearing their ideas has just been great – it's certainly helping me to make plans for the future! I very much value the opinions of our children, staff, parents and school community – Orsett is a school for everyone where everyone's opinion is important!



We've also been working on updating our image for the past few weeks. You may notice above our new logo above! It is very similar to our old logo but has a fresher and more modern feel. We've also had a professional photographer into school who has taken some great shots of the school and children which we've included on our website – please take a look!

This week we also had a camera crew into school – Year 4 were filmed using TEAMS – the online platform we used during remote learning. We've been picked as a school who had great practise which we are delighted about. Year 4 thought they were famous and are hoping to be included on Good Morning Britain! While we won't reach these dizzy heights it was great to be recognised for our good work by our Trust.



Over the next few weeks we have lots of fun activities, outdoor learning and plans for the children. We'll update you soon. Please do stay safe and continue to remember us at Orsett C of E Primary in your thoughts and prayers. Until next time – here's some more of our professional photographs!

Mrs G Smith – Head Teacher



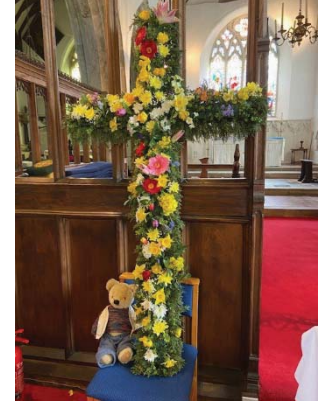
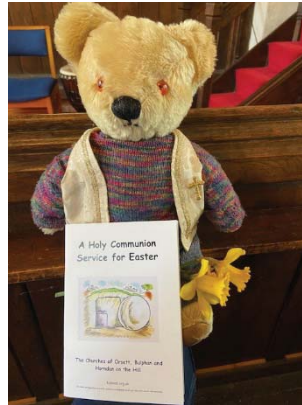
ORSETT EDWARD BEAR TODDLER GROUP

"Lots of things have happened over the last month" pondered Edward Bear, "we've had Easter celebrations and opportunities to start meeting friends and family in groups of six". Easter is one of Edward Bear's favourite times of the year as he gets to wear his best white waistcoat because this is a special celebration as we think of Jesus alive and with us always. It was extra special this year because it was the first time that Edward Bear had been to a service inside Orsett Church for such a long time!



Edward Bear played amongst the eggs that were hung on the bush.

Edward Bear loved being in church again and he also loved the cross that was made of beautiful flowers – did you see it outside the church gate during that week?



"I hope my friends have been able to meet up with more of their family and friends", thought Edward Bear, "I know that I've really missed seeing my friends face-to-face".

Edward Bear was able to go on a visit with Di and he was given a great big hug by Isabella, Di's great-granddaughter – she had missed him!

He also met Frida, the puppy, for the first time but wasn't so sure about having his nose bitten!



This month, we have Ascension Day (13 May) when Jesus said goodbye to his friends, making them sad, until they remembered that he had told them he wasn't really leaving them alone because they were to wait in Jerusalem when there would be a BIG surprise coming. This is the day we call the Feast of Pentecost (23 May), when the disciples were huddled together, worried and fearful, and suddenly the Holy Spirit in the form of wind and fire transformed them and filled them with courage and hope. They rushed out to tell everyone the good news that Jesus was alive, and thousands were baptised, and the Church was born. So, Pentecost Sunday is the birthday of the Church. "Time for balloons, cake and candles!", exclaimed Edward Bear, "let's make it a great celebration!".

During the 10 days between Ascension Day and Pentecost, we pray for our friends as part of the Thy Kingdom Come global prayer movement. Edward Bear thinks his friends will love the Cheeky Pandas resources – there's songs, videos, and activity sheets – so do have a look:

[Cheeky Pandas | Thy Kingdom Come](#)

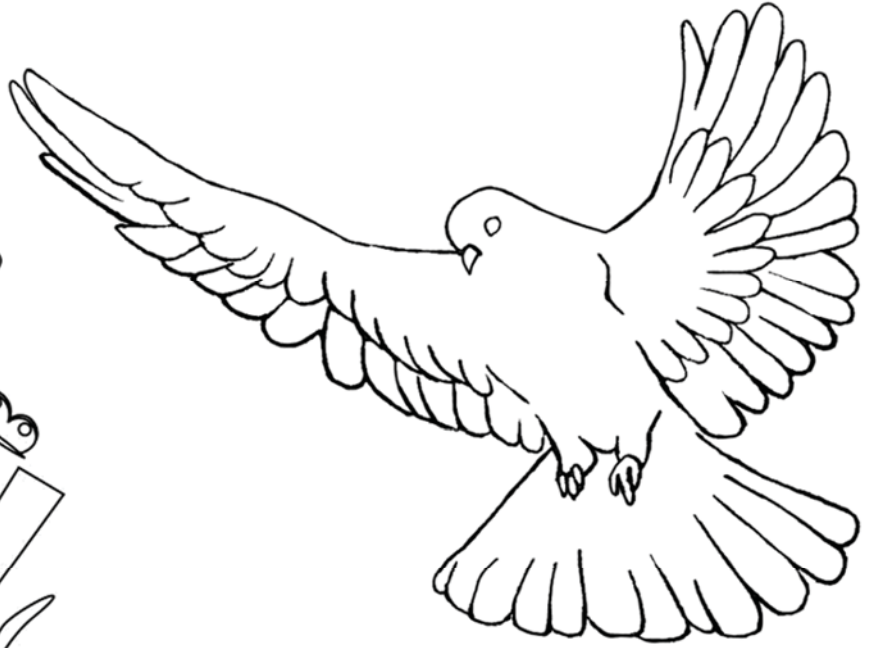


*Dear God, thank you that you love me and care for me.
Thank you that you love me and that I am never alone.
Please help my friends know how much you love them too. Amen*

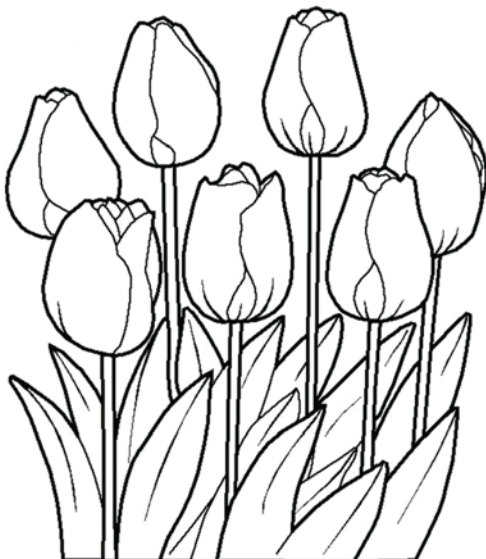
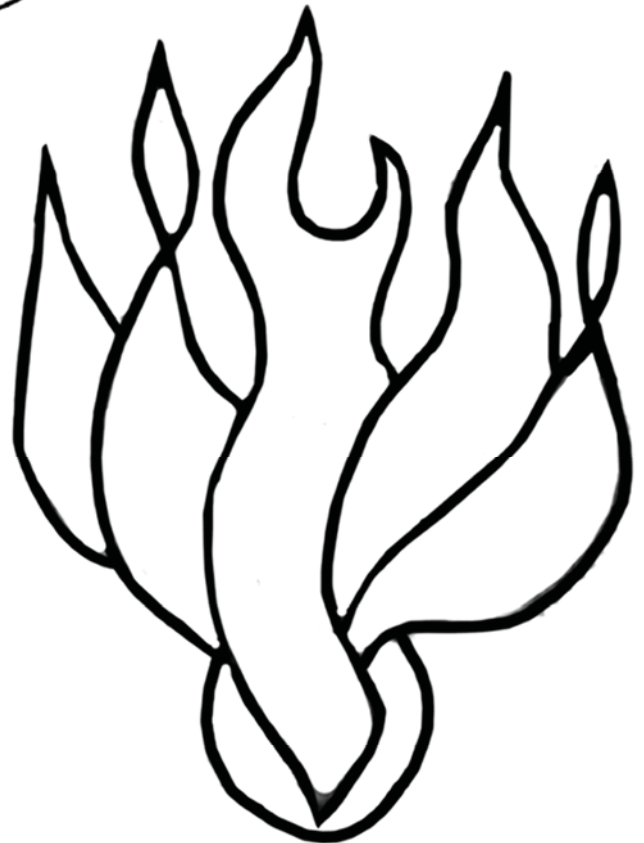
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Stay safe and God bless, Edward Bear, Di, Gill, and Sandra

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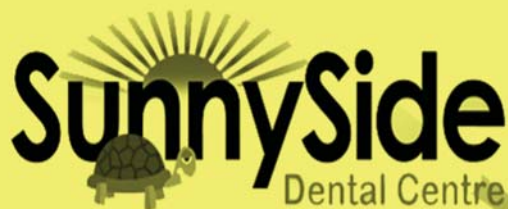
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Chelmsford Diocesan Mothers' Union now has its own Facebook page, so do have a look – there are photos and news from our Wave of Prayer link dioceses. You can find the page by clicking on this link: [Chelmsford Diocesan Mothers' Union | Facebook](#).

The next Mothers' Union Council meeting will take place on 12 May at 7.30pm and, due to current restrictions, will be held on Zoom. The Very Revd Rod Reid will be speaking on the topic "Keeping Faith in Hope".

The next edition of Roundabout, our diocesan magazine, will be out shortly and will include prayer resources for you to use for our time in the Wave of Prayer (18 – 20 June).

We've had news from our links in Jamaica and the Cayman Islands – they've been providing care packages for those affected by the volcanic eruptions on the island of St Vincent. Please pray for their work.

Violent protests continue in Myanmar following the military coup at the beginning of February; over 700 have died and thousands have been injured. World and Church leaders are calling for an end to the violence and for democracy to be restored. Please pray for the people of Myanmar, for Mothers' Union members trying to support their communities, for peace and democracy to be restored.

Connected – Our new membership magazine



All Mothers' Union members should now have received a copy of our new membership magazine – Connected. In this copy, you can read all about Mothers' Union's work all over the world, what we do at the UNCSW, how we tackled COVID, find out what two bishops think about foodbanks, how we can learn to love life online and what other members think about the latest faith books.

When you've finished reading your copy, why not share it with a friend who isn't a member and encourage them to join. Alternatively, it is available online: [MU Connected Magazine Spring 2021 by mothers union - issuu](#)

Mary Sumner House would also love to have your feedback on the new magazine.

Mothers' Union Central Chaplain



Last month Archbishops Justin Welby and Stephen Cottrell announced that the Rt Revd Dr Emma Ineson, who has been the Mother's Union Central Chaplain since 2019, will be the new Bishop to the Archbishops of Canterbury and York. Currently Bishop of Penrith, Dr Ineson will take up the position from 1st June 2021.

Congratulations from Mothers' Union!

Thy Kingdom Come



Thy Kingdom Come is a global call to prayer, drawing on the Holy Spirit to bring more people to Jesus. Taking place between the Feast of Ascension and Pentecost, it involves numerous communities of worship taking part in over 170 countries.

Mothers' Union is holding a Thy Kingdom Come service which will be available to watch on our [Facebook page](#) and [YouTube channel](#) at 2pm on Friday 14th May.

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And no one's told the birds to roost and asked them not to sing
No one's asked the busy bee to cease his bumbling round
And no one's stopped the bright green shoots emerging through the ground
No one's told the sap to rest, deep within the wood
And stop the sleepy trees from waking, wreathed about in bud
No one's told the sky to douse its brightest shades of blue
And stop the scudding clouds from puffing headlong into view.
No one's asked the lambs to still the springs beneath their feet
To stop their rapid rush and quell each joyful bleat.
No one's told the stream to halt its gurgle or its flow
And warned the playful breezes, not to gust and blow
No one's asked the raindrops not to fall upon the earth
And fail to quench the soil in the season of rebirth.
No one's locked the sun down, or dimmed the shimmer of the moon
And even in the darkest night, the stars are still immune
Remember what you value, remember who is dear
Close the doors to danger and keep your family near
In the quiet all around us take the time to sit and stare
And wonder at the glory unfurling everywhere
Look towards the future, after the ordeal
And keep faith in Mother Nature's power and her will to heal.
Stay home, stay safe. Stay well.

FAMOUS PERSON IN MAY

BORN 5TH MAY 1921 – DIED 12TH NOVEMBER 2013



Mavis Lilian Batey, MBE (née Lever)

was an English code-breaker during World War II. Her work at Bletchley Park was one of the keys to the success of D-Day. She later became a garden historian, who campaigned to save historic parks and gardens, and an author.

Early Life

Mavis Lilian Lever was born in Dulwich to her seamstress mother and postal worker father. She was brought up in Norbury and went to Coloma Convent Girls' School in Croydon. She was studying German at University College, London at the outbreak of World War II, concentrating on the German romantics in particular.

Bletchley Park Codebreakers

Initially employed by London Section to check the personal columns of *The Times* for coded spy messages, in 1940 she was recruited to work as a codebreaker at Bletchley Park. She worked as an assistant to Dilly Knox, and was closely involved in the decryption effort before the Battle of Matapan. According to *The Daily Telegraph*, she became so familiar with the styles of individual enemy operators that she could determine that two of them had a girlfriend called Rosa and this insight allowed her to develop a successful technique.

In December 1941 she broke a message between Belgrade and Berlin that enabled Knox's team to work out the wiring of the Abwehr Enigma, an Enigma machine previously thought to be unbreakable. While at Bletchley Park she met Keith Batey, a mathematician and fellow codebreaker whom she married in 1942.

Later Life

Batey spent some time after 1945 in the Diplomatic Service, and then brought up three children. She published a number of books on garden history, as well as some relating to Bletchley Park, and served as President of the Garden History Society, of which she became Secretary in 1971.

She was awarded the Veitch Memorial Medal in 1985, and made a Member of the Order of the British Empire (MBE) in 1987, in both cases for her work on the preservation and conservation of gardens.

Aged 92 and a widow since 2010, she died on 12 November 2013.



Bulphan WI

Our 92nd birthday celebrations were truly magical, even more of our members joined us for the evening, some for the first time, there were also visitors from local Thames Group WIs and others around the country, many of whom embraced the theme by dressing up or bringing something magical. Everyone who had been a member last year received a party meeting in a bag which contained a mocktail, individual birthday cake, pots, peat free compost pellets and sunflower seeds, a Bulphan WI quiz, birthday card and a letter from the committee. There was also a pack of cards and two elastic bands ready to help us learn two magic tricks, we were told to practice, practice, practice, so be prepared to be astounded by several WI magicians at the next Bulphan Talent Show.

It's our Annual Meeting in May along with some social time, we are planning to try breakout rooms for the first time and looking forward at the possibility of meeting up in the coming months.

Updates about future meetings, information, photographs, and much more can be found on Facebook at Bulphan Women's Institute and on Twitter @bulphanwi or contact us via Secretary Janet McCheyne on 07752836902 or email bulphanwi@gmail.com

Jan Curtis President

ALL OUR YESTERDAYS

Happenings from the Benefice as reported in May in the past

1841 Bell's Life & Sporting
Chronicle
Sun 9th

Orsett races

ORSETT RACES - These races, the result of the late steeple-chase at Horndon on the Hill came on Tuesday, the 27th ult, in the field of Mr Sackett's at Orsett, for a purse, which was won by Mr Sackett's Orsett Lass (J Heathcote), beating Mr Robinson's Birmingham Bess (J Robinson, jun) and Mr Barnard's Favourite (owner), after a good race, by about two lengths ahead.

1853 Essex Standard
Weds 20th

Windmill fall

FALL FROM A WINDMILL - On Friday last William Harris in the employ of Mr Woolings, miller of Orsett, met with a frightful accident. It appears that the mill was under repair and Harris had got out of loop hole on the upper sail, which not been secured, began to turn, when he lost his hold and fell first upon the stage and then on to the ground. Surgical assistance was promptly obtained, but the injuries were found to be of a dangerous nature as to leave little hope of recovery.

1856 Globe
Sat 31st

New vicar

the Bishop of Rochester has instituted the Rev J Windle, curate of St Mary's, Whitechapel, to the vicarage of Horndon on the Hill, near Romford, vice the Rev C.M. Turner on the nomination of the Dean and Chapter of St Paul's.

1857 Chelmsford Chronicle
Fri 29th

Manor of Bulvan

THE MANOR OF BULVAN NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that a GENERAL COURT BARON and CUSTOMARY COURT of WILLIAM HENRY CLIFTON Esq Lord of the said Manor, will be holden at the

Harrow public house at Bulvan, on FRIDAY the 5th day of JUNE next, at Twelve o'Clock at noon, when and where all persons who have any business to transact at the said Court are requested to be and appear
Dated this 20th day of May 1857
THOS BOURNE, Romford,
Steward

1904 Essex County Chronicle
Fri 13th

Cottage fire

Horndon on the Hill
Fire on Saturday destroyed a thatched cottage occupied by Henry Coote, a labourer. The cottage belonged to Mr Edwin Bull of Little Dunmow. It was insured.

1908 Grays & Tilbury Gazette
Sat 30th

Empire Day

Horndon on the Hill
Empire Day was loyally and enthusiastically observed by the school children of the village. A holiday was given to them in order that they might be given the opportunity of entering fully into the spirit of the day. At half past two they formed a semi circle round the new flagstaff, which had been erected to the memory of the late Sir John Hall for many years the Premier of Tasmania and who in his boyhood days, spent much of his time at Horndon on the Hill and whenever he visited the dear homeland, always wended his way there. Before the hoisting and unfurling of the Union Jack (three yards long) by the two senior schoolboys, Ernest Bush and Sam Evans and generously presented by Mrs Kerly, the Vicar (Rev Sydney W Fischel) made an appropriate and inspiring speech, dwelling on the greatness of the Empire, demanding our loyalty, our sympathy and obedience. Whilst the flag was being hoisted it was saluted and the National Anthem was sung. This was followed by a procession of the children through

the village, all carrying and waving small Union Jacks. The rest of afternoon was spent by a substantial tea and games. In addition to the day, school teachers and some of the Managers, many of the parishioners kindly assisted towards the children's enjoyment of Empire Day 1908.

1909 Chelmsford Chronicle
Fri 14th

Orsett show

The annual meeting of the Orsett and District Horticultural Agricultural and Cottage Garden Society was held on Tuesday evening. Major F.D.H.C. Whitmore, J.P. presiding. It was reported thar the balance carried forward after last year's working was £56, as compared with about £54 in the previous year. The following officers were elected - President Major Whitmore; hon sec Mr F Kemp-Smith; assistant treasurer Mr G.H. James; jon sec horse show Mr J.M. Pinkerton; hon sec cattle show Mr W.O. Watt. It was agreed to hold the next show in the grounds of Orsett Hall, by permission of Major Whitmore, the date to be as early as convenient in September. It was agreed to subscribe £2 2s to the Agricultural Benevolent Society. On the proposition of Mr T Ridgwell, a committee was formed to take into consideration the arrangement of a ploughing match.

1917 Chelmsford Chronicle
Essex Lists - Wounded or missing
Fri 4th : Essex Regt : Pte G Carpenter, Bulphan; Cpl J Murray, Bulphan
Fri 11th : Yeomanry : Tptr AHW Stowell, Bulphan
Fri 25th : Royal Fusiliers : Pte FS Scott

1926 Essex Newsman
Sat 22nd

Death Vincent

Mrs Elizabeth Vincent of Horndon on the Hill, has died at the age of

101. She retained all her faculties to the end and was ill for only a few days. The first portion of the burial service was taken by the Rev Vincent Tremills, nephew of the deceased. The Vicar, in an address, spoke of the wonderful life of Mrs Vincent, who was always so loving, kind and thoughtful for others

1930 Chelmsford Chronicle
Fri 2nd

Bypass road stopped work

Workmen on the new by-pass road between Corringham and Hornon on the Hill, who struck work on Saturday when the contractors announced a reduction of a half-penny an hour in wages refused to make a start on Monday. Many of the 240 men affected are miners from Durham. The contractors claim that the reduction is under a national agreement.

1936 Chelmsford Chronicle
Fri 29th

Birdnesting find

While birdnesting near Orsett Hall, a 14 year old Grays boy found a jackdaw's nest in which was a Great War victory medal.

1937 Chelmsford Chronicle
Fri 14th

Coronation George VI

Bulphan

The decorations were among the best in the district. After a service there was a conjuring display for the children, tea and presentations. In the evening an entertainment was given in the Village Hall. Treats for the old people were arranged.

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1855 Morning Advertiser
Thurs 31st

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1898 Barking, E Ham & Ilford
Advertiser
Sat 7th

Fen rights

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1939 Kensington Post
Sat 27th

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TO LET

1834 Chelmsford Chronicle
Fri 30th

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TO RENT

1933 Essex Newsman
Sat 6th

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1873 Essex Newsman
Sat 10th

Situation wanted J Meeks

Situation wanted by a respectable young man, as PORTER or to look after horse and cart and willing to make himself useful; age 19 years. - Apply J Meeks, Orsett, Essex

MARRIAGE

1887 St James's Gazette
Sat 28th

Windle

At Horndon on the Hill, Essex, John G, son of Mr George J Hinnell, of Bury St Edmunds, to Catherine E, daughter of Rev John Windle, May 25

DEATH

1822 Oxford Journal
Sat 11th

Pead

In her 83rd year, Sarah, wife of Mr J Pead of Orsett

1840 Chelmsford Chronicle
Fri 29th

Croxon : deaths

5th inst, aged 6 years Mary and on 26th inst William aged 4 years, children of Mr Samuel Croxon of Horndon on the Hill

1919 Essex Newsman
10th

Mee

MEE - On May 1st at Wick Place, Bulphan, Sarah, wife of the late Edward Dyson Mee, aged 76

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EASTER QUIZ

1. At the Last Supper, what food did Jesus liken to his body? **Bread**
2. In the Easter song, Lord of the Dance, on which day did the "world turn black"? **Friday**
3. Pascua is the name for Easter in which language? **Spanish**
4. Easter day fell on April 6th many times in the 20th century, but what else begins on that date in the UK each year? **Tax year**
5. The Dutch were the first Europeans to discover what in Easter Sunday 1722? **Easter Island**
6. Which famous bunny has regularly tormented Daffy Duck, Elmer Fudd and Yosemite Sam? **Bugs Bunny**
7. Easter Day in the year 2000 fell on 23rd April - the same day which European country celebrates its Nation Beer Day? **Germany**
8. Faberge designed its first elaborate jewel-encrusted eggs in which decade? **1880s**
9. How many people receive Maundy Money from the British Monarch? **Same as the age of the Monarch (in 2021 it will be 94)**
10. What colours are associated with Easter? **Purple & Yellow**
11. If you do not want bad luck, what chore should you not do on Good Friday? **Wash clothes**
12. In the 13th century, the church prohibited eating what during Holy Week? **Eggs**
13. How many marzipan balls are traditionally on a simnel cake? **11**
14. When were Cadbury Creme Eggs introduced in their current form? **1963**
15. Who wrote "Easter Parade"? **Irving Berlin**

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