

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

Weekly notice sheet Sunday 9th May—6th Sunday of Easter—Rogation Sunday



8.45am Holy Communion Service

10am Family Service

At St Giles and All Saints Church, Orsett



Today's Collect

God our Father, you never cease the work you have begun and prosper with your blessing all human labour: make us wise and faithful stewards of your gifts that we may serve the common good, maintain the fabric of our world and seek that justice where all may share the good things you pour upon us; through Jesus Christ your Son, our Lord, who is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. Amen

Post Communion

God our creator, you give seed for us to sow and bread for us to eat: as you have blessed the fruit of our labour in this eucharist, so we ask you to give all your children their daily bread, that the world may praise you for your goodness; through Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.

Dear Everyone,

Thank you to those who supported Forest Church at Bulphan last Saturday afternoon. We had a great service as we gathered around a fire and reflected upon St George and the dragon and our own battles against evil made possible through the love of Jesus Christ and the power of the Holy Spirit. Below are a few photos but there are many more on our website and also our Facebook page. Do have a look if you have a chance.

May is a busy time in the Church Calendar. This week, we celebrate Rogation Sunday, when 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. There is more information about Rogation Sunday later in the notices. 10th May also marks the beginning of Christian Aid Week, the focus for which is climate change. Last year our Benefice, through our e-envelope online giving, raised over £600 for Christian Aid and to facilitate online giving again we have another e-envelope this year, should you wish to give. If you are unable to donate online and would like to give, please let one of the treasurers have a cheque made payable to Christian Aid, drop it round to the Rectory or bring it to our Christian Aid Service at Horndon on Sunday 16th May.

On Tuesday 11th at 7.30pm we will be celebrating Ascension Day, at Bulphan Church, with a Holy Communion Service, as we remember Christ's ascension into heaven. This service will be two days before Ascension Day which is actually on Thursday. All are welcome to this service.

The SHAPE course begins on Thursday 13th May online at 8pm. I will be emailing some resources to those who have signed up for this course for you to print off if you are able. Please let me know if you don't have a printer and I will make sure you get the papers. Also, if you would like to do this course, please do let me know ASAP. 13th May also marks the beginning of 'Thy Kingdom Come,' the Global prayer movement where we are encouraged to pray for 5 people to come to know Jesus Christ.

Please do let me know of any prayer or pastoral needs and I look forward to seeing you all soon.

Take care and God bless,

Sue



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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.

Eco Pause for Thought

Care for wildlife: continue filling bird feeders and note the different birds that come to feed.



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Rogation Sunday is on Sunday 9 May. Revd Canon Janet Nicholls, the Diocese of Chelmsford's Rural Adviser & Agricultural Chaplain explains more about Rogationtide and offers some ideas on how you can mark this agricultural festival.

Janet writes: "One of the good things to emerge in the last year has been a renewed connection with our local area.

"The 'stay at home' message combined with the encouragement to take daily exercise has seen many of us walking our local footpaths. Many have been refreshed by the delights of a new earthing to their neighbourhood through daily walks. "These connections are at the heart of Rogationtide. Rogation processions invite congregations to walk the local footpaths (Beating the Bounds), praying blessings over the land and the agricultural activity observed. "Rogation affirms the intertwining of God's creative spirit on the land, those who work it and those whose lives are sustained by the food it produces.

This year we are likely to be in Step 2 of the government's roadmap on Rogation Sunday, limiting off-site activities to groups of six people. "But there's no limit on creativity! Churchyard Rogation, web-cam Rogation, photographic Rogation all hold great potential and affirm deepening connections to our locality.

"At the centre of Rogation is asking God's blessing on the land, our work and our lives. My Rogation Blessing below sits in many rural workplaces of the diocese. Please make it your own and share it widely."

God, visit this place with your mercy and surround it with your love. May all who work here be strengthened to do your will. May it be a place of the Holy Spirit's creativity, flourishing and fruitfulness. May all who dwell here find the love, peace and hope of Christ. God bless this place.



Thy Kingdom Come

Thy Kingdom Come 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

Prayers for the week

Prayer Diary

- Christian Aid Week begins. God of the impossible, we pray for justice, peace and reconciliation. And when the challenges seem too many, remind us of your resurrection power, and the miracles of your love that happen whenever injustice is dismantled and rebuilt with peace. Help us to hope that the impossible can happen and live as if it might do so today. Amen (Prayer for Christian Aid)
- *PRAY for the Anglican Church of Kenya*
- 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



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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, tinned fish, long life milk, sponge puddings, tea, coffee and toilet rolls

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
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Diary Dates

Services

- This week's Sunday Services are at Orsett Church
- Tuesday 11th May—Holy Communion Service, 7.30pm at Bulphan Church for Ascension Day
- Thursday 13th May at 8pm—Shape Course on zoom
- Next Sunday's (16th May) services are at Horndon-on-the-Hill Church at 8.45am and 10am to include Christian Aid Sunday
- 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 10.44-end+ 1 John 5.1-6
	Psalms 98 John 15.9-17

	Morning prayer	Night prayer		Morning prayer	Night prayer
Monday	Psalms 65 Deuteronomy 26 1 Peter 4.1-11	Psalms 121 Numbers 16.1-35 Luke 6.27-38	Tuesday	Psalms 126 Deuteronomy 28.1-14 1 Peter 4.12-end	Psalms 128 Numbers 16.36-end Luke 6.39-end
Weds	Psalms 132 Deuteronomy 28.58-end 1 Peter 5	Psalms 15 2 Samuel 23.1-5 Colossians 2.20-3.4	Thursday	Psalms 110 Isaiah 52.7-end Hebrews 7.26-end	Psalms 8 2 Kings 2.1-15 Revelation 5
Friday	Psalms 16 1 Samuel 2.27-35 Acts 2.37-end	Psalms 80 1 Samuel 16.1-13a Matthew 7.15-27	Saturday	Psalms 47 Deuteronomy 30 1 John 2.7-17	Psalms 85 Numbers 21.4-9 Luke 7.18-35

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