

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

Weekly notice sheet Sunday 16th May—7th Sunday of Easter



8.45am Holy Communion Service

10am Holy Communion Service

At St Peter and St Pauls Church, Horndon-on-the-Hill

Today's Collect

Risen, ascended Lord, as we rejoice at your triumph, fill your Church on earth with power and compassion, that all who are estranged by sin may find forgiveness and know your peace, to the glory of God the Father. Amen.

Post Communion

Eternal God, giver of love and power, your Son Jesus Christ has sent us into all the world to preach the gospel of his kingdom: confirm us in this mission, and help us to live the good news we proclaim; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Dear Everyone,

It was great to see some of you at our Rogation Services last Sunday, when some of our local farmers shared their experiences of farming in the area and we prayed for all those who tend the land. We also went outside for the last part of the service when we enjoyed communal singing for the first time in over a year.

At one of the services, on Sunday, I shared the following meditation, which seems equally apt to share again this week as we prepare for Christian Aid Sunday when we think of our brothers and sisters around the world.

God is like a farmer sowing seed.

Does that mean that a farmer sowing his seed is like you, Father? Is it a holy thing to be a farmer? Is the production of food sacramental? Do you call men and women to this work as you call priests and preachers to their work? And if the soil can stand for men and women does it need loving care? does it have soil rights? is it a sin to destroy it and take away its life? Does it carry a shadow of the reflection of your image? And what do you think about the way we sow seeds now, Father? We don't just throw the seed about and hope it falls in the right place. We discourage the birds and those who would walk through our precious crops. We clear the stones away where we can. We poison the thorns and weeds. We drill the seed into the good soil and we make it better with fertiliser. We want all the seed to produce a crop. We want it to multiply a hundred and two hundred and three hundred fold. We have to do this because there are fewer of us to do the work and there are thousands of millions of mouths to feed.

My child, it is indeed a holy thing to farm my good earth and to produce food for my people. I call men and women to this work with such a strong calling that they put up with many pains and problems in order to follow their calling. And the soil has its holiness too: The holiness of my creation which I have declared good: The holiness of the life it supports. I have long watched the changing pattern of your farming. I cannot applaud the lifestyle which throws away so much of the food that you produce. I cannot applaud the economics of greed and convenience which demands so much transport, using up resources built up over millennia, polluting the air you breathe, giving unnecessary distress to animals you have raised and cared for. I cannot applaud the short term measures which destroy treasures and works of my art in nature which can give you joy no money can buy. Rogation Meditation But you have done well to use the land and produce nourishing food. I am pleased that, at least in your land, no-one need go hungry. Every day millions of people say to me, 'Give us this day our daily bread', and farmers are part of my answer to that prayer. My prayer is that the soil and seed might be good for tomorrow's farmers too. My prayer is that farmers will find a way to feed the world that they can sustain for generations to come. My son, is it permissible for God to make a prayer? Can I ask my people to live so that I am able to give their children their daily bread?

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And don't forget, that if you would like to support the work of Christian Aid, you can do so, online, using our e-envelope, details of which can be found later in the notice sheet.

Also, following recent announcements, you will be pleased to know that at Open Church at Horndon on Tuesdays and Saturdays and at Open Church at Bulphan on Mondays, we are now able to offer refreshments. Bulphan will also be open on Thursdays but we are unable to offer refreshments on Thursdays at this stage.

Also, if there is anyone who likes to attend the 8.45am Communion Service and would be willing to give a lift to this service to others in the Benefice, when it is permitted, please could you let me know. I am aware that there are some people who prefer a quiet communion service and may appreciate a lift.

Take care and God bless,

Sue



Christian Aid Week - 10th to 16th May

You can use the following link to make a payment online

<https://envelope.christianaid.org.uk/envelope/united-benefice>



**'I pray to
God that
the rainfall
will become
normal'**

The climate crisis robs Rose of what she needs to survive: a reliable source of water.

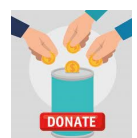
Together we can help ensure people like Rose have the water they need to live.

Give and pray with us this Christian Aid Week.



Eco Pause for Thought

Money - a difficult subject! Would you consider setting up a monthly donation to support a favourite charity?



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Prayers for the week

Prayer Diary

- Please pray for the House of Retreat at Pleshey, for all those who work and minister there, for the Friends of Pleshey, and for those who visit or stay.
- *PRAY for the Anglican Church of Korea*
- 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
Bulphan Sue C
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
Other For the family and friends of Benjamin H

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

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

Good Lament and Hard Hope

GOOD LAMENT
AND HARD HOPE



"Queues everywhere!"

A community-based craft project exploring the pandemic.

The coronavirus pandemic has affected everyone. All of us have been changed in some way. But lockdown has also given us the opportunity to re-evaluate our goals and discover new ways of connecting.

And that's why Chelmsford Cathedral have launched a new community art project with a group of textile artists based on the borders of Essex and East London called The Material Girls.

The Good Lament and Hard Hope project explores the challenges of the pandemic and wants to help enable people to express their grief and hope through hand-made fabric postcards. The postcards will then be used as part of an art installation in the Cathedral in the summer of 2021.

The making of the postcards is intended to help people express their feelings, to reflect our individual and corporate experiences during this ongoing pandemic. Aside from the two strong themes of lament and hope, the other theme is the environment.

The healing power of nature has come to the fore in many people's minds during this pandemic, but also our need to care for, love and tend it better. In the making of these fabric postcards, you are asked to consider the environment, to reuse and recycle material and to avoid any plastics.

Everyone is invited to get involved and send in their postcards. Take a look at the Cathedral's website for ideas and inspiration, there's lots to get you started at www.chelmsfordcathedral.org.uk.

Send your finished postcards to Canon Imogen Nay c/o Chelmsford Cathedral, 53 New Street, Chelmsford, CM1 1TY by 1st June.

Follow on Facebook: Chelmsford Cathedral: www.facebook.com/chelmsfordcathedral

The Material Girls: www.facebook.com/themat.girls

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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 spaghetti, sponge puddings, rice pudding, packets 40/ 80 tea bags, toiletries.

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 Horndon-on-the-Hill Church
- Thursday 20th May at 8pm—Shape Course on zoom
- Next Sunday's (23rd May) services are at Bulphan Church at 8.45am and 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

	Principal Service
Sunday	Acts 1.15-17, 21-end+ Psalm 1 1 John 5.9-13 John 17.6-19

	Morning prayer	Night prayer		Morning prayer	Night prayer
Monday	Psalm 93 Deuteronomy 31.1-13 1 John 2.18-end	Psalm 18 Numbers 22.1-35 Luke 7.36-end	Tuesday	Psalm 99 Deuteronomy 31.14-29 1 John 3.1-10	Psalm 68 Numbers 22.36-23.12 Luke 8.1-15
Weds	Psalm 29 Deuteronomy 31.30-32.14 1 John 3.11-end	Psalm 46 Numbers 23.13-end Luke 8.16-25	Thursday	Psalm 24 Deuteronomy 32.15-47 1 John 4.1-6	Psalm 139 Numbers 24 Luke 8.26-39
Friday	Psalm 28 Deuteronomy 33 1 John 4.7-end	Psalm 147 Numbers 27.12-end Luke 8.40-end	Saturday	Psalm 43 Deuteronomy 32.48-end 1 John 5	Psalm 48 Deuteronomy 16.9-15 John 7.37-39

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