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June 2021

	HORNDON	ORSETT	BULPHAN
Tues 1 st	Open Church 10am-noon		
Thurs 3 rd			Open Church 10am-noon
Saturday 5 th	Open Church 10am-noon	4pm Forest Church	
Sunday 6th 1st <i>Sunday after Trinity</i>	10am All Together Holy Communion Service		
Mon 7 th			Open Church 10am-noon
Tues 8 th	Open Church 10am-noon		7.30pm Holy Communion Service
Thurs 10 th			Open Church 10am-noon
Sat 12 th	Open Church 10am-noon		
Sunday 13th 2nd <i>Sunday after Trinity</i>		8.45am Holy Communion Service 10am Family Service	
Mon 14 th			Open Church 10am-noon
Tues 15 th	Open Church 10am-noon		
Thurs 17 th			Open Church 10am-noon
Sat 19 th	Open Church 10am-noon		
Sunday 20th 3rd <i>Sunday after Trinity</i>	8.45am BCP Holy Communion 10am Holy Communion & Sunday School in a Tin		
Mon 21 st			Open Church 10am-noon
Tues 22 nd	9.15am Holy Communion Service		
	Open Church 10am-noon		
Thurs 24 th			Open Church 10am-noon
Sat 26 th	Open Church 10am-noon		
Sunday 27th 4th <i>Sunday after Trinity</i>			8.45am Holy Communion Service 10am Family Service
Mon 28 th			Open Church 10am-noon
Tues 6 th	Open Church 10am-noon		
Thurs 1 st July			Open Church 10am-noon
Sat 3 rd	Open Church 10am-noon		4pm Forest Church
Sunday 4th July 5th <i>Sunday after Trinity</i>		10am All Together Holy Communion Service	
Mon 5 th			Open Church 10am-noon
Tues 6 th	Open Church 10am-noon		

Open Church means that the Church is open for private prayer, refreshments are available at all sessions except Thursdays at Bulphan.

Rector's Reflections

Recently, thanks to much hard work by a group of committed individuals, Horndon Church has received its Bronze Eco Church Award and Bulphan has now applied for Silver status. With a few little adjustments, Orsett should soon be able to apply for Bronze.

As part of registering with Eco Church, we have begun having discussions about becoming Fairtrade Churches in our PCCs. The Fairtrade Foundation website says,

Fairtrade is one simple way to spark change – and it starts with our choices. Choosing Fairtrade means standing with farmers for fairness and equality, and against some of the biggest challenges the world faces.

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When Fairtrade food products were introduced many years ago, they weren't particularly palatable, but they have moved on greatly now. In fact, all of Marks and Spencer's tea and coffee is Fairtrade as is that of many of the well-known coffee outlets; chocolate producers such as Cadbury Bournville have taken on many Fairtrade initiatives; most bananas in supermarkets are fairly-traded following pressure to stock them by members of the public many years ago.

In order to achieve Fairtrade Status, as churches, the minimum requirement is to ensure that all of our tea, coffee and sugar is Fairtrade. But there are so many more Fairtrade products available. And, of course, the more we commit to buying the more we are caring for our brothers and sisters around the world. Fairly traded goods include clothes, flowers, cold drinks and juice, biscuits, sweets, snacks, grains, sugar, spreads, oil, wine, beauty products, herbs and spices and even gold.

I do encourage you to look for the Fairtrade logo when you are out shopping and to buy Fairtrade products where you are able. The price may be a little higher, but our purchasing of these products is one way in which we can demonstrate love for our global neighbours.

If you are unsure where to start when buying Fairtrade products, there is a page further on in the magazine with some help and suggestions.

I look forward to seeing you soon.

Take care and God bless,

Sue



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HORNDON ON THE HILL CHURCHWARDEN'S REPORT

On 30th May Horndon will hold its Annual Parochial Church Meeting in the church building and not via Zoom which is what took place for the 2020 APCM last September. That APCM differed in other ways too in that no Wardens or Officers were nominated as lockdown meant that we were unable to issue any Proposal forms. Everything remained 'as is'. Now all roles are up for re-election, Churchwardens, Deputy Churchwarden and PCC members and the Proposal sheets are in situ within the church. A notice advising that the meeting will take place must be displayed on an external notice board two Saturdays prior to the meeting. Gradually, some form of normality is resuming. We welcome all those on the church Electoral Roll to the APCM on 30th May, which will take place immediately after the 10am Service.

The continuation of easing COVID enforced restrictions on 17th May meant that we could take part in the village wide Horndon on the Hill Table Top Sale event on Saturday 22nd May inside the church and offer refreshments too. It seems a very long time ago that we held a similar event where the hum of many a conversation could be heard and many a bacon roll or cake was eaten washed down with tea and coffee. The event, organised by several villagers allows everyone in the village to take part with stalls being set up in driveways. Donations to the Essex Wildlife Centre on Orsett Road to enable them to build a seal rescue area will be requested. We will of course be donating and also fundraising for much depleted church funds. We hope for a less soggy day than has been in occurrence recently !

We recommence Forest Church, the most recent of which was held at Bulphan church on Saturday 1st May. Forest Church is situated in the open air, this time within the churchyard of St Mary's where we gathered round a fire and reflected on St George and his fight against evil. Wooden swords were made which, once upturned became crosses. We listened to two Bible passages and sang several hymns. The next Forest church is on Saturday 5th June at Orsett 4pm. All ages are very welcome. Please bring something to sit on. Should you require transport for this event please let either me or Sonia know and we will arrange for you.

And talking of Bulphan we would like to congratulate Frank Woollard for becoming Lay Chair of Thurrock Deanery Synod. The Lay Chair's duties are varied but include the joint chair of Deanery Synod meetings (together with the Area Dean), regular contact with the Bishop and Archdeacon, to share in worship at all churches and most importantly, encourage relationships and collaboration Deanery wide. We wish Frank every success in his new role which he takes on together with his Bulphan Churchwarden responsibilities.

Finally, a massive thankyou to everyone who answered the call when Felicity posted a Face Book request for a new mower for the Tuesday morning Gardening Volunteers. We asked for £300 but received over double this amount. We were able to purchase a heavy duty strimmer too to aid the gardeners. As Felicity said on her Facebook page 'What a wonderful place we live in and what wonderful people live here'.

God Bless - Alastair

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Bulphan Churchwarden's Report

My hope for warm sunny Summer days seems to be forlorn. The continuous cold and latterly wet weather apart from being unseasonable and depressingly miserable, has slowed plant growth to an astonishing degree and looking back through my photographs from this time last year serves to underline this. Everything is so late and this is a real problem for arable farmers who will struggle to produce crops in a timely manner, if at all.

The exception to all this is the rate at which the grass grows; thankfully our friends at Bulphan-in-Bloom found a window in the weather which allowed them to cut the churchyard grass. Of course we are very grateful for this and all of their other hard work keeping our churchyard beautiful.

This Sunday (23rd), was the due date for our Annual Parochial Church Meeting. The time when the Rector and PCC office holders present their annual reports and new members of the PCC are elected or the existing ones re-elected. There were no surprises and no changes from last year, but at least we were able to meet in church this year. Frank Woolard continues as Warden and as our Deanery Synod representative, added to which he has become Chair of Laity to the Thurrock Deanery; how fortunate to be retired, but as the saying goes: If you want a job doing, ask a busy person.

This PCC year could be a short one, because when unification of the three parishes is achieved we will have to do this again to form a single Parochial Church Council for the three churches, but the timing for this is uncertain as there are a number of procedures that have to be completed before this can happen.

As we are already working together as a benefice and sharing income from fundraising events, it was good to hear that Horndon had a very successful book sale on Saturday (22nd). Well done Horndon, especially in the face of rain and gale force winds.

It has been mentioned elsewhere, but on Monday mornings between 10.00 and 12.00 tea and coffee are being served at Bulphan church and everyone is welcome to drop-in. The church is open for private prayer and quiet reflection on Mondays and Thursdays.

Ron Porter



GATHERING ROUND THE FIRE PIT AT FOREST CHURCH



Bulphan WI

May was the month of our Annual Meeting, we reminisced about our previous meetings, the new skills we'd learnt – virtual meetings including screen sharing and breakout rooms, the contents of our meetings in a bag, the speakers we'd enjoyed from near and far, the socially distanced doorstep deliveries and the laughter along the way, it's a credit to the committee and our members that they achieved so much over a difficult year. The Committee were elected, and I am once again proud to be the President of our wonderful WI.

As our meeting on 9th June is before the magic date of 21st we are staying virtual with Pauline Kidner talking about Badgers in her Kitchen; want to find out more? Then come along as a visitor, email bulphanwi@gmail.com for the meeting joining details.

Plans are afoot, restrictions allowing, to meet in person in July, we are all understandably very excited about this especially as it will be a social event with the minimum amount of business so that our members can spend as much time as possible catching up.

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

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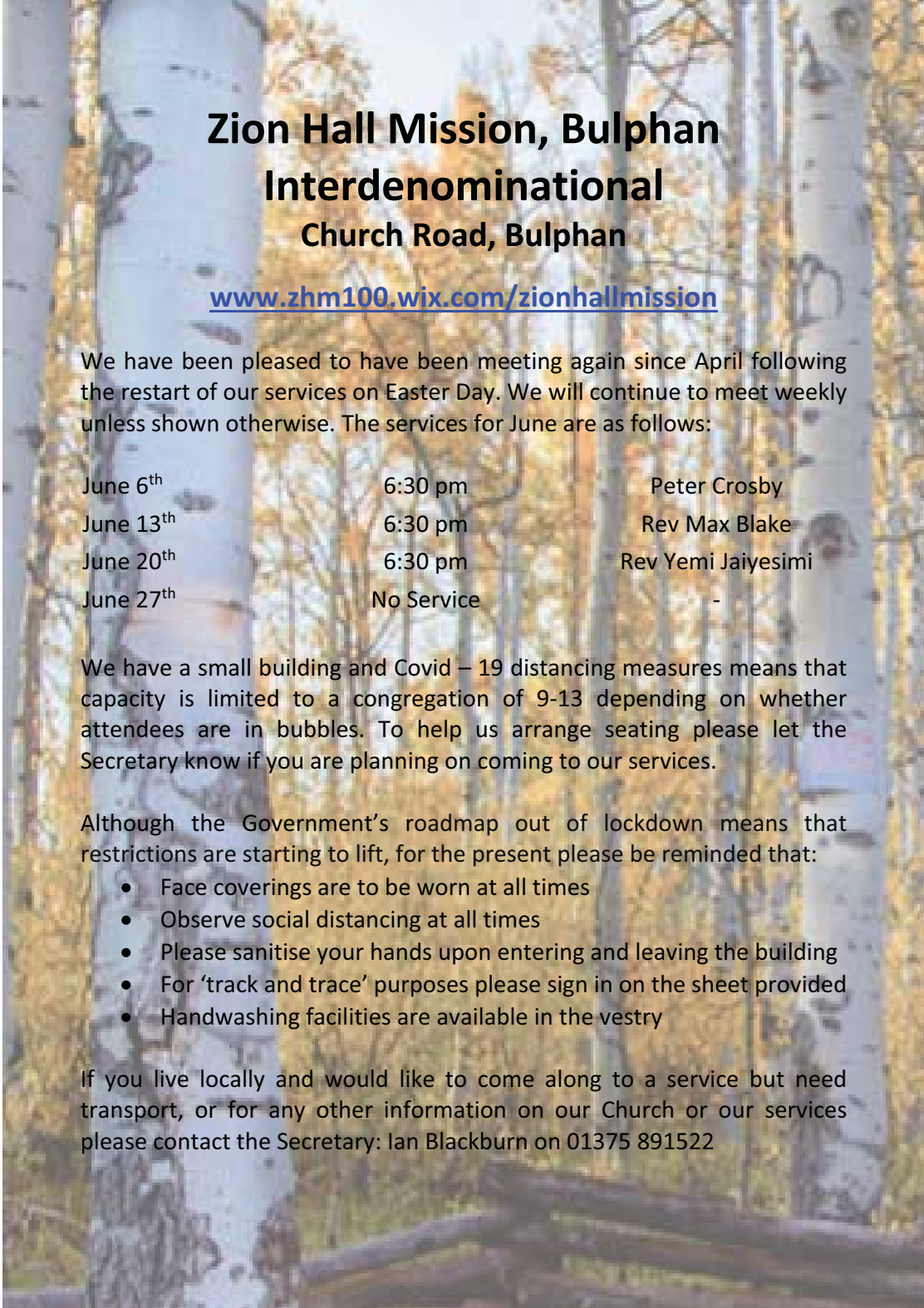
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We have been pleased to have been meeting again since April following the restart of our services on Easter Day. We will continue to meet weekly unless shown otherwise. The services for June are as follows:

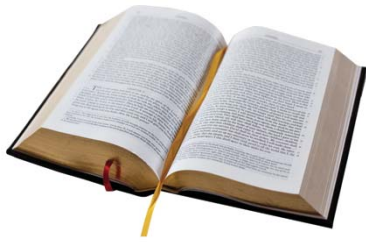
June 6 th	6:30 pm	Peter Crosby
June 13 th	6:30 pm	Rev Max Blake
June 20 th	6:30 pm	Rev Yemi Jaiyesimi
June 27 th	No Service	-

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:

- Face coverings are to be worn at all times
- Observe social distancing at all times
- Please sanitise your hands upon entering and leaving the building
- For 'track and trace' purposes please sign in on the sheet provided
- Handwashing facilities are available in the vestry

If you live locally and would like to come along to a service but need transport, or for any other information on our Church or our services please contact the Secretary: Ian Blackburn on 01375 891522



PRAYER DIARY

Some thoughts to include in your daily prayers

June 1st	For Orsett in Bloom and Bulphan in Bloom
June 2nd	For the Friends of Orsett Church
June 3rd	For those who live on Stanley Road, Bulphan
June 4th	For our Local Ward Councillors serving the Benefice
June 5th	For those who live on Blackshots Lane
June 6th	For the Orsett Fire Station and all fire-fighters
June 7th	For our village halls and those who run them
June 8th	For Archdeacon Mike Lodge
June 9th	For our Bishop John Perumbalath
June 10th	For neighbours and friends who have moved away
June 11th	For those who live on China Lane, Bulphan
June 12th	For those who live on Stephens Crescent, Horndon
June 13th	For those who live on Francis Close, Horndon
June 14th	For those who live on High Road, Orsett
June 15th	For those in St Luke's Hospice
June 16th	For those who live on Mill Lane, Orsett
June 17th	For those who live on Malting Lane, Orsett
June 18th	For those who live on Holmes Close, Horndon
June 19th	For those who live on Bristowe Drive, Orsett
June 20th	For those who live on Hillcrest Close, Horndon
June 21st	For those who live on Peartree Lane, Bulphan
June 22nd	For the shops in Orsett, Horndon and Bulphan
June 23rd	For those who live on Ellis Close, Orsett
June 24th	For our police and community support officers
June 25th	For those who live on Alderton Road, Orsett
June 26th	For those who live on Grosvenor Road, Orsett
June 27th	For the work of the Thurrock Food Bank
June 28th	For those who live on School Lane, Orsett
June 29th	For those suffering from 'Long Covid'
June 30th	For those who live on Paddock Close, Orsett

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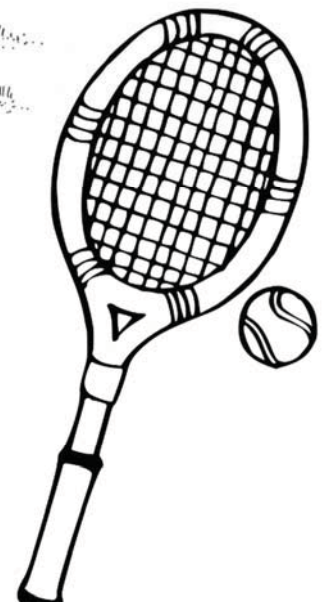
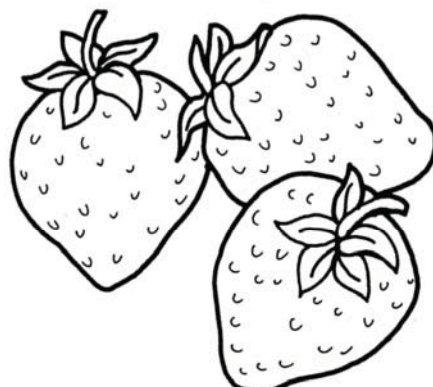
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St Peter



St Paul



ORSETT EDWARD BEAR TODDLER GROUP

May time the blossom looking fantastic and all the trees and hedges springing into life, last of all the 'May' blossom (the Hawthorn) – "Ne'er cast a clout til May is out" as the old saying goes. What better time to have a Forest Church service when the theme of creation was linked to St George's Day and much fun was had painting St George flags and building a dragon made of sticks, leaves and flowers, as well as making swords from sticks that when turned upside down became a cross. Edward Bear needed some help because its much harder to do these things when you have paws and he was very careful not to get red paint on his clothes!



In church on Rogation Sunday, Edward Bear learnt something of what farming life is like in the Benefice with REAL LIFE Farmers from Horndon and Orsett sharing stories and answering questions. "Did you know", said Edward Bear, "that the tiny seeds of wheat that grow in our fields are milled in Tilbury Docks and sent all over the world to make other folks daily bread?"



May was also when we celebrated the birthday of the Christian church on Pentecost Sunday (23 May). This year we were at Bulphan Church and everyone was given paper flames to colour in. Edward Bear was very clear because he made some paper flames the day before and used them to make a hat to wear to church! Edward Bear was very excited because there was a big birthday cake with candles as part of the celebration.

Can you see him in the photo with his hat and the cake?



Did you know that June is the **National Month of Prayer for toddler groups?** Edward Bear knows that toddler groups offer an amazing space for babies, toddlers and their parents and carers to play, experience a warm welcome and develop a supportive community. They've had to adapt during the pandemic to offer support in the local community. They are a place where the love of God can be experienced in so many ways and they are a place where life in all its fullness can be celebrated. There is a theme each year, and this year's theme is based on John 10:10 – 'Life in all its fullness'.

We haven't been able to meet for such a long time but Edward Bear has been busy sharing the stories of his adventures on Facebook and here in the Hobnob each month. This month especially, Edward Bear and the helpers will be praying for Orsett Edward Bear Toddler Group and all the families that have been part of our community over the years, and also praying that others will step forward to help to re-open the group, hopefully in September, so that many more children and adults can flourish and experience life in all its fullness together. If you would like to join the team of helpers please contact Revd Sue Mann for more info.

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

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1 Corinthians 12:27 'All of you together are Christ's body and each of you is a part of it'.

Dear All



How good it is to see all the children back in school. The buildings seem to have come back to life again and the sound of children's laughter has been something that has been sorely missed. Whilst still following all Covid restrictions, the pupils have been able to see each other across the playground and we have also been holding TEAM meetings between classes. This has given the children the opportunity to show off their best pieces of work and share their learning. Last week we even managed our first whole school event.



NSPCC Number Day was a big hit across all year groups. There were some amazing entries for our 'create a creative number' competition; the kitchen staff also got into the swing of things and 'created' number cakes for all of the children. At the end of the day, the school had raised over £200 for the NSPCC.

We are now planning our next fund raiser!



During the Easter holiday we had new gym equipment installed on the playground and this is being used as part of our PE curriculum. The children have loved this new experience and I am sure there have been a few members of staff seen trying it out (obviously just to make sure it is safe).



I am sure that you have all, like me, been reflecting on the weather compared to this time last year. It is hard to believe that this is May.

We have made some changes to the lunchtime arrangements in order to give the children longer outside; unfortunately, these new arrangements are dependent on the weather as they involve the children using the field. This has meant that it has not been as consistent as we would have hoped over the last week because of the huge amounts of rain we have had. The forecast does not look much better for the next week, but fingers crossed it will improve soon.

Our year 2 class paid a virtual visit to the library this week; although they were very indignant when it was described as a trip. Having said that, they had a brilliant time being shown round Grays library. The children received detailed instructions on how to apply for a library card but they insisted the best part of the 'visit' was when a librarian read them the story of Brenda the Sheep.



All of our pupils were asked to design a class cross. The winning entries were decided by our class 6 children and they now have the mammoth of task of recreating plaster cast versions of each of the 7 crosses. Every class will be presented with their cross to be displayed in the classroom.



Kindest regards

Mrs D Bradley
Head of School

JOAN BURDETT R.I.P.

Readers, especially in Horndon, will be sad to hear of the death of JOAN BURDETT on 23 March, after spending a short time in a Grays Nursing Home.

Joan was formerly in charge of our village Post Office where the counter occupied the rear corner of Burdett's Bakers and General Store in the High Road. We were fond of Joan: she was efficient, friendly, very hard-working, a fountain of local knowledge and well known to everyone.

Following the death of her husband Eric in late 1997, the shop and bakers closed and the Post Office moved to the back of Country Fayre on the other side of the High Road. Joan then moved to a house of her own in Salisbury Road, Stanford le Hope where she remained for over 20 years. Local residents were sorry to miss this familiar and popular character and we know she was very sad to move away from the village. (She kept in touch with her monthly Hobnob but this wasn't the same!).

Joan leaves two sons: Chris and Paul. Christopher served in the Royal Air Force for nine years and now lives near the Sussex coast. Paul spent many hours and years in Burdett's Bakery and now lives locally in Tilbury. We send our heartfelt sympathy to them both on the loss of their Mother. May she Rest in Peace.

FAMOUS PERSON IN JUNE

JOHN CONSTABLE

John Constable was born June 11, 1776, in East Bergholt, Suffolk. His father was a wealthy corn merchant. Constable was educated at Dedham Grammar School, and after he left school he worked in his father's business. His heart was not in it, however, and in 1799 he induced his father to send him to the Royal Academy in London to study art.



A fellow student at the Royal Academy School was JMW Turner, but the two men never became friends. Constable exhibited his first painting in 1802, but unlike Turner, success eluded him. He sold only 20 paintings in his lifetime, and was never recognized in his homeland while he was alive.

In 1816 Constable became financially secure with money left to him when his father died. He married Maria Bicknell despite the opposition of her family. The couple were happy together, and Constable was plunged into depression when she died in 1828.

Constable rejected the formal or "picturesque" rendering of nature found in the works of artists like Gainsborough. Instead, he tried to capture informally the effects of changing light and the patterns of clouds moving across the country sky. He loved the countryside, and his best work was of outdoor scenes in his native Suffolk and his London home in Hampstead.

He worked in the open air, though he returned to his studio to finish his paintings. His larger scenes were sketched full-size in oil, and the sketch was then used as a model for the finished painting.

In France Constable found the success that eluded him in England. His 1821 master work *The Haywain* was exhibited at the Paris Salon of 1824. Constable's work greatly influenced the French artist Delacroix, and the so-called "Barbizon School", who followed Constable's lead in working outdoors. Later still, the French Impressionists built on Constable's efforts to capture the moods of light.



It was not until 1829 that Constable was reluctantly awarded full membership in the Royal Academy (and then by a majority of only one vote). He continued to struggle for commercial success and was forced to take on some portrait work to make ends meet.

John Constable died on March 31, 1837, and was buried in St. John's Church, London.



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Restoring the Daka river

Working in partnership with ecosia to grow trees and restore the Daka river



The project

Through our project in partnership with Ecosia (www.ecosia.org), we are working with people living along the Daka river to grow trees and restore the Daka river.

Since the project started in 2017, we have more than doubled the number of communities we are supporting. Now, we are working with 61 communities living along the river. Together we are growing trees that will provide nutritious food and incomes, and help restore the river as a reliable source of water, all year round.

Why is this project needed?

For many people in northern Ghana, the Daka river is a vital source of water for drinking, washing, cooking, and farming. But a rapid loss of trees and soil fertility, and the effects of the [climate crisis](#), mean that the water level is low and the river dries out for months on end.

For local people, this makes growing enough food difficult. As a result, many people are living in poverty. But trees offer a solution. Through this project we are growing trees to restore the river and land, for now, and the future.

Our aims

Working with local people, we are growing millions of trees to provide food and incomes and restore the river and land.

The trees we plant mean stability and protection for the people living along the river. The roots stabilise the soil and prevent nutritious soil from being washed away in floods. They also help the land to stay fertile so that other crops can grow and provide communities with food.

Our impact

Almost three years into this project, we have grown nearly 1.5 million trees along the Daka river. We've also supported 775 farmers with tools and training to help them restore and protect the land.

Some techniques they were taught include bushfire management, tree grafting and assisted natural regeneration — a method used to regenerate trees. With this technique, over 350,000 trees have been regenerated.

How to help

If you would like to support Tree Aid you can make a donation at <https://www.treeaid.org/donate/> or you could buy a gift from our [Gifts that Grow](#) store at <https://www.treeaid.org/all-gifts/>

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- Change a life. Your donation will be put to use right away transforming the lives of some of the poorest people in the world, wherever the need is greatest.



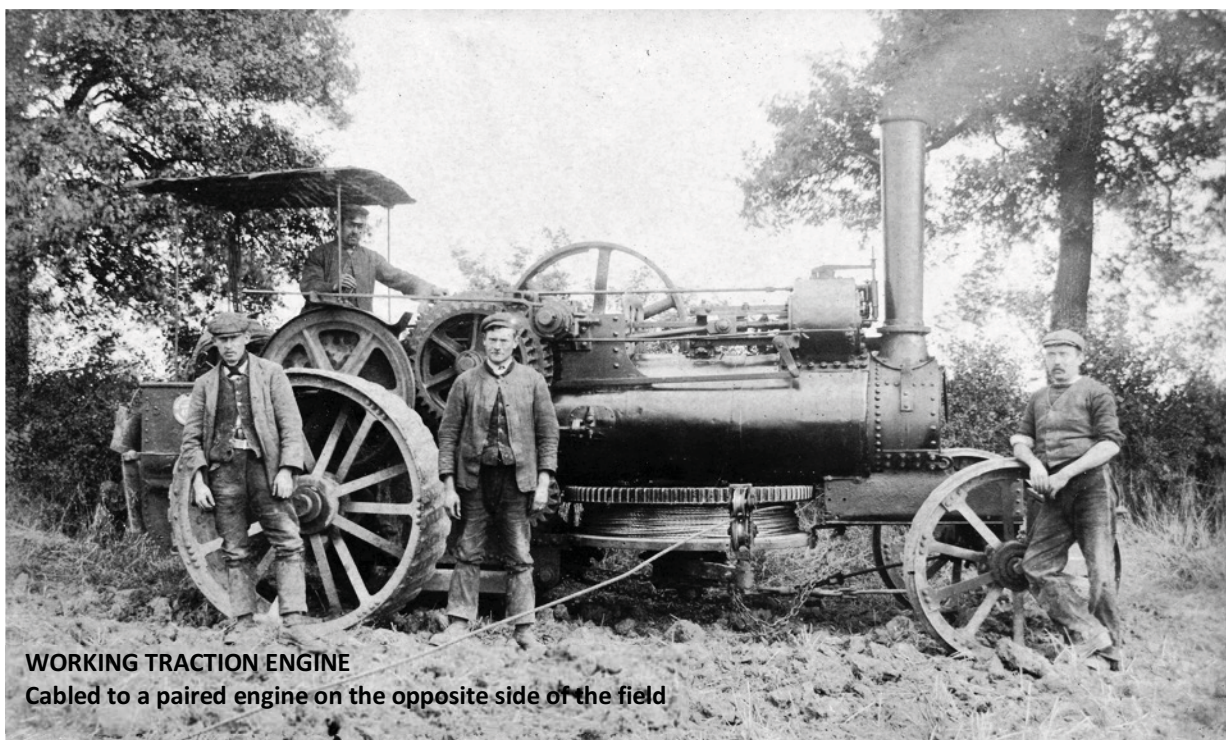
STRAWBERRIES

Things you may not know about one of our favourite summer fruits

- 🍓 The garden strawberry was first cultivated in Brittany in the 18th Century.
- 🍓 Cardinal Thomas Wolsey is credited with creating the popular combination of strawberries and cream. Although it would have most likely been one of the kitchen staff.
- 🍓 Around 200 species of pests are known to attack strawberries.
- 🍓 A serving of 5 strawberries contains as much vitamin C as an orange.
- 🍓 Strawberries are the only fruit with seeds on the outside.
- 🍓 The average strawberry has 200 seeds.
- 🍓 Strawberries are the first fruit to ripen in the spring.
- 🍓 There is a museum in Belgium just for strawberries.
- 🍓 Strawberries are a member of the rose family.
- 🍓 In medieval times, strawberries were served at important functions to bring peace & prosperity.
- 🍓 Not every single flower will produce a strawberry.
- 🍓 A strawberry will not ripen once it is picked.
- 🍓 Although Strawberries can grow from seeds, they mostly reproduce from long shoots of new growth, called runners.
- 🍓 At Wimbledon during the tennis competition around 28 tons of strawberries are consumed in baskets of 10 with around 2200 gallons of cream.
- 🍓 There are more than 30 varieties grown in the UK and just like apples they all have their own taste, shape and even colour to differentiate themselves.
- 🍓 They're not all red. Most the strawberries in the UK are red, but you can also get them in yellow and even white. The white ones are called pineberries and taste more like pineapple than strawberry .
- 🍓 Strawberries are one of the earliest fruits mentioned in literature, featuring in poems in the 1st century AD. However, they weren't as sweet and many people thought of them as an ornamental fruit rather than a food.



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ALL OUR YESTERDAYS

Happenings from the Benefice as reported in June in the past

1765 The Ipswich Journal
Sat 22nd

Road

ESSEX

To the PUBLIC

Whereas application is intended to be made to Parliament early in the next sessions, for an Act to repair the Road from Billericay to Tilbury Fort (*now B1007*) in the County of Essex, and from Brentwood to join to the said Road at Horndon; and also to establish safe and proper Ferry-boats across the Thames there, to and from Gravesend, in such a manner as shall be settled at a Meeting to be held for that purpose after the next Chelmsford Assizes; of which Meeting due Notice will be given in this paper : This is therefore to request the Favour of such Gentlemen are desirous of approving them themselves Friends to so useful a Scheme, and have anything to offer which may contribute to the promoting it, either by taking in collateral Branches or otherwise, that they will be pleased to communicate the same by Letter (post-paid) to Mr Austin in Great Ormond-street, London, who will be obliged to any one, by the same conveyance, to inform him of any Objections to it, a Week before the said Assizes.

1787 Chelmsford Chronicle
Fri 29th

Farm Sale

Essex

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1802 Salisbury & Winchester Journal
Mon 28th

New vicar

From the LONDON GAZETTE OF
JUNE 22

Whitehall June 22 1802

The King has pleased to present the Reverend John Marshall, Clerk, Master of Arts to the Rectory of Orsett, in the county of Essex and Diocese of London, void by the Translation of the Right Reverend Father in God Doctor Richard Beadon, Bishop of Gloucester, the See of Bath and Wells.

1840 Chelmsford Chronicle
Fri 26th

Cricket match

On the 18th inst, a match of cricket was played at West Tilbury, between the West Tilbury, and, Bulphan and Herongate clubs:- Tilbury 1st innings 201; Herongate, 1st innings 76; 2nd ditto, 138. This left the Tilbury 14 runs to in for, but he shadows of night coming on, the Bulphan and Herongate gentlemen gave up their claim to the laurels by relinquishing the game.

1861 Monmouthshire Beacon
Sat 29th

Escapees recaptured

Recapture of Escaped Prisoners - *The Herald* gives a terrible account of the recapture of two men charged with the theft of £40 worth of jewellery from a house in Orsett, who escaped from the lock up at Orsett, Essex. They got into a pea-field and hid themselves under the 'pea-haulm'. A farmer went out on horseback and hunted them out with his hounds, by which the men were frightfully bitten.

1864 Essex Standard
Weds 29th

Police houses

The Constabulary

The County Surveyor submitted a plan for providing additional accommodation for two Constables at the Orsett police station, the estimated expenses being £550. The Chief Constable explained the necessity for the measure, and although a resolution to defer the matter for further consideration was proposed by Mr Knox, seconded by Mr Budworth, it was eventually withdrawn, and the amount voted by the Court.

1869 Essex Standard
Weds 11th

Singular death

SINGULAR DEATH - An old man a labourer between 70 and 80 years of age, named John Goble, laid himself down to sleep by the edge of a pond on Bulphan Fen, on Sunday morning, when he rolled over into the pond. and was drowned.

1880 Essex Newsman
Sat 12th

Early summer opening

George Stock keeper of the Old Ship, Aveley, Wm Stock of the Cock Inn, Orsett and James Green, King's Arms, West Tilbury, were granted permission to open their respective houses at five o'clock in the morning during the summer months for the convenience of the workmen in the neighbourhoods named

1890 Essex Newsman
Sat 14th

Methodist church opening

WESLEYAN - On Tuesday the Wesleyan Methodists opened a substantial brick building on the main street, in place of the galvanised structure hitherto used in the mill meadow. A special sermon was preached by the Rev S Starkie, of Dartford. In the evening a public meeting, at which Mr Hawken, of Rayleigh, presided, was held and addresses were delivered by Messrs Carpenter, J

Freeman, G Sumner, W Pledger, T Rouse, Joice and J Rose. A vote of thanks was given to Mr Ambrose Ellis for his gift of the building site, valued at £100 (*c.£13000 2020*). The proceeds of the meeting amounted to over £39.

1901 Grays & Tilbury Gazette
Sat 22nd

Reopening of Horndon Church
HORNDON ON THE HILL

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The Lord Bishop of Barking,
on S Peter's Day
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30th and July 7th and on Wednes-
day, July 3rd

Sunday June 30th : Morning at
11am Rev JE Sedgewick MA (St
John's, Southend), Evening at
5.30 pm, Rev JE Sedgewick MA
(Vicar of Christ Church, Watney
Road, London E1)

Wednesday, July 3rd at 7.30 pm,

The Rev H. SCOTT HOLLAND,

Canon St Paul's Cathedral
Sunday July 7th : Morning at 11
am Rev AH Delafield MA (Rural
Dean of Orsett) Evening at 7pm
Rev ARM Clemens MA, Vicar of St
Bartholomew, Bethnal Green, E1
Sunday June 30th : Children's Ser-
vice and Dedication of Children's
Gifts (Window, Font Ewer and Lit-
any Desk 2.15pm, The Vicar
Collections will be made at all Ser-
vices for the Church Restoration
Fund for which a sum of £300 is
still needed

EDMUND WATTS, JAMES DALE
Church wardens

JOHN ALLEN, ARTHUR KING,
GEORGE PAGE, HERBERT AL-
LEN Sidesmen

Sidney W Fischel, Vicar

1903 Barking, E Ham & Ilford
Advertiser
Sat 20th

Very wet June (extract)

As a result of the heavy rain (*c.5
inches*) almost incessant rain, un-
paralleled since the memorable
flood of (*July*) 1888, many districts

of Essex were flooded on Sunday,
Monday and Tuesday, thousands
of acres being covered in water,
road rendered impassable, and a
great deal of damage done to crops
and inconvenience caused to resi-
dents whose houses were invaded
by the water.

Floods are the rule over the whole
of South East Essex. Scores of
fields and hundreds of acres of
land on the marshes abutting the
river are under water. On Bulvan
Fen it was found necessary to
move large numbers of sheep on
Monday, who otherwise would
have drowned; and the road to
Orsett was flooded to a depth of
nearly five feet. At Conway's Farm,
Orsett, the spot where some years
ago Mr Hocken, local Government
Board Auditor lost his life, the wa-
ter was knee deep from the over-
flow of the dykes.

1906 Birmingham Mail
Sat 9th

Mary Window

A stained glass window is to be
erected in St Mary's Church, Bul-
van, Essex, to be known at the
"Mary" window. It will be sub-
scribed for entirely by those bear-
ing the name of Mary.

1906 Barking, E Ham & Ilford
Advertiser
Sat 9th

Children's savings

The children who took boxes for
Lenten savings for the Church of
England Waifs and Strays Society
did better than ever this year, col-
lecting £2 17s 6d. They have also
realised £4 13s 10d by a sale of
work for the funds of the Society.

1907 Grays & Tilbury Gazette
Sat 15th

Mardyke bridge

OFFER ACCEPTED - With refer-
ence to the unsatisfactory condi-
tion of the bridge over the Mardyke
at Bulphan, the Highway Commit-
tee recommended that an offer of
the Commissioners of Sewers to
practically rebuild the bridge on
condition that the Council make
themselves responsible for its
maintenance afterwards, to be ac-
cepted. The Chairman stated that
if the recommendation was
adopted, the council would be lia-
ble for the maintenance for ever.
Considering the benefits that

would be conferred on the district
by the rebuilding and widening of
the bridge the Committee thought
it worth the while of the Council to
be responsible for the mainte-
nance. The recommendation was
accepted.

1918 Chelmsford Chronicle
Fri 21st

Meritorious service medal

Gunner A J Payne RFA, Orsett
Heath, has been awarded the Mer-
itorious Service Medal for services
in Salonika.

1918 Weekly Casualty List
(War Office & Air Ministry)

04 Jun : Missing - Brooke P
204736 (Orsett), King's Royal Rifle
Corps

18 Jun : Wounded - Sanders SV
14054 (Orsett), Essex Regiment

1919 Hull Daily Mail
Tues 3rd

Orsett aerodrome

The Air Ministry announces that
the undermentioned landing
grounds and aerodromes are being
relinquished by the RAF :- *included
in the list* Orsett, Essex.

1923 Chelmsford Chronicle
Fri 22nd

For sale

For Sale Ford Bus 14 seater, part
exchange Landulette or 5 seater. J
Orman, the Ferns, Bulphan, Rom-
ford

1926 Chelmsford Chronicle
Fri 4th

Arden Hall

Arden Hall and dairy farm of 238
acres, was purchased by Mr E
Benton for £2,250.

Death

1855 Essex Standard
Weds 3rd

4th inst Aged 3 years, Elizabeth
Gibbs, daughter of Mr OH Massey,
Horndon on the Hill

1855 Essex Standard
Weds 29th

June 23rd, at Grice House, Horn-
don on the Hill, after a protracted
illness in his 57th year, George
Spitty Esq

Birth

1870 Essex Newsman
Weds 18th

GORRINGE - 10th inst, at the Rec-
tory, Orsett, the wife of the Rev P
Rollins Gorrings, of a son



MOTHERS' UNION

Chelmsford Diocesan Mothers' Union



Wave of Prayer – Chelmsford (18 – 20 June)

During June, we will be remembered as part of the Wave of Prayer diary together with our link dioceses.

The Wave of Prayer is a daily act of reflection, thanksgiving and intercession. The act of prayer held at midday around the world means that there is continual wave of prayer from Mothers' Union members worldwide. During the Coronavirus pandemic, midday prayers have been live streamed on Facebook and been available on the Daily Hope phone line.

Here in Chelmsford, we have five Wave of Prayer link dioceses:

- Military Episcopate, Kenya
- Rejaf, South Sudan
- Doko, Nigeria
- Owo, Nigeria
- Jamaica and the Cayman Islands, West Indies

If you're a Mothers' Union member, please look out for your next edition of Roundabout, our diocesan magazine, which includes prayer resources and information about our link dioceses for you to use.

Chelmsford Diocesan Mothers' Union has their own Facebook page, so do have a look – there's 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.](#)

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Staying connected through Midday Prayers



A free phone line of hymns, reflections and prayers

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Midday Prayers continue from Monday - Saturday on the public Mothers' Union [Facebook page](#). Thousands have viewed these already, but for those interested and not aware, feel free to watch and comment.

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