



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

Weekly notice sheet Sunday 4th July—5th Sunday after Trinity

Sea Sunday

10am All Together Holy Communion Service

At St Giles and All Saints Church, Orsett

The 10am service may be recorded for our website. If you do not wish to be recorded please speak to a churchwarden.



Today's Collect

Almighty God, send down upon your Church the riches of your Spirit, and kindle in all who minister the gospel your countless gifts of grace; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Post Communion

Grant, O Lord, we beseech you, that the course of this world may be so peaceably ordered by your governance, that your Church may joyfully serve you in all godly quietness; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Dear Everyone,

This Sunday is Sea Sunday when we celebrate the work of the Mission to Seafarers. Our service will be at Orsett at 10am and will be led by Father John Noddings from the United Benefice of Corringham and Fobbing. I know that John is very much looking forward to being with you and am sure that you will have a lovely time of worship together.

If you would like to make a donation towards the Mission to Seafarers, there will be envelopes available at the service.

On the day before this, Saturday 3rd July, we have Forest Church at Bulphan at 4pm, and the theme is International Mud Day. Do come along if you are able to. Forest Church is a great way of doing church and is for all ages and there will be refreshments afterwards. You just need to bring something to sit on and waterproofs in case it rains. And please wear old clothes which you don't mind getting a bit of mud on!

Thank you for your continued support of the foodbank, which is still as busy as ever. The Trussell Trust recently carried out some research into the reasons for people needing to use foodbanks, the findings of which they emailed out last week to supporters and which are included later in these notices. Please do continue to pray for all those who continue to volunteer at the foodbank and those who, at this time, have a need to use them.

Thank you for all your ongoing prayers and please be assured of my prayers for you.

Take care and God bless,

Sue



Eco Pause for Thought

Turn your heating thermostat down by one degree will save you money and lower your personal carbon footprint.



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Prayers for the week

Prayer Diary

- **Sea Sunday** We remember all those whose lives are lived on your great oceans and give thanks for the work and inspiration of The Mission to Seafarers. Pray for all agencies who work amongst seafarers. Lord God, we depend on you for life itself, and on seafarers to meet so many of our daily needs. Watch over all who go down to the sea in ships – on business, for leisure, or to rescue those in peril or difficulty. Keep them from danger, befriend them in loneliness, and bring them safely home to those they love; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen. (From the Mission to Seafarers)
- *PRAY for the Episcopal Church in the Philippines*
- Prayers for the rest of the week can be found here-: <https://www.chelmsford.anglican.org/uploads-new/publications/WePray-June21.pdf>

Benefice prayer diary

Horndon Carol N, Steve B, Chris C, Anita J, Suzarne P, Nick T, Jan C, Moira, Ivy
Orsett Ted S, Sandra B, Maureen D, Pat W, Di B, Margaret C, Steve J
Other Pete, Sara B, Stephanie and Jack, Elizabeth, Evelyn and Dottie and her family



Prayers for the recently bereaved

Bulphan Sheena and family following the death of Jean L

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

Happy July birthdays

Sam O, Janet Mc, Louie W,
 Deborah O, Lewis S, Halle M,
 Isaac P, Will F, Darcy S,
 Cody T and Iris



Please note that
 morning and evening
 prayers will be held
 Monday to Friday
 between
 4th and 24th July



Saturday 3rd July - 4-5pm

St Mary the Virgin Church, Bulphan

Forest Church is a new way of doing church outdoors for all ages.

It is for all ages and includes outdoor fun activities on a Biblical theme, worship, often around a fire.

The service will carry on even if it is raining so please wear wellies, waterproof clothing and bring an umbrella! You should also bring along a rug or a chair to sit on.

I look forward to seeing you there.

Revd Sue



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Thurrock Foodbank would like to share some of the findings of the State for Hunger research that gives a little more of an insight as to why there is still a need for Food banks. They hope you find it informative and gives a little more context about their work.

The recent Trussell Trust State of Hunger research shows that the clearest place to start is ensuring that people have enough income to support themselves. Significant changes to our social security system are needed to ensure we all have a strong enough lifeline when we face hard times.

The State of Hunger shows consistent evidence that the design of the social security system, and particularly the level of support that people receive is a key reason for why people need support from food banks. From applying to receiving support, the design of the system puts people at risk of hardship.

Applying and receiving benefits can be challenging and pushes people into hardship

Applications for Universal Credit (UC) must be online, a challenging experience for people experiencing destitution with limited digital access. This is compounded by an application process that can often feel arduous and confrontational. For people who have experienced challenging life events, who are disabled, or have mental health problems these may be barriers that cannot be overcome without help and the delay in applying can push people further into hardship.

Some people may not have the option of applying for social security. Many people in the UK live with 'no recourse to public funds' (NRPF) meaning they cannot receive public financial support. This problem has been particularly exposed during the pandemic. In early 2020 2% of people referred to food banks were estimated to have NRPF status, which increased to 11% after March 2020.

Concerns around eligibility are also mirrored for people trying to apply for disability benefits such as Personal Independence Payments (PIP). The lack of support for disabled people, who may have significant additional costs related to their disability but do not meet the demanding criteria for PIP, is a significant driver of need. The level of support from social security is too low to protect people from hardship.

The State of Hunger highlights the very low level of social security payments as a significant driver of need for food banks. Research has shown that the UC standard allowance and other income replacement benefits provide only a third of the income necessary for a minimum socially acceptable standard of living, as measured by the 'Minimum Income Standard'.

Other benefits are also not sufficient to meet costs. People who are privately renting in receipt of social security receive additional support which is meant to cover their housing costs. However, the report shows that the amount received is often not enough, meaning people have to dig into their subsistence benefits (which are already too low to support a minimum standard) to keep a roof over their heads.

People in receipt of social security often do not receive everything they are entitled to because of deductions from the government. People in receipt of social security often find these limited payments reduced even further.

People who took on an advance payment to tide them over during the wait for UC face long term reductions to the amount of income they receive to pay this money back. This is common amongst people needing support from food banks. Between early and mid-2020, the DWP became the most common lender to people referred to food banks in the Trussell Trust network with almost half (47%) saying they owed money to the DWP and 73% of people referred in receipt of UC were repaying an advance.

Please keep people reliant on UC in your prayers, so that they may have sufficient money to live on. Please also pray for us as we work with the relevant agencies to get people the help that they really need. Food poverty is only a symptom of a wider issue and we are working with the agencies to ensure the right help is available to those in need.

We give thanks for the many blessings, especially for our many volunteers. We are so blessed to have them all and we give thanks for their hard work and dedication.

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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, tinned ravioli/ sausages in beans, tinned potatoes, tinned fruit, orange/ lemon blackcurrant squash, long life milk, custard and jams & spreads

Hobnob Magazine

- August edition—Please submit articles to Ron by July 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
Free refreshments are available on Monday, Tuesday and Saturday.



Diary Dates

Services

- This week's Sunday Services are at Orsett Church
- **Forest Church—Saturday 3rd July at Bulphan Church**
- Next Sunday's (11th July) services are 8.45am HC and 10am Family Service at Orsett
- Morning and Evening Prayers will be on Monday to Friday 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



Bible Readings for this week

Principal Service		
Sunday	Ezekiel 2.1-5	Psalm 123
	2 Corinthians 12.2-10	Mark 6.1-13

	Morning prayer	Night prayer		Morning prayer	Night prayer
Monday	Psalm 98	Psalm 105	Tuesday	Psalm 106	Psalm 107
	Ezekiel 1.1-14	1 Samuel 1.1-20		Ezekiel 1.15-2.2	1 Samuel 1.21-2.11
	2 Corinthians 1.1-14	Luke 19.28-40		2 Corinthians 1.15-2.4	Luke 19.41-end
Weds	Psalm 111	Psalm 119	Thursday	Psalm 115	Psalm 116
	Ezekiel 2.3-3.11	1 Samuel 2.12-26		Ezekiel 3.12-end	1 Samuel 2.27-end
	2 Corinthians 2.5-end	Luke 20.1-8		2 Corinthians 3	Luke 20.9-19
Friday	Psalm 139	Psalm 130	Saturday	Psalm 121	Psalm 118
	Ezekiel 8	1 Samuel 3.1-4		Ezekiel 9	1 Samuel 4.1b-end
	2 Corinthians 4	Luke 20.20-26		2 Corinthians 5	Luke 20.27-40

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