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# Rector's Reflections

We have just returned from a family break in the Lake District, when we camped in the grounds of Rydal Hall near Ambleside, close to Rydal Water and Grasmere.

Whilst we were away, we enjoyed some walking, cycling, wild swimming and canoeing but I also had a chance to read some books and 'top up' spiritually. Our campsite was in the grounds of the Diocesan Retreat Centre and their library was available to use.

I read books by CS Lewis, as well as the challenging but inspiring life stories of three different missionaries including Gladys Aylward and Hudson Taylor, both of whom served in China, and one of a doctor serving in Liberia in the middle of the Ebola Crisis and it was interesting to note some of the similarities between the impact of the Ebola epidemic and the Covid pandemic. Sadly, this particular doctor is now suffering the effects of long Covid which she contracted whilst working in the UK.

All of the stories I read challenged me and caused me to reflect upon how much I am and would be prepared to give up in order to serve Christ and they prompted me to think about the stumbling blocks that regularly hinder me!

But I also mulled over the fact that we have all given up much over the past 18 months and in doing so we have learned to appreciate and value other things that we once took for granted and to, perhaps, meet God in different and unexpected ways.

I do encourage you to read some Christian books over the summer as they can be a great way of helping all of us grow in our faith, through increasing our knowledge and understanding of God by providing us with inspiration as well as challenge. If you need any recommendations of good books to read, then please do let me know.

Having given up much over the past two years, many Covid restrictions have now been lifted, and for some people this feels like freedom but for others it raises anxiety levels particularly as we have seen an increase in Covid cases, including quite a number locally.

As a church we are now called upon to forge the best way forward and I will be working with the PCCs to discern the best way to approach this. I know that some people are, understandably, keen to sing again in church and do everything we did before whereas others are still fearful of coming into our church buildings. Please can I ask for your prayers and sensitivity as we seek to move forward together in a collaborative, loving and mutually supportive way.

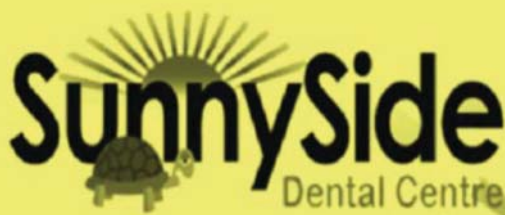
And please do remember and keep in your prayers those who continue to be isolated, for whom the past 18 months have really taken their toll.

As ever, please be assured of my love and prayers for you all.

Take care and God bless,

Sue



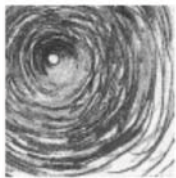


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## August 2021

	HORNDON	ORSETT	BULPHAN
<b>Sunday 1<sup>st</sup> August</b> <i>9<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Trinity</i>			10am All Together Holy Communion Service
Monday 2 <sup>nd</sup>			Open Church 10am-noon
Tuesday 3 <sup>rd</sup>	Open Church 10am-noon		
Thursday 5 <sup>th</sup>			Open Church 10am-noon
Saturday 7 <sup>th</sup>	Open Church 10am-noon	4pm Forest Church	
<b>Sunday 8<sup>th</sup></b> <i>10<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Trinity</i>		8.45am Holy Communion Service 10am Family Service	
Monday 9 <sup>th</sup>			Open Church 10am-noon
Tuesday 10 <sup>th</sup>	Open Church 10am-noon		7.30pm Holy Communion Service
Thursday 12 <sup>th</sup>			Open Church 10am-noon
Saturday 14 <sup>th</sup>	Open Church 10am-noon		
<b>Sunday 15<sup>th</sup></b> <i>11<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Trinity</i>	8.45am Holy Communion Service 10am Family Service		
Monday 16 <sup>th</sup>			Open Church 10am-noon
Tuesday 17 <sup>th</sup>	Open Church 10am-noon		
Thursday 19 <sup>th</sup>			Open Church 10am-noon
Saturday 21 <sup>st</sup>	Open Church 10am-noon		
<b>Sunday 22<sup>nd</sup></b> <i>12<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Trinity</i>			8.45am Holy Communion Service 10am Family Service
Monday 23 <sup>rd</sup>			Open Church 10am-noon
Tuesday 24 <sup>th</sup>	9.15am Holy Communion Service Open Church 10am-noon		
Thursday 25 <sup>th</sup>			Open Church 10am-noon
Saturday 28 <sup>th</sup>	Open Church 10am-noon		
<b>Sunday 29<sup>th</sup></b> <i>13<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Trinity</i>		10am All Together Holy Communion Service	
Monday 30 <sup>th</sup>			Open Church 10am-noon
Tuesday 31 <sup>st</sup>	Open Church 10am-noon		
Thurs 2 <sup>nd</sup> September			Open Church 10am-noon
Friday 3 <sup>rd</sup>		Open Church 9am-noon Oasis Café 9am-noon at the Churches Centre	
Saturday 4 <sup>th</sup>	Open Church 10am-noon		4pm Forest Church
<b>Sunday 5<sup>th</sup> September</b> <i>14<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Trinity</i> <b>Back to School Sunday</b>	10am All Together Holy Communion Service		

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



# THE BENEFICE REGISTERS

## Baptisms

July 11th

Olivia Rose Hammond

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## Burials

June 10th

Jean Mary Livingstone (88)

(B)



## Wedding Enquiries

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# Orsett

## Churchwarden's Report

To do a little reflection on the past 18 months is perhaps to understate the impact that COVID has had on individuals lives. In particular those who have lost loved ones and friends through this difficult time. However reflect is what is suggested in order to gain some positive outcomes. It is difficult though when we all know someone who has died and also have been worried about, friends and family that are key workers and continue to be exposed to this awful pandemic. What we all hopefully agree is important is to maintain safe and supportive places that people can go to and gain some spiritual comfort and support.

In Orsett we continue to have regular services supporting and reflecting (there is that word again) the needs of our community. The services are displayed on the notice board outside of the church and they are also on the website. Please check to see what is on and where.

In order to get Orsett church ready and open we do continue to go in and clean and tidy the church. As you can imagine Orsett Church is large and keeping it clean and looking tidy is sometimes difficult. I would like to take this opportunity to ask all who read this to consider if you could regularly commit some time to help with the maintenance/cleaning of the church, as unfortunately there seem to be fewer and fewer people that are able to help or make this commitment. If we are to continue to maintain a church that is open and warm and welcoming it is important that our building is appropriately maintained and safe.

Obviously The Friends of Orsett Church are trying to support the structural maintenance and the PCC in collaboration with Sue and Max are always trying to ensure that mission is carried through all that we do.

Reflection is taking time out to consider, or perhaps it is a time to look at ourselves and our lives and what matters to us. The church and the spiritual support will always be there for you. The building however takes some looking after. I do know that I have asked this before but again if you can support the church with some time whatever your input I can assure you it will be greatly appreciated.

We hopefully will be able to start some fundraising in the near future. Janet and I have provisionally considered Saturday the 4<sup>th</sup> of September as an open day at the church with some stalls, book stalls and bric-a-brac (anything) and maybe some cakes for sale. Please if you can support this, look for further updates on the notice board and on our website. It is important to reflect and give yourself time to heal from this difficult time. However perhaps some small regular contribution to our church's maintenance will aid that healing.

Looking forward to seeing soon

Jackie and Janet





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## Bulphan Churchwarden's Report

Great news! On the 16<sup>th</sup> July Bulphan qualified for a silver ECO award. Thanks to Lynda Robertson and her endeavours we have met the set criteria required for this distinction. We believe that we are the first in Thurrock Deanery to achieve this. Whether Gold is a step too far remains to be seen, but as energy conservation forms a large part of the submission it is difficult to see what can be realised in a draughty medieval church. Watch this space.

On Tuesday 20<sup>th</sup> July, the 'Archdeacon's Visitation' service was held in Grays Church. This is the service where Churchwardens are 'admitted' for the forthcoming year. Last year's service didn't happen because we were in lockdown and wardens agreed to do an unelected further year. But the six wardens from this benefice were each 'admitted' to office: Sonia and Alastair from Horndon, Janet and Jackie from Orsett and Frank and I from Bulphan. Additionally, Frank also holds the office of Chair of the Laity on Thurrock Deanery Synod.

This month we were very grateful when Julian Macalle and his team augmented Bulphan in Bloom's churchyard grass cutting. To do this Julian brought employees and machinery during the working day to complete the task. An extremely generous act which is much appreciated.

It has been some time since I was able to take our book of remembrance to the Calligrapher in Surrey, but as things become a little easier I will endeavour to go there and get the book updated. I have some dedications to be entered, but if you are considering an entry for a departed loved one I would be very pleased to hear from you. Please call on 01375 891 697 or email me at [R.Porter@hobnob.org.uk](mailto:R.Porter@hobnob.org.uk)

Official advice on 'opening-up' seems fragmented and unclear. A lack of definition creates a bit of a quandary as to procedures in church. Because of age and underlying health problems I will continue to wear a mask and where possible exercise social distancing. I only ask that those who do continue to exercise caution may rely on the understanding of others who are more relaxed in their approach.

# **Zion Hall Mission, Bulphan**

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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 August are as follows:

August 1 <sup>st</sup>	6:30 pm	Pholani Ncube
August 8 <sup>th</sup>	6:30 pm	Andrew Dickinson
August 15 <sup>th</sup>	6:30 pm	Rev Yemi Jaiyesimi
August 22 <sup>nd</sup>	6:30 pm	Peter Crosby
August 29 <sup>th</sup>	6:30 pm	Preacher tba

Although the Government's roadmap out of lockdown means that many restrictions have lifted, we are proceeding cautiously and therefore the steps we have taken so far remain in place for the present, so 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

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.

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



## **HORNDON ON THE HILL** **CHURCHWARDEN'S REPORT**

It's August, high summer where the days are long and the grass is high. Many thanks to our Gardening Team for keeping on mowing, trimming, weeding. There's always room for more members to help out. They meet every Tuesday morning at the church.

Continuing with the growing theme, on 27th June it was Farm Sunday. Curtis Farm in Fobbing farmed by George Young and his parents was open to the public. The farm grows 1200 acres of crops without using any insecticides. George has created a network for wildlife across the farm splitting his fields with 6m strips in between for animal and insect life. His farm now boasts rare dragonflies and quail which haven't been seen for decades in the South East. He has also planted a variety of different trees (nearing 7,000) which he hopes will be able to cool the land, having witnessed this method first hand whilst visiting a farm in Australia. His move to organic has also meant he uses cattle to graze fields and purchased a herd of Red Poll heifers in November which he will soon start milking. He also plants wheat that hasn't been grown since the early 1930s. He sells his harvest to small organic supply chains but has also recently built a small flour mill on site where he intends to start milling his own wheat and, in a few years, will add a bakery too. This year he has grown flax for linen. There are two public footpaths that go through the farm, should you fancy a great afternoon out, being numbers 14 and 199.

We now have full certification to prove our Bronze status of Eco church. Since March this year a further 500 churches have joined this initiative bringing the total to 3,800 churches that are registered. Again, back in June (5-13) there was a 'Churches Count on Nature' week where participating churches recorded different wildflowers and grasses growing in their churchyards. Collated data was added to the National Biodiversity Network, results to follow. Although we did not get involved this year, we have already put aside an area in the churchyard where the grass and plants are left unmown.

Finally, as lockdown restrictions ease, we look forward to seeing more people face to face over a tea, coffee or cake or at a service waving over a pew. The Woolmarket Music Society will be recommencing its wonderful monthly events some of which are held in the church. Matthew McCombie will be playing piano in church on Saturday July 24<sup>th</sup> at 7.30pm. Do look out for their full programme which can be found online here:  
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# Mothers' UNION

Chelmsford Diocesan Mothers' Union (CDMU) – Service of Celebration at Chelmsford Cathedral, 9 August, 2.00 pm



We will be holding a service of celebration to mark both Mary Sumner Day and celebrate that we, as members of CDMU, can finally meet together in faith and fellowship. The service will be in Chelmsford Cathedral on Monday 9 August at 2pm. Tea and coffee will be served at the end of the service but please bring your own cup/mug and Judith, our president, has arranged a cake in a bag for all attending to take away with them. We also hope to have MU diaries, calendars and year planners for 2022 available to purchase on the day.

In view of the current fluctuating situation, everyone will be asked to sign in. Our numbers are limited to 120 and to help with ordering refreshments, please let Kathryn know if you plan to attend ([secretary@muchelmsford.org.uk](mailto:secretary@muchelmsford.org.uk)). Out of consideration to others, please wear a mask on the day.

## Mary Sumner Month

As part of our Summer of Hope we are dedicating the month of August to commemorating 100 years since the passing of our founder, Mary Sumner. Mary Sumner led a true breakthrough for women, who in her time were mainly seen to play supporting roles in the Church, work and society. She made sure women's voices

were heard, and their own rights and needs recognised. There are lots of events available for us to join in online:

**Sunday 1<sup>st</sup> August:** Compline at 9pm on Facebook

**Monday 9<sup>th</sup> August:** Virtual tour of Mary Sumner's Church and the Grounds of Old Alresford Place at 10am on YouTube

**Monday 9<sup>th</sup> August:** Mary Sumner Day Service at 3pm on Facebook and YouTube

**Throughout August:** 31 Days of Inspiration on YouTube and Social Channels

**Throughout August:** Count Your Blessings Digital Content on Social Channels



*Loving Lord, we give you thanks for the far-reaching vision of our founder, Mary Sumner. We look back with gratitude and praise for her witness, and for all that has been achieved thus far in the name of Mothers' Union worldwide. Amen*

## Summer of Hope

This Summer of Hope, we celebrate the opportunity to reflect on Mary Sumner's extraordinary achievements, and to continue her incredible work, through prayer, creativity and giving. The [Summer of Hope activities page](#) for ideas. Did you know that Mothers' Union Savings and Credit Groups have already helped .....



- 5,344 members
- Since 2017, over 1,150 women have been enrolled into leadership positions in the church and community and this figure is growing rapidly
- 255 savings and credit groups;
- £200,000 total savings across 255 groups;
- 97% of members report a change in women's role in household decision making about money since they have been part of the MU project;
- We estimate that at least 26,720 further people have benefitted indirectly at the household level through improved diet, capacity to pay school fees, access to health care and improved housing.

A gift of £7 can help continue Mary Sumner's vision. This amount could mean a person in Tanzania could learn farming techniques that work with the natural environment and ensure they have crops all year round. Give what you can today: [Donate | Mothers' Union \(mothersunion.org\)](#)

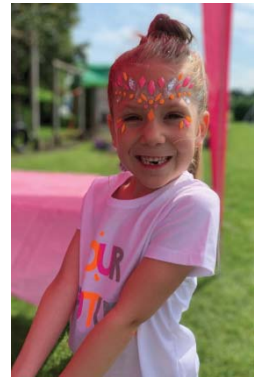
Di Bubb, Mothers' Union contact

## Update from Orsett C of E Primary School



As I sit and write this the holidays have begun and another year at Orsett has come to an end. It's been another strange year – tackling Covid, school closures and remaining in bubbles but in other ways has been so rewarding. On a personal level I have got to know a wonderful community of people even though it has been from afar, the children have found new ways to show resilience and independence in their learning and we've managed to create some memories – just with some slight differences.

In July we had a summer festival which was organised by OPT-In, our school PTA. Although this had to be in class bubbles in order to keep everyone safe it was a great event which the children thoroughly enjoyed. We had ice creams, played some old-fashioned summer fete games and generally smiled – something we all need at the moment! Nelson, the school mascot, also made an appearance!



We also said goodbye to our Year 6s on the 20<sup>th</sup> July. We were able to have a leavers celebration on the field with parents which was just wonderful – for many schools this just wasn't possible. They also had a day trip to Stubbers – an adventure activity centre, a huge water fight on the school field and many other small treats to finish their time at Orsett. We would like to wish them all well as they move onto new adventures and are so very proud of everything they have achieved.



All the staff at Orsett are already looking forward to September and hope we can have some sort of normality! Already work is underway to ensure that learning is fun, memorable and filled with excitement. We look forward to updating you in September! Have a great Summer everyone!

Mrs G Smith – Head Teacher





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# FAMOUS PERSON IN AUGUST

## **WILLIAM IV, also called Prince William Henry, duke of Clarence, (German) Wilhelm Heinrich, byname the Sailor King.**

Born on August 21st, 1765 in London, died on June 20th, 1837, Windsor Castle, king of Great Britain and Ireland and king of Hanover from June 26, 1830. He was personally opposed to parliamentary reform, but grudgingly accepted the epochal Reform Act of 1832, which, by transferring representation from depopulated



“rotten boroughs” to industrialized districts, reduced the power of the British crown and the landowning aristocracy over the government. William understood the theory of the more limited monarchy, once saying 'I have my view of things, and I tell them to my ministers. If they do not adopt them, I cannot help it. I have done my duty.'

The third son of King George III, he entered the Royal Navy at the age of 13, fought in the American Revolution, and, while serving in the West Indies, formed a close friendship with the future naval hero Horatio (afterward Viscount) Nelson. When he left the sea in 1790, however, he had become unpopular with many other fellow officers and had angered his father by his numerous love affairs. Between 1794 and 1807 he had 10 illegitimate children (surnamed Fitzclarence) by the Irish comedienne Dorothea Jordan. His marriage (July 11, 1818) to Princess Adelaide of Saxe-Meiningen produced two daughters, both of whom died in infancy. On William's death, therefore, the British crown passed to his niece Princess Victoria, and the Hanoverian crown passed to his brother Ernest Augustus, duke of Cumberland.

The duke became heir presumptive on the death (November 6, 1817) of Princess Charlotte Augusta, the only legitimate child of his elder brother, the Prince Regent (afterward King George IV, reigned 1820–30). In April 1827 the new prime minister, George Canning, revived for him the office of lord high admiral, but he was forced to resign in August 1828, when the duke of Wellington was premier. After succeeding George IV as king, William proved to be less brilliant but also less selfish and more attentive to official business than his brother had been.

In May 1832 the prime minister, Charles Grey, the 2nd Earl Grey, asked the king to create at least 50 new peers to overcome the House of Lords majority hostile to parliamentary reform. At first William refused, but, after Wellington had failed to form a Tory (Conservative) ministry, Grey's Whigs resumed office with the king's written promise to create enough peers to carry the Reform Bill. The Lords, sufficiently threatened, allowed the bill to pass. As a consequence of redistricting, Sir Robert Peel's Tories were unable to gain a Commons majority in the election of January 1835, and from April of that year the king had to deal with an uncongenial Whig premier, William Lamb, 2nd Viscount Melbourne, whom he had previously dismissed.



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# Bulphan WI

An exciting month for our WI, our first in person meeting since March 2020 took place. Many of our members met together suitably distanced on the recreation ground, luckily it was a warm dry evening and after a very short bit of WI business which included presentation of the Competition Cup to this year's winner Linda Allen, we took the opportunity to catch up with everyone. We were so happy to be back together again, there was lots of chatter and smiling faces.

Next month we have Revd. Nicholas Henderson back for part two of his three talks about the six wives of Henry VIII, a very entertaining and knowledgeable speaker whom members really enjoyed when he last visited us.

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](mailto:bulphanwi@gmail.com)

Jan Curtis President



# ORSETT EDWARD BEAR TODDLER GROUP

♪ “And I say to myself, what a wonderful world” ♪ hummed Edward Bear to himself as he reflected on his week by the sea ....

Skies of blue and clouds of white, the background to the differing colours of the water, the red cliffs and green pastures – all so lovely so what a surprise one day to find a fierce triceratops and a tiger prowling about .... poor Edward Bear got quite a shock and Di almost fell off her seat!



A complete contrast to the quiet and peaceful service of Compline at a nearby church – an interesting visit with lots of art work to look at – and a warm welcome was received, the rest of the congregation seemingly not at all surprised to find a small bear joining them for worship.



Edward Bear hopes that all his friends had or will have happy holidays too. Perhaps you could share some stories or photos on Edward Bear's Facebook page.



Before going away there was an unexpected visitor in the form of Moji, who is to be joining the Benefice as a Curate after her ordination as a Deacon in September. Edward Bear says Moji is very nice and jolly and she promised to pray for his Toddler Group, as we all do, especially praying new helpers can be found so we can start again in September.

There's another Forest Church on 7 August at 4pm in Orsett Churchyard. It would be great to see some of Edward Bear's friends – do come if you can, its fun!

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

Remember to keep an eye out for news from Edward Bear on Facebook: <https://www.facebook.com/Orsett-Edward-Bear-Toddler-Group>



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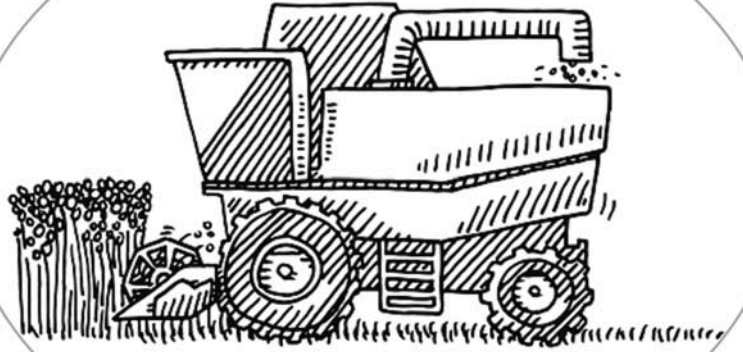
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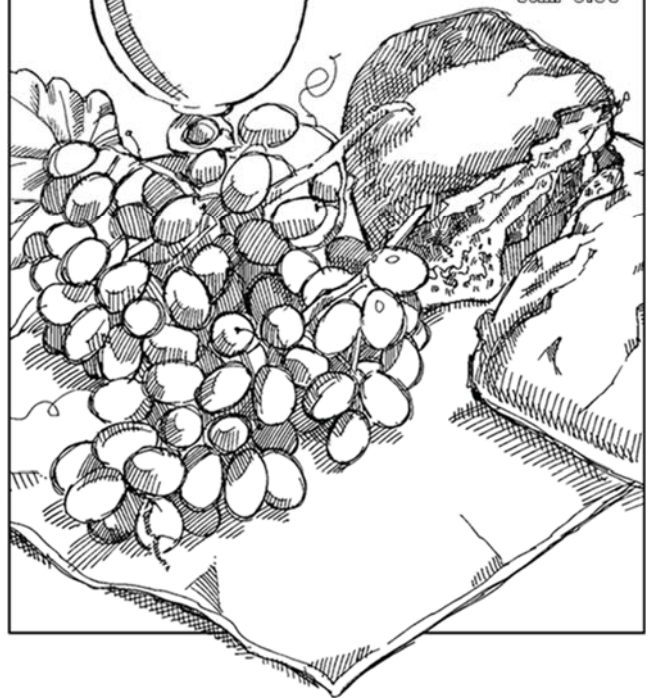
# AUGUST COLOURING

## 10 COMMANDMENTS



I am the BREAD  
of LIFE

John 6:35





# ALL OUR YESTERDAYS

Happenings from the Benefice as reported in August in the past

**1830 John Bull**  
**Sat 15<sup>th</sup>**

## ***Coffin found***

As some boys were digging for sand on Orsett Heath on Thursday, they discovered a coffin, which appeared to have been there about six months, and on examination were found to contain the remains of two infants, full dressed, but in such a state of decomposition that it is impossible to tell in what way they came by their death. An inquest will be held to inquire into this mysterious affair.

**1832 Chelmsford Chronicle**  
**Fri 3<sup>rd</sup>**

## ***Transported***

Charles Dyson aged 28 and John Dyson 23, labourers, were convicted of stealing a lamb, the property of Mark Gotts, at Horndon on the Hill on the 3<sup>rd</sup> of June - Transported for life.

**1833 Chelmsford Chronicle**  
**Fri 2<sup>nd</sup>**

## ***First meeting of Horndon Horticultural Society***

HORNDON HORTICULTURAL SOCIETY - On Monday the first meeting of this society was held at the Bell Inn, Horndon on the Hill to show Carnations and Dahlias. The first prize for Carnations was awarded to James Martin, gardener to Mr Pollett, of Horndon; the second to Mr James Hallam- The first prize for Dahlias was awarded to Mr John Fuller. The flowers produced were of the choicest description, were much admired by a numerous and very respectable company. - This society, although but in its infancy, bids fair to receive the support of the neighbouring gentry and the curious in flowers.

**1844 Essex Standard**  
**Weds 16<sup>th</sup>**

## ***Deaths***

On the 12<sup>th</sup> inst, at Heath Place, Orsett, Mr William Mills Randall, in his 36<sup>th</sup> year

On the 13<sup>th</sup> inst, at Bulphan, aged 11 years, Henry, son of Mr John Martin

**1846 Chelmsford Chronicle**  
**Fri 21<sup>st</sup>**

## ***School build estimates TO BUILDERS***

The Trustees of the School and School house to be built at Horndon on the Hill request those persons who may be inclined to contact for the building on the same, to send in their respective estimates to Lawson Holmes Esq, Treasurer, Horndon on the Hill. Plans and specifications may be seen at the house of the Vicar, Horndon on the Hill.

**1848 Chelmsford Chronicle**  
**Fri 11<sup>th</sup>**

## ***Orsett Congregational Chapel***

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN, that a separate building, named the "Orsett Congregational Chapel", situated in the parish of Orsett, in the county of Essex, in the district of Orsett, being a building certified according to law as a place of religious worship, was on the Seventh day of August 1848, duly registered for SOLEMNISING MARRIAGES therein, pursuant to the Act of 6<sup>th</sup> and 7<sup>th</sup> Wm 4, c.85. Witness my hand this Ninth day of August 1848.

NORTH SURRIDGE  
Superintendent Registrar

**1853 Chelmsford Chronicle**  
**Fri 26<sup>th</sup>**

## ***Blacksmiths shop to let***

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**1869 Essex Herald**  
**Tues 3<sup>rd</sup>**

## ***Forbidding banns***

BULPHAN - FORBIDDING THE BANNS - On Sunday last the banns of a young Irish couple, of the name of Thompson and Bristow, were forbidden by the mother, in the parish church of Bulphan.

**1875 Essex Herald**  
**Tues 17<sup>th</sup>**

## ***Choir outing***

ORSETT

Choir excursion - The annual excursion of the boys and girls of the church choir took place on Tuesday last, when they proceeded to Southend. The Rev J. Blomfield, in addition to defraying all expenses, furnishing them with a shilling each. The Rev T. and Mrs James, and several members of the choir, joined the party, and a most enjoyable day was spent boating, bathing and exploring the delightful neighbourhood of the cliff.

**1877 Essex Times**  
**Sat 15<sup>th</sup>**

## ***Thanksgiving services***

ORSETT

THANKSGIVING SERVICES - On Sunday last services of thanksgiving for the removal of the late sickness from the parish were held in the parish church at which large congregations were present both in the afternoon and evening. Earnest and impressive sermons were preached by the new rector - the Rev R.T. Whittington ; which were listened to very attentively; and the congregation also joined very devotedly in the prayers and other portions of the services. Special hymns had been chosen for the occasion.

**1881 Southend Standard & Essex Weekly Advertiser**  
**Fri 26<sup>th</sup>**

## ***Orsett cycle club races***

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**1888 Chelmsford Chronicle**  
**Fri 3<sup>rd</sup>**

**Black Dog pub move**

Horndon on the Hill - An application made on behalf of Messrs Holmes and Co. brewers of Hornchurch, the owners of the Black Dog public house, Horndon on the Hill, for leave to pull down the present building and build new premises, was granted.

**1894 Essex Times**  
**Sat 25<sup>th</sup>**

**Harvest & Shooting**

HORNDON ON THE HILL -

THE HARVEST - A large quantity of the grain has been cut this week  
PARTRIDGE SHOOTING - The preserves promise very poor sport; the birds are scarce and weak on the wing.

**1899 Essex Newsman**  
**Sat 19<sup>th</sup>**

**Marriage Littlehales & Teitelbaum**  
MARRIAGE of

Miss A.L. Littlehales and the  
REV T.A. Teitelbaum

The marriage took place at Bulvan Church on Tuesday, of Miss Alice Lee Littlehales, second daughter of the Rev W.G. Littlehales, rector, with the Rev T.A. Teitelbaum, eldest son of the late Chevalier Adolphe Teitelbaum de Mâd, Knight of the Legion of San Saviour, San Marino. The wedding excited considerable interest among the parishioners, with whom the bride and her family are extremely popular, and there was consequently a large congregation to witness the celebrations, which was held in beautiful weather and amid the happiest circumstances. The ceremony was performed by the Rev C.G. Littlehales brother of the bride and Rev G. Croke Robinson, uncle of the bride and the bride

was given away by her father. Her bridesmaids were her sisters the Misses May and Dorothy Littlehales and Mr Cecil G. Robinson was the best man. The bride wore a very handsome dress of rich white corded silk, with a train of the same, the bodice being trimmed with chiffon with transparent sleeves and yoke. She also wore a tulle veil fastened by a bunch of orange blossom and heather and had a string of pearls around her neck. The bridesmaids were in a white pongé silk, with sashes of spotted chiffon, trimmed with bébé ribbon, and Marie Antoinette fichus. Their hats were of fancy straw trimmed with white ostrich feathers and spotted chiffon, and they carried beautiful floral bouquets and wore gold safety pin brooches, the gifts of the bridegroom. The wedding presents were numerous and included several cheques and a handsome silver tea service presented by the parishioners.

*The Rev T.A. Teitelbaum was the Rector of Bulphan from 1903 to 1946*

**1907 Barking, E Ham & Ilford**  
**Advertiser**  
**Sat 17<sup>th</sup>**

**Boys camps**

Horndon on the Hill

BOYS CAMP - The members of the Oxford Medical Mission who have been encamped at Gore Ox farm have returned to London. On Saturday the St Ann's Boys' Brigade arrived from Bermondsey and pitched their tents on the farm.

**1906 Grays & Tilbury Gazette**  
**Sat 18<sup>th</sup>**

**Country drive**

The country drive on SUNDAY AUGUST 19<sup>th</sup> 1906, will be to Orsett, Horndon on the Hill returning via Linford and Chadwell; starting from Railway Hotel (Grays) 3.15.  
Return fare 1s

**1908 Grays & Tilbury Gazette**  
**Sat 1<sup>st</sup>**

**Gas illumination**

Horndon on the Hill

GOOD NEWS - The inhabitants of Horndon on the Hill have long enough been denied the privilege of gas illumination, but the "Ga-

zette" is now able to exclusively state and on good authority that the long awaited luxury will be obtained at a not distant date.

**1914 Essex Times**  
**Sat 15<sup>th</sup>**

**Cancelled shows**

ORSETT

ABANDONMENT OF SHOWS AND SPORTS

Owing to the present crisis the committee of the Orsett and District show have decided to abandon if for this year.

*This wasn't the only event reported as being abandoned or cancelled due to outbreak of WW1.*

**1946 Gloucester Citizen**  
**Weds 14<sup>th</sup>**

**Sandpit death**

Working at a sandpit at Orsett, Essex, Peter Allen (17) of Peartree Corner, Bulphan, was buried by a fall of sand and killed.

**1949 Essex Newsman**  
**Sat 23<sup>rd</sup>**

**Paratroops & Sunday School**

Paratroops stop Sunday School - Canon W.C. Brown rector of Orsett Parish Church, was surprised when only seven children instead of the usual seventy came to Sunday School.

Then he was told that a demonstration of parachute jumping was being held not far away.

Being an understanding man, Canon Brown cut the service short and sent the faithful few to see the demonstration.

**1961 Birmingham Daily Post**  
**Sat 19<sup>th</sup>**

**Census form**

Tore Up Census Form - Fined £5  
A former major Rowland Money, tore up a census form saying "I am not going to waste any more time on such a stupid form". Mr Rodney Garwood a census official said at Grays, Essex, yesterday.

Money, of Halls Row, Horndon on the Hill, near Tilbury, was fined £5 with two guineas costs for refusing to state census particulars. He said "The whole thing is such rubbish you can't begin to complete it".





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**CAKE BAKING COMPETITION**  
at a Church Fete in the 1950s

The building in this photograph is the old church hall, always referred to as the institution; this used to be located in the Glebe Field, next to Glebe Cottage and opposite the school.

**BULPHAN WI PARTY**  
A photograph from the  
1970s  
taken in the Village Hall.

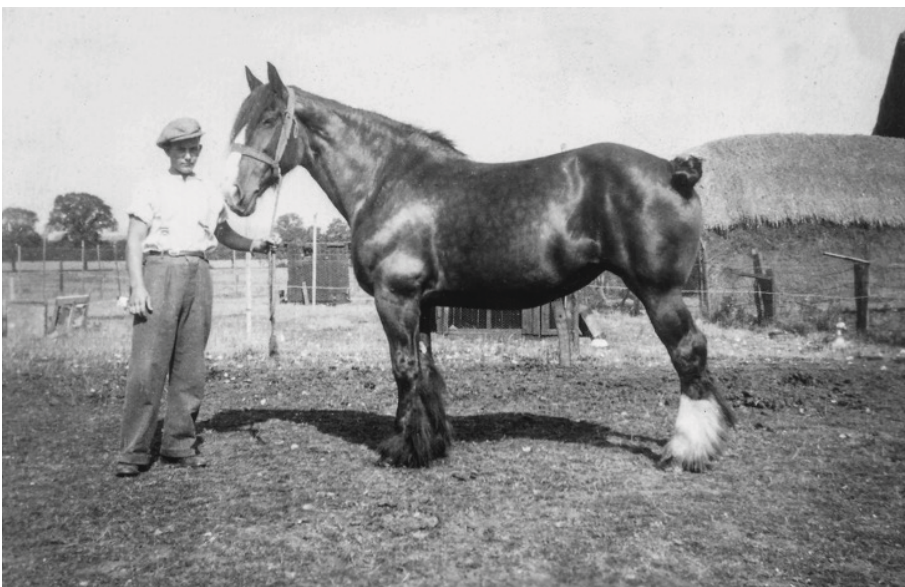
Some familiar faces here.



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# Orsett WI

Well, my last blog was back in last October and I apologise for that. A lot has happened within my family to keep me busy.

We are still receiving our weekly newsletters with a theme; thank you to Sue and Geraldine, this keeps all the ladies going with ideas and information of things to do, I don't know how they have managed to do this it's amazing so thank you to them.

We have had some Zoom meetings with some interesting speakers such as Indian heritage and lots of recipes in her book, a cabbie who writes poems and very funny. The last one was about decluttering your home.

We enjoyed getting used to meeting again recently when we arranged a picnic at coalhouse fort. There was a café to get tea and coffee, and toilets. We had a raffle and played a hook the duck game to add a bit of fun to the afternoon, but very enjoyable seeing the ladies who attended.

Our first proper meeting will be at Orsett Village hall 1<sup>st</sup> September 2021 at 7 to start 7.30pm. If you wish to come along and join us you will be most welcome. Open to any lady over 18. 'It's not what you think' and first visit is free. We meet first Wednesday of every month.

For more information please see our website [orsettwi@gmail.com](mailto:orsettwi@gmail.com) or Facebook page Orsett Women's institute.

Sharon Larsen



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