

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



Weekly notice sheet Sunday 8th August—10th Sunday after Trinity

**8.45am Holy Communion Service**

**10am Family 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

Lord of heaven and earth, as Jesus taught his disciples to be persistent in prayer, give us patience and courage never to lose hope, but always to bring our prayers before you; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

### Post Communion

God of our pilgrimage, you have willed that the gate of mercy should stand open for those who trust in you: look upon us with your favour that we who follow the path of your will may never wander from the way of life; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Dear Everyone,

Since returning from holiday and, following the Government's recent announcements on the lifting of Covid restrictions, I have now had a chance to meet with all three PCCs, and have consulted with clergy colleagues, to discuss the best way forward with services in church. Having taken into consideration the many thoughts, views and concerns expressed, below is what, after prayer and reflection, I consider to be the most appropriate outworking of those deliberations. Please be assured that I will continue to review this regularly, in conjunction with keeping an eye on the local Covid Figures.

- **Masks:** People are encouraged to wear masks. Masks should be worn for singing until further notice.
- **Singing: The 8.45am Service** will remain a said service with no singing. Those who would prefer not to sing are encouraged to attend this service. **The 10am Service** will be a service with singing and those singing will need to wear a mask.
- **Social Distancing:** Orsett and Bulphan Churches have retained markings for social distancing, with distance reduced at Bulphan to allow for more people to attend. Horndon Church have removed social distance markings and request that individuals are sensitive to the needs of others. All three church systems allow for both those who wish to sit apart from others and those who wish to sit with friends. If you have a particular requirement, please speak with a warden or sides-person on arrival at church.
- **Refreshments:** Refreshments can be served after all 10am services.
- **Holy Communion:** Holy Communion will continue to be received in one kind until further notice.
- **Sanitiser:** Gel will be available at all three churches.
- **Track and Trace:** The QR codes will be displayed at all three churches, but it is no longer mandatory to sign in.
- **Ventilation:** As much ventilation as possible will be provided.
- **Children's Activities:** Children's activities can take place.

The above amendments have been made prayerfully and represent what, I hope, is a positive move towards more active worship. I recognise that these developments will be received in a number of different ways, but please could I ask you all for your patience and understanding as we negotiate our way forward together. Each person is known and loved individually by God and we are all called to be responsible to and for one another, respecting the more vulnerable whose suffering is our suffering. (1 Corinthians 12: 12-27).

On another note, don't forget that Forest Church will be held this Saturday, 7<sup>th</sup> August, at Orsett Church, at 4pm. Do come along if you are able and make sure you remember to bring something to sit on and waterproofs in case it rains.

Please be assured of my prayers for you all and please could I ask for your prayers for me and for Max at this time and, particularly, for Moji who is due to be ordained on September 11<sup>th</sup> at Chelmsford Cathedral, marking the beginning of her curacy here in this Benefice.

Take care and God bless,

Sue



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## Christmas Shoeboxes appeal 2021



The United Benefice of Orsett, Bulphan and Horndon-on-the-Hill churches has once again registered to support the Link to Hope Christmas shoebox appeal. Orsett, Bulphan and Horndon-on-the-Hill Primary Schools are also supporting this charity.

If you would like to fill a shoebox please look at [www.linktohope.co.uk](http://www.linktohope.co.uk) to find out how to pack a box, what you need to include and you can download a label for your box. In September there will be leaflets in church for those people without printers at home. One important thing is the charity asks that we use regular size shoeboxes to make packing in their lorries easier. Details about collection dates will be sent out in September.

### There are two options



The **Family Shoeboxes** of gifts are given to families who often have to make a choice between buying food or fuel at Christmas time – buying presents is just not a priority. Many of these families do not have running water, heating or electricity. Some live in appalling conditions, often living in just one or two rooms, and life for them is a real struggle to survive.

A shoebox for a family means that everyone receives a gift. A scarf for the mum, a tape measure for the dad, toys and games for the children as well as stationery and coloured pens. Also toiletries, toothpaste, shampoo and soap to keep everyone clean and free from the germs that make them ill. And of course sweets and chocolates for everyone – a family favourite.

Due to the number of elderly people that are now being left alone due to their families leaving to work away, they have launched the **Elderly Shoebox Appeal**. The boxes are similar however the children's games and education materials are replaced with a wind up torch, sensory items, candle and holder etc.



Boxes get sent to **Romania, Bulgaria, Moldova and Ukraine**. The charity is small enough that they have a personal relationship with all the key contacts in Eastern Europe who distribute your Shoeboxes and we do spot checks to ensure that your boxes are received by the correct people. Ink to Hope is **Christian charity** who believe in distributing love to those in need regardless of background, colour, creed or religion.



### Eco Tip - Helping birds and other wildlife in hot weather.

Keeping your bird bath topped up with fresh water in warmer weather can be a life saver for our feathered friends. Get your garden birds through a heatwave when natural supplies, like worms, become scarce, by putting out supplementary food - black sunflower seeds, pinhead oatmeal, soaked sultanas, raisins and currants, mealworms, waxworms and good seed mixture.

Ensure garden ponds always have ways for hedgehogs (and other small mammals) to climb out if they fall in. You could even create a make-shift pond from a washing-up bowl. Hedgehogs particularly need help in a heatwave, as their usual prey of slugs, snails and worms are often unavailable. Leaving out a juicy snack, such as mealworms or canned dog food, can help in sustained warm weather.

## Prayers for the week

### Prayer Diary

- Please pray for the work of the Leprosy Mission. Remember, too, the people of those countries where leprosy is still a major problem today.
- *PRAY for the Church of South India (United)*
- Prayers for the rest of the week can be found here-: <https://www.chelmsford.anglican.org/uploads-new/publications/WePray-Aug-Sept21.pdf>

### Benefice prayer diary

**Horndon** Florrie, Freda K, Steve B, Chris C, Suzarne P, Nick T, Jan C, Moira, Ivy  
**Orsett** Lily B, Ted S, Sandra B, Maureen D, Pat W, Di B, Margaret C, Steve J  
**Other** Graham B, Brooke, Pete, Sara B, Stephanie and Jack, Elizabeth, Evelyn and Dottie and her family

### Prayers for the recently bereaved

**Orsett** Doris, family and friends following the death of Ed S, family and friends of Patricia G  
**Bulphan** Family and friends of Veronica S  
**Other** Maureen, Colin, Abi following the death of Tony

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



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## Thurrock Foodbank

Your continued support for this charity is much appreciated. The Benefice has organised 5 collection boxes as listed below:

Orsett	The Rectory and Orsett Stores
Bulphan	24, Church Lane and Bulphan Local Store
Horndon-on-the-Hill	1, Lion Cottages, High Road



Shortages this week are: sponge puddings, rice puddings, tinned potatoes, long life milk (green/blue), fruit juice/squash and custard

## 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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*Free refreshments are available on Monday, Tuesday and Saturday.*



## Diary Dates

### Services

- This week's Sunday Services are at Orsett Church
- **Forest Church—Saturday 7th August 4pm at Orsett Church**
- Tuesday 10th August—7.30pm Holy Communion service at Bulphan Church
- Next Sunday's (15th August) services are 8.45am HC and 10am HC Service at Horndon
- Monday to Saturday—Morning Prayers 8.30am & Evening Prayers 7pm and are found on 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)*

- Monday 16th August the funeral of Patricia Goulding — 11am at Orsett Church
- Wednesday 18th August the funeral of Veronica Saville — 12 noon at Bulphan Church
- Wednesday 25<sup>th</sup> August the funeral of Ed Stoddart— 1.20pm at South East Crematorium (Upminster)
- Baptism preparation meetings will be held on Monday 13th September, Monday 11th October and 8th November at 7.30pm in St Giles and All Saints Church, Orsett.

### Bible Readings for this week

	Principal Service	
Sunday	1 Kings 19.4-8 Ephesians 4.25-5.2	Psalm 34.1-8 John 6.35, 41-51

	Morning prayer	Night prayer		Morning prayer	Night prayer
<b>Monday</b>	Psalm 71 Proverbs 1.1-19 Mark 2.23-3.6	Psalm 72 1 Samuel 24 Acts 3.11-end	<b>Tuesday</b>	Psalm 73 Proverbs 1.20-end Mark 3.7-19a	Psalm 74 1 Samuel 26 Acts 4.1-12
<b>Weds</b>	Psalm 77 Proverbs 2 Mark 3.19b-end	Psalm 119.81-104 1 Samuel 28.3-end Acts 4.13-31	<b>Thursday</b>	Psalm 78.1-39* Proverbs 3.1-26 Mark 4.1-20	Psalm 78.40-end* 1 Samuel 31 Acts 4.32-5.11
<b>Friday</b>	Psalm 55 Proverbs 3.27-4.19 Mark 4.21-34	Psalm 69 2 Samuel 1 Acts 5.12-26	<b>Saturday</b>	Psalm 76 Proverbs 6.1-19 Mark 4.35-end	Psalm 84 2 Samuel 2.1-11 23 Acts 5.27-end

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