

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



Weekly notice sheet Sunday 22nd August—12th Sunday after Trinity

8.45am Holy Communion Service

10am Family Service



At St Mary the Virgin Church, Bulphan

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

God of constant mercy, who sent your Son to save us: remind us of your goodness, increase your grace within us, that our thankfulness may grow, through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Post Communion

God of all mercy, in this eucharist you have set aside our sins and given us your healing: grant that we who are made whole in Christ may bring that healing to this broken world, in the name of Jesus Christ our Lord.

Dear Everyone,

I hope you are well and are managing to have some time to relax over the summer.

Whilst we still need to take Covid precautions, life is becoming gradually more relaxed and we have enjoyed singing in church over the past couple of weeks, albeit with masks on.

Several people have been asking me about baptisms and this is to give you advance notice that baptism preparation will be beginning soon. If you are interested in having your child baptised and haven't yet spoken with Christine Mortimer, our baptism coordinator, whose contact details can be found at the end of this notice sheet. You will need to attend a baptism preparation evening, where we will explain the process to you, we will discuss the meaning of baptism, and you will have an opportunity to book a date. The first of these evenings will be on Monday 13th September at 7.30pm at Orsett Church. From then on, baptism prep will usually be on the evening of the second Monday of the month at 7.30pm at Orsett Church. Just turn up if you are interested, or have a chat with Christine.

Similarly, if you would like to explore the Christian Faith further in a relaxed, friendly environment, don't forget that we have an Alpha Course coming up. Please let me know if you are interested in attending. Or you may like to use it as a refresher course or you may just like to come because you have never done an Alpha Course before. Do pray about this and think about whether there is anyone you should invite along. All are welcome...

With regard to the Oasis Café at the Churches Centre, which will now also incorporate Edward bear Toddler Group in the Chapel, the opening date will be Friday 10th September and not 3rd as originally anticipated. There will be a table sale at Orsett Church on Saturday 4th September from 9.30am until 12.30pm. Refreshments will be available.

And, finally, if you are still uncomfortable about coming to church and would appreciate a visit, please do let me know. And please also tell me if there is anyone who would appreciate being added to our Benefice Prayer Diary.

I look forward to seeing you soon.

Take care and God bless,

Sue



Eco Pause for Thought

How does the great green wall stop desertification? The buffering wall should stabilise soils and keep them moist, it should slow the drying and scouring effects of the wind, and help restore the micro-climate, allowing food crops to grow around the trees.



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Prayers for the week

Prayer Diary

- Pray for the work of the Salvation Army, Herts and Essex Division: Major Norman Ord, Divisional Commander.
- *PRAY for the Anglican Church of South America*
- 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, Carol N, Steve B, Chris C, Suzarne P, Nick T, Jan C, Moira, Ivy

Orsett Ted S, Sandra B, Maureen D, Pat W, Di B, Margaret C, Steve J

Other Sir 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



Would you like to find out more about Christianity or refresh yourself?

If so please come and join us on an online Alpha Course.

Alpha is a series of sessions exploring the Christian faith. Each talk looks at a different question around faith and is designed to create conversation and allow people to ask questions and share opinions. Alpha is run all around the globe, and everyone's welcome. It runs online, in cafés, churches, universities, homes—you name it.

Revd Sue is planning to run an eleven week Alpha Course using Zoom on a Thursday evening during the Autumn term, dates and time to be confirmed. As with other Zoom activities she will send the link out to everyone on the database. All are welcome. It would be helpful if you could let Sue know if you are interested in attending.



Afghanistan Let us pray

All-loving God, Your hands have fashioned every lovely corner of this treasured planet, and the beautiful land of Afghanistan is as precious as every other place Your children call 'home'. By its rivers and mountains, its fields and gardens, its busy towns and ancient villages, it is the heart's desire of its people and the place where their lives and loves are nurtured.

We grieve today with those who grieve over Afghanistan, the people who call it home indeed, the people exiled or suddenly having to leave, and the men and women from other countries who have made sacrifices in recent years in the cause of that country's future.

We remember with renewed sadness the loss of lives of military personnel during the years of this country's involvement in Afghanistan, conscious of the questions that must today be troubling the minds of those in our community who were bereaved, those who were wounded on operations, and those who were forever changed by experiences suffered there.

We pray for peace, dignity, freedom and confidence for the men, women and children of Afghanistan; for courage, vision and generosity within the international community responding to such need; and for tranquillity of mind amongst our own Service community and its wider family.

In the name of Jesus Christ, the peace-giver, we pray, AMEN.

Socketts Heath Co-op store will be collecting point for 'Love Grace' handbags and essential items



A BOROUGH store launched a collection point on Monday, 16 August where donations of items that will help victims of domestic abuse can be taken in.

Staff at the Co-Op store on Socketts Heath, Grays, have been working with the family of murdered backpacker Grace Millane who was killed while travelling in New Zealand in December 2018.

Her family have many Thurrock connections and her grandad, the late Chadwell St Mary councillor Martin Millane, was a former mayor of the borough.

In Grace's memory her family and friends [founded the 'Love Grace' appeal](#). It collects and then distributes handbags filled with essential items. The bags are delivered with a tag which says "Love Grace x" in Grace's handwriting and a flower that she drew, on one side.

The staff will be collecting items including handbags, toiletries, wipes, soaps, make-up and perfumes. You can find out more about the 'Love Grace appeal at

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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 in sauce, sponge puddings, tinned potatoes, squash and pasta sauce.

Individual Private Prayer



Bulphan Church

The following churches are open for private prayer—10am to noon

Monday and Thursday

Horndon-on-the-Hill Church

Tuesday and Saturday



Free refreshments are available on Monday, Tuesday and Saturday.

Hobnob Magazine

- September edition—Please submit articles to Ron by August 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

Diary Dates

Services

- This week's Sunday Services are at Bulphan Church
- Tuesday 24th August—9.15am Holy Communion service at Horndon Church
- Next Sunday's (29th August) service is 10am All Together 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)*

- Wednesday 25th 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

Deuteronomy 4.1-2, 6-9 Psalm 15

James 1.17-end

Mark 7.1-8, 14,15,21-23

	Morning prayer	Night prayer		Morning prayer	Night prayer
Monday	Psalm 126 Proverbs 25.1-14 Mark 8.11-21	Psalm 127 2 Samuel 18.1-18 Acts 10.34-end	Tuesday	Psalm 132 Proverbs 25.15-end Mark 8.22-26	Psalm 135 Samuel 18.19-19.8a Acts 11.1-18
Weds	Psalm 119.153-end Proverbs 26.12-end Mark 8.27-9.1	Psalm 136 2 Samuel 19.8b-2 Acts 11.19-end	Thursday	Psalm 143 Proverbs 27.1-22 Mark 9.2-13	Psalm 138 2 Samuel 19.24-end Acts 12.1-17
Friday	Psalm 144 Proverbs 30.1-19, 24.31 Mark 9.14-29	Psalm 145 2 Samuel 23.1-7 Acts 12.18-end	Saturday	Psalm 147 Proverbs 31.10-end Mark 9.30-37	Psalm 148 2 Samuel 24 Acts 13.1-12

Contact details

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