

BENEFICE SERVICES - September 2021

	HORNDON	ORSETT	BULPHAN
Thurs 2 nd September			Open Church 10am-noon
Saturday 4 th	Open Church 10am-noon		4pm Forest Church
Sunday 5 th Sept 14 th Sunday after Trinity Back to School Sunday	10am All Together Holy Communion Service		
Monday 6 th			Open Church 10am-noon
Tuesday 7 th	Open Church 10am-noon		
Thursday 9 th			Open Church 10am-noon
Friday 10 th		Oasis Café 9am to 11.30am Edward Bear Toddler Group 9.30am-11am at the Churches Centre	
Saturday 11 th	Open Church 10am-noon		
Sunday 12 th 15 th Sunday after Trinity Climate Sunday		8.45am Holy Communion Service 10am Family Service	
Monday 13 th			Open Church 10am-noon
Tuesday 14 th	Open Church 10am-noon		7.30pm Holy Communion Service
Thursday 16 th			Open Church 10am-noon
Friday 17 th		Oasis Café 9am to 11.30am Edward Bear Toddler Group 9.30am-11am at the Churches Centre	
Saturday 18 th	Open Church 10am-noon		
Sunday 19 th	8.45am BCP Holy Communion Service		
16 th Sunday after Trinity	10am Family Service		
Monday 20 th			Open Church 10am-noon
Tuesday 21st	Open Church 10am-noon		
Thursday 23 rd			Open Church 10am-noon
Friday 24 th		Oasis Café 9am to 11.30am Edward Bear Toddler Group 9.30am-11am at the Churches Centre	
Saturday 25 th	Open Church 10am-noon		
Sunday 26 th 17 th Sunday after Trinity			8.45am Holy Communion Service 10am Family Service
Monday 27 th			Open Church 10am-noon
Tuesday 28 th	9.15am Holy Communion Service		
	Open Church 10am-noon		
Thursday 30 th			Open Church 10am-noon
Friday 1st October		Oasis Café 9am to 11.30am Edward Bear Toddler Group 9.30am-11am at the Churches Centre	
Saturday 2 nd	Open Church 10am-noon	Forest Church 4pm	
Sunday 3rd October 18 th Sunday after Trinity		10am All Together Holy Communion Service	
Monday 4 th			Open Church 10am-noon
Tuesday 5 th	Open Church 10am-noon		



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Rector's Reflections

As I write this, the people of Haiti are suffering the terrible consequences of an earthquake and, of course, we are all shocked at the plight of the Afghan people. Last week Chelmsford Diocese offered their support:

Our Diocese is committed to supporting refugees and, since 2015, the Diocese of Chelmsford has resettled almost 200 refugees through their resettlement program. Most have been families fleeing the Syrian conflict, but a number have been Afghan interpreters and their families fleeing the Taliban.

As pictures of the catastrophic impact of the crisis in Afghanistan fill our TV screens, the human cost in lives devastated seems too much to comprehend, and many of us are left wondering what we can do to help in the face of such great tragedy.

Committed to serving Christ in the downtrodden, persecuted and oppressed, and to witnessing to the transforming presence of Christ in the midst of the seemingly impossible, our Diocese continues to stand ready to do all that we can to serve and support refugees in our parishes across East London and Essex, and those communities seeking to walk alongside displaced people.

The Diocesan Refugee Engagement Team is ready and resourced to support parishes in welcoming and supporting Afghan refugees over the coming months and years, and to building on the life changing work already done since 2015.

As the Government program for Afghan resettlement becomes clearer over the coming weeks, our own diocesan program will be widened and reshaped to work alongside partners in providing the care, love and support to which the gospel calls us.

Our response to situations like this is as much our worship as our services on Sunday. As a family, we have offered accommodation should it be needed. If this is something you might feel able to do, please do let me know and I can pass on your details to the Diocesan Refugee Coordinator, should a request come. I will also keep you updated with any other Diocesan appeals and ways in which we can help. Alternatively, the organisation, Positive Action for Housing gives some suggestions:

If you or someone you know, wants to offer a spare room or property temporarily to someone from a refugee background, please visit https://www.roomforrefugees.com.

You can fill in the form, at https://www.paih.org/donate/
Or you can go to the Government website at How you can help refugees coming to the UK – Ways to help refugees arriving in Britain (campaign.gov.uk)

You may, also, like to use this prayer in your own personal devotions.

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.

As ever, take care and God bless and I look forward to seeing you soon.



BENEFICE REGISTERS

Interment of ashes

August 19th	Vera Edith Parmenter (87)	(H)
<u>Funerals</u>		
July 13th	John Hutchins (72)	(B)
July 30th	Patricia Goulding (74)	(O)
August 18th	Veronica Saville (58)	(B)
August 25th	Ed Stoddart (79)	(O)



Wedding Enquiries

If you would like to enquire about booking a wedding at:
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HORNDON ON THE HILL CHURCHWARDEN'S REPORT

Hi,

As I am writing this summer seems to have passed us by. The gardens look glorious, if a little windblown.

Our cycle of services around the 3 churches seems to have embedded in well. Oh, for the day when we can sing without masks and proclaim the Lords word with our whole voice, or perhaps not if you are sitting near me!!!!!!

Our Open Church on a Tuesday and Saturday 10-12 is fast becoming the place to be seen in Horndon. Its lovely to see so many men coming for a chat and refreshments. I think men's wellbeing is something that has been sorely forgotten in the last 2 years.

Our gardeners were welcomed and thanked at our family service in August. We thank again Tony, Colin, Bob, Steve, Peter and John for all their hard work.

Please do support out Gala Sale on Saturday 25th September 9-12 in the church grounds. All proceeds will go to the Boiler Fund. Thanks to all who have contributed so far. With a good sale, we should be near our target.

God Bless

Sonia Ward

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September 1st For those living on Oxford Road, Horndon

September 2nd For those starting at new schools

September 3rd For those living on Brentwood Road, Bulphan

September 4th For those living on Fen Lane, Orsett

September 5th For our Bishop, John Perumbalath, his wife Jessy and their family

September 6th For those living on Pump Street, Horndon September 7th For those living on Welling Road, Orsett September 8th For those living on Medbree Court, Orsett

September 9th For the Deanery of Thurrock

September 10th

September 11th

For the Church of England schools in our villages
For those living on Hillcrest Road, Horndon
September 12th

For those living on Lower Dunton Road
September 13th

For those living on Parkers Farm Road, Orsett
September 14th

For those living on Heath Road, Orsett Heath

September 15th For those in prison

September 16th For those living on Conway Road, Orsett
September 17th For those living on Fen Lane, Bulphan
September 18th For those living on Bonham Drive, Orsett

September 19th For those in hospital

September 20th For those living on Wingfield Drive, Orsett

September 21st For our own prayer lives

September 22d For members of our congregations who live in Chadwell St Mary

September 23d For those living on Rowley Road, Orsett

September 24th For all those dealing with major transitions in their lives

September 25th For those living on The Parkway, Orsett

September 26th For those who mourn

September 27th For those living on Fordham's Row, Orsett

September 28th For our Methodist and Congregational brothers & sisters

September 29th For those living on Herga Hyll, Orsett September 30th For our Rural Dean, Darren Barlow

Alone with none but thee, my God,
I journey on my way.
What need I fear, when thou art near
O king of night and day?

More safe am I within thy hand Than if a host did round me stand. St Columba

Bulphan Churchwarden's Report

Today, Sunday 22nd August, we sang in church for the first time since the initial lockdown. Singing while wearing a mask is a strange sensation, because for some inexplicable reason all I could hear was my own voice, not an experience I enjoy. I can only hope that others in the

congregation could also only hear themselves.

We still have safe distancing measures in place, although now reduced from 2.0m to 1.5m and with the pew cushions and other items reinstated our church does begin to look more like its old self, rather than the stark, somewhat forbidding appearance it had during the period of stringent covid regulations.

In conversation with Janet McCheyne we realised that the pipe organ had not been serviced in two years, but remarkably still sounded okay. Remarkable because frequent changes in temperature and humidity can cause it to go out of tune. I know the old adage 'if it ain't broke don't fix it', but to avoid an embarrassing situation I have arranged for the tuner to come in September.

By repurposing timber pallets, Mark Wellman and Leslie Naulls have recently constructed three composting bins in the churchyard. These will help with our 'green credentials', but to function and convert green waste (grass cuttings), into compost, brown waste including paper/cardboard and fibrous material is also required. I would ask that if you tend a grave could you please put any arisings such as old plants and dead headings into the **righthand** bin.

St. Vincent's Trust is a Catholic charity providing food, help and support to the homeless. Their centre in Southend is in need of funds to install a commercial kitchen and one young man named Kenny is undertaking a challenge to raise £50,000 by walking 400 miles in 23 days from Southend to Land's End. We will be hosting him on the first night of his walk when he pitches his tent in the churchyard. He will have use of the kitchen and wc to make life a little more comfortable, but he will be sleeping rough. If you would like to sponsor Kenny the 'justgiving' link is below.

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Orsett Churchwarden's Report

The last month has obviously seen a lot of changes in the way we can now start to share time together after restrictions around COVID are lifted. It is important however that we continue to respect the fact that it has not gone away.

In church we can at last sing this has been a joy to most I know. However sitting and listening to some of the music that has been played and being able to concentrate on the words in some of the hymns has also allowed time for contemplation and peace. Everyone I am sure has their way of worship and it is really important that we accommodate and rejoice in that. It is also important to understand that caution around behaviour in and around church is paramount still because of COVID.

We have some very vulnerable individuals in our congregation and community and providing a safe and comfortable environment is paramount. Rev Sue has been very active in making sure that there are a variety of services for all to attend and the Forest Church services once a month have been excellent and well attended, giving an opportunity to get some fresh air and feel comfortable in this new world with COVID.

I know that it has been a very busy year for Sue and Max. It has been made a lot easier with the help and support that Lynda Robertson has been giving to Sue for all three churches and I am sure all would join me in saying thank you to Lynda for all that she does.

Going forward this year we can look forward to the reopening of the OASIS café at the church centre on Friday mornings. Please come along and join us and if you feel that you have some time to spare and want to help just let us know. We are looking for some strong individuals to help set up on a Friday morning at around 8 am if you do feel you could help please get in touch with myself or Janet, Sandra Billinger or Reverend Sue.

Look forward to seeing you soon Jackie and Janet



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The Benefice Safeguarding Representative is Janet McChevne who can be contacted on: 0775 283 6902 or janetmcc101@gmail.com

The Diocesan Safeguarding Team can be contacted on: 01245 294444 or safeguarding@chelmsford.anglican.org



ORSETT EDWARD BEAR TODDLER GROUP

"I do like Forest Church" said Edward Bear to nobody in particular, "there's so much to do – singing, reading, praying and always an activity to do!". Mind you, at the August Forest Church, Edward Bear had to oversee some of the activity rather than do it himself because it was too sticky for his furry paws....

Revd Sue talked about Lammastide, also know as Lammas Day or Loaf Mass Day, when we mark the blessing of the first fruits of harvest. Alistair showed us how to make flour from wheat — we threshed the ears of corn, we winnowed (sorting the wheat from the chaff) and then we used a pestle and mortar to grind the wheat into flour. Then came the sticky part — we made rolls with some dough and cooked them on the open fire. It was such great fun! "but the best bit was eating the cooked rolls with my favourite topping Honey!" exclaimed Edward Bear



There's another Forest Church on 4 September at 4pm in Bulphan Churchyard (and the first Saturday of every month alternating between Bulphan and Orsett Churchyards). It really is good fun for everyone, whether you're old or young so do come if you can!



During the summer holidays Edward Bear went to Gloucestershire. He was very impressed with Prince Charles' home, Highgrove House, with a very beuatiful and interesting garden. Prince Charles' aim was to create a garden 'which delights the eye, warms the heart, and feeds the soul'. And Edward Bear thinks he did just that!

He even had some elephants created out of wicker, which Edward Bear sat on. It was very high up from the ground but that meant Edward Bear could see the beautiful wild flower meadow.

IMPORTANT NEWS

"Time to hang up my waistcoats" sighed Edward Bear, as after 13 years of hosting Orsett Edward Bear Toddler Group, he's decided that its time to hand over the mantle to someone younger. The Toddler Group was an initiative started by Mothers' Union members, with its vision to establish a place where new families moving into the village could meet, make friends, and be introduced to the Church and all in a fun and loving way. Edward Bear has lost count of the number of friends that he has made along the way, many of whom always wave when he sees them out and about now that they're at school.



Edward Bear has a new furry friend with just one eye, but his name is also Edward and he is very excited to be involved – and the waistcoats fit too! Young Edward Bear will now host Orsett Edward Bear Toddler Group when it re-starts with new helpers and a new time and format.

We will now be meeting every Friday during term-time (starting 10 September 2021), from 9.30am – 11am, in the Orsett Churches Centre Chapel, High Road, Orsett, and will run alongside Oasis Café so refreshments will be available. At 10.45am we will have songs and prayer time.

Both Edward Bears would like to say a huge thank you to all the helpers over the years, and especially those who have being telling his stories each week on Facebook (https://www.facebook.com/Orsett-Edward-Bear-Toddler-Group) and each month in the Hobnob.

Dear God, be with us in all we begin, and help us bring everything to a good ending. Amen.

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

A note from the editor: Sincere and heartfelt thanks to Di Bubb for all her wonderful EB stories since lockdown, these have been a joy to read even for an elderly man. Her lovely style of writing and Lucy's presentation have been a joy for us all.

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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 be meeting every week through September but at the time of writing the order of preachers is still to be decided.

September 5 th	6:30 pm
September 12 th	6:30 pm
September 19 th	6:30 pm
September 26 th	6:30 pm

We will be holding our traditional Harvest Service at 6:30pm on Sunday 3rd October at the chapel. The Harvest Service has proved to be popular over the years and we extend a particular invitation to all to come to share in our time of thanksgiving and celebration.

Whilst mandatory Covid restrictions have lifted we are still taking precautions seriously. We have enjoyed singing for a number of weeks (remaining seated) but out of respect for the vulnerable and those who prefer a cautious approach, still ask those attending to wear face coverings until they are seated and observe social distancing as far as possible.

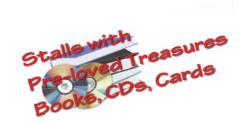
We continue to have had sanitising facilities readily available and as always handwashing facilities are available in the vestry.

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



Saturday 25th September 10.00am -1.00pm





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Chelmsford Diocesan Mothers' Union (CDMU) - New Diocesan President



The results of the recent Diocesan President election have now been counted and we are absolutely delighted to announce that Maxine Paul has been duly elected as our new Diocesan President for the period 2022 to 2024. Maxine received a total of 820 votes or 76% of our total membership. Maxine will be officially welcomed by Council members at our November Council meeting. We wish to congratulate Maxine and wish her much luck for her future role.

Chelmsford Diocesan Mothers' Union (CDMU) - Prayer Request from Rejaf Diocese, South Sudan



CDMU is linked with several diocese overseas, including Rejaf Diocese in South Sudan. We received an email from Revd Mary Stephen, Diocesan President, asking for our prayers: "We kindly request your prayers for the usual challenge in our country and that is peace. We need you to pray for South Sudan to have total peace — even now I can hear gunshots being fired in the outskirts of Juba town. Secondly your prayers for the pandemic to stop so that there is freedom to worship and share the good news of the Lord in all the families of the Mothers' Union"

Virtual Annual Gathering - 25 September 2021

An Invitation To The Mothers' Union Virtual Annual Gathering 2021 The Annual Gathering this year will be held virtually again on Saturday 25 September 2021 from 11am – 2.30pm. Please do look out for information on the Mothers' Union Facebook page and on the website. There will be an abundance of member content as well as an address from Worldwide President Sheran

Harper and a financial update. Why not watch the trailer: https://youtu.be/S5iC1rTdnPA

Subscriptions Update



In recognition of the very challenging times for members over the last 18 months, and the level of increase in subscription for 2021 (which includes the 2 issues of Connected and the Prayer Diary for all), there will be NO increase in the subscription to the Central Charity for 2022.

Mary Sumner Month - August



Monday 9th August was Mary Sumner Day where we marked one hundred years since the death of Mary Sumner and celebrated her lasting legacy with prayers and reflections from around the world. The service is now available to watch on our YouTube channel indefinitely and has already achieved over three thousand views. If you would like to watch it click here. We are also running supplemental video and photo content on our digital channels, celebrating how Mary Sumner inspires members today, and supporting our Count your Blessings calendar. To see a playlist of all of the 31 Days of Inspiration videos so far, click here.

Di Bubb, Mothers' Union contact

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The Christine Willett Trust was founded in 1993, following the death from breast cancer of Colin Willett's wife Christine. The trust is run on an administration free basis and raises money by various means such as quizzes, golf days, sponsored cycle rides, collection boxes and donations.

All monies raised have been used to purchase equipment for those Essex hospitals that have a cancer department and to date the trust has purchased equipment to the value of £358,874.51 as set out below:

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2004	Optimax X-ray processor and stand	£3,300.00
	10 Nottingham drip stands	£650.00
	5 Signature gold infusion pumps	£15,162.50
2012	1 Tiro Anaesthesia machine and monitor	£14,959.63
	1 Lifepak 20e defibrillator monitor	£5,285.00
2018	Radiotherapy Dept. breast board	£9,933.00
	4 armchairs	£1,632.00
	3 Thermoscan ear thermometers	£356.37
	3 Dinamap blood pressure monitors	£3,633.75
	1 Acuvein viewing system	£3,925.00
	Total value of equipment purchased	£69,211.15

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1996	Maxlift powered hoist for comfortable movement of patients	£3,361.00
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2006	1 Toshiba ultrasound scanner and accessories	£19,200.01
	1 Sunrise medical 4 litre 02 oxygen concentrator	£845.00
2014	1 Erokryo CA mobile cryosurgery unit and main cable	£11.900.00
	2 Hysterectomy scopes	£7,200.00
2019	1 Coronis Ulniti diagnostic display system for PACS incl. breast imaging	£20,500.00
	Total value of equipment purchased	£67.945.01

HAVERING HOSPITAL

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	ear, nose and throat cancers	£9,817.00

BROOMFIELD HOSPITAL CHELMSFORD

	Total value of equipment purchased	£49,830.47
	2 Hopkins surgical telescopes	£6,697.50
2015	Thompson retractor for oncology department	£12,792.67
2009	Spectrum video system	£19,395.30
2000	Evis video bronchoscope	£10,945.00

PRINCESS ALEXANDRA HOSPITAL - HARLOW

	255 ALLACIDICATION TAKEON	
2001	Clinichemo computer system	£9,500.00
2010	Smart cycler 11 desktop	£21,000.00
2016	Siterite and console probe pack. IFU SRG 3CG mer-stand	
	Sherlock censor and Brother printer	£20,000.00
	Total value of equipment purchased	£50.500.00
ESSEX	COUNTY HOSPITAL - COLCHESTER	
2002	3 Colleague infusion pumps and vision application user license	£9,715.00
2011	1 Prosoma license	£15,750.00
	2 trollies and mattresses	£3,646.80
2018	1 blood analyser	£11,030.16
	Haematology reagents, Q calibrators and consumables	£9,000.83
	Total value of equipment purchased	£49,142.19
QUEE	NS HOSPITAL - ROMFORD	
2008	Computer equipment for the control of cancer treatment	£20,300.18
2014	1 Exact IGRT couch and indexed immobilisation	£15,800.00
2020	2 Accuvein Vein Visualisation	£6,218.00
	1 CBCT electron density and image quality phantom	£14,284.75
	Total value of equipment purchased	£56,602.93



Bulphan WI

There was a great excitement and buzz at our August meeting, the first one in the village hall since March 2020. Members and visitors, all suitably distanced, were entertained by Revd. Dr Nicholas Henderson who gave us part two of his four talks on Tudor Queens. As we had the hall windows and door open for ventilation there was the occasional bug that appeared on screen, drawn in by the projector light, hopefully we can sort something about that

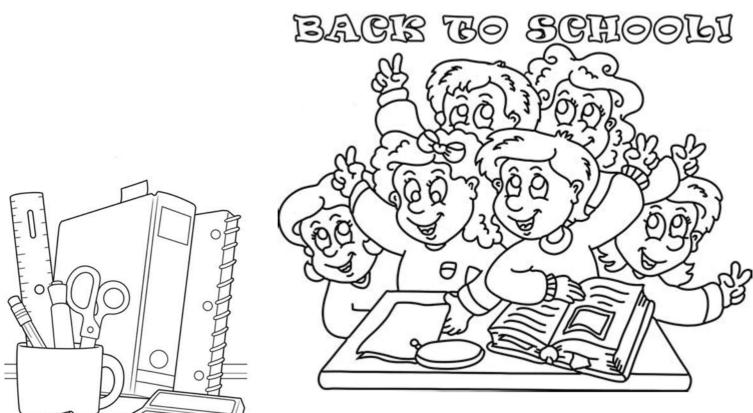
when he returns for part three Everyone, including two new members, ended the evening with a rousing rendition of Jerusalem followed by spontaneous applause, oh how glad we are to be getting back to 'normal'.

A chocolatier will be our speaker/demonstrator for September's meeting, with samples to taste and boxes of chocolates available, if you'd like to attend as a visitor please contact us via the details below.

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

September Colouring





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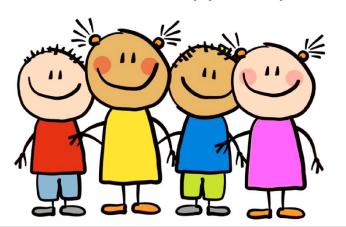
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In Horndon Woolmarket from 10.00 am - 12.00 pm

We meet on the 1st Tuesday of each month for anyone who would like a cuppa and a chat. Everyone is welcomed!

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All proceeds go to the **J's Hospice** in Essex, providing hospice and respite care for young adults with life threatening and life limiting conditions

IN THIS MONTH

NOTABLE EVENTS DURING SEPTEMBER

1 st	1159	The death of the only English Pope Adrian IV (Nicholas Breakspeare).
2 nd	1666	The Great Fire of London begins in Pudding Lane and rages for 5 days, but kills only 9 people.
3 rd	1939	Britain and France declare war on Germany.
4 th	1962	The Beatles start their first recording session at EMI's Abbey Road Studios, London
6 th	1620	The Mayflower sets sail from Plymouth, Devon, carrying the Pilgrim Fathers to America.
7 th	1533	Birth of Queen Elizabeth I.
8 th	1944	The first V2 flying bombs kill 3 people in London.
11 th	1915	Britain's first Women's Institute opens in Wales.
14 th	1752	The first day of the Gregorian calendar in Britain. When the calendar was adopted what would have been the $3^{\rm rd}$ became the $14^{\rm th}$. But this meant that New Year's Day moved from $25^{\rm th}$ March to $1^{\rm st}$ January
20 th	1258	Consecration of Salisbury Cathedral.
22 nd	1735	Britain's first Prime Minister, Sir Robert Walpole moves in to 10 Downing Street.
25 th	1818	First transfusion of human blood is performed at Guy's Hospital, London.
26 th	1580	The Golden Hind arrives in Plymouth harbour having sailed round the world under the captaincy of Sir Francis Drake. Drake plundered a few Spanish ships en-route to keep morale high!
27 th	1888	First use of the name, 'Jack the Ripper' in an anonymous letter to the central news agency.
28 th	1745	'God Save the King' is sung for the first time at London's Drury Lane Theatre.
29 th	1758	Birth of Horatio Nelson.
30 th	1938	Prime Minister Neville Chamberlain says, after meeting Hitler in Munich, 'I believe it is peace for our time'.

Update from Orsett C of E Primary School





Will your child be starting school in September 2022? Are you starting to think about Reception places?

It may seem unbelievable but the time to think about reception places for September 2022 will soon be upon us. We'd love to welcome you!





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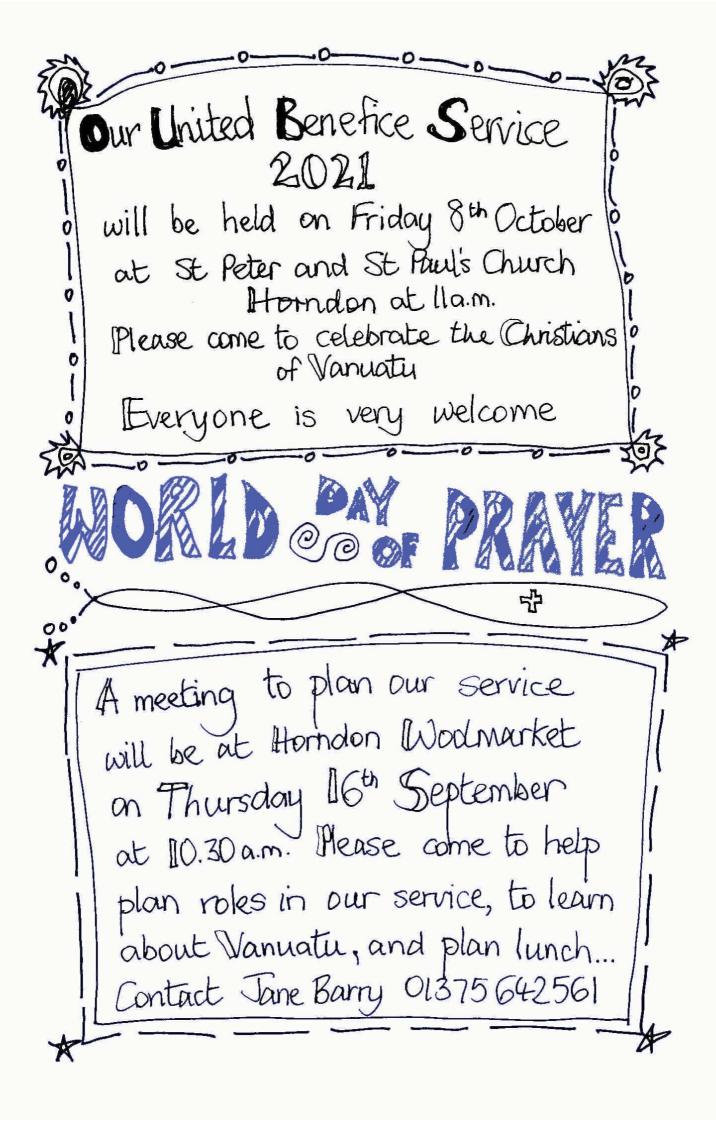
Tours of the school will be arranged on specific days in October and November (Covid dependent). If you'd like to register your interest please do ring the school office on 01375891383 from September.

Until then take a look at our website https://orsettprimary.co.uk/ and keep an eye on our admissions page for more information.

We can't wait to meet you and your little ones. Until then have a great summer!

Mrs G Smith – Head Teacher





FAMOUS PERSON IN SEPTEMBER

EILEEN MARY CHALLANS (MARY RENAULT)

14th September 1905 - 13th December 1983

Eileen Mary Challans was born on 4 September 1905 at Dacre Lodge, 49 Plashet Road, Forest Gate, Essex. She was the eldest daughter of physician Frank Challans and Mary Clementine Newsome Baxter Challans. She had one younger sister, Francis Joyce Challans, whom Mary always felt was the favourite daughter. Mary had a comfortable, yet strained childhood. Her parents had a contentious relationship and her father was neglectful of his children.

Renault was educated first at Levick family school and Clifton Girls School in Bristol. She read English at St Hugh's College, Oxford, then an all-women's college, receiving an undergraduate degree in 1928. In 1933 she began training as a nurse at the Radcliffe Infirmary in Oxford. During her training she met Julie Mullard (1912 – 2006), a fellow nurse with whom she established a lifelong romantic relationship.



She worked as a nurse while beginning a writing career, treating Dunkirk evacuees at the Winford Emergency Hospital in Bristol, and working in Radcliffe Infirmary's brain surgery ward until 1945. She published her first novel, *Purposes of Love*, in 1939: it has a contemporary setting, like her other early novels, and the novelist Linda Proud has described it as "a strange combination of Platonism and hospital romance". Her novel *The Friendly Young Ladies* (1943), which is about a lesbian relationship between a writer and a nurse, seems to have been inspired by her own relationship with Mullard.

In 1948, after her novel *Return to Night* won an MGM prize worth \$150,000, Renault and Mullard emigrated to South Africa, where they remained for the rest of their lives. There, according to Proud, they found a community of gay expatriates who had "escaped the repressive attitudes towards homosexuality in Britain for the comparatively liberal atmosphere of Durban... Mary and Julie found themselves able to set up home together in this new land without causing the outrage they had sometimes provoked at home." However, both Renault and Mullard were critical of the less liberal aspects of their new home, and participated in the Black Sash movement against apartheid in the 1950s. [6]

Renault worked successfully as an author from the couple's arrival in South Africa in 1948 through 1983. Her earlier British reputation as a writer of sensationalist bestsellers faded, and in 1983 she was listed as one of the famous alumnae who had brought the Radcliffe Infirmary Nurses' Home much honour. Starting in August 1983, Renault became seriously and then terminally ill with lung cancer. She worked to the last to try to complete a final novel (which remained unfinished; the manuscript did not survive) but had to go into residential hospice care. She died in Cape Town on 13 December 1983.

ALL OUR YESTERDAYS

Happenings from the Benefice as reported in September in the past

1834 Chelmsford Chronicle Fri 19th

Cricket match

The return match was played at Billericay, on Friday last, between the Billericay and Orsett gentlemen, which terminated in favour Fen inclosure of the former rather differently to what was generally expected, when it was known that the favourite Bowler and the Long stop of the Orsett club were present. The parties afterwards dined at Mr Thomas Burrell's, Three Horse Shoes Inn, where the greatest harmony prevailed.

The Three Horse Shoes is now a shop in Billericay High Street

1846 Illustrated London News Sat 19th

Fatal accident

FATAL ACCIDENT WHILST SHOOTING

On Friday (last week) a disastrous accident occurred at Horndon on the Hill, Essex, by which Mr Greenaway, son of Mr Greenaway, farmer at Orsett, lost his life, his gun accidentally going off, and lodging the contents in his body. On Saturday, an inquest was held on the body at Orsett, before Mr C C Lewis, when Mr R B Jordison, surgeon, said the deceased, who was nineteen years old, was out with him shooting at Horndon on the Hill; he was in the act of getting over a hedge, and had climbed Parish clerk up the bank, witness following him, when he found there was a ditch two feet or two feet and a half wide; at the time he saw his gun, which was a double barrelled one, sticking in the hedge, and the deceased drawing it after him; both the hammers were at that time down, but one of them having caught in a bough was raised up, and the gun immediately exploded ; witness got on the bank immediately and found him standing on his feet, and he exclaimed, drawing the cap off with one hand, "Oh, Mr Jordison, I have shot myself

in two minutes. turned a verdict of "Accidental and reverence with which Mr Howdeath".

1865 Chelmsford Chronicle Fri 29th

BULVAN INCLOSURE

Whereas an Application for the inclosure of BULVAN FEN, situate in the parish of Bulvan, otherwise Bulphan, in the county of Essex, Horndon Harvest report has been duly made to "The In-Land".

GIVE NOTICE that I shall hold a W Squier, Horndon on the Hill meeting on the Twenty-first day of October next, at the hour of Ten in the Forenoon, at the Harrow Inn, in the said parish, for the purpose of hearing any objections which may be made to the proposed inclosure, and any information or evidence which may be offered in relation thereto.

N WETHERELL Assistant Inclosure Commissioner

1878 Essex Standard Weds 7th

ORSETT

years has most efficiently and rev- Horndon school erently filled the office of Parish Clerk at Orsett, was on Monday evening presented with a very handsome gold watch, in a hunting case, bearing the inscription:-"Presented to Mr CHARLES HOW-ARD, 28 years Parish Clerk of Orsett, by the Rector, Churchwardens and Congregation".

The presentation was made on Monday evening in the presence of the subscribers, at the Literary Institute, by the RECTOR, the Rev R

dead". He then fell and was dead T Whittington, who spoke in the The Jury re- highest terms of the willingness ard had discharged the duties of his office, both in his predecessor's time and his own. The PEO-PLE'S WARDEN (Mr Woolings) endorsed this most fully, and Mr HOWARD returned thanks very suitably.

1879 Essex Herald Tues 2nd

closures Commissioners of Eng- Wheat: Under average on heavy land and Wales", pursuant to the land, average on light. Barley: provision of "The Act for Inclosure, Very short and below average on Exchange and Improvement of heavy land, average on light. Oats : Under average. Beans : Spring And whereas the said Application under average. Peas: Much under has been referred by the said Com- average. Root crops: Very late missioners to me, an Assistant and under average. Hay: Good Commissioner, duly appointed averages, but badly got. Date of under the said Act. I HEREBY Harvest: Probably August 25 - S

1895 Chelmsford Chronicle Fri 13th Rec ground application

A RECREATION GROUND FOR HORNDON ON THE HILL - It was decided to grant an application from Horndon on the Hill for sanction to borrow £150 for acquiring a recreation ground. Mr BROOKS said the street was a narrow one and the cottages had no gardens. The children had no place where they could play in, and he thought a recreation ground was very much needed.

Mr Charles Howard, who for 28 This is now the site of the current

1905 Chelmsford Chronicle Fri 8th Local policeman application

An application was received from the inhabitants of Dunton, Bulphan and Childerditch, for a constable to be stationed at Dunton, and it was resolved to arrange for

1912 Daily Mirror Weds 25th

Golden wedding

FAMILY OF 13 LIVE ON 12s A WEEK

Golden Wedding of Aged Couple Who Reared Eleven Children "VERY HAPPY" LIFE

How to live happily and bring up a large family on only 8s 6d (c.£52 today) a week - this is a problem that has been triumphantly solved by an aged Essex couple who have ment, where they do a little gar- The Vicar of the 700 year old Parjust celebrated their golden wedding.

Their plucky fight for existence is the touching love-in-a-cottage life story of Mr and Mrs Charles Williams, of Orsett, in Essex, who began their married life on 8s 6d a week. beginning with that meagre sum, they have brought up eleven children, all of whom have now gone out into the world.

With pathetic faith husband and wife are now living again on exactly the same sum, for their income today consists of 5s a week master he was". as old age pension for the husband and 3s 6d from "the club".

Yesterday, the old couple told The Daily Mirror about their long married life.

"We started near Reading", said Mrs Williams, "and very happy we were on just 8s 6d a week. It was very little to keep ourselves on, but we managed it somehow. You see, the rent of our little cottage was only 1s 3d a week. (c.£9 today)

Food was much cheaper, too, so we used to manage quite comfortably. Of course, when we had two or three children to keep it would have been very difficult to get along on the 8s 6d, but by that time we earning a little more, 12s, I think it was.

"It is funny", Mrs Williams went on, "to think that we are getting the same amount now as when we started our married life".

"My husband is seventy two years Elizabeth Vincent 100 of age, so he gets his old age pension of 5s, and he gets 3s 6d from HORNDON'S CENTARIAN his club". (The same 8s 6d in 1912 On Wednesday, Mrs Elizabeth around £20)

added, "I shall be getting an old age pension as well".

but I am used to it".

much for other things. But it will Frating Hall. be right enough when I get my pension". (With Mrs Williams' pension their income would be around £78 today)

The old couple have a small allot-

Mr Williams was until quite reyears, but he has been compelled into cleaning and general repairs. to give up owing to increasing deafness and old age.

"I started", he said, "as a shepherd and cowman combined and in my time I've done all sorts of farmwork. My last master I served for Two men armed with pickaxe hantwo and twenty years, and a good

at the Baking Exhibitions - a won- windscreen and windows had derful lot of prizes, I can tell you. been smashed. We have eight sons, seven of them in England and one is in Canada". And the old couple are, perhaps, even prouder of a small greatgrandson, ten years of age.

Old age pensions were introduced on 1st Jan 1909 at between 2s and 5s/wk (£12 to £30/wk today) and had to be applied for. There were conditions such as being a British subject, over 70, lived in Britain for 20 years and applicants had to be judged to be of "good character" and means tested. Men and women married and single could apply. Those applying had to have yearly means of less than £31pa (c.£3800 today), was set low to encourage people to make their own provi-

1924 Essex Newsman Sat 13th

would be c.£49 today and their rent Vincent, of Horndon on the Hill, celebrated her 100th birthday, "And next month", Mrs Williams having for 70 of her 100 years resided at High House. Mrs Vincent

"I walk into Grays every week to do is a native of Frating (between Colmy shopping; it's a long trudge, chester & Clacton), her maiden name being Elizabeth Manning. "Of course", she went on, "we are She retains all her faculties unimnot really as well off as we were paired, and is able to read without when we married. We are getting glasses. She was married in 1851, the same money, but our rent now but her husband died 42 years is 3s 3d, which doesn't leave us ago. The family used to reside at

1948 Essex Newsman Sat 24th Church spire decay

dening: and, indeed it was a fine ish Church of Horndon on the Hill array of vegetables that they had has launched a £1000 (c.£37000 today) fund to save a timber structure supporting the spire which cently a local preacher, and had has been found to be in a state of been so for upwards of thirty decay. The balance of the is going

1972 Reading Evening Post Thurs 14th Attempted hijack

Hijackers foiled

dles were foiled inn their attempt to hijack a lorry on the A128 at "One of my sons", the old man Bulphan, Essex today, when the said, "has won a rare lot of prizes driver managed to drive off after





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Orsett WI

We met in our village hall for the first time, and we could see what the new curtains looked like that five of our ladies had hemmed. The meeting was to sort out our store cupboard and to see if any of the ladies could use items such as material squares to design a square for our centenary banner for next year.

It was lovely to sit and chat with ladies we hadn't seen for some time in person and see their smiling faces. Some we have seen via zoom, but it was so nice for

the ladies who are on their own and not able to use modern technology.

We had tea and cakes and scones with cream and homemade plum jam (yum). We had a raffle which was good fun, lots of laughter going on around the room.

We had a table to tell the ladies about a new venture: Orsett WI have an allotment (we are very excited with this), we have lots of fruit trees, hence the plum jam. We have already strimmed half the plot and planted flowers, onions and are looking at putting in brassicas and potatoes. (see picture of our work party so far).

We have only had the plot a couple of weeks, but already have ideas on what we can use for the members. Those that don't feel they can dig, or plant can come and make tea and give encouragement. Some ladies have already made donations, seeds, pots and wood for fencing.

Our first real meeting is in the $1^{ST \text{ of}}$ September at the Orsett Village Hall. If you wish to come and see if you would like to join, the first meeting is free. Our meetings are on the first Wednesday of the month. We have a craft night the last Wednesday of the month.

For more information, please see our website <u>orsettwi@gmail.com</u> or visit our Facebook page Orsett Women's institute.

Sharon Larsen



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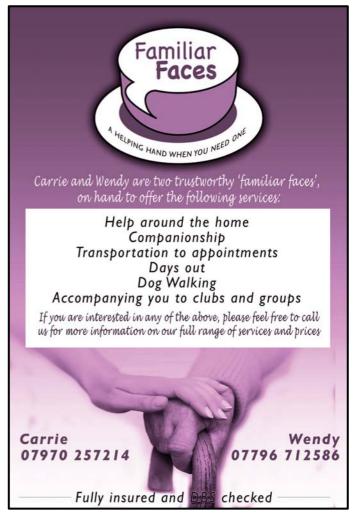
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Sunday:10.30 am Worship.

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HORNDON-ON-THE-HILL

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