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**The parish magazine for
St. Peter and St. Paul. Horndon-on-the-Hill
St. Giles and All Saints. Orsett
St. Mary-the-Virgin. Bulphan**

October 2021

BENEFICE SERVICES - October 2021

	HORNDON	ORSETT	BULPHAN
Friday 1 st 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	Harvest Forest Church 4pm	
Sunday 3rd October <i>18th Sunday after Trinity</i>		10am Family Harvest Festival Service followed by refreshments and entertainment	
Monday 4 th			Open Church 10am-noon
Tuesday 5 th	Open Church 10am-noon		
Thursday 7 th			Open Church 10am-noon
Friday 8 th		Oasis Café 9am to 11.30am Edward Bear Toddler Group 9.30am-11am at the Churches Centre	
Saturday 9 th	Open Church 10am-noon		
Sunday 10th October <i>19th Sunday after Trinity</i>		8.45am CW Holy Communion Service 10am Family Service	
Monday 11 th			Open Church 10am-noon
Tuesday 12 th	Open Church 10am-noon		7.30pm Holy Communion Service
Thursday 14 th			Open Church 10am-noon
Friday 15 th		Oasis Café 9am to 11.30am Edward Bear Toddler Group 9.30am-11am at the Churches Centre	
Saturday 16 th	Open Church 10am-noon		
Sunday 17th October <i>20th Sunday after Trinity</i>	8.45am BCP Holy Communion Service 10am Holy Communion Service 4pm Contemporary Service		
Monday 18 th			Open Church 10am-noon
Tuesday 19 th	Open Church 10am-noon		
Thursday 21 st			Open Church 10am-noon
Saturday 23 rd	Open Church 10am-noon		
Sunday 24th October <i>Last Sunday after Trinity</i> Bible Sunday			8.45am CW Holy Communion Service 10am Family Service
Monday 25 th			Open Church 10am-noon
Tuesday 26 th	9.15am Holy Communion Service Open Church 10am-noon		
Thursday 28 th			Open Church 10am-noon
Saturday 30 th	Open Church 10am-noon		
Sunday 31st October All Saints Day		10am All together Holy Communion Service	4pm Commemoration of the Departed Service
Monday 1 st November			Open Church 10am-noon
Tuesday 2 nd	Open Church 10am-noon		
Thursday 4 th			Open Church 10am-noon
Friday 5 th		Oasis Café 9am to 11.30am Edward Bear Toddler Group 9.30am-11am at the Churches Centre	
Saturday 6 th	Open Church 10am-noon		Harvest Forest Church 4pm
Sunday 7th November <i>3rd Sunday before Advent</i>			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.



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Rector's Reflections

On Saturday 11th September, I had the privilege of attending Moji's Ordination as Deacon at Chelmsford Cathedral. Despite some Covid restrictions still being in place it was a wonderful service, filled with joy and hope.

Moji now begins her ministry in this Benefice as a self-supporting curate. She will be serving with us during weekends and school holidays whilst she continues living and working in London during the week and Max will continue his ministry among us, just as before.

People often ask me what the difference is between a Deacon, a Priest and a Curate. And, I have to admit, it is all a bit complicated and confusing.

When someone is accepted for ordination in the Church of England, they begin their training at a theological college. This is known as I.M.E.1, (Initial Ministerial Training 1). After this they are usually ordained Deacon and placed in a parish context to complete their training 'on the job' as it were! This is I.M.E. 2, (Initial Ministerial Training 2).

'Deacons are ordained so that the people of God may be better equipped to make Christ known. Theirs is a life of visible self-giving. Christ is the pattern of their calling and their commission; as he washed the feet of his disciples, so they must wash the feet of others.' Common Worship: The Ordination Service

In the Deacons' Ordination service the Bishop says the following words.

'Deacons are called to work with the Bishop and the priests with whom they serve as heralds of Christ's kingdom. They are to proclaim the gospel in word and deed, as agents of God's purposes of love. They are to serve the community in which they are set, bringing to the Church the needs and hopes of all the people. They are to work with their fellow members in searching out the poor and weak, the sick and lonely and those who are oppressed and powerless, reaching into the forgotten corners of the world, that the love of God may be made visible.'

'Deacons share in the pastoral ministry of the Church and in leading God's people in worship. They preach the word and bring the needs of the world before the Church in intercession. They accompany those searching for faith and bring them to baptism. They assist in administering the sacraments; they distribute communion and minister to the sick and housebound.'

'Deacons are to seek nourishment from the Scriptures; they are to study them with God's people, that the whole Church may be equipped to live out the gospel in the world. They are to be faithful in prayer, expectant and watchful for the signs of God's presence, as he reveals his kingdom among us.' Common Worship: The Ordination Service

Completion of the period of training as a Deacon usually ends with the person being ordained as a Priest, although there is the option to remain a permanent Deacon. The usual process, however, is that someone remains a Deacon for a year or two as they work to fulfil training requirements and they are then ordained Priest, and remain in the same parish, as a Priest, to complete the rest of their I.M.E. 2 training. It is when someone is ordained Priest that they are able to preside at Holy Communion.

The I.M.E. 2 training time in a parish after ordination when someone is ordained Deacon and, later on, Priest, is usually referred to as curacy, and is a vital time in which newly ordained ministers continue to learn and grow in the roles to which God has called them. However, the word 'curate' actually means a person who is invested with the care or cure (cura) of souls so, in this sense, all ordained clergy are curates.

As Moji begins her year as Deacon in this Benefice, please do continue to pray for her and I know you will all support her in her training. Moji has written a little bit about herself which you can find this later on in the magazine, alongside some photos of her ordination.

I look forward to seeing you soon.

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

Take care and God bless,

Sue

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September 13th
September 13th

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Catherine Susanna Edith Winder (H)

Funerals

September 2nd
September 9th

Francis 'Frank' Harrison (73) (O)
Joy Gwendoline Miller (90) (H)



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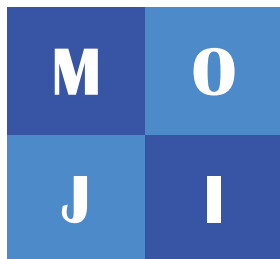
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A huge welcome to Moji as she becomes our Benefice Curate, following her ordination as Deacon at Chelmsford Cathedral



Rev Sue and Rev Moji at Chelmsford Cathedral



Celebration at St Giles and All Saints Orsett

Moji Jaiyesimi

My journey of faith began from being raised by two very strong women, my great-grandmother and grandmother, in Lagos, Nigeria. The Church on the street where we lived is named after my great grandmother's father (St. David's Anglican Church Lafiaji Lagos). I attended an Anglican Girls' Secondary School and I got married at St. Mark's Church Kennington London. I studied Law and practised for a number of years in Nigeria. I became a qualified Solicitor of England and Wales some years ago. I hold a Master's degree in Law and a Pg.Dip in Child Forensic Studies (University of Leeds). At the moment, I am an Early Years Practitioner.

My journey to ordained Ministry had been in the making from a young age. As I grew older, I sensed that there was more that I was being called to. I love God and I love people! Several distractions made me temporarily abandon the call of God on my life. Incredibly, God kept on gently redirecting my steps to Ministry. A period of discernment at a Vocations Group, affirmation by my parish priest and the Church (not forgetting the Bishops' Advisory Panel), led me into theological training at St. Mellitus College. I am glad that "I am utterly known and loved" by God.

I am blessed with grandchildren who keep me fit! I love meeting people, dancing, travelling, reading and cooking.



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

A warm welcome to Moji Jaiyesimi who was ordained as a Deacon on Saturday 11th September. Moji will be our benefice Curate and we look forwards to seeing her regularly during her time with us.

We also have a new 'neighbour' to welcome as Revd Tom Rout became Priest in Charge at St Margaret's Stanford le Hope in September. Revd Rout has come to Essex from Ipswich and has taken on the parish as John Guest retired after twenty six years in the post.

After two new arrivals we are saying goodbye to the Archdeacon of Southend, the Venerable Mike Lodge who will be retiring from full time ministry in October and will be taking on the role of Priest in Charge in the Parish of Kemsing, Kent. We wish Mike all the best in his future role and thank him for his help and guidance as our Archdeacon since 2017.

Our Autumn Fair was held on the morning of 25th September helped to raise funds for a new gas boiler. Many thanks to all who helped and / or supported this event.

On Friday 5th November a Bonfire, Fireworks and Hog roast event will take place at the Swan public house. Tickets are £5 for adults and £2 for children and are selling fast ! Proceeds from ticket sales are being generously donated to the church Boiler Fund.

Max Blake has designed cards which can be purchased from the church for £2 each, again proceeds to the Boiler Fund.

As Sonia has mentioned in previous Reports, should you require transport to any Service within the Benefice please contact either Sonia or myself and we are happy to arrange. Our telephone numbers can be found within the Hobnob magazine.

God Bless

Alastair



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HORNDON-ON-THE-HILL

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Orsett

Churchwarden's Report

The end of summer is always a difficult time, and this year is no different. I always think it best not to think of it as an ending, but the start of something new. This could not be truer in our covid world; things have changed and despite the hard times, some changes are for the better.

The Oasis café in its new reimagining with Edward Bear Cub included, has meant that we have two great groups that we did not want to lose. It's great to see that these two groups can work together, despite the different demographics. Edward bear club for under fives and their parents now runs for an hour and a half in the Churches' Center chapel from 9.30 – 11.00 and Oasis café runs in tandem in the main hall from 9.00 - 11.30. These are now on every Friday morning. These changes are well worth exploring and the first few weeks have been a success.

This year's Harvest festival will also be a little different. There will be an all-age service at St Giles church that all are welcome to. Following the service there will be a shared meal and entertainment. The church always looks amazing at this time of year, thanks to the support of the farming family, the ladies of the congregation who help to clean and decorate. Please come along and join in the fun.

It was wonderful to welcome Moji into our church family as an Ordained Deacon. She will be a curate with us and it was lovely to join in her celebration. I am sure we can all appreciate the hard work it takes to become ordained into the church of England.

This year, The World Day of Prayer will be held on the 8th of October at 11.00 at St Peter and St Paul's. This is normally a stimulating and thought-provoking morning of prayer, followed by a meal.

With so much to look forward to it is not the end of anything but the start of advent and the autumn term. To provide all this means the very hard work of kind ladies, cleaning, cooking, and flower arranging and helping to make these lovely activities happen so thank you very much to you all.

Many Blessings,

Janet Wilkins



**Bronze
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Janet Wilkins
receives
Orsett's

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Bulphan Churchwarden's Report

At a recent PCC meeting one of the items discussed was further relaxation of Covid restrictions in respect of seating. Initially we set restrictions at the recommended 2m distancing, which was later reduced to 1.5m, not that this greatly helped in generating additional seating spaces. We have now agreed a two tier arrangement, insofar as the North side of the aisle is still socially distanced for those who wish to remain cautious and minimize contact with others, while the pews on the South side are now fully open and those who wish to sit together may now do so. We do however request that face and nose coverings are still practiced out of respect for those who are vulnerable or uncomfortable with the dispensation. This is particularly important now that singing is once again permitted in church. And because of the limited space in our church we cannot operate a one-way system during Holy Communion when receiving the host at the altar. I feel that it may be some time before we are able to fully relax restrictions in Bulphan church, but we will continue to monitor the situation over time. Meanwhile hand sanitiser and face-masks are still available at the door.

Thurrock Council have arranged with a monumental mason repairs to our War Memorial. Regrettably there was no provision for replacement stonework, so broken elements have been stuck together, and it is questionable how sound these repairs are and how long they will last. In 2014 to mark the centenary of the first world war, Thurrock Council refurbished all war memorials in the borough. At that time there was no consultation so we as a church council had no idea what to expect in terms of specification, materials and finish. Consequently, the wrong methodology and materials were employed and we had no say in the matter. This is now the second occasion that repairs have been carried out and we are told that this is a once and for all 'good-will-gesture'.

No way to honour our fallen heroes, but at least the monument is in better shape for Remembrance Sunday.



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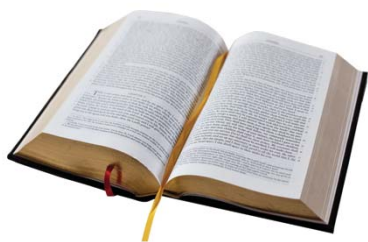
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PRAYER DIARY

Some thoughts to include in your daily prayers

September 1st	For those living on Oxford Road, Horndon
September 2nd	For our Bishop, John Perumbalath, his wife Jessy and their family
September 3rd	For those living on Brentwood Road, Bulphan
September 4th	For those living on Fen Lane, Orsett
September 5th	For those who have started new schools
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	For the Church of England schools in our villages
September 11th	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



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October 3 rd	6:30 pm	Rev Sue Mann	Harvest Service
October 10 th	6:30 pm	Andrew Dickinson	
October 17 th	No service	-	
October 24 th	6:30 pm	Neil Hunt	
October 31 st	6:30 pm	Rev Yemi Jaiyesimi	

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 sanitising facilities readily available and as always handwashing facilities are available in the vestry.

We extend a very warm welcome to all to our **Harvest Service on 3rd October at 6:30pm** for which we decorate the chapel with flowers and produce. This service has proved to be popular in recent years and we extend a particular invitation to come to share in our time of thanksgiving and celebration. We have a small building and to help us arrange seating to maximise distancing 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



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FAMOUS PERSON IN OCTOBER

William Laud – Archbishop of Canterbury

Laud was born in 1573 in Reading, Berkshire. The son of a wealthy clothing merchant, he began his education at Reading Grammar School, before attending St. John's College at the University of Oxford, where in 1593 he became a fellow. Whilst completing his studies at Oxford, Laud was ordained as a priest in April 1601, which initiated the start of his prolific religious and political career. With the support of his patron George Villiers, a prominent nobleman and royal favourite of both James I and Charles I, Laud promptly rose through the ecclesiastical ranks of the Church of England and was appointed Archdeacon of Huntingdon (1615), Dean of Gloucester (1616), Bishop of St. Davids (1621), Bishop of Bath and Wells (1626) and Bishop of London (1628).



Laud's real political significance began in 1625, when Charles I came to the throne. As an immediate royal favourite, Laud was able to capitalise on Charles' support through advocating the theory of the Divine Right of Kings, arguing that Charles had been chosen to rule by God. The assassination of one of the King's main advisors and Laud's patron, the Duke of Buckingham in 1628, intensified the influence of Laud who promised to protect Charles from these 'bad Christians' who threatened the Crown. This coincided with Charles' deteriorating relationship with Parliament and the beginnings of his Personal Rule (1629- 1640), in which Parliament was suspended for eleven years. Laud was then appointed Archbishop of Canterbury in 1633, which kick-started the Laudian reforms on the Church of England.

During the reigns of Elizabeth I and James I, the Church became progressively Calvinist in doctrine, which corresponded with the increasing number of Puritans in England. Despite this, Laud openly criticised the nature of the Church throughout his career, arguing that church dogma had become too Calvinist, services too stern and the Crown too involved in religious matters. Laud found backing in his quest for reform from the King and prominent noblemen, as a result of their growing support for Arminianism. This was a strand of Protestantism that rejected some of the key Calvinist doctrines, such as predestination, and instead focussed on the belief that salvation could be achieved through free will.

After his appointment to Archbishop, Laud immediately ordered that the Prayer Book had to be used without additions or omissions. This was a much stricter approach to services and attacked local church customs and sermons. Despite Laud reverting the doctrine back to that of the Reformation, he failed to consider that he was impacting a generation that had no experience of this kind of service, causing tension between the Archbishop and the laity.

Moreover, one of Laud's most controversial actions was his determination to restore church buildings to reflect the aesthetic grandeur of the pre-Reformation church. His conscious effort to reinstate the 'beauty of holiness' ensured that traditional clergy vestments, images and stained glass windows re-emerged in churches and cathedrals in order to reflect the divinity of God's presence on earth. The blatant reference to the Catholic traditions of celebrating icons and elaborate church designs angered Puritans and intensified their concern that Laud was reviving Catholic practices within the established church. This became a particular issue in the early 1630s, when Laud ordered parishes to replicate the imagery of cathedrals, most notably the position of the communion table. The order decreed that the communion table should be made out of stone, not wood, and had to be placed against the east wall of the chancel surrounded by railings, therefore the laity had to kneel at the rails in order to receive communion. The emphasis on Catholic spirituality and superstition was an immediate concern to Puritans who considered the changes intrinsically linked to the Roman Catholic Mass: consequently, protests against the order occurred immediately.

To enforce these changes and punish non-conformists, Laud conducted visitations of parish churches. The visitations were intrusive and ensured that every aspect of the aesthetic and doctrinal policies were in place. Laud's persistent attack on non-conformists was intensified in 1637 when Puritan writers, William Prynne, Henry Burton and John Bastwick were sentenced to have their ears removed and cheeks branded after publishing writings against Laud. This was considered a shocking and unnecessary punishment which accentuated the resentment staunch Protestants felt towards Laud and the Church, and created Puritan martyrs out of the victims.

Laud's final and most damaging error involved his relations with Scotland, when in 1637 he attempted to impose the Anglican Book of Common Prayer on the Scottish Presbyterian Church. For many Scotsmen, this was perceived as an attack on their religion, intensifying their discontent with Charles as King and his constant intervention in Scotland. In response to Laud's order, the National Covenant was signed in 1638 by leading Scottish officials. This attacked the Pope, removed many Anglican bishops and refused the new Prayer Book. By 1639, the threat of war with Scotland appeared increasingly likely. Unable to gather the troops capable of challenging this invading army, Charles was forced to call Parliament for the first time in eleven years, in order to secure funding for the conflict.

However the 'Short Parliament' of 1640 was dissolved after less than two months, when Parliament refused funding until the King dealt with their grievances. This instigated a wave of violent protest against the monarchy and Laud, including rebellions in Ireland and Scotland which completely destabilised the King's power and resulted in the 'Long Parliament' of 1640, and the start of the English Civil Wars. Defenders of Parliament and Puritan leaders detested the Laudian reforms and blamed Laud for manipulating Charles and sought to seek revenge. This led to Laud's arrest and eventual trial in 1644. Many politicians hoped that, due to Laud's age, he would simply die in prison to avoid executing the anointed Archbishop of Canterbury. However, to the disappointment of many Parliamentarians, Laud survived the trial and was later beheaded at Tower Hill on 10th January 1645 after being found guilty of high treason.

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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 to find out how to pack a box, what you need to include and you can download a label for your box. One important thing is the charity asks that we use regular size shoeboxes to make packing in their lorries easier. If you don't have a printer at home there are some leaflets in each Church and School.

If you would like to support this charity the deadline to take filled shoeboxes into your Church or School is **Thursday 4th November**.

If anyone has any questions please contact Lynda—I.robertson@hobnob.org.uk

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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. Link to Hope is **Christian charity** who believe in distributing love to those in need regardless of background, colour, creed or religion.



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Bulphan WI

We found our September speaker, Cheryl Brighty from Artistry in Cocoa, after seeing an ad in Essex WI News, the magazine produced by Essex Federation for its members. She explained how and where the cocoa beans grow and how they are prepared to eventually become chocolate. An explanation of the process, and a demonstration of tempering chocolate and of making some filled truffles was accompanied by each member having some samples of their own to 'taste test'. We would love to visit her and try out chocolate making ourselves.

A local Bulphan beekeeper popped in to sell some honey. The recycling and swap table was prominent, and members shared with the Secretary details of their efforts to change their ways and help to reduce global emissions. We look forward to seeing our institute go green on the Federation of Essex WIs map.

To mark Green Week 18th - 25th September members set up a stand at the Bulphan Community Café to raise awareness of all the recycling, reuse and repurpose projects they are involved in. These included collecting crisp packets, blister packs, bras, spectacles, stamps. Swapping jars, bottles, seeds, and plants and turning unwanted clothing into other useful items.



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

Lesley Crisp and Jan Curtis



ALL OUR YESTERDAYS

Happenings from the Benefice as reported in October in the past

1789 Chelmsford Chronicle

Fri 9th

Property sale

To be sold by private contract
A freehold estate to be entered upon this Michaelmas, situate in Bulphan in the parish of Childerditch; consisting of a farm house, and 26 acres of arable and pasture land, now let to James Thompson, tenant at will for £30 per ann.

A small house adjoining, let to John Blows, tenant at will for £8 per ann. The land tax paid by the landlord.

For further particulars enquire of the Rev Mr Tomas Newman, Brentwood; or Mr A Highmore, No 3, Bury Court, St Mary Axe, London

1837 Essex Standard

Weds 13th

Orsett church

Orsett

A visit to Orsett Church will well repay any person who is fond of sculpture, as they will be gratified by an injection of the monuments which have been erected there. A fine statue to the memory of Dame Jane Trafford Southwell, by Westmacott, was much mutilated by the late fire at the Church. The end of the Church which was burnt, has lately been repaired and beautified, and the respected resident Clergyman has lately commenced the performance of evening service

1837 Essex Standard

Weds 13th

New Workhouse

The new Union Workhouse erecting at Orsett, by Messrs. Steggles, of Bury, drawing towards completion. it is a handsome building.

This became the site of Orsett Hospital which is soon to be come no more

1908 Grays & Tilbury Gazette

Sat 31st

Cricket club meeting

BULPHAN

Cricket Club Meeting - The annual meeting of the Bulphan CC, was held on Saturday at the residence

of Mr T Jones the grounds specially thrown open by the club and illuminated at night. Tea was provided by the President's wife to show her furthest interest in the club, and afterwards business was proceeded with. The Secretary (Mr T Jones) submitted a balance sheet, showing the club to have a balance of 30s, on the right side. Mr Jones was re-elected Secretary and Mr F Graves his assistant with Mr Miller as Treasurer. The captain for the year is Mr Jarvis sen and Mr W Beard as vice-captain. Messrs D Jarvis and B Harris accepted office as auditors : Mr Percy, vice-president, Mr Pinkerton being also approached. The President gave an encouraging address and hoped by the end of the coming season, the membership, which stood at 23, would reach the half-century. During the rest of the evening harmony ruled the contributors to the programme being; Mr and Mrs T Jones, Mr J Jones, Miss Jarvis, Miss Jones, Miss Beard, Mr W Graves and Mr B Harris. The enjoyable proceedings concluded with an expression of thanks by Mr Jarvis.

1912 Daily Mirror

Sat 26th

Horndon village of ancients

The Village of the Happy Ancients

**Essex Retreat Where Old Age Means Eternal Youth
Doctorless Community**

Horndon on the Hill, Oct 25 - Tucked away in a sunshiny little corner of Essex, remote from the odours of towns, and out of the hearing of the strident symphony of metropolitan life, there nestles a Village of the Ancients.

The village is the one from which I write, Horndon on the Hill, and it is in its way one of the most remarkable spots in England.

Old age reigns in undisputed triumph here. Walk through the picturesque narrow main street, which lies like a twisting shadow across the hillside, and in the

doorway you will see smiling at you with their comfortable perennial smile of the Happy Ancients of Horndon.

Ancients only by reason of their years; ancients in nothing else. Ruddy as roses, and hard as billiard balls, the years hold no terrors for them.

Good health with them is something more than the chance of the other thing. There could be no more striking proof of this than the extraordinary fact that in all Horndon there is actually no doctor.

TWELVE MEN - 1000 YEARS

In the village yesterday I found a round dozen of inhabitants whose united ages total over 1,000.

Here is a splendid record :-

	Years
Mrs Haxell	90
Mr Day	88
Mrs Vincent	88
Mr Wheaten	88
Mr Goodwin	87
Mr Prale	87
Mr Dixon	86
Mrs Dixon	87
Mrs Turner	85
Mr Turner	84
Mrs Oliver	85
Mr Gladwell	85

1040

All are on active service. The phrase "Too old at forty", if they ever heard it, would have no meaning for them.

Take the case of Mr and Mrs Dixon, the oldest couple. Mr Dixon was sitting in the garden humming a tune and vigorously peeling potatoes when I wished him good-morning.

"It is that", replied the old gentleman heartily and added, "it's given me a fair appetite, too".

Mr and Mrs Dixon have lived in Horndon all their lives, and still look as though they are going to see the population of 600 trebled. Mr Dixon's geniality is most infectious.

"A smile and kiss", said he, skillfully removing the jacket from the last potato, "makes the world so easy, and do a lot towards keeping you young - this and your fair share of work".

When his wife came out Mr Dixon gallantly saluted her with a kiss. The old lady very nearly blushed. "You're nearly as bad as when you were young", she protested, and, turning to me and nodding her head, she added. "And he wanted a lot of watching then - he was always up to his tricks!".

WORKED AT FIVE

The old couple carry their years with thistledown lightness. "Are you looking forward to be 100?" Mr Dixon was asked. "I hope to live to a thousand", he replied stoutly. "I commenced work when I was five years old and my work", he continued with his eyes twinkling, "was scaring crows. When I was six and a half I was given 3s a week, and out of this I gave 1s for my board. Then was days!" added Mr Dixon humourously.

The oldest inhabitant is Mrs Haxell, who is ninety. She was busily at work peeling onions when I saw her.

"I can't shake hands", she said, "but I am very pleased to see you". Mrs Haxell is as wrinkled as a walnut, but it must be in smiling so much, for she is as light-hearted as ever.

"It must be the fine weather we're having", she explained. "It makes we want to be up and doing".

Mrs Haxell was photographed with her friend Mrs Turner, who is eighty-five. Mrs Turner is as strong as ever she was, and has a most prodigious memory.

The outstanding memory of Mrs Turner is the first time she ever saw a railway train.

"It was at Hadley Castle", she said, "and the people sat for hours on the grass waiting for the train to come past, just as they wait for airyplanes now".

Mrs Turner belongs to a long lived family, for her mother lived to within two days of 100.

The only person listed to reach 100 was Mrs Vincent

1928 Chelmsford Chronicle

Fri 5th

No rubbish collected

ORSETT

Parish Council, Tuesday - Capt. Tunstall said that in some places refuse had been allowed to accumulate at the rear of dwellings for six or seven months, and in one instance for seven years. Lanes, hedges, ditches, and waste ground had been used for the reception of refuse. It was a scandal. He moved that the Rural Council be asked to provide a scheme for scavenging. It was decided to write to the Rural Council.

1946 Newark Herald

Sat 19th

Reclaiming clay

Experts have long since recognised that in spite of reclamation work which the war produced, the problem which faced the reclaimers of the heavy clays was the most difficult of all.

Perhaps the most spectacular effort was the reclamation of Bulphan Fen, a gated fen from the time of Domesday. but derelict owing to extensive flooding caused by bad drainage. It has been drained, the Mar Dyke which flows into the Thames widened and cleaned out, and the Fen this year has produced the largest single crop of wheat in the county - 190 acres. This is the third wheat crop in succession, but looks like equalling the second crop which was 6 quarters per acre.

1949 Chelmsford Chronicle

Fri 28th

Prince Charles Avenue

The Princess names a road after her baby son

As 2.30 approached on Tuesday afternoon so the excitement mounted among the crowd waiting outside Orsett Hall, Orsett. They had gathered to see Princess Elizabeth leave for Ilford.

Eventually there were more than 60 people - mainly women - standing outside hoping to catch a glimpse of Princess Elizabeth as she passed in her car.

Princess Elizabeth was paying a flying visit to Orsett Hall on her way to Ilford. At Orsett she consented to open the road to be

called after Prince Charles. The road, originally known as Hall Lane, became Prince Charles Avenue when her car broke the ribbon stretched across the road. Then she went to lunch with the Lord Lieutenant of Essex, Colonel Sir Francis Whitmore and Lady Whitmore, at Orsett Hall.

When Princess Margaret visited Orsett Hall a few months ago she planted an oak tree on the side of the road. And a tree was planted there when Prince Charles was born.

The Princess looked really attractive in a royal blue coat and frock to match, with navy ankle strapped shoes and handbag. She wore her favourite cloche style hat of the same colour as the coat, with powder-blue feather in it.

Everyone commented on her lovely complexion. She wore a faint touch of rouge, with a bright lipstick.

Two women had come over from Grays especially to see her.

Mrs E.C. Collard, of, Durley, Rectory Road, Orsett, had brought her dog, Prince. The dog, a pug, had red, white and blue ribbons in its collar.

Last year Mrs Collard's father Mr W.H. Plowright, aged 82, was presented to the King and Queen at the Essex Show. He had been employed at Orsett Hall for many years.

A few flags flew from nearby cottages, but not many people knew the Princess was coming. Some children in the crowd had flags.

The car came slowly out of the drive of Orsett Hall, and the Princess smiled and waved to all the people crowding round to see her.



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Update from Orsett C of E Primary School



It's been great to get back to school for a new year at Orsett. It's hard to believe that September is already over!

It's been a pleasure to welcome our newest members of the school over the last few weeks. Our new reception children are so settled already. They are a fantastic group of children and we are really excited to see where their journey at Orsett will take them. Already they have started to learn to read, count and are doing a super job! I've been told all about conkers and Autumn when I've visited the classroom and they have made firm friends with their Year 6 buddies already now we are able to mix classes together. It's been an absolute joy to see!



We have also introduced a new PE kit at Orsett this year. The children wear their PE kits to school now so we wanted something fresh, smart and uniformed and we really think we've achieved it. The children have enjoyed wearing it and have looked fantastic!

Last week the school helped to support the local Church Coffee Morning, held at the Orsett Church centre in aid of Macmillan. We were delighted to be asked to send some children to help at the event. They took orders, delivered cakes and spent time talking to local residents and those who attended the coffee morning. Unfortunately, I wasn't able to attend myself but we have been invited back so I very much hope to meet more of you from the local community very soon.



Until next time,

Mrs G Smith – Head Teacher

Mothers' UNION

Stories about MU work



Two stories about MU work: the first relates to the link between the Diocese of Birmingham and the church in Malawi for over 50 years. One of the ways in which the connection is supported is by sending an annual container of equipment and supplies to Malawi. Over the years this project has become about more than just sending supplies though. It has become a valuable community initiative in the UK and a way of strengthening links with members abroad. Claire Laland, past president of Birmingham MU writes about this project:

<https://www.mothersunion.org/news/friendships-and-practical-help-birmingham-malawi>

The second relates to the Mothers' Union well-established pedigree in helping vulnerable people all around the world. This includes refugees fleeing from political violence and civil war. Right now, in Afghanistan as the Taliban take control, hundreds of thousands of people are attempting to flee the country, fearing their lives are at risk if they stay. Two dioceses in the north of England are now working together to help these refugees:

<https://www.mothersunion.org/news/two-diocese-north-england-work-together-help-afghan-refugees>

Get Ready for Global Day



Global Day is Mothers' Union's response to the call for action made during 16 Days of Activism, the worldwide campaign to end violence against women and girls.

This year we are coming together on **Saturday 27 November**, marking it by wearing a purple scarf.

We will gather, where possible, for a three-minute silence at 1.03pm (linking to the 1 in 3 theme). We want to make this as big as we can, combining the voices of our four million members around the world – calling for action on an international scale and in the countries where we live.

To read more about this: <https://www.mothersunion.org/global-day-2021>

Christmas Card Competition Winner



There was a fantastic response to the MU Christmas card design competition – so many talented artists that exist within the Mothers' Union community.

The winning entry came from Peter Hodges, who is from Chelmsford Diocese and who's design was colourful and uplifting. A huge congratulations to Peter!

To buy this Christmas card or one of the many others available from the MU Online Shop: <https://mueshop.org/collections/competition-winner>

Victoria and Albert Museum Collection



Some exciting new products have been added to the V&A Museum range available on the MU Online shop, with 100% of the profits supporting Mothers' Union's work with families and communities across the world. Every penny raised can help make a difference and bring lasting change.

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Last year was the 50th anniversary of that first meeting but Covid-19 decided to rear its ugly head so it was only on 8th September this year that we were able to celebrate the forming of Woolmarket Music – as it is now known. A very enjoyable evening was held in the church with lots – and I mean LOTS – of refreshments and catching up with old friends while listening to Tim and Lizzie Sentence (wonderful to welcome them back to the village) entertaining us with their very professional playing and singing.

The next performance will be in the Woolmarket on Wednesday 13th October when Adam Holdsworth will be playing his saxophone for us. He has just finished his degree in music and is now embarking on a professional career.

Admission is £7.50 per concert but why not become a member and enjoy all the concerts for just £60 per year? All children under 18 are free.

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