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St. Peter and St. Paul. Horndon-on-the-Hill
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St. Mary-the-Virgin. Bulphan

December 2021

BENEFICE SERVICES - December 2021

	HORNDON	ORSETT	BULPHAN
Thursday 2nd December			Open Church 10am-noon
Friday 3rd		Oasis Café 9am to 11.30am Edward Bear Toddler Group 9.30am-11am at the Churches Centre	
Saturday 4th	Open Church 10am-noon	Forest Church 4pm	
Sunday 5th December *2nd Sunday of Advent*	10am All Together Holy Communion Service		
Monday 6th			Open Church 10am-noon
Tuesday 7th	Open Church 10am-noon		
Wednesday 8th			**6pm Glowstick/Christingle Service**
Thursday 9th			Open Church 10am-noon
Friday 10th		Oasis Café 9am to 11.30am Edward Bear Toddler Group 9.30am-11am at the Churches Centre	
Saturday 11th	Open Church 10am-noon		
Sunday 12th December *3rd Sunday of Advent*	**4pm and 7pm Glowstick/Christingle Service**	8.45am CW Holy Communion 10am Family Service **5pm Glowstick Service**	
Monday 13th			Open Church 10am-noon
Tuesday 14th	Open Church 10am-noon		7.30pm Service with prayers for healing
Thursday 16th			Open Church 10am-noon
Friday 17th		Oasis Café 9am to 11.30am Edward Bear Toddler Group 9.30am-11am at the Churches Centre	
Saturday 18th	Open Church 10am-noon		
Sunday 19th December *4th Sunday of Advent*	8.45am BCP Holy Communion Service 10am All Together HC Service		
	4pm Drive in Carol Service at Benton's Farm – this is a ticketed event		
Monday 20th			Open Church 10am-noon
Tuesday 21st	Open Church 10am-noon	**7.30pm Blue Christmas Service**	
Thursday 23rd			Open Church 10am-noon
Friday 24th	**8.30pm Holy Communion Service**	**7pm Family Christmas Service**	**10pm Holy Communion Service**
Saturday 25th		**10am Holy Communion Service**	
Sunday 26th December *1st Sunday of Christmas*			10am Holy Communion Service
Sunday 2nd January		10am Family service	
Tuesday 4th	Open Church 10am-noon		

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

For Christians, the time before Christmas which we call Advent, is a time to prepare for the coming of Christ. God prepared for the birth of Jesus through the words of the prophets, many of whom lived in simplicity to show that they were waiting for God to fulfil his promises. Mary and Joseph, Elizabeth and Zechariah, Anna and Simeon are examples of God's faithful people who waited in joyful and humble trust.

As we prepare for the coming of Christ, I offer some prayers from the Holy Island of Lindisfarne which you might find helpful in your devotions as you prepare, this Advent, for the coming of Christ.

Prepare my mind, merciful God,
For the wonders of your mystery.
Prepare my heart, loving God,
For the joy of your presence.
Prepare my spirit, awesome God,
For the blessing of your wisdom.

Show me your ways,
Teach me your paths,
Grant me the courage
To follow you
Wherever you lead
The faith to seek you,
In all things
In all places
In all the people
And the wisdom
To accept
That I need you.

Pause...breathe slowly...
Invite God into the moment.
Pause...breathe slowly...
Listen to the whispers of the Spirit.
Pause...breathe slowly...
Follow the examples of Jesus

Each day throughout Advent, write down three things. One thing that makes you feel joyful, one thing that you are thankful for and one thing that you are helpless about.
Tell God about them.
It may help to have three pebbles and a small cross.
And as you think of the things, place them at the foot of the cross.

Jesus teach me how to love, how to live in your presence.
Jesus teach me how to live, how to pray in your will.
Jesus teach me how to pray, how to rest in your embrace.
Jesus teach me how to rest, how to be in your world.
Jesus teach me how to be, how to love your way.

MAY LOVE BE MY REASON
AND LOVE MY DESIRE.
MAY LOVE BE MY PURPOSE
AND LOVE BE MY FIRE.
MAY LOVE BE MY BURDEN
AND LOVE BE MY STRIFE.
MAY LOVE BE MY COMFORT AND LOVE BE MY LIFE.

On the wars and rumours of wars,
Shine your light.
On the poor and the oppressed,
Shine your light
On the lies and the deceivers
Shine your light
On the disasters
And terrible things,
Shine your light.
Lord, help me to serve.
Lord, help me to be your light.

Shine your light on my path,
May I follow your way.
Shine your light on my darkness,
May I know your love.
Shine your light on my face,
May I reflect your glory.

I look forward to seeing you over the Christmas period. Take care and God bless, Sue

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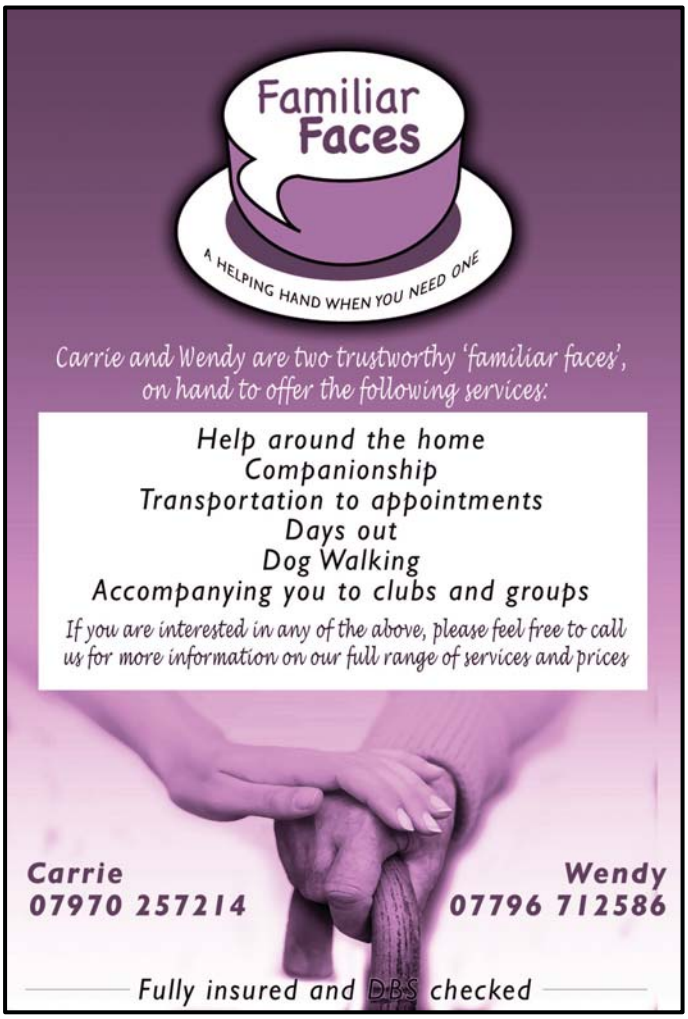

THE BENEFICE REGISTERS

Baptisms		
December 12th	Harry Dare	(O)
Weddings		
November 6th	Lauren Byrne & Aston Linnett	(B)
Funerals		
November 18th	Suzarne Price (79)	(H)
Interment of ashes		
November 5th	Peter James Moorse	(H)

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HORNDON ON THE HILL
CHURCHWARDEN'S REPORT

Unbelievably we find ourselves at the close of the year and what a very strange one it has been. Before looking back on what's occurred during 2021 a massive thankyou is due to The Swan, Malee and Graham McNally for holding the Bonfire Night event and donating towards our Boiler / heating Appeal. The event was certainly spectacular and we're happy to announce that our two new boilers have now been installed. The church now heats up quite quickly. Luckily, we won't need to get up pre-dawn to go and turn the heating on for a service anymore. We are also hoping that they will prove to be more efficient and save on our heating bills.

2021 commenced with lockdown and no worship in church. Services, church meetings and even Hobnob appeared online and, in the space of a few months we all became a lot more 'tech savvy' than we thought we would ever be. Thanks to Zoom, church proceedings were able to continue. The Annual Inspection that had been postponed from last year was rescheduled for November. This is an event that occurs every three years and is to check that the parish is complying with the requirements of the Church of England. For example, Health and Safety, Risk Assessments, correct insurance in place etc. Again, many thanks to everyone who helped to ensure that we were able to demonstrate we comply in every area. We can't sit on our laurels as 2022 gives rise to the Quinquennial Inspection which happens every five years.

By April we were able to hold meetings back in church (socially distanced) and we started to tentatively plan some fundraising events for later in the year. Slowly we were able to start welcoming people back. Aided by the weather we started offering free tea and coffee with tables set up in the open air. It was great to chat in person with friends and neighbours again.

Sadly, the Feast and Fayre was cancelled for a second year but Sonia and Felicity organised a Cream Tea event held in the churchyard on the Mill Lane side for ladies of the village. What a great success this proved to be. Feast and Fayre is all set to return in 2022 and the Fundraising committee will be looking at what we can do next year…..watch this space !

We were able to hold an Autumn Fair late September. Again, the weather was kind so we were able to hold several stalls outside. Many came and we were able to provide a boost to our Boiler and Heating Appeal.

By late summer we had obtained a Bronze award in regards to our church being an Eco church and we are in the middle of applying for a Silver. This involves churchyard management, Fairtrade compliance, recycling and much more.

We welcomed Moji as our Benefice Deacon in September and look forwards to working with her more closely throughout the next year.

Christmas services are advertised within Hobnob. And we thank the Bentons for holding a Drive In Service at their Farm at 4pm on Sunday 19th December.

Finally, we wish everyone a very peaceful Christmas and hope to welcome you to the church in 2022

Sonia and Alastair
Churchwardens

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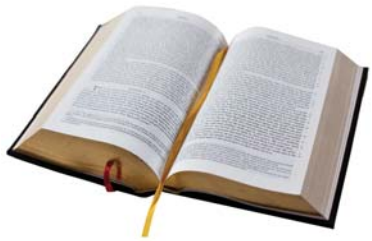

PRAYER DIARY

Some thoughts to include in your daily prayers

December 1st	For this period of waiting & watching which we call Advent
December 2nd	For the Friends of Orsett Church
December 3rd	For those who live on Stanley Road, Bulphan
December 4th	For the work of the Diocesan staff
December 5th	For those who live on Blackshots Lane
December 6th	Remembering St Nicholas on his feast day
December 7th	For our Clergy as they prepare for Christmas
December 8th	For the Orsett Fire Station and all firefighters
December 9th	For those who live on Mill Lane, Orsett
December 10th	For neighbours and friends who have moved away
December 11th	For those who live on China Lane, Bulphan
December 12th	For those who live on Stephens Crescent, Horndon
December 13th	For those who live on Francis Close, Horndon
December 14th	For those who live on High Road, Orsett
December 15th	For those who live on Grosvenor Road, Orsett
December 16th	For the work of Christian Aid
December 17th	For those who live on Malting Lane, Orsett
December 18th	For those who live on Holmes Close, Horndon
December 19th	For those who live on Bristowe Drive, Orsett
December 20th	For those who live on Hillcrest Close, Horndon
December 21st	For those who live on Peartree Lane, Bulphan
December 22nd	For the shops in Orsett and Horndon and Bulphan
December 23rd	For those who live on Ellis Close, Orsett
December 24th	For our police
December 25th	For Christians around the world as we celebrate the birth of Christ
December 26th	For the work of the Thurrock Food Bank in these testing times
December 27th	For those who live on School Lane, Orsett
December 28th	For all who work in Basildon Hospital
December 29th	For those who live on Alderton Road, Orsett
December 30th	For those who live on Paddock Close, Orsett
December 31st	For the safety and wellbeing of all, this New Year's Eve

O holy child of Bethlehem, descend to us, we pray;
cast out our sin, and enter in, be born in us today.
We hear the Christmas angels the great glad tidings tell:
O come to us, abide with us, our Lord Emmanuel.

Bishop Phillips Brooks, [last verse of] "O Little Town of Bethlehem"

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HORNDON-ON-THE-HILL
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Minister: Reverend Oluyemisi Jaiyesimi.
Senior Steward: Mr Graham Hodgson.

Website: www.methodist-sec.co.uk/horndon/index.html

HORNDON-ON-THE-HILL

We meet at the Welcome Club
1, Victoria Road, Stanford-le-Hope
At 8.00pm on the last Tuesday
each month except in December.

New members welcome
Enquiries to the Secretary
Sec.hothrbl@hotmail.com

ROYAL BRITISH LEGION

Bulphan Churchwarden's Report

The past year and a half has been difficult for everyone and the uncertainty surrounding the pandemic has changed our view of life forever. So much time has been spent living in an imposed artificial state, that the everyday routine that we knew so well is difficult to regain. What were simple familiar tasks become difficult and what was second nature to me now requires a concentrated effort. I am sure that age plays a big part in this too, but doing nothing has become an easy option. I am so grateful that Reverend Sue and Reverend Max have made such an enormous effort to keep our three churches functioning through lockdowns and Covid regulations. Services and meetings that we have shared through technology would have been unthinkable 15 years ago; even though this hi-tech age has kept us connected, the extra burden this has placed on our priests has been unimaginable and perhaps not so readily acknowledged as it should be.

There are of course people in our three communities who do not have access to the internet and consequently could not benefit from online services, nor the Benefice website and the monthly magazine. Although the team who manage the magazine have enjoyed a new experience working with colour graphics and unlimited pages, they were acutely aware that some people missed out when producing printed material became in impossible. But we are back in print and thanks to Dave Mortimer and Lynda Robertson, the magazine is now printed at the Diocesan Print Shop in Chelmsford and delivered back with an average turn around of 3 days. Although there is a modest charge for the printed version, most of the cost is offset by fees from our advertisers and they deserve thanks for sticking with us during these difficult times.

While keeping us apart, the pandemic has brought us closer. Within our three parishes we are working together for the common good and during the coming year we will, I believe, see changes that unify us further as we become a single parish of Horndon, Orsett & Bulphan. I expect that there will be teething problems at the outset, but great benefit in the long term. Meanwhile we are all doing our bit for conservation and sustainability with a conscious awareness of what can be achieved and our Eco Church awards are evidence of this.

In September we welcomed Moji as our curate and she is already making a difference supporting Sue and Max at services and meetings, and we look forward to her growing ministry in this benefice.

Finally I take this opportunity to wish everyone a blessed and happy Christmas and the fervent hope of healthier nation in 2022.

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We continue to enjoy meeting for worship with friends who join us both regularly and occasionally, and all are very warmly welcome. The services for December are as follows:

December 5th	6:30 pm	Pholani Ncube
December 12th	6:30 pm	Rev Yemi Jaiyesimi
December 19th	6:30 pm	Local arrangement with carols
December 26th	No service	-

Whilst mandatory Covid restrictions have lifted we are still taking precautions. 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 love to have visitors to our services but as it is a small building it would be helpful to know in advance so that we can arrange the seating to accommodate everyone, please therefore let the Secretary know. Also 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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Orsett
Churchwarden's Report

We had an amazing gathering of people at the Remembrance Sunday service which was held at Orsett Church. The Scouts and Beavers participated in the service with prayers. Thank you also to the Leaders and Parents that came along to the service to make it a very special occasion. We are obviously now looking towards preparing for Christmas with some different services at all 3 churches and also a Drive in service in December, please look at the website and notice boards for details of these.

It is also the time of year when people come along to our church yard to bring Christmas flowers to loved ones graves and to the memorial garden. We owe a great deal to our regular team of volunteer gardeners; you will find them there most days of the week. Thanks go to those who continue to keep the churchyard in such an amazing condition. We do often have difficulty with equipment and currently the ride on mower is out of order. We are looking to repair this however it would be really helpful if anyone has one that they do not use that works or if anyone would like to donate some money to purchase a more suitable ride on mower that can be easily maintained.

The Oasis café is becoming more and more popular held on Friday mornings in school term time. Sandra Billinger has worked so hard to keep the café going through continued difficult times with COVID. Please come along if you would like a coffee and a chat. Sandra is planning to have some extra attractions on December 10th at the café.

Many thanks, to those in the community that continue to support the church, in so many ways.

Hope to see you soon

Jackie and Janet

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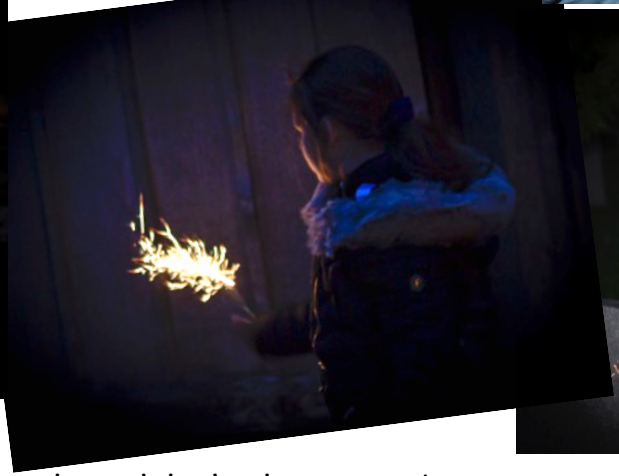

Some of those who braved both the weather and the doughnuts on strings

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1 Corinthians 12:27 'All of you together are Christ's body and each of you is a part of it'.

Dear All,

We were unable to commemorate Remembrance Day this year in the way we would have liked, due to Covid restrictions. As some of you may be aware, we would normally invite a member of the British Legion each year to join us in the service and we would also visit our Prayer Garden; it was a shame that these were not possible to put in place this year. However, we were able to hold a virtual service in school so that all classes could join in the commemoration and take part in the two-minute silence. We were presented with a beautiful handmade wreath that we incorporated into the service. The wreath was made by the mother of Chris, our cook and was a really lovely surprise. Thanks to Betty, Chris' mum.

Our new play equipment for the children was delivered this week. It has been distributed to all classes and the children have enjoyed playing with this. Contributions from the sponsored sports day went towards paying for all of the equipment and we must thank our parents and other members of the community for their generosity!

Aspirations Week

We would like to thank all the parents who took part in our Aspirations Week. The children had a wonderful time learning about different professions. We were lucky to have a variety of volunteers:

- Tom Gorman – Fords STA Launch Engineer
- Helen Tree – Sign Language Interpreter
- Rebecca Clark – Nurse
- Neil Speight – Newspaper Editor
- Mrs Wraight – Veterinary Nurse and Dog Groomer
- Carly Turner – Fitness Instructor
- Claire Gilbert - Business partner and EA to the EMEA Chairman of a Global Consultancy Business
- Mr Ablitt – Hairdresser
- Mrs Murphy – Head of Production on TV shows
- Mr Harrison – Oil rig worker
- Mr Matthews and Miss Dawson - Essex Police
- Mr Norman – Electrician

It was exciting not only for those children who were involved in the live sessions, but also for the classes who logged in via TEAMS, as we streamed them to the rest of the school. We were also fortunate enough to be sent videos and PowerPoints from other willing participants that we were then able to share with all children throughout the course of the week. Our pupils were given access to so many different careers and seeing them dress up on the Friday, in their choice of future professions, was a joy. I am sure that the world will be a better place because of their aspirations and we look forward to hearing of their successes as they pursue their chosen careers!

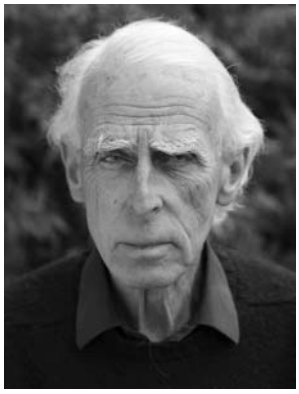
Warmest regards

D Bradley

Mrs D Bradley
Head of School

FAMOUS PERSON IN DECEMBER

JOHN EGERTON CHRISTMAS PIPER – 1903-1992



John Piper is best known for his romantic landscapes, views of ruined churches, stately homes and castles, but his remarkable output spans tapestry design, book jackets, screen-prints, photography, fabrics, ceramics, theatre sets and stained glass. He is considered to be one of the most significant British artists of the 20th Century.
He first came to wider attention as an official war artist in World War II and his depictions of bomb-damaged churches and landmarks made Piper a household name.

Early years

John Egerton Christmas Piper was born and grew up in Epsom, Surrey. His early years were spent exploring the countryside on his bike, where he drew and painted pictures of churches and monuments, often turning them into guidebooks, something he returned to later in life.
From an early age, he wanted to study to become an artist, but his father insisted that he join the family law firm. Piper worked at the firm in London for three years and took articles, but refused the offer of a partnership. This refusal cost Piper his inheritance, but after the death of his father, he was free to attend Richmond School of Art.

Artist life

At Richmond, the artist Raymond Coxon prepared him for the entrance exams for the Royal College of Art, which Piper joined in 1928. While studying at Richmond, Piper met Eileen Holding, a fellow student, whom he married in August 1929. His time at the Royal College was brief, he was at odds with the regime at the Royal College and left in December 1929 after only a year.
After leaving, Piper embarked on his career as an artist. In the early 1930's he exhibited with the London Group, an artist-run organisation set up to nurture artists in opposition to the sensibilities of institutions like The Royal Academy. In the middle of the decade, he became secretary of the Seven and Five Society which by then had transformed into a modernistic group with artists including Henry Moore, Ivon Hitchens, Ben Nicholson and Barbara Hepworth at the fore. Formed initially to encompass conservative artistic sensibilities, they transformed Seven and Five's outlook and staged the first exhibition of entirely abstract works in Britain.
Piper visited Paris several times where he became friends with the sculptor Alexander Calder. He attended the studios of Arp, Brancusi and Jean Hélion and these avant-garde artists had a profound influence on Piper's work at the time. However this direction was short-lived, and by the late 1930's he had returned to a more naturalistic style.
In 1935 he founded the contemporary art journal Axis with the writer Myfanwy Evans, and in 1937 she became his second wife. Myfanwy collaborated with him on some of his later stage work with Benjamin Britten and was his muse for the 'Eye and Camera' works produced in the 1960's and 70's, a series of mixed media creations which combined photography, collage and drawing.

The War Years

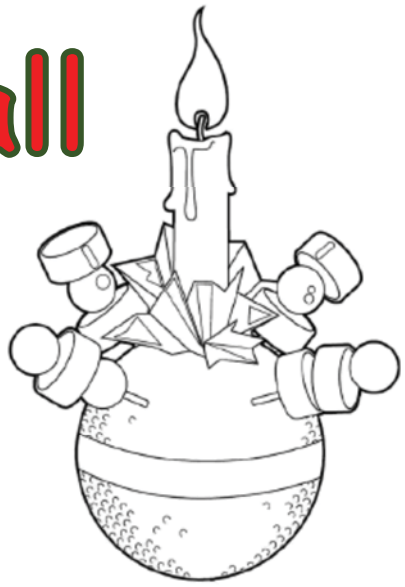
Piper volunteered to work interpreting aerial reconnaissance photographs for the RAF at the start of the War, but was asked to work as an official war artist for the War Artists' Advisory Committee. He convinced the WAAC that he should paint bombed churches and he would travel to bombed sites as quickly as possible after an air raid – often the next day before the clear up had begun. This visit led to the creation of arguably his most famous work.
He arrived in Coventry the morning after the air raid of 14 November 1940 that destroyed the medieval Cathedral. Piper made drawings of the cathedral, which he subsequently worked up into oil paintings in his studio. His first painting of the bombed cathedral, Interior of Coventry Cathedral, struck a chord and was reproduced and sold as a popular postcard throughout the war, making his name with the British public.

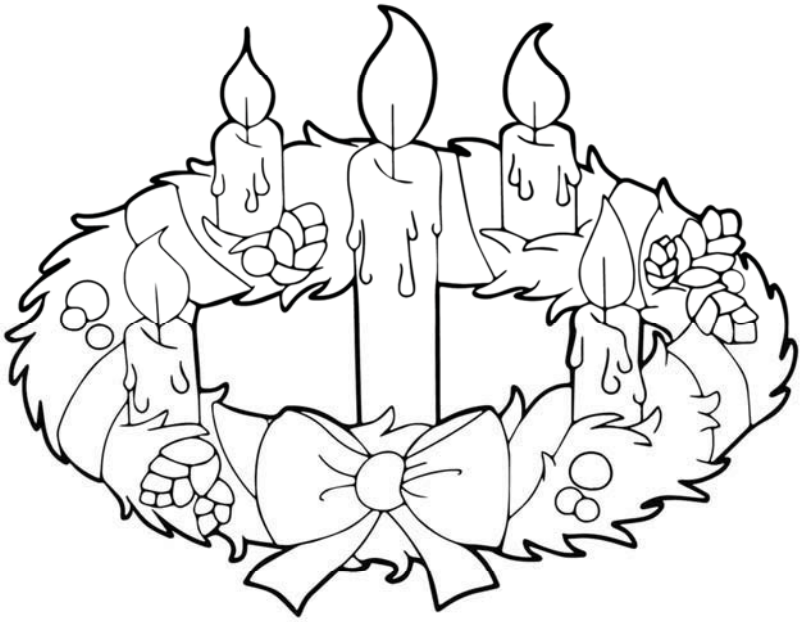
Collaboration and later years

After the war, Piper continued to write on art and architecture, and from 1950 he began working in stained glass with Patrick Reyntiens, Their first commission, for a chapel at Oundle School, led to Basil Spence commissioning the stained-glass Baptistry window for the new Coventry Cathedral which began reconstruction in 1951.
Such collaborations marked his post-war years. He produced pottery with Geoffrey Eastop, designed stage and costumes for theatre and ballet, sets for seven operas by Benjamin Britten and illustrated the Shell guides to the British Isles written by the poet John Betjeman.
Although widely exhibited in galleries in Britain, he had to wait until 1983 for a comprehensive retrospective, held at the Tate Gallery. The Tate collection now contains 180 of Piper's works.

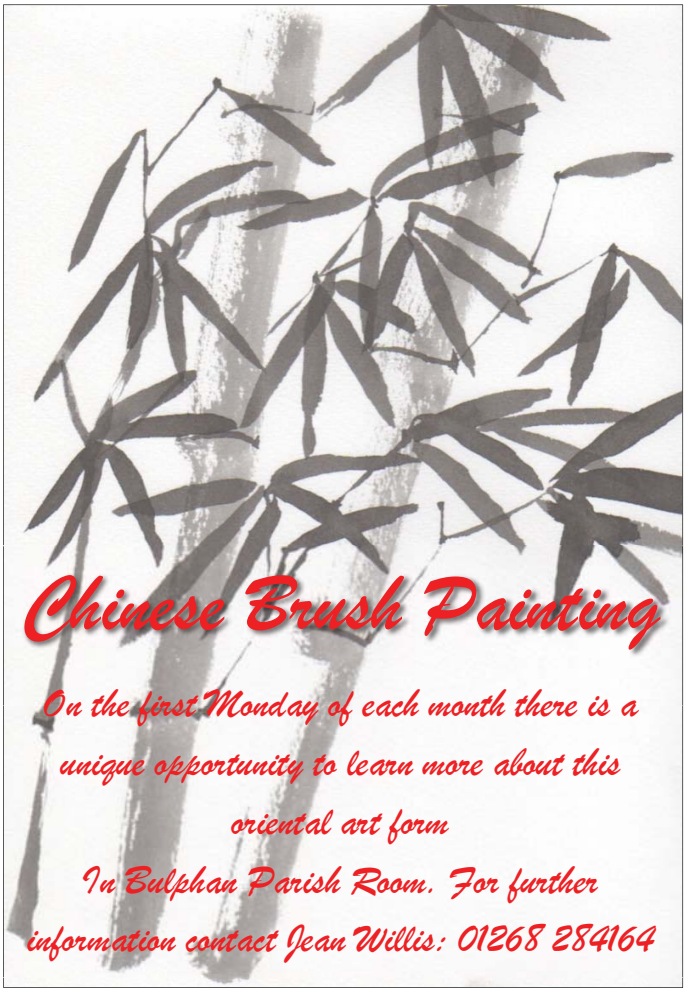
CHRISTMAS

Goodwill to all





Pictures for young & old to colour



Chinese Brush Painting

On the first Monday of each month there is a unique opportunity to learn more about this oriental art form

In Bulphan Parish Room. For further information contact Jean Willis: 01268 284164

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OLD PHOTOGRAPHS OF BULPHAN

'The Harrow' Public House - Bulphan Fen

Old Brentwood Road at its junction with Doesgate Lane

Each month we will publish a few photographs from this extensive collection

WOOLMARKET MUSIC

"A policeman's lot is not a-nappy one!" but everyone who came along on 10th November was delighted with Vic Gray as he retold his many experiences of performing in Gilbert & Sullivan operettas. Vic is famous for his acting talents and is currently Chair of Thurrock Courts Players and Arts Thurrock, where he is spearheading a campaign to keep The Thameside Theatre saved from the risk of closure.

Alan Watts ably accompanied him at the piano (and added the odd memory from his long association with music in the borough). Sonia Ward also joined Vic for a couple of numbers. All in all, a very entertaining evening.

On 8th December we'll be holding our Christmas get together and along with members of the Horndon Society/Community Forum and Horndon Gardeners' Club, will be enjoying our own form of entertainment – mostly including drinking and eating!

On 12th January, Angelo and Sarah, two local musicians, will be welcomed back with music from the piano and clarinet.

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.

Woolmarket Music "wishes you a merry Christmas and a happy new year"!

PETER ROOD

Memorial Service

I would like to thank all who attended Peter's service and helped to celebrate what a special person he was and Reverend Sue for all her help.

I would also like to thank all our many good friends and neighbours who have been such a support to me since Peter's death.

Quite Interesting Festive Facts

- Scientists have suggested that Rudolph's red nose is probably the result of a parasitic infection of his respiratory system.
- The Germans made the first artificial Christmas trees out of dyed goose feathers.
- All the gifts in the Twelve Days of Christmas would equal 364 gifts.
- In A.D. 350, Pope Julius I, Bishop of Rome, proclaimed December 25th the official celebration date for the birthday of Christ.
- The traditional three colours of Christmas are green, red, and gold. Green has long been a symbol of life and rebirth; red symbolizes the blood of Christ, and gold represents light as well as wealth and royalty.
- The world's largest Christmas stocking measured 106 feet and 9 inches (32.56 m) long and 49 feet and 1 inch (14.97 m) wide. It weighed as much as five reindeer and held almost 1,000 presents. It was made by the Children's Society in London on December 14, 2007.
- Christmas trees usually grow for about 15 years before they are sold.
- Bolivians celebrate Misa del Gallo or "Mass of the Rooster" on Christmas Eve. Some people bring roosters to the midnight mass, a gesture that symbolizes the belief that a rooster was the first animal to announce the birth of Jesus.
- In Poland, spiders or spider webs are common Christmas trees decorations because according to legend, a spider wove a blanket for Baby Jesus. In fact, Polish people consider spiders to be symbols of goodness and prosperity at Christmas.
- Evergreens (from the Old English word aefie meaning "always" and gowan meaning "to grow") have been symbols of eternal life and rebirth since ancient times.
- Ancient peoples, such as the Druids, considered mistletoe sacred because it remains green and bears fruit during the winter when all other plants appear to die. Druids would cut the plant with golden sickles and never let it touch the ground. They thought it had the power to cure infertility and nervous diseases and to ward off evil.

- Mistletoe (Viscum album) is from the Anglo-Saxon word misteltan, which means "little dung twig" because the plant spreads though bird droppings.

- Early illustrations of St. Nicholas depict him as stern, commanding, and holding a birch rod. He was more a symbol of discipline and punishment than the jolly, overweight elf children know today.
- Puritan Oliver Cromwell outlawed Christmas celebrations and carols in England from 1649-1660. The only celebrations allowed were sermons and prayers.
- The word "nog" is from the word "grog," meaning any drink made from rum.
- It is estimated that the single “White Christmas” by Irving Berlin is the best selling single of all time, with over 100 million sales worldwide.
- The first person to decorate a Christmas tree was reportedly the Protestant reformer Martin Luther (1483-1546). According to legend, he was so moved by the beauty of the stars shining between the branches of a fir tree, he brought home an evergreen tree and decorated it with candles to share the image with his children.
- The first printed reference to a Christmas tree was in 1531 in Germany.
- Christmas is a contraction of “Christ’s Mass,” which is derived from the Old English Cristes mæsse (first recorded in 1038). The letter “X” in Greek is the first letter of Christ, and “Xmas” has been used as an abbreviation for Christmas since the mid 1500s.
- In Germany, Heiligabend, or Christmas Eve, is said to be a magical time when the pure in heart can hear animals talking.
- The earliest known Christmas tree decorations were apples. At Christmastime, medieval actors would use apples to decorate paradise trees (usually fir trees) during “Paradise Plays,” which were plays depicting Adam and Eve’s creation and fall.
- Commissioned by Sir Henry Cole, British illustrator John Callcott Horsley invented the first Christmas card in 1843.
- During the Christmas season, nearly 28 sets of LEGO are sold every second.
- Tiny Tim in Charles Dickens' A Christmas Carol was almost named "Little Fred."
- Wassail is from the Old Norse ves heill, meaning “good health.”

Update from Orsett C of E Primary School

It's been a busy few months here at Orsett with lots of great things to focus on despite being challenged by a rise in cases of Covid. We haven't let it spoil our fun though and have continued to create memories for the children in many different ways.

At the beginning of October, we celebrated Harvest in school. The children donated many different items which we took to the Thurrock Food Bank to be distributed to those in need. We had a special worship – our first all together in 18 months – and then we decorated the playground in Harvest words and phrases.

In November we of course marked Remembrance Day with lots of different events. The whole school made poppies which we wrote messages of hope on. These were displayed as part of community project in Lakeside. They were so good the Kings Arms asked us to make some more which they displayed in their windows. We also created displays in school as well marking the 2 minute silence in an outdoor worship session. Luckily the weather was kind to us! It is really important to us at Orsett that the children understand the deeper meaning of remembrance. It is a real opportunity for the children to display our value of respect which they did very well.

We have also fundraised for Children in Need in November too. We raised a staggering £400 by wearing spotty clothes, having a bake sale and colouring competition. The children really enjoyed it.

Now we are busy preparing for Christmas and the many events and performances this brings! It's hard to believe that Christmas is so nearly upon us! Everyone at Orsett wishes you a merry Christmas and a prosperous New Year!

Until next time,

Mrs G Smith – Head Teacher

Bulphan WI

Members would have given Santa's elves some stiff competition with their productivity at our November meeting with nearly everyone having a go at the four craft activities available, including making the currently fashionable Gonks, several of which have been donated for our stall at the upcoming church bazaar on Saturday 4th December. One talented member made two beautiful winter floral arrangements which will also be available to buy along with jams, chutneys, willow crafts, crochet and knitted items, garden aprons, gingerbread and much more, we hope the table can take the strain.

The church lychgate once again looked stunning bedecked in poppies to mark Remembrance and Tommy proudly wore his new poppy for the first time. There were some lovely comments made by residents and our members are already making poppies to add to next year's display.

December sees us out out for a festive meal but we're back in the hall for 9th January 2022 with a talk from Essex Federations Lead Climate Ambassador about the small steps we can take to make a change. A locally based eco cleaning supplier will also be joining us to explain about why we should think about switching to more environmentally friendly products.

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

BULPHAN TODDLER GROUP

Fridays in Term Time

10.00am - 12.00pm

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£2.50 + £1 each additional child

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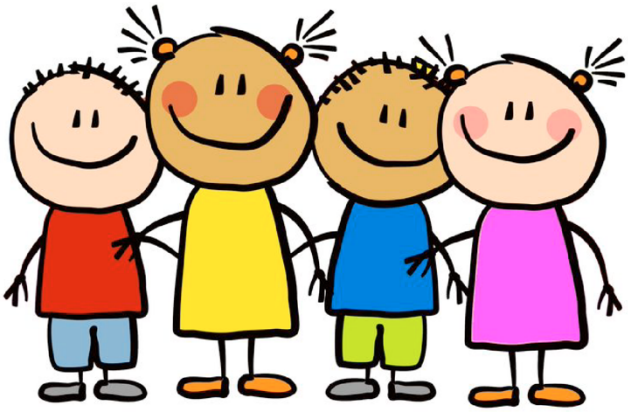

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and Local Area Co-ordinator Pauline
are frequent visitors

'Forget-Me-Not' Coffee morning

In Horndon Woolmarket from 10.00 am - 12.00 pm

We meet on the 2nd Tuesday of each month for anyone who would like a cuppa and a chat. Everyone is welcomed!

Bring & Buy and Raffle

*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*

REMEMBRANCE SUNDAY AT BULPHAN

The Big Give Christmas Challenge 2021

Mothers' Union is taking part in the Big Give this Christmas, which means a chance for you to help women who have experienced gender-based violence. **All donations made between midday on 30th November and 7th December will be doubled**. If you can, please give online at www.mothersunion.org/christmas-2021

Chelmsford Diocese Mothers' Union

On 15 November, at our Chelmsford Diocese Mothers' Union Council meeting and service, we took the opportunity to give thanks for the work of our outgoing Diocesan President, Judith Meaden, and our Trustees, and welcoming our incoming Diocesan President, Maxine Paul. She will be commissioned on 19 January 2022.

16 Days of Activism

On Saturday 27 November, members marked the Global Day as 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. We wore purple scarves and gathered together for a three-minute silence at 1.03pm (linking to the 1 in 3 theme). The 16 Days of Activism continues until 10 December, Human Rights Day.

A Local Fundraising Success Story

The Wickford and Runwell MU branch raised a considerable amount of money by taking part in MU On The Move this summer, and have been publicised as a fundraising success story. They created a walking route that took in every members' address and was 14.5km long to mark 145 years of the Mothers' Union and raised money as they went.

Read more about it here:
https://www.mothersunion.org/news/successful-summer-mu-on-move

Make a Difference This Christmas

Have you looked at the Mothers' Union online shop? It's a great place to go for cards and gifts, as well as Diaries and Year Planners. Order must be made by 17 December for delivery before Christmas!

Did you know that 100% of profit from your purchases supports Mothers' Union's work with families and communities across the world, fighting to end poverty, injustice, and inequality.

Have a look today! https://mueshop.org/

Di Bubb, Mothers' Union contact

I had got to know Suzarne very well over the last 5 years, since we started offering refreshments in the church on a Tuesday and Saturday. Suzarne and Betty Tinworth (both now departed), were two of the first participants of the hospitality. Suzarne came with Dolly (her dog), and loved sharing stories with Betty about life in the village.

I also knew Suzarne from singing in the Royal Opera House Community Chorus of which we were both members. We would share how we were enjoying singing different arias and sometimes how difficult we were finding the notation. Suzarne also belonged to The Thurrock Chorus and many friends from both groups attended her memorial service. She was also a member of the church choir and Horndon Singers.

About two years ago Suzarne asked me to help her with her voice and I went to her house each Wednesday to help her with her voice production. She enjoyed singing all music from Oratorio to songs from the shows. I would take a song along to the house one week and the next she would have it learnt by heart. If only my other pupils would be so conscientious! She loved our time together and was so sad when we had to finish because of covid.

I know Felicity and Lynda were both helping her to write her memories to make into a book to sell to raise money for the church which she loved. We are hoping to print it as far as she has recalled. Perhaps we can call it 'The unfinished symphony of Suzarne'.

As we could not visit Suzarne in hospital I was privileged that I could talk to her on the phone many times from her bed before she had her stroke. This was an honour.

Suzarne, Rest in Peace.

Thankyou.

Love *Sonia XX*

Blue Christmas Service

A service to reflect a glimpse
of the light of Christ
'when Christmas hurts'

Tuesday 21st December at 7.30pm
at Orsett Church

Christmas Fayre and Coffee Morning

at The Woolmarket, High Road,
Horndon-on-the-hill
Saturday 11th December - 9.30am to 1pm
Saturday 18th December - 9.30am to 1pm

All proceeds from tea, coffee and cakes will be split between St. Luke's Hospice and St. Peter and St. Paul's Church.

There will also be a pop up florist shop with Christmas wreaths, gift ideas, plants, flowers and homemade jams and chutneys.

ALL OUR YESTERDAYS

Happenings from the Benefice as reported in December in the past

1847 Chelmsford Chronicle
Fri 10th

Stolen vegetables

George Butcher, of Horndon on the Hill, labourer, was convicted if stealing vegetables from the garden of Samuel Westwood, Esq. at Horndon on the Hill, on the morning of 14th November - John Cracknall, police constable, at Horndon, saw the prisoner go from his residence, about half-past four in the morning, towards Mr Westwood's garden, and, suspecting him, waited for his return, when he took from him twenty heads of greens, and one savoy cabbage. Early the same morning, he with Mr Westwood's gardener, found in the garden where the greens had been recently cut and the stems left, one savoy only having been cut. They compared the property taken from the prisoner with the stems in the garden, and it perfectly corresponded. In his defence Butcher said, he found the vegetables. Fined 1s and costs.

1849 Chelmsford Chronicle
Fri 14th

Theft of peas

James Lloyd of Great Burstead, timber hewer, was charged with stealing some peas and tail wheat on the 1st inst from an on hand farm at Horndon on the Hill, occupied by Mr Lawson Holmes, and in which farm house the accused had lodged whilst working in that neighbourhood for a short period; he was committed for trial at the next quarter session, but afterwards bailed in £50 and two sureties of £25 each.

1869 Chelmsford Chronicle
Fri 24th

Geese theft Harrow Inn

On the night of the 18th inst, three geese, vales 30s, the property of Hezakiah Hollowbread, were stolen from The Harrow public house, Bulphan

1876 Stratford Times & S Essex Gazette
Weds 27th

Christmas shop fronts

At Horndon on the Hill Messr. Tyrell's grocers shop looked very neat, while almost opposite, the butcher's meat, as exhibited by Mr Wright, assumed an unusually good appearance, care and taste in both instances being used with the best effect.

1904 Essex Newsman
Sat 10th

17 years post
SEVENTEEN YEARS IN THE POST

Mr A.W. Squier, of Horndon on the Hill, has just received through the post a letter which was addressed to the late Mr S.W. Squier, J.P., as far back as 1887, notifying him of the cases down for hearing at Grays Petty Session on August 19 of that year. The communication which was sent from Brentwood bears three post marks - Grays, August, 1887; Romford, August 18, 1887; and Grays, Dec. 1, 1904.

1904 Essex Newsman
Sat 31st

Poaching

Denman Turim a labourer of Horndon on the Hill was summoned under the Poaching Prevention Poaching Act and fined 20s. *(£1)* and 4s. costs.

1905 Barking, E Ham & Ilford Advertiser
Sat 16th

Peculiar's death
HORNDON PECULIAR'S SUDDEN DEATH

A painful scene occurred in the Peculiars# Chapel, Stanford le Hope, at the afternoon service on Sunday. Mrs Sarah Ellen Goodman, the wife of William Goodman, of Horndon on the Hill, a member of the congregation, who had been joining heartily in the singing and prayers, suddenly fell forward. It was at once seen she was seriously ill, and she was taken home in a trap in an unconscious state. Despite all that had been done for by Dr Faulkner, she died the next morning from heart failure. She had been subject to heart disease for several years.

The Peculiar's were a nonconformist religious sect formed in the 1830s in Rochford and almost wholly found in Essex

1918 Essex Newsman
Sat 21st

Essex Yeomanry flag
ESSEX YEOMANRY'S FLAG

The standard of the Essex Yeomanry, which during the war was reposed in Grays Church with other relics of the regiment has now been claimed by the corps and sent to be carried at their head during the occupation of Germany. There still remain in the church the four flags which denoted their headquarters, during the four years' campaign in France, also their mud stained, shot torn signal flag, which was the first British flag to fly in the village of Monchy on its capture on April 11, 1917. Beneath it hangs the trumpet carried by Trumpeter Stowell, of Bulphan, when he was killed on the Yeomanry's historic fight for the village.

1937 Chelmsford Chronicle
Fri 24th

Tree planting

ORSETT

CORONATION TREES - There was an interesting ceremony on Saturday, when a number of Coronation commemoration trees were planted on the village green. Col F.H.D.C. Whitmore, C.B, C.M.G., Lord Lieutenant of Essex, of Orsett Hall, Mrs Whitmore, the Rector, the Rev. H. Dewhurst, and others watched Miss Anniken Whitmore plant the first tree. Others were planted by children from the Scouts, Guides, and the schools. Col. Whitmore hopes to restore and place on the green the old village enclosure in which malefactors used to undergo public pen-

ance. It was last used in 1846. The village pound is already on the green.

1938 Chelmsford Chronicle
Fri 16th

Rector priest for 50 years

PRIEST FOR FIFTY YEARS

INTERESTING PRESENTATION AT BULPHAN

Villagers of Bulphan gathered at the Institute on Monday to pay tribute to their Rector, the Rev T.A. Teitelbaum, who has been priest for 50 years. To celebrate the jubilee and also the fact that he has been at Bulphan for nearly 40 years, the villagers of all denominations, and representing every section of village life, combined to present him with a cheque and an album with the names of the subscribers.

Mr J.C. Cole presided, and introduced the Ven P.M. Bayne, who, making the presentation, paid tribute to the work of the Rector and of Mrs Teitelbaum.

Mr Teitelbaum, who received an ovation, referred to his early years in Canada, and told how, on a visit home to raise funds, he came to Bulphan. He married the daughter of the late incumbent, Mr Littlehales, and when Mr Littlehales was taken ill, came to Bulphan to assist. Against his will, he was persuaded to stay, and now, he confessed, he had grown to love the village and its people, who were "absolutely wonderful".

Mrs Teitelbaum was presented with a bouquet by Kathleen Hampton. Capt. J.M. Pinkerton thanked Ven P.M. Bayne. Thanks were also expressed to Mrs Pinkerton, who did much of the organising.

Mr Teitelbaum was ordained at Qu'Appelle (Canada) and was engaged in mission work. Later he studied medicine, and came to Bulphan in 1901, being appointed Rector in 1903.

1940 Cornish Guardian
Thurs 12th

Kitchener engagement

The engagement is announced between Miss Phyllis Kitchener, youngest daughter of the late Mr G. E. Kitchener and Mrs Kitchener, of The Old Vicarage, Horndon on the Hill, Essex, who is a Mobile V.A.D. serving in the Army, and William James Diggle, eldest son of Mr R. W. Diggle, Wadebridge, Cornwall.

1940 Chelmsford Chronicle
Fri 20th

Hospital bomb shelter

BOMB PROTECTION FOR HOSPITALS

THOUSANDS TO BE SPENT

Essex Public Assistance Committee met at Chelmsford on Wednesday, Ald A. Brooks, O.B.E. (chairman) presiding.

PROTECTION FOR INSTITUTIONS

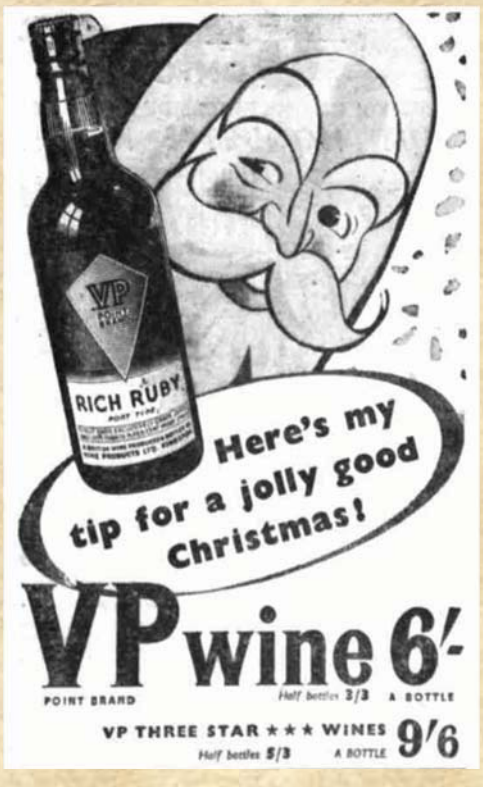
It was agreed that tenders be invited for protective work as follows :- *among those listed* Lodge Hospital, Orsett, £950 for six shelters and one protected room.

1943 Chelmsford Chronicle
Fri 10th

No radio licence

NO RADIO LICENCE - The following were fined for having no wireless licences: Mrs Emma Boyer, Gordon Road, Horndon on the Hill, £2 and Mrs Gladys Lindsell, Gordon Road, Horndon on the Hill, 15s

CHRISTMAS ADS
from Dec 1950



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CHRISTMAS SERVICES

Wednesday 8th December

6pm Glowstick/Christingle Service at Bulphan Church *

Sunday 12th December

4pm and 7pm Glowstick/Christingle Service at Horndon Church*

5pm Glowstick Outdoor Service at Orsett Church*

Sunday 19th December

4pm Drive in Carol Service at Benton's Farm, Horndon

This is a ticketed event (free) see poster how to order tickets

Tuesday 21st December

7.30pm Longest Night/Blue Christmas Service at Orsett Church

Friday 24th December

7pm Family Christmas Service at Orsett Church

8.30pm Holy Communion Service at Horndon Church

10pm Holy Communion Service at Bulphan Church

Saturday 25th December

10am Holy Communion Service at Orsett Church

Sunday 26th December

10am Holy Communion Service at Bulphan Church

* Whether the Bulphan or Horndon Glowstick/Christingle services are held indoors or outdoors will depend on rates of Covid at the time. There will be collection for the Children's Society at each Glowstick or Christingle service