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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

February 2022



THE UNITED BENEFICE OF ORSETT, BULPHAN AND HORNDON - ON - THE - HILL

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SERVICES – February 2022

	HORNDON	ORSETT	BULPHAN
Tuesday 1 st	Open Church 10am-noon with refreshments		
Thursday 3 rd			Open Church 10am-noon
Friday 4 th		Oasis Café 9am to 11.30am Edward Bear Toddler Group 9.30-11am at the Churches Centre	
Saturday 5 th	Open Church 10am-noon With refreshments	4pm Forest Church	
Sunday 6th February <i>4th Sunday before Lent</i>	10am All Together Holy Communion Service		
Monday 7 th			Open Church 10am-noon with refreshments
Tuesday 8 th	Open Church 10am-noon with refreshments		7.30pm Holy Communion Service
Thursday 10 th			Open Church 10am-noon
Friday 11 th		Oasis Café 9am to 11.30am Edward Bear Toddler Group 9.30-11am at the Churches Centre	
Saturday 12 th	Open Church 10am-noon with refreshments		
Sunday 13th February <i>3rd Sunday before Lent</i>		8.45am Holy Communion Service 10am Family Service	
Monday 14 th			Open Church 10am-noon with refreshments
Tuesday 15 th	Open Church 10am-noon with refreshments		
Thursday 17 th			Open Church 10am-noon
Friday 18 th		School holiday (no Oasis or Edward Bear Toddler Group)	
Saturday 19 th	Open Church 10am-noon with refreshments		
Sunday 20th February <i>2nd Sunday before Lent</i>	8.45am BCP Holy Communion Service 10am All Age Holy Communion Service 4pm Contemporary Service		
Monday 21 st			Open Church 10am-noon with refreshments
Tuesday 22 nd	9.15am Holy Communion Service		
	Open Church 10am-noon with refreshments		
Thursday 24 th			Open Church 10am-noon
Friday 25 th		Oasis Café 9am to 11.30am Edward Bear Toddler Group 9.30-11am at the Churches Centre	
Saturday 26 th	Open Church 10am-noon with refreshments		
Sunday 27th February <i>Sunday before Lent</i>			8.45am CW Holy Communion Service 10am Family Service
Mon 28 th			Open Church 10am-noon with refreshments
Tuesday 1st March	Open Church 10am-noon with refreshments		
Thurs 3 rd			Open Church 10am-noon
Friday 4 th		Oasis Café 9am to 11.30am Edward Bear Toddler Group 9.30-11am at the Churches Centre	
Saturday 5 th March	Open Church 10am-noon with refreshments		4pm Forest Church
Sunday 6th March <i>1st Sunday of Lent</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 21st February this year, Fairtrade Fortnight begins, when people come together to share stories of the people who grow our food and drinks, mine our gold and who grow the cotton for our clothes. Often these workers are exploited and underpaid. During this fortnight we are encouraged to consider the impact our spending has on other people.

As a church we have committed to using Fairtrade tea, coffee and sugar and we try to use Fairtrade biscuits when we can source them. At the moment we only seem to be able to get Fairtrade biscuits from Traidcraft but, perhaps, if we all write to our local supermarkets to request that they stock more of these biscuits, we might be able to be agents for positive change. It certainly worked with bananas several years ago.

In 2019, Fairtrade launched a campaign to enable a sustainable future for cocoa farmers by providing them with a living income and, therefore, an ability to cover all their cocoa farming costs and their basic human rights, such as a nutritious diet, children's education and healthcare.

The Fairtrade Foundation says:

The COVID-19 pandemic has shown us more than ever how interconnected we are globally. This interconnection is at the very heart of the Fairtrade message and is where your role begins. You are part of the Fairtrade movement, and you have the power to drive long-term change, not only with your shopping choices but with your support in spreading the message.

Fairtrade not only ensures a fair wage for the producers but it also has a positive effect on climate change. Speaking about their work in this respect, the Fairtrade Foundation, says:

Fairtrade is about social, economic and environmental justice. These are built into our standards and drive everything we do. A root cause of the inability to adapt to and mitigate climate change is poverty. More money in the hands of farmers is needed if they are to adapt and survive the climate crisis. Choosing Fairtrade fights for improvements in producers' livelihoods with collective strength through co-ops and their bargaining power, the protection of a Minimum Price and Fairtrade Premiums.

During Fairtrade Fortnight, this year, we have the opportunity to engage with the online Festival, 'Choose the World you Want' which you can find by going to [Fairtrade Fortnight - Fairtrade Foundation](https://www.fairtrade.org.uk/fairtrade-fortnight) It encourages us not only to share the Fairtrade message but to keep up the pressure on those who will be attending the COP27 in Cairo next year.

Last year's festival saw campaigners, shoppers, students and businesses come together in a show of support for the farmers behind our food on the front line of the climate crisis. From online panels to bake-offs and coffee mornings over 50 virtual events took place as part of our virtual festival, with supporters sharing the power of Fairtrade and what needs to happen next to ensure farmers and workers are put front and centre of conversations on how to tackle the climate crisis.

I would love to hear of anything you decide to do for Fairtrade Fortnight. Please do send in any reports or photos for the website or magazine.

I look forward to seeing you soon.

Take care and God bless,

Sue





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

Dear All,

The bulbs are beginning to show their heads in the garden. Spring is only just around the corner!

There are two small areas in the church grounds that need adopting. If you have an hour to spare occasionally, please phone Sonia. Thank you in advance.

A charity has donated two planter bike stands for the church grounds. These have been kindly adopted by Angela Collier who is planting them. Thank you, Angela.

Our new heating system installed in the Church in November is keeping us all toasty and warm during this cold weather. We are now able to use the building more for social interaction as well as our services.

Our services continue around the three churches. The times and venues for services are always displayed on the church gates. Don't forget if you would like a lift to any services do not hesitate to phone a Churchwarden.

God Bless

Sonia Ward

A MEMORIAL SERVICE WITH THANKS FOR THE LIFE OF
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WILL BE HELD ON SATURDAY 12TH FEBRUARY
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BULPHAN SHORT MAT BOWLS

Meetings are in Bulphan Village Hall every

Tuesday from 1.45 - 4.15pm and

Fridays from 7.00 - 9.00pm

New members are welcome and no experience is necessary
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For further information telephone Lesley on 07766 505 755



HORNDON-ON-THE-HILL METHODIST CHURCH

4, High Road. Horndon-on-the-Hill

Sunday: 10.30 am Worship.

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





THE PARISH REGISTERS

Baptisms

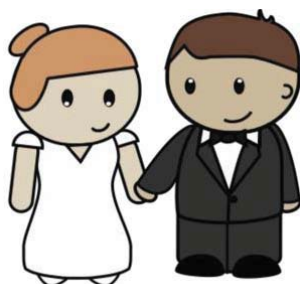
January 9th	Emmeline & Charlotte Bernard	(O)
January 23rd	Sid Robert & Jack David Rowley	(B)

Funerals

December 14th	Margaret St.Pier (96)	(H)
January 14th	David Pasterfield (82)	(H)
January 18th	Cicely Mustoe (95)	(B)

Interment of ashes

December 10th	Thomas Charles Bartley (92)	(O)
December 11th	Charles Frederick Hughes (90)	(H)
December 22nd	Ronald Leslie Smith (89)	(B)



Wedding Enquiries

If you would like to enquire about booking a wedding at:
Horndon, Orsett or Bulphan churches,
please contact: Revd Sue Mann: 01375 891254
rectorsue@hobnob.org.uk



Baptism Enquiries

If you would like to enquire about booking a baptism at:

Horndon church, please contact:
Christine Mortimer: 01375 641485
c.mortimer@hobnob.org.uk

Orsett church, please contact:
Christine Mortimer: 01375 641485
c.mortimer@hobnob.org.uk

Bulphan church, please contact:
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Baptism Preparation

If you would like to have your child baptised in one of the churches in the parish. Preparation evenings are held in Orsett church on the second Monday of each month at 7.30pm.
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Bulphan Churchwarden's Report

Firstly I need to address an omission from last month's report in which I neglected to thank Thurrock Garden Centre for their gift of a Christmas tree. My sincere apologies for this oversight. It was a lovely tree, which for the second Christmas was set-up in the churchyard. Also my thanks to Graham and Rod for helping to erect the tree. The Garden Centre has gifted a tree each Christmas since Hugh Crossley was Rector some forty years ago. The recent practice of displaying the tree in the churchyard arose from Covid regulations and the consequent restrictions imposed within the church. The solar powered tree lights are not a great success, so if we do this in future we need to find a means of bringing a mains power supply to the location.

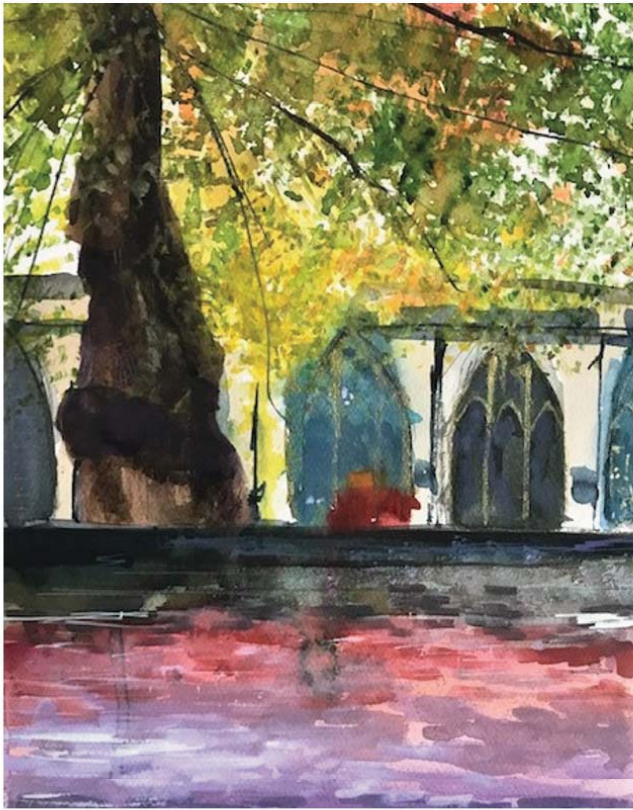
January saw the commencement of the pastoral unification of our three individual parishes into a single parish, to be known as: The Parish of Horndon, Orsett and Bulphan. At the time of writing the formation of a single Church Council on the 30th January is still to happen. Some may find full integration a slow and painful process, but there will be many advantages in functioning as a whole rather than as a disparate group. From the outside, looking in, there will be no perceptible difference, however with one Parochial Church Council (PCC), the administrative nightmare of three separate parishes will disappear and with it some of Reverend Sue's workload. I don't suppose that anyone expects this to be a seamless transition and adjustments may well be required. Meanwhile, we shall see the outcome of the special meeting on the 30th and hope to see a report in our March copy.

During the month of January we said goodbye to our dear friend Cicely Mustoe who passed away shortly after her 95th birthday. Cicely had been a faithful member of our congregation for many years and a past member of our PCC. She was both lovely and lovable and although she had not been physically able to attend church for quite a few years she was seldom far from our thoughts. Cicely moved into a care home just before the pandemic struck, which meant that sadly Reverend Sue was no longer able to take communion to her. Covid changed all our lives and the way we live them; it has been especially hard for people in care homes who have been unable to have visitors and have been deprived of acts of worship that were hitherto central to their spiritual and emotional wellbeing. Let us hope that we are soon able to say that the pandemic is well and truly behind us.

A shorter report than normal because as invariably, January has on the whole been a quiet month.

Ron Porter

Wellhouse Gallery



1st - 28th February at Well House Gallery is an exhibition theme.... 'LOVE'by Lisa Anderson using charcoal, pencil watercolour and mixed media.

There will be a large woven heart by Selena Chandler , carved wooden roses by Grace Silverwood and small ceramic hearts by Jean Burton and cards by Lee Warren & Sue Blamey

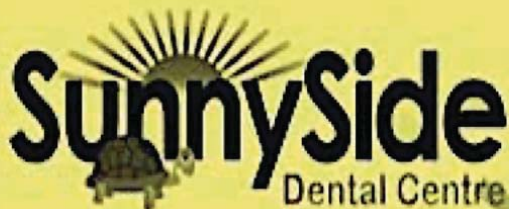
For further details:
www.wellhousegallery.co.uk

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www.zhm100.wix.com/zionhallmission

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 February are as follows:

February 6 th	6:30 pm	Pholani Ncube
February 13 th	6:30 pm	Rev Max Blake
February 20 th	6:30 pm	Peter Crosby
February 23 rd	6:30 pm	Rev Yemi Jaiyesimi

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

Please donate your old or foreign coins and banknotes to raise funds for our churches

We are collecting

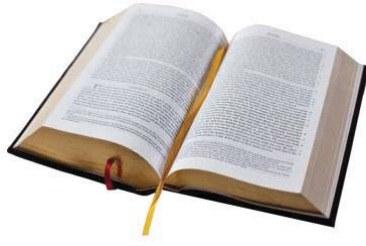
- *All foreign coins & banknotes*
- *Current UK coins and banknotes*
- *Any old British & Irish money*
- *Even obsolete currency!*

Thank you to everyone who has already donated coins or notes.

Since August 2021 we have raised £762 for church funds.

Donations can be taken into the churches or you can email Lynda at l.robertson@hobnob.org.uk and she can arrange collection





PRAYER DIARY

Some thoughts to include in your daily prayers

February 1st	For the unification of the Parish of Horndon Orsett and Bulphan
February 2nd	For St Luke's Hospice & all carers
February 3rd	For humanitarian organisations here and abroad
February 4th	For those living in Baker Street in Orsett
February 5th	For those who mourn
February 6th	For those living in The Spinney in Orsett
February 7th	For those living in South Hill Crescent in Horndon
February 8th	For those living in Stanford Road in Orsett
February 9th	For those living in Church Lane in Bulphan
February 10th	For those living in Mill Lane in Horndon
February 11th	For our PCC
February 12th	For members of our congregations who live in Grays
February 13th	For those living in Prince Charles Avenue in Orsett
February 14th	For our Orthodox brothers and sisters on the Feast of SS Cyril & Methodius
February 15th	For those living in Albert Road in Bulphan
February 16th	For physicians and all health care professionals in these difficult times
February 17th	For those living in Doesgate Lane in Bulphan
February 18th	For those living in Gordon Road in Horndon
February 19th	For those living in the High Road in Horndon
February 20th	For those living in Farm Road in Orsett Heath
February 21st	For those living in Penn Close in Orsett
February 22nd	For those living in Orsett Road in Horndon
February 23rd	For those living in Church Road in Bulphan
February 24th	For those living in The Green in Orsett
February 25th	For those living in Victoria Road in Horndon
February 26th	For our twin dioceses in Romania, Sweden, Kenya and Trinidad & Tobago
February 27th	For the work of Chelmsford Cathedral
February 28th	For Reverend Sue and her family, Reverend Max and his family and Reverend Moji and her family

*"To see a world in a grain of sand
And a heaven in a wild flower
Hold infinity in the palm of your hand
and Eternity in an hour"*

William Blake

February

February might be the shortest month but it is packed with traditions and festivals.

Candlemas Day

February 2nd is known as Candlemas Day (*the Christian festival of lights*).

How did 2nd February come to be called Candlemas?

It was the day of the year when all the candles, that were used in the church during the coming year, were brought into church and a blessing was said over them - so it was the Festival Day (or 'mass') of the Candles. Candles were important not only because there was no electric lights, also some thought candles gave protection against plague and illness and famine. For Christians, candles were (and still are) a reminder of something even more important.

End Of Christmas

In the past many people said that the Christmas season lasted for forty days from Christmas Day - until the second day of February.

Winter Peak

February 2nd is the Winter Peak also called 'Imbolic'. This ancient festival marks the midpoint of winter in the northern hemisphere, halfway between the Winter solstice (shortest day) and the Spring equinox.

St Valentine's Day

Valentine's Day, or St Valentine's Day or the Feast of St Valentine, is celebrated annually on February 14th. It began as a Christian feast day for one or two early Christian martyrs named St Valentine.

The celebration of romance and love now found in many places around the world happened later through folk traditions. It's popularity and commercialisation, increased with the invention of the Penny Post in Britain when expressions of love in the form of romantic verse, sometimes saucy, could be sent anonymously, although over years the anonymity angle has been lost. In the UK, Valentine's Day is worth over a billion pounds.

Leap Day

Once every 4 years February has 29 days. Which brings its own traditions and superstitions.

In Scotland it was considered unlucky to be born on a Leap Day.

Centuries ago in traditional English law, February 29th was not recognised and 'leapt over'; hence Leap Year. Without a legal bar on women proposing (at the time only men were allowed), it may have begun the tradition that women could propose marriage.



COMMUNITY INFORMATION FOR HORNDON - ORSETT - BULPHAN

POLICE at Grays

email: thurrockcpt@essex.pnn.police.uk

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DOCTORS

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Orsett & Bulphan
Bulphan

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(Ockendon Surgery)
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Stephen Metcalfe

Member of Parliament for South Basildon & East Thurrock

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Working for Basildon & Thurrock

Update from Orsett C of E Primary School



Happy New Year!

It's certainly been a great start for us here at Orsett. In December Orsett had a 2-day Ofsted Inspection and I'm delighted to announce our **GOOD** judgement. I'm so proud of the staff and pupils who really showed what a fantastic school we have here at Orsett. We will be celebrating in different ways over this half term but we started by making these giant letters! We think it clearly shows where are school is!



The report highlighted many of the good things we do but some of our favourites were:

'Pupils praise the safe and happy community they are a part of.'

'Pupils enthuse about how they enjoy attending the school. They speak with pride about what they learn.'

'Behaviour in lesson is purposeful. Pupils are highly motivated to learn. Leaders are ambitious for all pupils to receive a high-quality education'

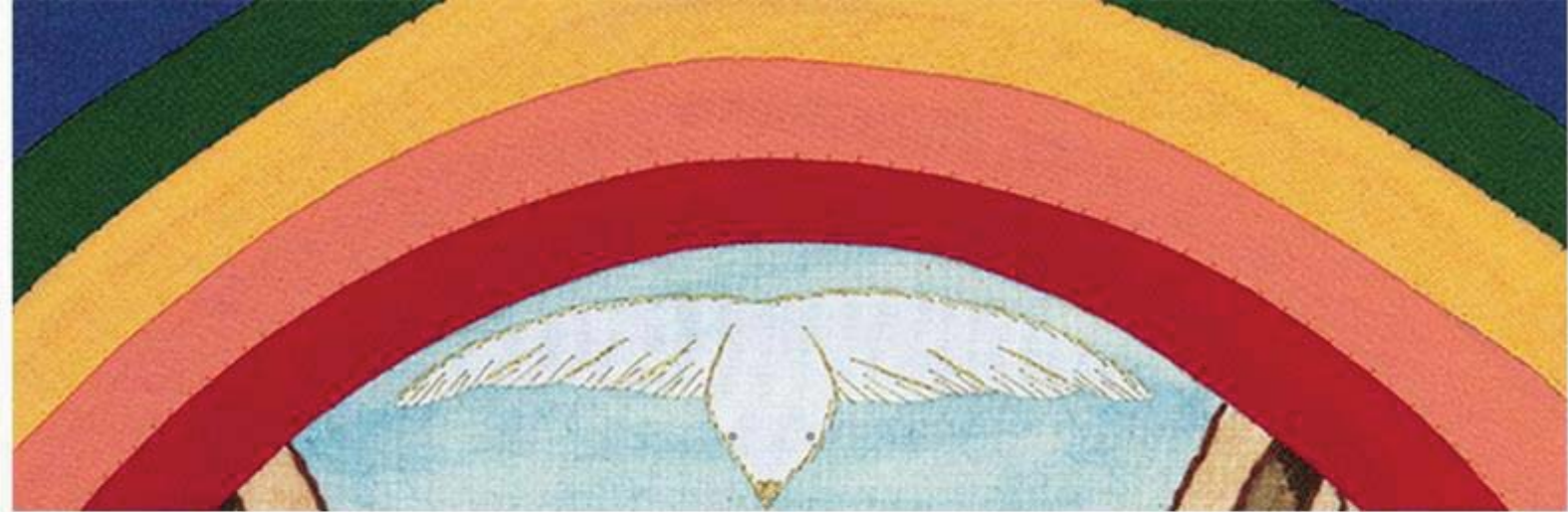
Pupils build up their phonics knowledge from the moment they start school. Pupils learn not just to understand what they read, but also to love books. Older pupils talk with delight about the wide range of books they read.

Our full report is available on our website and we've also been featured in some local Press too. You can find a link to this on the Vine Schools Trust Facebook page or website. Later this term we are planning some memorable days for the children to celebrate too. I'm sure we'll feature these next month!

Until next time,

Mrs G Smith – Head Teacher





WORLD DAY OF PRAYER 2022



FRIDAY 4th MARCH

A SERVICE FOR EVERYONE

at St Mary's Church, Bulphan

at 11 a.m.

All welcome

Followed by refreshments





Bulphan WI

Bulphan WI were back in the village hall for their January meeting which they started with a minute's silence in honour of former member Marian Hatt who had passed away at the end of last year.

Essex Federation's Lead Climate Ambassador updated members about the climate crisis and gave lots of ideas on how to make small changes that add up to a bigger change. We were also joined by a local resident and former member who explained the benefits of switching to eco friendly cleaning products and refilling plastic

bottles rather than throwing them away after one use.

We are looking forward to hearing Steve Lester's talk about the Titanic at our February meeting, some members may even get to play character parts during the talk. In March our members will be taking over the meeting, the Committee are excited to see what they have planned.

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



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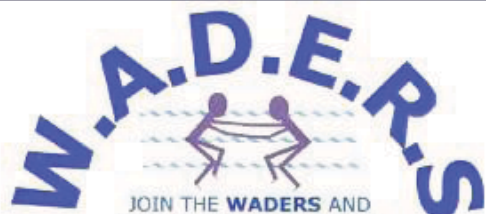
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A study of the Gospel of St Mark

O Lord, you have given us your word
for a light to shine upon our path.
Grant us so to meditate on that word,
and to follow its teaching,
that we may find in it the light
that shines more and more until the perfect day;
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen.

The beginning of the good news[a] of Jesus Christ, the Son of God.

2 As it is written in the prophet Isaiah,

'See, I am sending my messenger ahead of you,
who will prepare your way;

3 the voice of one crying out in the wilderness:

"Prepare the way of the Lord, make his paths straight",

4 John the baptizer appeared in the wilderness, proclaiming a baptism of repentance
for the forgiveness of sins.

5 And people from the whole Judean countryside and all the people of Jerusalem were going out to him, and were baptized by him in the
river Jordan, confessing their sins.

6 Now John was clothed with camel's hair, with a leather belt around his waist, and he ate locusts and wild honey.

7 He proclaimed, 'The one who is more powerful than I is coming after me; I am not worthy to stoop down and untie the thong of his sandals.

8 I have baptized you with water; but he will baptize you with the Holy Spirit.'

The Baptism of Jesus

9 In those days Jesus came from Nazareth of Galilee and was baptized by John in the Jordan.

10 And just as he was coming up out of the water, he saw the heavens torn apart and the Spirit descending like a dove on him.

11 And a voice came from heaven, 'You are my Son, the Beloved; with you I am well pleased.'

This is the beginning of the Good News. The story of the good news!!

(Arche tau euangeliou Iesou Christou. Huiou Theo) The beginning of the Good news of Jesus Christ, the Son of God.

John the baptiser, last of the O.T. prophets, proclaims the imminence of the Messianic arrival. The fulfilment of the torah (the 5 Books of Moses, the Jewish Law). He quotes Isaiah: "prepare the way of the Lord, make His paths straight".

Mark places the Good news, Gospel of Jesus in the context of the whole story from Genesis through Abram, David, the Exile, the prophets.
To the incarnation.

St John says there is One more powerful, on His way. St John says this One is so so much more than St John himself.
He will be giving us the Holy Spirit of God.

Then Jesus arrives for His own Baptism! Something astounding happens. After the baptism an apocalyptic event! The Heavens torn apart.
The Holy Spirit of God descends, like a Dove. God speaks. "You are my Son, The Beloved; in You I am well pleased"

Wow! This is the first revealing when God the Father speaks! (Apocalyptic means revealing what is hidden beyond our world,
not the end of the world).

Right at the beginning of this Gospel, the Good News is broadcast, by The Father Himself.
Amen.

Let us finish with prayer.

Gelasian Sacramentary (8th century)
O Holy Spirit, giver of light and life,
impart to us thoughts better than our own thoughts,
and prayers better than our own prayers,
and powers better than our own powers,
that we may spend and be spent
in the ways of love and goodness,
after the perfect image of our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ.

Amen.

ALL OUR YESTERDAYS

Happenings from the Parish as reported in February in the past

1826 Sun (London)

Thurs 9th

Horndon coach service

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1836 Patriot

Weds 10th

Not confirmed

CANONICAL OBEDIENCE - On Sunday, the 17th ult, the clergyman at Horndon declined to perform baptism upon three babes, because the sponsors had not been confirmed - Colchester Gazette

1845 Chelmsford Chronicle

Fri 21st

Editors box letter

The letter from an anonymous correspondent at Horndon, detailing some riotous proceedings in that village, contains charges of too personal a character to justify us in noticing them upon so questionable authority.

1860 Chelmsford Chronicle

Fri 3rd

Penny bank

On Thursday, the 26th ult, a meeting of the managers of the Penny Bank was held at the rectory, in this parish, to audit the accounts for the half-year ending 31st of December. Since the commencement of this valuable institution in June last one hundred and sixty six persons have availed them of its benefits; out of which 138 remain - three having deposited over 20s, eight over 10s, twenty-six over 5s, eighty over 1s and twenty-one over 1d. The receipts are £43 5s 5d, and 3s interest from Romford Savings Bank. On the other side £12 16s 6d, has been withdrawn, leaving a balance in favour of the depositors of £30 11s 11d - proof of the advantages of these banks, for without its aid the greater portion of its sum would have been frittered away. We also learn that within the last twelve months upwards of £400 has been invested in

the Savings Bank. These facts taken together show that the value of these institutions is not lost sight of in this district.

1876 Stratford Times &

South Essex Gazette

Weds 2nd

Ploughman wanted

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1877 Essex Times

Sat 17th

Magic Lantern

MAGIC LANTERN EVENING - On Saturday evening, the 10th inst, the Rev Pilkington, who is the officiating minister during the absence of the Vicar through illness, entertained with a magic lantern exhibition in the schoolroom, which was well filled. The pictures were illustrative of Scripture history, numerous cities and objects of interest in the East, together with a suitable introduction of Scottish mountain scenery and remarkable localities in England and Wales. The subjects of the slides were explained in a simple and most appropriate manner, and the evening very happily and profitably spent.

1877 Essex Times

Sat 17th

Choir Dinner

ORSETT

Choir Dinner - On Friday evening last the annual dinner kindly given by the Rev James Blomfield, the Rector, to the choir and ringers of the Church, took place at The George Inn, when the Reverend T James the curate, took the chair, the vice-chair being filled by Mr W. Woolings, one of the Churchwardens. Mr Talmarsh the other warden was also present. A most excellent spread was provided, to which the 21 gentlemen sat down. The Chairman, who it may be remarked is highly esteemed by all, rich and poor, in the neighbourhood, on the cloth being removed, proposed "The Health of the Queen, the Prince and Princess of Wales and the rest of

the Royal Family", "The Volunteers" was next given, followed by "The Bishop and Clergy or the Diocese", connected with it being the health of their kind and esteemed Rector, by whom they had been called together that evening, not only to partake of the good things of this outer-man, but to drink to the health of the venerable Minister, wishing him at his advanced age all the comfort and all the health it might the blessing of the Divine will to grant him. The toast was drunk amidst vociferous cheering. "The Health of the Curate the Rev T James" was proposed by Mr R Howse, and responded to appropriately by the Rev gentleman. Mr Woolings' and Mr Talmarsh's health's were also drunk, to which they responded. The health's were also given of Mr C. Rowley (the choir master) and his efficient choir, not forgetting Miss Blomfield and the ladies who were absent, with Mr C Howard, the respected clerk for so many years who was always at his post. A word was said to be justly due to Mr John Arnold, the sexton; and it was that few Parish Churches could boast of the unanimity of feeling that existed amongst all, which must be very pleasing for the Rector. The songs sung were well chosen; foremost of which was "John Barleycorn", sung by Mr C. Rowley, the Choirmaster. Mr T Ridgwell sung "The Sexton", well; and Mr John Ridgwell "The Blind Boy". These two brothers are excellent vocalists. Mr D. Collis who has a first class tenor voice, sung, "The Death of Nelson", and was highly applauded. Mr Reed sang "Our Sailor" in a pleasing manner, whilst Mr Wm Finch did ample justice to one of the Christy ballads, "Take Me back a Child Again". Mr C. Howard sung one of his favourite songs, and altogether the evening passed most pleasantly.

1900 Barking, East Ham &

Ilford Advertiser

Sat 17th

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1902 Essex Times

Sat 19th

Pigeon shoot

BULPHAN

Pigeon shooting - The thirty-ninth annual pigeon shooting meeting, arranged by Mr George Hollowbread, of the Harrow Inn, took place on Tuesday. There was a good attendance of local sportsmen. The proceedings opened with a match between Mr W. Goodchild, of Romford, and Mr W. Bull of Billericay the former winning grassing his three birds in quick succession. A good number of competitors entered for the prize of a copper kettle, which fell to Mr W. R. Vasilla, of Hornchurch, who killed seven birds, taking also several sweepstakes. There was keen competition for a fat pig and ultimately Messrs Cole, Ellis and Gray divided over this event. A second copper kettle was won by Mr Pettit of Orsett. The company afterwards sat down to an enjoyable spread, provided by the Host, and the remainder of the evening was spent in harmony.

1908 Essex Newsmen

Sat 29th

Theft of bags

Charles Clow, a labourer, of no fixed abode, was charged with stealing three bags, value 6d, the property of Arthur Percy Mee on Feb 25 - Prosecutor, a farmer, of Wick House, Bulvan, said the prisoner asked him for permission to lie in a shed on Tuesday night. He gave the permission. Subsequently he missed three bags from the shed. P.C. Watson said he stopped the prisoner at East Horndon. He had the bags with him. He had taken them from a wagon. Prisoner, who pleaded guilty, said he had never stolen anything before. Mr Mee said prisoner had worked for him for four or five years during the summers. He had always proved honest. Prisoner was sentenced to one day's imprisonment.

1909 Chelmsford Chronicle

Fri 5th

Presentation Dr Corbet

PRESENTATION AT ORSETT

On Monday evening at the Institute, Orsett, Dr Rea Corbet and Mrs Corbet were presented with an illuminated address, a grandfather's clock, and a purse containing 50 guineas (c. £6500 today), as a mark of appreciation and esteem from friends and neighbours on Dr Corbet's retirement

and removal from the district after over 30 years' residence and practice. A representative committee, with Mrs Whitmore as secretary and treasurer, has the arrangement of the testimonial.

Mr B.H.L. Williams J.P. (chairman of the Orsett Rural District Council), presided and in opening the proceedings referred to his own long acquaintance with Dr Corbet, and said it gave him particular pleasure to add to his meed of praise and recognition of the services of Dr Corbet to the district.

Mrs Whitmore then made the presentation to Dr Rea Corbet.

The Illuminated address was handsomely done, and suitably inscribed. Brief addresses were given by the Rev. W.C. Bishop, the Rev. A. Royle, Mr A. Brooks, Major Whitmore, Mrs A. Brooks, Mr T. Ridgwell and others, referring in terms of praise and appreciation to the work done by Dr Corbett and Mrs Corbett in various ways.

Dr Corbet replied, expressing this thanks to all concerned.

1914 Essex Times

Sat 28th

Men's club visit

CHURCH MEN'S CLUB

On Monday the members of the Grays Parish church Men's Club visited Horndon on the Hill Men's Club and engaged them in games of billiards, bridge, whist, and cribbage. The visitors were welcomed by the Rev. S. W. Fischel, and were hospitably entertained by the home club. In the games Grays were successful at billiards and bridge and Horndon at whist and cribbage.

1924 Eastern Counties' Times

Fri 8th

Orsett vs Goodmayes 3rd

GOODMAYES 3rd TEAM

The 3rd team made a trip into the country on Saturday to play Orsett. The home team, although recruited from such a small village, proved to be too good for Goodmayes, whom that defeated by 6 goals to 2.

The game was fairly even in the first half, any superiority of the Orsett forwards being counterbalanced by the steadiness of the Goodmayes defence, and the interval arrived with the home side leading by the odd goal in three. On the resumption, Goodmayes pressed hard for some time, and their efforts were soon rewarded by an equalising goal. From this time onward, however, the greater fitness of the home team began to manifest it-

self, and during the last 20 minutes of the game they added four goals to their score without any reply being made by Goodmayes. *Obviously written from a Goodmayes perspective*

1930 Chelmsford Chronicle

Fri 21st

Application refused

Mrs Violetta Mary Bramley, of Glenfield, Brentwood Road, Bulvan, applied for an off-licence for premises at that addressed - Refused

1949 Chelmsford Chronicle

Fri 4th

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Chelmsford Diocese Mothers' Union



What a joyous occasion! On 19 January 2022, about one hundred Mothers' Union members gathered in Chelmsford Cathedral for the commissioning of our new incoming Diocesan President, Maxine Paul, and our new Diocesan Board of Trustees by Bishop Guli (see photo below, Bishop Guli with Maxine). It was wonderful to be part of the service, to sing, pray and celebrate communion together, and to catch up with Mothers' Union friends over refreshments after the service.

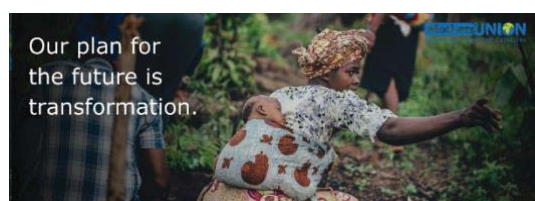
The sermon based on the Gospel reading (John 15: 9–17) was given by Revd Rod Reid, who continues as our Mothers' Union Chaplain. During his sermon he introduced us to three new useful words/phrases:

- Mubble Fubbles: *a state of depression or melancholy; despondency, low spirits, e.g. "She was in the mubble fubbles"*
- Gigil: *a word used to describe the overwhelming feeling that covers over us when we see something cute.*
- Sprezzatura: *defined in the Oxford English Dictionary as "studied carelessness", especially as a characteristic quality or style of art or literature.*

Do join in with the prayer that we said at the end of the commissioning: *O God, we ask that you will bless your servants with a sense of your presence, and knowledge of your constant love. Give wisdom and understanding, your guidance and the humility to accept it. Grant all members the grace to support and uphold all who work in your name; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.*



Our 2022 Theme: Transformation – now!



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- Transform the churches and communities we work with and of which we are a part, to reflect Christ's kingdom.
- Transform Mothers' Union to be relevant for 21st century life.

Find out more about Transformation Now on our website and find out how you can get involved:
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FAMOUS PERSON IN FEBRUARY

Dame Marie Rambert 1888 -1982

Marie Rambert was born in Warsaw in 1888. Although she showed exceptional aptitude for dance at school, it was not until 1904 when she first saw the work of Isadora Duncan, that she seriously considered becoming a professional dancer. Her parents, however, had other plans and in 1905 Marie Rambert was sent to Paris to study medicine. She was too young to begin medical studies immediately and so continued her dancing while she waited, eventually earning a modest income by giving dance recitals in fashionable Parisian salons. In 1910 she went to Jaques-Dalcroze's School of Eurhythmics in Geneva, and when Diaghilev needed someone to help Nijinsky teach his cast the complicated rhythms of Stravinsky's Rite of Spring, Dalcroze recommended Marie Rambert. She joined the Ballets Russes in 1912 to teach eurhythmics, assist Nijinsky and dance in those ballets for which she was suitable. She remained with the Company for a year.



At the outbreak of the First World War she moved to Britain and supported herself by teaching dance and eurhythmics in schools and private homes in London. She continued to study and prepared new productions which, when performed, met with considerable public and critical success. In 1918 she married the English playwright, Ashley Dukes, whose support and encouragement for her work proved invaluable throughout the 41 years of their marriage.

In 1920 she opened her own school of dancing in Kensington and six years later, in 1926, she and her students appeared in a short ballet by one of her pupils, Frederick Ashton, at the Lyric Theatre in Hammersmith. A Tragedy of Fashion is important not only because it was Ashton's first work, but because it marked the earliest beginnings of Ballet Rambert.

In 1928 Ashley Dukes bought a disused church hall in Notting Hill Gate and converted it to accommodate both his wife's school and later a small theatre, the Mercury Theatre. This provided a permanent home for the Company for the next three decades and during the 1930s was the home of the Ballet Club.

From then on the story of Marie Rambert is inextricably linked with that of her Company, renamed Ballet Rambert in 1935. Mim, as friends knew her, became one of the great pioneers of modern British ballet. She cajoled, bullied and inspired countless dancers, choreographers and designers for over sixty years. These include such eminent dancers as Pearl Argyle, Diana Gould, Maude Lloyd, Harold Turner, Sally Gilmour and Celia Franca. As a discoverer of choreographic talent, Marie Rambert could count Frederick Ashton, Antony Tudor, Andree Howard, Frank Staff, Walter Gore, Norman Morrice and Christopher Bruce amongst those who especially benefited from her enthusiasm and advice.

In 1966, with characteristic insight, she chose Norman Morrice as Associate Director, and under their leadership the Company transformed from a large classical company to a small ensemble of eighteen soloists, concentrating on the creation of contemporary works. Once again, Ballet Rambert gained its place in the forefront of British ballet. In 1926, Marie Rambert had formed Britain's first ballet company and forty years later was instrumental in the birth of Britain's first modern dance company. No other director, with the exception of Diaghilev, has had a greater effect on the creative forces in ballet, not only in Britain but all over the world. Her adopted country honoured her with a CBE in the Coronation Honours of the British Empire in 1954, and she was appointed a Dame in 1962.

Dame Marie retained an active interest in everything the Company did, attending rehearsals and performances and giving carefully heeded and highly respected advice, criticism and encouragement until her death, aged 94, in June 1982.



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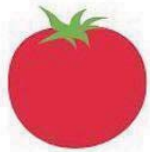


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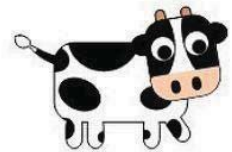
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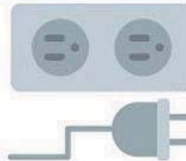
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Orsett WI

I haven't managed to get an entry in the Hobnob for the last four months so I thought I'd give you some updates in the form of bullet points for the months I've missed.

- October: this month we were planning a forthcoming party, meetings and lunches, enjoying being able to meet and talk to members attending safely.
- November: we continued to welcome a lot more new members. The crafty ladies in our group encouraged everyone to make poppies, which were knitted, crocheted, or made from plastic bottles painted and then they were used to cover our scarecrow type lady and place her on a bench near the memorial of remembrance in Orsett village. She remained in place until the 12th night. Orsett WI got a lovely letter of thanks from the Royal British Legion to express their gratitude and support.
- December: we had our 99th birthday party and Christmas party combined. We had a finger buffet with alcoholic drinks, tea and coffee. And lovely commemorative cakes. We had a demonstration from hand bell ringer's called 'absolutely chiming' and members were asked if they wanted to participate which was a lot of fun. We had guests from surrounding WI's and the feedback was that it was a very enjoyable evening.
- January was resolution month. We've also been looking at helping the environment and how we can raise awareness so we can have an impact on climate change. We have an allotment which has fruit trees, plants, flowers and veg and we intend to be planting more; we have several members who have shown an interest in this so far.



- February meeting will be on the 2nd of February 7:00 PM at the Village Hall RM16 3HB. If you are over 18, please come and join us, 'It's not what you think'. First meeting is free, you just have to bring £1 for tea/ coffee, look forward to meeting you. We have a speaker who will be speaking about Orsett Hospital.

For more information, please look at our website or find us on Facebook under Orsett women's institute. Email is orsettWi@gmail.com

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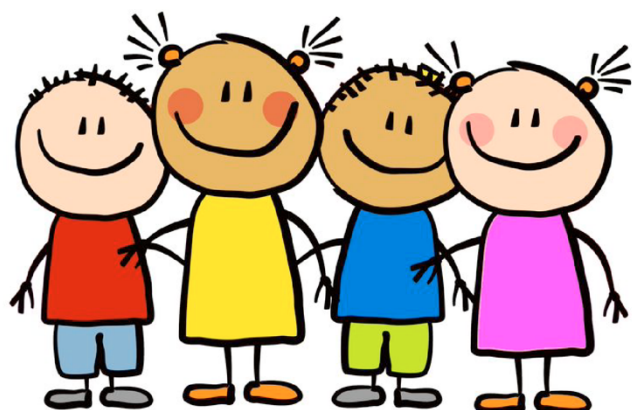
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