



Welcome to the Parish of Horndon, Orsett and Bulphan

Weekly notice sheet Sunday 27th March-4th Sunday of Lent

8.45am CW Holy Communion Service

10am Family Service

St Mary the Virgin Church, Bulphan

Mothering Sunday



At a Communion Service if you require gluten free wafers please let the minister know when you go forward to receive.

The 10am service may be recorded for our website. If you do not wish to be recorded please speak to a churchwarden.

If you attend a service because you wish to apply for a place for your child at a church school which requires a letter or Supplementary Information Form, please make sure, each time you attend, you sign the [red attendance book](#) which is available at the back of church.

If you attend a service to gain a Qualifying Connection in order to be married at any of the three churches, please make sure, each time you attend, you sign the [purple attendance book](#) which will be available at the back of church.

Today's Collect

God of love, passionate and strong, tender and careful: watch over us and hold us all the days of our life; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Post Communion

Loving God, as a mother feeds her children at the breast you feed us in this sacrament with the food and drink of eternal life: help us who have tasted your goodness to grow in grace within the household of faith; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Dear Everyone,

I hope you are enjoying the longer days and brighter weather. Don't forget that we move the clocks forward an hour this Saturday night!

We are continuing to hold our Lent Lunches at the Orsett Churches Centre on Fridays between 11am and 12.30pm. Sandra, Pat and team have been working hard to produce these lunches but the number of people supporting this has been disappointingly low, with only two people last week. Please do come along to one of the last two on 25th March and 1st April, if you are able. All proceeds are going to the Christian Aid Lent Appeal. Should you wish to donate to the appeal but are unable to attend the lunch, the details have been emailed out to everyone on the database and they can also be found on our Facebook page.

We would like to invite any child aged 7 and above who attends church regularly, and who would like to prepare for receiving communion at church to come to two preparation meetings on Tuesday 12th April 10am to noon and Thursday 14th April 2pm to 4pm. Both of these sessions will be held at The Rectory. The children will then receive their First Communion at our Parish Easter Day Service which, this year, will be held at Horndon Church at 10am on Easter Day. Please let me know if your child is interested.

This Sunday is Mothering Sunday when we remember both Mothers and those who have shown us care in any way and also the Mother Church where the Christian Family would, in the past, have gathered together to worship God. For some of us Mothering Sunday is a joyous occasion and for others it is tinged with sadness. But whoever we are, we are all welcomed into Christ's family

Loving Lord, we thank you for all who comprise our extended family;
those who become family through friendship.
Those with whom we have walked the valleys
and rejoiced on the mountain top.

Loving Lord, we pray for all who stand in the gap
when immediate family are absent;
who mother and father the needy child,
give care and support to the struggling parent,
companionship to the lonely and aged.

Loving Lord, as you welcome us into your family,
help us be ever ready to extend our family circle,
to welcome those in need of family love. Amen

As ever, please let me know of any prayer or pastoral needs.

God bless,
Sue



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Tuesday 12th April

at Orsett Church
7.30pm Taize Service with
prayers for healing

Maundy Thursday - 14th April

at Horndon Church
7.30pm Holy Communion Service
with Foot Washing

Good Friday - 15th April

at Bulphan Church
10am Stations of the Cross
3pm Walk of Witness followed by a
'bring and share' tea in the Parish Room

Easter Sunday - 17th April

at Horndon Church
10am Holy Communion Service with First
Communion

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Thurrock Foodbank

Your continued support for this charity is much appreciated. The Parish has organised 5 collection boxes as listed below:

Horndon-on-the-Hill	1, Lion Cottages, High Road
Orsett	The Rectory and Orsett Stores
Bulphan	24, Church Lane and Bulphan Local Store



Shortages this week are: long life milk, tinned meats - spaghetti bolognese, tinned curry, sausages & beans etc, tinned potatoes, tinned fish, tinned carrots, sponge puddings, tinned custard, rice pudding, fruit juice/squash and Easter eggs

Hobnob Magazine

- April edition—Please submit articles to Ron by March 21st email: r.porter@hobnob.org.uk
- The online version of the magazine can be found on our website news page www.hobnob.org.uk/magazine

Prayers for the week

Prayer Diary

- THE FOURTH SUNDAY OF LENT (MOTHERING SUNDAY) Pray for mothers everywhere, give thanks for their love and devotion, and pray, too, for the work of the Mothers' Union and the Women's Institute and all who work untiringly to maintain the values of the home and family life.
- Pray for: The Church of the Province of Myanmar [Burma]
- Pray for peace in Ukraine and Russia at this difficult time
- Please pray for Christian Aid's Lent Appeal this year; that people may consider their giving prayerfully.
- Prayers for the rest of the week can be found here-: <https://www.chelmsford.anglican.org/uploads-new/publications/WePray-March-May22.pdf>

Parish prayer diary

<i>Horndon</i>	Jane L, Freda K, Chris C, Nick T, Moira, Ivy
<i>Orsett</i>	Joan B, Di B, Ted S, Joan M, Sue L, Maureen D, Margaret C
<i>Bulphan</i>	Anita J, Richard R
<i>Other</i>	Brooke, Elizabeth, Dottie and her family

Prayers for the recently bereaved

<i>Horndon</i>	Family and friends of Eric May; Deirdre Graham; Lesley Gray
<i>Orsett</i>	Family and friends of Nina Barnett
<i>Bulphan</i>	Family and friends of Brenda Edgson;

Please let Revd Sue, Revd Max or Revd Moji know of people who are unwell or in need of pastoral support.



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Each year on the fourth Sunday of Lent, countries around the world celebrate Mothering Sunday. Churches celebrate by giving thanks to the women who have nurtured us throughout our lives. The church recognises that the day may be difficult for some people and so services may include prayers for those who don't find the day particularly easy. In some churches flowers are blessed and handed out during the main service.

Here are some of the traditions that have shaped Mothering Sunday into the celebration recognised today:

The Journey to the Mother Church

In the 16th century, people would make a journey to their 'mother' church once a year. This might have been their home church, their nearest cathedral or a major parish church in a bigger town. The service which took place at the 'mother' church symbolised the coming together of families.

A day off to visit Mother

Another tradition was to allow those working in the fields on wealthy farms and estates in England to have the day off on the fourth Sunday of Lent to visit their mothers and possibly go to church too. This was a variation on the theme of visiting the 'mother' church and was a move towards a more family focussed occasion.

Happy Mothering Sunday

Happy Mother's Day
to Sue
With love from Tom

With lots of love to
Vicky, Angela, Tara
and Louise on
Mothering Sunday.

We would like to say a huge thank you to our Mum/Grandma/
Great Grandma, Di Bubb, on this Mothering Sunday for
everything that she's done for each of us over the years.
Lots of love from all the Bubbs. xxxxxx

Remembering with much
love my dear lovely
gentle mum. Missing you
always mum, thank you
for all the memories.
R.I.P ...Diana xx

To my lovely mum Pat, at the
Whitcroft. We aren't able to
visit on Sunday but you will be
in our thoughts.
Lots of love Dave and family

To the best Mum and Nana we could ever
wish for, Iris Aedy. Thank you for everything
that you do for us and for being so thoughtful.
Always there for us when we need you.
Lots of love and appreciation.
Karen, Nick, Jessica, Oscar and Lucy xx

Mum, Diane Baker, we appreciate everything that you
do for us, you are a fab mum and nanny, and we all love
you very much. Happy Mother's Day.

To our amazing mum and nanny. Thank you for being
incredible and an inspiration to us all. Love you forever.
Lorraine and Michaela and our beautiful family xxxxxx



Parish of Horndon, Orsett and Bulphan - Lent Appeal

Fundraising for Christian Aid

You can either donate cash or online via a JustGiving page by copying and pasting the below link into the search engine you use:

https://www.justgiving.com/fundraising/parish-of-horndon-orsett-bulphan?utm_source=Sharethis&utm_medium=fundraising&utm_content=parish-of-horndon-orsett-bulphan&utm_campaign=pfp-email&utm_term=0769649d58d74ca4a687412ed39730e1.

For the first time in a generation, global poverty is rising. Covid-19, conflict, and the climate crisis are pushing more of our global neighbours into a struggle for survival. For Jessica, a loving mum in Zimbabwe drought means every day is a struggle for survival. Like many women, she toils on her farm, but no food can grow on her ashen dry land. She shares her heartbreak: 'My children crave a decent meal, but I can't provide. We often go to bed on an empty stomach. It pains me to send them to bed hungry.' By supporting my fundraising with whatever you can afford, together, we can make a real difference to families just like Jessica's. With support from Christian Aid partners Jessica can learn how to sow drought tolerant crops and how to grow food in dry seasons. She could build a storeroom to preserve food and bounce back from future droughts. Please give today, and help this loving mum provide food for her family. Thank you.

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Diary Dates



Services

- Next week's Sunday service (3rd April) at Horndon Church - 10am All Together Holy Communion Service
- Tuesday 12th April there is no HC service at Bulphan in the evening as there is a Taizé Service in Orsett
- Forest Church, 4pm on 2nd April at Orsett Church
- Morning Prayers 8.30am & Evening Prayers 7pm and are found on Facebook @HOBNOBChurches
- If you would like to listen to daily prayers, these can be heard at <https://www.chpublishing.co.uk/apps/time-to-pray>
- Daily Hope, a free phone line of hymns, reflections and prayers can be found on 0800 8048044

Advance notices

- Lent lunches at Oasis Café, 11am-12.30pm, on Friday 25th March and 1st April
- Wedding of Sara Booth and Simon Smith at Bulphan Church on Saturday 26th March at 1.30pm
- Baptism preparation meeting, Monday 9th May and Monday 13th June, held at 7.30pm in Orsett Church.
- Details of Easter services are on page 2 of this notice sheet

Eco Pause for Thought

Ditch single-use plastic straws - or at least find the cheapest reusable alternative. As a single-use item, plastic drinking straws are a significant contributor to plastic waste - millions are thrown away every day and each one takes hundreds of years to break down.



A Message from Christian Ecology Link

Use your LOAF to make a difference!

The importance of food as an environmental issue is increasingly apparent. As you eat your meal today, Christian Ecology Link invites you to reflect on the LOAF principles:

Food matters. The kind of food we choose should demonstrate our care for God's creation.

What food is provided in our church? At home? How far did it travel?



**Locally produced
Organically grown
Animal friendly
Fairly traded**

Bread has symbolic meaning. Jesus blessed and broke bread and gave it to his disciples saying 'Do this in remembrance of me'.

Enjoy your meal!



Individual Private Prayer

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

Bulphan Church
Horndon-on-the-Hill Church

Monday and Thursday
Tuesday and Saturday

Free refreshments are available on
Monday, Tuesday and Saturday.

Bible Readings for this week

Principal Service

Sunday

Exodus 2.1-10
Colossians 3.12-17

Psalm 127.1-4
John 19.25b-27

	Morning prayer	Night prayer		Morning prayer	Night prayer
Monday	Psalm 77 Exodus 2.11-22 Hebrews 9.1-14	Psalm 25 Jeremiah 17.5-18 John 9.18-end	Tues	Psalm 79 Exodus 2.23-3.20 Hebrews 9.15-end	Psalm 80 Jeremiah 18.1-12 John 10.1-10
Weds	Psalm 90 Exodus 4.1-23 Hebrews 10.1-18	Psalm 91 Jeremiah 18.13-end John 10.11-21	Thurs	Psalm 86 Exodus 4.27-6.1 Hebrews 10.19-25	Psalm 94 Jeremiah 19.1-13 John 10.22-end
Friday	Psalm 102 Exodus 6.2-13 Hebrews 10.26-end	Psalm 16 Jeremiah 19.14-20.6 John 11.1-16	Sat	Psalm 32 Exodus 7.8-end Hebrews 11.1-16	Psalm 140 Jeremiah 20.7-end John 11.17-27

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