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April 2022



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SERVICES – April 2022

	HORNDON	ORSETT	BULPHAN
Friday 1st April		Oasis Café 9am to 11.30am Edward Bear Toddler Group 9.30-11am at the Churches Centre	
Saturday 2 nd	Open Church 10am-noon with refreshments	4pm Forest Church	
Sunday 3rd April <i>5th Sunday of Lent</i>	10am All Together Holy Communion Service		
Monday 4 th			Open Church 10am-noon with refreshments
Tuesday 5 th	Open Church 10am-noon with refreshments		
Thursday 7 th			Open Church 10am-noon
Friday 8 th		School holiday	
Saturday 9 th	Open Church 10am-noon with refreshments		
Sunday 10th April <i>Palm Sunday</i>		8.45am CW Holy Communion Service 10am Family Service	
Monday 11 th			Open Church 10am-noon with refreshments
Tuesday 12 th	Open Church 10am-noon with refreshments	7.30pm Taize Service with prayers for healing	
Thursday 14 th Maundy Thursday	7.30pm Holy Communion Service with foot washing		Open Church 10am-noon
Friday 15 th Good Friday		School holiday	10am Stations of the Cross 3pm Walk of Witness followed by 'bring and share' tea in the Parish Room
Saturday 16 th	Open Church 10am-noon With refreshments		
Sunday 17th April <i>Easter Day</i>	10am Holy Communion with First Communion		
Monday 18 th			Open Church 10am-noon with refreshments
Tuesday 19 th	Open Church 10am-noon with refreshments		
Thursday 21 st			Open Church 10am-noon
Friday 22 nd		Oasis Café 9am to 11.30am Edward Bear Toddler Group 9.30-11am at the Churches Centre	
Saturday 23 rd	Open Church 10am-noon with refreshments		
Sunday 24th April <i>2nd Sunday of Easter</i>			8.45am CW Holy Communion Service 10am Family Service
Monday 25 th			Open Church 10am-noon with refreshments
Tuesday 26 th	Open Church 10am-noon with refreshments 12.15pm Holy Communion Service		
Thursday 28 th			Open Church 10am-noon
Friday 29 th		Oasis Café 9am to 11.30am Edward Bear Toddler Group 9.30-11am at the Churches Centre	
Saturday 30 th	Open Church 10am-noon with refreshments		
Sunday 1st May <i>3rd Sunday of Easter</i>		10am All Together Holy Communion Service	
Monday 2 nd			Open Church 10am-noon with refreshments
Tuesday 3 rd	Open Church 10am-noon with refreshments		
Thursday 5 th			Open Church 10am-noon
Friday 6 th		Oasis Café 9am to 11.30am Edward Bear Toddler Group 9.30-11am at the Churches Centre	
Saturday 7 th	Open Church 10am-noon with refreshments		4pm Forest Church

Open Church means that the Church is open for private prayer, refreshments are available at all sessions except Thursdays at Bulphan.



THE PARISH REGISTERS

Weddings

March 26th

Sara Booth & Simon Smith

(B)

Baptisms

March 13th

Octavia Netta Hammond

(O)

Funerals

March 7th

Brenda Ida Edgson (79)

(B)

March 8th

Deirdre Isabel Cameron Graham (98)

(H)



Wedding Enquiries

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Horndon, Orsett or Bulphan churches,
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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.
No booking is required.

Rector's Reflections

Over the past few weeks, I have had the privilege of co-leading a course in Thurrock Deanery called 'Living in Love and Faith.'

It is a five-week course aimed to help Christians think more deeply and reflect upon questions of identity, relationships and sexuality. Each of the five sessions explores a particular topic. These are:

- Learning Together
- Identity
- Relationships
- Sex
- Life Together

An opening reflection about learning together is followed by two sections of teaching, time for discussion and a Bible study. The sessions all end with an invitation to reflect on our learning, bringing it to God in prayer.

During the five weeks we have heard stories of people in a variety of types of relationships and stories of others who have chosen to live a life of celibacy.

The great thing about this course is that people have come along prepared to listen and to understand those who perhaps hold a different viewpoint from them, or whose sexual orientation is different from their own. And the overarching theme has been that of respect and an acknowledgement of God's love for each one of us.

This course has been put together by a Church of England working group in recognition that some people from the LGBTQ+ community have been hurt, or have even been turned away by others. Those of us who have been involved in the course have had the opportunity to respond to the C of E at the end so that the Anglican Church is able to discern how best to move forward on matters of identity, sexuality, relationships and marriage in a loving and sensitive manner.

If you didn't have the opportunity to attend this course, the resources and videos are free and available online and I encourage you to have a look at them. You can find them by going to:

[Living in Love and Faith | The Church of England](#)

Interestingly, during the time we were running this this course, I came across a book called Running to Resurrection by Clark Berge, a Franciscan Friar, whom I met when I was recently on retreat. It was about his life journey, part of which included his acceptance of himself as a gay man created in the image of God. It is very well written and well worth a read.

As we approach Easter, we remember that Christ came for and died for all. This includes those who are like us and those who are very different from us.

I look forward to seeing you at some, or all, of our Holy Week services and our Easter Service, details of which can be found later in this magazine.

Grant to your people, good Lord,
The spirit of unity,
That we may dwell together in your love,
And so bear to the world,
The ointment of your healing and the dew of your blessing;
Through Jesus Christ our Lord.
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Bulphan Churchwarden's Report

St Mary's, the smallest of our three churches has always been the easiest to heat to a level of comfort, and is one of the reasons that people enjoy attending our church. As with everybody else, our energy bills have rocketed and will probably double again in by the end of the year. Consequently, we may have to radically reconsider how and when we heat the church. The current policy is to use the heating from the beginning of the month of October until the beginning of April or outside of those months in exceptional weather conditions. As you will appreciate, medieval churches are cold and draughty places, not the best insulated and little can be done to improve this situation. For a typical Sunday morning service during winter months the heating is programmed to fire up at 4.00am and both boilers run flat-out to reach 15° Celsius if we are lucky. For weddings, where guests do not normally wear top coats, the heating is set for the afternoon before. Somehow and soon, we will need to make some difficult choices, which I suspect may mean more warm clothing for a much cooler church. Until the late 19th century when a coal fired system was installed there was no form of heating in our church. One has to wonder how earlier congregations managed to keep warm.

I apologise for banging on about money, but as you may remember from previous articles we need major work to our porch: a new floor, new outer doors and extensive stonework repairs. This comes at a price; a little over £21,000.00 and obviously we don't have that kind of cash to pull out of a hat, consequently and I say regrettably, we have to mount an appeal and look to the generosity of the Parish to help us out. Fortunately we do have some reserves that we can use and there are a number grant awarding organisations that we will approach. Nonetheless, we are likely to fall short of the sum required. I fully appreciate that this is a difficult time for us all, with many financial demands, not to mention the requests for aid to the Ukraine, (such a worthy and morally justified cause), however, if you do feel able to help us, could you please speak to Lynda Robertson who will be able to provide the details you may need. Her telephone number is: 07974 803 471. Thank you!

Easter is close! And there are many and varied services during Holy Week spread across our three churches. This is **the** most important festival in the Christian calendar and whichever service(s) you attend, you can be sure of a very warm welcome. You can find times and locations in the services rota elsewhere in the magazine and of course there will be posters in the noticeboard of all forthcoming services.

A prayer for Easter:

Dear Lord, may I realize afresh today what Your death and resurrection mean for me. Forgiveness, freedom, and the ability to walk with You through this fallen world into eternity. May I always find my satisfaction in You and Your willingness to offer Yourself to me. In Jesus' Name, Amen.

Ron Porter





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St Peter & St Paul. Horndon-on-the-Hill

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St Giles & All Saints. Orsett

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Musicians

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To arrange Weddings, please contact Rev. Sue Mann on 01375 891 254 or email: rectorsue@hobnob.org.uk

CHURCHWARDEN'S REPORT FROM HORNDON ON THE HILL



While the church is open on Tuesday and Saturday there is an opportunity to light a candle to remember all our brothers and sisters in Ukraine and the suffering they are enduring.

Being a 12th century church there is always work to be completed to keep the building in good order. Our latest project is to have work completed on our 4 dormer windows both glass and timber. The cost for this work is £14,000. When completed this will keep the building warmer. If there is any way you can help please speak to any member of the church.

Please keep Thursday June 2nd free as it will be our Strawberry Tea to celebrate the Queen's Platinum Jubilee. This will be held in the church grounds. The price will be £10 per ticket. Any money made will go towards the windows.

On Saturday April 23rd April from 10.30-11.30 there will be 'Coffee with Cops'. An opportunity to talk to a police officer about any worries you might have.

We look forward to seeing you at our Easter Services. All of which can be viewed in this edition.

Don't forget if you need a lift, please telephone me. Do not feel you are an imposition you are a blessing.

God Bless

Sonia Ward



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Member of Parliament for South Basildon & East Thurrock

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PRAYER DIARY

Some thoughts to include in your daily prayers

April 1st	For those living in Hew Watt Close, Orsett
April 2nd	For those who continue to develop drugs to prevent Corona infection
April 3d	For those living in Lodysons Close, Orsett
April 4th	For neighbours we do not yet know
April 5th	For our Bellringers
April 6th	For those who will die this month
April 7th	For the Christian community in Palestine
April 8th	For those living in Daltons Shaw, Orsett
April 9th	For those living in Bloomfield Walk, Orsett
April 10th	For those preparing for marriage
April 11th	For Whitecroft, those who live and work there
April 12th	For the work of all retired clergy
April 13th	For Clergy serving the Benefice
April 14th	For those living in Victoria Road, Bulphan
April 15th	For those living in Kirkham Road, Horndon
April 16th	For the Christian Church in its many denominations
April 17th	For Christians around the world on this Easter Day
April 18th	For Pleshey and all retreat houses throughout the land
April 19th	For those living in Shelford Close, Orsett
April 20th	For those living in York Road, Horndon
April 21st	For Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth on her birthday
April 22d	For those living in Cassell Close, Orsett
April 23d	For St George, the patron of England
April 24th	For those struggling with great transitions
April 25th	For Her Majesty's Forces serving overseas
April 26th	For those living in Church Close, Horndon
April 27th	For those living in Brentwood Road, Orsett
April 28th	For the Orsett Churches' Centre
April 29 th	For the work of the Diocese in Europe
April 30 th	For the homeless and hungry

*Alleluia! Christ is risen.
He is risen indeed. Alleluia!*

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We enjoy meeting every Sunday evening for worship with those who join us both regularly and occasionally for fellowship. We are very pleased to see newcomers and extend a warm welcome to all. Please feel free to join us in fellowship even if you attend church elsewhere in the morning. The services for April are as follows:

April 3 rd	6:30 pm	Pholani Ncube	
April 10 th	6:30 pm	Rev Max Blake	Palm Sunday
April 17 th	6:30 pm	Peter Crosby	Easter Day
April 24 th	6:30 pm	Rev Yemi Jaiyesimi	

Whilst mandatory Covid restrictions have lifted, out of respect for the vulnerable and those who prefer a cautious approach, we still ask those attending to observe social distancing. We continue to have sanitising facilities readily available and as always handwashing facilities are available in the vestry.

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

The Parish of Horndon, Orsett and Bulphan



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
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FOREST CHURCH IN MARCH



Despite the biting cold wind and rain, fourteen adults and children wrapped up and turned out for Forest Church, which was led by Reverend Moji. Prayer flags were made for Lent and decorated in blue and yellow for the people of Ukraine.



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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 Galilean Ministry

14 Now after John was arrested, Jesus came to Galilee, proclaiming the good news of God,

15 and saying, 'The time is fulfilled, and the kingdom of God has come near; repent,
and believe in the good news. Jesus Calls the First Disciples

16 As Jesus passed along the Sea of Galilee, he saw Simon and his brother Andrew casting a net into the lake—for they were fishermen. 17 And Jesus said to them, 'Follow me and I will make you fish for people.'

18 And immediately they left their nets and followed him. 19 As he went a little farther, he saw James son of Zebedee and his brother John, who were in their boat mending the nets. 20 Immediately he called them; and they left their father Zebedee in the boat with the hired men, and followed him.

"Metanoeo Kai pisteo en ho euangelion"

"Repent! And believe the good news"

The Biblical Greek word we usually read as "repent" can mean a change of direction, in particular a change of mind or belief. Jesus starts His ministry by calling for people to change their minds and believe that the Kingdom of God is near, and that this is good news. This means that God is on the move to return to His temple and fulfil the covenant promises to Abraham and Israel. This is both good news and dangerous news for a people living under the rule of the Roman Empire. This is start of the movement that we are still very much a part of, today.

To begin His movement Jesus sets about recruiting 'disciples', those who will learn to act out and teach the meaning of this Kingdom of God. He seems to randomly pick two sets of fishermen brothers, Andrew, Simon, James and John. Amazingly they stop what they are doing and follow Jesus immediately! They leave behind families, friends and fellow workers to follow a man they apparently know nothing about! So what was it that convinced these men to follow Jesus? It may be that after God had spoken over Him at His baptism, and He had spent 40 days in the wilderness being ministered to by the Holy Spirit, Jesus was a very compelling and charismatic figure. What ever it was these four men became the beginning of the movement that later proclaimed the Resurrection of Jesus.

May be it was simply that message:- "repent! And believe the good news".

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.

Revd Max Blake

Easter Trivia

- ✚ Easter is the celebration of the resurrection of Jesus Christ in the Christian religion.
- ✚ Jesus' death is symbolic in that he died for our sins.
- ✚ Easter takes place on the first Sunday after Lent. Lent is referred to as a time of fasting, but many focus more on giving up one significant indulgence.
- ✚ Holy Week is the week leading up to Easter. It begins on Palm Sunday and ends on Easter Sunday.
- ✚ The first story of a rabbit (later named the "Easter Bunny") hiding eggs in a garden was published in 1680.
- ✚ "Easter" was named from the Anglo-Saxon goddess Eostre, according to the author Bede in the book he wrote the 8th century. This goddess in particular was known for spring time celebrations and fertility. Some believe that Eostre (also sometimes spelled "Eastre") also had a connection with two other big Easter items — hares and eggs.
- ✚ Egg dyes were once made out of natural items such as onion peels, tree bark, flower petals, and juices.
- ✚ Giving eggs is a tradition that dates back even farther than Easter.
- ✚ The white lily is the official flower of Easter. As they represent grace and purity, many churches and homes have chosen to decorate with the white lily for the holiday. In fact, they're commonly known best as "Easter lilies."
- ✚ Eggs have been seen as ancient symbol of fertility, while springtime is considered to bring new life and rebirth.
- ✚ Easter is the oldest, and most important, Christian holiday. You might assume it's Christmas. To understand its impact, very early Christians celebrated the resurrection of Jesus Christ every Sunday, until they decided to dedicate a full, annual day to him. Easter started as a pagan holiday, but Christians adopted it, many who celebrate don't mind the pagan aspects.
- ✚ The UK's first chocolate egg was produced in 1873 by Fry's of Bristol.
- ✚ 70% of Easter sweets purchased is chocolate.
- ✚ The traditional act of painting eggs is called Pysanka.
- ✚ In medieval times, a festival of 'egg-throwing' that resembled the game of "hot potato" was held in church. The priest would throw a hard-boiled egg to one of the choir boys, then thrown from one choir boy to the next. When the clock struck 12, whoever held the egg, was the winner and got to keep the egg.
- ✚ Every child in the UK receives an average of 8.8 Easter eggs every year – double their recommended calorie intake for a whole week.
- ✚ Sales at Easter time make up 10% of UK chocolate spending for the whole year.
- ✚ In 2012, London hosted the world's biggest-ever Easter egg hunt.
- ✚ The idea of the Easter bunny giving sweets and eggs is said to have originated in Germany during the middle ages.
- ✚ Eggs were a symbol of life to Ancient Egyptians, Persians, Romans and Greeks. The custom of giving eggs at Easter originated with them.
- ✚ Members of the Greek Orthodox faith often paint Easter eggs red, this symbolizes Jesus' blood and his victory over death. The colour red is symbolic of the renewal of life, and as such, Jesus' resurrection.
- ✚ The method for determining the date of Easter is complex and has been a matter of controversy. This gives a date for Easter between March 22nd and April 25th. The Eastern churches (Greek, Russian, and other forms of Orthodoxy) use the same calculation, based on the Julian calendar (on which March 21st is April 3rd) and a 19-year paschal cycle. The Orthodox Easter sometimes falls on the same day as the western Easter, but can occur 5 weeks apart. In the 20th century, discussions began to have a worldwide agreement on a consistent date for the celebration of the central event of Christianity. No resolution has yet been reached.



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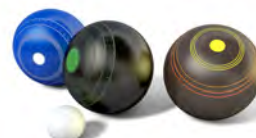
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ROYAL BRITISH LEGION



Bulphan WI

Members led a fun fill and busy meeting in March, they had appointed temporary officer roles and President Mel who opened the meeting handed over to Linda to explain the rules of the first activity, a game with giant dice where everyone, after much laughter and 'stealing' of parcels, ended up with a least one surprise gift. This was followed by Tina and Jill presenting round one of their quiz, the second round took place after the refreshment break. During the business part of the meeting deputy Treasurer Pat A. reported on finances, Linda gave details of upcoming trips and Pat H. listed the lottery winners, all this was ably recorded by Secretary Jan F. Pay H. gave a vote of thanks to the committee for all the time they have put in to making our WI one of the best and I thanked the members for holding such a successful meeting, wonder what they will come up with next time it's their turn.

April is our institutes 93rd birthday party for members and invited guests. It is a nautical themed party as a shanty band will be entertaining us, we're hoping third time is a charm as this party was originally planned for April 2020, but we all know what happened that year, we then hoped we'd be able to hold it in 2021 but again were scuppered by outside events. We are hopeful things won't run aground again and that a jolly time is had by all.

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

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POPPY APPEAL 2021

Horndon on the Hill Branch, Royal British Legion



The branch is pleased to announce that it collected £8789 for the 2021 Poppy Appeal.

We would like to express our thanks to all those who have allowed us to have collecting tins and boxes in their premises and everyone who has given so generously to help achieve this total. We are thankful for the continuing support of Morrisons in Corringham allowing the branch to collect in-store, which accounted for £6341 of this and the efforts of the young people of 1582 (Stanford le Hope) Squadron Air Cadets who assisted us at Morrisons, Corringham Town Centre and in Stanford le Hope collecting £700.

This years efforts were made difficult due to widespread problems in terms of supply of items from the British Legion. Which created issues with the timely distribution of collecting tins and boxes around the area.

If anyone feels they could give a few hours, to help distribute and collect, collection tins or help with the collection for the 2022 appeal, please contact the Branch Poppy Organiser, Mrs Margaret Haynes on mehaynes@sky.com or 01375 85620. These are the same contact details for anyone requiring wreaths, crosses etc,

Stuart Prinn
Branch Chairman



Woolmarket Music

On Saturday 12th March, we invited Men2Sing to perform in the church. They provided a brilliant evening's entertainment, with songs like:

Bui Doi (*from Miss Saigon*)

Mr Blue Sky (originally performed by ELO, for those who are racking their brains to remember!)

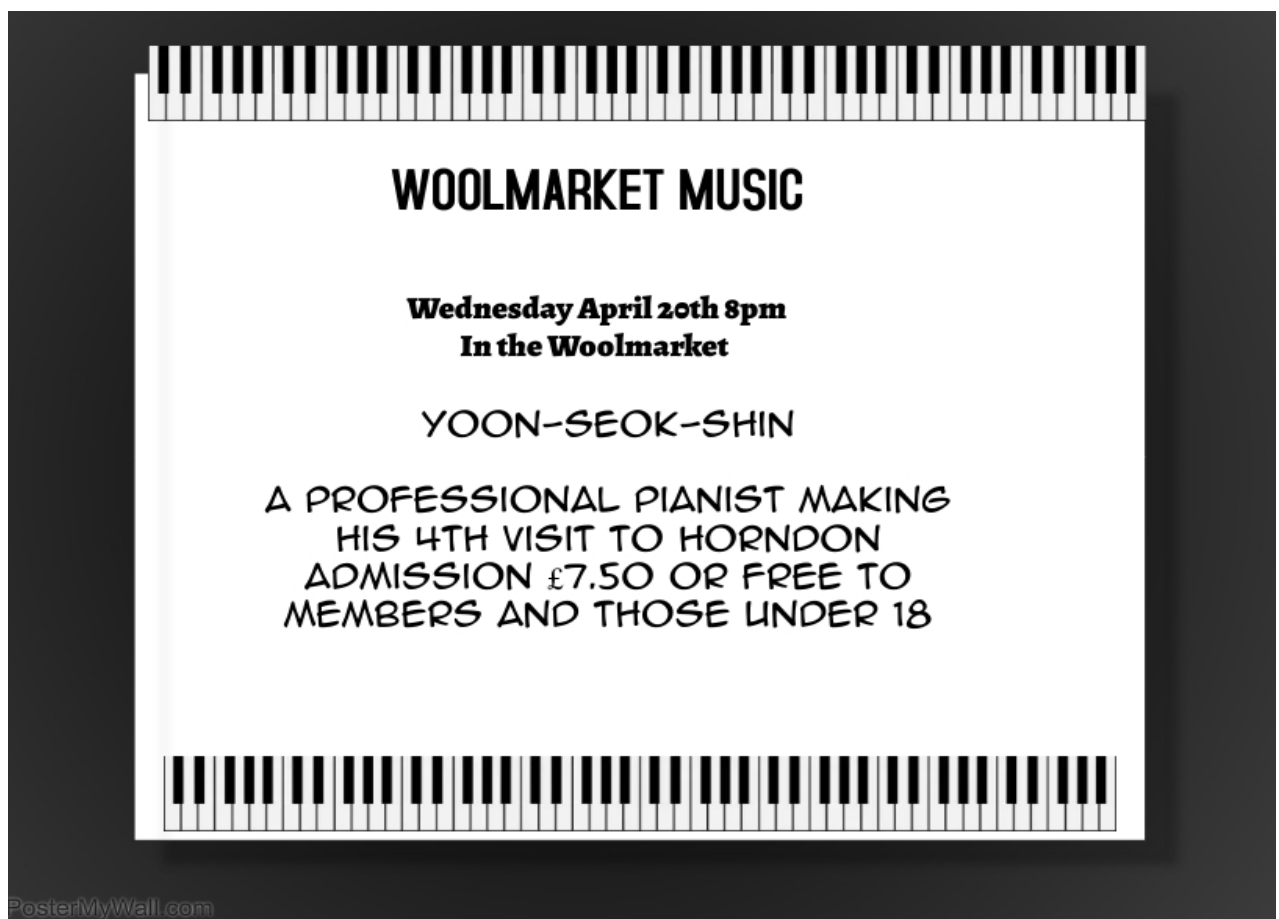
Come What May (*from Moulin Rouge*)

They were accompanied by Clare Penfold, who never ceases to amaze us with her keyboard skills. Angela Phillips also treated us to some songs from the shows and her voice is just right for those west end hits she performed.

Their Musical Director, John Trent Wallace, showed us his mastery of conducting, arranging and sound engineering and the whole evening was an absolute pleasure to attend.

This month, April 20th at 8pm, we return to the Woolmarket to hear Yoon-Seok-Shin, a professional pianist, who makes his 4th visit to Horndon.

Do come along - £7.50 admission or free for members and those under 18



EASTER WORD SEARCH



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CRUCIFIXION	NAILS	STONE
DARKNESS	PASSOVER	TEMPLE
DEATH	PIECES OF SILVER	THIEVES
EARTHQUAKE	PIERCED	THREE DAYS
EASTER	PILATE	TOMB
GOLGOTHA	RESURRECTION	

UNCSW 2022



The core theme for this year's United Nations Commission for the Status of Women (UNCSW) is: "Achieving gender equality and the empowerment of all women and girls in the context of climate change, environmental and disaster risk reduction policies and programmes", and Mothers' Union is proud to share that along with a delegation of 12 members from 9 countries, we also had two of our members, Selina Longamei (Diocesan President, MU Solomon Islands) and Jocelyne Razafiarivoney (Provincial CDC, MU Madagascar) speaking at a parallel and side event respectively. For more information, read

the article on our website: <https://www.mothersunion.org/news/mothers-union-uncsw-2022>

MU stands with Ukraine



The people of Ukraine live in fear every day. Every moment brings with it the possibility of a deadly attack that could destroy everything they value and hold dear. Despite this, many have shown immense resilience and courage in the face of this crisis. **Mothers' Union stands firmly with the people of Ukraine; both those who are fleeing and remaining.**

<https://www.mothersunion.org/news/mothers-union-stands-with-ukraine>

Jamaica – The Bun and Cheese Tradition

We are linked with the MU in Jamaica and the Cayman Islands. We've received this interesting article about the Bun and Cheese tradition ...



Bun and cheese is as integral to the Jamaican Easter experience as attending church on Good Friday and/or Easter Sunday. There are several different brands of bun on the shelf every year, and some people prefer to make their own. Whatever the case, they are consumed with gusto; however, most Jamaicans have no idea how the tradition came about.

The Jamaican Easter bun is a descendant of the hot cross bun from Britain (pictured right). These buns were traditionally eaten on Good Friday, with the cross symbolising the crucifixion of Jesus. The tradition made its way to Jamaica when they colonised the island in the mid-1600s. Over time, the bun transitioned from the round-ish shape into a loaf, molasses was substituted for honey and dried fruits were added to the batter to make it uniquely Jamaican – and no doubt, much yummier.



No one is sure how cheese was added to the mix, but we're not going to question the matter, because the combination just works!

Easter Cards and Gifts



If you're looking for Easter cards and gifts, why not look at our shop where 100% of profits support the work of the Mothers' Union.

<https://mueshop.org/>

*Amidst the sorrow of God's troubled world, may we all find the joy and hope of Easter in our hearts.
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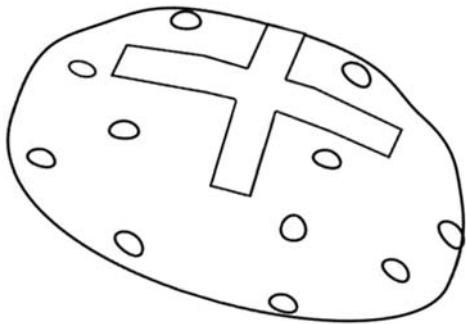
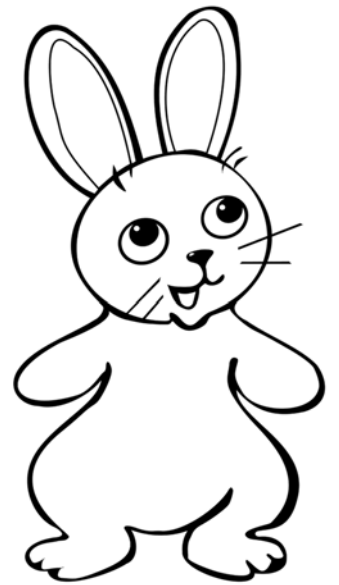
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Easter



The UK's rivers: In Deep Water



UK rivers are being seriously polluted and this threatens both ecosystems and our livelihoods. The UK Government's Environmental Audit Committee reported recently that England's rivers are polluted by a "chemical cocktail" of sewage, microplastics and slurry. The audit report also indicated that every major river in England suffered from some level of pollution and none had a clean bill of health.

One special natural asset which is badly affected is our chalk streams. The UK has nearly 85% of the world's natural chalk streams – an amazing endowment – yet, according to report findings, only 14% are in good health. Two thirds of the chalk streams are affected by agricultural run-off and over a half by water company discharges from sewage and water treatment works. According to the Journal of Cleaner Production, the wetter and stormier conditions are accelerating run-off from farms leading to siltation of chalk streams and other rivers, and higher nitrate levels.

The deeply unhealthy state of Britain's rivers has a direct impact on biodiversity. This includes a reduction in fertility of fish, and increased mortality due to loss of oxygen in water with likely impacts too from microplastics ingested by birds and mammals too.

One of the biggest impediments to cleaning up our rivers is ongoing government budget cuts. Key organisations such as the Environment Agency (EA) have seen budgets slashed in the past decade by up to 65% since 2010. This greatly impacts the organisation's ability to monitor, prosecute and rectify pollution incidents. The ENDS Report (18 September 2020) revealed that not one single river in England was considered "good" in terms of chemical condition during the previous year. More cuts in 2022 will further undermine the EA's ability to improve the quality of our rivers. The EA have recently recruited 50 inspectors to assess water quality, but the inspectors themselves have virtually no power to enforce fines for polluting companies and individuals. With such a small workforce it has been suggested that each farm will only be visited once every 50 years.

It is likely to take a surge in public concern for our rivers to persuade this or future governments to turn this situation around. Those of us who care about nature should be in the lead in raising our voices. Now, in the light of recent reports, is a good time to write to your MP asking to press the government to restore funding to organisations such as the EA. And you can do our practical bit to help too, by minding what we pour down the sink.

Written by Andy Lester, A Rocha UK's Head of Conservation for our March 2022 eNews.

FAMOUS PERSON IN APRIL

Sir William Siemens 1823 – 1883

In full **Charles William Siemens**, original name **Karl Wilhelm Siemens**, (born April 4, 1823, Lenthe, Prussia [now in Germany]—died Nov. 19, 1883, London, England), German-born English engineer and inventor, important in the development of the steel and telegraph industries.



After private tutoring, Siemens was sent to a commercial school at Lübeck in order to enter his uncle's bank. But his elder brother, Werner Siemens, deciding that engineering was more suitable, sent him to a technical school at Magdeburg for three years. Financed by his uncle, he then studied chemistry, physics, and mathematics for a year at the University of Göttingen, where his brother-in-law was a professor of chemistry. Through his brother's influence he became an apprentice-student, without fee, in an engineering factory making steam engines in Magdeburg. While there, he determined to sell Werner's electroplating process; after modest success in Hamburg, William travelled to London, arriving in March 1843 with only a few pounds in cash. He sold the process to Elkingtons of Birmingham for £1,600. He returned to Germany to complete his studies and then went again to England in February 1844 with the intention of selling further inventions.

Finding that the patent laws in England were encouraging, William boldly decided to settle there as an inventor, but he found it difficult to make a living until his water meter, invented in 1851, began to earn large royalties. He could now afford an office in London and a house in Kensington, where he lived with his younger brothers, Carl (1829–1906) and August Friedrich (1826–1904), until his marriage in 1859 to Anne Gordon, the sister of an engineering professor at the University of Glasgow. The same year, he also received British citizenship.

Beginning in 1847, William and his brother Friedrich had attempted to apply to industrial processes the regenerative principle, by which heat escaping with waste gases was captured to heat the air supplied to a furnace, thus increasing efficiency. In 1861 William used this principle in his patent for the open-hearth furnace that was heated by gas produced by low-grade coal outside the furnace. This invention, first used in glassmaking, was soon widely applied in steelmaking and eventually supplanted the earlier Bessemer process of 1856. William's achievements were recognized by his membership in the Institution of Civil Engineers in 1860 and by his election as a fellow of the Royal Society in 1862. Tempted by the prospect of profits as well as royalties, he started his own steelworks at Landore, South Wales, in 1869; but, although it flourished for some years, he was losing money by the 1880s.

Meanwhile, he had made yet another reputation and fortune in electric telegraphy. Beginning in 1850, he had acted as English agent for his brother Werner's firm, Siemens & Halske of Berlin, a connection he maintained until 1858, when he became managing partner of the separate London firm founded under the same name; the firm was engaged in electrical testing for cable firms and in the manufacturing of apparatus. The English firm laid, in 1874, the electrical cable from Rio de Janeiro to Montevideo and, in 1875, the first direct link from Britain to the United States.

Thereafter, William worked on electric lighting and electric traction. He invented improvements in arc lights and had them installed in the British Museum and elsewhere. A few months before he died he was responsible for the Portrush electric railway in Northern Ireland. He played a full part in professional life: he acted as president of various professional organizations including the British Association for the Advancement of Science, received honorary degrees from various universities and many foreign orders, and was knighted in the year of his death. He left a large fortune but no children.



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For everyone !!

Every 3rd Tuesday of each month, 8-9pm at The Woolmarket, High Road , Horndon on the Hill.

- 19th April – Sue Mann's House, in Orsett – Listening & seeking God's heart
- 17th May – upstairs room in Woolmarket – Children, schools & young people
- 21st June – downstairs room in Woolmarket – Unity, vision, & communication
- 19th July – downstairs room in Woolmarket – Local needs / the roads we live in
- 16th August – upstairs room in Woolmarket – Our Parish, services & events
- 20th September – downstairs room in Woolmarket – Mission and outreach
- 18th October – downstairs room in Woolmarket – Nurturing & learning, going deeper
- 15th November – downstairs room in Woolmarket – Giving & finance
- 20th December – downstairs room in Woolmarket – Global issues, social justice & ecology

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