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The parish magazine for  
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St. Mary-the-Virgin. Bulphan

May 2022



# SERVICES – May 2022

	HORNDON	ORSETT	BULPHAN
<b>Sunday 1<sup>st</sup> May</b> <i>3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday of Easter</i>		10am All Together Holy Communion Service	
<b>Monday 2<sup>nd</sup></b>			Open Church 10am-noon with refreshments
<b>Tuesday 3<sup>rd</sup></b>	Open Church 10am-noon with refreshments		
<b>Thursday 5<sup>th</sup></b>			Open Church 10am-noon
<b>Friday 6<sup>th</sup></b>		Oasis Café 9am to 11.30am Edward Bear Toddler Group 9.30-11am at the Churches Centre	
<b>Saturday 7<sup>th</sup></b>	Open Church 10am-noon with refreshments		4pm Forest Church
<b>Sunday 8<sup>th</sup> May</b> <i>4<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Easter</i>		8.45am CW Holy Communion Service 10am Family Service	
<b>Monday 9<sup>th</sup></b>			Open Church 10am-noon with refreshments
<b>Tuesday 10<sup>th</sup></b>	Open Church 10am-noon with refreshments		7.30pm Holy Communion Service
<b>Thursday 12<sup>th</sup></b>			Open Church 10am-noon
<b>Friday 13<sup>th</sup></b>		Oasis Café 9am to 11.30am Edward Bear Toddler Group 9.30-11am at the Churches Centre	
<b>Saturday 14<sup>th</sup></b>	Open Church 10am-noon with refreshments		
<b>Sunday 15<sup>th</sup> May</b> <i>5<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Easter</i> <i>Christian Aid Sunday</i>	8.45am BCP Holy Communion Service 10am Family Service 4pm Refresh Service		
<b>Monday 16<sup>th</sup></b>			Open Church 10am-noon with refreshments
<b>Tuesday 17<sup>th</sup></b>	Open Church 10am-noon with refreshments		
<b>Thursday 19<sup>th</sup></b>			Open Church 10am-noon
<b>Friday 20<sup>th</sup></b>		Oasis Café 9am to 11.30am Edward Bear Toddler Group 9.30-11am at the Churches Centre	
<b>Saturday 21<sup>st</sup></b>	Open Church 10am-noon With refreshments		
<b>Sunday 22<sup>nd</sup> May</b> <i>6<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Easter</i>			8.45am CW Holy Communion Service 10am Family Service
<b>Monday 23<sup>rd</sup></b>			Open Church 10am-noon with refreshments
<b>Tuesday 24<sup>th</sup></b>	Open Church 10am-noon with refreshments 12.15pm Holy Communion Service		
<b>Thursday 26<sup>th</sup></b>			Open Church 10am-noon
<b>Friday 27<sup>th</sup></b>		No Edward Bear or Oasis Cafe	
<b>Saturday 28<sup>th</sup></b>	Open Church 10am-noon with refreshments		
<b>Sunday 29<sup>th</sup> May</b> <i>7<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Easter</i>	10am All Together Holy Communion Service 4pm Songs of Praise		
<b>Monday 30<sup>th</sup></b>			Open Church 10am-noon with refreshments
<b>Tuesday 31<sup>st</sup></b>	Open Church 10am-noon with refreshments		
<b>Thursday 2<sup>nd</sup> June</b>			Open Church 10am-noon
<b>Friday 3<sup>rd</sup></b>		No Edward Bear or Oasis Cafe	
<b>Saturday 4<sup>th</sup></b>	Open Church 10am-noon with refreshments	3pm Churches Count on Nature 4pm Forest Church	
<b>Sunday 5<sup>th</sup> June</b> <i>Pentecost Whit Sunday</i>			10am All Together Holy Communion Service

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# Rector's Reflections

After Easter, we spent a week in Snowdonia doing some walking. Whilst we were there, we saw many new-born lambs and spring flowers in bloom. It was lovely to see new life and the hope that it brings at a time when there is so much despair in the world. But, as I reflected, I was reminded that hope is not just something that we feel inside, it is something that we are called to work for on behalf of others.

As Christians, we are commissioned to care for our brothers and sisters both locally and globally and it can be hard to know how to do this. Recently the Archbishop of Canterbury challenged and raised ethical concerns about the Home Secretary's decision to send asylum seekers to Rwanda. Our Diocesan Bishop, herself an asylum seeker, has also supported the Archbishop's comments and sent the following letter to the Home Secretary:

*Dear Home Secretary*

*In this Easter season I am writing to you, both as Home Secretary and as one of the MPs in the Diocese of Chelmsford which I serve, regarding your latest proposals to process asylum cases in Rwanda. You will be aware of the very serious reservations expressed by the Archbishop of Canterbury in his Easter sermon. I stand full square behind his comments, and my own lived experience as an asylum seeker makes me extremely anxious about this scheme and its implications.*

*This policy treats the most vulnerable in our midst in a cruel and inhumane way and it is for this reason that I am compelled to appeal to you, even at this late stage, to listen to the voices that are being raised from a cross section of public opinion. Those who find their way to this country, often through treacherous means, deserve to have their cases considered and processed here. To do otherwise is, as the Archbishop says, "sub-contracting out our responsibilities ... the opposite of the nature of God, who himself took responsibility for our failures".*

*In your Times article of the 18th April you suggest that "those institutions that criticise the plans fail to offer their own solutions". This is to misunderstand the important role of the Church of England, particularly through the national leadership of the Archbishop of Canterbury and the parliamentary responsibilities of the Lords Spiritual. We are not tasked with providing worked out political solutions – that is the job of Government and politicians. But it is our responsibility to point out where there are serious ethical and moral implications arising from Government proposals. I would also want to say that it is disingenuous of your Cabinet colleague, Mr Rees-Mogg, to suggest that the Archbishop "misunderstands what the policy is trying to achieve". Thoughtful criticism should not be dismissed in this off hand manner.*

*Finally, I want to thank you for your recent tweet with its traditional Easter Greeting. The Christian message of new life in all its fullness which we celebrate at Easter cannot be separated from the reality of lived experience and is exemplified in the way we treat the most vulnerable in our society.*

*In the words of Jesus himself, "whatever you did for one of the least of these brothers and sisters of mine, you did for me."*

*Yours sincerely,*

*Guli Francis-Dehqani*

*Bishop of Chelmsford, Member of the Lords Spiritual*

I, personally, support the views of both Archbishop Justin and Bishop Guli. Whilst not advocating promoting party politics from the pulpit I do believe that, as Christians, we are called to speak up for injustices as we believe Christ would have done. And, sometimes, this includes challenging political decisions which we believe, after prayerful consideration, to be inappropriate.

Bishop Guli recently came to speak at our Deanery Synod meeting and told something of her own story. This story is recorded in her book, **'Cries for a Lost Homeland: Reflections on Jesus' sayings from the Cross'** which you may be interested to read.

Take care and God bless,  
Sue



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## HORNDON ON THE HILL CHURCHWARDEN'S REPORT

As I'm writing this the sun is shining, lawn mowers are buzzing and there is barely a cloud in the sky. Our Tuesday Gardening team have been busy making both the church and graveyards look glorious. If the weather continues in a similar vein Open church on a Tuesday and Saturday morning will be held outdoors. Many hands do make light work so, if you have an hour or so to spare please consider joining either the gardeners or helping out at Open church. There's the added bonus of free teas, coffees and sometimes homemade cakes; plus, chats and catchups with friends, it's definitely growing in popularity.

The 'Living in Love and Faith' course took place throughout most of March. This was held at St Cedd's church Stifford Clays for five Mondays from 7.30 – 9pm and was open to all from Thurrock Deanery. It has also been held throughout the country and is an opportunity to learn together, listen to one another and look at questions around identity, sexuality, relationships and marriage and what it means to live in love and faith together. Our parish was exceptionally well represented with folk from each church attending. At its conclusion all attendees were asked to complete a survey which will be used to help guide church leaders on the direction of the Church of England in the coming years. Decisions will commence into early 2023. Both the Archbishops of Canterbury and York quoted about this very thought provoking course:

*'Here is a course that is informative, thoughtful, challenging and engaging. Dealing with the sensitive and complex questions of identity, relationships and sexuality, it invites us to learn, reflect and pray together. It is about going deeper with each other and with God.'*

*We commend this course to you. Our hope and prayer is that as we engage with it together across the church, we will learn to live more fully in the way of Christ – in love and faith.'*

Should you be interested in the course it can be viewed online at. [WWW.ChurchofEngland.org/LLF](http://WWW.ChurchofEngland.org/LLF)

Continuing the theme of coming together and inclusivity The Parish Prayer Group consists of a friendly and welcoming bunch of people who come together on a monthly basis in order to focus on prayer. They meet every third Tuesday of each month from 8 – 9pm at the Woolmarket in Horndon. As each meeting is a standalone event people can come along to one, some, or all meetings. The next being on Tuesday 17<sup>th</sup> May when the topic will be Children, Schools and Young People. Further information can be found within Hobnob.

On Palm Sunday I decided to join Revd. Max and attend the 6.30pm service at the Zion Hall Mission. This is Interdenominational and the small congregation certainly do extend a warm welcome to visitors. Rev. Max was the preacher on this occasion, there being differing ministers each week. Moji's husband Yemi regularly preaches and I'm off to his next sermon at the end of this month. If you would like to attend a meeting and would like a lift, check details in Hobnob. I am also happy to drive anyone who is interested, my details are also in Hobnob.

God bless

Alastair





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## Baptisms

May 1st	Oliver Snares	(O)
May 8th	Olivia Ward & Tommy Ward	(O)
May 15th	River James Jordan	(H)

## Interment of Ashes

April 4th	Foster Maurice Mortimer	(O)
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## Wedding Enquiries

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## Baptism Enquiries

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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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# Orsett

## Churchwarden's Report

The first Easter for two years without covid restrictions was everything we could have hoped for. After the difficulty and trauma we've lived through, some normality has been wonderful. A bit like Lent we have to walk the difficult path and take time to reassess priorities and then we can be grateful for the joy of Easter morning.

This Easter I was able to spend time with family, like most of you, I am sure the experience was heightened by the time apart and there were extra hugs all round. Being apart has made us value time we spend with family more. The Easter services have been lovely and we were blessed with glorious weather for these. Stations of the cross was particularly lovely, held out in the grounds of St Mary the Virgin, Bulphan.

The grounds of Orsett are also looking beautiful at the moment, we have had lovely displays of daffodils and bluebells. Now the weather is warmer, the grass is growing at a rapid rate. Bronce and his friends have done a great job in maintaining control over the fast growing grass and weeds. However, the lawnmower did need costly repairs this spring, but is now back in working order.

We are most grateful to Bronce and his friends that help with the grounds. A huge thank you also goes to Sandra and her team of helpers that do a marvelous job with the Oasis café on a Friday Morning. They work so hard with snack and drink, in addition to this throughout Lent, they also produced the most amazing Lent lunches which raised £400 for the Christian Aid Lent lunch appeal.

The rise in household bills is affecting us all and the church is not exempt from these costs. We also have a project that should enhance the congregations enjoyment of the service by improving the sound in the church. Please join us in the fundraising efforts over the summer, the details of these will be shared at a later date.

I enjoyed this year's lent readings and the way that reflecting on readings can support our faith. The courses run by the Rector's team help to support our understanding of the readings, so do look out for future courses.

I would like to take this opportunity to wish you all the joy of this Easter period.

Many Blessings,

*Janet Wilkins*



# PRAYER DIARY

Some thoughts to include in your daily prayers

May 1st	For those living in Albert Road in Bulphan
May 2nd	For the Clergy and Lay Ministers in our Deanery
May 3rd	For those living in Church Road in Bulphan
May 4th	For all the youth of our Benefice
May 5th	For the Orsett Churches' Centre
May 6th	For our schools, the pupils and staff
May 7th	For the wonder of our planet
May 8th	For those living in Baker Street in Orsett
May 9th	For members of our congregations who live in Grays
May 10th	For humanitarian organisations working around the world
May 11th	For the people of Ukraine and those who have perished in this war
May 12th	For those living in The Spinney in Orsett
May 13th	For those living in St Giles Close in Orsett
May 14th	For those living in Gordon Road in Horndon
May 15th	For those living in Victoria Road in Bulphan
May 16th	For Christians in lands where the church is being persecuted
May 17th	For those living in Prince Charles Avenue in Orsett
May 18th	For the children who will be born today
May 19th	For those living in the High Road in Horndon
May 20th	For those living in Church Lane in Bulphan
May 21st	For those living in Penn Close in Orsett
May 22nd	For those living in Orsett Road in Horndon
May 23rd	For our farming community
May 24th	For those living in South Hill Crescent in Horndon
May 25th	For those living in Victoria Road in Horndon
May 26th	For John our Suffragan Bishop
May 27th	For the hospitals in Orsett and Basildon
May 28th	For those living in Mill Lane in Horndon
May 29th	For those living in The Green in Orsett
May 30th	For those living in Doesgate Lane in Bulphan
May 31st	For those in hospital

Please pray daily for our clergy working through the increasing pressure of Covid

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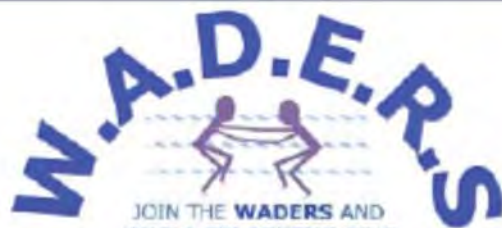
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## Bulphan Churchwarden's Report

At the time of writing, with a worsening situation in the Ukraine, it is difficult to be upbeat and optimistic about anything. But seeing again how generous and hospitable the British people can be through gifts of money, gifts in kind and amazing offers of accommodation, is very heartening, especially in the face of potential financial hardship for many.

Warmer weather has also lightened the mood and we were particularly fortunate on Good Friday to have the best of the Easter warmth and sunshine, which enabled us to hold the service of Stations of the Cross in the churchyard. Each station was marked with at least one of Rev Max's brilliant drawings or icons. Later that day was the Walk of Witness around the village led by Rev Moji and bring and share refreshments following.

The warmer weather also makes the grass grow, and some may remember that we used to get a some churchyard maintenance from the Community Payback organisation. Since the advent of Covid this service has been curtailed due to the risk from vehicle sharing and now the management has been returned to the Probation Service who seem reluctant to answer telephone calls. Thankfully members of the Bulphan-in-Bloom team continue to look after this work and we are very fortunate to have their invaluable help. Meanwhile every effort is being made to get the Probation Service back.

If you tend a grave in the churchyard, it is worth noting that there are composting facilities on the North boundary and old plants, flowers and green material can be placed in the **righthand** section, rather than using the Brown Bin. Our thanks to Les Naulls who looks after the composting.

### FUNDRAISING APPEAL

*As mentioned on previous occasions, we are planning major conservation works to the church porch. I have now received consent from the Diocese to proceed with this. However, as with everything there is a cost involved and the total bill will be in excess of £22,000. We do have some of this money set aside and we will be seeking grants from a variety of organisations. However, it is very unlikely that we will be able to meet all of this without some form of local fundraising. We do appreciate that times are extremely difficult for many people facing a soaring cost of living, but if you do feel able to donate (however small), towards this essential project we will be extremely grateful. With appeals in the past, the residents of Bulphan have been outstandingly generous and enabled us to keep the church in good and safe condition and we appeal to that generosity now.*

There are a number of ways to donate:

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## A Study of the Gospel of St Mark

Mark 1:21-34

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.

21 They went to Capernaum; and when the sabbath came, he entered the synagogue and taught. 22 They were astounded at his teaching, for he taught them as one having authority, and not as the scribes. 23 Just then there was in their synagogue a man with an unclean spirit, 24 and he cried out, 'What have you to do with us, Jesus of Nazareth? Have you come to destroy us? I know who you are, the Holy One of God.' 25 But Jesus rebuked him, saying, 'Be silent, and come out of him!' 26 And the unclean spirit, throwing him into convulsions and crying with a loud voice, came out of him. 27 They were all amazed, and they kept on asking one another, 'What is this? A new teaching—with authority! He commands even the unclean spirits, and they obey him.' 28 At once his fame began to spread throughout the surrounding region of Galilee.

29 As soon as they left the synagogue, they entered the house of Simon and Andrew, with James and John. 30 Now Simon's mother-in-law was in bed with a fever, and they told him about her at once. 31 He came and took her by the hand and lifted her up. Then the fever left her, and she began to serve them. 32 That evening, at sunset, they brought to him all who were sick or possessed with demons. 33 And the whole city was gathered around the door. 34 And he cured many who were sick with various diseases, and cast out many demons; and he would not permit the demons to speak, because they knew him.

So Mark, continuing his pacy narrative takes us 'immediately' to the synagogue at Capernaum. Jesus preaches, but with a personal authority, not like the scribes and rabbis, who always started by announcing that their authority came from Moses, the prophets or a famous rabbi. The authority with which Jesus preached came from His own relationship with His Father, and His own knowledge of scripture.

Immediately, there is a demoniac in the congregation who confronts Jesus.

'What have you to do with us, Jesus of Nazareth? Have you come to destroy us? I know who you are, the Holy One of God.' Jesus demonstrates His authority over the dark spirit realm by commanding the Demon to silence and to leave the man.

Which of course, it does. Unlike humanity the 'unclean spirits' could see clearly who Jesus is, recognising both His power over them and His authority over spirits.

When they are in Simon Peter and Andrew's house, Simon's mother in law is not well. Jesus now shows His authority over illnesses and the physical body by healing her. News of this, and the exorcism race around Capernaum, and by evening there are crowds arriving for healing and exorcism. This is the beginning of the movement that will continue to attract followers throughout Galilee.

It is worth noting at this point that Jesus did not allow the demons to talk as He was trying to keep His movement a secret against the Priestly and Roman authorities. Nonetheless, the movement continues to grow.

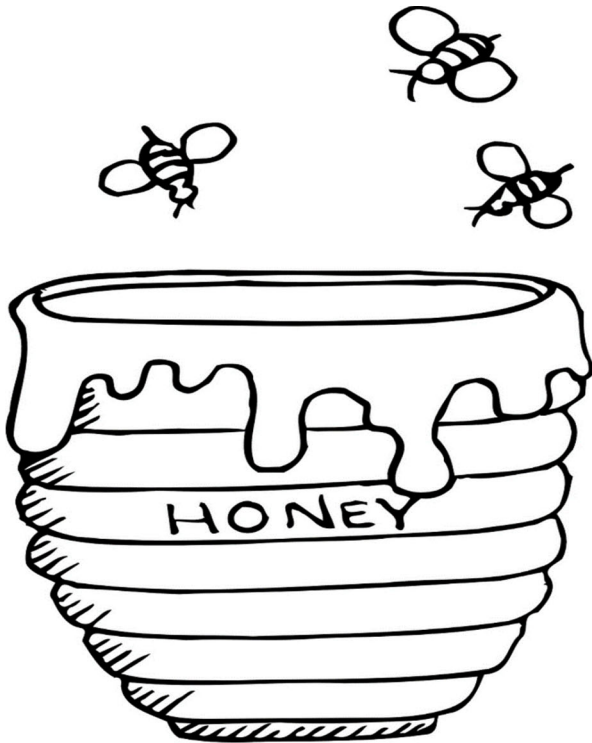
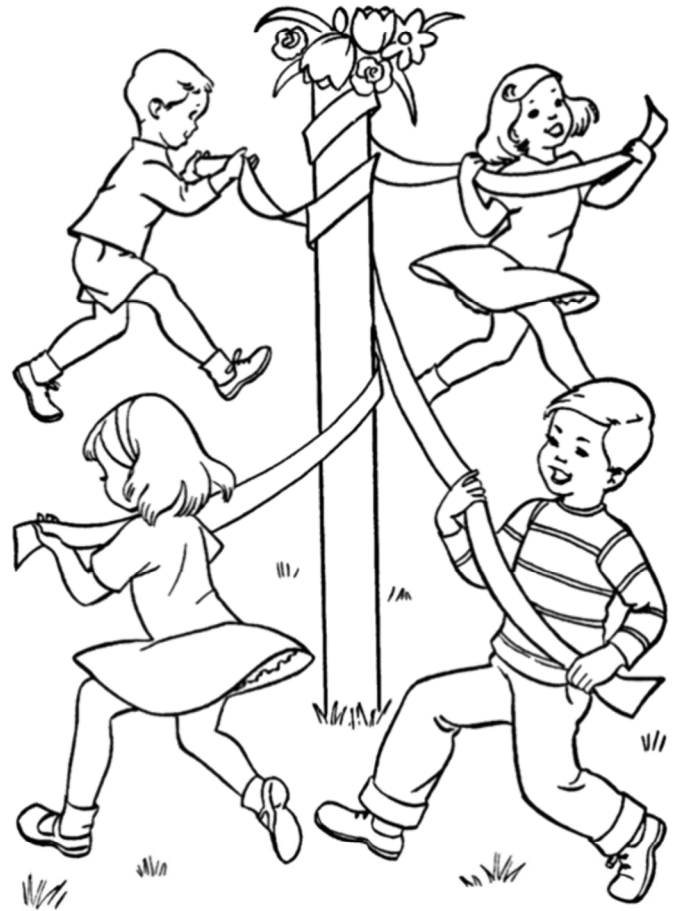
### Let us finish with prayer.

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*

# MAY COLOURING



Samson fought a fierce lion.



# FAMOUS PERSON IN MAY

## Her Imperial Majesty Queen Victoria Queen of Great Britain and Ireland, Empress of India

Born May 24th 1819; Died January 22nd 1901

Victoria was born at Kensington Palace on May 24th 1819, the only child of HRH Edward Duke of Kent, fourth son of George III. His wife the Duchess was a royal widow, Princess Victoria Maria Louisa of Saxe-Coburg-Saalfeld. At the time of her birth, Victoria was fifth in line for the British crown.

Christened Alexandrina Victoria, HRH Princess Victoria of Kent spent most of her childhood at Kensington Palace and Claremont. Victoria's father died just eight months after she was born. Her grandfather, King George III, died six days later. Her uncle, the Prince of Wales, then inherited the Crown, becoming King George IV. He too died childless when Victoria was only 11. The crown then passed to his brother who became King William IV.

When King William IV died on June 20th 1837, Princess Victoria became queen at the age of 18. She was described as a "studious, thoughtful, accomplished, serious and quiet but cheerful girl". Lord Melbourne was prime minister at this time.

Victoria was crowned at Westminster Abbey on June the 28th, 1838. After the ceremony there were fire-works and a fair in Hyde Park, and that night most of the theatres in London were open free to the public.

Prince Albert of Saxe-Coburg-Gotha arrived in London on October 10th 1839. Albert belonged to the family of the Duchess of Kent and was the Queen's first cousin. He was born on August 26th 1819 and visited England as a guest of his aunt the Duchess. At Kensington Palace, Albert shared lessons with his cousin Princess Victoria and they became firm friends.

On 15th November 1839 he returned to Germany and on the 23rd November Victoria summoned the Privy Council to Buckingham Palace to declare her intention to marry Prince Albert.

On February 10th 1840 the marriage was celebrated in the Chapel Royal of St James Palace. The Prince wore the uniform of a British field-marshal. The Queen wore white satin trimmed with orange flower blossoms, a bridal wreath and veil of Honiton lace.

Although Albert was formally titled "HRH Prince Albert", he was popularly known as "HRH the Prince Consort" for the next seventeen years. It wasn't until 29 June 1857 that Queen Victoria formally granted him the title Prince Consort.

Albert, the Prince Consort, died of typhoid fever on 14 December 1861 at Windsor Castle. His death completely devastated Queen Victoria who entered a state of mourning and wore black for the rest of her life. She avoided public appearances and was rarely seen by her people: she was widely criticised and her seclusion earned her the name "Widow of Windsor".

Victoria's self-imposed seclusion from public life affected the popularity of the monarchy. Although she did undertake some official government duties, she chose to remain secluded in her royal residences, Balmoral in Scotland, Osborne House on the Isle of Wight and Windsor Castle.

It wasn't until the early 1880s, after much coaxing by her family and Prime Minister Disraeli, that she began to appear more often in public, even attending the theatre in 1881.

As the British Empire flourished so Victoria became more popular with the people, indeed in her later years she became almost synonymous with the Empire. In 1887 The Golden Jubilee was a grand national celebration of her 50th year as Queen, so too the Diamond Jubilee in 1897 (60th anniversary of her accession to the throne). Victoria's long reign witnessed political and social reforms at home and the expansion of the British Empire abroad. The sense of national pride in both Queen and country led to the use of the term 'Victorian England'.

Victoria died at Osborne House on the Isle of Wight on 22 January 1901 after a reign which lasted almost 64 years. She was buried at Windsor beside Prince Albert, in the Frogmore Royal Mausoleum, which she had built for their final resting place. Above the Mausoleum door are inscribed Victoria's words: 'farewell best beloved, here at last I shall rest with thee, with thee in Christ I shall rise again'.



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# Bulphan WI

Members and invited guests climbed aboard the good ship Bulphan WI to mark its 93<sup>rd</sup> birthday, many in suitability nautical and fishy themed outfits including a mermaid, sou'wester wearing fisherwomen, assorted crew from Admirals to deck hands and a few pirates. They celebrated with a fish, or veggie burger, and chips supper followed by excellent entertainment from The Silver Darlings sea shanty crew. After enjoying the birthday cake and raffle draw, they disembarked to make their journey home.

The May meeting will include discussions and voting on this year's NFWI resolution - Women and Girls with ASD & ADHD under-identified, under-diagnosed, misdiagnosed, under-supported, Essex Federations Resolution Coordinator Laura Pisaneschi will be leading this part of the meeting. Laura then swaps hats to her President of Chafford Hundred WI one to oversee our Annual Meeting, where members will be reminded of all the meetings and events over the past twelve months, certificates for length of membership and the much converted competition cup will be awarded, along with many thanks for all our members do to keep our WI lively and flourishing.

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](mailto:bulphanwi@gmail.com)

**Jan Curtis President**





# OLD PHOTOGRAPHS OF BULPHAN



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## Woolmarket Music

### Horndon-on-the-Hill

Our April meeting gave us the opportunity, once again, to listen to Yoon Seok Shin, a young pianist who has developed a busy international career as a solo recitalist, concerto soloist and chamber musician. Born in Korea, he graduated from the Royal College of Music after completing the prestigious Artist Diploma (ArtDip) Performance Doctorate and the Master of Music (MMus) in Advanced Performance. He also gained his Bachelor of Music, BMus (Hons) in Performance at Trinity Laban Conservatoire of Music and Dance (Trinity College of Music) London where he was awarded 1<sup>st</sup> Class Honours.

Recently he was appointed as an official Ballet Repetiteur (in collaboration with the Royal Academy of Dance, London) at Thomas's London Day Preparatory Schools, London where members of the British royal family, Prince George and Princess Charlotte are currently attending.

Yoon delighted us all with pieces by Mozart, Bach, Chopin, Kapustin and a little known modern jazz composer, Eric Carlson. You would pay an awful lot more to see him in London!

**The next meeting is on Wednesday May 18<sup>th</sup> at 8pm in the Methodist Church Hall. Our guests will be Harmonie Wind Band, a highly entertaining group of musicians with their conductor, Roy Digby.**

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We enjoy meeting every Sunday evening for worship and extend a warm welcome to all whether new, occasional or regular attenders. Please feel free to join us in fellowship even if you attend church elsewhere in the morning. The services for May are as follows:

May 1 <sup>st</sup>	6:30 pm	Pholani Ncube
May 8 <sup>th</sup>	6:30 pm	Rev Max Blake
May 15 <sup>th</sup>	No service	-
May 22 <sup>nd</sup>	6:30 pm	Peter Crosby
May 29 <sup>th</sup>	6:30 pm	to be confirmed

Out of respect for the vulnerable and those who prefer a cautious approach, we still ask those attending to be sensitive to others in observing 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:

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# ALL OUR YESTERDAYS

Happenings from the Parish as reported in May in the past

## 1765 The Ipswich Journal Sat 25<sup>th</sup>

### Sale of effects

To be SOLD by AUCTION  
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On MONDAY the Twenty-seventh  
of May 1765

All the Household-Furniture, Brewing Utensils, &c. belonging to the late Mrs ELIZ COLLINGWOOD, deceased, at the BELL at HORNDON ON THE HILL in the County of Essex' consisting of Bedsteads & Furnitures, Feather-Beds, Blankets, and Quilts, Chest of Drawers, Tables, Chairs, Looking-glasses, China, an eight-day clock, Kitchen-Furniture, 2 Coppers and Iron-work, Tubs, Casks, and all sorts of Brewing Utensils; also a Water-Cart, a Malt-Mill, a Sow and Pigs.

NB The sale to begin exactly at Eleven o'clock

## 1792 The Ipswich Journal Sat 5<sup>th</sup>

### Vandevord marriage

CHELMSFORD 4 May  
Monday was married at Horndon on the Hill Mr Wm Mott, saddler, to Miss Eliz Vandevord

## 1863 Chelmsford Chronicle Fri 29<sup>th</sup>

### Harrow Inn to let

### To Let, Harrow Public, Bulphan Fen

Messrs Collis & Warren

**HAVE TO LET** the "Harrow" Public-house situate at Bulphan Fen. There is a garden, large yard with skittle-shed and stabling; and about five acres of meadow land; rent £25; coming-in £200 - Collis and Warren, Administrators and Surveyors, Romford, Essex.

## 1871 Chelmsford Chronicle Fri 19<sup>th</sup>

### Robbery from The Bell

Wholesale Robbery - Jas. Cutler, Hy Cutler, Geo Dyson, Hy Dyson

and Marshall Page, labourers of Horndon on the Hill, were brought up on remand charged with having, on the morning of the 29<sup>th</sup> of April, stolen from the bar of the Bell public house, Horndon on the Hill, the property of Mr Isaac Greenaway, the landlord, a quantity of beer, spirituous liquors, cigars, tobacco, soap, sugar and 9d in copper money. The prisoners all pleaded guilty. Hy Cutler who was only 13 years of age, was discharged; the others were each sentenced to one month with hard labour at Springfield gaol.

## 1873 Essex Newsman Sat 10<sup>th</sup>

### Situation wanted

SITUATION WANTED, by a respectable young man, as PORTER, or to look after a horse and cart, and willing to make himself useful; age 19 years.

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## 1874 Essex Newsman Sat 9<sup>th</sup>

### Wanted Nursemaid

WANTED, a NURSEMAID, from 16 to 18 years of age, good character indispensable.

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## 1874 Essex Herald Tues 12<sup>th</sup>

### Church restoration

### BULPHAN

**RESTORATION OF THE PARISH CHURCH** - It has been decided to carry out extensive alterations and improvements in the parish church of Bulphan. The nave and chancel are to be reconstructed, the roof to be covered with patent tiles, the screen, which is of great antiquity, is to be restored, the chancel to be furnished with new panels, and the handsome east window is to be reconstructed and raised higher. The whole is to be carried out at an estimated cost not exceeding £1,000 from designs

supplied by Mr T Stretfield, Great Marlborough-street, and the work to be done by Mr J Hammond, builder, of Great Warley.

## 1879 Essex Weekly News Fri 16<sup>th</sup>

### Bees

### HORNDON ON THE HILL

On Monday morning, the 12<sup>th</sup> inst, between 11 and 12 o'clock, Mr H Tyrrell had his first swarm of bees; and considering the cold winds that have prevailed, and the backward state of vegetation, this is unusually early for so late a season.

## 1884 Southend Std & Essex Weekly Advertiser Fri 9<sup>th</sup>

### Camping on highway

ORSETT : ENCAMPING ON THE HIGHWAY - Benjamin Harris, a hawker late of Bulphan, was summoned for encamping on the highway at Orsett on the 21<sup>st</sup> April. Sergeant William George Giffard said on the 21<sup>st</sup> April, about 12pm at night, he was on duty between Orsett and Bulphan, in the parish of Orsett, when he found the defendant encamped on the highway within about six feet of the middle of the road; he called up the defendant, who was in bed, and asked him who was there. Defendant said he had a mare with him who was near foaling, and could not get any further. About 2pm the next day, witness served a summons on the defendant three miles off; the mare had not foaled. Defendant, in his absence, was fined 5s and 4s 6d costs.



**1888 Essex Newsman****Sat 5<sup>th</sup>****Schoolmistress leaves****BULPHAN**

PRESENTATION - On Thursday, April 26<sup>th</sup> Miss Russell the National School governess, who is leaving the neighbourhood, was presented with a very handsome marble timepiece by the Rector and famers, as a mark of their esteem. The school children also gave several useful presents.

**1907 Essex Times****Sat 18<sup>th</sup>****Whittington memorial****MEMORIAL TO THE LATE****CANON WHITTINGTON**

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**1913 Essex Times****Sat 17<sup>th</sup>****New tennis ground****HORNDON ON THE HILL****NEW TENNIS GROUND**

There was a pleasant gathering on Whit-Monday at the opening of the lawn tennis ground. After a speech from the Vicar, Rev S.W. Fischel, Mrs Edward Abram, in a few well-chosen words, declared the ground open. Master Graham Newton presented Mrs Abram with bouquet on behalf of the members of the new club. . Tea was handed round, and although the afternoon was showery, enjoyable games were played until dark.

**1917 Westminster Gazette****Fri 18<sup>th</sup>****Flag placed in church****ANOTHER FLAG WITH HISTORY**

A flag such that as is commonly used by army signallers has been suspended in the parish church of Orsett, which contains as number of other war emblems. The flag

has been riddled with bullets and is heavily stained with mud.

An inscription underneath where it hangs states that it was "the first British flag hoisted at Monchy after its capture by the British on April 11, 1917, and was used to denote the headquarters of the officers commanding the defences of that place where the Yeomanry, in spite of losing more than two-thirds of their fighting strength, held on until relieved.

**1918 Essex Newsman****Sat 4<sup>th</sup>****Situation vacant farm worker war bonus**

Situation vacant :

GENERAL Workman, offhand grass farm; 36s weekly, war bonus. Woolings, Bulphan, Essex

**1935 Chelmsford Chronicle****Fri 24<sup>th</sup>****Two on a bicycle**

Two on a bicycle  
John W Lewis, London Road, Grays, labourer, was summoned for carrying an additional person on a bicycle at Horndon on the Hill, on May 6. Dorothy Brown, Vincent Avenue, field worker was summoned for being so carried. They were fined 5/- each.

**1944 Chelmsford Chronicle****Fri 26<sup>th</sup>****Situation wanted cowman**

Situation Wanted

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**1948 Chelmsford Chronicle****Fri 7<sup>th</sup>****Tractor demo****DEMONSTRATIONS OF THE NEW**

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**1988 Brentwood Gazette****Fri 13<sup>th</sup>****Bus route saved**

County council public transport chiefs have decided to not axe the Bulphan to Basildon bus service - the only link between the two towns,

They ruled in favour of keeping the route despite knowing fares covered only a quarter of the £30 cost of running the one-day-a-week service

The service was up for review at last Wednesday's public transport committee meeting as contracts on some routes are due to expire between July and August.



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# HORNDON ON THE HILL SCHOOL

There are references to education in Horndon on the Hill going back just over 200 years.

1818 : "Population 378. No school. The poor have no means of education and would be happy to embrace them if offered."

*Digest of Parochial Returns. Select Committee on Education of the Poor, 1818*

1833 : "Population 511. Two Daily Schools: whereof one contains 6 males and 12 females; and the other (commenced 1830) 12 males and 11 females, all of whom receive instruction at the expense of their parents.

One Sunday School (commenced 1830) wherein 29 males and 32 females are instructed gratuitously."

*House of Commons papers, Volume 41. Abstract of Education Returns 1833*

The National Society was set up in 1811 to establish schools based on the teachings of the Church of England. The National Society's aim was to establish a National School in every parish of England and Wales.

From 1833, the state began to pay annual grants to the societies. The grants increased over time, but were accompanied by inspections and increasing demands from the state.

The old "National School" on the corner of Vincent Avenue, was founded in 1846 by the Vicar, the Rev<sup>d</sup> James Trevitt. Prior to this, he and his wife had held a voluntary school in a small thatched cottage, teaching in the daytime and evening.

An entry in the 1846 Log Book reads: "The School Mistress to find her own coals, keep school clean, etc. furnish her own house, etc." (the present school house). "The Annual Subscriptions about £30 to pay for the children's clothing, necessary books and slates, and the remainder to go to the Teacher together with the children's pence - each paying 1d per week."

In August 1846 a request for builders to tender for building a school in Horndon was printed in the Chelmsford Chronicle.

By September 1847, £279 17s 3d had been raised towards the £350 cost of the School.

In 1848 there was no requirement for children to be educated and the education system was 'organised' by the Church and National Schools.

In White's Directory of 1848 mistress of the new National School was Elizabeth Stibbard aged 24 from Witham, it is probable that she started in 1847. She married a blacksmith in the village George Oakley, in 1850. The next recorded mistress in 1863 was Eliza A Strong from Limehouse. The old National School became the nursery for the primary school a few years ago.

The current school was completed in 1972, which means this year is its Silver Anniversary. The building work was made possible by the co-operation of the Chelmsford Diocesan Education Committee and Essex County Council, in consultation with the Department of Education and Science at an approximate cost of £58,000. The work was done under the direction of the County Architect and executed by AW Hardy & Co. of Southend on Sea.

The school was dedicated in a special service on Wednesday 17<sup>th</sup> May 1972 by the Bishop of Chelmsford, Right Rev<sup>d</sup> (Albert) John Trillo. He was accompanied by a National Society Representative, the Diocesan Director of Church Schools, the Rural Dean of Orsett & Grays, Vicar of Horndon on the Hill (Rev<sup>d</sup> MS Cherry), The Bishop of Colchester (Chairman of Diocesan Education Committee) and Horndon on the Hill Churchwardens.

After the service the Bishops presented the children with commemorative bibles and guests were invited to view the classrooms.

At this time :

- The Managers of the School: The Rev<sup>d</sup> MS Cherry (Chairman); Mr D Arnold (Vice-Chairman); Mrs D Benton; Mr D Hunt and Mr ES Rimmell (*Mrs. J. E. Winter - resigned 16<sup>th</sup> May 1972*)
- The School Staff: Mr W Vickers (Headmaster); Mrs O Wilson (Deputy Head); Miss J Collings; Miss C Goulbourne; Mr L James; Mrs P Springett; Mrs S Stoddart; Mrs M Pennifold & Mrs P Gladwell (Secretaries); Mrs E Holder (Kitchen supervisor) and Mr C Willis (caretaker).

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# Mothers' UNION

## Chelmsford Diocese Mothers' Union



Time flies – the month of May brings with it our next MU Council meeting, the first chaired by our new Diocesan President, Maxine Paul. The meeting is on Wednesday 18 May, 7pm for 7.30pm, in the Chapter House, Chelmsford. If anyone would like to go and needs a lift, please get in contact.

## Connected Spring 2022 Edition



The Spring 2022 Edition of our exclusive members' magazine - Connected - has landed on doormats! You can read about vaccine equity in the face of the continued impact of the COVID-19 pandemic, our work with prisons and refugees, MU's response to the famine in Madagascar and much more. It is possible to read the magazine online if you would like a peek ...

<https://www.mothersunion.org/node/9047>

## Annual Gathering 2022



After two years of meeting online, it has been announced that the Mothers' Union Annual Gathering 2022 will be held in person at the Waterfront Hall, part of the International Convention Centre (ICC) in the wonderful city of Belfast on the following dates: 23 and 24 September 2022.

All the details about the event, including a guide on how to purchase your tickets and an event pack are available online: <https://www.mothersunion.org/annual-gathering-2022>

## MU Thy Kingdom Come service



Thy Kingdom Come is a global prayer movement that started in 2016. It is an open invitation to Christians around the world to pray from Ascension to Pentecost each year that more people will come to know Jesus. This year Ascension Day is Thursday 26 May and Pentecost is Sunday 5 June. This year's MU Thy Kingdom Come service will be live streamed on Facebook and YouTube at 2pm on Friday 27th May. Save the date now so you don't miss it! You may like to watch it together with other members and friends of MU.

## New Platinum Prayer Book



To mark the Queen's Platinum Jubilee and her 70 years as patron of Mothers' Union, a collection of prayers from members and friends of Mothers' Union across the world have been collated into a new prayer book. The book includes themes that reflect the 70 years of the Queen's reign, Hope, love, resilience, service, faith, joy, family. Under each theme, members and friends have provided a wonderful collection of prayers that celebrate God, bringing comfort and inspiration. The prayer book costs £3.80 and can be purchased online:

<https://mueshop.org/products/platinum-prayer-book>

## A Prayer for Ascension Day (26 May):

*Almighty God, your ascended Son has sent us into the world to preach the good news of your kingdom: inspire us with your Spirit and fill our hearts with the fire of your love, that all who hear your word may be drawn to you, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen*

## Di Bubb, Mothers' Union contact



# Forest Church

**St Mary the Virgin Church,  
Bulphan  
on Saturday 7th May at 4pm**

**Encounter God in the great outdoors: in the sky, the earth,  
the trees and the wildlife. This service is for all, old and  
young and includes outdoor fun activities on  
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**You should also bring along a rug or a chair to sit on.**

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