

# Welcome to the Parish of Horndon, Orsett and Bulphan Weekly notice sheet Sunday 29th May — Ascension Day 10am All Together Holy Communion Service 4pm Songs of Praise Service St Peter and St Paul's Church, Horndon-on-the-Hill



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 <u>red attendance book</u> 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 <u>purple attendance book</u> which will be available at the back of church.

### **Today's Collect**

Risen Christ, you have raised our human nature to the throne of heaven: help us to seek and serve you, that we may join you at the Father's side, where you reign with the Spirit in glory, now and for ever.

### **Post Communion**

God our Father, you have raised our humanity in Christ and have fed us with the bread of heaven: mercifully grant that, nourished with such spiritual blessing we may set our hearts in the heavenly places; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

### Dear Everyone,

Thank you to those who came to our first Annual Parochial Church Meeting of our new Parish of Horndon, Orsett and Bulphan last week and to everyone who prepared reports and helped with the organisation of this. At this meeting we thanked Ron, Janet and Jackie who have now stepped down as Churchwardens. We are hugely grateful for all they have given in service over many years.

Thank you, also, to everyone who has donated to Christian Aid. We are still collecting the envelopes and will let you know the total when all the contributions have been counted.

This Sunday we will be celebrating Ascension Day. Ascension Day is on 26th May and it also marks the beginning of 'Thy Kingdom Come' the global prayer movement that invites Christians around the world to pray from Ascension to Pentecost for more people to come to know Jesus. More details about how you can participate in this can be found on page three of the notices.

This Sunday we have another Songs of Praise Service. It will be at Horndon Church at 4pm and all are welcome. Do come along to hear people's faith stories and have a good sing.

On another note, this year Horndon's Feast and Fayre Committee have selected our Parish to be the beneficiary from the sale of their raffle tickets. Therefore, we are asking people on the electoral roll to try to sell four books of raffle tickets. You should receive them in due course with instructions of where to return the stubs, the money and any spare raffle tickets. If you are not on the electoral roll and feel you would be able to sell some tickets, please let Lynda Robertson know.

Finally, as I write this, we are approaching the Queen's Platinum Jubilee Celebrations and I am sure we are all looking forward to the events taking place around the three villages in the coming week. You may wish to use this prayer from the Church of England in your personal devotions or within any activities you are organising.

Gracious God, we give you thanks
for the reign of your servant Elizabeth our Queen,
and for the example of loving and faithful service
which she has shown among us.
Help us to follow her example of dedication
and to commit our lives to you and to one another,
through Jesus Christ our Lord.



### Prayers for the week

### **Prayer Diary**

- THE SEVENTH SUNDAY OF EASTER ANGLICAN COMMUNION SUNDAY Pray that there will be unity and concord in the Anglican Communion throughout the world.
- **Pray for:** The Church of South India [United]
- 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

Horndon Jane L, Freda K, Chris C, Nick T, Moira, Ivy

Orsett Gill C, Joan B, Di B, Ted S, Joan M, Sue L, Maureen D, Margaret C

Bulphan John B, Jake M, Brian F, Anita J, Richard R
Other Eddie, Brooke, Elizabeth, Dottie and her family



Orsett Family and friends of Doreen Roberts; Pamela Baker

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

### Horndon support group

This group meets on Wednesday mornings at the Woolmarket in Horndon. This is a mutual support group for people living with disability or illness.

There is no compulsion to talk you can just listen.

### Pentecost Sunday Joint churches service.

6pm - 5<sup>th</sup> June 2022.

Corringham and Stanford-Le-Hope Baptist church Springhouse Road SS17 7PE.

Would like to invite you to join us for an evening of praise and worship and to celebrate Pentecost together.



If you are free, it would be a wonderful opportunity for God's people to join together on this important date in our Christian calendar.

Pastor John Kennett.

### National Month of Prayer for Toddler Groups (NMOP)

"Did you know", said Edward Bear Senior to his friends, "that the month of June is the National Month of Prayer for Toddler Groups? A whole month - fancy that!".

Many of you will have read Edward Bear Senior's musings during lockdown and so he thought he would come out of retirement to tell you all about NMOP.....

NMOP is an initiative of 1277 Make Them Count, which is the national network of church-based toddler groups. Here's something else interesting ... did you know that on average a child has 1,277 days between birth and starting nursery school education, and the network wants to 'make them count' for the children, for their families, and for the toddler groups that they attend? Toddler groups offer an amazing space for babies, toddlers and their parents and carers to play, experience a warm welcome and develop a supportive community. They are a place where the love of God can be experienced in so many ways and they are a place where life in all its fullness can be celebrated.

That's why Edward Bear Senior started Orsett Edward Bear Toddler Group with the help of members of the Mothers' Union! Our group has been supporting babies, toddlers, their parents and carers for many years now – the first toddlers to join are now teenagers and many of their parents remain friends, having met each other at our group – so long, in fact, that Edward Bear Senior had to hand over to Edward Bear Junior and a new team of helpers so that we could keep supporting those in our local community.

And that's why a whole month is put aside to focus on toddler groups in prayer. The theme for 2022 is based on Luke 5: 1-11, 'A Net That Works' and there's a fantastic poster to go with it. "I would love everyone to read this passage and pray for Orsett Edward Bear Toddler Group", said Edward Bear Senior, "for the parents, grandparents and carers who come into our buildings each week; for the children; for the team who is committed to this valuable ministry; and for our communities, that we might reach out with love to all families. It's so wonderful to be held in prayer!"



### **Thurrock Foodbank**

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

**Horndon** 1, Lion Cottages, High Rd, **Orsett** The Rectory and Orsett Stores **Bulphan** 24, Church Lane & Bulphan Local Store Shortages this week are:

Jam, tinned meats - spaghetti bolognese, tinned curry, sausages & beans etc, tinned fish, sponge puddings, tinned custard, rice pudding, fruit juice/ squash, savoury snacks and dried noodles





Thy Kingdom Come is a global prayer movement that invites Christians around the world to pray from Ascension to Pentecost for more people to come to know Jesus.

Since its start in May 2016 God has grown Thy Kingdom Come from a dream of possibility into a movement. Christians from 172 countries have taken part in praying 'Come Holy Spirit', so that friends and family, neighbours and colleagues might come to faith in Jesus Christ.

This praying together has been across our diversity and differences as every person, household and church are encouraged to pray in their own way. According to our annual survey findings an astonishing percentage of people said they were praying for family and friends to come to faith in Jesus, and a significant number of people join in for the first time, we recognise there is much more we can do together to help *Thy Kingdom Come* be fully in the lifeblood of the Church.

During the 11 days of Thy Kingdom Come, it is hoped that everyone who takes part will:

- Deepen their own relationship with Jesus Christ
- Pray for 5 friends or family to come to faith in Jesus
- Pray for the empowerment of the Spirit that we would be effective in our witness

After the very first Ascension Day the disciples gathered with Mary, constantly devoting themselves to prayer while they waited for the outpouring of the Holy Spirit at Pentecost. Like them, our reliance on the gift of the Holy Spirit is total – on our own we can do nothing.

Through the centuries Christians have gathered at that time to pray for the coming of the Holy Spirit. 'Thy Kingdom Come' picks up this tradition. Over the years more and more worshipping communities have dedicated the days between Ascension and Pentecost to pray 'Come Holy Spirit'.

We are praying that the Spirit will inspire and equip us to share the Good News of Jesus Christ with our friends and families, our communities and networks. It has been amazing how many varied ways there have been in which people from every tradition have taken up this challenge. The effects have been remarkable.

It is our prayer that those who have not yet heard the Good News of Jesus Christ and his love for the world will hear it for themselves, and respond and follow Him. Specifically, we again invite each and every Christian across the globe to pray that God's Spirit might work in the lives of 5 friends who have not responded with their 'Yes' to God's call.

Whether you have joined in 'Thy Kingdom Come' before or not, we invite you to take part – along with churches from over 80 different denominations & traditions in nearly 90% of countries (172) around the world.

"In praying 'Thy Kingdom Come' we all commit to playing our part in the renewal of the nations and the transformation of communities." Archbishop Justin Welby

### **Diary Dates**

### **Services**

- Next week's Sunday services (5th June) at Bulphan Church 10am All Together Holy Communion Service
   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

- The wedding of Konnie Walker and James Dibble on Saturday 28th May 2.30pm at Orsett Church
- The Funeral of Doreen Roberts on Tuesday 14th June at 11am at Orsett Church
- Baptism preparation meeting, Monday 13th June, held at 7.30pm in Orsett Church
- Holiday Activity Day—Saturday 30th July at Orsett Church—more details to follow on a future notice sheet

### **Hobnob Magazine**

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

## Eco Pause for Thought

### Eliminate microplastics

Did you know that washing your clothes can lead to millions of harmful <u>microplastics</u> entering our oceans? You can help eliminate them from your wash by getting a microplastics filter, such as a <u>Guppyfriend</u> or <u>Cora Ball</u>.



**Individual Private Prayer** The following churches are open for private prayer—10am to noon

Bulphan Church Monday and Thursday Free refreshments are available on Horndon-on-the-Hill Church Tuesday and Saturday Monday, Tuesday and Saturday.



# Bible Readings for this week

	Principal Service			
Sunday	Acts 16.16-34	John 17.20-end		

	Morning prayer	Night prayer		Morning prayer	Night prayer
Monday	Psalm 93 Numbers 22.1-35 Luke 7.36-end	Psalm 18 Deuteronomy 31.1-13 1 John 2.18-end	Tues	Psalm 85 1 Samuel 2.1-10 Mark 3.31-end	Psalm 122 Zechariah 2.10-end John 3.25-30
Weds	Psalm 29 Numbers 23.13-end Luke 8.16-25	Psalm 46 Deuteronomy 31.30-32.14 1 John 3.11-end	Thurs	Psalm 24 Numbers 24 Luke 8.26-39	Psalm 139 Deuteronomy 32.15-47 1 john 4.1-6
Friday	Psalm 28 Numbers 27.12-end Luke 8.40-end	Psalm 147 Deuteronomy 33 1 John 4.7-end	Sat	Psalm 43 Numbers 32.1-27 Luke 9.1-17	Psalm 48 Deuteronomy 16.9-15 John 7.37-39

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