

SERVICES – August 2022					
	HORNDON	ORSETT	BULPHAN		
Monday 1 st August			Open Church 10am-noon with refreshments		
Tuesday 2 nd	Open Church 10am-noon with refreshments				
Thursday 4 th			Open Church 10am-noon		
Friday 5 th		No Edward Bear or Oasis Cafe			
Saturday 6 th	Open Church 10am-noon with refreshments		4pm Forest Church		
Sunday 7 th Aug – 8 th Sunday after Trinity	10am All Together Holy Communion Service				
Monday 8 th			Open Church 10am-noon with refreshments		
Tuesday 9 th	Open Church 10am-noon with refreshments		7.30pm Holy Communion Service		
Thursday 11 th			Open Church 10am-noon		
Friday 12 th		No Edward Bear or Oasis Cafe			
Saturday 13 th	Open Church 10am-noon with refreshments				
Sunday 14 th Aug-14 th Sunday after Trinity		8.45am CW Holy Communion Service 10am Family Service			
Monday 15 th			Open Church 10am-noon with refreshments		
Tuesday 16 th	Open Church 10am-noon with refreshments				
Thursday 18 th			Open Church 10am-noon		
Friday 19 th		No Edward Bear or Oasis Cafe			
Saturday 20 th	Open Church 10am-noon with refreshments				
Sunday 21st Aug-15th Sunday after Trinity	4pm Refresh Service		8.45am CW Holy Communion Service 10am Family Service		
Monday 22 nd			Open Church 10am-noon with refreshments		
Tuesday 23 rd	Open Church 10am-noon with refreshments				
	12.15pm Holy Communion Service				
Thursday 25 th			Open Church 10am-noon		
Friday 26 th		No Edward Bear or Oasis Cafe			
Saturday 23 rd	Open Church 10am-noon with refreshments				
Sunday 28 th Aug-11 th Sunday after Trinity	8.45am BCP Holy Communion Service 10am Family Service				
Monday 29 th			Open Church 10am-noon with refreshments		
Tuesday 30 th	Open Church 10am-noon with refreshments				
Thursday 1st Sept			Open Church 10am-noon		
Friday 2 nd		No Edward Bear or Oasis Café			
Saturday 3 rd	Open Church 10am-noon with refreshments	Forest Church 4pm			
Sunday 4 th Sept–12 th Sunday after Trinity		10am All Together Holy Communion Service			

Rector's Reflections

I hope that you have all managed to have some time for rest and relaxation this summer. It is so important that we each charge our batteries physically, emotionally and spiritually.

We have had a few changes at church over the past few weeks. Ron Porter, Janet Wilkins and Jackie Wood have stepped down from their roles as wardens and they will, hopefully, now have a chance to recharge their batteries! We give grateful thanks to them for all their years of service and we welcome Christine and David Mortimer, who have kindly taken on the role of wardens with primary responsibility for Orsett.

This August, as we plan for the start of the new academic year in September, you might like to consider joining us on our Alpha Course as a way of recharging your spiritual batteries. The Alpha Course provides an opportunity to explore the Christian Faith in a relaxed atmosphere. Its website says:

'We believe that everyone should have the chance to explore faith, ask questions and share their point of view.

Alpha is a series of sessions exploring the Christian faith. Each talk looks at a different question around faith and is designed to create conversation. Alpha is run all around the globe and everyone is welcome. It runs online, in cafés, churches, universities, homes—you name it! No two Alphas look the same, but they generally have three key things in common: hospitality, a talk and good conversation.

The Alpha video talks are designed to engage people from all walks of life and inspire conversation. They explore the big issues of life and faith and unpack the basics of Christian belief, addressing questions like "Who is Jesus?", "Why and how do I pray?" and "How does God guide us?"

The discussion time is an opportunity for people to respond to the talk, hear from others and contribute their own perspective in an honest, friendly and open environment.

Our Alpha Course will run for 11 weeks, starting on Thursday 8th September at 7.15pm in the Woolmarket on the High Road in Horndon-on-the-Hill. It will begin with cake and refreshments. All are welcome. If you are interested, please do put your name and contact details on the sign-up sheet at the back of church or drop me an email at rectorsue.hobnob.org.uk. And, if you would like to find out more about the Alpha Course, in the meantime, you can go to alpha.org.uk

I look forward to seeing you soon.

Take care and God bless,

Sue



THE PARISH REGISTERS

<u>Baptisms</u>		
July 10th	Sadie Violet Whitehead	(O)
	Freddie William Farrow	(O)
July 17th	Millie Ellen Taylor	(H)
<u>Funerals</u>		
June 24th	Joan Margaret Lucy Browne (82)	(O)
July 8th	Joan Yvonne Macey (86)	(O)
Interment of Ash	<u>es</u>	
July 1st	Deidre Graham (98)	(H)
	John Graham (87)	(H)







Baptism Enquiries

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



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.



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Horndon on the hill Churchwardens Report

Hi all

WOW! Hot, Hot, Hot

As I write this the thermometer is rising to 40 degrees.

We had a fantastic 'Feast and Fayre'. Thank you to all who came to see the amazing flower displays, consume food and drink or listen to the music.

As from the beginning of September you will notice scaffolding being put up around the church inside and out. We are having the 4 dormer windows replaced. This will last for approx. 6 weeks. During this time the church services and open church will be as normal.

We hope you all have a good August, seeing friends and relations, going on holiday or just relaxing. Bring your house guests or friends to visit our lovely church.

Don't' forget to come along on a Tuesday or Saturday morning 10-12 for Open Church, where we offer quiet time in a beautiful building.

Free refreshments are always available, sometimes cake!!

Keep Cool

God Bless

Sonia Ward Churchwarden



August 1st	For the Parish of Orsett, Bulphan & Horndon-on-the-Hill
August 2nd	For those whose holidays have had to be cancelled this month
August 3rd	For humanitarian organisations here and abroad

August 4th For those living in Baker Street in Orsett August 5th For Reverend Sue and Reverend Max August 6th For those living in The Spinney in Orsett

August 7th For those living in South Hill Crescent in Horndon

August 8th For our own personal needs

August 9th For those living in Church Lane in Bulphan August 10th For those living in Mill Lane, Horndon For our Parochial Church Council August 11th

August 12th For members of our congregations who live in Grays August 13th For those living in Prince Charles Avenue in Orsett

August 14th For St Luke's Hospice & all carers

August 15th For those living in Albert Road in Bulphan

For physicians, health care professionals and the front line workers August 16th

August 17th For those in crisis of faith

For those living in Gordon Road in Horndon August 18th August 19th For those living in the High Road in Horndon

August 20th For the work of Chelmsford Cathedral August 21st For those living in Penn Close in Orsett August 22nd For those living in Orsett Road in Horndon August 23rd For those living in Church Road in Bulphan August 24th For those living in The Green in Orsett August 25th For those living in Victoria Road, Horndon

For our twin dioceses in Romania, Sweden, Kenya & Trinidad & Tobago August 26th

For those living on Doesgate Lane, Bulphan August 27th August 28th For those living on Rectory Road, Orsett August 29th For those living on Orsett Road, Orsett

August 30th For our friends and neighbours

August 31st For family living abroad

Please continue to pray for the people of Ukraine

Alone with none but thee, my God, I journey on my way. What need I fear, when thou art near O king of night and day?

More safe am I within thy hand Than if a host did round me stand.

St Columba

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'Forget-Me-Not' Coffee morning

In Horndon Woolmarket from 10.00 am - 12.00 pm

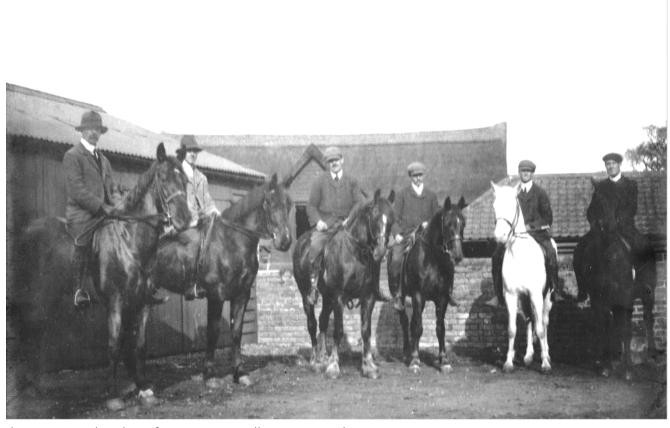
We meet on the 2nd Tuesday of each month for anyone who would like a cuppa and a chat. Everyone is welcomed!

Bring & Buy and Raffle

All proceeds go to the **J's Hospice** in Essex, providing hospice and respite care for young adults with life threatening and life limiting conditions

For further details contact Beverley on 01375 671 474

OLD PHOTOGRAPHS OF BULPHAN



The six Squire brothers from Dunton Hills visiting Garlesters in 1912



Unmade road surface at the junction of Doesgate Lane and the Old Brentwood Road

Each month we will publish a few photographs from this extensive collection



ORSETT CHURCH WARDENS REPORT

Firstly, we would like to thank everyone for their kind words of encouragement and offers of help upon our recent appointment as new church wardens for Orsett. We would also like to take this opportunity to thank Janet and Jackie for all their hard work over the past years and for the help they are giving during this on-going transition period.

By the time you read this we should have completed our electrical inspection – many thanks to The Friends of Orsett Church for agreeing to cover the cost of this.

We have also had our beautiful organ inspected, but, unfortunately time is getting the better of it and it needs quite a lot of work in order for it to sound anywhere near its best.

Orsett School came into church today for their Year 6 leavers' service. This was the first time the school had been into church since the start of the pandemic and it was good to welcome them back.

With the extreme hot weather we have been experiencing let's hope everyone has managed to stay cool, calm and collected.

Christine and David Mortimer





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

Sunday:10.30 am Worship.

Minister: Reverend Oluyemisi Jaiyesimi. Senior Steward: Mr Graham Hodgson.

Website: www.methodist-sec.co.uk/horndon/index.html

HORNDON-ON-THE-HILL

We meet at the Welcome Club I, Victoria Road, Stanford-le-Hope At 8.00pm on the last Tuesday each month except in December.

New members welcome Enquiries to the Secretary Sec.hothrbl@hotmail.com







The Parish of Horndon, Orsett and Bulphan Prayer Group



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

Any enquiries – Please contact Revd Sue at email rectorsue@hobnob.org.uk or 01375 891254

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ORSETT CHURCH SUMMER FETE

We are looking for items to use for the various stalls we will have

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Do you have any items you are willing to donate or are able to help on the day

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Strawberry Cream Teas





Any visitor to St Mary's Churchyard would be impressed by the condition of the garden, grass cut, hedges trimmed. If they ventured into the main Church they would find the same situation, everything clean and tidy and well cared for. They would find the same standards of care in our two Sister Churches. What the visitor will not see is the small band of

volunteers who are working flat out to keep the Churches and Churchyard looking so good and thanks go out to them all.

For most of us who were brought up after the Second World War we have been reasonably fortunate, some major ups and downs but nothing like the last few years. Initially Covid struck, resulting in us living our lives very differently and then the war in Ukraine which has resulted in energy prices and now food prices increasing dramatically. Now in the last few days we see the effects of climate change where we are experiencing temperatures thought only possible in the Middle East. People are finding their budgets stretched to the limit and we see companies either going out of business or reducing the number of stores/banks to reduce their costs.

The Church is not immune to all of this, its income relying solely on donations made by the general public. We have already seen in Thurrock Deanery, (of which we are a part), a reduction in the number of paid priests from 16 to 10 in only a few years and this trend is likely to continue.

Its not the greatest time to ask people for money but for those of you who do donate you may consider giving through THE PARISH GIVING SCHEME which at least gives the Church a regular income. You can contact Lynda Robertson or me for details.

The good news is that Bulphan held a successful cream tea last Saturday, thanks to all who helped including Iris and Lynda.

The biggest job for Ron and myself at present is keeping all our three water butts full, magical holy water as someone described it.

Frank Woollard

Zion Hall Mission, Bulphan Interdenominational

Church Road, Bulphan

www.zhm100.wix.com/zionhallmission

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. On 17th July we were very pleased to hear Chris Binstead from Arab World Ministries who shared stories of how God is working through the AWM team in the lives of those in the Arab world. The services for August are as follows:

August 7th	6:30 pm	Rev Pholani Ncube
August 14th	6:30 pm	Rev Yemi Jaiyesimi
August 21st	6:30 pm	Peter Crosby
August 28th	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:

Ian Blackburn on 01375 891522

The Parish of Horndon, Orsett and Bulphan

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Bulphan C. of E. Academy



Wow! I can't believe how quickly this year has gone! It has been really good to return to some kind of normality after the turbulence of the last few years. This year, our community has come together and celebrated the achievements of our children on many occasions and it is lovely to have that 'buzz' back around school. We look forward to more events, learning and fun next year but, until then, wish the whole community a wonderful summer.

Sporting Success!

In June, our children, their families and the wider community joined together on the village field to enjoy Sports Day. It was amazing! The children completed a range of events to earn points for their team. All children showed resilience, perseverance and a wonderful team spirit. The ice-cream van half way through was a welcomed break from the heat and the children thoroughly enjoyed their sweet treats! Overall, Green Team collected the most points and were crowned winners.









We are popstars!

On Tuesday 12th July, our year 3 children attended Chelmsford Cathedral with children from 14 other Vine Trust Schools to perform a concert to parents and carers. The afternoon started with lots of rehearsals led by IsingPop, a singing, performing, and resourcing project that helps children and families engage in Collective Worship in school, church, and at home. The children absolutely loved singing and dancing along to the songs and, with the acoustics of the cathedral, they sounded amazing!

A special mention to Teddy who read a piece beautifully during the concert in front of more than 100 people!







Bulphan C. of E. Academy



Year 5/6 Residential

A couple of weeks ago, our Year 5 and 6 children ventured off to PGL in Hastings for a week of fun, adventure and meeting new people. For some, it was their first time away from home but, despite this, they showed confidence and perseverance throughout the week. On the first night, most of them didn't sleep until 1am and then rose again at 4.45am ready for the day.... the adults weren't quite so enthusiastic! By Thursday, they were in a routine of getting up at a (fairly!) reasonable time.

The children thoroughly enjoyed trying some new activities and demonstrated high levels of courage when flying up rock climbing walls; abseiling down towers and releasing themselves on the giant swing!

Some fantastic memories were made and we were proud of every single child who attended. Roll on residential 2023!

















Thank you to everyone in our community for your continued support. Have a lovely summer!

Miss Taylor

Head of School



'God's word is a lamp to guide our feet and a light for our path'
Inspired by Psalm 119:105

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We are all part of God's family. Through trying our best in all that we do, we find a sense of belonging.

1 Corinthians 12:27 'All of you together are Christ's body and each of you is a part of it'.

Dear All,

Following a request to St Clere's for budding artists to help improve the outside area in our school, we have utilised the skills of some amazing year 10 students. They have been in school all week working diligently on what will be some outstanding murals. We cannot thank them enough. I will add more photos to the next newsletter so that you can all see the finished product! The mural of a library will form the backdrop for our outdoor reading area. We have a number of children who will really appreciate an area that they can sit in and read, whilst still being part of the playtime culture. We cannot wait to see how the murals will eventually look.







We held our school production over 3 performances last week, something that has not been possible since July 2019. The children loved the opportunity to perform on the stage and each performance was sold out! Year 6 pupils took the lead roles and as always, there were children who are generally very quiet around the school, but get them up on a stage and they come to life. It wasn't just the children on the stage who excelled – the stage hands who worked behind the scenes were amazing and the shows would not have run as smoothly if not for their dedication. Needless to say, none of this would have been possible without the commitment of the staff, including turning up for the evening performance after a draining day at school. We are so proud of our children, and it was great to have the opportunity to celebrate their success in such a positive way.

The focus is now on the Year 6 Leavers' assembly which takes place today at St. Peter's and St Paul's in Horndon. All year parents have been invited to attend, so hopefully in the next HOBNOB I will be able to include a report about this serene event. This will then be followed by the Leavers' Assembly on Tuesday, an emotional experience for anyone attending. Again, I will include an update on this event in the next edition.

In the meantime, have a good summer!



Mrs D Bradley Head of School



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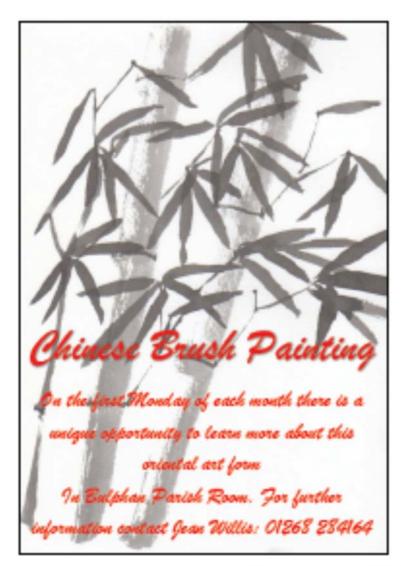
It is fun to camp!

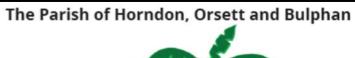


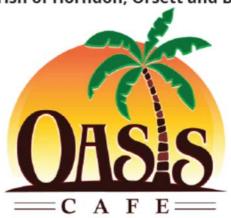












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Update from Orsett C of E Primary School





As I sit and write this update it is the 18th July and is still currently 35 degrees at 6pm at night. I have never known heat like this and have certainly not had to run a school through such weather! Despite the hotter weather recently we have had some great fun and made some fantastic memories over the past month. Most of the last few weeks has all been about our Year 6s as they prepare to leave us. Here are some of their highlights over the last few weeks.

PGL

At the end of July I had the honour and privilege of taking our Year 6s on residential to PGL at Windmill Hill near Battle. The children went away from Monday – Friday and took part in a range of adventurous activities such as raft building, climbing, abseiling, archery and many more! The children also had camp fires in the evening as well as a range of other activities. They were super well behaved and a credit to the school. I think they thoroughly enjoyed the week.









Peter Pan

Year 6 also treated us to a wonderful production of Peter Pan last week. They didn't get much time to rehearse having been out on residential and then spending a week at their secondary schools however they really did put on a show.

We were taken to Neverland, introduced to pirates, lost boys and battled with Hook as he avoided the Tick Tock Croc!

They were beautifully supported by our wonderful choir. It really was an evening to remember!



Leavers Service at St Giles

Despite the blistering heat we ventured to St Giles for our Year 6 leavers service on Monday 18th July. It was our first time back in church for nearly 2 years and it really was wonderful. Rev Max led a service for us where we gave thanks for the children's time at Orsett and looked ahead to a new start for them. We talked about how Orsett has been their bubble but that they will always take a piece of Orsett with them, that they will never be able to unlearn what we have taught them and to hold the values Orsett has given them close to their heart.







I'd like to wish all our Year 6s good luck as they leave us and join their new secondary schools. As always their journeys will continue and we will welcome new children in September but we will always remember how special each and every Year 6 was to us and wish them all the very best on their adventures ahead.

Good luck Year 6!

Have a wonderful Summer everyone. We are looking forward to a new start in September! Until next time!

Mrs G Smith - Head teacher



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.

Jesus Heals a Paralytic

2 When he returned to Capernaum after some days, it was reported that he was at home. 2 So many gathered around that there was no longer room for them, not even in front of the door; and he was speaking the word to them. 3 Then some people[a] came, bringing to him a paralysed man, carried by four of them. 4 And when they could not bring him to Jesus because of the crowd, they removed the roof above him; and after having dug through it, they let down the mat on which the paralytic lay. 5 When Jesus saw their faith, he said to the paralytic, 'Son, your sins are forgiven.' 6 Now some of the scribes were sitting there, questioning in their hearts, 7 'Why does this fellow speak in this way? It is blasphemy! Who can forgive sins but God alone?' 8 At once Jesus perceived in his spirit that they were discussing these questions among themselves; and he said to them, 'Why do you raise such questions in your hearts? 9 Which is easier, to say to the paralytic, "Your sins are forgiven", or to say, "Stand up and take your mat and walk"? 10 But so that you may know that the Son of Man has authority on earth to forgive sins'—he said to the paralytic—
11 'I say to you, stand up, take your mat and go to your home.' 12 And he stood up, and immediately took the mat and went out before all of them; so that they were all amazed and glorified God, saying, 'We have never seen anything like this!'

In 1st Century Palestine the common wisdom was that misfortune, sickness and poverty were the result of sin. If not the sufferer's sin, then their parents or even community. Jesus has become very popular, His own house is surrounded by people who are looking for teaching, guidance, exorcism and healing. It is so crowded that one group, wanting desperately to get their friend to Jesus resort to tearing a hole in His roof and lowering the sick man down into the house, on his bed! The immediate response from Jesus is 'Son, your sins are forgiven.' Not a healing prayer, but straight to forgiveness. Many observers are thinking.......Only God (and HIs temple priests, on His behalf) can forgive sins, who does this fellow think He is making a statement of forgiveness in a house in Capernaum! Jesus explains that if sins and misfortune are connected, Which of these is easier to say....your or sins are forgiven, or take up your mat and walk. Jesus demonstrates His authority, as "Son of Man" by telling the man to pick up his mat and go home. Healed!

"Son of Man" is the title given in Daniel 7 to the One to whom all authority of judgement over the kingdoms of the world, is given. So Jesus names Himself the Son of Man as the total authority over the world.

The crowds have never seen the like before.

I will tell of the decree of the Lord:
He said to me, 'You are my son;
today I have begotten you.
Ask of me, and I will make the nations your heritage,
and the ends of the earth your possession.
You shall break them with a rod of iron,
and dash them in pieces like a potter's vessel.' Psalm 2:7-9

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



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Bulphan WI

Members braved the heat to attend the July meeting, many wearing red, white and blue as part of our celebration of the Queens Platinum Jubilee, later in the meeting we toasted the Queen and enjoyed a piece of celebration cake to mark the occasion. The competition was something with a Royal connection and resulted in a splendid display of items.

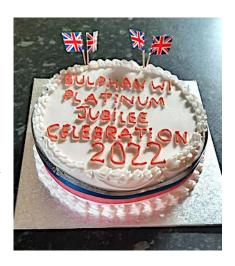
The hall smelt lovely as the freshly cut Lavender, from the WI flowerbed, started to be woven into wands by the members.

Seven members were on a mission to get a least one coat of paint on every bottle bottom that had been brought in to make Poppies with, which they did, a great achievement as three of them were also the tea hostess for the evening.

Pictured are some members with their painted pottery pieces from the June meeting, all were really pleased with the finished items and said how much they enjoyed the activity.

Next month we have a visit from the Burlesque Bombshells, which will include an inspirational talk from their leader Lindsey, some routines, and the opportunity for us to get our shimmy on and have a go.

If you would like to find out more or come along as a visitor you can find updates about future meetings, information, photographs, and much more 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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You may have seen the advert for our concert which said "Matthew McCombie +1". The 'Plus One' was our own Sonia and together with Matthew gave us a very entertaining evening of song and wonderful piano playing.

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Chelmsford Diocese Mothers' Union (CDMU)



The Lambeth Conference, which is an opportunity for all bishops and their spouses from across the Anglican Communion to come together once every ten years, takes place at the end of July/beginning of August 2022 at the University of Kent, Canterbury. This had been rearranged from 2020 due to the pandemic. The focus will be on 1 Peter. Bishop Edward Tombe from Rejaf Diocese, South Sudan (one of our Wave of Prayer links) will be attending with his wife and Lucy is hoping to meet with them. Please keep all the bishops and their spouses in your prayers.

Taking action against domestic abuse - 11 August



Mothers' Union is dedicated to combatting gender-based violence in all its shapes and forms. On 11th of August, we are hosting an online event titled 'Taking action against domestic abuse' with Bishop Genieve of Australia. Bishop Genieve of Melbourne will share the outcomes so far of the world-leading work in the Diocese of Melbourne within the Church to change attitudes and behaviors towards women which cause domestic violence. MU All Ireland will share their work within Church communities to generate

awareness and signpost survivors towards support, and MU Epping Branch will share how their branch was founded to create a safe space for survivors, and how they are running a pilot project of survivor support within the community. Bishop Rachel of Gloucester will provide an overview of the commitment of the Church of England, and there will be the opportunity to ask questions and reflect on how MU in Britain and Ireland can support clergy and their Church communities to create safe spaces for survivors and enable behavior change. The event is free of charge; please register:

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By the gracious permission of Her Majesty The Queen in her Platinum Jubilee year, Frogmore House and Gardens, Windsor Home Park, will be open to the public in aid of Mothers' Union this year. This is an exceptionally rare opportunity to visit and enjoy the 35-acre gardens at Frogmore, open to public for three charity open days each year. The Gardens were first laid out for Queen Charlotte in the 1790s, and are based on a model 'picturesque' landscape. The design and

planting scheme of the gardens today incorporates additions made under the direction of Queen Victoria and Queen Mary. During your visit you can enjoy gentle garden walks and views of Queen Victoria's Tea House and the stunning 18th-century lake. All proceeds from the sale of tickets to the Garden will go towards the work of Mothers' Union to help end poverty and injustice in communities around the world. Tickets cost £10 (under 5's go free).

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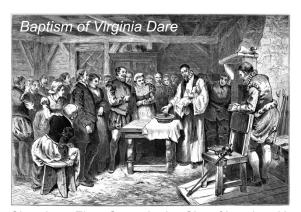


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FAMOUS PERSON IN AUGUST

VIRGINIA DARE BORN 18TH AUGUST 1587



Virginia Dare was born in the Roanoke Colony in what is now North Carolina in August 1587, the first child of English parents born in the New World. "Elenora, daughter to the governor of the city and wife to Ananias Dare, one of the assistants, was delivered of a daughter in Roanoke"

Little is known of the lives of either of her parents. Her mother Eleanor was born in London around 1563, and was the daughter of John White, the governor of the ill-fated Roanoke Colony.

Eleanor married Ananias Dare (born c.1560), a London tiler and bricklayer, at St Bride's

Church on Fleet Street in the City of London. He, too, was part of the Roanoke expedition. Virginia Dare was one of two infants born to the colonists in 1587 and the only female child known to have been born to the settlers.

Nothing else is known of Virginia Dare's life, as the Roanoke Colony did not endure. Virginia's grandfather John White sailed for England for fresh supplies at the end of 1587, having established his colony. Because England's war with Spain brought about a pressing need for ships to defend against the Spanish Armada, he was unable to return to Roanoke until August 18, 1590, by which time he found that the settlement had been long deserted. The buildings had collapsed and "the houses taken down". Worse, White was unable to find any trace of his daughter or granddaughter, or indeed any of the 80 men, 17 women, and 11 children who made up the "Lost Colony".

Nothing is known for certain of the fate of Virginia Dare or her fellow colonists. Governor White found no sign of a struggle or battle. The only clue to the colonists' fate was the word "Croatoan" carved into a post of the fort, and the letters "Cro" carved into a nearby tree. All the houses and fortifications had been dismantled, suggesting that their departure had not been hurried. Before he had left the colony, White had instructed them that, if anything happened to them, they should carve a Maltese cross on a tree nearby, indicating that their disappearance had been forced. There was no cross, and White took this to mean that they had moved to Croatoan Island (now known as Hatteras Island), but he was unable to conduct a search.

There are a number of theories regarding the fate of the colonists, the most widely accepted one being that they sought shelter with local Indian tribes, and either intermarried with the natives or were killed. In 1607, John Smith and other members of the successful Jamestown Colony sought information about the fate of the Roanoke colonists. One report indicated that the survivors had taken refuge with friendly Chesapeake Indians, but Chief Powhatan claimed that his tribe had attacked the group and killed most of the colonists. Powhatan showed Smith certain artifacts that he said had belonged to the colonists, including a musket barrel and a brass mortar and pestle. However, no archaeological evidence exists to support this claim. The Jamestown Colony received reports of some survivors of the Lost Colony and sent out search parties, but none were successful. Eventually they determined that they were all dead.

William Strachey, a secretary of the Jamestown Colony, wrote in *The History of Travel into Virginia Britannia* in 1612 that there were reportedly two-story houses with stone walls at the Indian settlements of Peccarecanick and Ochanahoen. The Indians supposedly learned how to build them from the Roanoke settlers. There were also reported sightings of European captives at various Indian settlements during the same time period. Strachey also wrote that four English men, two boys, and one maid had been sighted at the Eno settlement of Ritanoc, under the protection of a chief called Eyanoco. The captives were forced to beat copper. The captives, he reported, had escaped the attack on the other colonists and fled up the Chaonoke river, the present-day Chowan River in Bertie County, North Carolina.



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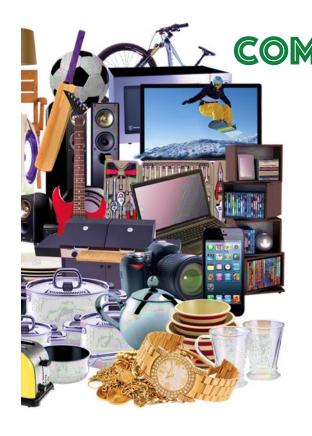
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