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	SERVICES	5 – September 2022	
	HORNDON	ORSETT	BULPHAN
Thursday 1 st Sept			Open Church 10am-noor
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		10am All Together	
Sunday after Trinity Back to School Service		Holy Communion Service	
Monday 5 th			Open Church 10am-noon with refreshments
Tuesday 6 th	Open Church 10am-noon with refreshments		
Thursday 8 th			Open Church 10am-noon
Friday 9 th		Oasis Café 9-11.30am Edward Bear Toddler Group 9.30-11am	
Saturday 10 th	Open Church 10am-noon with refreshments		
Sunday 11 th Sept – 13 th Sunday after Trinity Climate Sunday			8.45am CW Holy Communion Service 10am Family Service
Monday 12 th			Open Church 10am-noon with refreshments
Tuesday 13 th	Open Church 10am-noon with refreshments		7.30pm Holy Communion Service
Thursday 15 th			Open Church 10am-noon
Friday 16 th		Oasis Café 9-11.30am Edward Bear Toddler Group 9.30-11am	
Saturday 17 th	Open Church 10am-noon with refreshments		
Sunday 18 th Sept-14 th Sunday after Trinity	8.45am BCP Holy Communion Service 10am Family Service		
Peace Sunday	4pm Refresh Service		Open Church 10am-noon
Monday 19th			with refreshments
Tuesday 20 th	Open Church 10am-noon with refreshments		
Thursday 22 nd			Open Church 10am-noon
Friday 23 rd		Oasis Café 9-11.30am Edward Bear Toddler Group 9.30-11am	
Saturday 24 th	Open Church 10am-noon with refreshments		
Sunday 25 th Sept-15 th Sunday after Trinity	with renearinging		8.45am CW Holy Communion Service 10am Family Service
Monday 26 th			Open Church 10am-noon with refreshments
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Tuesday 27 th -	12.15pm Holy Communion Service		
Thursday 29 th			Open Church 10am-noon
Friday 30 th		Oasis Café 9-11.30am Edward Bear Toddler Group 9.30-11am	
Saturday 1 st October	Open Church 10am-noon with refreshments		
Sunday 2 nd Oct-16 th Sunday after Trinity		10am All Together Holy Communion Service	
Monday 3 rd			Open Church 10am-noon with refreshments
Tuesday 4 th	Open Church 10am-noon with refreshments		



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Rector's Reflections

As I write this, the summer holiday period is drawing to a close. Parents and carers are preparing to send their children to, or back to, nursery or school, some children are moving on to new schools or colleges, or continue to be educated at home; others are preparing to go to university for the first time or to return and some about to begin jobs or apprenticeships.

As we move into the month of September, let's all remember to pray for all the children and young people in our three villages, those at nursery or school and those studying further afield. And let's also pray for our three schools. There are three Church of England Schools in Thurrock Deanery, and they are all in our Parish of Horndon, Orsett and Bulphan. It is a great privilege to have all these three church schools in this area, but it is also hugely important that we support the work they do by praying for the pupils and, of course, all the staff who serve in these schools. And we need to remember, too, that there are also many people living in Horndon, Orsett and Bulphan who work in education, further afield, who need our prayers.

So, on 4th September at 10am at Orsett Church, we will be holding a 'Back to School' Service with backpack blessings where we will pray for all those involved in education, as they prepare to return to nursery, school or college; both those studying and those who work there. Do come along if you are able to.

As we think about this new academic year, here are some prayers you might like to use.

A Prayer for the New School Year

God of all wisdom, we praise you for gifting us with curiosity and learning. Give to all students, staff, and caregivers a clear sense of your love. May they feel your presence throughout this school year. Guide their choices, their quest for knowledge, and their relationships. Use their successes and failures as

opportunities to grow in understanding of who you would have them to be. Continue to shape them, that they may walk in the way of Christ, grow strong in Spirit's love for all people, and know the complete joy of life in you. In the name of Christ our Great Teacher, we pray. Amen.

Linda Witte Henke, adapted, "From the Vine," in <u>Marking Time: Christian Rituals for All Our Days</u>,

Moorehouse Publishing 2001, p. 63.

A Prayer for Students

Eternal God, your wisdom is greater than our minds can attain, and your truth enlightens our learning. To those who study, give curiosity, imagination, and patience to wait and work for insight. Fill their learning with joy. Help them to doubt with courage. And hold all their days in the love of Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Book of Common Worship, adapted, Westminster John Knox Press, 2018, p. 911.

A Prayer for Parents and Carers

Loving God, We confess some days the worries of parenting and caring are as abundant as the joys. Guide us through the valleys, so we may be present for our children in their valleys, until we are all brought again to the the mountaintop. We ask you to bless our children with hearts of compassion and courage, and keep

them safe from harm. Fill them with the knowledge that they are loved and beloved. And may we always remember to pray: God, grant me the serenity to accept the things I cannot change, the courage to change

the things I can, and the wisdom to know the difference. Amen.

Meg Bucher, adapted, www.sunnyand80.org; Reinhold Niebuhr, "The Serenity Prayer"

Take care and God bless,



ORSETT CHURCHWARDENS' REPORT

We hope everyone has enjoyed the lovely summer weather and found time to relax and recharge their batteries.

With the children back in school we give thanks for all the teachers in each of our three church schools as they welcome new pupils through their doors. This does, however, mean that Edward Bear Toddler Group has lost some of its members. If you know of anybody with pre-school children who would like

some company please do mention this to them. We meet every Friday during term time at the Churches' Centre in Orsett from 9.30am until 11am, with our first meeting this term being on 9th September.



We are in the process of organising the Summer Fete, which will be held on Orsett School field on Saturday 17th September from 2pm until 5pm. If you are able to help in any way please contact either Sandra Billinger on 01375 891040, or ourselves on 01375 641485.

With help in mind, if there is anyone who would be willing to join a cleaning rota for Orsett Church you would be made most welcome. The new service



rota starts at the end of October; therefore cleaning would only be needed every 3 weeks or for special occasions such as weddings. Please contact us if you think you may be able to help on either a Friday or Saturday morning.

Christine and David Mortimer



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COMMUNITY INFORMATION FOR HORNDON - ORSETT - BULPHAN

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Stephen Metcalfe

Member of Parliament for South Basildon & East Thurrock

As your local Member of Parliament, I hold regular advice surgeries offering help and support. To make an appointment, please contact me by one of the methods below. Thank you.

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Will your child be starting school in September 2023? Are you starting to think about Reception places?

It may seem unbelievable but the time to think about reception places for September 2023 will soon be upon us. We'd love to welcome you!





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Tours of the school will be arranged on specific days in October and November If you'd like to register your interest or for more details please do ring the school office on 01375891383 from September.

Until then take a look at our website <u>https://orsettprimary.co.uk/</u> and keep an eye on the admissions page for more information.

We can't wait to meet you and your little ones. Mrs G Smith – Head Teacher





Bulphan Churchwarden's Report

The world at present could be compared to the heavyweight boxer who has taken several heavy blows but remains standing.

The first blow, the Covid outbreak and we can still remember two metre separation, face masks, sanitizer and shortages of pasta and toilet paper, etc. Those who lost loved ones and friends (my cousin Betty and her husband Kenny died on

consecutive days from Covid), and those left debilitated by long term consequences of having Covid. Our thoughts have now moved on to other things.

The second blow which led to the third is the Russian invasion of Ukraine. Most of us have become experts on the geography of Eastern Europe and now realise that the world is totally connected, in that we rely on these countries for food, fertilizer and energy.

The third blow is the resulting inflation caused by the first two. I can remember in the seventies when inflation was reaching 20% and how it affected fixed price contracts within the building industry, at that time I had a car with a gas bottle taking up much of the boot as the car was driven by gas. The inflation we are now facing is mainly driven by the cost of energy, especially gas which has gone up in the last year from about 50 to 450 for whatever it is measured in, anyway nine times. Many people will be unable to pay their energy bills unless given substantial help.

Well that is the bad news, but every cloud does have a silver lining. To overcome the Covid outbreak governments and companies worked flat out to produce approved vaccines in several years that would previously have taken decades. These methods can be used in future outbreaks and for other diseases.

The Russian invasion of Ukraine has united the Western Alliance in a way unthinkable just a few years ago. It has also brought home to us how lucky we are to live in a liberal democracy.

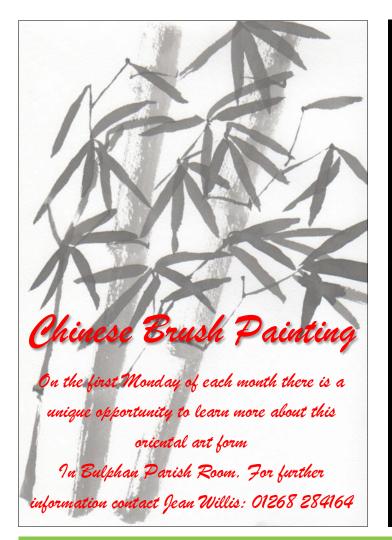
It is said that bad stuff happens but it always seems that it takes events/accidents to happen for governments /companies to step in. When gas was cheap there was less need to insulate and think about how we were using it, all sorts of new technologies will emerge to save it.

Climate change just another blow and after nearly five months of there being no rain is another subject.

For me it is good to have a faith in these times, God is in all these events and if humankind can see the effects of its actions then, we like the boxer will remain upright.

I am not sure if there was a rush to join the PARISH GIVING SCHEME, please give it some thought and time, if the Parish is to survive in its present form a steady income is essential.

Frank Woollard





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The Parish of Horndon, Orsett and Bulphan

Edward Bear Toddler Group

Edward Bear welcomes his little friends and their accompanying adults in the Orsett Churches' Centre Chapel

> There is no charge for this Toddler Group Every Friday during term time 9.30 am – 11.00 am

For further details please contact: KAREN COLLIER on: 01375 370441





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HORNDON ON THE HILL CHURCHWARDEN'S REPORT

I'm hoping that, by the time this report is published we would have had some very much needed rain and that the temperature had cooled down sufficiently so that we no longer require weekly amber or red warnings. It's been quite a record breaking summer and not really for the right reasons.

As many will know, Horndon church is home to pipistrelle bats, a protected species. To enhance our knowledge, Bev and I attended a bat watch over at All Saints church in Vange. This is a deconsecrated church but is looked after by the Friends, who are affiliated to the Churches Conservation Trust.

Ella, from the Essex Bat Group talked around the different species of bat that can be found in Essex. As our part of Essex is so built up and suffers quite a lot of light pollution there's a lot of the bat species that can no longer be found. However, we do see the common and soprano pipistrelle and these were the ones we had come to see. Armed with bat detectors we watched as several bats flew out of a small hole in the top of the door and headed for the wooded area to our left. These tiny bats are so small they weigh only 5 grams, about the same as a 20p piece. But, can eat upwards of 3,000 insects in one night !!

As dusk turned to night we heard a Noctule bat. These fly high so we couldn't see it, but, we could hear the call as it can be heard by most children and some adults with good hearing or via the trusty bat detector!. The Essex Bat Group are very happy to provide talks but, as the season is coming to an end we may try and arrange for one at one of our churches next summer.

By the way, another deconsecrated church in East Horndon, All Saints, is also affiliated to the Churches Conservation Trust. This church was the one vandalised when people broke in and held an unofficial rave a few years ago and is the red brick one that can be seen from A127 by the Half Way House. There are amazing views towards London from the grounds that have now been cleared by the All Saints Friends. Both East Horndon and Vange All Saints churches regularly hold events and open days and both have websites and Face Book pages so give them a look if you are interested.

And finally, this glorious weather has meant that both the Tuesday and Saturday Open churches have been able to be held outside in the church grounds. A very special mention must go to Sharon who has provided some amazing homemade cakes, often made with produce from around the village. Plums, apricots, apples and blackberries to name those used in the last month. Thankyou Sharon (and Colin).

God bless

Alastair

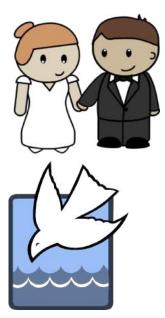


THE PARISH REGISTERS

Weddings

June 25th July 16th July 23rd July 29th August 13th Baptisms August 14th August 28th

Helen Davies & Ian Calkin	(B)
Connie Taylor & Jamie Love	(H)
Rose Kirven & Daniel Hooper	(B)
Kelsey Adams & Louis Barnard	(H)
Kirstie Constantine & Terry Hattle	(B)
Brody Mark Lucas & Freya Grace Lucas	(O)
George Reekie & Emily Reekie	(H)



Wedding Enquiries

If you would like to enquire about booking a wedding at: Horndon, Orsett or Bulphan churches, please contact: Revd Sue Mann: 01375 891254 rectorsue@hobnob.org.uk

Baptism Enquiries

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

Horndon church, please contact: Christine Mortimer: 01375 641485 c.mortimer@hobnob.org.uk Orsett church, please contact: Christine Mortimer: 01375 641485 c.mortimer@hobnob.org.uk Bulphan church, please contact: Christine Mortimer: 01375 641485 c.mortimer@hobnob.org.uk

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.



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 – Nurturing & learning, going deeper
15th November – downstairs room in Woolmarket – Global issues, social justice & ecology

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

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PRAYER DIARY

Some thoughts to include in your daily prayers

September 1st	For those living on Oxford Road, Horndon
September 2nd	For those starting at new schools
September 3rd	For those living on Brentwood Road, Bulphan
September 4th	For those living on Fen Lane, Orsett
September 5th	For our Bishop, John Perumbalath, his wife Jessy and their family
September 6th	For those living on Pump Street, Horndon
September 7th	For those living on Welling Road, Orsett
September 8th	For those living on Medbree Court, Orsett
September 9th	For the Deanery of Thurrock
September 10th	For the Church of England schools in our villages
September 11th	For those living on Hillcrest Road, Horndon
September 12th	For those living on Lower Dunton Road
September 13th	For those living on Parkers Farm Road, Orsett
September 14th	For those living on Heath Road, Orsett Heath
September 15th	For those in prison
September 16th	For those living on Conway Road, Orsett
September 17th	For those living on Fen Lane, Bulphan
September 18th	For those living on Bonham Drive, Orsett
September 19th	For those in hospital
September 20th	For those living on Wingfield Drive, Orsett
September 21st	For our own prayer lives
September 22d	For members of our congregations who live outside the Parish
September 23d	For those living on Rowley Road, Orsett
September 24th	For all those dealing with major transitions in their lives
September 25th	For those living on The Parkway, Orsett
September 26th	For those who mourn
September 27th	For those living on Fordham's Row, Orsett
September 28th	For our Methodist and Congregational brothers & sisters
September 29th	For those living on Herga Hyll, Orsett
September 30th	For our Rural Dean, Darren Barlow

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 Wednesday, 14th September AGM at 7.30 pm

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We enjoy meeting every Sunday evening for worship with those who join us both regularly and occasionally for fellowship. We are very pleased to see newcomers and extend a warm welcome to all. The services for September are as follows:

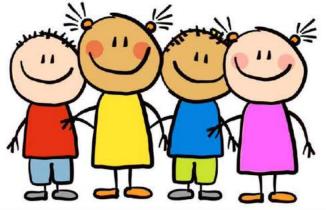
September 4 th	6:30 pm	Local arrangement
September 11 th	6:30 pm	Rev Yemi Jaiyesimi
September 18 st	6:30 pm	Andrew Dickinson
September 25 th	-	No service

As an advance notice we will be holding our traditional Harvest Service at 6:30pm on Sunday 2^{nd} October at the chapel. The Harvest Service has proved to be popular over the years and we extend a particular invitation to all to come to share in our time of thanksgiving and celebration.

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

BULPHAN TODDLERGROUP Fridays in Term Time 10.00am - 12.00pm BULPHAN VILLAGE HALL E2.50 + E1 each additional child Contact Corinne: 07722 417 143



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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!

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We enjoyed Forest Church in the sunshine at Bulphan when we celebrated Lammas. Lammas is the festival of thanksgiving to God for the start of the harvest, where corn and bread are offered as symbols of gratitude. It is a festival that goes back to the medieval church and occurs on the 1st August. The first fruits of the cereal harvest were made into a loaf for the mass. The summer could be a lean time for food as winter stores had run out and the new crops were still growing. It is an older tradition than harvest festivals, which celebrate the time when 'all the harvest is safely gathered in.' At Forest Church, to mark Lammas, we tried different breads and tried to recognise which grains they were made from and we made popcorn in a pan and enjoyed eating it.

Horndon-on-the-Hill BRIDGE CLUB In Horndon Village Hall Every Friday from 1.30 - 4.30pm Admission £2.00 (includes tea/coffee biscuits) Very friendly atmosphere Intermediate standard basic ACOL played For details telephone: Stuart Cameron 01375 673 237

BULPHAN SHORT MAT BOWLS

Meetings are in Bulphan Village Hall every Tuesday from 1.45 - 4.15pm and Fridays from 7.00 - 9.00pm New members are welcome and no experience is necessary as friendly advice and tuition can be given

For further information telephone Lesley on 07766 505 755



HORNDON-ON-THE-HILL METHODIST CHURCH

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Sunday:10.30 am Worship.

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

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

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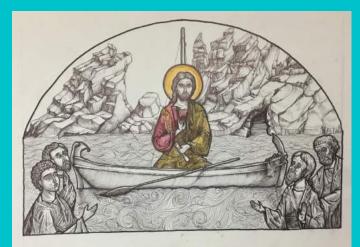
We meet at the Welcome Club I, Victoria Road, Stanford-le-Hope At 8.00pm on the last Tuesday each month except in December.

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



ROYAL BRITISH LECION

A Study of the Gospel of St Mark 2:13-17



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 Calls Levi

13 Jesus went out again beside the lake; the whole crowd gathered around him, and he taught them. 14 As he was walking along, he saw Levi son of Alphaeus sitting at the tax booth, and he said to him, 'Follow me.' And he got up and followed him. 15 And as he sat at dinner in Levi's house, many tax-collectors and sinners were also sitting with Jesus and his disciples—for there were many who followed him. 16 When the scribes of the Pharisees saw that he was eating with sinners and tax-collectors, they said to his disciples, 'Why does he eat with tax-collectors and sinners?' 17 When Jesus heard this, he said to them, 'Those who are well have no need of a physician, but those who are sick; I have come to call not the righteous but sinners.'

Levi was a tax collector, a person hated as much or more than the Samaritans. Considered a traitor by many as he worked for a government that was imposed on Israel. Those who were referred to as sinners in 1st century Judea were people who for many reasons could not follow the laws of the Torah, (the law of Moses). They may have been 'sinners' because of disability, job, or simply because they could not afford to follow the proscriptive laws. Tax collectors were one of those jobs considered sinful, so Levi was automatically a sinner. As would be anybody who shared table fellowship with. Sin would be passed on like a virus. To become clean of sin one needed the Priests and the Temple.

So, Jesus, the teacher is watched as He not only talks to a sinner, but calls him to follow, and then, worse, He goes into a sinner's home and eats with him! At table with Jesus then were an assortment of other sinners, mixing with His disciples and followers. This was an outrageous thing to do! Now Jesus and His followers would be carrying the virus of sin and would need to be cleansed and made pure again.

Interestingly the Scribes and Pharisees speak to HIs disciples and not directly to Jesus. They ask for an explanation. The scribes studied and taught the law, the Pharisees believed that Israel's population had to follow the law as closely as possible, so YHWH (name for the God of the Israelites) would send His Messiah. Yet, Here is a Teacher breaking the law in public, what was His game? When Jesus heard this, he said to them, 'Those who are well have no need of a physician, but those who are sick; I have come to call not the righteous but sinners.' One of His one liners filled with meaning: Jesus proclaims His mission: He is called to the lost of Israel, the 'sick', and if you lot think you are healthy, obviously you won't want me!

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

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FAMOUS PERSON IN SEPTEMBER HERBERT HENRY ASQUITH 1852-1928

Asquith was British Liberal prime minister from 1908 to 1916, introducing significant domestic reform and taking Britain into World War One.



Herbert Henry Asquith was born in Morley, West Yorkshire on 12 September 1852. His father was a wool merchant. Educated at Oxford, Asquith became a lawyer and in 1886 Liberal member of parliament for East Fife. He quickly made his mark and in 1892 Gladstone appointed him home secretary. Out of office for a decade from 1895, he returned to his legal career. In 1906, the Liberals returned to power and the prime minister, Henry Campbell-Bannerman appointed Asquith chancellor of the exchequer.

Early in April 1908 Campbell-Bannerman resigned, dying only days later, and Asquith became prime minister. In order to finance ambitious welfare legislation and the building up of the Royal Navy to counter the perceived threat from

Germany, the chancellor, David Lloyd George, introduced a radical budget in 1909. The House of Lords rejected it and in 1910, Asquith announced a plan to limit their power, threatening to create enough new pro-reform peers to swamp any opposition. The resulting Parliament Act, passed in August 1911, ended the Lords' veto over financial legislation passed by the House of Commons.

In 1912, Asquith renewed attempts to introduce home rule in Ireland, provoking fierce opposition in Ulster and among the Conservative opposition. Civil war over the issue in Ireland was only averted by the outbreak of the war in August 1914, when the Home Rule Bill was shelved.

In May 1915, the government fell after a crisis over munitions shortages, and Asquith formed a coalition government. However, the failure of the Dardanelles expedition and continuing stalemate on the western front put increasing pressure on Asquith. 1916 was even worse with the Easter Rising in Dublin and the Battle of the Somme with its massive casualties. The long-awaited introduction of conscription was insufficient to quell dissent and Asquith was blamed in the press for military failures. In December he resigned and was replaced by Lloyd George, who had been intriguing against him. Asquith never held office again. In 1925 he accepted a peerage as earl of Oxford and Asquith. Asquith died on 15 February 1928.

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AND THEN IT IS WINTER !

You know. . . time has a way of moving quickly and catching you unaware of the passing years. It seems just yesterday that I was young, just married and embarking on my new life with my mate. Yet in a way, it seems like eons ago, and I wonder where all the years went. I know that I lived them all. I have glimpses of how it was back then and of all my hopes and dreams. But, here it is... the winter of my life and it catches me by surprise...How did I get here so fast? Where did the years go and where did my youth go?

I remember well seeing older people through the years and thinking that those older people were years away from me and that winter was so far off that I could not fathom it or imagine fully what it would be like. But, here it is...my friends are retired and getting grey...they move slower and I see an older person now. Some are in better and some worse shape than me...but, I see the great change....Not like the ones that I remember who were young and vibrant...but, like me, their age is beginning to show and we are now those older folks that we used to see and never thought we'd be.

Each day now, I find that just getting a shower is a real target for the day! And taking a nap is not a treat anymore... it's mandatory! Cause if I don't on my own free will... I just fall asleep where I sit!

And so...now I enter into this new season of my life unprepared for all the aches and pains and the loss of strength and ability to go and do things that I wish I had done but never did!

But, at least I know, that though the winter has come, and I'm not sure how long it will last...this I know, that when it's over on this earth...it's NOT over. A new adventure will begin!

Yes, I have regrets. There are things I wish I hadn't done...things I should have done, but indeed, there are many things I'm happy to have done. It's all in a lifetime.

So, if you're not in your winter yet...let me remind you, that it will be here faster than you think. So, whatever you would like to accomplish in your life please do it quickly! Don't put things off too long!

Life goes by quickly. So, do what you can today, as you can never be sure whether this is your winter or not! You have no promise that you will see all the seasons of your life...so, live for today and say all the things that you want your loved ones to remember...and hope that they appreciate and love you for all the things that you have done for them in all the years past!

"Life" is a gift to you. The way you live your life is your gift to those who come after. Make it a fantastic one.

LIVE IT WELL! ENJOY TODAY! DO SOMETHING FUN! BE HAPPY! HAVE A GREAT DAY! REMEMBER "It is health that is real wealth and not pieces of gold and silver.

"LIVE HAPPY IN THIS YEAR AND EVERY YEAR!

LASTLY, CONSIDER THE FOLLOWING:

TODAY IS THE OLDEST YOU'VE EVER BEEN, YET THE YOUNGEST YOU'LL EVER BE SO - ENJOY THIS DAY.

Anon



Bulphan WI

Members got their shimmy on at our August meeting with speaker Lindsey and the Wild Island Bombshells. After hearing Lindsey's entertaining story of her journey to burlesque and WI we learnt how to bump, grind, Betty Boo and of course shimmy. A real fun evening was had by all.

After a much-needed refreshment break members displayed their Lavender wands and Poppies made at the July meeting. The Poppies will be added to the WIs Remembrance display at the church in November,

thank you to those who donated plastic bottle bottoms to help with this project.

We will be 'Swishing' at our September meeting, swishing is a way of swapping good quality unwanted clothes, bags, hats, and accessories to reduce the number of these items going into landfill. Up to five items can be exchanged for tickets, after browsing the items on offer the tickets are exchanged for new to you items, extra tickets can be purchased if lots of things catch someone's eye!

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 <u>bulphanwi@gmail.com</u>

Jan Curtis









Chelmsford Diocese Mothers' Union (CDMU)



The Lambeth Conference, which was an opportunity for bishops and their spouses from across the Anglican Communion to come together every ten years, took place last month in Canterbury. Many of the sessions were live streamed on the Lambeth Conference Facebook page and are still available to watch, and included bible exposition on 1 Peter and some very inspiring talks from bishops around the world.

We were delighted that Lucy was able to meet and have regular contact with Bishop Edward Tombe and his wife Mary (see right), from our wave of prayer link diocese of Rejaf, South Sudan. Bishop Edward was able to take some small gifts from CDMU to Revd Mary Stephen Wani, the MU Diocesan President.



We were also delighted that Bishop Sheesho was able to join our Zoom service for Mary Sumner Day (unfortunately Catherine couldn't join as she had tested positive for Covid), and he stayed on after the service to talk to those who joined.

Lucy was able to spend some time with Bishop Sheesho of Toungoo, Myanmar and his wife



Catherine, MU Diocesan President (see left) as CDMU was linked through the wave

of prayer with Toungoo for many years. Catherine shared news about the health awareness training that MU members had been taking part in. Bishop Sheesho

shared the impact that the political situation in Myanmar is having on Christians in Toungoo, and the work he is leading to give hospitality to internally displaced people.

Please continue to pray for them all and for peace in South Sudan and Myanmar.

Mary Sumner Day – 9 August

August 9th was Mary Sumner Day, dedicated to the founder of Mothers' Union – Mary Sumner. We had two opportunities to celebrate her life; firstly, at the afternoon CDMU service held in person at Holy Trinity, Barkingside and on Zoom when we were joined by Bishop Sheesho of Toungoo, Myanmar, and secondly, in the evening at the Holy Communion service led by Rector Sue at Bulphan Church.



"Her foresight, her wisdom and judgment laid the great foundation stone for us. And as the building grows, and far and wide her early message goes forth – the same message, though to a different generation – we pray that the faith which shone through her every word and thought may illumine ours, that we, with grateful hearts, may build well and truly, as she did."

- December 1927; Mrs Boustead, Central President of Mothers' Union

A prayer written by Mary Sumner in 1876: All this day, O Lord, let me touch as many lives as possible for thee; and every life I touch, do thou by thy spirit quicken, whether through the word I speak, the prayer I breathe, or the life I live. Amen

HISTORY REPEATS ITSELF

Recently at Horndon church we discovered some old parish records which someone had taken the trouble to type out before, assumedly, the originals were forward to the Diocese.

The pages detail a meeting to set up a "Penny Readers" meetings, which consisted of readings and musical items. This was in December 1866 and was, possibly, the forerunner of our own Woolmarket Music, which meets each month. Interesting eh?

Dec 18 1866 Children attending the Schools, above 10 yrs of age free & any surplus funds to be given to the Every School & Library fund. Meeting at School House to consider the propriety of starting some "Penny Readings" The Chairman to be responsible for the Readings, Present Acssrs B. R. & W Tyrrell Mr J.Dale John Allen Singing etc. Adjourned to Dec 24th at the conclusion of some entertainment proposed to be given free by the Secretary to the Evg School attendants & their friends. Eades Alston Ransom Watta Clark Clark These gentlemen, ingst formed thomselves into a Committee, with the addition of Messrs J.Vincent, Brooks D Squier S.W. (Scoretary & Tressuror) Dec 24 Prezent 25 Lads - as many of their Mothers -Mesars W.Tyrrell, Dale, Allen, Ransome, & Walter Brooks W.Perchment - Rumble - Miss Roper & others Eymns sung - 17, 18, 22. Evg Hymn & Gos Save ye Que And arranged to hold tem on ye Thursday Evg's following - to commence at 7 o'clock Keadings - "Ghost Story" by S.W.Squier ". - "Little Inn &"Water" byronking men & by Mr W.S.Manning Parable by Mrs. Gutty Januzzary 10 & 24 Pebruary 7 & 21 March 7 & 2. It was the expressed wish of ye Com: to continue the Admittance 1d or 6d for a Ticket for ye meetings as arranged -Mesars Watts, Ransome & Dale as Readers Clark Singers Course

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