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	HORNDON	ORSETT	BULPHAN
Tuesday 1st November	Open Church 10am-noon with refreshments		
Thursday 3 rd			Open Church 10am-noon
Friday 4 th		Oasis Café 9-11.30am Edward Bear Toddler Group 9.30-11am	
Saturday 5 th	Open Church 10am-noon with refreshments	Forest Church 4pm	
Sunday 6th Nov-3rd <i>Sunday before Advent</i>		10am All Together Holy Communion Service	
Monday 7 th			Open Church 10am-noon with refreshments
Tuesday 8 th	Open Church 10am-noon with refreshments		7.30pm Holy Communion Service
Thursday 10 th			Open Church 10am-noon
Friday 11 th		Oasis Café 9-11.30am Edward Bear Toddler Group 9.30-11am	
Saturday 12 th	Open Church 10am-noon with refreshments		
Sunday 13th Nov-2nd Sunday before Advent Remembrance Sunday	 10.00 Act of Remembrance 11.00 Remembrance Service	 10am Family Service followed by an Act of Remembrance	 8.45am CW Holy Communion Service 2pm Act of Remembrance at War Memorial
Monday 14 th			Open Church 10am-noon with refreshments
Tuesday 15 th	Open Church 10am-noon with refreshments		
Thursday 17 th			Open Church 10am-noon
Friday 18 th		Oasis Café 9-11.30am Edward Bear Toddler Group 9.30-11am	
Saturday 19 th	Open Church 10am-noon with refreshments		
Sunday 20th Nov – Sunday before Advent Christ the King	8.45am BCP Holy Communion Service 10am Holy Communion Service 4pm Refresh Service		
Monday 21 st			Open Church 10am-noon with refreshments
Tuesday 22 nd	Open Church 10am-noon with refreshments 12 noon Holy Communion Service		
Thursday 24 th			Open Church 10am-noon
Friday 25 th		Oasis Café 9-11.30am Edward Bear Toddler Group 9.30-11am	
Saturday 26 th	Open Church 10am-noon with refreshments		
Sunday 27th Nov – 1 st Sunday of Advent		8.45am CW Holy Communion Service 10am Family Service	
Monday 28 th			Open Church 10am-noon with refreshments
Tuesday 29 th	Open Church 10am-noon with refreshments		
Thursday 1st December			Open Church 10am-noon
Friday 2 nd		Oasis Café 9-11.30am Edward Bear Toddler Group 9.30-11am	
Saturday 3 rd	Open Church 10am-noon with refreshments		Forest Church 4pm
Sunday 4th December 2 nd Sunday of Advent	10am All Together Holy Communion Service		
Monday 5 th			Open Church 10am-noon with refreshments

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

Rector's Reflections

Thank you to everyone who donated food for the foodbank at Harvest time. As a result of your generosity, we were able to take 396 kgs of food to the Foodbank to help those who are struggling financially at this time. Thank you, also, to those who decorated the churches so beautifully and to the farmers who provided seeds and wheat to display in our churches, and to those who provided refreshments after our Harvest services.

We know that this winter is not going to be easy for many people so, if you are able to continue supporting the Foodbank do remember that we have collection points for food in all three villages.

Over the past few weeks, we have also been doing an Alpha Course at the Woolmarket in Horndon. The course is due to finish in mid-November. I would like to thank all those who have made running this course possible.

The Alpha Course is designed to help people understand more about what it means to follow Jesus. It began in 1977 at Holy Trinity Church, Brompton and by 2017, over 26,000,000 people had tried Alpha in 100 countries and in over 100 languages and the number has increased since then.

Each Alpha session begins with cake and refreshments followed by a video and then we split into small groups for an informal discussion.

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- Is there more to life than this?
- Who is Jesus
- Why did Jesus die?
- How can I have faith?
- Why and how do I pray?
- Why and how should I read the Bible?
- How does God guide us?
- Who is the Holy Spirit?
- What does the Holy Spirit do?
- How can I be filled with the Holy Spirit?
- How can I make the most of the rest of my life?
- How can I resist evil?
- Why and how should I tell others?
- Does God heal today?
- What about the Church?

Our course included a special day at Mulberry House, Essex in October.

It always is a privilege to walk alongside people on their faith journeys.

If you think you might be interested in attending an Alpha Course in the future, please do let me know.

I look forward to seeing you soon. Don't forget our Remembrance Services on 12th and 13th November.

Take care and God bless,

Sue



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HORNDON ON THE HILL **CHURCH WARDEN'S REPORT**

On Saturday 1st of October Moji was ordained at a service in St Andrew's Church in Basildon. Moji and five others were ordained by Bishop John Perumbalath. Mike Power, Archdeacon of Southend presented each ordinand.

It was the first time that I had been to St. Andrew's our hosts were most welcoming and this large, modern Church was packed to capacity with representatives from each of the new priests' parishes. I am glad to say that the Parish of Horndon, Orsett and Bulphan represented Moji very well and everybody behaved themselves.

I'm pretty sure that we were the only representatives to be catered for at the service by their new Priest with tasty rolls, sandwiches, sausage rolls, cakes and drinks all served from Moji's car with the assistance of Yemi, Moji's husband and Moji's sister and brother-in-law!

Sunday 2nd October saw Moji giving communion in our Parish for the first time with us at St. Giles and All Saints. This service was followed by another feast featuring various cakes including a special fruit cake with special decoration to celebrate Moji's ordination. Moji was also presented with a gift of a home communion set.

I'm sure that everyone will pray for Moji in her ministry both in our parish and in any other parishes or Churches she may be called to.

I attended the Harvest service at Zion Hall Interdenominational Church in Church Road, Bulphan on Sunday 2nd October. At the end of the very interesting service an "auction" is held. Members of the congregation make bids on various items of fresh produce and take it home. All tinned and other non-perishable goods are donated to the Thurrock Food Bank. All monies from the "auction" are sent to the RNIB.

Our Harvest Festival service took place on Sunday 9th October at St. Giles and All Saints at 10.00 a.m. all gifts generously brought to the service were donated to the Thurrock Food Bank.

As autumn continues I would like to thank all who keep the Church grounds looking wonderful in spite of the huge amount of fallen leaves.

God bless

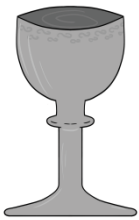
Alastair



ORSETT CHURCHWARDENS' REPORT

By the time you read this the clocks would have been changed and autumn will be well and truly upon us. This does, however, bring us some gloriously sunny days and some beautiful colour to our trees which we hope you are able to enjoy fully.

Thinking of glorious days, what a splendid privilege it was to share in Moji's Ordination Day on 1st October in St Andrew's, Basildon. The service was wonderfully led by Bishop John and thoroughly enjoyed by all who attended. This was followed by Moji leading her first Parish Communion on Sunday, complete with refreshments and a magnificently decorated cake. Many thanks go to Hazel for this.



Another glorious day was when we took delivery of our new keyboard. With many buttons and a plethora of different sounds to choose from, it is indeed a musical work of art. But the coming of new things means we must also have some partings. The old keyboard is currently in the Whitmore Chapel and if anyone can give it a good home, please do contact us; it would be very suitable for anyone just learning to play.



There is also a yacht piano dating from the early 1900's. We would appreciate any information as to where it came from or who donated it.

Christine and David Mortimer

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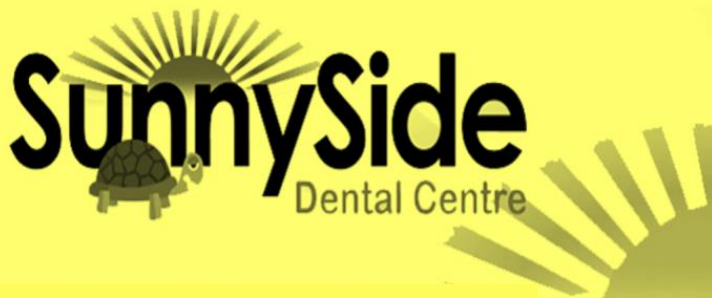
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Bulphan Churchwarden's Report

The works to the porch have started. Ron is overseeing the works; the porch appeal is still open as we are short of finances to complete the project, please contact Lynda if you feel able to donate.

I have always been in favour of sound money, people in the East End, including my mum, would each week pay the shopkeeper for items and when paid for would take them home. No credit or hire purchase then.

The same applies to many industries, unless the return on the money borrowed is significantly more than the rate at which the company borrows it, then that company will not survive in business for very long. The Church has to take a different approach as it incorporates different levels of deprivation within its calculations, if the Church based its calculations on whether a Church remains open on financial viability there would not be many Churches left open. The Church cannot continue in its present shape with income reducing and costs rising. There are those who say the Church has "loads of money and assets" and as far as assets are concerned this is true, but it also has significant costs of Clergy and Clergy pensions. The Church can only sell off a number of old rectories, it could sell its housing stock, but where then would the Priests live? There is no easy solution, in Thurrock the number of Priests is at a record low. We also have to consider the wellbeing of Priests which means that fewer Priests cannot maintain the present workload.

If the only way to save costs, is to reduce priest numbers, then with fewer services long term there will not be an economic case for keeping some Churches open full time.

Chelmsford Diocese has not been an established Diocese for as long as many others and does not have vast reserves. The Chief Executive of Chelmsford Diocese confirms that the Diocese will be "self-sustaining" by 2025.

We can all help by looking at our giving [not a good time with our own personal costs of energy and food rising]. We are all urged to join the Parish Giving Scheme so that at least there can be a guaranteed income.

For all of us a terrible time, my grandmother who was killed by a doodlebug V1 rocket in 1944, probably never saw me. The drones flying over Ukraine are reminiscent of this.

The fundamentals of our Christian belief in love and forgiveness are taking a battering at present but those of us of faith are reassured that good overcomes evil and light overcomes darkness.

Frank Woollard



THE PARISH REGISTERS

Baptisms

October 9th

Ellie Mae Giles

(0)

October 9th

Jack David Ridley

(0)



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
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Baptism Preparation

If you would like to have your child baptised in one of the churches in the parish. Preparation evenings are held in Orsett church on the second Monday of each month at 7.30pm.
No booking is required.

Reverend Moji Jaiyesimi is Ordained Priest by our Bishop, The Right Reverend Dr John Perumbalath on 1st October at St Andrew's in Basildon.



Bishop John



The Ordination Prayer



Kneeling before the Bishop



The laying-on of hands by the Bishop, Archdeacon and Priests



The Anointing with oil



The presentation of a Bible



The next day in Orsett Church,
Moji Celebrates Holy Communion
Cuts a decorated cake and opens
her home communion set, a gift
from the Parish



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**THE PARISH OF
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**Remembrance Sunday
13th November 2022**

Horndon-on-the-hill

10.45am Act of Remembrance
at the War Memorial
11.00am Remembrance Service
in the Church

Orsett

10am Family Service in the Church
followed by Act of Remembrance
at War Memorial

Bulphan

2pm Act of Remembrance
at the War Memorial
in the Churchyard



Knowing and sharing the love of Jesus in the Church and community

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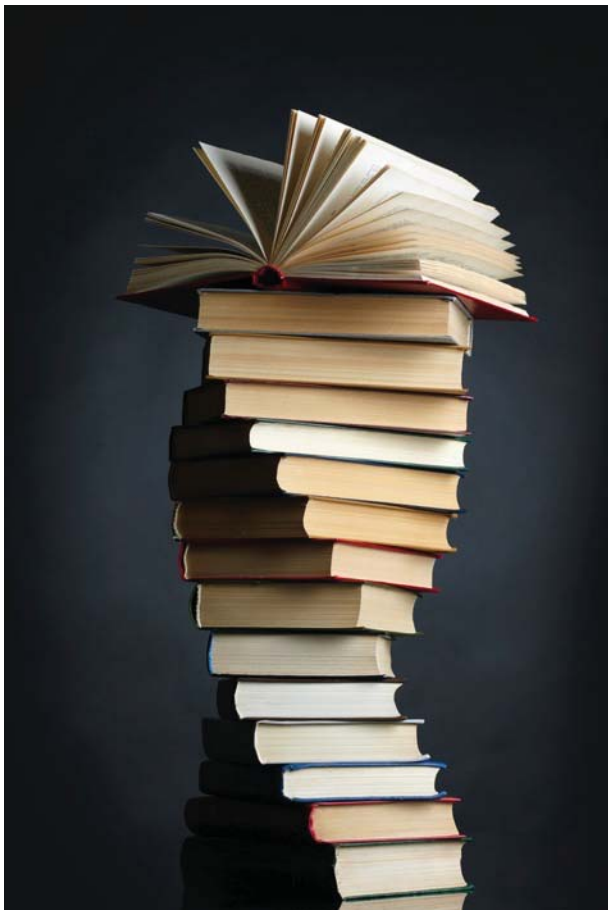
www.zhm100.wix.com/zionhallmission

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 2nd October we held our Harvest Service and raised £105 which was donated to the RNIB in addition to donating produce to the Thurrock Food Bank. The services for November are as follows:

November 6 th	6:30 pm	Rev Pholani Ncube
November 13 th	6:30 pm	Rev Max Blake
November 20 th	6:30 pm	Peter Crosby
November 27 th	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



BOOK SALE

**Saturday 19th
November**

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time please**



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

20th December – 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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Bonfire Night

Bonfire, Guy Fawkes or Fireworks Night is uniquely a British event. It marks the successful prevention of a plot to blow up King James I and Parliament by Catholic subversives in 1605. The fireworks are a reminder of the gunpowder that was placed by the plotters under the Houses of Parliament.

Bonfire night was and is an exciting night for children. Like most things it has changed. In the last 40 years it has become increasingly marked with a trip to an organised bonfire and or firework display which run weeks before November 5th and just after.

Before this Bonfire Night was an on the night hands-on celebration, that happened at most one or two days either side of November 5th. Family bonfire parties and get-togethers with neighbours were very much the thing, with people watching each others fireworks. There were organised displays, but the majority of people were content with their garden displays. Health and safety is very much to the fore now which is why the family events have become less prominent. In the past apart from public information films and Blue Peter's annual advice, common sense was the order of the day.

Wood for the bonfire would be collected a few weeks before the night. The bonfire was quite a competitive thing with the neighbours and had to be a 'good fire', preferably larger and brighter than next doors.



Fireworks appeared in the shops 2 to 3 weeks or so before November 5th. The mainstay was selection boxes of fireworks (the most popular brand was Standard Fireworks) and you could buy packs of individual fireworks. Catherine Wheels, Rockets and Roman Candles were particularly popular, as were sparklers and bangers. The fireworks were not as has become the trend in the last couple of decades for

ground and air shaking explosions, but very much smaller bangs, fizzes and colours.

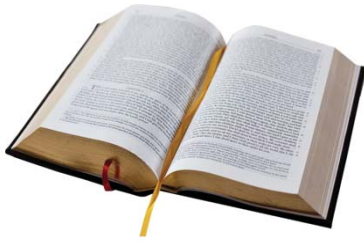
'Penny for the Guy' where the guy (a 'model' of Guy Fawkes), would be made from straw, newspapers and material stuffed into old clothes, displayed by children who would ask for small amounts of change from passers-by. The money given to the children would be mainly spent fireworks, but also sweets, chips, drink etc. In 2004, it became an offence to supply fireworks to anyone under the age of 18.

Food was very much a part of bonfire parties; sausages, toffee apples and parkin, a sort of gingerbread. Potatoes were baked in the ashes of the fire and served with butter. Rarely baked successfully but they tasted nice on a cold night. Mugs of hot soup, Bovril or OXO helped warm hands and stomachs standing around the fire.

On November 5th, as soon as it was dark, the fun would begin. The guy would be placed on top of the bonfire before lighting. If it had been raining over the past few days, the wood might be wet and difficult to light. It was been known for petrol or paraffin to be used as an aid to lighting which would create it's own excitement.

The boxes of fireworks would be kept under the careful care of an adult. Catherine Wheels would be nailed to a wooden fence or a tree – often a recipe for disaster, because if not nailed securely, they could launch themselves spinning into the air, although for many they never really worked and rockets would be put in a milk bottle as a launchpad.





PRAYER DIARY

Some thoughts to include in your daily prayers

November 1st	For the All the Saints we remember today
November 2nd	For the victims of recent natural disasters
November 3rd	For those living in Church Road in Bulphan
November 4th	For the youth of our Benefice
November 5th	For the Orsett Churches' Centre
November 6th	For our Rector Sue Mann
November 7th	For the wonder of our planet
November 8th	For those living in Gordon Road in Horndon
November 9th	For members of our congregations who live in Grays
November 10th	For those living in St Giles Close, Orsett
November 11th	For those living in Baker Street in Orsett
November 12th	For humanitarian organisations working around the world
November 13th	For Remembrance Day services around the country
November 14th	For those living in The Spinney in Orsett
November 15th	For those living in Albert Road in Bulphan
November 16th	For Christians in lands where the church is being persecuted
November 17th	For those living in Prince Charles Avenue in Orsett
November 18th	For post office and shop staff in Orsett, Bulphan and Horndon
November 19th	For those living in the High Road in Horndon
November 20th	For those living in Church Lane in Bulphan
November 21st	For those living in Penn Close in Orsett
November 22nd	For those living in Orsett Road in Horndon
November 23rd	For our farming community
November 24th	For those living in South Hill Crescent in Horndon
November 25th	For those living in Victoria Road in Horndon
November 26th	For those suffering with Long Covid
November 27th	For the hospitals in Orsett, Basildon, and Long Lane.
November 28th	For those living in Mill Lane, Horndon
November 29th	For those living in The Green in Orsett
November 30th	For those living on Doesgate Lane, Bulphan

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



A Study of the Gospel of St Mark. 2:18-21

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 Questioned About Fasting

18 Now John's disciples and the Pharisees were fasting. Some people came and asked Jesus, "How is it that John's disciples and the disciples of the Pharisees are fasting, but yours are not?"

19 Jesus answered, "How can the guests of the bridegroom fast while he is with them? They cannot, so long as they have him with them. **20** But the time will come when the bridegroom will be taken from them, and on that day they will fast.

21 "No one sews a patch of unshrunk cloth on an old garment. Otherwise, the new piece will pull away from the old, making the tear worse. **22** And no one pours new wine into old wineskins. Otherwise, the wine will burst the skins, and both the wine and the wineskins will be ruined. No, they pour new wine into new wineskins.

Although John the Baptist was the forerunner, and also had the spirit of Elijah, he was still an old covenant prophet. Jesus is clear on this. John had to prophesy the arrival of Jesus, but was tied still to the Torah. Jesus was bearer of the new covenant and fulfils the Torah. He will seal that on the cross and through the resurrection, so at this time John and his followers would fast, as did the Pharisees for the same reason, to prepare for the coming Messiah. As Jesus is the Messiah, there is no need for His followers to fast as He is with them. Jesus uses the image of the bridegroom to represent the Christ.

When He is lifted up the new will arrive, there will be no need to wrap it up in the clothes of the old. The New Covenant will outgrow the wine skin of the Torah and the Old Covenant.

The words of Jesus here would have made little sense to the scribes and Pharisees, as they were still in the old covenant world view.

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

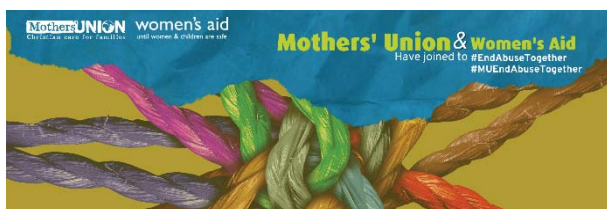
Chelmsford Diocese Mothers' Union (CDMU)



We are looking forward to CDMU Council and AGM, which is due to take place on Monday 7 November at Chelmsford Cathedral. We will be joined by Alison Fernandes from Mary Sumner House who will be talking to us about 'Metamorphosis'.

We were very saddened to hear about two recent deaths: Becky Marchant (nee Power-Berry) and Joyce Hunt. We remember Becky with fondness as she sang in the choir at St Giles and All Saints for many years with her younger sister Amy, and parents Dave and Lynn. Our dear friend Joyce was a Mothers' Union member and a long-standing member of the congregation in Orsett, supporting her husband Dennis when he was Churchwarden. Both Becky and Joyce will be missed. May they rest in peace and rise in glory.

Mothers' Union and Women's Aid



There's some exciting news to share - Mothers' Union is partnering up with Women's Aid for a campaign against domestic abuse!

An estimated 1.6 million women experience domestic abuse every year. Though that's only the tip of the iceberg, as many women don't report abuse due to fear of being judged or not

believed. One in seven children and young people under the age of 18 will have lived with domestic violence at some point in their childhood. Three women are killed each fortnight by a current or ex-partner highlighting that so much change is needed before women and children are safe. **Mothers' Union and Women's Aid are working together so that no girl has to be a victim of domestic abuse.**

Mothers' Union is the first national charity to partner with Women's Aid Federation of England in this new campaign demonstrating how we can make a difference on this important issue if we all come together. There is no magic wand, as domestic abuse affects people throughout society and at every stage of life, but by coming together Mothers' Union Members are committing to raise awareness, dispel myths and take action to End Domestic Abuse.



Come Together To End Domestic Abuse

Mothers' Union and Women's Aid
coming together across society and communities to
end domestic abuse

Does your partner:

- isolate you from friends and family?
- deprive you of food or heating?
- monitor your time?
- check up on what you do online?
- take control over aspects of your everyday life, telling you where you can go, who you can see, what you can wear and when you can sleep?
- stop you from getting medical help or support?
- repeatedly put you down, such as saying you're worthless?
- humiliate or degrade you?
- control your money and access to your home?
- make threats or intimidate you?

You are not alone.

Mel B, patron of Women's Aid

It can be easy to miss the signs of a coercive, abusive relationship. I didn't know the signs, but I want to make sure that other women do. Please know there is help if you need it.

Support is available at:
www.womensaid.org.uk

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Come Together To End Domestic Abuse

5 things everyone can do:

- 1. Make a change where you are** – workplace, school, sports club – is there a domestic abuse policy? Is there a poster in the bathroom or in communal spaces on how to get help? Has anyone had domestic abuse training? How about nominating Women's Aid training in your workplace?
- 2. Dispel myths about domestic abuse and challenge sexism** – domestic abuse doesn't happen because you provoked them, and it isn't your fault if you are being abused by your partner – sexist attitudes to women's roles and men's role must be challenged to end domestic abuse.
- 3. Take action, your voice counts** – join campaigns for better protection for survivors to enable us to make a change. You can put on an event or take part in a challenge. You can also donate goods to Women's Aid member organisations through your Local Mothers' Union.
- 4. Learn what to say to someone experiencing abuse** – understand the reasons why it may not be easy to just leave.
- 5. Speak Up** – show we are standing up against domestic abuse together, send us photos and stories about what you are doing in your local area or online to help stop domestic abuse and support survivors. We want to show positive examples of how we can make a difference to encourage others to join with us.

For more information go to
<https://www.mothersunion.org/partnerships/womensaid>

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ADVENT

For many advent means opening a "window" in packaging to reveal a picture or treat or gift of some kind (mostly chocolate) starting on December 1st and finishing on Christmas Eve. Although some extend to Christmas Day and even New Year's Day.

In the Christian faith Advent is the start of the liturgical year and marks the period of anticipation of the birth of Jesus. The word advent comes from the Latin term *adventus* meaning "arrival" or "coming," particularly the coming of something having great importance. Advent season, then, is both a time of joy-filled, anticipatory celebration of the arrival of Jesus Christ and a preparatory period of repentance, meditation, and penance.

In Western Christianity, Advent begins on the fourth Sunday before Christmas Day, or the Sunday which falls closest to November 30th, and lasts until Christmas Eve. When Christmas Eve falls on a Sunday, it is the last or fourth Sunday of Advent. Thus, the actual season of Advent can last anywhere from 22-28 days.

One of the traditions is the Advent Wreath a circle of evergreens as a symbol of everlasting life and a circle to represent God's eternity and unity. This is adorned with candles, usually three violet or purple and one pink, the pink candle being lit on the Third Sunday of Advent, called *Gaudete Sunday*. Many mistake this to represent Mary, because it is pink. Some add a fifth candle (white), known as the Christ Candle, in the middle of the wreath, to be lit on Christmas Eve or Day.



What the candles symbolise, has several interpretations as to what they represent, two versions of these :

When candle is first lit	Colour	What each candle represents	
1 st Sunday	Purple	The Patriarchs	Hope
2 nd Sunday	Purple	The Prophets	Peace
3 rd Sunday - <i>Gaudete Sunday</i>	Pink	John the Baptist	Joy
4 th Sunday	Purple	Mary	Love
Christmas Eve / Christmas Day	White	Jesus Christ	Jesus Christ

The readings and prayers for each Sunday of Advent reflect what the candle represents.

An addition to the Advent season in many churches is Christingle.

What is Christingle?

Christingle is a joyful celebration that brings families and communities together to share the light of Jesus and spread a message of hope.

Christingle celebrations are named after the Christingles that are lit during the service. Christingles are oranges wrapped in red tape, decorated with dried fruit or sweets, with a candle on the top.

There is no one way to hold a Christingle celebration. Since the pandemic and lockdowns people have still held Christingles services in new and innovative ways.

Christingles are usually held from the end of November through to February (Advent to Candlemas), with Christmas Eve being a particularly popular time for services.

During the service, each person takes a Christingle and the candles are lit to create a warm, magical glow symbolising the light of Christ and bringing hope to people living in darkness.

Christingles are made using oranges and a few other bits, as you choose. Each part of a Christingle has a special meaning and helps to tell the Christian story:

- The orange represents the world
- The red ribbon (or tape) symbolises the love and blood of Christ
- The sweets and dried fruit represent all of God's creations
- The lit candle represents Jesus's light in the world, bringing hope to people living in darkness.



The idea of Christingle came from a Moravian Church in Germany in 1747. The minister, John de Watteville, gave children at the service a lighted candle with a red ribbon around it. This represented Jesus being the light of the world and the final prayer of that first service was "Lord Jesus, kindle a flame in these children's hearts, that theirs like Thine become". The custom went around the world with the church. Missionaries brought the Moravian Church to England in the late 1700s.

In England the Children's Society (one of the earliest children's charities in the UK), with strong connections with the Church of England, have promoted Christingle. The first Christingle service held in the Church of England was in 1968, although some services seem to have been held earlier in at least one Church of England church. The idea came from John Pensom known as "Mr Christingle"! People thought the service wouldn't work as making the Christingles would be too complicated. The custom has spread through to all kinds of churches and has become is one of the most common and popular Christmas services in the UK. In the UK it is not only a chance to come together and celebrate what Jesus represents and have a tasty treat, it is also an opportunity to raise money for the Children's Society for their work with less fortunate children across the UK.

2022 Christingle in the Parish

We will be holding Christingle services in person this year during advent. Everyone is welcome to attend and if anyone is willing and able to assist with making the Christingles, please contact the Churchwardens for more information.



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Update from Orsett C of E Primary School



We have already completed half a term here at Orsett. It has absolutely flown by and we have been very busy with lots of different learning experiences and memory making here at Orsett.

Back in September many of our children in Year 4 and 6 took part in Bikeability. You may have seen them out and about around the village learning how to be safe on the roads and ride with confidence. It is something we take part in every year and always have good uptake for. In a few weeks time our Reception children will also be taking part in a walk around the village learning how to cross roads safely – look out for them!



The sporting season is well underway now in Thurrock. We have started to take part in more of the sporting events now that there are no restrictions. Mr Copper our sports coach has been taking a group of children every Thursday morning for cross country training. They use the field next to the school to train on, in all weathers! They've had some cold mornings, wet mornings and some beautiful ones. The children have taken part in the Thurrock cross country competitions and did very well. One of our children did so well that they are representing Orsett at the Essex finals! We've also taken part in a football competition this term too. All in all it's been a great first term back for sport!



At the beginning of October we also had the pleasure of going back to Church – something we've waited a long time to be able to do! It was my first visit with the whole of the school! It was wonderful to be back and see the children so excited to be there. We sang some Harvest songs including Cauliflowers fluffy and listened to prayers written by Year 6. The amount of donations we had this year was incredible – Mr Dickson thinks it's the most we've ever had! We are looking forward to our next service at Christmas.





Just before half term we welcomed new families, due to start school next September for tours of the school. It was lovely to show off the school and we had some really fantastic responses.

We are completing more tours on the 9th November at 9.30am and anyone is very welcome to attend. Please just let our admin know by sending an email or ringing to book a space. We will also hold individual tours if we are able to. Please ring to arrange one.

Year 4 went to Leeds castle on Monday as part of their History work. The children had a great time despite the terrible weather in the morning and the traffic which held them up leaving! It's always the way when you book a school trip! They learnt all about a Victorian classroom and what it was like, writing on slates, having their hands inspected and walking in very straight and quiet lines! I think they all prefer our new method of schooling where they can be a little more free! They couldn't quite believe that many children were given the cane if they did something wrong in school and were amazed that this lasted until only relatively recently!



On the 7th October I was delighted to take a choir of 33 children from across Year 3 – 6 with me to the Vine Inset day in Chelmsford to represent the school and lead every teacher in the Vine in worship. They really showed our vision of being a shining light to others and were a great role model of what worship can look like if led by children. I couldn't have been prouder of them and had so many wonderful comments about their singing. A special mention to Maisy-Belle who sang a solo so beautifully. She made several teachers cry!



Until next time!

Mrs G Smith – Head teacher



Woolmarket Music



We welcomed professional pianist Matthew McCombie at October's meeting and he entertained us superbly with pieces by:

Schubert (Impromptu in G flat Major), Chopin (Nocturne in C sharp minor), Beethoven (Piano sonata No. 14 in C sharp minor, commonly known as The Moonlight), (Debussy Reverie), Peter Creswell (Piano Sonata No. 2 in D Major) and ended with the magnificent Hungarian Rhapsody No. 2 by Liszt.

We are so lucky to be able to enjoy such a musician.

On November 9th, at 8pm in the Woolmarket, we will be welcoming The Nava Trio, Guildhall students coming to Horndon for the first time. Please support them on their musical journey.

Orsett Women's Institute



ORSETT WI AUTUMN TEA PARTY

During the Covid Lockdowns, Orsett WI decided to take on an allotment

We felt that by being outside it would allow us to meet up safely, as well as producing fruit, vegetables and flowers.

Fortunately things have changed, so we have taken the opportunity to up the ante; our intention is to host small WI meetings at the allotment, and in September we managed to hold our first social event .

Our guest members were invited to a Cream Tea, provided by Julie Finch and Sharon Larsen. The ladies who attended, loved it and were happy to benefit from our "Allotment Ladies" homemade jams and scones. We know they are looking forward to being invited again.

No doubt we shall be organising more fun days for our members in the new year.

Sue Andrews

Secretary



Thameside Nature Discovery Park

Thameside Nature Discovery Park winter musings.

Those who think winter is a time for hibernation may not be aware of just how busy this time of the year is at Thameside Nature Discovery Park! We have a multitude of visitors from the animal kingdom. Over the coming months we will enjoy the migratory waders like black tailed godwit and greenshank congregating on the mudflats which you can view from the hide adjacent or from the warmth and comfort of the Nature Discovery Centre Café, which overlooks the feeding grounds and River Thames beyond. Also, on view from the magnificent roof terrace of the centre are our resident peregrine falcons, who have chosen to nest on a redundant riverfront crane! Regular hunters include the marsh harrier and sparrowhawk, and we are usually treated to an afternoon display from the short-eared owl! Smaller, passerine, birds you can expect to see include redpoll, chaffinch, siskin and yellowhammer. Our experiment with over winter grazing has been successful in its first year. This year we have 14 cattle on site, currently working their magic in the Coronation Meadow, which saw record variety of wildflowers this year and stable numbers of skylark choosing to nest in the bare patches left by their chewing of the cud! By the time you read this, the cows may be roaming the wider site, helping us manage the longer grassland, maintaining vital habitat for reptiles and small mammals, both of which in turn attract the raptors! Our Rangers and volunteers have been busy refreshing and adding to our man-made Reptile hibernacula, as well as adding a network of mini-meadows for the benefit of both our common and rare invertebrate visitors next spring.

Our special occasions over the next few weeks include our fireworks viewing night on Saturday 5th Nov where we will be staying open late to enjoy the view of the Thames corridor displays (no fireworks on the park) please call the centre to pay your £5 ticket which includes a Hot Chocolate!

If you'd like to contribute some time in the outdoors, there are bulb planting session in the morning and afternoon of the 12th and 26th November - again call the centre to let us know if you can help out?

On the 19th November there will be a festive shopping opportunity with discounted items in the shop, special offers, local traders, as well as at least one school choir (we are looking for more!) and professional musical entertainment in the evening as we are open to 7.30pm

We are equally excited to be welcoming Mother Christmas to the park this year, she will be lightening her husband's workload by meeting our young festive visitors between the 17 and 23 December; taking note of their Christmas wishes and sharing the secret recipe of his favourite seasonal snack for them to bake at home before his visit on Christmas eve! At the same time visitors can toast a merry marshmallow on an open fire, make a crafty decoration and follow an exclusive yuletide trail. You can book this event and many others on the website or by calling the centre on 01375 643342.

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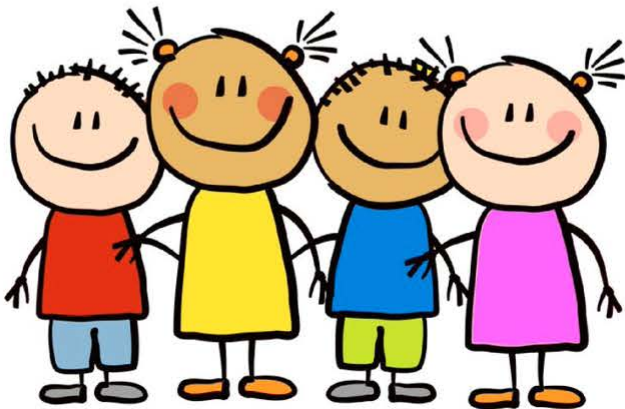
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FAMOUS PERSON IN NOVEMBER

LUDOVIC KENNEDY

November 1919 - October 2009



Ludovic (Ludo) Henry Coverley Kennedy was educated at Eton College and at Oxford University (Christ's Church), Oxford. He gained the rank of Lieutenant in the service of the Royal Naval Volunteer Reserve. He fought in the Second World War between 1939 and 1945. He wrote the book "Sub-Lieutenant", published in 1942. He graduated from Oxford University in 1948 with the degree of Master of Arts (M.A.). He was the librarian between 1948-49 at Ashbridge College.

He wrote "Nelson's Band of Brothers" (published 1951), "One Man's Meat" (published 1953), and "Murder Story" (published 1954). He was a newscaster for ITN between 1956 and 1958. He held the office of Chancellor of the Navy Records Society between 1957 and 1960. In 1958 he fought the Rochdale by-election, as a Liberal candidate. In 1959 he fought for the Rochdale seat in the general election, again as a Liberal candidate.

He was a commentator and TV presenter for BBC, ITA, ATV, ABC and Yorkshire TV, on various shows including Panorama, Face the Press, 24 Hours, Midweek, and Newsday between 1960 and 1979. He wrote the book "Ten Rillington Place" (which was published in 1961), "The Trial of Stephen Ward" (published 1964), "Very Lovely People" (published 1969), "Pursuit: the chase and sinking of the Bismarck" (published 1974), "A Presumption of Innocence: the amazing case of Patrick Meehan" (published 1975), "The Portland Spy Case" (published 1979), "Menace: the life and death of the Tirpitz" (published 1979), "Wicked Beyond Belief" (published 1980), "The Airman and the Carpenter" (published 1985), "On MY Way to the Club" (published 1989), "Euthanasia: the good death" (published 1990), "Truth to Tell" (published 1991), and "In Bed With an Elephant: a journey through Scotland's past and present" (published 1995).

Sir Ludovic Kennedy (knighted in 1994), was awarded honorary degrees by the Universities of Edinburgh, Strathclyde and Stirling. A joint portrait of Ludovic Kennedy and Moira Shearer, by the Israeli artist Avigdor Arikha, is now part of the permanent collection of the Scottish National Portrait Gallery.

He publicly supported the idea of euthanasia, and fell out of favour with the established political parties who did not support the view.

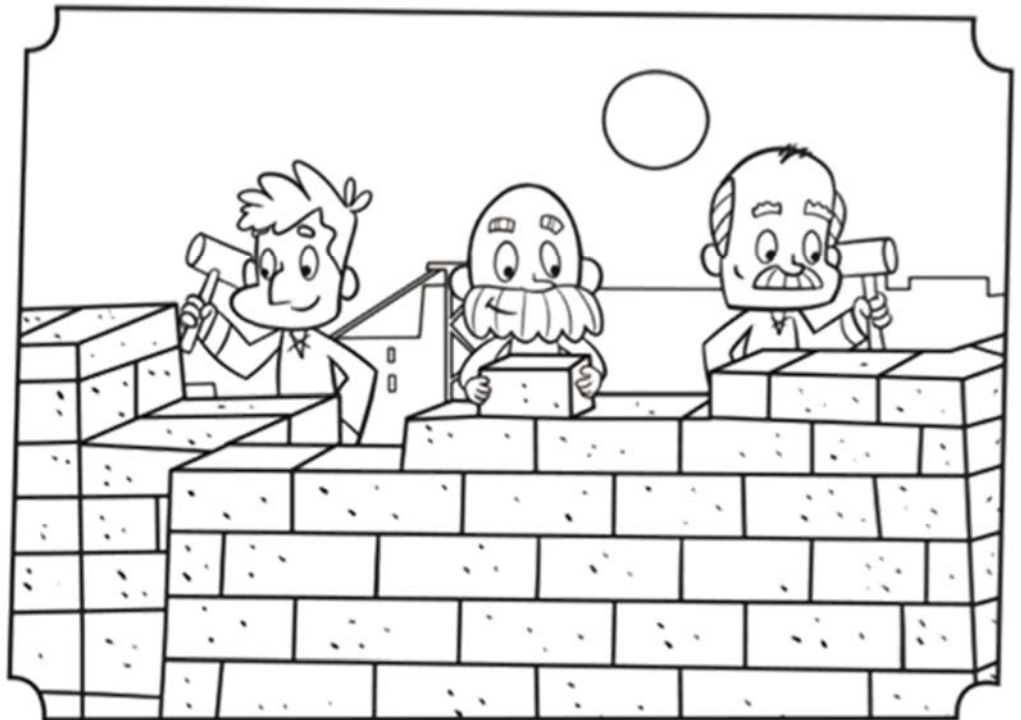
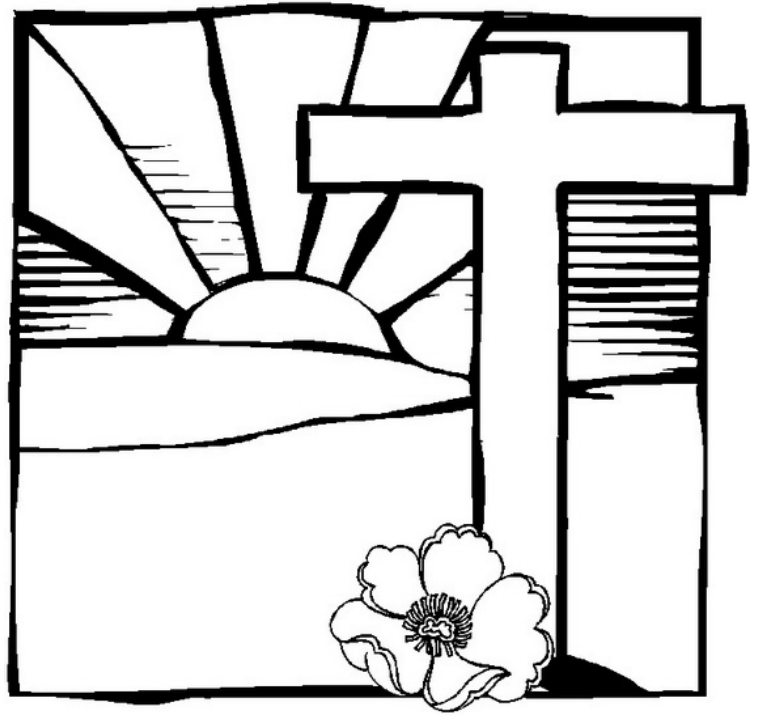
He called for Scottish independence from the United Kingdom.

He was a member of the crew of the British destroyer HMS Tartar when that ship took part in the pursuit and destruction of the German battleship Bismarck in May of 1941. He later wrote a book on the subject.

He undertook many campaigns on behalf of people who had been wrongly convicted of murder, including Derek Bentley and Timothy Evans. In many cases, his efforts were vindicated.

He had 4 children, Ailsa Margaret Kennedy (born August 11, 1952), Rachel Katherine Kennedy (born November 16, 1956), Fiona Jane Kennedy (born December 20, 1961) and Alastair Charles Coverley Kennedy (born February 10, 1963), with his wife, Moira Shearer, who died in January 2006.

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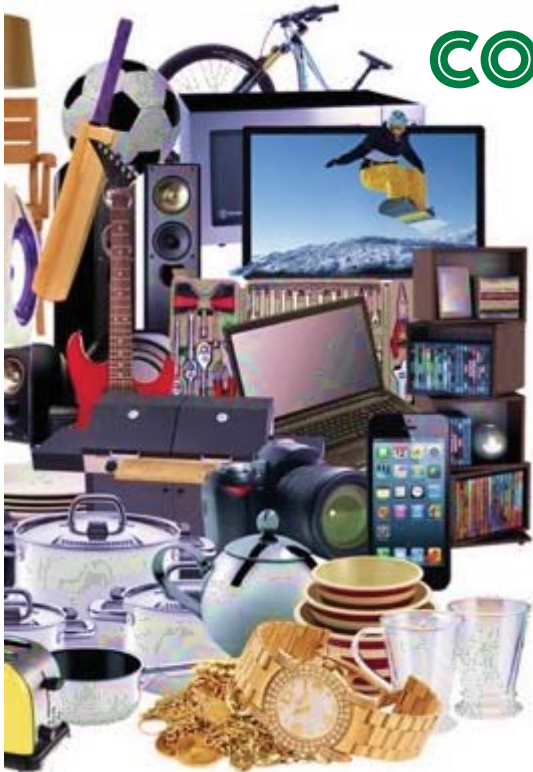


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