



Welcome to the Parish of Horndon, Orsett and Bulphan

Weekly notice sheet

Sunday 27th November 2022—1st Sunday of Advent
8.45am CW Holy Communion Service, 10am Family Service
at St Giles and All Saints Church, Orsett



At a Communion Service if you require gluten free wafers please let the minister know when you go forward to receive.

The 10am service may be recorded for our website. If you do not wish to be recorded please speak to a churchwarden.

*If you attend a service because you wish to apply for a place for your child at a church school which requires a letter or Supplementary Information Form, please make sure, each time you attend, you sign the **red attendance book** which is available at the back of church.*

*If you attend a service to gain a Qualifying Connection in order to be married at any of the three churches, please make sure, each time you attend, you sign the **purple attendance book** which will be available at the back of church.*

Today's Collect - Almighty God, as your kingdom dawns, turn us from the darkness of sin to the light of holiness, that we may be ready to meet you in our Lord and Saviour, Jesus Christ.

Post Communion -O Lord our God, make us watchful and keep us faithful as we await the coming of your Son our Lord; that, when he shall appear, he may not find us sleeping in sin but active in his service and joyful in his praise; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Dear Everyone,

As I write this we are in the season of Advent. You will see some information about Advent in the section below. Advent brings us close to Christ who is with us. We are reminded that no one is beyond the reach of God's love. We wait with joy for the Lord, the hope of the world. And, as we do, we are called to reach out to our sisters and brothers in need, sharing our hope for a world in desperate need of transformation. You may like to use the prayer below during your advent reflections.

*Wake us up Lord! God of salvation. Wake us up Lord! The night is nearly over.
Let us begin our Advent journey. Move us from our lives of greed and selfishness,
From our globalised world of inequality and exploitation, To your kingdom of righteousness and mercy
To a transformed world where peace is built on understanding and not weapons,
The poor are empowered to live their lives to the full, Businesses are built on need not greed
And your creation is nurtured, not abused.*

Wake us up Lord! Let us live as people of the light. Amen (Sue Cooper CAFOD)

We have many services between now and Christmas Day and you are very welcome at some, or all of them.

I look forward to seeing you soon.

Take care and God bless, Sue

Happy 90th birthday to

Jane Roast

What makes advent a special time for Christians?

When is Advent?

Advent begins four Sundays before Christmas Day and ends on Christmas Eve.

Many people have advent calendars in the weeks before Christmas, opening a door every day for 24 days; some people light a candle each day. Many people spend time praying and reflecting.

But what does 'Advent' mean?

'Advent' means 'coming'. Advent is a time for us to reflect upon the meaning of God coming to earth as a baby. We reflect upon the birth of Jesus but also we anticipate his coming again.

What symbols do you find in churches during Advent?

Many churches and some schools have an advent wreath. The round garland is a symbol of God, without beginning or end. There are four candles on the outside of the wreath with a fifth one in the centre. The four candles round the edge can either be red or three purple and one pink and the one in the centre is usually white but can be gold. The first candle is lit on the first Sunday of advent and then a new one is lit every Sunday leading up to Christmas.

What do the candles on the Advent Wreath mean?

There are different beliefs about the meaning of the candles. However, a lot of Christians think of each of the four candles as representing special people from the Bible who looked forward to Jesus' coming:

- * The first candle stands for Old Testament Patriarchs; The Fathers of the faith.. This is the candle of **hope**.
- * The second candle reminds people of the Old Testament prophets who looked forward to the birth of the Messiah, who God would send to save His people. This is the candle of **peace**.
- * The third candle is a symbol of John the Baptist, a prophet from Jesus' time who told people that God was coming soon. This candle represents **joy**.
- * The fourth candle reminds Christians of Mary, the mother of Jesus. It is known as the candle of **love**.
- * The middle candle is lit on Christmas Day. It is a symbol of Jesus, the **Light of the World**.



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Prayers for the week

Prayer Diary

- THE FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT - "Keep us, O Lord, while we tarry on this earth, in a serious seeking after thee, and in an affectionate walking with thee, every day of our lives; that when thou comest, we may be found not hiding our talent, nor serving the flesh, nor yet asleep with our lamp unfurnished, but waiting and longing for our Lord, our glorious King, for ever and ever." Richard Baxter (1615-91)
- Pray for: The Nippon Sei Ko Kai
- Prayers for the rest of the week can be found here-: www.chelmsford.anglican.org/uploads-new/publications/WePraysept-nov.pdf

Parish prayer diary

<i>Horndon</i>	Carol N, John V, Jane L, Freda K, Chris C, Nick T, Moira, Ivy
<i>Orsett</i>	Edna F, Sandra B, Pat W, Di B, Ted S, Joan M, Sue L, Maureen D, Margaret C
<i>Bulphan</i>	Brian F, Anita J, Richard R
<i>Other</i>	Eddie, Brooke, Elizabeth, Dottie and her family



Prayers for the recently bereaved

<i>Horndon</i>	The family and friends of Florrie Johnson, Howard Barber, Becky Marchant
<i>Orsett</i>	The family and friends of Joyce Hunt

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

YOU ARE INVITED TO

**BARRELS
&
CAROLS**

**SUNDAY
4TH DECEMBER**

Time: 7pm

Where: The Foxhound Pub,
High Road, Orsett

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**Parish
Christmas
Bazaar**

Bulphan Village Hall

Saturday 10th December
12 Noon to 3.30 pm

- **Bacon rolls and cakes**
- **Tea, coffee and soft drinks**
- **Raffle**
- **Book stall**
- **Tombola**
- **Games**
- **Craft activities**

Thurrock Foodbank

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

Horndon - 1, Lion Cottages, High Road **Orsett** - The Rectory **Bulphan** - 24, Church Lane & Bulphan Local Store

Shortages this week are: tinned potatoes, tinned meats -currys, stews etc., tomato soup, noodles, tinned fruit, mashed potatoes, jam & spreads, tinned fish, custard and fruit juice.



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It was lovely to see the children and parents who attended Messy Church at Bulphan Academy on 10th November.

Thank you to the school staff and volunteers who helped.

They heard the story of the annunciation when the Angel Gabriel told Mary that she would have a baby called Jesus and they then did some activities linked to the theme of waiting. This was followed by a short act of worship and a meal.



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**REMEMBRANCE DAY
2022**

Lest We Forget



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Diary Dates

Services

- Saturday 3rd December, 4pm, Forest Church at Bulphan church
- Next week's Sunday services (4th December) 10am All Together Holy Communion service
- Sunday 4th December, 7pm, Carol Service at the Foxhound Pub in Orsett
- Morning Prayers 8.30am & Evening Prayers 7pm and are found on Facebook @HOBNOBChurches
- If you would like to listen to daily prayers, these can be heard at <https://www.chpublishing.co.uk/apps/time-to-pray>
- Daily Hope, a free phone line of hymns, reflections and prayers can be found on 0800 8048044

Advance notices

- Interment of the ashes of Leslie Frederick Thomas will be taking place at Bulphan Church 11.30am on Saturday 26th Nov.
- Memorial Service for Teresa O'Keefe, 2pm on Saturday 26th November at Horndon Church
- Baptism preparation meetings: Monday 9th January 2023 held at 7.30pm in Orsett Church

Dates for
your
diary.....

Hobnob Magazine

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

Eco Pause for Thought

Save electricity by plugging appliances into a power strip and turning them off completely when not in use, including your computer.

Save Electricity



Individual Private Prayer

The following churches are open for private prayer—10am to noon

Bulphan Church

Monday and Thursday

Free refreshments are available on

Horndon-on-the-Hill Church

Tuesday and Saturday

Monday, Tuesday and Saturday.



Bible Readings for this week

Principal Service

Sunday

Isaiah 2.1–5
Psalm 122

Romans 13.11–end
Matthew 24.36–44

	Morning prayer	Night prayer		Morning prayer	Night prayer
Monday	Psalm 50 Isaiah 42.18–end Revelation 19	Psalm 71 Isaiah 25.1–9 Matthew 12.1–21	Tues	Psalm 80 Isaiah 43.1–13 Revelation 20	Psalm 74 Isaiah 26.1–13 Matthew 12.22–37
Weds	Psalm 47 Ezekiel 47.1–12 John 12.20–32	Psalm 87 Zechariah 8.20–end John 1.35–42	Thurs	Psalm 42 Isaiah 44.1–8 Revelation 21.9–21	Psalm 40 Isaiah 28.14–end Matthew 13.1–23
Friday	Psalm 25 Isaiah 44.9–23 Revelation 21.22–22.5	Psalm 17 Isaiah 29.1–14 Matthew 13.24–43	Sat	Psalm 9, Isaiah 44.24–45.13 Revelation 22.6–end	Psalm 27 Isaiah 29.15–end Matthew 13.44–end

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