



## Welcome to the Parish of Horndon, Orsett and Bulphan

### Weekly notice sheet

Sunday 4th December 2022—2nd Sunday of Advent

10am All Together Holy Communion Service

at St Mary the Virgin Church, Bulphan



*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** - Father in heaven, who sent your Son to redeem the world and will send him again to be our judge: give us grace so to imitate him in the humility and purity of his first coming that, when he comes again, we may be ready to greet him with joyful love and firm faith; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Dear Everyone,

I apologise for not having been out and about recently. This is due to having caught Covid whilst we were on holiday. As I write this, I am still testing positive, but hope to be back amongst you soon. In the meantime I have been catching up on and rationalising emails and doing administrative work in the study! One filing cabinet is now empty and another one re-organised!

You, like me, have probably heard the disappointing news that this year's census revealed fewer people identifying as Christian. However, this was contrasted by the BBC saying that 'the public appetite for content about faith and belief is as strong as ever.' I believe that we do have hope in the Gospel of Jesus Christ, that Jesus shines as a light in the darkness and that people are searching for that light; the light which the darkness doesn't put out. Life today is busy and sometimes Jesus gets pushed out of the picture, unintentionally. This Advent provides us all with an opportunity to reflect intentionally upon that light and to put Jesus back in the picture. To help us all to do that, we have a range of services at different times and places and to suit all ages, beginning this Saturday with Forest Church at Bulphan at 4pm and, on Sunday, Barrels and Carols in the Foxhound Pub at Orsett at 7pm. Other services are advertised in the notices.

*God of hope  
God of hope,  
we cling to you,  
for your renewal of the face of the earth.  
Through the gift of your Son,  
our Lord Jesus,  
we follow you on the path of dawn.  
Enlightened by your love and wisdom,  
help us to lead each other  
and all creatures  
back to your open arms.  
Amen.*

*Rachel McCarthy/CAFOD*

I hope to see you soon.

Take care and God bless,

Sue



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## Prayers for the week

### Prayer Diary

- THE SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT - Pray for all who work in radio or television and the work of all local and regional media outlets within our Diocese.
- Pray for: The Episcopal Church in Jerusalem & The Middle East
- Prayers for the rest of the week can be found here-: <https://www.chelmsford.anglican.org/uploads-new/publications/WePray-Dec22-Feb23.pdf>

### Parish prayer diary

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



### Prayers for the recently bereaved

**Horndon** The family and friends of Florrie Johnson, Howard Barber, Becky Marchant  
**Orsett** The family and friends of Rita Snellings, Joyce Hunt

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

## THE PARISH OF HORNDON, ORSETT AND BULPHAN

### CHRISTMAS SERVICES 2022

#### Sunday 11th December

4pm Christingle Service at Horndon Church\*  
5.30pm Christingle Service at Orsett Church\*

#### Tuesday 13th December

5pm Christingle Service at Bulphan Church\*  
7.30pm Service with Prayers for Healing at Bulphan Church

#### Sunday 18th December

6.30pm Drive in Carol Service at Benton's Farm, Horndon  
This is a ticketed event (free) see poster how to order tickets

#### Tuesday 20th December

7.30pm Longest Night/Blue Christmas Service at Bulphan Church

#### Saturday 24th December

4pm Carol Service at Orsett Church  
8.30pm Holy Communion Service at Horndon Church  
10pm Holy Communion Service at Bulphan Church

#### Sunday 25th December

10am Holy Communion Service at Bulphan Church

\* There will be collection for the Children's Society at each Glowstick or Christingle service

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## Drive-in Christmas Carols

The Parish of Horndon, Orsett and Bulphan would love to invite you to our 'drive-in' Carol Service at Arden Hall Farm where we can celebrate Christmas together. There will be live music played by a brass ensemble and it will be suitable for all ages, with carols, readings and prayers.

Where possible, we ask you to fill your car with family and/or friends. Entry to the event is with a 'free' ticket and one ticket per car should be ordered, NOT one ticket per person.

There will be a collection for the church after the service.

Please book tickets at

[www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/drive-in-carol-service-2022-tickets-451041245507](https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/drive-in-carol-service-2022-tickets-451041245507)  
Tickets are limited and will be issued on a first come first served basis.

If anyone is unable to order a ticket online please ring Lynda on 07974 803471 and she will order one for you.

6.30pm Sunday 18th December  
at Arden Hall Farm,  
Horndon on the Hill, SS17 8PZ

## 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

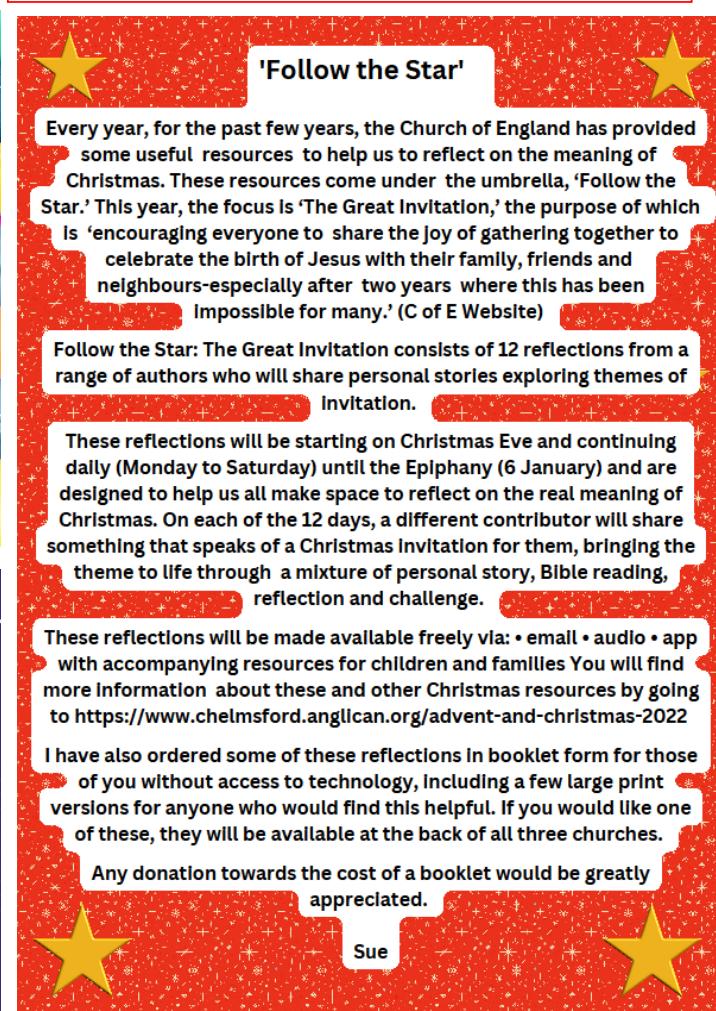
Shortages this week are: tinned potatoes, tinned meats -currys, stews etc., tomato soup, noodles, tinned fruit, mashed potatoes, jam & spreads, tinned fish, custard and fruit juice.



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## Diary Dates

### Services

- Saturday 3rd December, 4pm, Forest Church at Bulphan church
- Sunday 4th December, 7pm, Barrels and Carols at the Foxhound Pub in Orsett
- Next week's Sunday services (11th December) 8.45am BCP Holy Communion Service and 10am All Family Service at Horndon Church
- Christingle Services—Sunday 11th December 4pm at Horndon Church and 5.30pm at Orsett Church and Tuesday 13th 5pm at Bulphan Church
- Tuesday 13th November 7.30pm Service with Prayers for Healing at Bulphan Church
- 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

- Funeral of Rita Snellings 1.30pm on Tuesday 6th December at Orsett Church
- Baptisms of Yazmin and Reid Binsted on Sunday 11th December at Horndon Church
- Baptism preparation meetings: Monday 12th 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](mailto:r.porter@hobnob.org.uk)
- The online version of the
- magazine can be found on our website news page

### Eco Pause for Thought

**Draught-proof windows and doors - Unless your home is very new, you will lose some heat through draughts around doors and windows, gaps around the floor, or through the chimney. Professional draught-proofing of windows, doors and blocking cracks in floors and skirting boards can cost around £225, but it can save around £125 a year on energy bills. DIY draught proofing can be much cheaper.**

### Individual Private Prayer

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

Bulphan Church

Horndon-on-the-Hill Church

Monday and Thursday

Tuesday and Saturday

Free refreshments are available on

Monday, Tuesday and Saturday.



### Bible Readings for this week

### Principal Service

Sunday

Isaiah 11.1–10

Psalm 72.1–7, 18–19

Romans 15.4–13

Matthew 3.1–12

	Morning prayer	Night prayer		Morning prayer	Night prayer
<b>Monday</b>	Psalm 44 Isaiah 45.14–end 1 Thessalonians 1	Psalm 144 Isaiah 30.1–18 Matthew 14.1–12	<b>Tues</b>	Psalm 56 Isaiah 46 1 Thessalonians 2.1–12	Psalm 11 Isaiah 30.19–end Matthew 14.13–end
<b>Weds</b>	Psalm 62 Isaiah 47 1 Thessalonians 2.13–end	Psalm 10 Isaiah 31 Matthew 15.1–20	<b>Thurs</b>	Psalm 54 Isaiah 48.1–11 1 Thessalonians 3	Psalm 73 Isaiah 32 Matthew 15.21–28
<b>Friday</b>	Psalm 86 Isaiah 48.12–end 1 Thessalonians 4.1–12	Psalms 90 Isaiah 33.1–22 Matthew 15.29–end	<b>Sat</b>	Psalm 145 Isaiah 49.1–13 1 Thessalonians 4.13–end	Psalm 94 Isaiah 35 Matthew 16.1–12

### Contact details

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