



Welcome to the Parish of Horndon, Orsett and Bulphan

Weekly notice sheet

Sunday 11th December 2022—3rd Sunday of Advent

8.45am BCP Holy Communion Service

10am Family Service

at St Peter and St Paul's Church, Horndon on the Hill

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 - God for whom we watch and wait, you sent John the Baptist to prepare the way of your Son: give us courage to speak the truth, to hunger for justice, and to suffer for the cause of right, with Jesus Christ our Lord.

Post Communion - We give you thanks, O Lord, for these heavenly gifts; kindle in us the fire of your Spirit that when your Christ comes again we may shine as lights before his face; who is alive and reigns now and for ever.

Dear Everyone,

Our Christmas services began last Sunday evening in The Foxhound Pub, Orsett, when we gathered together for Barrels and Carols. We had a lovely time, even if we were competing with England playing Senegal in the World Cup! The good thing, though, was that our carols and readings were punctuated with cheering each time England scored. Thank you, so much, to Bradley the landlord, who allowed us to do this. There will also be carols in The Swan, Horndon on the Hill, on the evening of Sunday 23rd December at 7pm, so if you missed the event in the Foxhound, do pop along to Horndon.

I listened to Moneybox Live on Radio 4 this week, when they were discussing the fact that that, due to the increased cost of living, Christmas this year won't be as extravagant or luxurious as it often is for many. People shared ideas as to how to make Christmas special without spending a lot of money. Perhaps this situation provides all of us with an opportunity to remind ourselves of the true meaning of Christmas, away from material distractions, a prompt that it is time to celebrate God who came down to earth in great love, as a human, born not in the main inn but in a shed out the back.

And, of course, Jesus' parents were refugees, having to flee from Bethlehem to Egypt for fear of Herod who intended to kill all babies under the age of two in the hope of killing Jesus, whom he regarded as a threat. There are so many parallels with the story of Jesus and the hardship many in our world are suffering at this time, including those who are having to flee their own countries in search of safety.

So, as we prepare ourselves for Christmas, this Advent, let us reflect on who Jesus was; God who came down in love, not luxury, to walk alongside each and everyone, not just in their joys but in their struggles, and let us also remind ourselves that he is a God who continues to do that now.

This year, the Church of England has produced some resources entitled 'Follow the Star-The Great Invitation.' These are reflections and prayers on the theme of invitation from Christmas Eve through to Epiphany on 6th January 2023. You can obtain this resource online by downloading the app or there are some paper copies available to purchase for 70p each. These will be available at the back of all three churches and at the Christmas Bazaar at Bulphan, this Saturday between 12 and 3.30pm. There are also a few large print copies for those who would appreciate one of these.

I look forward to seeing you soon and, as ever, please let me know of any prayer and pastoral needs.

Take care and God bless,

Sue



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Prayers for the week

Prayer Diary

- THE THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT - Pray for the Church of England Guild of Vergers and give thanks for the work and devotion of the men and women who carry out this important task.
- Pray for: The Anglican Church of Kenya
- 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
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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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



The Parish of Horndon, Orsett and Bulphan

A Service with Prayers for Healing

St Mary the Virgin Church, Bulphan
7.30pm Tuesday 13th December 2022

In this challenging time we offer a service with prayers for healing. When we are gathered together, we are able to offer and experience the sacrament of holy anointing with oil.

The light of the candle will serve as a symbol of Christ's light in the world and God's unending presence guiding us and supporting us through our darkest days.



Visit our free, safe and supportive

WARM SPACES

during the colder winter months

You'll be given a warm welcome

Free hot drinks

Free Wi-Fi and computers

Space to study

Jigsaws and board games in some libraries/hubs

Local information support

To see a list of Warm Spaces in Thurrock, visit:

strongertogetherthurrock.org.uk/support-for-residents-2/



thurrock.gov.uk

CHRISTINGLE SERVICE



Come along on
Saturday 10th
between 10-12 am
to make your own
Christingle



St Peter &
St Paul's
church
Sunday
December
11th at 4
pm

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Diary Dates

Services

- 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
- Next week's Sunday services (18th December) 8.45am CW Holy Communion Service and 10am Holy Communion Service, Orsett Church
- Sunday 18th December 6.30pm Drive in Carol Service at Benton's Farm, Horndon on the Hill
- 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

- Barrels and Carols, 7pm on Sunday 11th December at the Swan Pub, Horndon on the Hill
- Baptism preparation meetings: Monday 9th January held at 7.30pm in Orsett Church and Saturday 28th held at 12 noon in Horndon on the Hill 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

Eco Pause for Thought

A gift is more special if it comes with care and time, rather than just something to fill a space under the tree that will be thrown away come January. Each Christmas 4000 tonnes of products arrive from China. Try to give locally made gifts or experiences like tickets, subscriptions, or meals out.



Individual Private Prayer

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

Bulphan Church	Monday and Thursday	Free refreshments are available on Monday, Tuesday and Saturday.
Horndon-on-the-Hill Church	Tuesday and Saturday	



Bible Readings for this week

Principal Service

Sunday

Isaiah 35.1–10
Psalm 146.4–10

James 5.7–10
Matthew 11.2–11

	Morning prayer	Night prayer		Morning prayer	Night prayer
Monday	Psalm 40 Isaiah 49.14–25 1 Thessalonians 5.1–11	Psalms 26 Isaiah 38.1–8, 21–22 Matthew 16.13–end	Tues	Psalm 70 Isaiah 50 1 Thessalonians 5.12–end	Psalm 50 Isaiah 38.9–20 Matthew 17.1–13
Weds	Psalm 75 Isaiah 51.1–8 2 Thessalonians 1	Psalms 82 Isaiah 39 Matthew 17.14–21	Thurs	Psalm 76 Isaiah 51.9–16 2 Thessalonians 2	Psalm 44 Zephaniah 1.1–2.3 Matthew 17.22–end
Friday	Psalms 98 Isaiah 51.17–end 2 Thessalonians 3	Psalm 49 Zephaniah 3.1–13 Matthew 18.1–20	Sat	Psalm 71 Isaiah 52.1–12 Jude	Psalm 43 Zephaniah 3.14–end Matthew 18.21–end

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