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St. Mary-the-Virgin. Bulphan**

March 2023

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	HORNDON	ORSETT	BULPHAN
Thursday 2 nd March			Open Church 10am-noon
Friday 3 rd		Oasis Café 9-11.30am Edward Bear Toddler Group 9.30-11am	
Saturday 4 th	Open Church 10am-noon with refreshments	4pm Forest Church	
Sunday 5th <i>2nd Sunday of Lent</i>	10am All Together Holy Communion Service		
Monday 6 th			Open Church 10am-noon with refreshments
Tuesday 7 th	Open Church 10am-noon with refreshments		
Thursday 9 th			Open Church 10am-noon
Friday 10 th		Oasis Café 9-11.30am Edward Bear Toddler Group 9.30-11am	
Saturday 11 th	Open Church 10am-noon with refreshments		
Sunday 12th <i>3rd Sunday of Lent</i>		8.45am CW Holy Communion Service 10am Family Service	
Monday 13 th			Open Church 10am-noon with refreshments
Tuesday 14 th	Open Church 10am-noon with refreshments		7.30pm Holy Communion Service
Thursday 16 th			Open Church 10am-noon
Friday 17 th		Oasis Café 9-11.30am Edward Bear Toddler Group 9.30-11am	
Saturday 18 th	Open Church 10am-noon with refreshments		
Sunday 19th <i>4th Sunday of Lent</i>	4pm Refresh Service		8.45am CW Holy Communion Service 10am Family Service
Monday 20 th			Open Church 10am-noon with refreshments
Tuesday 21 st	Open Church 10am-noon with refreshments		
Thursday 23 rd			Open Church 10am-noon
Friday 24 th		Oasis Café 9-11.30am Edward Bear Toddler Group 9.30-11am	
Saturday 25 th	Open Church 10am-noon with refreshments		
Sunday 26th <i>5th Sunday of Lent</i>	8.45am BCP Holy Communion Service 10am Family Service		
Monday 27 th			Open Church 10am-noon with refreshments
Tuesday 28 th	Open Church 10am-noon with refreshments		
	12noon Holy Communion Service		
Thursday 30 th			Open Church 10am-noon
Friday 31 st		Oasis Café 9-11.30am Edward Bear Toddler Group 9.30-11am	
Saturday 1 st April	Open Church 10am-noon with refreshments		Forest Church 4pm
Sunday 2nd April <i>Palm Sunday</i>		10am All Together Holy Communion Service	
Monday 3 rd			Open Church 10am-noon with refreshments
Tuesday 4 th	Open Church 10am-noon with refreshments		7.30pm Taizé Service with prayers for healing
Thursday 6 th <i>Maundy Thursday</i>		7.30pm Holy Communion with Foot washing	Open Church 10am-noon

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

Rector's Reflections

Dear Everyone,

I hope you are all enjoying the warmer weather.

I am pleased to announce that we have two new wardens. Alastair Macrae, who has served as Churchwarden at Horndon, has now been appointed Churchwarden with primary responsibility for Bulphan and Beverley Macrae has been appointed as a new Churchwarden at Horndon, alongside Sonia Ward. It is great to have 6 Churchwardens again. Please do keep Bev and Alastair in your prayers as they undertake these new roles.

Since my article last month, the General Synod, the governing body of the Church of England, has met. One of the items on the agenda, as I mentioned in my February article, was a discussion and subsequent vote on whether to offer same-sex blessings in the Church of England. The outcome of this was, as follows:

'The Church of England's General Synod has supported a motion, welcoming proposals that would enable same-sex couples to come to church after a civil marriage or partnership to give thanks, dedicate their relationship to God and receive God's blessing.

Synod members also voted to "lament and repent" of the failure of the Church to welcome LGBTQI+ people and for the harm that LGBTQI+ people have experienced - and continue to experience - in churches.

A motion which details and recognises a series of proposals put forward by the bishops on human identity and marriage was agreed by majorities in the Houses of Bishops, Clergy and Laity after a landmark debate over two days.'

Our Diocesan Bishop, the Bishop of Chelmsford, Rt Revd Dr Guli Francis-Dehqani said:

"I welcome today's vote from General Synod whilst at the same time recognising that this has been and continues to be a very painful process for many people. I know that for some these prayers have not gone far enough and for others they represent too much change.

"As a College and House of Bishops, we have listened carefully, as was the intention, and we are committed to ongoing discussion. We have particularly heard the importance of guarding the consciences of those who will not be able to use these prayers.

"My ongoing commitment, together with our Area Bishops and the other members of the Bishop's Leadership Team, is to promote and encourage a way of travelling well together, despite the differences in what we believe, and despite the inevitable pain those differences cause."

Prayers are now being put together which will be able to be used by churches who offer them, for couples who have marked a significant stage of their relationship such as a civil marriage or civil partnership. I am unsure, at this stage, as to when these will be available, but will keep you posted regarding further developments as they happen.

In the meantime, I look forward to seeing some of you at our monthly Lent Lunches which will continue throughout March, on Saturdays at 12.00, the proceeds of which will be going towards the Great Green Wall, a tree planting project in Africa. Please look on our notice sheet for details of where they are. There is no need to book-just turn up.

Do continue to let me know about any prayer or pastoral needs.

Take care and God bless,

Sue



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Churchwardens	Christine Mortimer	01375 641 485
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To arrange Weddings, please contact Rev. Sue Mann on 01375 891 254 or email: rectorsue@hobnob.org.uk



HORNDON ON THE HILL CHURCHWARDEN'S REPORT

I'm sure most people already know me but, about a month ago I was voted to become a churchwarden at Horndon taking over from Alastair who has moved on to become a warden at Bulphan to serve with Frank. Thankyou everyone for your support and kind wishes and extra special thanks to Sonia who has given her time to make sure I've been introduced to some of the many jobs that come a churchwarden's way....let the fun begin ☺

At the time of writing, the church calendar has very nearly reached Lent, Ash Wednesday will be on 22nd February. This year we are offering simple Lent lunches on each Saturday throughout Lent; details of which can be found within Hobnob. A Fairtrade drink will be offered at the lunch and this ties in with Fairtrade Fortnight. There's a raffle too, the prize of which is a hamper consisting of Fairtrade products. All monies raised will go to The Great Green Wall project which aims to combat desertification of the Sahel region of Africa and hold back the Sahara. The aim is that by planting a wall of trees, promoting water harvesting techniques they will be able to create more productive landscapes. Full details can be found within the following website <https://www.treeaid.org>.

Spring is very nearly here which means the start of the growing season. Prior to Covid and Lockdown the Adopt a Flowerbed initiative was very much up and running. The idea being that people in the village (or beyond) could adopt a part of the flowerbed running round the church building. This was so successful that at one stage we had an abundance of tulips, daffodils and spring flowers right round the church. We'd like to kick start the scheme back into action so if anyone would like to adopt a flower bed please speak to either Sonia, me or one of the Gardeners who will be able to help you select the perfect plot. It's very simple, there's no age limit. All we ask is that you agree to adopt the flower bed for at least a year and undertake the maintenance, which would involve weeding, planting small bulbs, flowers etc. You may be thinking it's a good idea but what are the benefits? Well, despite it being a great way to have a chat with people whilst taking in the fresh air. Medical Research shows that gardening has a very positive effect on your physical and mental well-being. Plus, you'll be helping to keep our village looking amazing, so why not give it a go?

We look forwards to welcoming volunteers, young or old to join up.

Bev Macrae



The Parish of Horndon, Orsett and Bulphan Prayer Group



For everyone !!

**Every 3rd Tuesday of each month,
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- *21st February - Fairtrade Focus*
- *21st March - World day of Prayer, Persecuted Church ,Orsett Churches Centre, Zion*
- *18th April - Our Parish & Deanery, housebound and those on homes*
- *16th May - Nation, Leaders, Coronation, Councillors & MPs, Transition, Celebration*
- *20th June - Feast & Fayre, Organisations, Businesses*
- *18th July - Pilgrimage*
- *15th August - Rest, Refreshment , Wellbeing*
- *19th September - Schools*
- *17th October - World Peace*
- *21st November - Advent , People finding Christ*

**Any enquiries – Please contact Revd Sue at
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Give up harsh words: use generous ones.

Give up unhappiness: take up gratitude.

Give up anger: take up gentleness and patience.

Give up pessimism: take up hope and optimism.

Give up worrying: take up trust in God.

Give up complaining: value what you have.

Give up stress: take up prayer.

Give up judging others: discover Jesus within them.

Give up sorrow and bitterness: fill your heart with joy.

Give up selfishness: take up compassion for others.

Give up being unforgiving: learn reconciliation.

**Give up words: fill yourself with silence
and listen to others.**

Anon



ORSETT CHURCHWARDENS' REPORT

They say that time passes more quickly the older you get, and as we are fast approaching Easter, it definitely feels that way. I hope you have been able to participate in the Lent lunches on a Saturday around the parish and if not there are still a few weeks to go. Please do support this worthy cause where all donations are sent to the Great Green Wall, a project to create a belt of trees across the drylands of Africa.

The more observant ones in the congregation will have noticed a new frontispiece on the votive stand. Many thanks go to Jane Barry for creating this using her wonderful needlework skills. This photo does not do her handiwork justice, so please find time to have a look and admire it in all its glory.

This year's World Day of Prayer is on 3rd March, and we will be celebrating with a service in Orsett church starting at 12 noon followed by a meal consisting of soup, roll and cake. The service this year has been written by ladies in Taiwan and is based on Ephesians 1: 15-19, '*have heard about your faith*'. Do join us for this, the more the merrier!



Christine and David Mortimer



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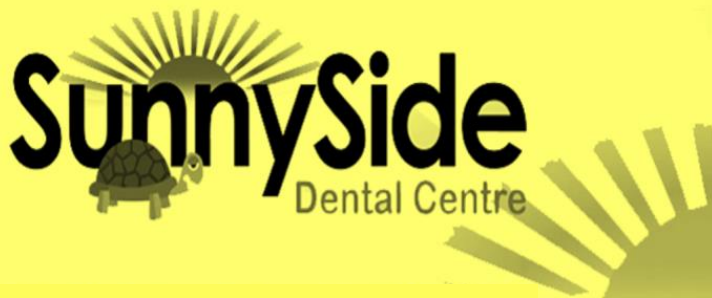
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Baptisms

4th February

Anthony John Cosans

(B)

Funerals

30th January

Eileen Woodhead (91)

(B)

1st February

Marilyn Wordley (79)

(O)

16th February

Christine Cork (72)

(H)

20th February

Robert William Nash (85)

(O)

Interments of Ashes

17th February

Alan Alfred Pollington (95)

(H)

Memorial Services

8th February

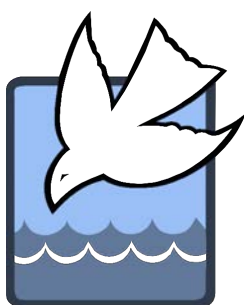
John Vereker (88)

(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
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Baptism Enquiries

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

Any of our churches in the parish, 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,
the preparation session in March
will be Saturday 11th at 12 Noon
in Horndon Church.

No booking is required.



Bulphan Churchwarden's Report

Church Life experiences every human emotion, this month we had a Baptism with a full Church welcoming a new member. There is the excitement of wedding couples attending with all their plans and dreams. Also this has been a very sad period for the community, but meet and do our best to help those who have lost loved ones.

The Church is seen as some form of permanence within the community. Sadly the centuries old tradition of each village having its own Parish Church is under threat. The cost of maintaining such a large building for such a short period of time each week is becoming uneconomic. We see this is the commercial world with many banks, shops and even pubs reducing their numbers.

Most people do want the Church to remain within their village and the Church will be looking to people within the community to support them to ensure that we have a regular income and a thriving Church.

There are many volunteers throughout the country working hard to maintain their Churches and keep them going to the best of their ability. Currently where the cost of energy and food bills are rising, people are struggling to pay their own bills let alone donate to charity.

During the month we met with our Architect and for our quinquennial inspection, fortunately except for minor works including some redecoration there is not much to report. We have good news that the tiling to the porch has been completed and is looking quite amazing.

The Church of England is in the national news on a daily basis with the recent announcement that same sex couples with a civil partnership can have a Church blessing, individual Priests can decide if they wish to carry out the blessing.

There are many problems in the world, there is the catastrophic death toll in Turkey and Syria as a result of the earthquakes there.

The war in Ukraine proceeds into its second year with huge losses of soldiers on both sides plus a heavy toll of civilian deaths, the chance of peace seems very remote and it seems that fighting will accelerate as the winter period ends.

This winter seems to be particularly long with heavy frosts and fog in recent weeks and we are looking forward to spring and shall soon enter into the period of Lent.

For me it is important to keep the faith, the message the Church brings is a good one, full of hope.

Frank Woollard

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Amanda Sutherland a very popular speaker will be showing us how to "up grade our wardrobe" .

If you are interested take a look at our Poster, and we look forward to seeing you.

Sue Andrews
Secretary

The Parish of Horndon, Orsett and Bulphan



Tuesday 4th April
at Bulphan Church
7.30pm Taizé Service with
prayers for healing

Maundy Thursday - 6th April
at Orsett Church
7.30pm Holy Communion Service
with Foot Washing

Good Friday - 7th April
at Horndon Church
10am Stations of the Cross
2pm Walk of Witness followed by
hot cross buns

Easter Day - 9th April
at Bulphan Church
10am Holy Communion Service

Parish of Horndon, Orsett & Bulphan

QUIZ NIGHT

Saturday 22nd April

Orsett Churches Centre

7pm for 7.30pm

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EASTER FLOWERS

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LENT LUNCHES

Lent Lunches will be served on the
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(all Saturdays, with lunch starting at 12 noon)

- 4th March - Orsett Churches Centre. Orsett
- 11th March - Parish Room, Bulphan Church
- 18th March - Horndon Church
- 25th March - Orsett Churches Centre. Orsett
- 1st April - Parish Room, Bulphan Church

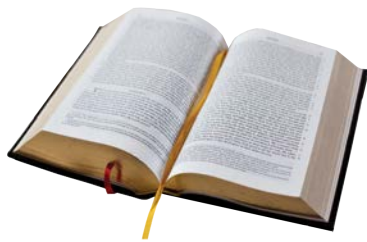


The menu will be a hearty soup (vegetarian), a chunk of French stick loaf, an apple and a (Fairtrade) hot drink.

Those attending are encouraged to donate what they would have spent on a lunch. At the lunch we will be selling raffle tickets for a hamper of Fairtrade goods.

*All monies will be donated to the Great Green Wall Project.
The Great Green Wall is an African-led movement with an epic ambition
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width of Africa. More details can be found at
<https://www.greatgreenwall.org/about-great-green-wall>*

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PRAYER DIARY

Some thoughts to include in your daily prayers

March 1st	For those living on Orsett Road, Orsett
March 2nd	For those living on Oxford Road, Horndon
March 3rd	For the World Day of Prayer
March 4th	For our medical practioners
March 5th	For those living on Fen Lane, Orsett
March 6th	For those living on Brentwood Road, Bulphan
March 7th	For those living on Welling Road, Orsett
March 8th	For those living on Medbree Court, Orsett
March 9th	For those living on Pump Street, Horndon
March 10th	For our schools in Orsett Horndon and Bulphan
March 11th	For those living on Herga Hyll Orsett
March 12th	For those living on Lower Dunton Road, Bulphan
March 13th	For those living on Parkers Farm Road, Orsett
March 14th	For the lonely and childless
March 15th	For peace in the world
March 16th	For those living on Conway Road, Orsett
March 17th	For those living on Fen Lane, Bulphan
March 18th	For those living on Bonham Drive, Orsett
March 19th	For all mothers on Mothering Sunday
March 20th	For our neighbours
March 21st	For our own prayer lives
March 22nd	For those living on Heath Road, Orsett Heath
March 23rd	For those living on Rowley Road, Orsett
March 24th	For those living on Wingfield Drive, Orsett
March 25th	For those living on The Parkway, Orsett
March 26th	For those living on Hillcrest Road, Horndon
March 27th	For those in hospital
March 28th	For our Methodist and Congregational brothers & sisters
March 29th	For the recently bereaved
March 30th	For those living on Fordham's Row, Orsett
March 31st	For members of our congregations who live in Chadwell St Mary

"Thank you, Lord, for our mothers. We remember today their loving care, and their ceaseless love for us. May we show them by our gifts, our words and our actions that we love them and care about them too.

Father, we thank you for the family of the Church. May they know your blessing and strength as they care for others".

Mothering Sunday prayer by Mary Batchelor



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Grays RM16 2JU
8.00pm – 9.00pm

Friday:

Corringham Leisure Centre
Swimming Pool
Corringham SS17 7NB
11.15am-12.10pm
12.20pm-13.15pm

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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 March are as follows:

March 5 th	6:30 pm	Rev Pholani Ncube
March 12 th	6:30 pm	Peter Crosby
March 19 th	6:30 pm	Rev Yemi Jaiyesimi
March 26 th	6:30 pm	Andrew Dickinson

We continue to have sanitising facilities readily available and ask those attending to be sensitive to others in observing social distancing. 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



LOOKS FAMILIAR?

Porch Update

We anxiously waited for a week without night frost so that the old Porch tiles could be safely re-laid and now here is the stunning result.

The new doors will follow shortly as will the bench seats after refurbishment

This also means that we can once again enter the church via this door.

St. Mary-the-Virgin Bulphan



Horndon on the Hill Church of England Primary School

Head of School Mrs. D. Bradley

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We are all part of God's family. Through trying our best in all that we do, we find a sense of belonging.

1 Corinthians 12:27 'All of you together are Christ's body and each of you is a part of it'.

Dear All,

Another half term is over and the year seems to be slipping away so quickly. We are half way through our academic year already!

Aspirations week

What an amazing time we had during our second Aspirations week, culminating in 'dress as your future self' day. The vast range of professions that were shared with the children gave them an insight in to all the possibilities that lie ahead of them. The children were asked at the beginning of the week what career they would pick for themselves in the future. It was really interesting to see at the end of the week how many of them had changed their minds, following their experiences during the week.

The children thoroughly enjoyed dancing, watching science demonstrations, being shown how to deal with a serious head injury, and learning all about the aspects of a variety of careers.

Junior Road Safety Officers

A competition organised by Thurrock Road Safety Team was implemented by our own Junior Road Safety Officers. We were delighted to welcome Lisa Clissold from Thurrock Road Safety Team to school on Friday to present the banner that was made from Elsie Rose Lloyds' drawing. The banner promoting 'walk to school' will be displayed outside the front of the school for all to see and will hopefully encourage more people to consider walking.



Mr Speight, a renowned journalist and editor, recently visited our school and is now working with the Horndon Herald editor (Oliver) and the journalists (Violet, Emily, Remi-Rose and Sophie). He is full of praise for the children's commitment and enthusiasm and is looking forward to sharing his knowledge and skills with them over the next half of this year. We cannot wait to see how the Horndon Herald grows.

As Spring begins to make an appearance, we are looking closely at our school grounds. Work is underway on our new Forest School which will enable children to learn in the outdoors – a Forest school is an outdoor education delivery model in which students visit natural spaces to learn personal, social and technical skills - we are really excited about this innovative project. We will keep you updated on our progress.

Warmest regards

Mrs D Bradley

Head of School



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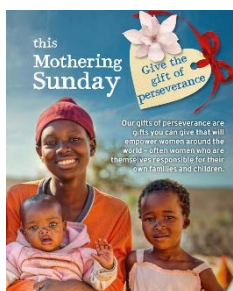


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Child Contact Centres: Child Contact Centres are safe, friendly and neutral places where children of separated families can spend time with a parent, and sometimes other family members. They are child-centred environments that put the needs of the children first. CDMU runs the Trinity Child Contact Centre in Barkingside, which has been awarded a Ministry of Justice Grant through CAFCAS (Children's and Families Courts Advisory Service). Do tell people about us – we still have room for some more clients.

Away From It All: Away From It All (AFIA) funds holidays for families who might otherwise not have a holiday. Applications are again being considered - as there has been no spending for two years, the fund is good, but your continuing donations will mean more holidays can be awarded.

Mothering Sunday 2023



Mothering Sunday this year is on Sunday 19 March. For our **Make A Mother's Day 2023** campaign, we are asking people to give a Gift of Perseverance. Every gift will empower women around the world. With gifts starting from £8, you could give a woman in Burundi the business skills she needs to support her family and receive a lovely Mothering Sunday card to give to a special mother or caregiver. Why not suggest this to members of your family?

Orsett Cookbook 1984

Have you been surprised how quickly years appear to pass? Recently, while looking for a book in the bookcase I came upon the 'Orsett Cookbook' and discovered to my amazement it was published in 1984 – 39 years ago! It was a fundraising venture organised by the Orsett Mothers' Union and contains favourite recipes from old friends, some still going strong, others remembered with much love and affection. I thought it would be a lovely way to pay a tribute to their memories by publishing some of the recipes so starting off perhaps you would like to try one from Marilyn Wordley:

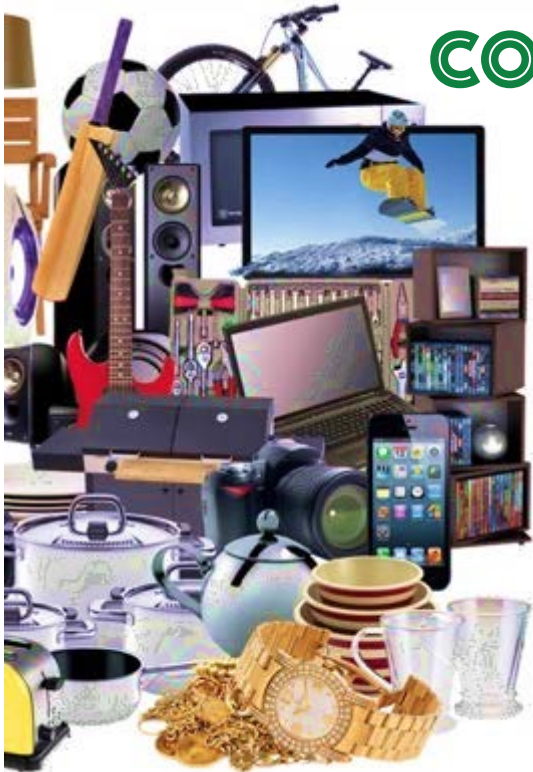
Devilled Wine Chops

1.5 Lbs best end neck lamb chops	1 clove garlic
2oz finely chopped celery	1 tablespoon Worcestershire Sauce
1 onion	1 tablespoon lemon juice
1 dessertspoon prepared mustard	2 tablespoons sherry
1 tablespoon brown sugar	10oz can condensed tomato soup

Arrange chops in well-greased casserole, cover and bake for 45 mins in moderate oven. Remove all excess fat. Chop onion finely and crush garlic. Heat together remaining ingredients, add onion and garlic, pour over chops, bake covered 45 mins, basting occasionally.

Serves 2 people.

Di Bubb, Mothers' Union contact



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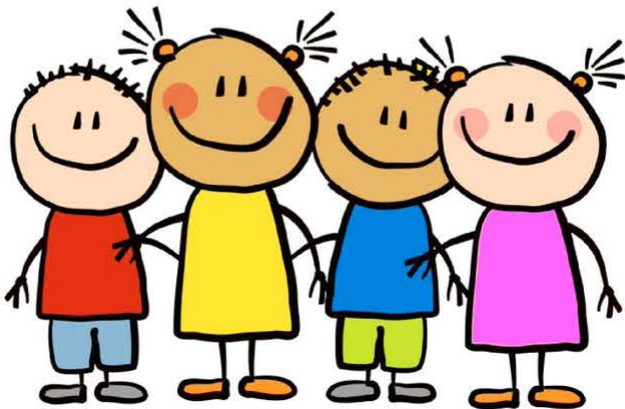
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Update from Orsett C of E Primary School



It's been a busy few weeks since our last update before Christmas. Another whole half-term has passed by but we've packed it full of different activities and memories for the children.

We started off the year with a visit from Reverend Sue who taught the children all about Epiphany. She shared with them a door blessing that people often put outside their houses in order to bless them at that time of year. The worship group then recreated the blessing outside school – you may have even seen it as you walked us!



The children have taken part in some sporting events too. We had some great success in the Sports Hall Athletics which our Year 5 and 6s attended. They had to travel to Basildon Sporting Village for the event which they thoroughly enjoyed. We also took part in the annual swimming gala which we came 6th in. We had some stand out performances though with many of our children coming 1st and 2nd in their races.

At the end of January we were delighted to be visited by Sue Little our local councillor and our Chair of the Local School Board – Charlotte Little. It is the first time Sue has visited since I have been Head and it was great to catch up with her about the great work we are doing at the school as well as discuss some local issues. Some of pupils were able to talk with her and give her a tour of the school. We hope to be able to work with Sue to improve the visibility of the school, look into further parking solutions and of course continue to forge good working relationships.



Teaching and learning at Orsett continues to be our main priority, ensuring the children learn through fun and stimulating topics which are progressive and skills based. This half term the children have been learning about a variety of different things. In Year 6 they have used the historical topic of Titanic to create some wonderfully emotive writing. In Year 3 they have been focusing on Ancient Greece and some of our pupils made hummus for homework which everyone



was happy to sample – including me! In Year 4 they have focused on the Vikings and the artists Kandinsky – using his methods of painting to music which I know they enjoyed. Year 1 have had their parents in while they continue to hone their phonic skills. The parents took part in a phonics bootcamp where they took part in different activities which highlighted how they can support their child with phonics at home. Reception have continued to make progress in their writing and visited me with some great descriptive writing about a rather nasty troll! Year 2 have been working hard in PE showing their climbing skills and Year 5 have created some great Haka dances this half term – like I say – they’ve all been very busy!

Earlier this month our children in Reception, Year 3 and Year 5 all took part in a road safety workshop. Reception went out with their parents on a walk, learning how to cross the road safely and Year 5 took part in a traffic survey. Thank you to Thurrock Council who helped run the workshops.



In the last week of term we highlighted children’s mental health week. The classes took part in activities which promoted good mental health as well as a dress up day where they had to dare to express themselves. Our Pupil Parliament also asked for donations of house plants. They have researched how they are beneficial to our brains productivity and would like to fill our classrooms with plants. We’ve had a few donations in already and if you’d like to donate one please let us know and we’ll greatly receive them! Feel free to pop it into the school office. It’s a project they have thought about completely independently so we really want to get behind them and do all we can to make our school a greener space!

Until next time,
Mrs G Smith – Head Teacher



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They are currently rehearsing their next show - "All Shook Up", which is in May at The Towngate Theatre, Basildon. As the title suggests, it features Elvis songs.

Next month, we will be returning to the Woolmarket but it will be on Thursday March 9th at 8pm.

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It was Thomas Bodley who came to the rescue. After a career as an Oxford academic, Member of Parliament and diplomat in the service of Elizabeth I he retired in 1597. He came from a well-to-do family, had a rich wife and he had decided to say farewell to state employment and, as he put it in his autobiography, 'set up his staff at the library door in Oxford'. His offer to the vice-chancellor to restore the library was accepted and he set to work to rebuild it, buy books and persuade friends and connections to give books or money. Every benefactor's name was inscribed in large letters in an impressive donations register, which was kept prominently on show in the library and helped to draw in more contributors.

Early acquisitions included works in Hebrew, Turkish, Arabic, Persian and Chinese. The collection was formally reopened in 1602, with some 2,000 volumes, as the Bodleian Library. Bodley was knighted in 1604 by James I, who visited the library the following year. In a stroke of genius in 1610 Bodley persuaded the Stationers' Company in London, which under royal charter registered all books published in England, to send the library a free copy of every book so registered. Over the centuries this would bring in the most gigantic quantity of material.

The Bodleian had to be constantly rebuilt and enlarged and is now England's second largest library, after the British Library in London. Many of its millions of items have had to be stored in places outside Oxford, including a disused salt mine in Cheshire, and a new facility opened in Swindon in 2010 with more than 150 miles of shelving and cabinets for more than a million maps. The Bodleian's treasures include a Gutenberg Bible, a Shakespeare First Folio, the only surviving poem in John Donne's handwriting, Jane Austen manuscripts and Mary Shelley's draft of Frankenstein with her husband's comments scribbled on it.

Bodley was 67 when he died. To the dismay of some of his relatives he left the bulk of his money to the university. He was buried in Oxford, in the chapel of Merton College, where his monument can still be seen.

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March brings a return visit of one of our favourite speakers, Reverend Nicholas Henderson, who will continue his always entertaining set of talks about the wives of Henry VIII with Folly and Finale, featuring Catherine Howard and Catherine Parr. There will also be a full sale table and raffle to add to the fun.

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 bulphanwi@gmail.com

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