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**The parish magazine for  
St. Peter and St. Paul. Horndon-on-the-Hill  
St. Giles and All Saints. Orsett  
St. Mary-the-Virgin. Bulphan**

**May 2023**



# SERVICES – May 2023

	HORNDON	ORSETT	BULPHAN
Monday 1 <sup>st</sup>			Open Church 10am-noon with refreshments
Tuesday 2 <sup>nd</sup>	Open Church 10am-noon with refreshments		
Thursday 4 <sup>th</sup>			Open Church 10am-noon
Friday 5 <sup>th</sup>		Oasis Café 9-11.30am Edward Bear Toddler Group 9.30-11am	
Saturday 6 <sup>th</sup>	Open Church 10am-noon with refreshments		Coronation Day
<b>Sunday 7<sup>th</sup></b> <i>5<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Easter</i>	10am All Together Holy Communion Service		
Monday 8 <sup>th</sup>			Open Church 10am-noon with refreshments
Tuesday 9 <sup>th</sup>	Open Church 10am-noon with refreshments		7.30pm Holy Communion Service
Thursday 11 <sup>th</sup>			Open Church 10am-noon
Friday 12 <sup>th</sup>		Oasis Café 9-11.30am Edward Bear Toddler Group 9.30-11am	
Saturday 13 <sup>th</sup>	Open Church 10am-noon with refreshments Noon-Baptism Preparation Meeting		
<b>Sunday 14<sup>th</sup></b> <i>6<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Easter</i>		10am CW Holy Communion Service 10am Family Service	
Monday 15 <sup>th</sup>			Open Church 10am-noon with refreshments
Tuesday 16 <sup>th</sup>	Open Church 10am-noon with refreshments		
Thursday 18 <sup>th</sup>			Open Church 10am-noon
Friday 19 <sup>th</sup>		Oasis Café 9-11.30am Edward Bear Toddler Group 9.30-11am	
Saturday 20 <sup>th</sup>	Open Church 10am-noon with refreshments		
<b>Sunday 21<sup>st</sup></b> <i>7<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Easter</i>	4pm Refresh Service		8.45am CW Holy Communion Service 10am Holy Communion Service
Monday 22 <sup>nd</sup>			Open Church 10am-noon with refreshments
Tuesday 23 <sup>rd</sup>	Open Church 10am-noon with refreshments 12 noon Holy Communion Service		
Thursday 25 <sup>th</sup>			Open Church 10am-noon
Friday 26 <sup>th</sup>		Oasis Café 9-11.30am Edward Bear Toddler Group 9.30-11am	
Saturday 27 <sup>th</sup>	Open Church 10am-noon with refreshments		
<b>Sunday 28<sup>th</sup></b> <i>Whit Sunday</i>	8.45am BCP Holy Communion Service 10am Family Service		
Monday 29 <sup>th</sup>			Open Church 10am-noon with refreshments
Tuesday 30 <sup>th</sup>	Open Church 10am-noon with refreshments		
Thursday 1 <sup>st</sup> JUNE			Open Church 10am-noon
Friday 2 <sup>nd</sup>		No Oasis or Edward Bear – School closed	
Saturday 2 <sup>nd</sup>	Open Church 10am-noon with refreshments		
<b>Sunday 4<sup>th</sup> June</b> <i>Trinity Sunday</i>		8.45am All Together Holy Communion Service	

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

# Rector's Reflections

**We recently held our Church Annual Meeting, so this month I have chosen to share my report for that gathering.**

'The past year has seen a return to something of normality following the Covid Pandemic.

All of our worship, social/fundraising activities and Open Church/Oasis Café events are up and running very successfully again and our new Parish of Horndon, Orsett and Bulphan is established with one PCC. Thank you, so much, to everyone who has worked together to make all these things happen. We now also have Action Groups focusing on:

- Children and Young People
- Mission, Evangelism and Nurture
- Prayer
- Eco Church and Social Justice
- Communications
- Fund Raising
- *Worship*
- *Finance*
- *Pastoral Care*

Thank you to everyone who has volunteered their services in these groups. And may I just remind everyone that anyone who is on the Church Electoral Roll who wishes to join any of the first 6 of these groups is welcome to do so.

I would also like to express huge thanks to my clergy colleagues, Revd Max and Revd Moji. Revd Max officially retired in March but has kindly agreed to remain serving as a Priest in this Parish, with Permission to Officiate (PTO), and we thank Revd Moji for her loving ministry as a curate with us over the past 19 months. Moji will, sadly, be moving to Darlington in the summer, to be closer to her family, where she will complete her curacy. We will miss her and wish her, and her husband Yemi, God's blessings as they move on to pastures new.

Thank you, also, to the six Churchwardens, the PCC members, the Treasury Team, the Parish Administrator and all who serve in any other capacity in this Parish. All your hard work and commitment in the service of God and community is greatly appreciated. We give thanks to Pauline Cooper who has retired from her role as Wedding Coordinator after many years of service and to Ron Porter who has retired as PCC Secretary. We are also very grateful to the kind person who financed the new screen at Orsett Church which will enable us to show video clips and project song words.

It has been a privilege to serve in this Parish over the past year. It is so important to remember that, often, signs of God's blessings and shoots of growth can be found in the small things.

A few of the little, but significant, highlights of my year have been:

- Parishioners asking for information about the best Bible to buy.
- A group of men, who regularly attend Open Church at Horndon, one day, spontaneously getting the wooden crosses, made by one of them, out of their pockets and laying them on the table, as proof that they carry them with them every day.
- At a Refresh Service, each person present sharing a favourite Bible verse and telling everyone why it is important to them.
- At Christmas, when it was brought to my attention that someone in one of the villages who was not known to any of us was going to be alone at Christmas, two of the Churchwardens immediately saying, 'They can come to my house.'
- A largely lay led and funded Alpha Course where people came to faith.
- The request for a new Home Bible Study Group

These are just a few of the signs of God's Spirit at work amongst us and I am sure that each of us could give many more examples. Let us give thanks to God for all the blessings he has given us. Let's not forget, in our bigger plans, to look for God in the small things, and let's press on, together, in his strength, into the future.'

God bless,

Sue



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# THE PARISH REGISTERS

## Weddings

6th April

Nkechinyere Abani & Jesse Kefas

(O)

## Baptisms

26th March

Peggy Shelley Barzoukas

(H)

23rd April

Leila Marine Hard

(O)

## Funerals

27th March

Peter Wallwork (65)

(H)

30th March

Michael Leach (89)

(O)

17th April

Anthony Macalle (65)

(B)

17th April

Edith "Win" Wright (91)

(O)

18th April

Maureen Ivy Dovey (78)

(O)

## Interment of Ashes

11th April

Doreen Walker (95)

(B)

14th April

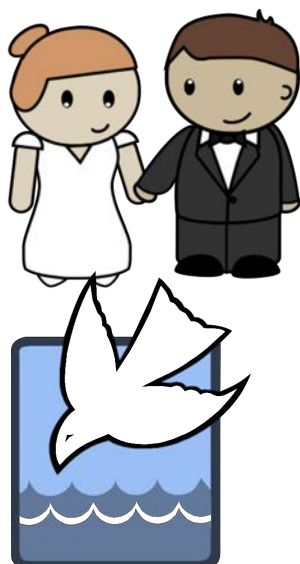
Margaret Thompson (84)

(O)

23rd April

Robert Alexander Pearce Alan (93)

(O)



## Wedding Enquiries

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Horndon, Orsett or Bulphan churches,  
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## Baptism Enquiries

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Any of our churches in the parish, please contact:  
Christine Mortimer: 01375 641485  
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## Baptism Preparation

If you would like to have your child baptised  
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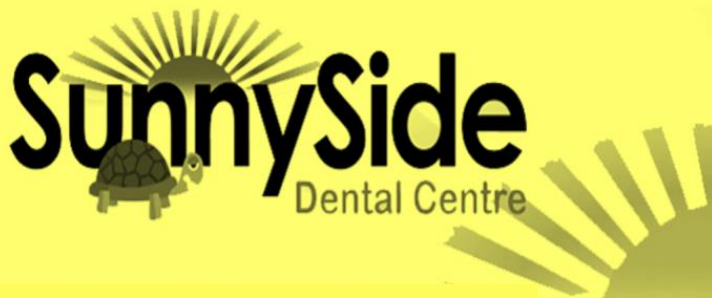
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## **HORNDON ON THE HILL CHURCHWARDEN'S REPORT**

Our Lent lunches and Fairtrade raffle were a great success, and we were able to send a cheque to The Great Green Wall for a total of £1,040. The Eco church and Social Justice team are now looking for a charity to champion for 2024. They'll be informing all on what they decide via their news article in this magazine.

On the morning of Saturday 15<sup>th</sup> April, the 'Books and Bacon Rolls' event was held during Open church. Those who attended were in for a treat. We were very honoured to host the very first (and very probably the last) concert of Cyril and the Squirrels. What a great way to spend a few hours, the church was full of laughter and chat and we made £411.40. The Squirrels still have some unsold merchandise if anyone was unable to get along on the day, please contact their manager Kim Towlson for details.

Finally, Revd Sue will be on sabbatical for six weeks, using the time to walk the Camino de Santiago way. We wish her a very fulfilling pilgrimage 'Ultreia et Suseia'.  
Take Care

*Bev Macrae*



# ORSETT CHURCHWARDENS REPORT



Our Easter schedule in Orsett commenced with Palm Sunday marking the entry of Jesus into Jerusalem. It is also the first day of Holy Week which runs to Easter Day the following Sunday. Between these is Maundy Thursday, a service which, this year, was also held at Orsett. Maundy Thursday commemorates The Last Supper where Jesus introduced the wine and bread to represent his blood and body to his disciples, which is used throughout the Christian Church in Holy Communion services. There are two further rituals associated with Maundy Thursday – the washing of feet, commemorating Jesus washing the feet of the disciples, which clergy undertake for members of the congregation and stripping the sanctuary where all items associated with liturgy are removed in silence by the clergy and the congregation leave in silence. The symbolism is that of Christ being stripped of his power prior to his crucifixion. It's a very moving service and one we recommend for next Easter.

In stark contrast earlier on Maundy Thursday, Orsett hosted the wedding of Jesse and Nkechi welcoming over 200 to witness their making of vows and joining together, which was a joyous and wonderful occasion.

In a few days the world will witness the coronation of King Charles III, the first coronation that the vast majority of us will have witnessed for a British monarch. Even though it is not being planned to be at the same level of the late Queen's coronation 70 years ago, it will still be a spectacle with all the royal pageantry, pomp and splendour that only Britain can do.

Since April 23<sup>rd</sup> Revd Sue has been on sabbatical walking The Camino de Santiago, we send her our best wishes for a successful pilgrimage and a safe return with many stories to tell in June.

God Bless

Christine and David Mortimer





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## Bulphan Churchwarden's Report

A busy period for the Church culminating in a wonderful Easter Sunday service on Easter Day. The Church filled with people and surrounded by flowers kindly provided by Gavin Knowles. There was a music group and the service finished with an Easter egg hunt and refreshments.

During Holy Week the Taizé Service at Bulphan was very moving with violinist Jo, pianist Jane and with chanting and taking place in candlelight.

We also had a well-attended Bulphan School Easter Service on 31<sup>st</sup> March 2023, the last of the Lent Lunches was at Bulphan on 1<sup>st</sup> April 2023.

The administrative side of the Church is in full flow catching up with all the statutory policies that the Church has to have and thanks to Lynda Robertson who has put so much work into preparing these. We are planning new notice boards within the porch, once the doors have been fitted and also to the Vestry so that all these new agreed policies can be on display.

The porch doors are almost ready for installation. Ron has these works in hand.

Ron has officially handed over all the documents that he held for safe keeping and it is now for Alastair and myself to make sure we keep all these documents up to date.

It continues to be a time of sadness with two burials and two internments taking place within the Churchyard. At these times the Church is a place of comfort for those mourning loved ones departed.

We thank all those who help to maintain the Churchyard and the Church, cleaning, etc so that the Church is always ready to welcome visitors whatever their needs.

**Frank Woollard**

### The Parish of Horndon, Orsett and Bulphan



### **FIGHT INEQUALITY AND POVERTY OVER BREAKFAST**

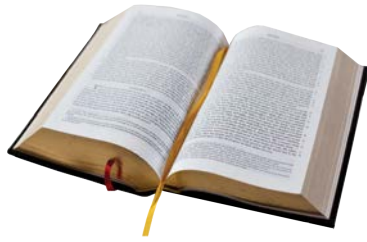
On Friday 19th May you are invited to come along to the Oasis Café, between 9am and 11.30am to enjoy croissants or a Danish pastry and and help raise money for Christian Aid at the same time.

There will also be a raffle.

Friends, fellowship and Food! What's not to like?

Help to put the world to rights over breakfast.

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



# PRAYER DIARY

Some thoughts to include in your daily prayers

May 1st	For those living in Albert Road in Bulphan
May 2nd	For the Clergy and Lay Ministers in our Deanery
May 3rd	For those living in Church Road in Bulphan
May 4th	For all the youth of our Benefice
May 5th	For the Orsett Churches' Centre
May 6th	For King Charles III and Queen Camilla on their coronation today
May 7th	For the wonder of our planet
May 8th	For those living in Baker Street in Orsett
May 9th	For members of our congregations who live in Grays
May 10th	For humanitarian organisations working around the world
May 11th	For the people of Ukraine and those who have perished in this war
May 12th	For those living in The Spinney in Orsett
May 13th	For those living in St Giles Close in Orsett
May 14th	For those living in Gordon Road in Horndon
May 15th	For those living in Victoria Road in Bulphan
May 16th	For Christians in lands where the church is being persecuted
May 17th	For those living in Prince Charles Avenue in Orsett
May 18th	For the children who will be born today
May 19th	For those living in the High Road in Horndon
May 20th	For those living in Church Lane in Bulphan
May 21st	For those living in Penn Close in Orsett
May 22nd	For those living in Orsett Road in Horndon
May 23rd	For our farming community
May 24th	For those living in South Hill Crescent in Horndon
May 25th	For those living in Victoria Road in Horndon
May 26th	For our schools, the pupils and staff
May 27th	For the hospitals in Orsett and Basildon
May 28th	For those living in Mill Lane in Horndon
May 29th	For those living in The Green in Orsett
May 30th	For those living in Doesgate Lane in Bulphan
May 31st	For those in hospital

To see a world in a grain of sand  
And a heaven in a wild flower  
Hold infinity in the palm of your hand  
and Eternity in an hour  
*William Blake*



## Sue Mann The Camino Frances



Revd Sue is planning to walk the Camino Frances, the Way of St James, which is 790km or 490 miles long, beginning at Saint Jean Pied-de-Port in France and finishing at Santiago de Compostela in Spain.

As she walks, she is raising money for both Cure Parkinsons and the MND Association, as her and her husband have family members affected by both of these conditions. The money raised will be shared equally between these two charities.

Here are three ways to donate:

- This link will take you to the giving page I have set up - [www.givewheel.com/fundraising/787/sue-mann-camino/](http://www.givewheel.com/fundraising/787/sue-mann-camino/)
- Click on this QR code to go directly to the giving page
- or, you can give cash to a churchwarden or treasurer at a service



*Thank you for reading this and please do support Sue if you are able.*

## ORSETT WOMEN'S INSTITUTE

### HERE COMES SPRING WITH ORSETT WI



At our monthly Crafty Chat our ladies got together to welcome the spring.

Sue Thompson and Annette Berry had brought in the items to make beautiful Easter wreaths.

You can see that our ladies had a lovely time picking out their selection of coloured fabrics.

It was fascinating to see how so many varieties there were at the end of the evening.

We are sure that once other members see the results they will want to try this out too.





## BULPHAN DOES THE CORONATION!

**Saturday 6th May 2023**

*From 10.30am: live-streaming of the Coronation in the village hall  
10.45am: Ring for the King bell-ringing at Bulphan Church  
1pm: proclamation, ceremonial piping by the Beacon  
Around 8pm: lighting of the beacon, licensed bar*

**Sunday 7th May 2023**

*2 - 4pm Picnic in the Park - bring your own food. No BBQs  
Hot drinks, soft drinks and licensed bar; live background music  
8pm: Live-streaming of The Coronation Concert in the village hall*

**Monday 8th May 2023**

*The Big Help Out: family litter-pick and other volunteering opportunities organised by Bulphan in Bloom 10.30 - 12.30  
12.30pm Draw of the raffle, bunting competition prize-giving*

Further activities may be added nearer the time  
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### **Zion Hall Mission, Bulphan Interdenominational Church Road, Bulphan**

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We were pleased to fellowship with a good number of friends at our own services and those at Horndon Methodist and the Parish churches over the Easter period. We are currently praying for Rev Sue and Phil Mann as they experience the challenges and rewards of the *Camino de Santiago* pilgrimage path.

We enjoy meeting every Sunday evening for worship and extend a warm welcome to all who join us both regularly and occasionally. The services for May are as follows:

May 7 <sup>th</sup>	6:30 pm	Rev Pholani Ncube
May 14 <sup>th</sup>	6:30 pm	Rev Max Blake
May 21 <sup>st</sup>	6:30 pm	Andrew Dickinson
May 28 <sup>th</sup>	6:30 pm	Peter Crosby

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

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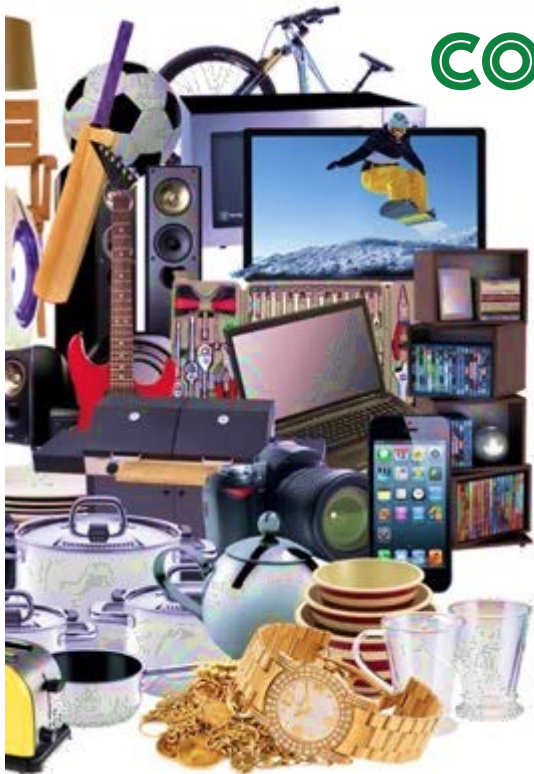
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## A Study of the Gospel of St Mark. 2:23-28

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.**

23 One sabbath he was going through the cornfields; and as they made their way his disciples began to pluck heads of grain. 24 The Pharisees said to him, 'Look, why are they doing what is not lawful on the sabbath?' 25 And he said to them, 'Have you never read what David did when he and his companions were hungry and in need of food? 26 He entered the house of God, when Abiathar was high priest, and ate the bread of the Presence, which it is not lawful for any but the priests to eat, and he gave some to his companions.' 27 Then he said to them, 'The sabbath was made for humankind, and not humankind for the sabbath; 28 so the Son of Man is lord even of the sabbath.', not a fast. But then goes on to say that the bridegroom will eventually have to go away, at that point His friends will fast.

There 2 major points to observe in this passage. The disciples were defying the sabbath observance customs, and were therefore fair game for those who want to belittle the mission of Jesus and His disciples.

First Jesus continues to ignore many of the customs that were seen as 'law' to the Pharisees, in order to proclaim the imminence of the New Kingdom. When Jesus is King then these customs will not be needed, in fact they are getting in the way of God's purposes. So Jesus acts in a way that lessens their importance and places the importance of people ahead of them.

Secondly, Jesus is the King apparent. He is, as He says master of the Sabbath, and therefore, the laws that govern the Sabbath. He uses the story about King David, before he was crowned but after he was anointed by God and Samual, and the Priests' bread as an illustration of His own position, having been anointed by God at His baptism, but not yet enthroned. Jesus also uses this story to illustrate how, as King David looked after his followers, so He will look after His own.

In the kingdom of God people are more important than laws however religious.

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

# WOOLMARKET MUSIC




On Saturday, 15<sup>th</sup> April, Men2Sing gave us a wonderful evening's entertainment with songs from The Greatest Showman and Les Miserables plus hits of Michael Buble, Sting, Billy Joel and Queen. They also gave us a beautiful arrangement of The Lord's Prayer and "Gwahoddiad" which is a Welsh hymn of American origin, sung in its original welsh language.

Their musical director, John Trent Wallace, is very talented with vocal and musical arrangements and we were treated to quite a few of these, plus the incredible keyboard skills of Clare Penfold.

**Next month's musical guest is Yoon Seok Shin who returns to entertain us with his own twist to the classical repertoire.**

**Wednesday May 10<sup>th</sup> at 8pm in the Woolmarket. See you there!**



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## Thameside is 10!

Thameside Nature Discovery Park is celebrating 10 years since Sir David Attenborough officially opened the site. From Friday 12th May to Sunday 14th May all visitors to the Centre will benefit from 20% discount on all food drinks and shop items.

We have a weekend full of activities to look forward to. On Friday 12th we are running two themed guided walks covering the wildlife of Thameside and the history of the site.

Saturday is a festival of celebration, with free children's activities, and performances from local school choirs, expert talks, visits from Essex Wildlife Trust Ambassador Andrew Millham, who will also be signing his new book and singing some songs - what a talented fella! We will also be graced by Hands Around Morris group! On Sunday 14th we are working with Phoenix Striders and Enovert to host a series of 10th anniversary runs. There will be a 10km and a 5km run as well as a 1km toddle for infants and pre-schoolers. All booking information for the weekend can be found on the Website:

[Essexwt.org.uk/events/Thameside-10](http://Essexwt.org.uk/events/Thameside-10).

In addition to this weekend spectacular, Intergen at Coryton have supported us sending residents of Horndon and surrounding areas a flier through their door with several special offers for them to redeem over the next 6 months, including retail discounts, café offers and Buy-One-Get-One-Free summer trails in August! We look forward to making new friends and renewing acquaintances with our long standing supporters!

Jimmy Allan



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Minister: Reverend Oluyemisi Jaiyesimi.

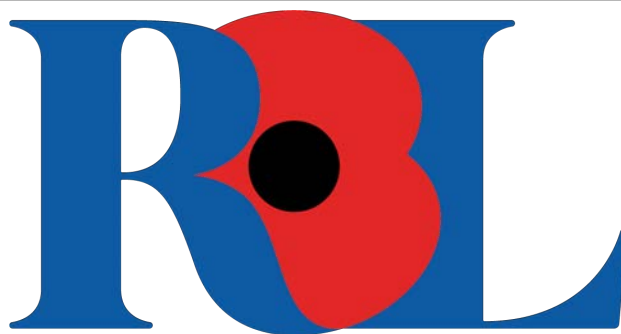
Senior Steward: Mr Graham Hodgson.

Website: [www.methodist-sec.co.uk/horndon/index.html](http://www.methodist-sec.co.uk/horndon/index.html)

## HORNDON-ON-THE-HILL

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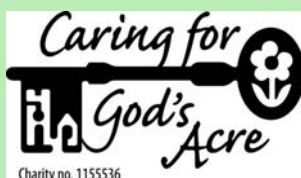
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# PAST CORONATIONS

How they were marked in the Parish and reported

## Victoria

### Thursday 28<sup>th</sup> June 1838

Essex Herald Tues 10<sup>th</sup> Jul

Horndon on the Hill – The coronation of her Majesty was observed in a marked and spirited manner in this rustic village, by a splendid and beautiful illumination. The children of the Sunday School were liberally treated. The poor regaled with fine ale etc, the band playing during the evening attended with banners and appropriate mottos. At the Swan Inn, a numerous and highly respectable party, without distinction, partook of an entertainment which reflected great credit on their host of that Inn, D. Corbett, Esq MD, in the chair. Some of the farmers gave their workmen and their wives and families substantial proof of their liberality, in the shape of roast beef and plum pudding and ale.

## Edward VII

### Saturday August 9<sup>th</sup> 1902

Grays & Tilbury Gazette, & Southend Telegraph Sat 16<sup>th</sup> Aug

*The coronation of Edward VII took place on August 9<sup>th</sup> 1902. Originally planned for June 26<sup>th</sup>, the ceremony had been postponed at very short notice, because the King had been taken ill with an abdominal abscess that required immediate surgery.*

**HORNDON ON THE HILL** - The Hilly Mead was the scene of the celebration at Horndon, and here a large tent was erected for dining purposes, a sports track was marked out, awnings and coconuts were in abundance, the Coringham Brass Band was there, and not least interesting, the place where tea was held on Coronation Day, 1837, was marked out with a fine flag. A short service was held in the Church and in the afternoon the children marched in procession from the National School to the field, singing as they went "God Save the King". Arrived at the Mead, the long programme of sports was entered on. A splendid meat tea was provided by Mr Gut-

teridge, of Brentwood, and his catering was enjoyed by 230 adults and 140 junior subjects of his Majesty. The sports programme contained some events, from which considerable amusement was derived, notably the bun and lemon competition and step dancing for ladies from one to 100 years old. The ladies who won were clearly not under one. In the evening a fine bonfire was lit in the Swan Field, a suitable ending to successful day. Before the children left the field, however, Mr A.W. Kerly gave a brief little speech, in which he said they would all be pleased that the Coronation had been postponed after the very pleasant time they had together that evening.

The Vicar (Rev Syd. M Fischel), before giving each Horndon junior a Coronation mug, told them they had an old lady with them Mrs (Sarah) Oliver (84), who had a vivid remembrance of the last Coronation in 1837, which they celebrated in the same field. Many of those who were present then were drawn up in carts pulled by men with ropes. At that time they had not the variation of colour which tonight had made Horndon look so bright, candles then only being available.

Mr S.W. Squier, J.P., proposed a hearty vote of thanks to all who had helped to make the day so great a success especially Mr Ray Tyrrell had his son for lending the field. This was carried in hearty Horndon style.

Mrs Kerly having distributed the prizes for the sports a coronation chocolate box was presented to all present by Mrs Ray Tyrrell. The Committee who had charge of the day's proceedings were – Rev S.M. Fischel Chairman; Messrs Walter Tyrrell, Francis J. Fowler, J. Dale, H. Allen, G. Watts, and Syd. Reeve, Secretary.

The prize winners were-

Hopping Race, girls : 1. Lizzie Haxell; 2. Lizzie Watts

Hopping Race, boys : 1. G. Tyler; 2. C. Livermore

Sack Race (boys under 14) : 1. W. Livermore; 2. W. Reynolds

Boot Race : 1. J. Reynolds; 2. W. Garmann

100 Yards (boys under 6) : 1. Sam Evans; 2. F. Gilmore

Thread-needle Race : 1. Miss Hills; 2. Miss G. King

Tug of War (married v single ladies) : Won by the Misses Le Pla, Martin, Allen, Bird, Eade and Gray

Skipping : 1. Miss Martin, 129; 2. Miss E. Harrod, 118

Three-legged race : 1. Jim Reynolds and C. Livermore; 2. W. Bass and H. Wilson

100 Yards Flat (ladies over 20) : 1. Miss Livermore; 2. Miss Allen

100 Yards Flat (ladies over 30): 1. Mrs Manning; 2. Mrs Reeman

Long Jump (ladies) : 1. Mrs Sanson; 2. Mrs Laver

Egg and Spoon Race : 1. Miss Lizzie Watts; 2. Miss Frances Macarthy

Bun and Lemon Race: 1. Thane; 2. J. Hills

High Jump: 1. Bruce Ardley; 2. Chas Laver

Tug of War (married v single) : Won by Messrs. Buss, Turner, Brown, Bibby, Wilks and Reynolds

Step Dance : 1. Mrs Laver; 2. Mrs Pinman. The judges for this event were Messrs S. W. Squier and A. W. Kerly  
Veteran's Race: 1. J. Wilks; 2 J. Potkins

## GREAT DAY AT ORSETT OPENING OF THE RECREATION GROUND

Orsett was one of those places which decided on that late memorable June day to entirely carry out the programme which had been arranged. Neither did the village feel inclined to do anything until a definite date should be fixed. The reward of patience was obtained on Saturday, when everybody entered whole heartedly into the celebration. As contrast to the celebration in the great city, nothing perhaps could be more marked than the revels which took place at Orsett. In place of the hot, crowded streets and stifling air, there were the cool, tree shaded lanes and the green park with its crowd of parishioners, which is not a crowd, since every one had room to move and see without the



use of jostling elbow or tipping toe. The event of the day, so far as the parish generally was concerned, was the opening of the new Recreation Ground, performed at noon by Dr Rea Corbet. The circumstances under which the new Recreation Ground has become the property of Orsett cannot be better explained than in the words which Dr Corbet used before proceeding to unlock the gate. No doubt, he said, they had all seen the handbills of the proceedings organised in Orsett for the honouring of the King's Coronation and that Mr Whitmore was to open the Recreation Ground. Unfortunately, Mr Whitmore had made arrangements before he knew the date of the Coronation, which arrangements he could no alter, and he had, therefore asked him (Dr Corbet), as his brother Trustee and the Chairman of the Parish Council, to take his place in that part of the day's ceremony.

#### HOW THE GROUND CAME

It had come to his knowledge, Dr Corbet continued, within the last few days that there was a great want of knowledge about the way to which the Recreation Ground had been acquired. It was a consequence of the goodness of some of their predecessors that a small village like Orsett had obtained these six acres of ground. About 300 years ago Mrs Hotofte left Gouldwell's Farm, which had recently been sold to Mr Ridgwell, and also a piece of land and some cottages called Slade's Hold to the village. An anonymous donor who left the old workhouse cottages, for what purpose they never exactly knew, but it was given over to the Church for the benefit of the people of Orsett. Some five years ago a Commission sat to enquire into the charities of Orsett and they formulated a scheme which they put upon them, whether they liked it or not. This scheme set out that one third of the income was to be expended in the maintenance and fabric of Orsett Church, one-third was to go to the poor of Orsett and one-third to a purpose which was for the good of the whole parish of Orsett. The latter might be the provision of either

lighting, fire appliances, baths and washhouses, a free library, or a recreation ground. They chose the recreation ground, not that Orsett wanted it very much at present, because some good neighbours allowed them use of a cricket pitch in their fields and another allowed football. It might not always be so, however, and now they have a place where games and recreation could be carried out at the pleasure of the parish. Then, again, Orsett might be a big town some day and the value of a recreation ground right in the centre of it would be very much appreciated then.

#### MR WHITMORE'S GENEROSITY

When they approached Mr Whitmore about purchasing from him a piece of land for the purpose he seemed quite agreeable and told them to choose the piece they would like and come to him again. They fixed upon the present site and asked him to sell them four acres. He agreed to do so and most generously added two more acres. As an old cricketer, he appreciated this, because four acres was rather small for a cricket field, but six made a generous one.

A silver key was then handed to Dr Corbet, who inserted it in the Yale lock, turned it and declared the ground open "for use of the parish for ever". The silver key had a suitable Coronation in scription engraved upon it to mark the event. It was ready for the 26th June and bore that date upon it. The 9th of August was subsequently inscribed on the opposite side and a memento of the postponed Coronation is thus preserved. Having entered the spacious ground which is situate close to the National Schools, two trees were planted in honour of King Edward VII and Queen Alexandra by Dr and Mrs Corbet, and the ceremony was complete.

The Trustees of the Orsett Charities, who have been responsible for the whole of the arrangements are - ex-officio; Rector of Orsett, the Lord of the Manor of Orsett and the Vicar of Horndon; co-opted for life, Dr Rea Corbet and Mr W.H. Sackett; the following

Messrs F. Kemp Smith, C. Juster, T.J. Pigg senr; Walter Ridgwell, J.R. Hall and J. Ellingford.

#### IN THE HALL PARK

The beautiful park adjoining Orsett Hall had been placed at the disposal of the Coronation Committee by Mr Whitmore, and here between one and two o'clock, almost the whole of Orsett's denizens, young and old, wended their way. In addition to the sports for which handsome prizes were offered, there were swings and coconut shies for the youngsters and a band to shed the charm of music over all. "Dolly Gray" was martyred perhaps a little too often, but considering its recent formation, the Purfleet Brass Band was not amiss at all. The race for men over 60 was a good one, but William Emeny proved a rare old sprinter. Cabbage cutting produced some fun, and indeed excitement, when one of the blind competitors slashed into the ring of spectators. The results of the competitions were-

100 Yards Flat Race (boys under 16) : 1 Lizzie Emeny; 2 Lizzie Smith; 3. Florrie Brittain (*this was a typo in 1902 and should have said 'girls'*)

100 Yards Flat Race (open) : 1. H. Lurring; 2. H. Chaffey; 3. T. Kimmings

100 yards Flat Race (boys under 16) : 1. W. Hepburn; 2. W. Meen; 3. William Harrod

Quarter Mile Flat: 1. H. Chaffey; 2. L. Lurring; 3. H. Macklin

Cabbage Cutting: W. Matthews and A. Howard had to cut again for first. Howard cut the string, but Matthews smashed the cabbage fair and square and won.

Half Mile Flat: 1. H. Macklin; 2. L. Kimmings; 3. A. Watt

100 Yards Flat (men over 60); 1. William Emeny; 2. T. Keeling; 3. H. Jarvis

100 Yards Three-legged Race; 1. C. Sutton and Whiting; 2. J. Howard and B. Chaffey

100 Yards Flat (women over 40); 1. Mrs A. Kimmings; 2. Mrs Mullins

100 Yards Veteran's Flat Race; Hunter and D. H. Roberts (dead heat); 3. J. Hepburn

100 Yards Flat (women 18 to 25); 1. Mrs Mann; 2. Mrs Maylin

Tug of War; A royal contest between teams selected by Mr R.T. Stewart (Orsett) and Mr F.T. Wright (Orsett Heath) ended in a victory for the Heath, who pulled better together.



Following the sports, an adjournment was made to the various tents erected in the field, where "tea for everybody in Orsett" and a good many outside, was provided. The Sports Committee consisted of: Messrs W.H. Sackett, W.H. Schwartz, J. Wright, G.W. King, A Watt, R.T. Stewart, H.C. Bauckham and G.L. Dowie, with Mr C. Wright as starter and the Rev R de Ste Croix as judge. The ladies who had charge of the tea tables were: Mrs Whitmore (by deputy), Mrs Bishop, Mrs Ridgwell and the Misses Ridgwell (two tables), Mrs Isaacson, Mrs Corbet, Mrs Finch and the Misses Finch, Mrs Dowie, Mrs J. Wright, Mrs Pigg and Miss A. Smith.

#### **A DISAPPOINTMENT**

Tea had just been concluded, when the startling intelligence arrived in the park that the bonfire, upon which many hours of careful work had been expended, was ablaze. Some irresponsible person or persons had, through spite, or sheer malevolence, set fire to it in broad daylight. A rush was made to the Recreation Ground half a mile away, but by the time the Committee (Messrs T. Ridgwell, C. Moore and J. Wright) got there, the huge pile was tottering to a fall. It had been built in accordance with directions from the National Bonfire Committee, and was to have been lit from the top to last well. Diligent enquiries were made and there was the sort of look in each bonfire builder's eyes that one associates with a farmer who has lost some lambs. It would have been a bad half hour for the lambs who touched the bonfire, if they could have been found.

In the park once more, the prizes were distributed to the successful competitors by Mrs Corbet, to whom a vote of thanks was moved by Mr R.T. Stewart.

#### **George V**

#### **Thursday 22<sup>nd</sup> June 1911**

Essex Times Sat 24<sup>th</sup> June  
Orsett

A special service was held at the Parish Church in the morning, and sports for both adults and children in the recreation ground in the afternoon. The subsequent

proceedings included tea at the schools for the children, with presentation of Coronation mugs, tea for other inhabitants, a firework display and bonfire. Major Whitmore was the chairman of the committee responsible for the arrangements, and Mr J.G. James acted as hon secretary. The Sports Committee comprised the Rev A. Royle and Messrs W.F. Fox, Wright and White. As a Coronation gift to the village Mr A. W. Boatman, J.P., has consented to repair the old church clock and to re-gild the figures and hands, in memory of his mother, who died recently and was buried in Orsett churchyard.

#### **George VI**

#### **Wednesday 12<sup>th</sup> May 1937**

Chelmsford Chronicle Fri 14<sup>th</sup> May  
1937

#### **HORNDON ON THE HILL**

Sports were held on Benton's Meadow and souvenirs distributed. The Rector, the Rev F. Richardson, gave an address.

#### **ORSETT**

Reveille was sounded by the Scouts at 7 am. A service was held at the Parish Church, and procession to the War Memorial followed. In the afternoon sports were held on the Recreation Ground. Tea was provided, and there was a procession of torch bearers to the bonfire. Treats for old people and for inmates of the institution were given during the weekend.

#### **BULPHAN**

The decorations were among the best in the district. After a service where there were a conjuring display for children, tea and presentations. In the evening an entertainment was given in the Village Hall. Treats for the old people were arranged.

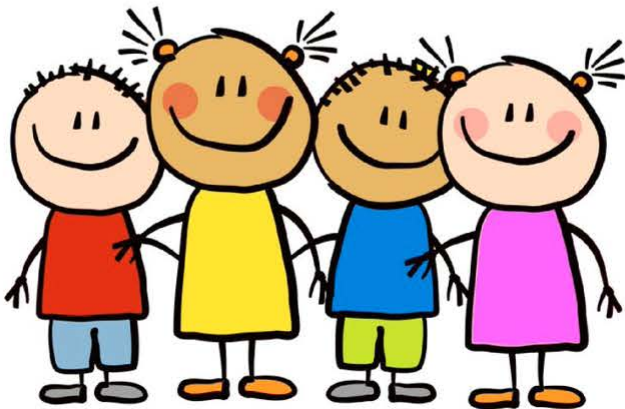
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who would like a cuppa and a chat. Everyone is welcomed!*

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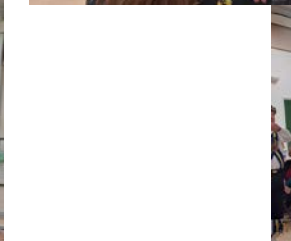
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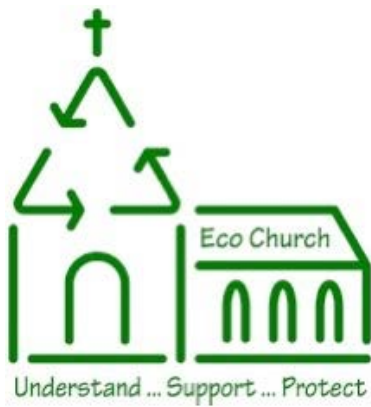
April saw members, including three new joiners, visitors and guests celebrate the 94<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the formation of our WI with a village fete themed party. We enjoyed a sumptuous afternoon tea, entertainment from the Rumford Morris Team and had the chance to choose a mystery gift from the pick a bag haul.

May 10<sup>th</sup>, is Annual Meeting and Resolution time but this year we have the added bonus of celebrating the coronation of King Charles III by wearing red, white and blue, toasting the King and wearing our handmade crowns, tiaras, and decorated hats for the competition. We will also be hearing about St Luke's Hospice and awarding long membership certificates and the coveted competition cup.

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](mailto:bulphanwi@gmail.com)

Jan Curtis  
President





## Ecology and Social Justice Action Group

### River & Sea Quality

Our sewer system carries rainwater, and wastewater from toilets, along the same pipes to the water treatment works. When there is too much rainfall, water companies are allowed to discharge overflow from these pipes into our rivers and seas.

The Environment Agency found that 90% of sewage monitors at seashores are broken. In many locations, they're not installed at all.

Rivers are affected too. Every single one of England's rivers now fails to meet safety standards, with few deemed to be in "good health". This is partly due to sewage flooding our waterways. But chemical and agricultural pollution also play a part.

*Want to find out more and ways to help?* Go to [www.arocha.org.uk](http://www.arocha.org.uk).

or

take a look at our page on the Hobnob site. [www.Hobnob.org.uk](http://www.Hobnob.org.uk) click on 'About us' and select Eco Church.



### Thy Kingdom Come 2023

**Thy Kingdom Come (TKC) is a global ecumenical prayer movement that invites Christians around the world to pray from Ascension to Pentecost for more people to come to know Jesus.**

**Every person, household and church are encouraged to pray during the 11 days in their own way.**

**It is our hope & prayer, that those who have not yet heard the Good News of Jesus Christ and His love for the world, will hear it for themselves and respond and follow Him.**

**Specifically, we again invite each and every Christian across the globe to pray that God's Spirit might work in the lives of 5 people who have not responded with their 'Yes' to God's call.**

**Whether you have joined in 'Thy Kingdom Come' before or not, we invite you to take part & join in. "In praying 'Thy Kingdom Come' we all commit to playing our part in the renewal of the nations and the transformation of communities." Archbishop Justin Welby.**

**You are invited to attend Thy Kingdom Come sessions from 2pm to 4pm, every day between Friday 19th of May to Sunday 28th of May.**

**The sessions will be held in the Orsett Churches Centre, High Road, Orsett**

**Everyone is welcome to attend**

# HISTORIC EVENTS THAT HAPPENED IN MAY

**1st May, 1707** The Union between England and Scotland was proclaimed, forming the United Kingdom of Great Britain. The union included Wales, which had been part of England since the 16th century. Today, the UK consists of Great Britain and Northern Ireland.

**2nd May, 2011** U.S. Special Operations Forces killed Osama bin Laden during a raid on his secret compound in Abbottabad, Pakistan. This marked the end of a decade-long manhunt for the leader of the terrorist organisation al-Qaeda, based in the Middle East. Bin Laden had ordered and arranged the September 11th 2001 terrorist attacks in which four American passenger jets were hijacked and crashed, killing nearly 3,000 people.

**3rd May, 1841** New Zealand was declared a British colony. However, just 12 years later, in 1853, the British Parliament passed the New Zealand Constitution Act which granted the colony's settlers the right to self-govern. As a result, New Zealand was essentially independent in domestic matters from its earliest days as a British colony. While there's no fixed date of New Zealand's independence from the UK, the first step towards nationhood came in 1919 when New Zealand was given a seat in the newly founded League of Nations

**4th May, 1471** King Edward IV's Yorkists defeated the Lancastrian force led by Margaret of Anjou at the Battle of Tewkesbury. Among those killed was Margaret's son Edward Prince of Wales, heir to the House of Lancaster – leaving Yorkist King Edward IV free to continue his reign unopposed.

**5th May, 1818** Founder of communism, Karl Marx, was born in Treves, Germany. Marx was co-author of *Das Kapital* and *The Communist Manifesto*, both of which advocated for the end to private property. In its place, Marx suggested a system in which all workers owned all means of production, land, factories, and machinery.

**5th May, 1821** French military leader, Napoleon Bonaparte, died in exile on the remote British island of St Helena at the age of 51.

**6th May, 1954** Twenty-five-year-old medical student Roger Bannister became the first man to run a mile in under four minutes at the Iffley Road Sports Ground in Oxford. Bannister's finishing time was 3 minutes and 59.4 seconds. Until this time, so many athletes had tried and failed to run a mile in less than four minutes that people had concluded it to be an impossibility. Before Bannister, the world record for one mile was 4 minutes and 1.3 seconds, set by Gunder Hagg of Sweden in 1945.

**7th May, 1915** British passenger ship *Lusitania* was attacked and torpedoed by a German submarine off the Irish coast, six days after leaving New York for Liverpool. The ship sunk within 20 minutes of being hit and lost 1,198 of its 1,924 passengers. This included 114 Americans, which heightened anti-German sentiment in America and hastened America's entry into World War I.

**7th May, 1945** Nazi Germany surrendered to the Allies at Rheims and World War II ended. VE (Victory in Europe) Day was celebrated across Europe and North America the following day. However, the conflict wasn't over yet as the war against Japan didn't end until August 1945 and the political, social, and economic impact of World War II was felt long after Germany and Japan had surrendered.

**8th May, 1429** During the Hundred Years' War, 17-year-old French warrior maiden, Joan of Arc, led French forces to victory, relieving the city of Orleans which had been besieged by the English since October. At the age of 16, Joan said she heard the 'voices' of Christian saints telling her to help Charles (the French dauphin, who was the eldest son of the king of France) gain the French throne and expel the English from France. She went on to lead French forces into a number of great victories.

**10th May, 1994** Nelson Mandela became the first black president of South Africa. Two weeks prior, more than 22 million people had casted ballots in South Africa's first ever multiracial parliamentary elections. For 27 years of his life, Mandela had been a political prisoner of the South African government. In his inaugural address, Mandela declared that "*the time for the healing of wounds has come*".



**12th May, 1820** British nurse and public health activist Florence Nightingale was born in Florence, Italy. She volunteered to aid British troops in Turkey where she helped to significantly reduce the death rate for wounded and sick soldiers by improving hospital sanitary conditions. Florence Nightingale became acclaimed worldwide for her selfless devotion to nursing, her contributions to the development of modern nursing procedures, and for highlighting the dignity of nursing as a profession for women.

**14th May, 1796** A smallpox vaccine was developed by a physician in rural England, Dr Edward Jenner. Jenner coined the term 'vaccination' for the new method of injecting a milder form of the disease into healthy people, resulting in immunity. Within 18 months, around 12,000 people in England had been vaccinated and the number of deaths caused by smallpox dropped by two-thirds.

**14th May, 1686** German physicist Gabriel Fahrenheit was born in Danzig, Germany. Fahrenheit greatly improved the accuracy of thermometers by introducing the use of mercury to temperature reading. As a result, his familiar surname is now attached to one of the major temperature measurements scales.

**19th May, 1536** Henry VIII's third wife Anne Boleyn was executed at the Tower of London after just three years on marriage on charges of adultery, incest, and conspiracy against the king. Henry VIII's marriage to Anne Boleyn changed the course of British history as, in order to divorce his first wife Catherine of Aragon, Henry broke with the Roman Catholic Church and named himself as the Supreme Head of what would become the Church of England. Just eleven days after Anne Boleyn was executed, King Henry VIII married Jane Seymour, a former lady-in-waiting to Anne.

**26th May, 1940** The evacuation of Dunkirk began in order to save British troops trapped by advancing German armies on the North Coast of France.

By 2nd June, boats and vessels of all shapes and sizes had ferried 200,000 British and 140,000 French and Belgian soldiers across the English Channel.

**27th May, 1657** Lord Protector Oliver Cromwell refused parliament's offer of the title of King of England. It's not known for sure why Cromwell did this, but historians have a few theories. While most MPs wanted Cromwell to accept the crown, the majority of army officers and soldiers didn't. Some historians think this influenced Cromwell's decision, while others believe he refused the crown because he thought a show of pride and ambition would offend God.

**28th May, 1961** Amnesty International was founded by London lawyer Peter Berenson. Berenson read about the arrest of a group of students in Portugal before launching a one-year campaign to free them, which he called an Appeal for Amnesty. Today, Amnesty International has over one million members in 150 countries. The organisation works to free prisoners of conscience, stop the use of torture and death penalty, and guarantee human rights for women.

**29th May, 1660** With the crowning of Charles II, the English monarchy was restored. With the execution of Charles I in 1649, Parliament had got rid of the monarchy and formed a new republic under the leadership of Lord Protector Oliver Cromwell. Two notable historical events happened during Charles II's reign including a terrible plague in 1665, which was brought to an end by the Great Fire of London in 1666. The king was notorious for having many mistresses and is thought to have fathered 12 illegitimate children.

**31st May, 1902** The Peace of Vereeniging ended the bitter colonial Boer War between the British Army and the Boers in South Africa, which involved 450,000 British troops fighting against 80,000 Boers. The war began with Britain's desire to unite the British territories in South Africa with the Boer Republic's, because the Boers (Afrikaans-speaking farmers) wanted to maintain their independence. The Peace of Vereeniging recognised British military administration over Boer territories and authorised a general amnesty for Boer troops.



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## EASTER FLOWERS

If you were in Bulphan Church to celebrate Easter Sunday you will almost certainly have been amazed by the beauty of the many floral arrangements. What you will probably be unaware of, is that these were donated and arranged by Gavin Knowles.

Gavin's floristry skills and generosity are not confined to this Easter alone; he has for many years decorated the church at Christmas and Easter for which we are extremely grateful.

Thank you Gavin!

## THE BIG CORONATION COMMUNITY LITTER-PICK



On the public holiday, Monday 8th May, Bulphan-in-Bloom are organising a Coronation Community Litter-pick.

This is a family event from 10.30 until 12.30 We will meet at Bulphan Village Hall and Hi-Viz vests, waste bags and pickers will be provided, but please bring your own gloves.

Prizes will be awarded to all participating children up to 16 years of age.

*\*Parents will be responsible for their own children's safety\**





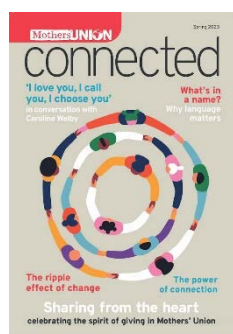
# Mothers' UNION

## Chelmsford Diocese Mothers' Union (CDMU)



The next Chelmsford Diocesan Mothers' Union Council Meeting is booked in the Chapter House on the evening of 24<sup>th</sup> May from 7pm. We are excited to hear more from Phillis at Epping about their *Thrive* project supporting survivors of domestic abuse.

## Connected – out now!



The Spring 2023 edition of *Connected* is landing on members' doormats this week. It is packed full of stories demonstrating the spirit of giving within Mothers' Union around the world, together with resources and reflections. We are pleased to feature an interview with Caroline Welby, the Archbishop of Canterbury's wife, and we acknowledge the importance of taking time for ourselves. We also look at the toxic trio of period poverty, sharing examples from MU contacts in Papua New Guinea (PNG), Zambia and Argentina.

We hope you enjoy reading it.

## King Charles III Coronation Souvenirs



The MU shop has some wonderful coronation gifts. The King Charles III Coronation souvenirs bear the National flowers from the UK along with oak, a symbol of strength and stability, and ivy, the symbol of commitment, which trails throughout this intricately hand-drawn design.

King Charles III Coronation – Mothers' Union Shop ([mueshop.org](http://mueshop.org))

## Orsett Traditional Recipe Book – Flower Festival August 1994

Oh dear! Are there still Hot Cross Buns lurking in your bread bin? Why not use them up by making Joyce Hunt's recipe for a "Brown Bread Pudding"? A tasty twist on a favourite family pudding or even a special pudding for Coronation Day. I imagine King Charles and his late mother, our dear Queen Elizabeth, enjoyed a family recipe for the dessert on many occasions.

### Brown Bread Pudding (Serves 4)

8 slices brown bread (or 4 hot cross buns, sliced in half)  
2 tablespoons margarine  
2 tablespoons marmalade  
2 eggs  
½ pint milk

3oz mixed dried fruit  
1 teaspoon ground cinnamon  
1 tablespoon light muscovado sugar  
Pinch freshly grated nutmeg

Cooking time: 25-30 mins – Gas Mark 6, 400 degrees F, 200 degrees C.

Pre-heat the oven. Spread the hot cross buns or slices of bread with the margarine, then sandwich together with marmalade. Cut off crusts and slice into triangles. Arrange in a greased flan dish and scatter over the dried fruit. Beat together the eggs, milk, cinnamon and nutmeg and strain through a sieve over the pudding. Sprinkle over the sugar and bake for 25 – 30 mins until crisp and golden. Serve hot or warm.

*May the church be transformed by the Holy Spirit, as we seek to fulfil God's mission on earth. Amen*

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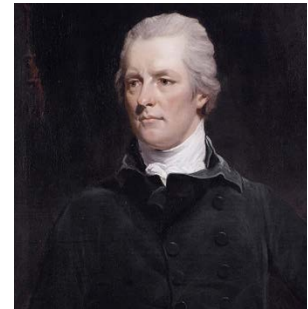
# FAMOUS PERSON IN MAY

## William Pitt the Younger

**28th May 1759 - 23rd January 1806**

*Pitt the Younger was British prime minister during the French Revolutionary and Napoleonic wars and helped to define and strengthen the office of the prime minister.*

William Pitt was born on 28 May 1759 in Kent; the son of the earl of Chatham (William Pitt the Elder), himself a famous statesman. Pitt studied at Cambridge University, graduating when he was 17. In early 1781, he was elected to parliament aged 21. In 1782, he became chancellor of the exchequer. The following years were marked by the battle between George III and the radical Charles Fox, whom the king detested. Matters deteriorated when Fox forged an alliance with the previously loyal Lord North. The two men defeated the government and George was forced to ask them to take control. Fox became Pitt's lifelong political rival.



In December 1783, George III dismissed their coalition and asked Pitt to form a government. He was, at 24, the youngest man to become prime minister. He was immediately defeated in parliament but refused to resign. George III was prepared to abdicate rather than let Fox in again. In 1784, parliament was dissolved for a general election, which Pitt won. His government worked to restore public finances, severely strained by the cost of the American War of Independence and later by war with France. Pitt imposed new taxes - including Britain's first income tax - and reduced both smuggling and frauds. He also simplified customs and excise duties.

His other concerns were imperial and foreign policy. The India Act of 1784 asserted increased government power over the East India Company and the vast areas of India it controlled. But revolutionary France remained the greatest concern and in 1793, the French declared war on Britain.

In 1798, there was a rebellion in Ireland, influenced by the ideas of the French Revolution. Pitt had long felt that union of the two countries was necessary and brought in an Act of Union which came into effect in January 1801. Yet fierce royal opposition to his attempt to abolish restrictions on Catholicism in Ireland forced his resignation in 1801.

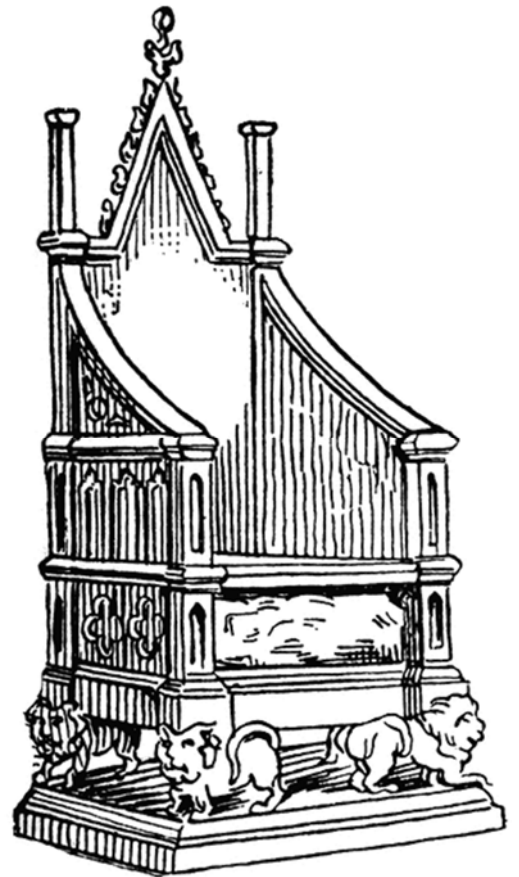
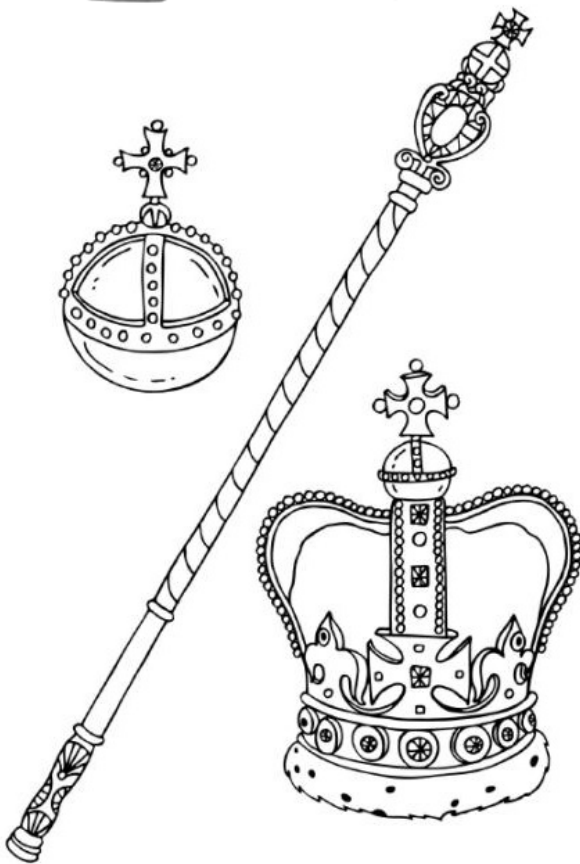
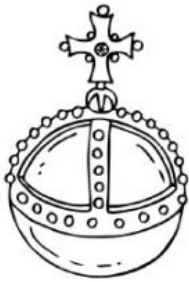
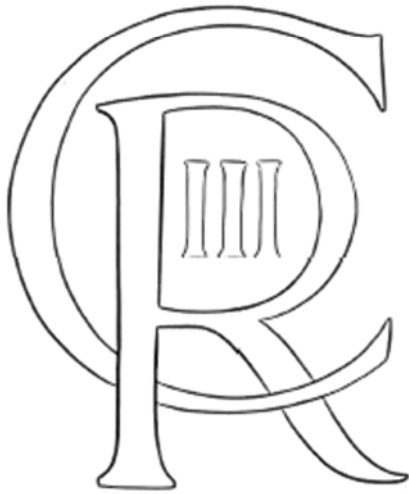
Three years later, with Napoleon threatening invasion, the king was forced to ask Pitt to form a government and he became prime minister again in May 1804. Thanks to Pitt's efforts, Britain joined the Third Coalition against France (made up of Austria, Russia and Sweden) and in 1805 the British inflicted a serious defeat on the French navy at the Battle of Trafalgar. However the Coalition collapsed and this imposed a severe strain on Pitt's already weakened health. He died on 23 January 1806 and was buried in Westminster Abbey.



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