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The parish magazine for  
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## June 2023





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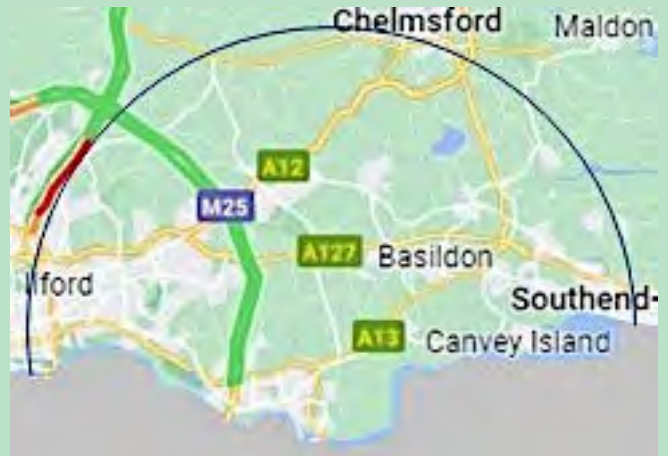
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# SERVICES – June 2023

	HORNDON	ORSETT	BULPHAN
Thursday 1 <sup>st</sup> June			Open Church 10am-noon
Friday 2 <sup>nd</sup>		No Oasis or Edward Bear – School closed	
Saturday 3 <sup>rd</sup>	Open Church 10am-noon with refreshments		
<b>Sunday 4<sup>th</sup> June</b> <i>Trinity Sunday</i>	3pm Churches Count on Nature	10am All Together Holy Communion Service	
	4pm Forest Church		
Monday 5 <sup>th</sup>			Open Church 10am-noon with refreshments
Tuesday 6 <sup>th</sup>	Open Church 10am-noon with refreshments		
Thursday 8 <sup>th</sup>			Open Church 10am-noon
Friday 9 <sup>th</sup>		Oasis Café 9-11.30am Edward Bear Toddler Group 9.30-11am	
Saturday 10 <sup>th</sup>	Open Church 10am-noon with refreshments		Coronation Day
<b>Sunday 11<sup>th</sup></b> <i>1<sup>st</sup> Sunday after Trinity</i>			8.45am CW Holy Communion Service 10am Family Service
Monday 12 <sup>th</sup>		7.30pm-Baptism Preparation Meeting	Open Church 10am-noon with refreshments
Tuesday 13 <sup>th</sup>	Open Church 10am-noon with refreshments		7.30pm Holy Communion Service
Thursday 15 <sup>th</sup>			Open Church 10am-noon
Friday 16 <sup>th</sup>		Oasis Café 9-11.30am Edward Bear Toddler Group 9.30-11am	
Saturday 17 <sup>th</sup>	Open Church 10am-noon with refreshments		
<b>Sunday 18<sup>th</sup></b> <i>2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday after Trinity</i>	8.45am BCP Holy Communion Service 10am Holy Communion Service 4pm refresh Service		
Monday 19 <sup>th</sup>			Open Church 10am-noon with refreshments
Tuesday 20 <sup>th</sup>	Open Church 10am-noon with refreshments		
Thursday 22 <sup>nd</sup>			Open Church 10am-noon
Friday 23 <sup>rd</sup>		Oasis Café 9-11.30am Edward Bear Toddler Group 9.30-11am	
Saturday 24 <sup>th</sup>	10am Feast and Fayre opening Service		
	Open Church 10am-noon with refreshments		
<b>Sunday 25<sup>th</sup></b> <i>3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday after Trinity</i>		8.45am CW Holy Communion Service 10am Family Service	
Monday 26 <sup>th</sup>			Open Church 10am-noon with refreshments
Tuesday 27 <sup>th</sup>	Open Church 10am-noon with refreshments		
	12 noon Holy Communion Service		
Thursday 29 <sup>th</sup>			Open Church 10am-noon
Friday 30 <sup>th</sup>		Oasis Café 9-11.30am Edward Bear Toddler Group 9.30-11am	
Saturday 1 <sup>st</sup> July	Open Church 10am-noon with refreshments	4pm Forest Church	
<b>Sunday 2<sup>nd</sup> July</b> <i>4<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Trinity</i>			10am All Together Holy Communion Service
Monday 3 <sup>rd</sup>			Open Church 10am-noon with refreshments
Tuesday 4 <sup>th</sup>	Open Church 10am-noon with refreshments		

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

## NOT THE RECTOR'S REFLECTIONS

As Sue continues to trek along St Mark's way through Spain, we back home have continued our own pilgrimage of services and prayer in the parish. Moji and I are grateful for the help and support we are receiving from you all. Thank you.

On the last Sunday of April we tried out a new afternoon service at St Mary's Bulphan in which we invited brothers and sisters to tell us about their journeys that strengthened or resulted in their faith. I personally found the stories told very moving and felt it was a very worthwhile service. I am hoping we will continue with similar services more regularly. Our other round of services and prayer broadcasts have continued as normal, and added to that there have been interments baptisms, and usual week night events.

Open church attracts various community members, not always anything to do with our churches, add to that the various community events, such afternoon tea, and we are preserving the presence of the church and therefore Christ in our communities. I pray that we can continue to raise that presence, attracting more neighbours alongside us.

Hoping to see you soon at one of our services or events, God bless you all, and thanks again for your loving support.

Your friend and brother in Christ,

Max.

## Winners of Bulphan's Best Bunting Competition



Coronation weekend saw many events in Bulphan, including a Best Bunting Competition. Judging was based not on sheer quantity of bunting but on the criteria of simple elegance, impact and creativity.

There were three equal winners:

Top left – "Oakleigh", Church Lane

Top right – "Mithril", Stanley Road

Bottom left – "Brambles", Stanley Road

Each winner received a voucher to spend in the Village Shop



# ORSETT CHURCHWARDENS' REPORT



As the weather starts to warm up, albeit very slowly, it is a joy to see forgotten plants starting to emerge and we look forward to the glorious array of flowers to be seen in the gardens of the three villages.

It has been a challenge to keep on top of the fast growing grass in Orsett Churchyard as our sit on mower needed to go in for a well-earned service, but it is now back and ready for use. Our ever faithful gardener, Bronc, has just celebrated his 88<sup>th</sup> birthday and we wish him all the best for the coming year. If there is anyone who has a few spare hours a week and would like to give Bronc a hand, let us know, and we will pass on your details.

It was a special day at Edward Bear on 19<sup>th</sup> as we met our newest addition, Athena. Huge congratulations to Taylor and Andrew, a beautiful sister for Octavia. Edward Bear meets every Friday during term-time from 9.30am until 11am in the Orsett Churches' Centre and would welcome any new toddlers and their carers.



We had another reason to celebrate this month; Messy Church was back in Orsett School. We welcomed 18 children and their parents to a fun-filled afternoon of activities, songs and storytelling based around Pentecost, followed by a meal supplied by the school. A fun time was had by all and a big thank-you to the school and all the helpers who ensured this event went smoothly.

God Bless

**Christine and David Mortimer**



# THE PARISH REGISTERS

## **Baptisms**

14th May

Lara-Belle Barnes

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## **Interment of Ashes**

29th April

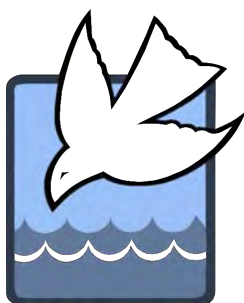
James Edwin Mortimer (95)

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## 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](mailto: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 June  
will be Monday 12th at 7.30pm  
in Orsett Church.

No booking is required.



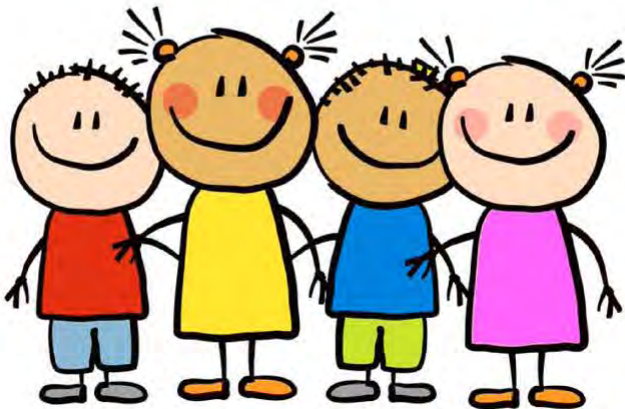
## BULPHAN TODDLER GROUP

Fridays in Term Time  
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## Bulphan Churchwarden's Report

Despite the slightly inclement weather the Coronation of King Charles III was a wonderful spectacle. From the crowds lining the streets of London, some of which had camped out over a number of nights to secure their spot on the route of the procession to the symbolism of the coronation ceremony there was much to witness.

King Charles has a bewildering number of responsibilities. As head of State and head of our Church please pray that the King will be able to dispense his duties to the best of his ability.

Events were held all over the country to celebrate the occasion including in St. Mary the Virgin, Bulphan where it was great to see people of all ages coming to ring the Church bells to join in the celebrations.

Also on Saturday the Coronation was live streamed in the village hall and in the evening a beacon was lit. These celebrations are wonderful occasions on which communities can come together.

There are works ongoing at the Church, Frank and Colin are carrying out a number of repairs within the Church building including filling, repairing/replacing lighting. Thanks to Frank and Colin for arranging and carrying out these works which along with the works recently carried out on the porch help to keep our beautiful Church in fantastic condition.

If you haven't done so already, please make sure to sponsor and pray for Reverend Sue as she walks from Saint Pied-de-Port, France to Santiago de Compostela in Spain; a distance of 490 miles! Sponsorship money raised will be donated to Cure Parkinsons and the MND Association.

We look forward to seeing you soon.

**Alastair**



## **Bulphan Churchwarden's Report - Part II**

We have witnessed history taking place with the Coronation of King Charles III on Saturday, 6<sup>th</sup> May 2023. Bulphan village certainly went for it and at 10.30am the bells at St Marys were rung for "Ring for the King". After a certain amount of reluctance, the many people who attended were soon ringing the bells and playing "Oranges and Lemons and Ode to Joy" on the carillon tubular bells. Later in the village hall there were two pipers and a town crier and at 8pm the beacon behind the village hall was lit.

The quinquennial inspection was carried out by the Architect, David Ferguson, his last one as he is now retiring. Fortunately, the Church is in good repair and the works that are to be carried out comprise, cleaning of gutters and down pipes, removing moss from the roof where possible and redecoration of sections of the walls in the nave and chancel and replaster where plaster has decayed. We have commenced the repair of the decayed plaster thanks to Colin from Horndon on the Hill. We have tried to replace the halogen strips in the lights to the tower and found that the ends of the terminals had corroded and it was agreed that we would replace the four lights with new LED which will be cheaper to run and low on maintenance. Mike Power the Archdeacon agreed to this.

The doors and benches to the porch will be commenced on 22<sup>nd</sup> May 2023.

The boilers were serviced on 20<sup>th</sup> April 2023.

Rector Sue left on 24<sup>th</sup> April 2023 for her 6-week sabbatical and will not return until 5<sup>th</sup> June 2023. We thank Rev Max and Rev Moji for continuing the services during this time.

We particularly thank all those including Bulphan in Bloom and the Macalle family for all their work in maintaining the Churchyard and supporting the Church.

Regrettably due to a lack of donations, to even cover the cost of our Rector, we rely upon volunteers. The suggestion that the Church has 'loads of money' couldn't be further from the truth. In my other role as Lay Chair of Thurrock Deanery we have already seen paid Priests reduced from twenty to ten and with the present rate of giving this could be reduced to seven. With twenty-two buildings within Thurrock Deanery this will inevitably mean some drastic measures will have to be taken as obviously fewer Priests cannot accommodate the same level of services.

It is appreciated that it is difficult for everybody with energy and food costs soaring everybody is cutting back and there is no easy answer.

Frank Woollard

Lay Chair



# **BULPHAN**local store

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## **BULPHAN VILLAGE SHOP**

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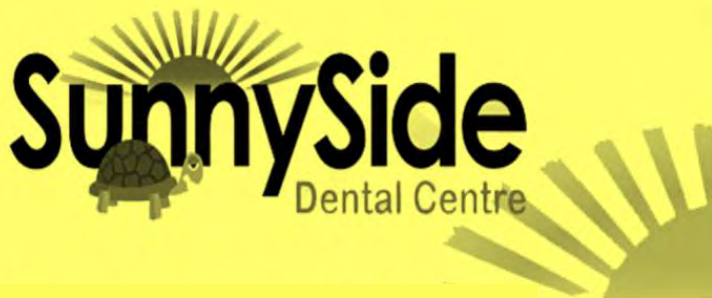
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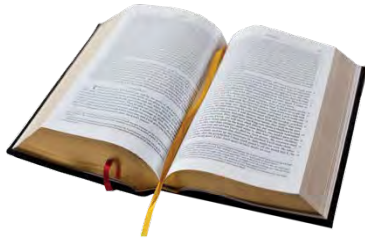
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# PRAYER DIARY

Some thoughts to include in your daily prayers

June 1st	For Orsett in Bloom and Bulphan in Bloom
June 2nd	For the Friends of Orsett Church
June 3rd	For those who live on Stanley Road, Bulphan
June 4th	For our Local Ward Councillors serving the Parishes
June 5th	For those who live on Blackshots Lane
June 6th	For the Orsett Fire Station and all fire-fighters
June 7th	For our village halls and those who run them
June 8th	For Archdeacon Mike Power
June 9th	For our Clergy
June 10th	For neighbours and friends who have moved away
June 11th	For those who live on China Lane, Bulphan
June 12th	For those who live on Stephens Crescent, Horndon
June 13th	For those who live on Francis Close, Horndon
June 14th	For those who live on High Road, Orsett
June 15th	For those in St Luke's Hospice
June 16th	For those who live on Mill Lane, Orsett
June 17th	For those who live on Malting Lane, Orsett
June 18th	For those who live on Holmes Close, Horndon
June 19th	For those who live on Bristowe Drive, Orsett
June 20th	For those who live on Hillcrest Close, Horndon
June 21st	For those who live on Peartree Lane, Bulphan
June 22nd	For the shops in Orsett, Horndon and Bulphan
June 23rd	For those who live on Ellis Close, Orsett
June 24th	For our police and community support officers
June 25th	For those who live on Alderton Road, Orsett
June 26th	For those who live on Grosvenor Road, Orsett
June 27th	For the work of the Thurrock Food Bank
June 28th	For those who live on School Lane, Orsett
June 29th	For those suffering from 'Long Covid'
June 30th	For those who live on Paddock Close, Orsett

"...by the grace of God I am what I am,  
and his grace toward me has not been in vain"

*1 Corinthians 15:10*

# Church Warden's Musings from Horndon

Hello,

Our King is Crowned. What a splendid spectacle the Abbey service was. The choir singing was magnificent.



We realised at the last minute that Horndon did not have any celebrations planned for the Coronation so decided to have a tea party after the Coronation Service. We were so pleased that so many people thought the same and were glad to come out for an hour to enjoy each other's company, tea, quiche and cakes.

The Rev Sue is well over half way on her pilgrimage walk, her husband Phil who accompanied her on the first leg said she is doing well albeit with a few aches and pains! If you would like to sponsor her for Cur Parkinson's and Motor Neurone charities please give the money to a Church Officer.

On Monday 15<sup>th</sup> May I welcomed Year 1 children from Horndon Primary School to look around the Church. They were very interested in all the different names of the items e.g. Pews, Altar, Font etc. They promised me some drawings and stories to display in the Church, so I am looking forward to seeing those.

Well not long now until the Feast and Fayre 24/25<sup>th</sup> June. The theme for the flowers this year is 'Charlie is my darling'. Each display will represent a different Charles who has contributed to our country. Donations for flowers are always gratefully received, just come into the church and add your name to our sponsor list.

Well that is all my musings for this month and hope to see you all at the Feast and Fayre.

God Bless

Sonia Ward

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Churchwardens	Alastair Macrae, Beverley Macrae, Christine Mortimer, David Mortimer, Sonia Ward, Frank Woollard.
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Churchwardens	Sonia Ward	01375 674212
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### St Giles & All Saints Orsett

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We're sure you are used to seeing the half page advert that appears regularly in the Hobnob magazine letting folk know when our services are held, but this month we are grateful to have been given the opportunity to let you know more about what goes on inside the building.

The Interdenominational in our title means that Church embraces a range of Christian denominations, which in practice, means we invite Christians of different denominational backgrounds to preach and take our services within their own tradition. Ministers currently come from Anglican, Methodist, Baptist and Community Church backgrounds and within Horndon, Orsett and Bulphan these regularly include Rev Max, and until his retirement, Rev Yemi. Others are usually from churches in South Essex and some who have moved out of the area and who find themselves back in this part of the country. We are greatly indebted to all who give their time and energy in the service of God in taking our services.

Our services do not have a fixed liturgy, but nevertheless follow a structure including; prayer, Bible readings, preaching and teaching, and singing of hymns and songs in keeping with the tradition of the minister taking the service, and last about an hour. We are usually accompanied by an organist and generally use the 'Mission Praise' hymn book although other songs are included from time to time.

We trust we are a friendly bunch and offer a warm welcome to all in an informal setting. At most services we number around 10 - 12 folk but we may have considerably more at our special services at Easter, Christmas and Harvest. Here is a synopsis of some of our recent services this year:

On Palm Sunday we had a preacher/organist from Somerset who preached on Micah 2 and Revelation 5 on the subject of a culture of honour. On 16<sup>th</sup> April we had Rev Max and Scout the dog! He (Max) preached on Psalms 16 and 22 on the subject of what do we believe and what is the root of that belief. On 23<sup>rd</sup> April we had 10 people and one naughty wasp who stung one of us! That Sunday our preacher was also our faithful organist and he spoke on Matthew 8, the feast of the Pharisees. On 7<sup>th</sup> May, this being the day after the Coronation, the preacher spoke on Jesus as King. We were honoured to host the crown...well a crown as Rev Pholani (pictured) told us about a slightly smaller scale coronation service typical of a Zulu crowning in Zimbabwe.



We have capacity for up to 40 folk so please do come along and see us one Sunday evening and see for yourself how we worship, you will be most welcome... unless you are a wasp!

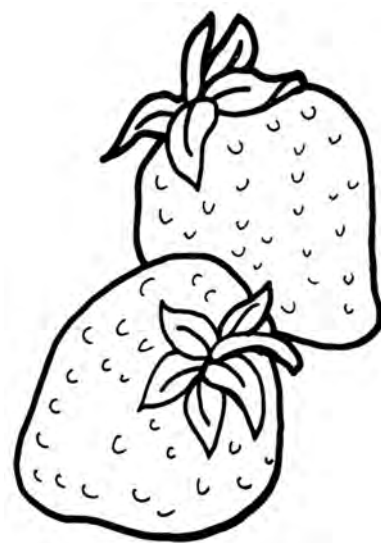
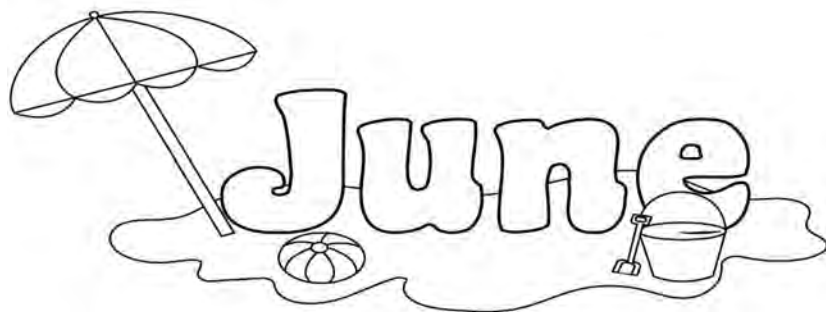
A lot more information about the church is contained on our website but for any other information on our Church or our services please contact us at our email address or the Secretary.

The services for June are as follows:

June 4 <sup>th</sup>	6:30 pm	Local arrangement
June 11 <sup>th</sup>	6:30 pm	Rev. Pholani Ncube
June 18 <sup>th</sup>	6:30 pm	Peter Crosby
June 25 <sup>th</sup>	6:30 pm	Local arrangement

If you live locally and would like to come along to a service but need transport please contact the Secretary: Ian Blackburn on 01375 891522







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Fridays from 7.00 - 9.00pm

New members are welcome and no experience is necessary  
as friendly advice and tuition can be given

For further information telephone Lesley on 07766 505 755



## HORNDON-ON-THE-HILL METHODIST CHURCH

4, High Road. Horndon-on-the-Hill

Sunday: 10.30 am Worship.

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

We meet at the Welcome Club  
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# How Bulphan celebrated the Coronation

Bulphan's Coronation celebrations started on Saturday, 6th May in St. Mary the Virgin Church, where people of all ages accepted the invitation to "Ring for the King". They all had an opportunity to toll the large bell in the 15th century belfry, with its massive oak timbers, and also to operate the 5 carillon bells which date from 1891.

Then briskly to the village hall, where the ceremony was live-streamed onto the big screen, and we enjoyed the goodies from the bar and cafe, including some delicious Coronation quiche. The hall was, of course, bedecked with themed decorations and the bull on the village sign even had his Union Jack-et on.

As the procession left the Abbey, Jo and Sammie provided ceremonial piping and our village crier, Steve Benn, formally declared the following proclamation:

*OYEZ, OYEZ, OYEZ: Now Bulphan shall hear, as I ring out this bell,*

*The message it brings, in this place where we dwell.*

*History repeats, on this May celebration.*

*As Charles the Third, King of our nation,*

*Has been crowned and confirmed our Monarch this day,*

*As his mother and Sovereigns were, in times gone away.*

*So now, as I proclaim and ring on this bell,*

*To the King's family, from our families as well,*

*Good wishes and desires for a successful reign,*

*In a Kingdom, united, in hope, once again.*

**LONG LIVE THE KING.**

*Three cheers for KING CHARLES THE THIRD.*



Saturday evening drew a very large crowd, as we lit our beacon for the third time since its installation for the Queen's Platinum Jubilee. Beacon master, Tom Neal, and his team again did a splendid job of laying the fire and lighting it at sundown.



The beacon was lit at sundown  
on Saturday 6th May 2023  
to celebrate the Coronation of King Charles III



**Tom later added this second plaque on the beacon post.**

After Saturday's unsettled weather, we were pleased to hold our picnic in the park in glorious sunshine on Sunday. It was lovely to see all the generations joining in. Live-streaming of the Coronation concert also proved popular - as did the bar!

On Monday, Ron Porter made a stately tour of the village in David Hale's 1953 Riley, to judge the bunting competition, while families took part in Bulphan in Bloom's litter pick and BiB volunteers trimmed (tamed?) the willow dome. Once the raffle was drawn and prizes presented, our Coronation weekend was over.

The whole weekend was only made possible by the many cheerful and willing volunteers who made it happen.

**Janet McCheyne**

Chair, Bulphan Village Community Forum

# Mothers' UNION

## Chelmsford Diocese Mothers' Union (CDMU)



**Wave of Prayer:** From 18 – 20 June, Mothers' Union members around the world will be praying for us here in Chelmsford Diocese, along with our link dioceses: Rejaf (South Sudan), Doko, and Owo (Nigeria), the Military Episcopate (Kenya) and Jamaica and the Cayman Islands. We will be live-streaming midday prayers from our Facebook page, so please keep an eye out for more information.

We recently heard from Bishop Edward of Rejaf diocese - the crisis in Khartoum (the capital of Sudan) has caused a lot of challenges and now thousands of the South Sudanese, who had gone to Khartoum, are fleeing back to the South either by foot or by buses up to Kosti (Sudan), Renk (South Sudan), then to Faloug (South Sudan), an oil area. He has asked us to pray for our sisters and brothers in South Sudan

## Summer of Hope 2023



The Summer of Hope campaign is with us, highlighting our programmes in Britain & All Ireland empowering women and men and giving them the skills, knowledge and support to transform their families and local communities. Fundraising and faith resources are available to download at [www.mothersunion.org/soh2023](http://www.mothersunion.org/soh2023). Your donations are much needed, for example, £7 will train a person in Tanzania to find practical solutions to everyday problems such as learning farming techniques.

## Craft Kits



Have you seen the new craft kits? These kits appeal to crafters of all abilities, and anyone looking for an imaginative gift. However, you could double the happiness by making the decorations yourself and giving them as a present. They can be found on the MU Enterprise website: [www.mueshop.org](http://www.mueshop.org)

## Orsett Traditional Recipe Book – 1984

How did you get on with last month's tasty twist on a favourite family pudding? This month, how about using some of the wonderful summer fruits that we have to make this delicious pudding; the recipe was provided for the cookbook by Pam Baker, who sadly died last year.

### Yummy Meringue

8oz digestive biscuits (can use any cheap biscuits that crushes easily)

3oz margarine

2 egg whites

2oz caster sugar

1lb any stewed fruit (or tin of pie filling)

Crush biscuits, melt margarine in saucepan, and stir in biscuit crumbs. Press firmly into large (up to 12") flat container. Refrigerate.

Whisk egg whites until stiff, add 1 tablespoon sugar, and whisk again. Fold in remaining sugar.

Spoon fruit (or pie filling) onto biscuit base, leaving approximately 1" all round. Cover with meringue topping, making sure the edges are covered.

Cook at Gas ¼ or ½ (110-130 Electric) for 1.5 – 2 hours, until meringue is set. Can be served immediately if a hot dessert is required, or if preferred cold, leave it to cool for at least two hours.

## Di Bubb, Mothers' Union contact



# ALL OUR YESTERDAYS

Happenings around the Parish this month in the past

1889

**Grays & Tilbury Gazette, &  
Southend Telegraph**

**Sat 1<sup>st</sup>**

## **Inquest Bulphan**

INQUEST – An inquest was held on Monday last, before Mr C. C. Lewis on the body of Ada Shearman, 13 years of age, the daughter of William Shearman, labourer, who is one of the Peculiar People. It was adjourned until Wednesday, in order that the post mortem examination might be made. On its resumption, Dr Corbet in evidence said that he had ascertained that death ensued from an abscess on the brain. In his opinion if a doctor had been called in there would have been very little chance of recovery. On this evidence the jury returned a verdict of death from natural causes.

*The Peculiar People did not believe in medical intervention, relying on faith and prayer*

1900

**Barking, East Ham & Ilford  
Advertiser**

**Sat 23<sup>rd</sup>**

## **Woollings sale**

TO BE DISPOSED

BAKERS and OTHERS – FOR SALE by Tender by order of the Executors, the old established BAKERS and CORN DEALER'S BUSINESS; successfully carried on for many years by the late Mr Alfred Woollings, at Orsett, Essex: doing about 20 sacks weekly: books can be inspected; excellent house with large and lovely garden; established and in the same family over 200 years. Particulars only of Messrs Talbot and White, 24, High Street, Southend on Sea

1903

**Eastern Mercury**  
**Tues 2<sup>nd</sup>**

## **Land for sale**

Acres (Freehold) from £35, Horn-  
don on the Hill, 17 miles East Lon-

don suitable for retirement, poultry rearing and fruit growing; instalments if desired; no law costs; plots from £4; high and healthy; close to village; 1½ mile station; cheap fares. Iles, Sons and Co. Ltd., 37 High Street, Southend on Sea.

1905

**Grays & Tilbury Gazette &  
Southend Telegraph**

**Sat 3<sup>rd</sup>**

## **Orsett Rev returning**

The Rev W.C. Bishop has returned home after being in France for six months. Archdeacon Dusk-erley, who has resided at Orsett during the absence of the Rector, has been presented with a pair of field glasses on leaving. The Rev E. de Ste Croix, curate at Orsett for three years, has received from the parishioners a purse of gold, as a token of respect and appreciation on his leaving for Bramford, Ipswich.

1909

**Daily Mirror**  
**Tues 8<sup>th</sup>**

## **No babies in church**

BABIES IN CHURCH

Essex Rector Says their presence Mars Solemnity of the Services  
Should babies be taken to church? Writing in the Orsett Deanery magazine for June, the Rev W.C. Bishop, the rector of Orsett, Grays, Essex, condemns the practice on the ground that the solemnity of the service is marred by their presence.

Referring more particularly in a recent confirmation service, the rector says :-

“Why will people risk spoiling all the solemnity of this service by bringing babies? Surely the candidates for the rite of confirmation are the people to be considered on such an occasion? But no? Some people wish to “see the sight”, and they will bring a baby or small children, who cry or talk, and the

solemn effect of the service is largely spoiled.”

“No doubt it is annoying in a congregation if a baby cries and makes a disturbance”, Archdeacon Sinclair told The Daily Mirror yesterday which asked for his opinion on the subject, “but it must not be forgotten that there is a great many poor mothers who cannot get to church at all without bringing their babies. Particularly is this the case in the very poor but populous centres.”

“It would be directly contrary to Scriptural teaching to refuse little children of any age to be present at a service”, the Rev. Edwin Dalton, general book steward and secretary to the book compositor of the Primitive Methodist denomination in London, told The Daily Mirror.

“My experience inclines me to the opinion that the presence of children of all ages and sizes is helpful rather than injurious to a service. Nothing should be done to weaken the interest of the little people in public worship. Besides, mothers generally look well after their young children, and if a baby does give signs of not being quietened she generally takes it out.”

1914

**Eastern Counties' Times**  
**Fri 26<sup>th</sup>**

## **7 Kings cycle club**

SEVEN KINGS CYCLING CLUB

The quaint old village of Orsett was visited on Saturday by 32 members of the above club, and although this on the longest runs on the fixture card, the conditions were so ideal that both journeys were completed in excellent style. Leaving “the island” at 3.45, some choice Essex bye-lanes were travelled via Hornchurch, Upminster, Corbets Tey, South Ockendon and Stifford, the destination being reached about 5.30. Arriving at the Whitmore Arms, the club was greeted by Mr and Mrs Fielding, the host and hostess, and their



youngest daughter, a charming maid of some twelve years, and were informed that tea was quite ready, and some ten minutes later, seated in a room overlooking some choice pastoral scenery, this important part of the day's work was commenced. After the meal was over, some sports were indulged in the adjacent meadows, including rounders, football and tennis, and after a quiet stroll a return was made to the inn for the usual musical evening. Mr Chris Wakeman opened the programme with some pianoforte selections, Miss Beatrice Davies following with one of the old favourites, "A Japanese love song". Mr Will Hole next appeared, and by special request gave "Toddlers home". Miss Mabel Manch giving a sentimental song, entitled "Less than the dust". "Muddled melodies", by Mr Bert Harvey, was received with great applause, and for an encore he gave one of Jay Laurier's songs, "Ring-a-roses". Last but by means least, came Mr Chris Wakeman, who was very well received in "My motor bike", and for the inevitable recall "I do like a nice mince pie" was given. As time was getting on, the captain ordered a start for home, and at 9.15 Orsett was left behind. As there were sundry items of lamp trouble, the return journey was rather slow, but all were as usual in a very cheerful state of mind, and the number of choruses sung on the way would number hundreds. Cameron road was reached just after eleven o'clock.

*A week after their ride to Orsett and idyllic time, Archduke Franz Ferdinand was assassinated and things changed forever*

**1915**  
**Holloway Press**  
**Fri 4<sup>th</sup>**

#### ***Poultry farm sale***

POULTRY FARM, Horndon on the Hill - Bungalow (4 rooms and scullery), greenhouse and sheds; good, well-stocked garden; main water; about 3 acres; price, freehold, £250; more land could be obtained; 1¾ miles from Stanford le Hope station. - W. Tyrrell, Estate Agent, Horndon on the Hill

**1920**  
**Chelmsford Chronicle**  
**Fri 18<sup>th</sup>**

#### ***Orsett House training centre***

The Orsett House Training Centre at Orsett has been established in premises made available by the Chairman, Lieut-Col F. H. D. C. Whitmore, C.M.G., D.S.O., T. D., D. L. In addition to training in pig and poultry keeping, which is being carried on at Orsett House, combined with market gardening and fruit growing on well managed local holdings, the committee are providing hostel accommodation for trainees unfit for agricultural work, who will learn basket making under the Ministry of Labour.

**1922**  
**Eastern Counties' Times**  
**Fri 9<sup>th</sup>**

#### ***Southend archdeaconry formed***

LONDON-OVER-THE-BORDER

The 44<sup>th</sup> annual report of the London-over-the-Border Church Fund, the president of which is the Bishop of Chelmsford, included the following of local interest :-

#### **THE ARCHDEACONRY OF WEST HAM**

Hitherto the "London-over-the-Border" has lain in the Archdeaconry of Essex. This Archdeaconry has comprised seventeen of the Rural Deaneries of the diocese. A new Archdeaconry has been formed lately under the style of the Archdeaconry of Southend, which will comprise ten of the 17 rural deaneries referred to. The rural deaneries of Barking, Chafford, Leyton, Orsett, Walthamstow, West Ham and Woodford remain in the old Archdeaconry. The name of the Archdeaconry having become somewhat of a misnomer, the Archdeaconry of Essex will be called henceforth the Archdeaconry of West Ham. Several names were considered but it was felt that the name of "West Ham" connoted the character of the work which the Church has to do in the "London-over-the Border" area.

**1928**  
**Chelmsford Chronicle**  
**Fri 15<sup>th</sup>**

#### ***Death of Rev SW Fischel***

We regret to announce the death of Sydney Walter Fischel, vicar of Horndon on the Hill, which occurred in a nursing home in London. The rev gentleman was 68 years of age, had been vicar of Horndon since 1898, previous to which he held curacies at Eastbourne 1888-90 and St. Bartholomew, Bethnal Green 1890-98. He was educated at Chichester Theological College and ordained in 1888.



## A Study of the Gospel of St Mark 3.1-6

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

**Amen.**

3 Again he entered the synagogue, and a man was there who had a withered hand. 2 They watched him to see whether he would cure him on the sabbath, so that they might accuse him. 3 And he said to the man who had the withered hand, 'Come forward.' 4 Then he said to them, 'Is it lawful to do good or to do harm on the sabbath, to save life or to kill?' But they were silent. 5 He looked around at them with anger; he was grieved at their hardness of heart and said to the man, 'Stretch out your hand.' He stretched it out, and his hand was restored. 6 The Pharisees went out and immediately conspired with the Herodians against him, how to destroy him.

There are two major issues facing the Pharisees and synagogue officials here, the first is the more obvious, Sabbath breaking, the second was that Jesus was ignoring the temple system of healing and exorcisms. His opponents were there not to hear His message but to catch Him out. As He remarks they have hardened their hearts.

1] the sabbath. This was an important observance for the nation, it reminded them and the gentiles of who they were and of their relationship to the Almighty and only God. However Jesus seems to be downplaying its importance, He is healing on a Sabbath. What Jesus is really doing is restoring the Sabbath to its true meaning, it was a gift from God to his people for their health and wellbeing. All our own church and Christian rules and rituals are in place for the same reason, to help us, God doesn't need them, we may.

2] healings. Jesus heals when and where. He sees a need, not according to the sacrifice and temple systems. He bypasses the authorities and brings God's love directly to those who need it. Regardless of where, when or who. By doing so He restores life to the people who are longing for God.

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



# PARISH ECOLOGY AND SOCIAL JUSTICE ACTION GROUP

## How and why to stop using Peat

Peatlands cover just 3% of the world's land surface but contain at least a quarter of the world's soil carbon; potentially more than is stored in all forests globally. Harvesting peat releases this stored carbon into the atmosphere and accelerates climate change. In the UK, nearly 80% of our remaining peatlands are in a degraded condition, and that degradation is responsible for an incredible 4% of our annual greenhouse gas emissions. Destroying peatlands also destroys the fragile and unique ecosystems that depend on these wetland environments.



Most peat sold in the UK is used in compost. In recent years there have been numerous campaigns to ban horticultural peat. While some retailers and producers have voluntarily chosen to produce and sell peat-free compost and plants, there is as yet no legislation that prevents either the harvesting or the sale of peat. Peat is not an essential component of compost, and there is an increasing number of environmentally friendly alternatives. However, more than a third of all compost sold in the UK in 2021 was peat.

Quite simply, creating green spaces and growing plants using peat compost does not enhance the environment - it harms it. Even TV gardener Monty Don has described it as "environmental vandalism." He, and many others, are calling for a ban on horticultural peat.

### What can we do to preserve peat?

First - stop buying products that contain peat. This generally includes compost, but you'll also need to check that any plants you buy have been grown in a peat-free medium. There are a number of ways you can do this:

- Peat-free compost is now widely available, and a number of big supermarkets have already pledged to go peat-free. The Co-op has already achieved this, Tesco and Morrisons have almost entirely phased it out.
- Stuck for an alternative? The RHS has excellent and comprehensive advice on choosing peat free compost.
- The Dogwood Days website has a list of peat-free nurseries in England, Wales and Scotland, displayed on an interactive map. This is a great place to start when sourcing plants for your site
- Make your own compost! It's easy to do, especially if you have an existing green space that produces plenty of plant offcuts and lawn trimmings. And that way you'll save the plastic that compost is typically packed in too.

Second - spread the word! Anyone who has a garden, balcony, allotment or houseplants may be using peat unnecessarily, and without knowing the damage it causes. Speak with family and friends,

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# FAMOUS PERSON IN JUNE

## John Rennie

**7th June 1761 - 4th October 1821**

Rennie's work on canals, aqueducts, bridges and dockyards mark him as one of the greatest engineers of his age.

Rennie was born on 7 June 1761, the fourth son of a prosperous farmer on the Phantassie estate near the village of East Linton, 20 miles east of Edinburgh. He played truant from school to watch what went on at the local millwright's workshop - run by the celebrated mechanic, Andrew Meikle, the inventor of the threshing machine - and began to work there when he was 12 years old, while continuing his education. He studied at Edinburgh University and then worked for Boulton and Watt, a firm based near Birmingham which manufactured steam engines.



In 1791, Rennie moved to London and set up his own engineering business. His first works were canals, notably the Lancaster Canal (1792 - 1803), the Kennet & Avon Canal (1794 - 1810), and the Royal Military Canal (1804-1909), and also improving the drainage of the Norfolk fens.

Meanwhile Rennie also acquired experience as a bridge designer, using stone and cast iron to produce bridges with daringly wide arches. These included the Lune Aqueduct (1793 - 1797), Kelso Bridge (1800 - 1804), Waterloo Bridge (1811 - 1817), Southwark Bridge (1815 - 1819) and London Bridge (1824 - 1831), which was completed to Rennie's design by his son George after his death.

Rennie also worked on the development of docks and harbours for commercial purposes, including Grimsby (1797 - 1800), Leith (1801 - 1817) and the London Docks (1801 - 1821). His largest projects were the civil engineering works required as the Royal Navy began to build the infrastructure for its century of world domination, including Sheerness Dockyard (1813 - 1821) and the great breakwater at Plymouth (1812 - 1821). Rennie was also commissioned to give advice on other novel maritime structures, notably steam-powered dredgers, diving bells and the famous Bell Rock lighthouse.

Rennie died on 4 October 1821 and was buried in St Paul's Cathedral.

# WOOLMARKET MUSIC

**Saturday  
10th June AT 7.30PM**

**IN THE CHURCH**

**SONG CYCLE**

**£7.50** or free to members

Four gentlemen  
who met on a bike  
ride entertain us

## WOOLMARKET MUSIC MAY MEETING

What an amazing evening we all had when Yoon came to entertain us with some magical piano playing. He is always so informative about the pieces he plays. This time they were by Hayden, Mozart and Handel but his concluding pieces were two numbers, which mesmerised the audience. Of course, there had to be an encore.

Thank you so much, Yoon.

Next month we welcome back Song Cycle. Four gentlemen who met on a bike-ride entertain us for the evening. This is the 3<sup>rd</sup> time they are visiting us – Covid stopped them from visiting us last year – and we're returning to the church for this concert at:

**7.30pm on Saturday 10<sup>th</sup> June.**



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# Bulphan WI

May saw another jam (excuse the WI pun) packed meeting for Bulphan WI members, starting with a visit from two of the fundraising team at St. Luke's Hospice who updated us about their newest centre in Thurrock and invited us along for a visit.

This was followed by an interesting discussion, lead by FEWI Resolution Coordinator Laura, on the 2023 NFWI resolution – Clean Rivers, where we found out that Bulphan business and farms with licences were well behaved, it is hoped we can use this as an example to encourage other areas to be the same. The members voted for the resolution and our representative at NFWI Annual Meeting, in Cardiff on 25<sup>th</sup>, will cast that vote on our behalf.

It was then our turn for an Annual Meeting, we heard about our finances, had a reminder of our meetings and events over the past year, the committee received a thank you from Pat Hall, and I thanked the committee and members for their help in making our WI such a vibrant and welcoming one. Long service certificates were presented as was the coveted competition cup, this year's winner was Sally Wall. The elections for the committee and President took place.

Members then all collected a glass of Prosecco or non-alcoholic drink ahead of toasting King Charles III and singing the National Anthem, you will see from the pictures red, white, and blue clothing, crowns and hats were adorned with gusto, member Linda C (seated second right in group picture) won the prize for best headwear.

After a busy refreshment break, where members signed up for trips and events, the last few bits of business were dealt with, and the meeting closed.

As I have decided not to stand for President or remain on the WI committee this will be the last Bulphan WI report from me, so I wanted to thank Ron for his support over the years and thanks to those who have taken the time to speak to me about the reports and the WI.

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 Janet McCheyne on 07752836902 or email [bulphanwi@gmail.com](mailto:bulphanwi@gmail.com)

Jan Curtis  
Past President





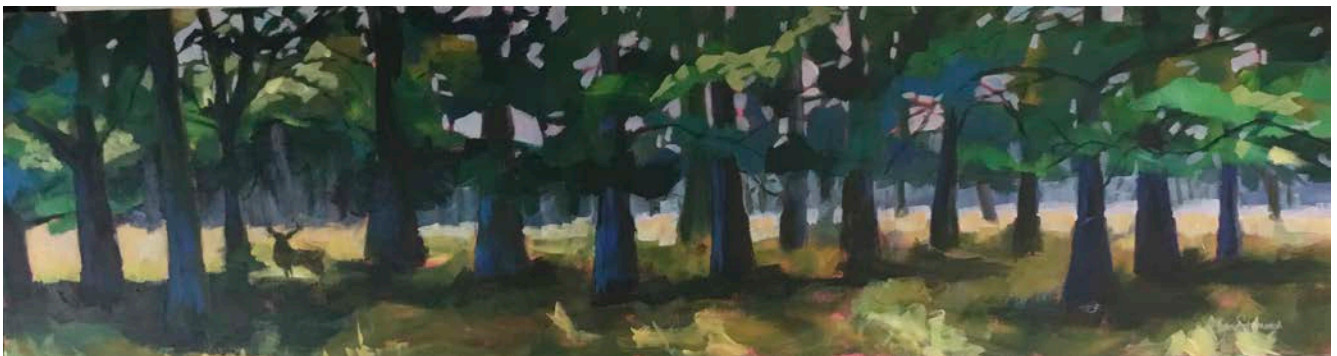
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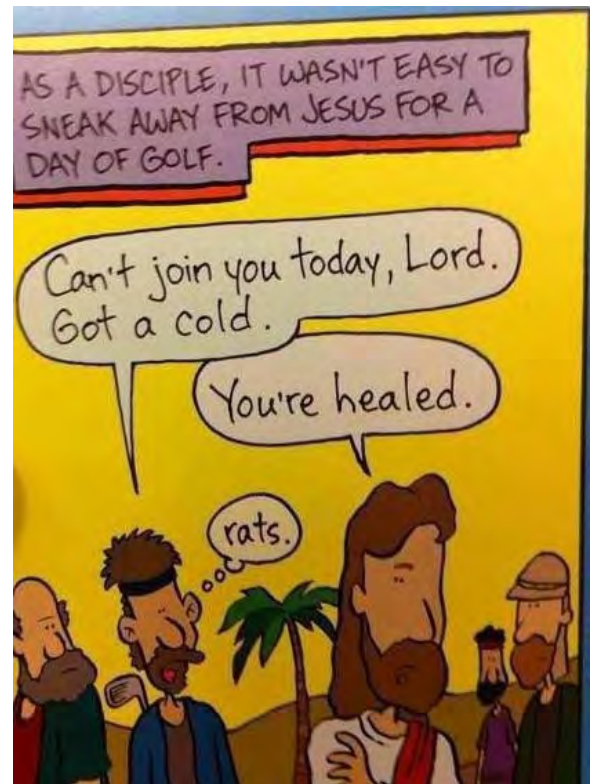
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