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The parish magazine for
St. Peter and St. Paul. Horndon-on-the-Hill

September 2023

SERVICES – September 2023

	HORNDON	ORSETT	BULPHAN
Friday 1 st September		No Edward Bear Toddler Group NO Oasis Café in church due to a funeral	
Saturday 2 nd Orsett Show	Open Church 10am-noon with refreshments	4pm Forest Church	
Sunday 3rd September <i>13th Sunday after Trinity</i> Back to School Sunday			10am All Together Holy Communion Service
Monday 4 th			Open Church 10am-noon with refreshments
Tuesday 5 th	Open Church 10am-noon with refreshments		
Thursday 7 th			Open Church 10am-noon
Friday 8 th		9-11.30am Oasis Café at the Orsett Churches Centre Edward Bear Toddler Group 9.30-11am	
Saturday 9 th	Open Church 10am-noon with refreshments		
Sunday 10th September <i>14th Sunday after Trinity</i>	8.45am BCP Holy Communion Service 10am Family Service		
Monday 11 th			Open Church 10am-noon with refreshments
Tuesday 12 th	Open Church 10am-noon with refreshments		7.30pm Holy Communion Service
Thursday 14 th			Open Church 10am-noon
Friday 15 th		9-11.30am Oasis Café at the Orsett Churches Centre Edward Bear Toddler Group 9.30-11am	
Saturday 16 th	Open Church 10am-noon with refreshments		
Sunday 17th September <i>15th Sunday after Trinity</i> Peace Sunday	4pm Refresh Service	8.45 CW Holy Communion Service 10am Holy Communion Service	
Monday 18 th			Open Church 10am-noon with refreshments
Tuesday 19 th	Open Church 10am-noon with refreshments		
Thursday 21 st			Open Church 10am-noon
Friday 22 nd		9-11.30am Oasis Café at the Orsett Churches Centre Edward Bear Toddler Group 9.30-11am	
Saturday 23 rd	Open Church 10am-noon with refreshments		
Sunday 24th September <i>16th Sunday after Trinity</i> Harvest Festival			8.45am CW Holy Communion Service 10am Family Service
Monday 25 th			Open Church 10am-noon with refreshments
Tuesday 26 th	Open Church 10am-noon with refreshments 12 noon Holy Communion Service		
Thursday 28 th			Open Church 10am-noon
Friday 29 th		9-11.30am Oasis Café at the Orsett Churches Centre Edward Bear Toddler Group 9.30-11am	
Saturday 30 th	Open Church 10am-noon with refreshments		
Sunday 1st October <i>17th Sunday after Trinity</i>	10am All Together Holy Communion Service		
Monday 2 nd			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.

Rector's Reflections

It was a pleasure, recently, to support 4 people from this Parish, as they were confirmed by Bishop Lynne Cullens, the Bishop of Barking, at St Giles and All Saints Church on Sunday 23rd July. Katie, Kelly, Lorraine and Taylor made their profession of faith along with 15 others from Thurrock Deanery.

It is always a privilege, as a Christian minister, to see people grow in their faith. and help them on that journey.

You may not be aware that we have Action Groups in our Parish, each with a different focus. One of these groups thinks about Mission, Evangelism and Nurture. It was this group that organised the Alpha Course that we did last year. One of the things that we discussed recently was how to encourage people to engage with God in their daily lives. We are all different. Some of us like to read; others of us prefer to use technology; some of us like to be moving or doing something physical as we learn.

We are fortunate that there are now many ways through which we can connect with the Bible and engage with God and I thought it might be helpful to share some which have been recommended by various people in the Parish.

For those who like to read, the following Bible Guides give daily Bible passages to read with a short commentary:

Guidelines gives 4 months of daily Bible Readings with a short commentary about each passage.

<https://www.brfonline.org.uk/collections/guidelines>

Daily Bread is another booklet with 4 months of daily Bible Readings.

<https://content.scriptureunion.org.uk/resource/daily-bread-subscription>

Every Day with Jesus. This is free and can be accessed on paper or electronically.

<https://www.waverleyabbeytrust.org/every-day-with-jesus>

If you want to try to read the **Bible in a Year**, it is a good idea to choose a version which breaks it down into chunks with a commentary. A good one is,

https://www.eden.co.uk/bibles/new-international-version-bibles-niv/devotional-niv/niv-daily-bible-multicoloured-hardback-chronological-365-readings-devotional-commentary-topical-arrangements?site_id=162595&adtype=pla&device=c&product_id=5195778&gclid=Cj0KCQjwrfymBhCTARIsADXTaBl8Kox7yR66WQ3NLavv3lOT6VDQj70X0H63aHCL6Lf6-tfNDYviiJcaAt-1EALw_wcB

For those who like technology, one of the following apps may be useful:

Pray as you go. This is an app which offers a daily meditation with music and a Bible passage from the Jesuit tradition. Each day's meditation and reading lasts approximately 15 minutes with the opportunity for more in depth reflection if you would like. This app is free.

<https://pray-as-you-go.org/>

Lectio 365 is another app which offers Bible study based around

P:ause to be still.

R:ejoice with a Psalm and R:eflect on Scripture.

A:sk for God's help

Y:ield to His will in your life.

[Lectio 365 - 24-7 Prayer International](#)

Youversion is another similar Bible app.

<https://www.youversion.com/the-bible-app/>

You may need to try a few to find out what works best for you. If anyone uses something different which you think others might find helpful. Please do let me know.

Take care and God bless,

Sue



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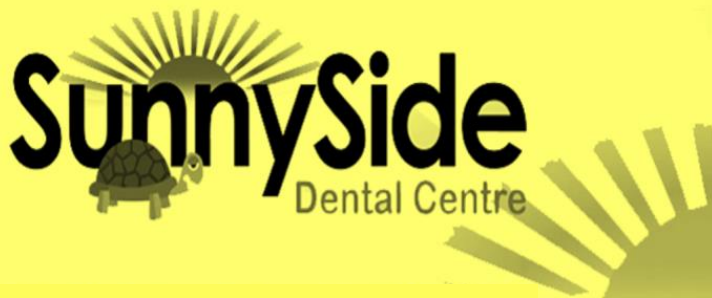
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Baptisms

13th August

Frank Thomas Woollard (B)

27th August

Charles Gary Gifford Williams (O)

Max Marney and Jenson Marney (O)

Funerals

18th August

Paul David Challis (62)

29th August

Dr John Benjafield (97) (B)

Interment of Ashes

5th August

Rita Dulson (66) (H)

22nd August

Irene Wellman (72) (B)

22nd August

George Roast (90) (O)



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
rectorsue@hobnob.org.uk



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
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HORNDON ON THE HILL CHURCHWARDENS' REPORT

I recently attended, together with Floss our neighbour's dog, the Parish Blessing of Pets all age service. This got me thinking as to how many 'alternative' services are held throughout the year other than the 'usual' weekly communions.... Here follows the ones I could remember, and I am sure I haven't captured all.

Christingle, Carol Services, Blue Christmas
Communions including Prayers for Healing

Forest Church

Refresh Service

Café Church

Ash Wednesday, Palm Sunday, Maundy Thursday Communion with foot washing

Taizé Service

Stations of the Cross, Walk of Witness, Easter Day service

Sea Sunday

November Remembrance services

Commemoration of the Departed

And now I think of it, there's baptisms, confirmations, weddings, renewal of vows, funerals and internments

Not forgetting Open Church throughout the week throughout the benefice.

We sometimes forget just how busy our parish is, and I've not included any of the action group meetings or fundraising events either. Sometimes we should take some time to sit and reflect, maybe in the prayer areas, perhaps take away one of the prayer cards for some quiet reflections.

Take Care – Bev Macrae





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ORSETT CHURCHWARDENS' REPORT



This year after consulting with the usual team we moved the Oasis Café from the Churches Centre to the Church on a Friday morning for the school summer holidays. Normally the Oasis Café stops for school holidays, which always seemed to be a shame. This move seems, at the time of writing, to have been a success, providing the usual environment for people to meet for a couple of hours.

Earlier in the year, Revd. Sue took a sabbatical. She took this opportunity to attempt one of the Camino de Santiago pilgrim walks culminating at the cathedral of Santiago de Compostela.

There are 7 Caminos, Sue chose the Frances Camino some 477 miles, starting from Saint-Jean-Pied-de-Port in south-western France near the Spanish border. Sue did this as a sponsored venture, for Motor Neurone Disease Association and Cure Parkinsons and raised over £4600.

We asked Sue if she would like to do a talk, to relive her experience. We thought it would be nice to have a Spanish theme to the refreshments; Tarta de Santiago an almond cake (local to the area), which was gluten free meaning Sue could partake without worrying, Spanish Sunday cake and a selection of Spanish biscuits, with some more familiar offerings.

It was very interesting listening to Sue's experiences in terms of; her daily routine, the places she visited, the hostels (with their very different arrangements), the camaraderie among her fellow pilgrims cajoling each other through the experience, the ways in which the local communities, for a donation, supported those on the pilgrimage with anything from a glass of water to sumptuous spreads, and of course the changeable weather. The evening was a success and hopefully people left enlightened with any questions answered.

We are looking forward to our 'bat evening' in St Giles on Friday 22nd September. Having bats in your building adds another level of responsibility (given their protected status) in terms of what you can do and when you can do it. Bats in the belfry might be a cliché, but knowing these secretive animals choose to live in and around the church is something of a privilege. We have a lady from Natural England coming who will be giving a talk and hopefully some bats we can look at more closely, followed by going into the churchyard where we look forward to hearing if not seeing them. We are planning to lay on food and activities and if you would like to join us please let us know. For more details see the website, HOBNOB, newsletters, social media and posters.



God Bless

Christine and David Mortimer



Bulphan Churchwarden's Report

St Marys Church, as with every other Church, witnesses scenes of extreme joy and happiness and also scenes of great sadness. We are fortunate that the Church is always there for everyone whether they have faith or no faith.

This week there was a Baptism of my Grandson Frank and his second cousin Carl French who became one of his godparents. It was a wonderful, happy and joyous service. Max carried out the Baptism and Sue led the service. Janet provided the music so enjoyed by everyone.

During the next two weeks there will be two funerals held at the Church. Irene Wellman on the 22nd August, Doctor John Benjafield on the 29th August. We send our condolences to both families and their friends and we share their sadness and loss.

I give thanks for Alastair who has stepped up as Churchwarden since Ron has stood down after forty plus years. At times Churchwardens are hit by a multitude of requests and each Church definitely needs two Churchwardens. We also give thanks to all the work that Traudi carried out over the years providing refreshments for Family Services. At the present time Alastair and Beverley are carrying out this role but long term we need a rota of volunteers.

During the month we have replaced the old halogen lights with new LEDs. Thanks to Les Naulls for the use of his access tower plus all the works in adapting it for the very high level works in the tower. Many thanks to Dave Crowley the electrician and my neighbour Dave Leaman, who made it possible to move and adjust the height of the tower. We are also in the process of providing new notice boards to the porch and vestry thanks to Julian Macalle. We have supplied car parking signs to Colin Pankhurst. The failed double glazing in the Parish Room and kitchen has also been replaced and we thank Craig for doing this long overdue work.

Due to the change in climate the trees within the Churchyard are under stress and some have died and need removal, we are looking at the trees to assess whether or not they are safe.

Obviously, all these works have costs attached, even when we try and carry out the labour content ourselves. Should anyone wish to sponsor any of the works please let me know.

Frank Woollard

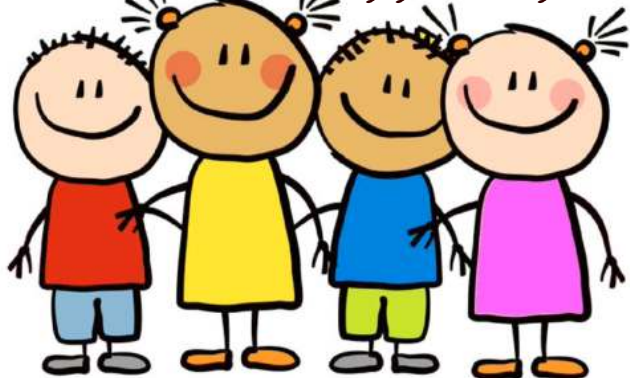
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PRAYER DIARY

Some thoughts to include in your daily prayers

September 1st	For those living on Oxford Road, Horndon
September 2nd	For those starting at new schools
September 3rd	For those living on Brentwood Road, Bulphan
September 4th	For those living on Fen Lane, Orsett
September 5th	For our Clergy and Churchwardens
September 6th	For those living on Pump Street, Horndon
September 7th	For those living on Welling Road, Orsett
September 8th	For those living on Medbree Court, Orsett
September 9th	For the Deanery of Thurrock
September 10th	For the Church of England schools in our villages
September 11th	For those living on Hillcrest Road, Horndon
September 12th	For those living on Lower Dunton Road
September 13th	For those living on Parkers Farm Road, Orsett
September 14th	For those living on Heath Road, Orsett Heath
September 15th	For those in prison
September 16th	For those living on Conway Road, Orsett
September 17th	For those living on Fen Lane, Bulphan
September 18th	For those living on Bonham Drive, Orsett
September 19th	For those in hospital
September 20th	For those living on Wingfield Drive, Orsett
September 21st	For our own prayer lives
September 22d	For members of our congregations who live outside the Parish
September 23d	For those living on Rowley Road, Orsett
September 24th	For all those dealing with major transitions in their lives
September 25th	For those living on The Parkway, Orsett
September 26th	For those who mourn
September 27th	For those living on Fordham's Row, Orsett
September 28th	For our Methodist and Congregational brothers & sisters
September 29th	For those living on Herga Hyll, Orsett
September 30th	For our Rural Dean, Darren Barlow

Alone with none but thee, my God,
I journey on my way.
What need I fear, when thou art near
O king of night and day?

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Than if a host did round me stand.

St Columba



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September 3 rd	6:30 pm	Local arrangement
September 10 th	6:30 pm	Rev Brenda Gutberlet
September 17 th	6:30 pm	Andrew Dickinson
September 24 th	6:30 pm	Lee Woodward

As an advance notice we will be holding our traditional Harvest Service at 6:30pm on Sunday 1st October at the chapel which will be decorated with produce and flowers. The Harvest Service has proved to be popular over the years and we extend a particular invitation to all to come to share in our time of thanksgiving and celebration.

If you live locally and would like to come along to a service but need transport, or for any other information on our Church or our services please contact the Secretary: Ian Blackburn at the e mail above or on 01375 891522

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HORNDON VILLAGE HALL



Bulphan WI

Having distributed wreath rings to all who wished to make a wreath, member June then showed some examples of what she'd made and demonstrated how to construct the wreath by starting to tie the ribbon/material strips onto the inner smaller circle first. Results of wreath making were amazing, as the photograph shows. Some non-wreath making members weeded and tidied the WI flowerbed in front of the village hall.

Various outings are being arranged, on the paddle steamer Waverley and to the theatre to see Mrs Doubtfire. The film club went to see Barbie at Lakeside, suitably attired in pink outfits. The darts team are starting their Monday evening practice sessions, new members always welcome, before the league games begin.



We always sing Jerusalem to begin our monthly meeting, and with five new members this month, the effect was impressive. We have 56 members, and we would love to welcome more. Please contact Denise on 077180860417 if you would like to come along, first visit is free.

Lesley Crisp

Bulphan WI Secretary

september around the world

The grid below contains spellings of September from around the globe.

Can you find them?

There are no diagonal words

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Mothers' UNION

Chelmsford Diocese Mothers' Union (CDMU)



On 9th August, Mothers' Union members across the world celebrated the life of Mary Sumner, our founder. Here in Chelmsford Diocese, members worshipped and had fellowship together at St Nicholas Church, Witham and at Emmanuel Church, Billericay. A fun time was had by all!



Travelling 400 miles for Mothers' Union



We are delighted to share a lovely story of member, Revd Sheila Auld, who travelled 400 miles on public transport to raise money for Mothers' Union.

'She used her pensioners' bus pass for the journey, travelling up to eight hours a day for six days, and staying overnight in homes of MU members'

You are able to read the entire article on the Church Times website.

<https://www.churchtimes.co.uk/articles/2023/30-june/news/uk/retired-priest-travels-400-miles-by-bus-to-raise-funds-for-mothers-union>

Orsett Traditional Recipe Book – 1984



With lots of homegrown tomatoes about and the first drops of apples, why not try making some Ginger Chutney? Using a recipe from Betty Holdaway, who was a long-time leader of the Orsett Mothers' Union branch and teacher at Orsett Church of England Primary School. Who can remember her sewing classes and learning how to smock and cross stitch? This, of course, as well as the three R's. Make the chutney now and enjoy at Christmas time!

Ginger Chutney

Finely chop 3.5lbs of skinned tomatoes, 3lbs peeled apples, 1.5lbs onions, 1.5lbs green peppers, 1lb stoned raisins, 4ozs preserved ginger, and combine with 4 teaspoons salt, 3 tablespoons chopped mint.

Pour over 1.5 points cider vinegar, add 4 teaspoons mixed whole spices (tied in a clean white cloth), and bring to the boil.

Simmer for 1.5 hours, and then add a further 0.5 pint cider vinegar, and 2lbs soft brown sugar, and boil up.

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PARISH ECOLOGY AND SOCIAL JUSTICE ACTION GROUP

The problem with balloons and Chinese lanterns



DON'T LET GO!

You might have seen a balloon release, or even done one yourself. Watching hundreds of balloons rising together into the sky can certainly be impressive, but let's take a minute to think about what happens when they float off into the distance.

A RISING PROBLEM

When a balloon rises high enough, the low air pressure in the atmosphere causes it to burst. If it gets high enough and cold enough it can shatter into thousands of tiny pieces and fall to the earth. There are two main types of balloons, and both cause litter and are really bad for our wildlife. Some are made of latex (made from the sap of a gum tree) and can be labelled as biodegradable. However, even though they do break down, they can still take up to a year. Foil balloons (these are the shiny ones that can be made into shapes) take even longer to break down as they are made from a thin layer of foil woven into nylon.

From every balloon release, hundreds of balloons don't get very high and float back to earth still inflated. These are an even bigger problem for marine life, especially larger animals like turtles who can mistake them for jellyfish (their main food source) or for sea birds that think it's a tasty snack floating on the surface. These big bits of rubber can get stuck in the animal's gut and cause it to starve.

And that's just the balloons! What about the string? This is often a plastic material that doesn't break down and can tie up, or even strangle animals.



Photo by Wildlife Gadgetman

SO, BALLOON RELEASES ARE A BAD IDEA; WHAT ABOUT CHINESE LANTERNS?

There have been loads of stories of fires being started by these lanterns; setting farmers' crops alight or setting animals on fire! Even putting coastal rescue services in danger who think these floating lights are distress flares from someone struggling out at sea and set out to help someone who isn't there. It's not a good idea letting things float away on the wind because you don't know where it's going to land.

WHAT CAN YOU USE INSTEAD OF BALLOONS?

- If you're planning an event in remembrance, instead of letting things go, why not plant a tree in your garden? It won't be over so quickly, it'll last for years and years as a reminder of that special someone, and it won't cost the earth.
- If you're after a crazy celebration, have you thought about making seed bombs? You and your guests can have a great time throwing them around. You can even make them with wildflower seeds to plant a meadow.
- If you're throwing a party, why not make your own bunting? This is a super fun and crafty idea and can bring colour to any event. Why not go super eco-friendly and up-cycle old clothes and materials into flags!
- If you're just itching to let things go, why not make super bubbles? Tie one long, and one short bits of string onto two sticks, dunk it in a tub of (eco-friendly) soap mix and watch those brilliant bubbles float high into the sky.

For more information regarding the environment please look at our page on the Parish website. www.hobnob.org.uk, click on 'About us' and select Eco Church.



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Working for Basildon & Thurrock

Orsett WI Running a Tent at the Orsett Show

For quite a few years Orsett WI have run the Horticultural Tent at the Orsett Show. Julie Finch and Sharon Larsen will be in charge for the second year and we are looking forward to some fun as usual –

Running a tent at the Orsett Show

is really jolly hard work you know.

We're filing forms and checking lists

laying tables and sorting bits.

Entrants come and Judges too,

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The kiddies entries are good fun

And we love to see just what they've done.

We talk tomatoes, and the rest.

We pick the marrow that looks the best.

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Please contact a Committee Member before attending your first session
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SEPTEMBER IN HISTORY

1st 1939 - At 5.30 am, Hitler's armies invaded Poland starting World War II in Europe.

2nd 1666 - The Great Fire of London began in a bakery in Pudding Lane near the Tower of London. Over the next three days more than 13000 houses were destroyed, although only six lives were believed lost.

2nd 1752 - Britain ended its use of the Julian calendar, switching to the Gregorian calendar, resulting in a major adjustment as Wednesday 2nd, was followed by Thursday 14th. The change resulted in rioting by people who felt cheated and demanded the missing eleven days back.

2nd 1962 - Soviet Russia agreed to send arms to Cuba, leading to the Cuban Missile Crisis after the shipments were discovered by the US.

3rd 1783 - The Treaty of Paris was signed by John Adams, Ben Franklin and John Jay, formally ending the American Revolutionary War between Britain and the United States.

3rd 1939 - Great Britain and France declared war on Nazi Germany after its invasion of Poland two days earlier.

3rd 1943 - Italy signed an armistice with the Allies during World War II as the British Eighth Army, commanded by General Bernard Montgomery, invaded the Italian mainland from Sicily.

5th 1895 - The Orsett Show (as it would become known) was revived after a break of around 15 years after initially being held in 1841. Originally held during the week, it adopted its now familiar first Saturday in September in 1949.

5th 1997 - Mother Teresa died in Calcutta at age 87, after a life of good works spent aiding the sick and poor in India through her Missionaries of Charity order.

6th 1991 - Leningrad was renamed St Petersburg by Russian legislators following the collapse of the Soviet Union. Russia's second largest city had been known as Leningrad for 67 years in honour of Vladimir Lenin, founder of the Soviet Union.

7th 1533 - Queen Elizabeth I (1533-1603) was born in Greenwich Palace. She ascended the throne in 1558 at age 25. During her reign, Britain became a world power by defeating the Spanish Armada. The Anglican Church was also fully established.

8th 2022 - Queen Elizabeth II died at Balmoral Castle in Scotland, after a 70-year reign, the longest in British history.

11th 2001 - The worst terrorist attack in US history occurred as four passenger jets were hijacked then crashed, killing nearly 3000 people. Four separate morning flights were hijacked. Two, flying from Boston

to Los Angeles were crashed into the twin towers of the World Trade Centre in New York, causing both 110-storey towers to collapse, killing 2752 people. Another which had departed Dulles for Los Angeles, was diverted to Washington DC, and was crashed into The Pentagon, killing everyone on board and 125 military personnel inside the building. United Airlines Flight 93, which had left Newark for San Francisco was also diverted toward Washington but crashed into a field in Pennsylvania after passengers attempted to overpower the terrorists on board.

12th 1974 - Haile Selassie, Emperor of Ethiopia, was deposed by an army coup after 44 years as ruler.

14th 1741 - Composer George Frederick Handel finished Messiah after working on it nonstop for 23 days.

15th 1916 - Tanks were first used in combat, during the Allied offensive at the Battle of the Somme, in World War I.

15th 1940 - The height of the Battle of Britain occurred as massive German air raids took place against London, Southampton, Bristol, Cardiff, Liverpool and Manchester. The RAF claimed 185 German planes were shot down.

15th 1890 - Mystery author Agatha Christie (1890-1976) was born in Torquay, England. She wrote nearly a hundred books including mysteries, dramas, poetry and nonfiction.

17th 1939 - Soviet Russians invaded Eastern Poland, meeting little resistance and taking over 200,000 Poles prisoner. This was done in accordance with the Nazi-Soviet Pact in which the Nazis and Soviets had predetermined how they would divide up Poland.

18th 1810 - Chile declared its independence from Spain after 269 years as a colony.

19th 1893 - New Zealand became the first country to grant women the right to vote.

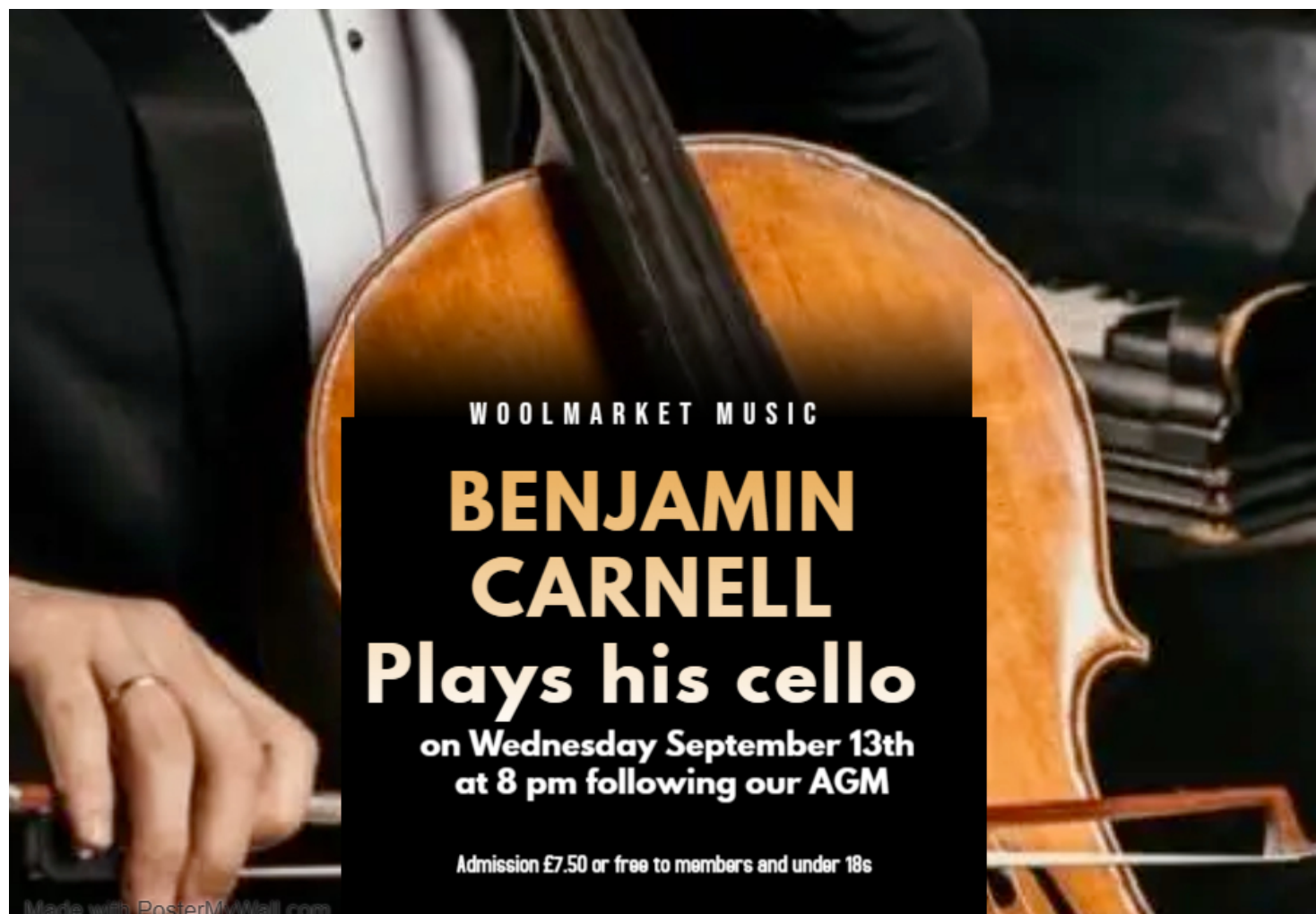
21st 1949 - The People's Republic of China was proclaimed by its Communist leaders.

22nd 1791 - British scientist Michael Faraday (1791-1867) was born in Surrey. His discovery of electromagnetic induction proved that moving a magnet through a coil of wire produces a current, resulting in the development of electric generators.

25th 1513 - Spanish explorer Vasco Nunez de Balboa first sighted the Pacific Ocean after crossing the Isthmus of Panama.

28th 1066 - The Norman conquest of England began as Duke William of Normandy landed at Pevensey, Sussex.

29th 1829 - "Bobbies" made their first public appearance. Greater London's Metropolitan Police force was established by an act of Parliament at the request of Home Secretary, Sir Robert Peel, after whom they were nicknamed. The force later became known as Scotland Yard, the site of their first headquarters.



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FAMOUS PERSON IN SEPTEMBER

John Howard (1726 - 1790)



A philanthropist and social reformer, Howard was dedicated to prison reform and public health improvements.

John Howard was born in Hackney, in east London in 1726, the son of a partner in an upholstery business. On his father's death in 1742, he inherited considerable wealth and settled on an estate in Bedfordshire.

In 1773, he was appointed high sheriff of Bedfordshire and supervision of the county jail became one of his responsibilities. He was shocked by the conditions he found there and visited others in England, where the situation was no better. Jailers were not salaried but lived off fees paid by prisoners for food, bedding and other facilities. This system meant that poorer prisoners lived in terrible conditions. Many jailers demanded payment before prisoners were released, meaning that some stayed in jail even if they were innocent or had served their sentences.

Howard's concerns led to two 1774 parliamentary acts - one abolished jailers' fees, the other enforced improvements in the system leading to better prisoner health. Howard, however, felt that the acts were not strictly obeyed. In 1775, he embarked on a tour of prisons in Europe visiting Scotland, Ireland, France, Holland, Flanders, some German states and Switzerland. He travelled on a similar route two years later, and in 1781 added Denmark, Sweden and Russia to the list. He visited Spain and Portugal in 1782. At a time when travel was uncomfortable and frequently dangerous, he travelled nearly 80,000 kilometres, making seven major journeys between 1775 and 1790, the first two of which are described in his book 'The State of Prisons in England and Wales... and an Account of Some Foreign Prisons'.

While examining Russian military hospitals, Howard contracted typhus in Kherson, Ukraine, and died there on 20 January 1790.

In 1866, the Howard League for Penal Reform was founded in his honour.

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In July we held our AGM, where some of the speakers for last year included Burlesque Dancers, Easter Bonnet competition, floral arrangements, an outing to Bognor, games' nights and a highly entertaining Burns' Night organised by Nell Edwards

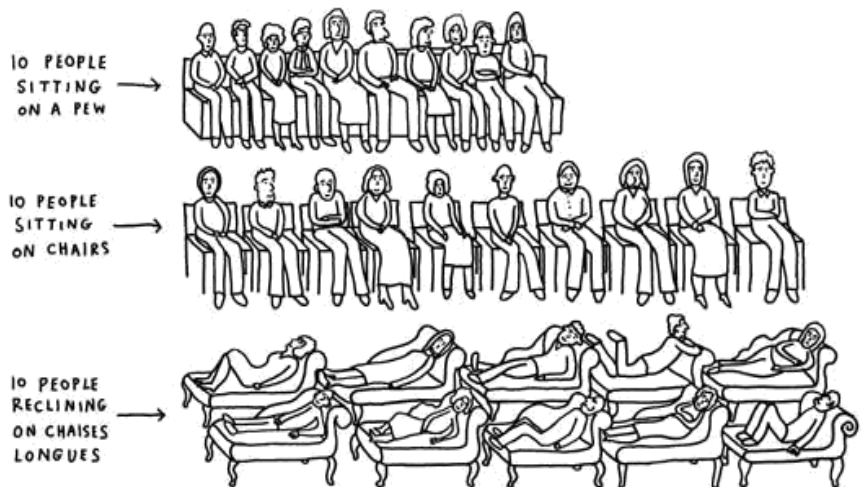
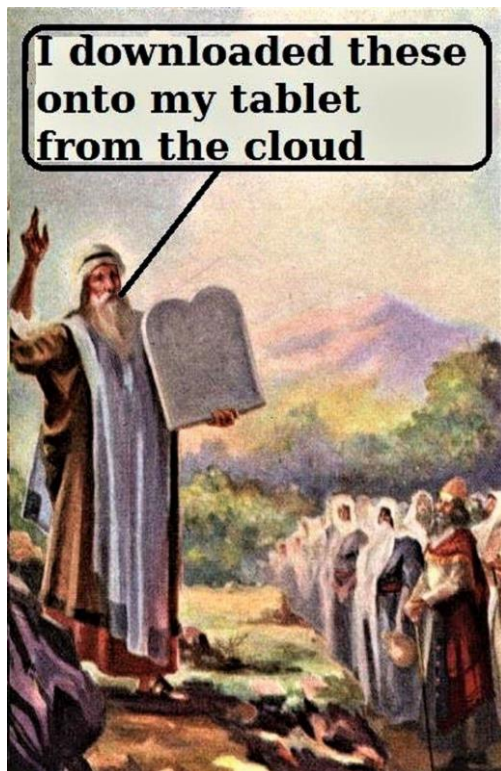
On October 14th we will be holding a quiz night. Tickets are £5.00 each.

New members are always welcome. Our meetings are held on the first Tuesday of each month at 8.00 pm in the Woolmarket. Look forward to seeing you all.

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The lighter side

CHURCH SEATING



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2. IT IS EVEN EASIER TO MAKE A CHURCH LOOK FULL IF THE PEWS ARE REPLACED BY CHAISES LONGUES

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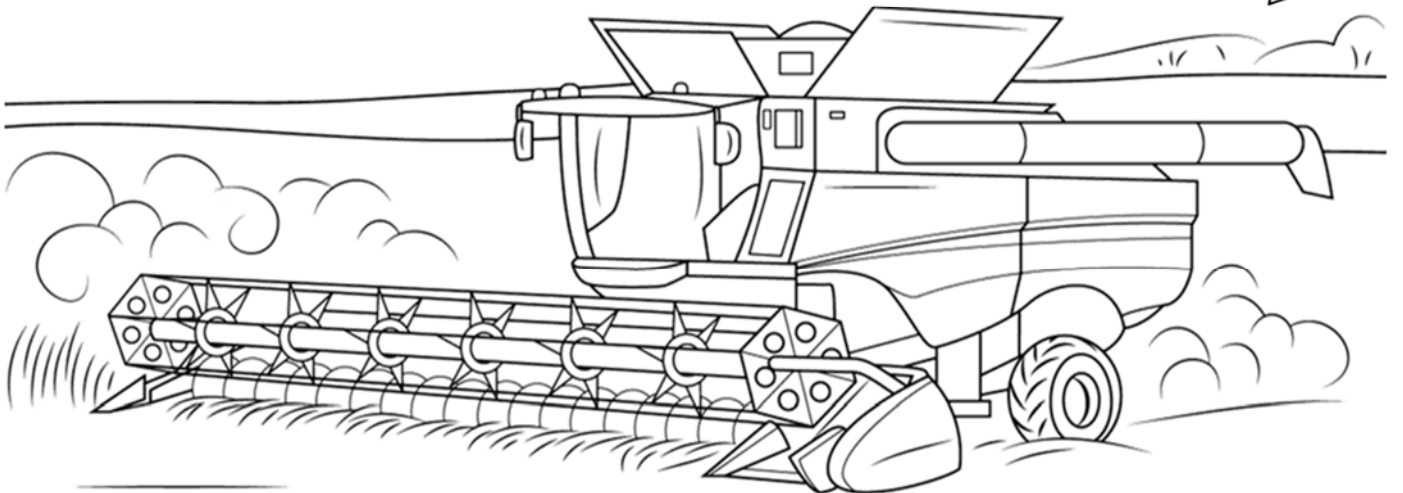
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September



The Queen of Sheba visits Solomon



The Parish of Horndon, Orsett and Bulphan

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