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SERVICES – October 2023

| | HORNDON | ORSETT | BULPHAN |
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| Sunday 1st October <i>17th Sunday after Trinity</i> | 10am All Together Holy Communion Service | | |
| Monday 2 nd | | | Open Church 10am-noon with refreshments |
| Tuesday 3 rd | Open Church 10am-noon with refreshments | | |
| Thursday 5 th | | | Open Church 10am-noon |
| Friday 6 th | | 9-11.30am Oasis Café at the Orsett Churches Centre | |
| | | Edward Bear Toddler Group 9.30-11am | |
| Saturday 7 th | Open Church 10am-noon with refreshments | 6pm Outdoor Forest Church | |
| Sunday 8th October <i>18th Sunday after Trinity</i> | | 8.45am CW Holy Communion Service 10am Family Service | |
| Monday 9 th | | | Open Church 10am-noon with refreshments |
| Tuesday 10 th | Open Church 10am-noon with refreshments | | |
| | 7.30pm Holy Communion Service, at the Rectory, School Lane, Orsett | | |
| Thursday 12 th | | | Open Church 10am-noon |
| Friday 13 th | | 9-11.30am Oasis Café at the Orsett Churches Centre | |
| | | Edward Bear Toddler Group 9.30-11am | |
| Saturday 14 th | Open Church 10am-noon with refreshments | | |
| Sunday 15th October <i>19th Sunday after Trinity</i> | 4pm Refresh Service | | 8.45 CW Holy Communion Service 10am Holy Communion Service |
| Monday 16 th | | | Open Church 10am-noon with refreshments |
| Tuesday 17 th | Open Church 10am-noon with refreshments | | |
| Thursday 19 th | | | Open Church 10am-noon |
| Friday 20 th | | 9-11.30am Oasis Café at the Orsett Churches Centre | |
| | | Edward Bear Toddler Group 9.30-11am | |
| Saturday 21 st | Open Church 10am-noon with refreshments | | |
| Sunday 22nd October <i>20th Sunday after Trinity</i> | 8.45am CW Holy Communion Service 10am Family Service | | |
| Monday 23 rd | | | Open Church 10am-noon with refreshments |
| Tuesday 24 th | Open Church 10am-noon with refreshments | | |
| | 12 noon Holy Communion Service | | |
| Thursday 26 th | | | Open Church 10am-noon |
| Friday 27 th | | School holiday – No Oasis Café or Edward Bear Toddler Group | |
| Saturday 28 th | Open Church 10am-noon with refreshments | | |
| Sunday 29th October <i>Last Sunday after Trinity</i> | | 10am All Together Holy Communion Service 4pm Commemoration of the Departed Service | |
| Monday 30 th | | | Open Church 10am-noon with refreshments |
| Tuesday 31 st | Open Church 10am-noon with refreshments | | |
| Thursday 1st November | | | Open Church 10am-noon |
| Friday 2 nd | | School holiday – No Oasis Café or Edward Bear Toddler Group | |
| Saturday 3 rd | Open Church 10am-noon with refreshments | | 4pm Forest Church |

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

Rectors Reflections

The past few weeks have been very busy, as the new academic year has got underway, and I would particularly like to thank the churchwardens and the many others at church who continue to work so hard to ensure that everything happens as it should.

We have just celebrated Harvest. Thank you to all our local farmers for all their hard work over the past few weeks and to everyone at Church who helped to make our Harvest Services and Celebration a successful and enjoyable occasion and to everyone who brought donations for the Thurrock Foodbank. Of course, as we celebrate Harvest, we are mindful of the people of Morocco following their devastating earthquake and the people of Libya following their terrible flooding and we remain acutely aware of our responsibility to care for creation. It is often those suffering the most, as a result of climate change, who have least contributed to it.

At the start of this academic year, we have just had notice of the Course in Christian Studies, CCS, run by Chelmsford Diocese. It is a great course, giving people the opportunity to meet with members of other churches and discuss many aspects of the Christian faith in a relaxed atmosphere.

'Since it began in 1987, over 3000 people from Essex and East London have joined the Course in Christian Studies. What has it given them? What could it give you?

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For those who desire it, the Course also provides a foundation for further education or training. This could be other local courses; it could be a degree or diploma. Or it could be training for a specific ministry in the Church including the ministry of: Licensed Lay Minister, Authorised Local Preacher, Pastoral Assistant, Lay Evangelist, or Priest.' Diane Hardy

CCS is available in local face to face groups or online and groups normally meet weekly. I thoroughly recommend the course and if you think this is something you may like to do, or you would like further information, I would be please to chat with you or put you in touch with someone from the Parish who has done the course. There are also some taster sessions, details of which are available later in the notices.

I look forward to seeing you soon.

take care and God bless,

Sue



THE PARISH REGISTERS

Weddings

9th September

Jade Stanley and Bobby Clark

(H)

Baptisms

24th September

Louis Walsham Hardingham

(B)

Funerals

1st September

Joan Mackenzie (87)

(O)

19th September

Daphne Knight (87)

(H)

Interment of Ashes

29th August

Barbara Alison Scott-Wilson (73)

(B)



Wedding Enquiries

If you would like to enquire about booking a wedding at:
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Baptism Enquiries

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Any of our churches in the parish, please contact:
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Baptism Preparation

If you would like to have your child baptised
in one of the churches in the parish,
the preparation session in **October**
will be Monday 9th at 7.30pm
in Orsett Church.

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each month except in December.

New members welcome
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Sec.hothrbl@hotmail.com



ROYAL BRITISH LEGION

ORSETT CHURCHWARDENS' REPORT



I'm sure most of you will have noticed the scaffolding around the tower of the church in recent weeks. The builders have been hard at work repairing aspects of the roof and tower as per our latest quinquennial inspection – an inspection that takes place every 5 years by our church architect. Hopefully by the time you read this the builders will have finished and the scaffolding will be gone. We would like to extend our gratitude to Friends of Orsett Church for their very kind donation, enabling this work to go ahead.

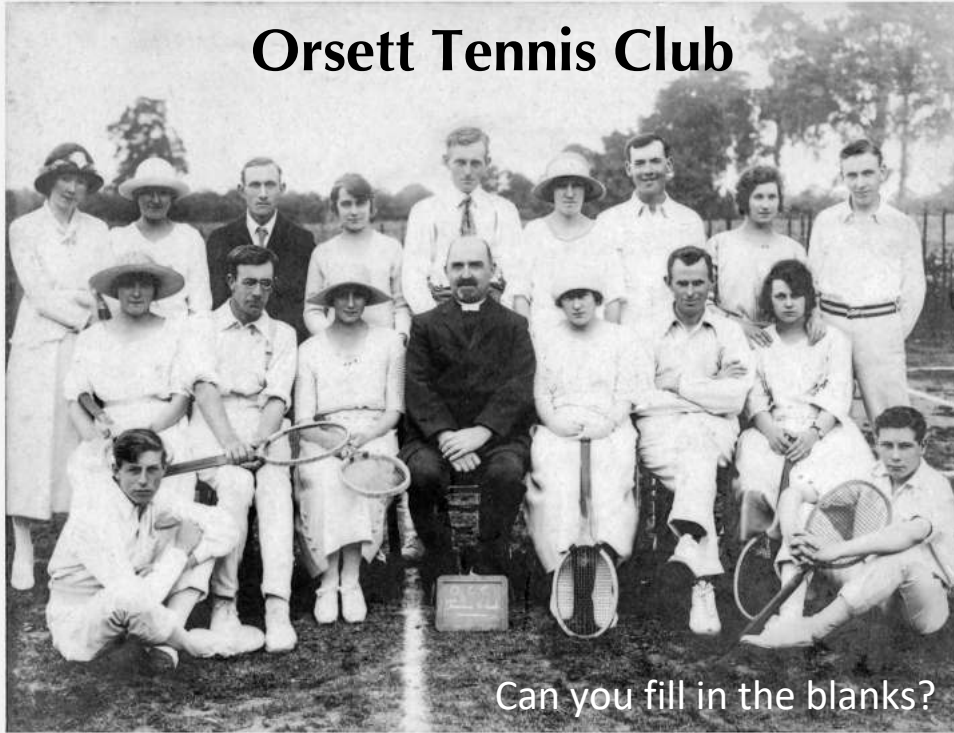


Whilst most of the work needed on the church can be expected to a certain degree, one thing that cannot be planned for is the arrival of a speedboat in the early hours of the morning! This was the case on 13th September when residents awoke to find such an item firmly lodged in the corner of the church boundary wall. Apparently, the stolen speedboat slid from its trailer whilst being towed and was there for several

hours until the police could move it. Thankfully the wall can be rebuilt and no one was injured. Imagine the telephone conversation that was had with the insurance company that morning. One to go on the office noticeboard I'm sure.

Take care and God Bless
Christine and David Mortimer

Orsett Tennis Club



Can you fill in the blanks?

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| unknown | Mary Watt | Hector Hall | Ella Plowright | Robert Fearby? | Madge Watt | unknown | Rita Callard | Robert Watt |
| unknown | Charles Seggar | unknown | Reverend Jones | unknown | David Wylie | Clarice Callard | | |
| unknown | | | | | | | | Patrick Pigg |

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HORNDON ON THE HILL CHURCHWARDEN'S PONDERINGS



Hello Everyone

What a lovely start to Autumn we have had after the somewhat unsettled summer.

The Church grounds have been kept beautifully by our Tuesday Happy Band of gardeners with the help of the community pay back team. The Happy Band meet from 10-12 at the church each Tuesday. If you would like to join them and keep our village church grounds looking resplendent why not come along. They always stop for refreshments and a chat mid-way through the morning so it is a great way of making new friends.

Our Open Church on a Tuesday and Saturday from 10-12 is thriving and it is wonderful to see so many people enjoying the comradery and fellowship. From Saturday September 30th as well as the usual refreshments we will be offering bacon rolls at £1.50. Who cannot resist a bacon roll!

The Church services for the week ahead are always displayed on the two church gates. Lifts to all three churches are always available, just phone 01375 674212. Do not hesitate to contact me.

God Bless

Sonia Ward Churchwarden



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8.20pm-9.00pm

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Impulse Leisure Blackshots
Teaching Pool
Grays RM16 2JU
8.00pm – 9.00pm

Friday:

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

Please contact a Committee Member before attending your first session
so you know what to expect.

Sharon: 07792 827638 for Laindon
Kay-Anne: 07899 745020 for Corringham
Dawn: 01375 461885 for Blackshots
Email: ask-waders@hotmail.com

Please help raise funds for

The Parish of Horndon, Orsett and Bulphan.

Thank you to everyone who has already donated coins or notes.

Since August 2021 we have raised £1,439 for church funds.

**Please ask friends, family and work colleagues if they have
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Bulphan Churchwarden's Report

Conkers are littering the roads, the fields have been harvested, "all is safely gathered in".

It is Autumn and we have the Harvest Festival in St Mary's Church, Bulphan on Sunday, 24th September 2023 at 10am.

Most of the works outlined in the Architects recent quinquennial report have been carried out, these include plastering, redecoration, glass, LED lights and notice boards.

The main items outstanding are the cleaning out and painting of the gutters and the removal of moss from the roof. We need a team of volunteers to carry out this which has been done previously.

We have met with Michelle Vanstone, probation Services, South Essex and have signed and returned the 20 odd pages of detailed risk assessment, we are hoping that a monthly visit from the Community Service for grass cutting, strimming and general gardening works will recommence. This hopefully will relieve some of the pressure on Bulphan in Bloom who have been carrying out these works since lockdown.

With the Probation Service responsibility does not go away completely as we have to have a presence at the Churchyard with each visit plus the Church has to provide fuel, oil, refreshments, etc.

We repeat the appeal for volunteers to provide the refreshments after the Bulphan services. We urgently need a rota for people to share this role now that Traudi has stepped down and it is unreasonable that Bev provides this on a permanent basis.

Frank Woollard



COMMUNITY INFORMATION FOR HORNDON - ORSETT - BULPHAN

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Stephen Metcalfe

Member of Parliament for South Basildon & East Thurrock

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PRAYER DIARY

Some thoughts to include in your daily prayers

| | |
|--------------|--|
| October 1st | For the victims of recent flood and earthquake disasters |
| October 2nd | For those we love but see no longer |
| October 3rd | For those living in Lodysons Close, Orsett |
| October 4th | For neighbours we do not yet know |
| October 5th | For those living in York Road, Horndon |
| October 6th | For those living in Brentwood Road, Bulphan |
| October 7th | For the Christian community in Palestine |
| October 8th | For those living in Daltons Shaw, Orsett |
| October 9th | For those living in Bloomfield Walk, Orsett |
| October 10th | For members of the Deanery Synod |
| October 11th | For Whitecroft's, those who live and work there |
| October 12th | For the Orsett Churches' Centre |
| October 13th | For patients in St Luke's Hospice today |
| October 14th | For those living in Victoria Road, Bulphan |
| October 15th | For those living in Kirkham Road, Horndon |
| October 16th | For our Bellringers |
| October 17th | For the work of all retired clergy |
| October 18th | For Pleshey and all retreat houses throughout the land |
| October 19th | For those living in Shelford Close, Orsett |
| October 20th | For those who will die this month |
| October 21st | For those living in Hew Watt Close, Orsett |
| October 22nd | For those living in Cassell Close, Orsett |
| October 23rd | For those who are seeking employment |
| October 24th | For those struggling with great transitions |
| October 25th | For our Clergy |
| October 26th | For His Majesty's Forces serving overseas |
| October 27th | For those living in Church Close, Horndon |
| October 28th | For all carers |
| October 29th | For the work of the Diocese in Europe |
| October 30th | For the homeless |
| October 31st | For those living in Brentwood Road, Orsett |

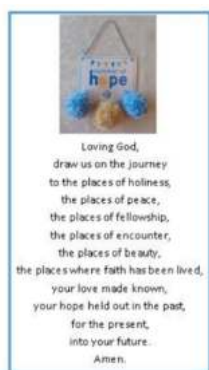
Who are you, God
and who am I?
St Francis of Assisi

Mothers' UNION

Chelmsford Diocese Mothers' Union (CDMU): Thoughts from our President, Maxine Paul:



“Well, I did it! I visited every church where a branch meets and quite a few extra churches where the branch represents more than one parish such as Billericay – 48 in total! And, what a wonderful time I’ve had doing it – meeting members, capturing pictures with banners, finding out about some really interesting churches, and hearing about all the wonderful restorations (Rayleigh) and reordering going on... In the process, I think I attended at least 12 cream teas, garden parties or lunches and one branch (Elm Park) even had four banners! I also got to hear about how you run your branches, the sort of support you might need in the future, how you’ve been using the “Transformation – Now!” prayer and seeing hope turned into action at the food hubs and community cafes at two of the churches (Hutton and Highams Park).



There were a few churches where I was unable to meet anyone, but if the churches were open, I still managed a photo with the banner. If I missed you completely, perhaps you could take a photo of yourselves with your banner and pompoms to send me please and book me to come to one of your meetings later in the year. I raised just over £850 in sponsorship and branches sent us another £600+ raised in other ways for the “Summer of Hope” campaign and it’s possible that more went straight to Mary Sumner House. This will be used by the team there to support dioceses in their work with AFIA, prisons, and parenting. I also made over 200 pompoms to distribute with love and the Summer of Hope prayer. Thank you one and all for contributing and making me so welcome wherever I went. At the side, I have shared a prayer from a little card for the “2020 Year of Cathedrals, Year of Pilgrimage” which I was given at Harlow Common Branch and summed up my little “pilgrimage” around CDMU branches.”

English for Women fundraising concert: Two Lads and a Laptop

What’s this all about? Well, they are two musicians, armed with various strings, things, and a laptop, on a mission to spread love, joy, and peace through music! Using popular show tunes, A Million Dreams explores the ‘rags to riches’ narrative and then turns it on its head. True wealth, true riches are not to be found through our dreams, but through our heart’s response to a loving God. A bit classical, a bit modern with the shows, humour and faith thrown in – what better entertainment for a Saturday night out?! At **Emmanuel Church, Billericay 7pm on Saturday 7th October**. Anyone is welcome, so tell your friends and neighbours. Tickets can be ordered online at <https://revpacman.com/2023/06/17/live-at-emmanuel-two-lads-and-a-laptop/>. Tickets are priced at £15 (£1 online booking fee).

Orsett Traditional Recipe Book – 1984



There must be dozens of recipes for fruit cake and a favourite of mine is what is often called a “Boiled Fruit Cake”. In the Orsett Cookbook is a recipe shared by Irene Crossley – busy wife of the then Rector, Revd Hugh Crossley, and enthusiastic Mothers’ Union member. It’s called Uncle Fred’s Fruit Cake – I wonder who Uncle Fred was!

Uncle Fred’s Fruit Cake

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| 1 beaten egg | 4 oz margarine |
| 8 oz self-raising flour | 0.25-pint water or beer |
| 12 oz mixed fruit | 4 oz sugar |

Put fruit, sugar, margarine and beer in saucepan, and simmer for 20 minutes. Let cool (overnight if possible). Add beaten eggs and flour. Turn into well-greased and lined 8-inch cake tin.

Cook at Gas Mark 4 (lower shelf) for about 1.5 hours

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We enjoy meeting every Sunday evening for worship and extend a warm welcome to all. Services planned for October are as follows:

| | | | |
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| October 1 st | 6:30 pm | Rev Pholani Ncube | Harvest Service |
| October 8 th | 6:30 pm | David Raj | |
| October 15 th | 6:30 pm | Peter Crosby | |
| October 22 nd | - | No service | |
| October 29 th | 6:30 pm | Rev Max Blake | |

We have our **Harvest Service on 1st October at 6:30pm** where we particularly turn our thoughts to God's continuing provision to us for our daily sustenance. For the service we decorate the chapel with flowers and produce and the service has proved to be popular in recent years. We extend a particular invitation to come to share in this 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 on 01375 891522

Commemoration of the Departed Service

4pm - Sunday 29th October
at
St Giles and All Saints Church,
Orsett

All are welcome to come and light a candle
in memory of a loved one

Living History

The three churches in our parish have been the centres of the community and family life for hundreds of years. Many families celebrating generations of baptisms and marriages, and, the sadder events marking the death of family, friends and neighbours. For some their passing is commemorated in the churches and graveyards, with monuments, plaques on walls, slabs on the floor, headstones and other ornaments. Also lists of vicars, whose tenures have lasted from a few months to several decades.

Since becoming a Churchwarden, during numerous visits I have had the time to look at these more often and, in more detail, than as a congregation member. As someone with a more vested interest questions arise -

- Who were these people with elaborate graves, monuments, plaques and slabs?
- What did they do?
- How involved were they in the church?

The internet can offer some information but this is scant, for many just a series of dates and little else.

As someone who has been researching his family tree for well over a decade, other questions come to mind, like :

- What has happened to their families?
- Where are their families now?
- Do they perhaps unknowingly visit our churches and not know of their connection?

Well imagine the surprise when in early August Revd Sue had an enquiry about an ancestor, which she passed to me. This was an enquiry regarding of the early Lords of the Manor of Orsett. These held the survival of many in the area in their hands depending on their benevolence and management of the estate.

Their enquiry was about Johannes (John) Hatt who is the first Lord of the Manor of Orsett, that we know to have a monument in the church. The enquiry was to confirm that their 11 times Great Grandfather is the person they had researched, they had the right church and that the monument is still there. Which it is, in the north-east corner of the north chapel, which has been known by different names over the centuries, it is currently the Whitmore Chapel. The person making the enquiry lives in Iowa and now has photos of the monument. They visited London in early September, but were unable to get to Orsett. For one branch of John Hatt's family we at least know where they are.

Then a few days later another enquiry this time about relatives buried in Orsett and Bulphan, going back to the early 1800s, where the enquiry was to confirm their relatives were buried in the churchyards, which meant a walk around the churchyard and trawl through the relevant registers.

These enquiries show that the names we see carved in the 'monuments' of the long departed are relevant to people across the world and that the history of the churches is still very much alive.



CCS Taster Evenings 2024

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You can find out more from students and tutors at these Taster events:

Daytime Groups

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| Chelmsford | Thurs 2 Nov (10.00am-12.00 noon) | Diocesan Office |
| Marks Gate | Thurs 9 Nov (10.00am – 12.00noon) | St Mark's |
| Pleshey | Tues 17 Oct (10.00am -12.00noon) | The Retreat House |

Please note if you wish to book a cooked lunch, at a cost of £14 per person, you should contact the Tutor by email sharonguest07@btinternet.com

Evening Groups

(Unless otherwise stated these meetings are from 7.30pm - 9.30pm)

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WOOLMARKET MUSIC

Following a very short AGM, we were treated to a brilliant evening of music by Cellist Benjamin Carnell, making his first visit to Woolmarket Music. He was accompanied by David Silkoff.

The recital included pieces by Beethoven, Suk, Dvorak, Vaughan Williams, Walton and Moeran and his performance was very moving. We are so very lucky to be able to watch professional performers at such close quarters and see the passion with which they play their instruments.

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No doubt the manufacturer: W T Allen & Co, would have been proud to see their cast-iron box beautifully restored. The company were manufacturing from 1881 until 1955.



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Dear All,

We at Horndon on the Hill Church of England Primary School hope that you all had a brilliant summer spent making happy memories with your family and friends.

The children returned to school with beaming faces and a positivity around their learning that was a joy to see. They have settled into their new classes and are facing the challenges of a new school year with real optimism.

At the end of last week, we held the elections for our new House Captains. Every child in year 6 composed their own speech and then delivered this to the rest of the children across the school who were members of their house colour. There was not a child who did not receive votes from their peers; that is how amazing they were! It was a close election, but after some considerable counting, these children are our new House Captains for the year ahead.



School trips are already planned for this term so we will keep you updated in the coming months and include some great photos – hopefully!



The school visited St Peter's and St Paul's church in Horndon on Monday where we took part in our annual Harvest Festival Service. Janet came along and not only played the piano, but also accompanied the children on an accordion. Year 6 provided the readings and year 5 delivered the prayers.

It is a pleasure to attend services at the Church and the children are always enthusiastic participants. Thanks to Reverend Sue for engaging the children in such a meaningful way.

On Friday 6th October at 1:30pm we will be holding our annual Tea Party for the older members of our local community. This is such an enjoyable event – year 6 pupils play the parts of waiters and waitresses, whilst the rest of the classes provide 'live entertainment'.

Look out for next month's Hobnob – there will be an article included covering the Tea Party.

Warmest wishes

Mrs D Bradley
Head of School



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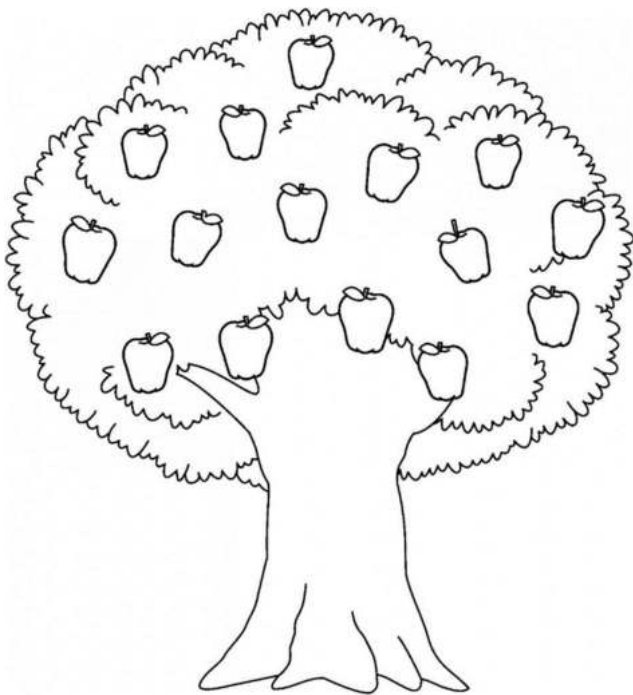
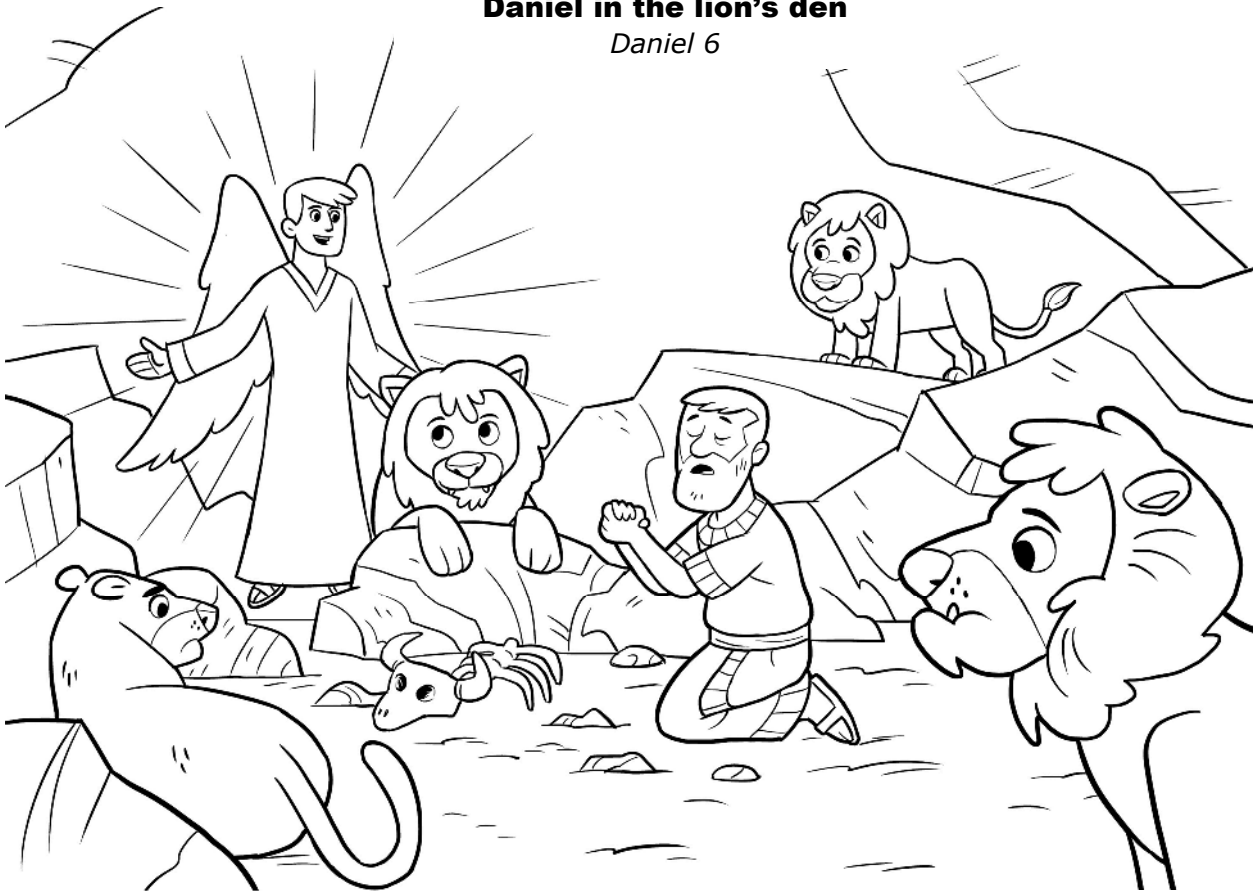
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Bulphan WI

Bulphan WI welcomed visitors from South Ockendon, Orsett and France to their September meeting, and we all thoroughly enjoyed Maggie Piper's talk and slide show about very interesting examples of street art to be found in London and worldwide. We saw statues, art installations and architectural features and learned about their background stories.

Pat Pohl was presented with a belated 80th birthday present of an orchid and Denise gave us details of forthcoming outings to Mrs. Doubtfire, and a paddle steamer trip.

Mandy invited members to join the Darts practices and, during the refreshment break, we admired members' entries into the craft classes at the Orsett Show (with many winning rosettes on show) and congratulated Jan Curtis on winning the cup for the most points awarded.

There were many entrants for the green competition, some green in colour, some ecologically green, and some both!

Next month, the committee will take a back seat and the members will run the meeting. Visitors are welcome (1st visit free and £4 thereafter)

Parish Ecology and Social Justice Action Group



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.

FAMOUS PERSON IN OCTOBER

Edward Tudor (1537-1553)

Edward VI became king at the age of nine upon the death of his father, Henry VIII, and a Regency was created. Although he was intellectually precocious (fluent in Greek and Latin, he kept a full journal of his reign), he was not, however, physically robust.



His short reign was dominated by nobles using the Regency to strengthen their own positions. The King's Council, previously dominated by Henry, succumbed to existing factionalism. On Henry's death, Edward Seymour, Earl of Hertford and soon to be Duke of Somerset, the new King's eldest uncle, became Protector.

Seymour was an able soldier; he led a punitive expedition against the Scots, for their failure to fulfil their promise to betroth Mary, Queen of Scots to Edward, which led to Seymour's victory at the Battle of Pinkie Cleugh in 1547 - although he failed to follow this up with satisfactory peace terms.

During Edward's reign, the Church of England became more explicitly Protestant - Edward himself was fiercely so. The Book of Common Prayer was introduced in 1549, aspects of Roman Catholic practices (including statues and stained glass) were eradicated and the marriage of clergy allowed. The imposition of the Prayer Book (which replaced Latin services with English) led to rebellions in Cornwall and Devon.

Despite his military ability, Seymour was too liberal to deal effectively with Kett's rebellion against land enclosures in Norfolk. Seymour was left isolated in the Council and the Duke of Northumberland subsequently overthrew him in 1551. Seymour was executed in 1552, an event which was only briefly mentioned by Edward in his diary: 'Today, the Duke of Somerset had his head cut off on Tower Hill.'

Northumberland took greater trouble to charm and influence Edward; his powerful position as Lord President of the Council was based on his personal ascendancy over the King. However, the young king was ailing. Northumberland hurriedly married his son Lord Guilford Dudley to Lady Jane Grey, one of Henry VIII's great-nieces and a claimant to the throne.

Edward accepted Jane as his heir and, on his death from tuberculosis in 1553, Jane assumed the throne.



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Facts about Bats

Following on from the recent bat spotting night at Orsett Church, these are a few facts about bats ...

- 🦇 Bats are nocturnal – they are active during the night, dusk, or dawn and they sleep during the day.
- 🦇 They are the only true flying mammal.
- 🦇 All British bats use echolocation to catch prey and to find their way about.
- 🦇 As nocturnal animals, bats avoid direct competition with birds for food, few of which are nocturnal. Although owls can predate on bats, bats tend to fly when owls don't.
- 🦇 Bats usually live in caves or trees. In North America and in Europe they live in people's houses, churches, barns or anywhere they can find a nook or cranny to shelter
- 🦇 In Britain, ALL bats are protected under the Wildlife and Countryside Act - it is illegal to kill or harm a bat or disturb the places where they sleep, and there are special rules about how you deal with them. Harming them can lead to fines of up to £5000 per bat and imprisonment.
- 🦇 Bats are a successful group. They are the second largest order of mammals: there are more than 1,400 species (types) of bats worldwide. This means that 20% of all living mammal species – one in five – are bats.
- 🦇 There are 18 species of bat in the Britain
- 🦇 About 70% of bats are insectivores. The common pipistrelle is a successful example. Most of the rest are fruit-eaters (fruit bats). A few species suck blood (none live in Britain), and a few large ones are carnivorous.
- 🦇 Bats live everywhere except the Arctic, Antarctic and a few oceanic islands.
- 🦇 Traditionally, bats are divided into two groups. Microbats which mostly use echolocation and catch insects, but a few eat fish or drink blood. Megabats do not echolocate, and eat fruit or nectar.
- 🦇 Bats can fly and find their food by listening to the outgoing echoes and sending out high-frequency squeaks even in total darkness.
- 🦇 Tiger moths know when bats are hunting them from the noises the bats use for echolocation. Just as the bat is about to attack, the moth makes a series of clicks to jam the bat's sonar system
- 🦇 Bats are mammals in the order Chiroptera, which means 'hand wing'.
- 🦇 Each bat wing is actually a thin layer of skin stretched between four long fingers and a thumb! In fact, it isn't all that different to a human hand, or a crocodile's foot.
- 🦇 Bats sleep upside-down. Scientists think this way of sleeping allows bats to easily escape from predators, as they can drop straight into flight.

- 🦇 When in flight, a bat's hearts beat up to 1,000 times a minute!
- 🦇 Bats are hugely important for people and the planet
- 🦇 Bats are pollinators, just like bees and butterflies. Hundreds of plant species rely on bats to pollinate them, including fruits like bananas, avocados, mangos and the blue agave used to make Tequila. No bats, no Tequila. The bats that eat fruit poop out seeds, helping to disperse them so new plants will grow.
- 🦇 Bats eat millions of insects every night, protecting people from diseases spread by insects and reducing the amount of pesticide that farmers need to use to keep their crops bug-free.
- 🦇 A tiny pipistrelle can eat up to 3,000 insects in a night on the wing
- 🦇 Bats usually only have one baby a year.
- 🦇 Unlike other small mammals, bats are long-lived, a lifespan of 30 years is not uncommon. A Brandt's bat has been recorded at 41 years old, remarkable when it weighs about 7g.
- 🦇 Although most bats feed over water, the Daubenton's is the aquatic star. Dubbed the 'water bat', it skims across reservoirs and lakes, plucking insects from the surface with its hairy feet.
- 🦇 The Noctule is Britain's largest bat, weighing 40g (the same as five 50p's) – nearly 10 times as much as the Common pipistrelle, which weighs about the same as one 5p.
- 🦇 Bats have always been linked to churches. Almost since the first churches were built, they've probably been used by bats. Bats love these ancient buildings, the older the better, because unlike newer churches with their tightly fitting bricks and mortar, medieval churches are built with flint. Nothing is square, the mortar flakes, and nooks and crannies begin to appear. If you can get your finger into a gap, a bat can get through. Bats will squeeze under ridge tiles, gutters and even flashing, it's the roof they love best. With a loss of woodland and more barns converted into airtight houses, old churches have increasingly become important sanctuaries for bats.



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Update from Orsett C of E Primary School



It's been a lovely start to the year here at Orsett.

We have welcomed our new Reception children who have settled into life at Orsett very well. They have met their new Year 6 buddies who have enjoyed showing them how to be Orsett role models. It's wonderful to see their relationships forming and the new children growing in confidence.



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Already we are thinking about our new children for next September. We would be delighted to welcome children and parents on tours if you have a child starting school in September 2024. Please do book onto a tour so we can get to know you a little better and show you why Orsett would be a great choice!

We can't wait to meet you.

Since the beginning of the year we have started as we mean to go on, ensuring the children have great memories and are encouraged to flourish and shine. Our Year 6s and Year 4s have been taking part in Bikeability, learning to ride safely on the road. You may have seen them riding around the village! Year 6 have also applied for the roles they would like. They wrote amazing letters and have started their roles with diligence this week! Year 2 have had an immersive theatre day where they learnt all about the Great Fire of London. They made candles, bread, perfume and even learn to sew as the fire crept closer! They learnt lots of facts and had great fun.



Of course, as always, we are excited for what is to come in this new school year at Orsett!

Until next time!

Mrs G Smith – Head teacher

WOOLMARKET LADIES

Elaine welcomed members and guests to the evening, which was a very well attended meeting, the first after the summer break

Elaine introduced our Speaker for the evening. Brian Carline, who is an acclaimed author and retired teacher who gave us an amusing account of his life teaching in secondary schools. He taught for 40 years, in different parts of the country from Salford to Dagenham, Harold Hill, and Islington. In addition to his day job as a teacher, by night he was part of a double act called Mr Carline and Mr Warling. The highlight of their act was to get to the 1977 gala final of New Faces TV show, but then suffered the humiliation of coming last in front of 18 million viewers. The double act fizzled out. but he followed one rule from the stage into teaching- never turn your back on an audience. He has been out of full time teaching for around 19 years, but still goes back into schools to coach students. Elaine thanked Brian for his wonderful talk.

Elaine reminded us that the quiz evening will be held on 14th October in the village hall, £5 per person. 3 tables were left at the time of the meeting.

Subs for our group are not due until February 2024.

Activity at our 3rd October meeting will be Bingo or Scattergories- at 8.00 p.m.

7th November meeting 'Witchcraft in Essex'.

5th December will be a Christmas buffet in Woolmarket. More details to follow.

One of our members Carole Lockyear and her husband Brian. had celebrated their Diamond wedding anniversary. The family had held a party for them, and Carole passed round her photos from the evening and card from the King and Queen.

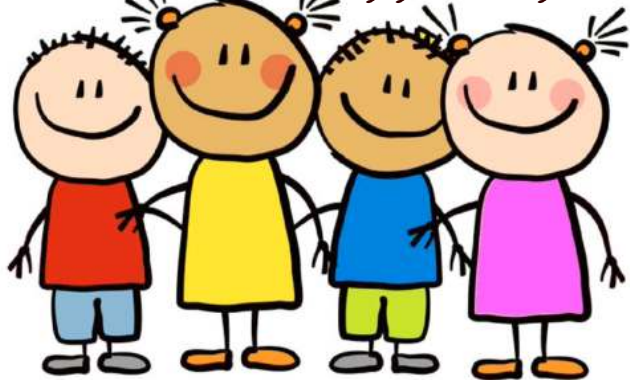
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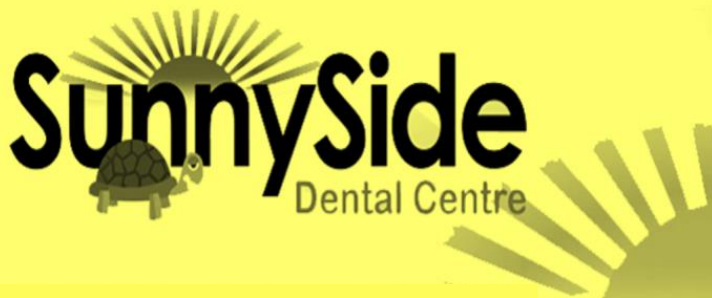
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