



Welcome to the Parish of Horndon, Orsett and Bulphan

Weekly notice sheet

Sunday 3rd December 2023 - 1st Sunday of Advent

10am All Together Holy Communion Service at St Peter and St Paul's Church, Horndon

At a Communion Service if you require gluten free wafers please let the minister know when you go forward to receive.

*If you attend a service because you wish to apply for a place for your child at a church school which requires a letter or Supplementary Information Form, please make sure, each time you attend, you sign the **red attendance book** which is available at the back of church.*

*If you attend a service to gain a Qualifying Connection in order to be married at any of the three churches, please make sure, each time you attend, you sign the **purple attendance book** which will be available at the back of church.*



Today's Collect - Almighty God, as your kingdom dawns, turn us from the darkness of sin to the light of holiness, that we may be ready to meet you in our Lord and Saviour, Jesus Christ.

Post Communion - O Lord our God, make us watchful and keep us faithful as we await the coming of your Son our Lord; that, when he shall appear, he may not find us sleeping in sin but active in his service and joyful in his praise; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Dear Everyone,

Thank you to everyone who helped to make the Christmas Bazaar at Bulphan a success last Saturday. The event made a profit of £568. Although I wasn't able to be with you, I heard great things about it.

We are now in the period of Advent as we move towards celebrating the birth of Jesus. As we journey through the coming weeks, you may like to use this prayer

*Maranatha!
Open our eyes to the dignity of all people
And our ears to the cries of the earth.
Maranatha!
Let us walk in solidarity with the poor
And cleanse our world from oppression.
Maranatha!
Let us shout out for justice for all
And renew our hope for change.
Maranatha!
The Lord is coming. Let us share the Good News!
Amen.
Sue Cooper/CAFOD*

This week it is Forest Church at 4pm on Saturday at Horndon Church. This will be followed by the turning on of the lights on the Christmas tree at 5pm. Do come along to one, or both of those events.

Every year, the Church of England produces a set of Reflections for Christmas and the New year. These are called 'Follow the Star; Join the Song.' You can find out more about this on page two of the notices. You can download the APP from your normal App store but if you don't have access to technology and would like one of the booklets, please let me know as we have ordered a small number of these.

Commedia will be performing 'A Christmas carol again this year. It will be at Orsett Church and details are on page three of the notices. I can thoroughly recommend it.

I look forward to seeing you soon.

Take care and God bless,

Sue



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Follow the Star: Join the Song

Follow the Star: Join the Song is the Church of England's Christmas theme for 2023. It invites you to hear and respond to the angels' invitation to gather in the presence of the newborn Jesus.

For each day from Christmas Eve to the Eve of Epiphany (5 January), this app offers a short reading from the Bible, a reflection challenging you to see the Christmas story afresh, an invitation to wonder what this Christmas means in your own life, and a prayer to help you treasure this story in your heart.

It provides:

Daily Follow The Star reflections from Christmas Eve to 5 January on the theme of Join The Song

- Short daily Advent reflections from 1 December to 24 December
- Optional daily reminders
- An Advent Calendar of actions for families, each day of December
- Details of thousands of Christmas services and events near you
- Easy access to national online services for Advent and Christmas.

Eco Pause for Thought

Tips for a greener Christmas - Give the gift of time. Too many unwanted gifts end up in landfill. Here's an idea. What about a gift of cooking for someone once a month for a year, taking them for a coffee, babysitting, house cleaning... or whatever.



Thurrock Foodbank

Your continued support is much appreciated. The Parish has four collection boxes as listed below:



Horndon 1, Lion Cottages, High Rd **Orsett** The Rectory, School Lane
Bulphan 24, Church Lane & Bulphan Stores

Shortages this week are: *mashed potatoes, tea bags, crisps/ savoury snacks, coffee, tinned fruit, tinned meat, sponge puddings, angel delight, jelly, Christmas cake/ puddings, rice pudding, fruit juice, squash and milk (full fat, semi-skimmed).*

Diary Dates

Next services

- Saturday 9th December, 6.30pm Carols in the Foxhound Pub, Orsett
- Sunday 10th December - 8.45am CW Holy Communion Service followed by a 10am Family Service at Orsett Church
- Sunday 10th December - 4pm Parish Christingle service in Horndon Church,
- Tuesday 12th December—2pm Holy Communion Service at the Whitecroft Residential home.

Prayers

- Evening Prayers are at 6.30pm and are found on Facebook @HOBNOBChurches
- If you would like to listen to daily prayers, these can be heard at <https://www.chpublishing.co.uk/apps/time-to-pray>
- Daily Hope, a free phone line of hymns, reflections and prayers can be found on 0800 8048044

Advance notice

- Baptism Preparation meeting, 7.30pm Monday 11th December at **ORSETT** Church



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JOIN THE COMPLETE COMMEDIA COMPANY AT THEIR FESTIVE SEASONAL EVENT, RETELLING ONE OF DICKENS' FAVOURITE TALES

A COMEDIA CHRISTMAS CAROL

A CANDLELIT PERFORMANCE FOR ALL THE FAMILY

Monday 18th December 2023 at 7pm
ALL SAINTS CHURCH, FOYLE DRIVE, SOUTH OCKENDON RM15 5HF

Tuesday 19th December 2023 at 7pm
ST GILES & ALL SAINTS, HIGH ROAD, ORSETT RM16 3ER

Wednesday 20th December 2023 at 7pm
ST NICHOLAS', THE GREEN, SOUTH OCKENDON RM15 6SD

Accompany Scrooge as he rediscovers the true meaning of Christmas!

Little ones and their grown-ups can meet the cast following the performance!

There will be mince pies, mulled wine and Christmas spirit galore!

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DOORS OPEN 30 MINS BEFORE START OF SHOW. RUNNING TIME 1 HOUR.

BOOK YOUR TICKETS VIA <https://www.trybooking.com/uk/eventlist/acommediachristmascarol>
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 THE PARISH OF HORNDON, ORSETT AND BULPHAN

#FollowTheStar

CHRISTMAS SERVICES 2023

Saturday 9th December
6.30pm Carols in the Foxhound Pub, Orsett

Sunday 10th December
4pm Christingle Service at Horndon Church

Tuesday 12th December
7.30pm 'Nativity on the Pound' at Orsett Church

Sunday 17th December
6pm Carol Service at Cherry Orchard Farm in their barn.
address: Conways Road, Orsett, Essex, RM16 3EL
Please bring your own chair and wear warm clothes

Tuesday 19th December
5pm Christingle Service, Bulphan Church

Wednesday 20th December
7pm Carols in the Swan Pub, Horndon

Sunday 24th December
4pm Family Carol Service at Orsett Church
8.30pm Holy Communion Service at Horndon Church
10pm Holy Communion Service at Bulphan Church

Monday 25th December - Christmas Day
10am Holy Communion Service at Horndon Church

Sunday 7th January 2024
4pm Epiphany Carol Service at Horndon Church

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FOREST CHURCH

Please join us at
St Peter and St Paul's Church, Horndon on the Hill, on Saturday 2nd December at 4pm

Encounter God in the great outdoors: in the sky, the earth, the trees and the wildlife. This service is for all, old and young and includes outdoor fun activities on a Biblical theme and worship around a fire.

The service will carry on even if it is raining so please dress appropriately. You should also bring along a rug or a chair to sit on.

Rev'd Sue



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Prayers for the week

Prayer Diary

- THE FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT “Keep us, O Lord, while we tarry on this earth, in a serious seeking after thee, and in an affectionate walking with thee, every day of our lives; that when thou comest, we may be found not hiding our talent, nor serving the flesh, nor yet asleep with our lamp unfurnished, but waiting and longing for our Lord, our glorious King, for ever and ever.” Richard Baxter (1615-91)
- Pray for: The Church of North India (United)
- Prayers for the rest of the week can be found here-: www.chelmsford.anglican.org/publications/wepray

Parish prayer diary

Horndon Moira B, Gerry T, Jan C, Sharon H, Carol N, David St P, Kevin H, Freddy, Nick T, Ivy
Orsett Di B, Margaret C
Bulphan Brian F, Anita J
Other Hazel K, Elizabeth, Dottie and her family



Prayers for the recently bereaved

Horndon The family and friends of Frank Radcliffe, Brian Stockley, Jean Twyford.
Orsett The family and friends of Morag Waterman

Please let Revd Sue or Revd Max know of people who are unwell or in need of pastoral support.

Hobnob Magazine

- January edition—Please submit articles to Ron by **Monday December 18th** email: r.porter@hobnob.org.uk
- The online version of the magazine can be found on our website news page www.hobnob.org.uk/magazine

Individual Private Prayer

The following churches are open for private prayer—10am to noon
Bulphan Church Monday and Thursday *Free refreshments are available on*
Horndon-on-the-Hill Church Tuesday and Saturday *Monday, Tuesday and Saturday.*



Bible Readings for this week

	Principal Service	
Sunday	Isaiah 64.1–9 Psalm 80.1–8,	1 Corinthians 1.3–9 Mark 13.24–end

	Morning prayer	Night prayer		Morning prayer	Night prayer
Mon	Psalm 50 Isaiah 25.1–9 Matthew 12.1–21	Psalm 71 Isaiah 42.18–end Revelation 19	Tues	Psalm 80 Isaiah 26.1–13 Matthew 12.22–37	Psalm 74 Isaiah 43.1–13 Revelation 20
Weds	Psalm 7 Isaiah 28.1–13 Matthew 12.38–end	Psalm 77 Isaiah 43.14–end Revelation 21.1–8	Thurs	Psalm 42 Isaiah 28.14–end Matthew 13.1–23	Psalm 40 Isaiah 44.1–8 Revelation 21.9–21
Fri	Psalm 25 Isaiah 29.1–14 Matthew 13.24–43	Psalm 17 Isaiah 44.9–23 Revelation 21.22–22.5	Sat	Psalm 9 Isaiah 29.15–end Matthew 13.44–end	Psalm 27 Isaiah 44.24–45.13 Revelation 22.6–end

Contact details

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