



Welcome to the Parish of Horndon, Orsett and Bulphan

Weekly notice sheet

Sunday 24th December 2023 - 4th Sunday of Advent

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

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 we prepare with joy to celebrate the gift of the Christ-child, embrace the earth with your glory and be for us a living hope in Jesus Christ our Lord.

Post Communion - Eternal God, for whom we wait, you have fed us with the bread of eternal life: keep us ever watchful, that we may be ready to stand before the Son of man, Jesus Christ our Lord.

Dear Everyone,

Thank you to everyone who has worked hard to prepare for Christmas in our Parish over the past month.

We had a lovely carol service in the barn at Cherry Orchard Farm last Sunday Evening. Thank you to the Cole Family for the use of their barn and to Andrew Hammond for assisting us with all the practical arrangements and to Greg White and the brass players who provided musical accompaniment.

There are still several services left, details of which are on page 2 of these notices. Please note that there will be no facebook prayers for the week immediately after Christmas.

If I don't see you before Christmas, I wish you all a very happy and blessed Christmas.

Loving Father, help us remember the birth of Jesus,
that we may share in the song of the angels, the gladness of the shepherds,
and the worship of the wise men.

Close the door of hate and open the door of love over all the world.
Let kindness come with every gift and good desires with every greeting.

Deliver us from evil by the blessing which Christ brings,
and teach us to be merry with clear hearts.

May the Christmas morning make us happy to be your children
and Christmas evening bring us to our beds with grateful thoughts,
forgiving and forgiven, for Jesus'sake.

Amen.

By Robert Louis Stevenson

With love and prayers,
Sue



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Eco Pause for Thought

Tips for a greener Christmas - Recycle right.

More waste ends up in landfill over Christmas than during the rest of the year, so it's a great time to review your recycling set up. Different local authorities offer different recycling provisions, so find out exactly what you can recycle at home by entering your postcode here.

For information on how to recycle anything you're not sure about see here. Don't forget – most wrapping paper is not recyclable. You can test it by doing the 'scrunch' test. If it springs back, it isn't recyclable. And always remove the sellotape before recycling.



THE CHURCHES OF HORNDON, ORSETT AND BULPHAN



Would you like to attend an Alpha Course - 4pm on Sunday afternoons, beginning on Sunday 28th January, for eleven weeks at the Orsett Churches Centre.

It would be very helpful if you could let Revd Sue if you would like to attend, her email is rectorsue@hobnob.org.uk

What is Alpha?

Alpha is a series of group conversations that freely explore the basics of the Christian faith in an open, friendly environment. Everyone's welcome. No matter your background or beliefs, you're invited.

What to expect

Connection

Life is better together. Alpha brings together people from all walks of life who are curious about faith. Each session starts with some time to eat, relax and get to know your group.

Content

Each session covers a different topic of faith, with a short video. The Alpha episodes are designed to engage and inspire conversation. They're about thirty minutes long and explore the big issues around faith and unpack the basics of Christianity, addressing questions such as Who is Jesus?

How can we have faith? and How does God guide us?

Conversation

The last part of an Alpha is a chance to share your thoughts on the session's topic and discuss it in your small groups. It's an open and welcoming environment, no matter what your opinion. There's no pressure to say anything, but the floor is yours if you do want to.

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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: *tinned meat, packet mash, savoury snacks, squash & fruit juice, tinned carrots and sweetcorn, toiletries – washing up liquid, shampoo and conditioner.*

Diary Dates



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

*Dates for
your
diary.....*

Prayers

- There will be no evening prayers the week after Christmas, they will resume on Tuesday 2nd January
- 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, 12 noon on Saturday 13th January at Horndon Church

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Prayers for the week

Prayer Diary

- THE FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT Christmas Eve Please pray for the members of the Guild of Servants of the Sanctuary, and the Company of Servers, and all people who serve Christ at the altar.
- Pray for: The Episcopal Church in the Philippines
- Prayers for the rest of the week can be found here-: www.chelmsford.anglican.org/publications/wepray

Parish prayer diary

Horndon Jane B, 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 Frank W, 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 Claire Winyard, Morag Waterman

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



Hobnob Magazine

- February edition—Please submit articles to Ron by **January 21st** 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	<i>Free refreshments are available on Monday, Tuesday and Saturday.</i>
Horndon-on-the-Hill Church	Tuesday and Saturday	



Bible Readings for this week

	Principal Service	
Sunday	Isaiah 52: 7-10 Psalm 98	Hebrews 1:1-4 John 1:1-14

	Morning prayer	Night prayer		Morning prayer	Night prayer
Mon	Isaiah 62.6–end Psalm 97	Titus 3: 4–7 Luke 2: 8–20	Tues	Psalm 13 Jeremiah 26.12–15 Acts 6	Psalm 86 Genesis 4.1–10 Matthew 23.34–end
Weds	Psalm 21 Exodus 33.12–end 1 John 2.1–11	Psalm 97 Isaiah 6.1–8 1 John 5.1–12	Thurs	Psalm 36 Genesis 37.13–20 Matthew 18.1–10	Psalm 128 Isaiah 49.14–25 Mark 10.13–16
Fri	Psalm 19 Jonah 1 Colossians 1.1–14	Psalm 132 Isaiah 57.15–end John 1.1–18	Sat	Psalm 113 Jonah 2 Colossians 1.15–23	Psalm 65 Isaiah 59.1–15a John 1.19–28

Contact details

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