



## Welcome to the Parish of Horndon, Orsett and Bulphan

### Weekly notice sheet

Sunday 31st December 2023 - 1st Sunday of Christmas

10am All Together Holy Communion Service

at St Giles and All Saints Church, Orsett

*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.*

1<sup>st</sup> Sunday  
after  
Christmas

**Today's Collect** - God in Trinity, eternal unity of perfect love: gather the nations to be one family, and draw us into your holy life through the birth of Emmanuel, our Lord Jesus Christ.

**Post Communion** - Heavenly Father, whose blessed Son shared at Nazareth the life of an earthly home: help your Church to live as one family, united in love and obedience, and bring us all at last to our home in heaven; through Jesus Christ our Lord.



#### 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, washing up liquid, shampoo and conditioner.*

#### Diary Dates

- Saturday 6th January at 4pm Forest Church will be at Orsett Church
- Sunday 7th January at 10am All Together Holy Communion Service at Bulphan Church
- Sunday 7th January at 4pm Epiphany Carol Service at Horndon Church
- Tuesday 9th January at 2pm Holy Communion Service at the Whitecroft Residential Home
- Tuesday 9th January at 7.30pm Holy Communion Service at the Rectory in Orsett
- **Advance notice**
- Baptism Preparation meeting, 7.30pm Monday 11th Dec at **ORSETT** Church
- Prayer Group meeting, 8-9pm on Tuesday 16th January at the Woolmarket in Horndon

#### 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](mailto: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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## Prayers for the week

### Prayer Diary

- THE FIRST SUNDAY OF CHRISTMAS Pray for the staff of the Cathedral, the events to be held there and for all those who will visit during the coming year. Give thanks, too, for all who generously give of their time as volunteers.
- Pray for: Eglise Anglicane du Rwanda
- Prayers for the rest of the week can be found here-: [www.chelmsford.anglican.org/publications/wepray](http://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.

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### 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

**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.



## Hobnob Magazine

- February edition—Please submit articles to Ron by **21st January** email: [r.porter@hobnob.org.uk](mailto:r.porter@hobnob.org.uk)
- The online version of the magazine can be found on our website news page [www.hobnob.org.uk/magazine](http://www.hobnob.org.uk/magazine)

### Bible Readings for this week

	Principal Service	
<b>Sunday</b>	Isaiah 61.10-62.3 Psalm 148	Galatians 4.4-7 Luke 2.15-21

	Morning prayer	Night prayer		Morning prayer	Night prayer
<b>Mon</b>	Psalm 103 Genesis 17.1-13 Romans 2.17-end	Psalm 115 Deuteronomy 30.11-end Acts 3.1-16	<b>Tues</b>	Psalm 18.1-30 Ruth 1 Colossians 2.8-end	Psalm 46 Isaiah 60.1-12 John 1.35-42
<b>Weds</b>	Psalm 127 Ruth 2 Colossians 3.1-11	Psalm 2 Isaiah 60.13-end John 1.43-end	<b>Thurs</b>	Psalm 89.1-37 Ruth 3 Colossians 3.12-4.1	Psalm 87 Isaiah 61 John 2.1-12
<b>Fri</b>	Psalm 48 Ruth 4.1-17 Colossians 4.2-end	Psalm 97 Isaiah 49.1-13 John 4.7-26	<b>Sat</b>	Psalm 132 Jeremiah 31.7-14 John 1.29-34	Psalm 98 60.1-9 John 2.1-11

### Contact details

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