



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

### Weekly notice sheet

**Sunday 7th January - Baptism of Christ**

10am All Together Holy Communion Service at Bulphan Church

4pm Epiphany Carol 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** - Heavenly Father, at the Jordan you revealed Jesus as your Son: may we recognize him as our Lord and know ourselves to be your beloved children; through Jesus Christ our Saviour.

**Post Communion** - Lord of all time and eternity, you opened the heavens and revealed yourself as Father in the baptism of Jesus your beloved Son: by the power of your Spirit complete the heavenly work of our rebirth through the waters of the new creation; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Dear Everyone,

Happy New Year!

As we move into 2024, just a reminder that Christmas isn't over yet and we have an Epiphany Carol Service at Horndon Church this Sunday, 7th January at 4pm. Do come along if you are able. This is in addition to our 10am Holy Communion Service at Bulphan Church.

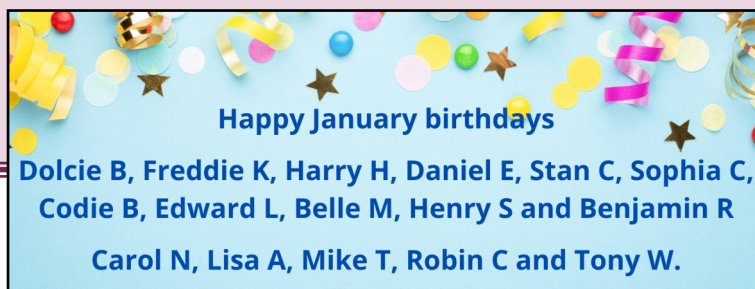
The following Sunday, 14th January, we will be welcoming Revd Mike Nelson, to our morning service. Mike will be coming to speak to us about his church's journey to becoming an 'Inclusive' Church and what that has meant for them as a congregation.

Finally, Forest Church is back this Saturday at Orsett Church at 4pm.

I look forward to seeing you soon and am praying for you all as we begin this new year together as a parish.

Take care and God bless,

Sue



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## 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.

## *Eco Pause for Thought - COFFEE CUPS*

Carry a reusable coffee cup or flask. In 2019, an estimated 4.2 billion disposable coffee cups and 2.9 billion cup lids were sold in the UK (WRAP, 2022)[2] — contributing to the plastic pollution problem. Of these, less than 7% were recycled (WRAP, 2022), meaning that, after lasting just minutes in your hand, they will sit in landfill or be burnt with other rubbish, continuing to produce pollution. Almost all coffee outlets will refill reusable cups and some offer a discount. There are many eco-friendly options for reusable cups out there so choose one to suit you.



## Thurrock Foodbank

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

<b>Horndon</b>	1, Lion Cottages, High Rd	<b>Orsett</b>	The Rectory, School Lane
<b>Bulphan</b>	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

### Services

- Saturday 6th January, 4pm Forest Church at Orsett Church
- Tuesday 9th January, 2pm Holy Communion Service at the Whitecroft
- Tuesday 9th January, 7.30pm Holy Communion Service at the Rectory, Orsett
- Sunday 14th January, 8.45am BCP Holy Communion Service followed by 10am Family Service at Horndon Church

*Dates for  
your  
diary.....*

### Advance notice

- Baptism Preparation meeting, 12 noon on Saturday 13th January at Horndon Church
- Prayer Group, 8pm Tuesday 16th January at the Woolmarket, Horndon on the hill
- The funeral of Betty Barness 10am on Monday 15th January at Orsett Church

## Hobnob Magazine

- February edition—Please submit articles to Ron by **January 21st** 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)

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## Prayers

### Prayer Diary

- EPIPHANY Father God, the star that led the Magi to the stable announced to the world that its Saviour was born. Today we live in a world that is still covered by darkness, and still needing to make that journey to the stable door. May our lives reflect your light day by day, as we seek to serve where you have placed us; that we might be the means through which others can encounter Jesus Christ. Amen
- Pray for: The Scottish Episcopal Church
- 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 Betty Barness, Claire Winyard, Morag Waterman

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

### Online 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	<i>Free refreshments are available on</i>
Horndon-on-the-Hill Church	Tuesday and Saturday	<i>Monday, Tuesday and Saturday.</i>

### Bible Readings for this week

	Principal Service	
<b>Sunday</b>	Genesis 1.1–5 Psalm 29	Acts 19.1–7 Mark 1.4–11

	Morning prayer	Night prayer		Morning prayer	Night prayer
<b>Mon</b>	Psalm 71 Genesis 1.1–19 Matthew 21.1–17	Psalm 72 Amos 1 1 Corinthians 1.1–17	<b>Tues</b>	Psalm 73 Genesis 1.20–2.3 Matthew 21.18–32	Psalm 74 Amos 2 1 Corinthians 1.18–end
<b>Weds</b>	Psalm 77 Genesis 2.4–end Matthew 21.33–end	Psalm 47 Amos 3 1 Corinthians 2	<b>Thurs</b>	Psalm 21 Genesis 3 Matthew 22.1–14	Psalms 61 Amos 4 1 Corinthians 3
<b>Fri</b>	Psalm 67 Genesis 4.1–16, 25–26 Matthew 22.15–33	Psalm 68 Amos 5.1–17 1 Corinthians 4	<b>Sat</b>	Psalm 76 Genesis 6.1–10 Matthew 22.34–end	Psalm 85 Amos 5.18–end 1 Corinthians 5

### Contact details

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**The Rector's day off is Wednesday each week**

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