



Welcome to the Parish of Horndon, Orsett and Bulphan



Weekly notice sheet

Sunday 18th February—1st Sunday of Lent

8.45am CW Holy Communion Service and **10am** Family Service at St Mary's Church, Bulphan

4pm Refresh Service at St Peter and St Paul's Church, Horndon on the Hill

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, your Son battled with the powers of darkness, and grew closer to you in the desert: help us to use these days to grow in wisdom and prayer that we may witness to your saving love in Jesus Christ our Lord.

Post Communion - Lord God, you have renewed us with the living bread from heaven; by it you nourish our faith, increase our hope, and strengthen our love: teach us always to hunger for him who is the true and living bread, and enable us to live by every word that proceeds from out of your mouth; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Dear Everyone,

By the time you receive this week's notices, we will be in the period of Lent. Lent is a season of forty days, not counting Sundays, which begins on Ash Wednesday and ends on Holy Saturday. Lent comes from the Anglo-Saxon word 'lencten', which means Spring. The period of forty days represents the time Jesus spent in the wilderness, enduring the temptation of Satan and preparing to begin his ministry.

Lent is a time of repentance, fasting and preparation for the coming of Easter. It is a time of self-examination and reflection. In the early church, Lent was a time to prepare new converts for baptism. Today, Christians focus on their relationship with God, often choosing to commit themselves to a new spiritual discipline, to give something up or to volunteer and give of themselves for others.

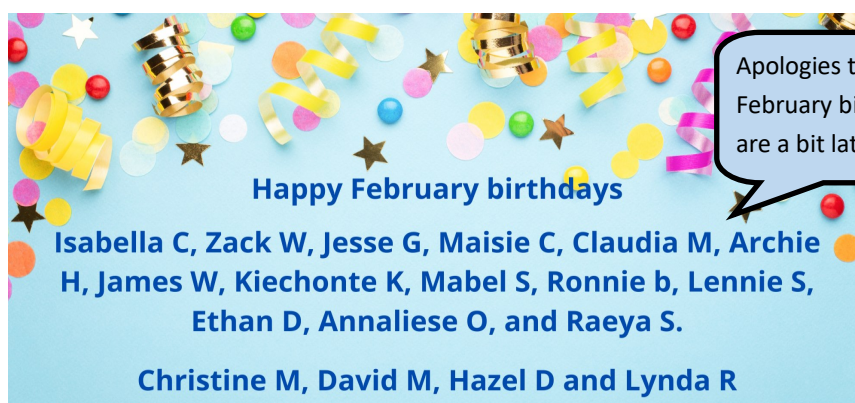
During Lent we will be offering Lent lunches on a Saturday, the venues, dates, and times of which are on page two, and proceeds from which will be sent to Water Aid. Water Aid is an international not-for-profit organisation, determined to provide clean water, decent toilets and good hygiene normal for everyone, everywhere. You don't need to book. Just turn up between 12.00 and 1.45pm.

Also, during Lent, if you wish, you can sign up to receive a daily reflection from the Church of England by going to www.churchofengland.org/faith-calling/what-we-believe/lent-holy-week-and-easter/watch-and-pray-lent-reflections. You can also get these reflections on your phone. If you downloaded Follow the Star, you should automatically be invited. Otherwise you will need to go to your app store to find 'Watch and Pray'. Should you wish to receive a paper copy, there will be a few available at the back of each church and there is also a children's version.

I look forward to seeing you soon.

Take care and God bless,

Sue



Apologies that the February birthdays are a bit late.

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Eco Pause for Thought

GIVE UP GUM

In England, around 87% of streets are stained with gum (Keep Britain Tidy)[6] so always make sure you dispose of chewing gum in an appropriate bin, never on the floor. Did you know conventional chewing gum is made from plastic? This makes it take longer to decompose and it will break down into microplastics.

Several plastic-free alternatives are now on the shelves, so look for brands that detail the ingredients of their gum and are committed to ending plastic pollution.

Thurrock Foodbank

Your continued support is much appreciated.
The Parish has 4 collection boxes as listed below:

Horndon: 1, Lion Cottages, High Rd,

Orsett: The Rectory, School Lane,

Bulphan: 4, Church Lane & Bulphan Stores

Shortages this week are: tinned fish, *sponge puddings, jelly, mashed potato, squash & fruit juice, washing up liquid, washing tablets, shampoo and conditioner.*



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2024 LENT LUNCHESES

Lent lunches will be provided on the following dates and venues
(all Saturdays, with the lunch starting at 12 noon last serving at 1.45pm):

- 17th February - Parish Room, Bulphan Church
- 24th February - Orsett Churches Centre
- 2nd March - The Woolmarket, Horndon on the Hill
- 9th March - Parish Room, Bulphan Church
- 16th March - Orsett Churches Centre
- 23rd March - The Woolmarket, Horndon on the Hill

The menu will be a hearty soup (vegetarian), a chunk of French stick loaf, an apple and a (Fairtrade) hot drink.

Those attending are encouraged to donate what they would have spent on a lunch.
At the lunch we will be selling raffle tickets for a hamper of Fairtrade goods.

All monies raised will be donated to Water Aid. Water Aid works with their supporters, partners and local communities to make clean water, decent toilets and good hygiene normal for everyone, everywhere.

More details can be found at www.wateraid.org/uk

Diary Dates

Services

- Next Sunday's services, 25th February
 - ◇ 8.45am BCP Holy Communion Service at Horndon Church
 - ◇ 10am Family Service at Horndon Church
- Tuesday 27th February, 12noon Holy Communion Service at the Horndon Church
- Friday 1st March, 11am World Day of Prayer Service at Horndon Methodist Church
- Saturday 2nd March, 4pm Forest Church at Bulphan Church

Advance notice

- A celebration of the Eucharist in thanksgiving for the life of Di Bubb, Thursday 15th February at 7pm at Orsett Church.
- The funeral of Di Bubb, 1.30pm on Friday 16th February at Orsett Church
- Prayer Group, 8pm Tuesday 20th February at the Woolmarket, Horndon on the hill
- The next Alpha Course Sunday 25th February at 4pm at the Orsett Churches Centre
- World Day of Prayer, Friday 1st March 11am at Horndon's Methodist Church
- Baptism Preparation meeting, 12noon on Saturday 9th March at Horndon Church
- Interment of the Ashes of Ronald Beard, 10.00am Monday 11th March at Orsett Church
- Alpha Course Away day—Saturday 16th March

Dates for
your
diary.....

Hobnob Magazine

- March edition—Please submit articles to Ron by **February 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

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Prayers

Prayer Diary

- THE FIRST SUNDAY OF LENT Please pray for the success of the Bishop's Lent Appeal this year; that people may be moved to give generously.
- Pray for: Province of the Episcopal Church of Sudan
- 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, Jan C, Sharon H, Carol N, David St P, Kevin H, Freddy, Nick T, Ivy
Orsett Pat M, Christine M, 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 Molly Chilton, Grahame Evans
Orsett The family and friends of Di Bubb, Betty Barnes, Claire Winyard
Bulphan The family and friends of Winfrieth (Wini) Lapper
Other The family and friends of Wendy Chamberlain



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	
Sunday	Genesis 9.8–17 Psalm 25.1–9	1 Peter 3.18–end Mark 1.9–15

	Morning prayer	Night prayer		Morning prayer	Night prayer
Mon	Psalm 44 Genesis 41.25–45 Galatians 3.23–4.7	Psalm 47 Jeremiah 4.19–end John 5.1–18	Tues	Psalm 48 Genesis 41.46–42.5 Galatians 4.8–20	Psalm 49 Jeremiah 5.1–19 John 5.19–29
Weds	Psalm 6 Genesis 42.6–17 Galatians 4.21–5.1	Psalm 28 Jeremiah 5.20–end John 5.30–end	Thurs	Psalm 57 Genesis 42.18–28 Galatians 5.2–15	Psalm 62 Jeremiah 6.9–21 John 6.1–15
Fri	Psalm 51 Genesis 42.29–end Galatians 5.16–end	Psalm 55 Jeremiah 6.22–end John 6.16–27	Sat	Psalm 63 Genesis 43.1–15 Galatians 6	Psalm 66 Jeremiah 7.1–20 John 6.27–40

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