



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

### Weekly notice sheet

Sunday 24th March — Palm Sunday

8.45am CW Holy Communion Service, 10am Family 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.*

**Today's Collect** - True and humble king, hailed by the crowd as Messiah: grant us the faith to know you and love you, that we may be found beside you on the way of the cross, which is the path of glory.

**Post Communion** - Lord Jesus Christ, you humbled yourself in taking the form of a servant, and in obedience died on the cross for our salvation: give us the mind to follow you and to proclaim you as Lord and King, to the glory of God the Father.

Dear Everyone,

This Sunday is Palm Sunday when we remember Jesus riding into town as people greeted him waving Palm Branches. As we journey towards Easter, details of all of our Holy Week services can be found later in the notices. Do join us for one or all of them if you can.

Last Sunday we said a prayer of thanksgiving for the new piano generously donated by the Wallwork family in memory of Peter. This has replaced the keyboard which we have used for many years which had also been kindly given to us and for which we were extremely grateful.

This Saturday is your last chance to come to one of our Lent lunches. It will be at the Woolmarket in Horndon on the Hill. Thank you to everyone who has worked hard to make these happen. If you have purchased raffle tickets at one of the lunches, please remember that the winning ticket will be drawn on Saturday. All the money collected at the Lent lunches will be donated to Water Aid and in next week's notices I can let you know the total raised.

Please do keep me informed of prayer and pastoral needs and I look forward to seeing you soon.

God bless

Sue

### 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:** 24, Church Lane & Bulphan Stores

#### Shortages this week are:

*tinned fish, tinned meat, sponge puddings, rice pudding, custard, jellies,  
angel delight, tea bags, mashed potato, squash & fruit juice.*



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## Bishop Guli's Easter message

The Right Revd Dr Guli Francis-Dehqani, the Bishop of Chelmsford has written a message for the Easter season.

Once again the message of Easter hope and resurrection life breaks into a world that is full of sorrow, conflict and pain. How can we possibly make sense of this central event – the one that everything else in the Christian faith hangs on – when all the evidence seems to point away from it?

When much of the time it feels like death and hatred and evil have the final say, rather than life and love and hope? Both on a global scale, but perhaps personally too, for there is so much suffering and loss.

Well, if you rely on your emotions, on how you feel at any particular moment and in response to any specific event that might make you happy or sad – if you rely on your feelings, then faith is indeed a fickle thing. For sometimes God can feel close and other times far away. But the truth at the heart of the Gospel is that God, through Christ, is ever present, whatever is going on and whether or not we experience that closeness or not.

I have these words of Karl Jung hanging in the hallway of our home, and I look at them every time I come in or go out: "Bidden or not bidden, God is present." God was present on Good Friday, just as much as on Easter Day.

The important thing is not to confuse our experiences and emotions - whether we feel the nearness of God or not – with the reality of Easter resurrection.

There's no denying that embracing this requires a leap of faith. No logic or experiment will prove the existence of God or convince you of the Easter story.

But faith knows more. In the words of the French mathematician and philosopher Blaise Pascal, The heart has reasons, of which reason knows nothing. On Easter morning, Christ rose from the dead and broke the power of death and hatred through the strength of his love and sacrifice.

As Christians we try to embody that in the way we live our lives, in the service of others, speaking out against injustice, seeking to respond in love wherever there is hate.

This is the Easter story and it is ours to tell. It is challenging, mysterious and life changing. It offers light and hope in the midst of darkness; and I commend it to you wholeheartedly. For, Christ is risen! He is risen indeed, Alleluia.

I wish you a joyful and blessed Easter. +Guli Chelmsford

### The Parish of Horndon, Orsett and Bulphan



#### Tuesday 26th March

at Horndon Church  
7.30pm Taizé Service with  
prayers for healing

#### Maundy Thursday - 28th March

at Bulphan Church  
7.30pm Holy Communion Service  
with Foot Washing

#### Good Friday - 29th March

at Orsett Church  
10am Stations of the Cross  
2pm Walk of Witness followed  
by Hot Cross Buns

#### Easter Sunday - 31st March

at Bulphan Church  
10am Holy Communion Service

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### 2024 LENT LUNCHES

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):



- 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, fruit 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](http://www.wateraid.org/uk)*

### *Eco Pause for Thought*

If you have a loved one's birthday coming up consider buying a gift from a charity e.g. a water pump, bicycle for a midwife or trees to plant to stop desertification.

### Diary Dates

#### Services

- Next Sunday's services, 31st March—Easter Sunday
  - ◇ 10am Holy Communion Service at Bulphan Church

#### Advance notice

- Saturday 23rd March - Interment of the ashes of Jean and Peter Bonson, 10.30am Horndon Church
- Saturday 23rd March- Interment of the ashes of Audrey Barrow, 11.30am Horndon New Cemetery
- Sunday 24th March—Baptism of Willow Fowell
- Tuesday 26th March—Holy Communion Service, 12 noon at Horndon Church
- Saturday 30th March—Interment of the ashes of Joan Browne, 12.30pm at Orsett Church
- Saturday 6th March—Forest Church, 4pm at Horndon Church
- Monday 8th April—Baptism Preparation meeting, 7.30pm at Orsett Church
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Dates for  
your  
diary.....

### Hobnob Magazine

- May edition—Please submit articles to Ron by **April 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

- PALM SUNDAY Jesus, you rode into your city in triumph of this day, receiving the shouts and welcome of many. Come into our Churches today. Receive our welcomes and our acclaim. Come to rule in the hearts and minds of all who lead us and help us all to go out and proclaim you as King over all the world.
- Pray for: The Church of the Province of West Africa
- 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 L, Samuel C, Moira B, Jan C, Sharon H, Carol N, David St P, Kevin H, Freddy, Nick T, Ivy  
*Orsett* Lily B, Pat M, Margaret C  
*Bulphan* Frank W, Brian F, Anita J  
*Other* Hazel K, Elizabeth, Dottie and her family



### Prayers for the recently bereaved

*Orsett* The family and friends of Pat Nash, June Ridgwell, Di Bubb, Betty Barness  
*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	
<b>Sunday</b>	John 12.12–16 Psalm 118.19–end

	Morning prayer	Night prayer		Morning prayer	Night prayer
<b>Mon</b>	Psalm 41 Lamentations 1.1–12a Luke 22.1–23	Psalm 25 Lamentations 2.8–19 Colossians 1.18–23	<b>Tues</b>	Psalm 27 Lamentations 3.1–18 Luke 22.39–53	Psalm 55.13–24 Lamentations 3.40–51 Galatians 6.11–end
<b>Weds</b>	Psalm 102 Jeremiah 11.18–20 Luke 22.54–end	Psalm 88 Isaiah 63.1–9 Revelation 14.18–15.4	<b>Thurs</b>	Psalms 42 Leviticus 16.2–24 Luke 23.1–25	Psalm 39 Exodus 11 Ephesians 2.11–18
<b>Fri</b>	Psalm 69 Genesis 22.1-18 John 18.1-19	Psalm 130 Lamentations 5.15 to end Colossians 1.18-23	<b>Sat</b>	Psalm 116 Job 19.21-27 1 John 5.5-12	Psalm 142 Hosea 6.1-6 John 2.18-22

### Contact details

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