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St. Peter and St. Paul. Horndon-on-the-Hill
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St. Mary-the-Virgin. Bulphan**

April 2024



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SERVICES – April 2024

	HORNDON	ORSETT	BULPHAN
Monday 1 st			Open Church 10am-noon with refreshments
Tuesday 2 nd	Open Church 10am-noon with refreshments		
Thursday 4 th			Open Church 10am-noon
Friday 5 th		School Holiday-no Oasis or Edward Bear	
Saturday 6 th	Open Church 10am-noon with refreshments		
	4pm Forest Church		
Sunday 7th April <i>2nd Sunday of Easter</i>	10am All Together Holy Communion Service		
Monday 8 th			Open Church 10am-noon with refreshments
Tuesday 9 th	Open Church 10am-noon with refreshments	2pm Holy Communion Service at The Whitecroft Care Home	
Thursday 11 th			Open Church 10am-noon
Friday 12 th		School Holiday-no Oasis or Edward Bear	
Saturday 13 th	Open Church 10am-noon with refreshments		
Sunday 14th April <i>3rd Sunday of Easter</i>		8.45am CW Holy Communion Service 10am Family Service	
Monday 15 th			Open Church 10am-noon with refreshments
Tuesday 16 th	Open Church 10am-noon with refreshments		
Thursday 18 th			Open Church 10am-noon
Friday 19 th		9-11.30am Oasis Café and 9.30-11am Edward Bear Toddler Group at the Orsett Churches Centre	
Saturday 20 th	Open Church 10am-noon with refreshments		
Sunday 21st April <i>4th Sunday of Easter</i>			8.45am CW Holy Communion Service 10am Holy Communion Service
	4pm Refresh Service		
Monday 22 nd			Open Church 10am-noon with refreshments
Tuesday 23 rd	Open Church 10am-noon with refreshments		
	12noon Holy Communion Service		
Thursday 25 th			Open Church 10am-noon
Friday 26 th		9-11.30am Oasis Café and 9.30-11am Edward Bear Toddler Group at the Orsett Churches Centre	
Saturday 27 th	Open Church 10am-noon with refreshments		
Sunday 28th April <i>5th Sunday of Easter</i>	8.45am BCP Holy Communion Service 10am Family Service		
Monday 29 th			Open Church 10am-noon with refreshments
Tuesday 30 th	Open Church 10am-noon with refreshments		
Thursday 2 nd June			Open Church 10am-noon
Friday 3 rd		9-11.30am Oasis Café and 9.30-11am Edward Bear Toddler Group at the Orsett Churches Centre	
Saturday 4 th	Open Church 10am-noon with refreshments	4pm Forest Church	
Sunday 5th May <i>6th Sunday of Easter</i>		10am All Together Holy Communion Service	

Open Church means that the Church is open for private prayer, refreshments are available at all sessions except Thursdays at Bulphan.

Rector's Reflections

By the time you receive this edition of the magazine we will have celebrated Easter Day and I hope you had a joyous and blessed time. Thank you to everyone who worked hard to get the churches ready for the Easter Services. The Easter Season, however, continues for 50 days, culminating in Pentecost, when the Holy Spirit came upon the apostles, Mary, and the first followers of Christ, with Ascension Day being celebrated 10 days before that.

May the glory
and the promise
of this joyous time of year
bring peace
and happiness to you
and those you hold most dear.
And may Christ,
Our Risen Saviour,
always be there by your side
to bless you
most abundantly
and be your loving guide.

- Author Unknown

We are also looking forward to our Annual Church Meeting, the APCM, which will be on Sunday 28th April, following our 10am Service at Horndon Church.

If you are on the Church Electoral Roll, please do try to come along to this meeting and if you are not on the Electoral Roll, you are all most welcome at the 10am Service and, indeed, any another service at Church. We would love to see you.

I believe that every person is created with gifts and talents with which to serve God and it is when we share those gifts and talents that we can work together effectively to share the Good news of the Gospel of Jesus Christ. In Ephesians, Chapter 4, it says,

It was he who "gave gifts to people"; he appointed some to be apostles, others to be prophets, others to be evangelists, others to be pastors and teachers. He did this to prepare all God's people for the work of Christian service, in order to build up the body of Christ.

With the APCM approaching, I would like to take this opportunity to say a huge thank you to all the people in the Parish who work together to this end. We think of Revd Max, the Churchwardens, the PCC, the Parish Administrator, the Treasury Team, the members of the Action Groups, the Musicians, those who offer hospitality, provide pastoral support, keep the churchyards looking so good, read, preach or lead prayers, get the churches ready for many different services, lead the children's work, take minutes at meetings, or who serve God in any other way. All that you do is greatly appreciated.

I look forward to seeing you soon. Take care and God bless,

Sue



THE PARISH REGISTERS

Baptisms

25th February

Aston Michael Fogarty

(H)

24th March

Willow Fowell

(O)

Interments

11th March

Ronald Edward Beard (85)

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23rd March

Jean and Peter Bonson

(H)

23rd March

Audrey Barrow

(H)

23rd March

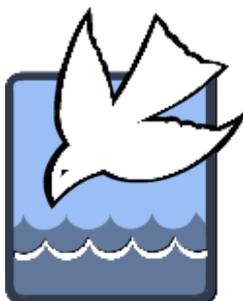
Joan Brown (82)

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Wedding Enquiries

If you would like to enquire about booking a wedding at:
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Baptism Enquiries

If you would like to enquire about booking a baptism at:

Any of our churches in the parish, please contact:
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Baptism Preparation

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Bulphan Churchwarden's Report

Our Lent lunches concluded on 23rd March and I would like to thank all who helped in any way during the six weeks and all of those who attended these events. We will advise how much your contributions to the lunches and raffle have raised for Water Aid to carry out their vital work throughout the world next month.

Now that the "growing season" is here we are particularly thankful to the Bulphan in Bloom group who have been as busy as ever in keeping the Church grounds looking so spectacularly well kept. The group have had to cope with a record breaking amount of rainfall this year so we really appreciate all of their hard work. With grass mowed and the yew trees trimmed the Church yard looks wonderful.

Please see below list of services in Bulphan during Easter 'till June 2024:

28th March Maundy Thursday 7.30 pm Holy Communion Service with foot washing.

31st March Holy Communion Service.

21st April 8.45 Common Worship 10.00 Holy Communion 4th Sunday of Easter.

12th May 8.45 Common Worship 10.00 Family Service.

1st June Saturday 4pm Forest Church.

2nd June 10.00 All Together Service.

We hope to welcome as many of you as possible.

St. Mary the Virgin will still be open on Monday and Thursday mornings 10.00am to midday.

God Bless

Alastair

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ORSETT CHURCHWARDENS' REPORT



There are many different services held around the parish during the year, and it was a pleasure to attend the World Day of Prayer service on Friday 1st March in the Methodist Chapel, Horndon on the Hill. The World Day of Prayer is a, women led, global, ecumenical movement and each year the service is prepared by women from a different country.

With the news from the Middle East currently in the media, it was poignant that the service this year was produced by Christian women from Palestine. With everything going on at the moment it was easy to think that this was to be a sad and depressing service. How very wrong that was.

The theme that was chosen was *I beg you, bear with one another in love*, and love and the need for peace was woven throughout the very uplifting service. We heard three stories from Palestinian Christian women about the power of bearing together in love. These stories, although heart wrenching, were full of hope for the future. But it was hard not to contemplate whether the three women concerned have made it through all the troubles and still have love for their neighbour.

We finished our time together with a meal in the Methodist Hall featuring some Middle Eastern cuisine.

The service next year is written by women from the Cook Islands and will be held in the Zion Chapel, Bulphan on Friday 7th March. Do have a think about attending, you will be made very welcome.

In the midst of injustices, war and suffering God calls us to bear together in love. When we stay together through difficulties we live in the peace that God promises us.

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Christine and David Mortimer



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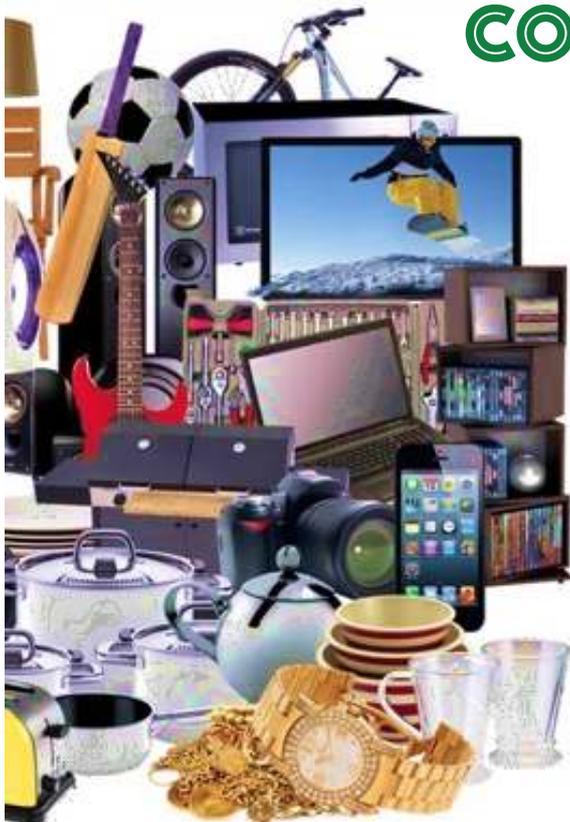
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Horndon on the hill

Churchwarden's Musings



Hello Everyone

Today we were pleased to welcome the family of Peter Wallwork who sadly died recently after living in Victoria Road for over 37 years.

His family have kindly donated a Yamaha Clavinova keyboard in memory of Peter which will be a great asset to the music of the church. Thank you so much.

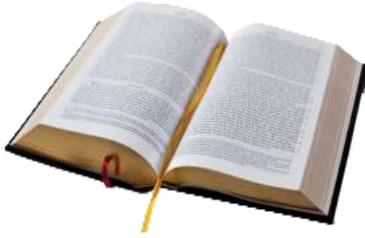
Also, our Church organ is being thoroughly overhauled in the next few weeks with the kind donation of a benefactor. During this time our prayer area in the church will be out of use so if you are coming to church for private prayer please use the choir pews.

Once a month here in Horndon we have a very informal service called REFRESH at 4pm. There are no service or hymn books but everything is on a screen. If you are not used to coming to church and would like to try a more informal service do come along, you will be made most welcome. Service times are always displayed on the church gates.

Our first fundraising event of the year is on Saturday April 20th 10-12pm in the church. There will be a vast variety of books for sale, a homemade cake stall a raffle and of course our normal yummy bacon rolls. A great place to make and meet friends.

God Bless

Sonia Ward Churchwarden



PRAYER DIARY

Some thoughts to include in your daily prayers

April 1st	For those living in Hew Watt Close, Orsett
April 2nd	For the berieved
April 3d	For those living in Lodysons Close, Orsett
April 4th	For neighbours we do not yet know
April 5th	For our Bellringers
April 6th	For those who will die this month
April 7th	For the communities in Palestine
April 8th	For those living in Daltons Shaw, Orsett
April 9th	For Christians around the world
April 10th	For those preparing for marriage
April 11th	For Whitecroft, those who live and work there
April 12th	For the work of all retired clergy
April 13th	For Clergy serving the Parish
April 14th	For those living in Victoria Road, Bulphan
April 15th	For those living in Kirkham Road, Horndon
April 16th	For the Christian Church in its many denominations
April 17th	For those living in Bloomfield Walk, Orsett
April 18th	For Pleshey and all retreat houses throughout the land
April 19th	For those living in Shelford Close, Orsett
April 20th	For those living in York Road, Horndon
April 21st	For King Charles and the Princess of Wales
April 22d	For those living in Cassell Close, Orsett
April 23d	For St George, the patron of England
April 24th	For those struggling with great transitions
April 25th	For His Majesty's Forces serving overseas
April 26th	For those living in Church Close, Horndon
April 27th	For those living in Brentwood Road, Orsett
April 28th	For the Orsett Churches' Centre
April 29 th	For the work of the Diocese in Europe
April 30 th	For the homeless and hungry

Risen Christ, for whom no door is locked, no entrance barred: open the doors of our hearts, that we may seek the good of others and walk the joyful road of sacrifice and peace, to the praise of God the Father



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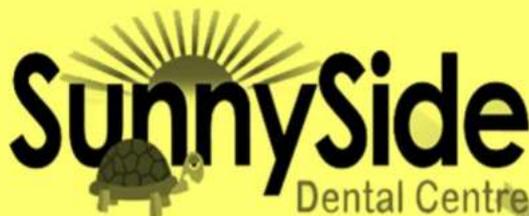
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Sunday 10:30am Worship Services April 2024

7 th April	Local Arrangement	
14 th April	Rev Fiona Smith	
21 st April	Maureen Mc Pherson	
28 th April	Rev Fiona Smith	Holy Communion



Zion Hall Mission, Bulphan Interdenominational Church Road, Bulphan

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We enjoy meeting every Sunday evening and extend a warm welcome to all to any of our services. Please feel free to drop in and join us for worship and fellowship. We look forward to welcoming the Minister at Horndon Methodist Church on 21st April, the Rev Fiona Smith, as she takes her first service at Zion Hall.

The services for April are as follows:

7 th April	6:30 pm	Rev Max Blake
14 th April	6:30 pm	Lee Woodward
21 st April	6:30 pm	Rev Fiona Smith
28 th April	6:30 pm	Peter Crosby

We have handwashing facilities and sanitising units readily available and ask those attending to be sensitive to others in observing social distancing.

If you live locally and would like to come along to a service but need transport, or for any other information on our Church or our services please contact the Secretary:
Ian Blackburn on 01375 891522

FOR EST CHURCH



A fun-filled activity at Forest Church: Squeezing soft sticky clay into ball shapes and then coating them with wild seeds to produce 'Seed Bombs'. These were placed on bare earth in Bulphan's conservation area. Mucky fingers for everyone!

Forest Church - 2024

Encounter God in the great outdoors: in the sky, the earth, the trees and the wildlife.

This service is for all, old and young and includes outdoor fun activities on a Biblical theme and worship around a fire.

The service will carry on even if it is raining so please dress appropriately.

Date	Location	Topic
Sat 6th April	Horndon	New Life
Sat 4th May	Orsett	The Wonder of Creation
Sat 1st June	Bulphan	World Environment Day (5th)
Sat 6th July	Horndon	Midsummer
Sat 3rd August	Orsett	Lammas: Beginning of Harvest
Sat 5th Oct	Bulphan	Seed Gathering Sunday (9th)
Sat 2nd November	Horndon	All Hallows and All Hallows Eve
Sat 7th December	Orsett	Christmas

Knowing and sharing the love of Jesus in the Church and community

Parish of Horndon, Orsett and Bulphan

Afternoon Tea Party

Please kindly join us for a delightful afternoon and wonderful company.



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Mothers' UNION

Chelmsford Diocese Mothers' Union (CDMU):



It was wonderful to hear that our work at Mothers' Union being talked about at the recent United Nations CSW (Commissioning on the Status of Women) in New York. Our CEO, Bev Jullien, attended to discuss and spotlight how we are working together with key organisations to alleviate poverty and reduce gender-based violence. The latest statistics from the UN highlight that 342 million women and girls will be living in poverty by 2030, with the numbers of women and girls living in fragile contexts doubling since 2017, rising to 614 million. That is why our work at Mothers' Union is so important – we are part of the communities we serve, with over 4 million members across 83 countries of the world. Everyday, we are making a difference!

Lady Day: 8 April 2024

Lady Day – the Feast of the Annunciation, when Mary found out that she was to give birth to Jesus, son of God – will be celebrated on 8 April this year. Its usually celebrated on 25 March but has been moved this year so that it didn't fall during Holy Week. Did you know that Mothers' Union's observance of Lady Day is actually part of our constitution as a recommendation? In fact Lady Day has been a significant day for Mothers' Union since 1897. Fast forward to today and we find that across the 83 counties where Mothers' Union is represented, Lady Day is celebrated in many and varied ways.

*"Then Mary said, 'Here am I, the servant of the Lord; let it be with me according to your word.'" - Luke 1: 38
(NRSV)*

When Mary shares her joy at being trusted by God to bear Jesus in her very body and to bring him to birth, she does so in a way we can all share and be a part of. Her joyful expression and appreciation of a God who trusts her, accepts her offering, her 'Yes' signals to all of us that each of us too are wanted and needed as part of God's plan. God gladly takes the ordinariness of our lives and our very selves. God then blesses what we give and through grace works in us, and our lives, something extraordinary.

Prayer Diary 2024: April

The theme for March in our MU Prayer Diary 2024 is 'Abundant Life', and we have the following reflection and prayer:

Life can be hard, and it's easy to feel overwhelmed, struggling with everyday living. Our hearts ache at the sadness in the world.

In these moments its good to remember that we are not on our own, but that Jesus is at the right hand of the Father, praying for us. Christ died, but rose again, opening the way for us to enjoy abundant life; not only in our heavenly future, but here and now on earth.

So let's revel in that which brings us joy, whether a beautiful sunset, coffee with a friend or a precious answer to prayer.

We celebrate abundant life with full and thankful hearts. We give thanks for the imprint of heaven which enhances our life in the hear and now. May our appreciation of all we enjoy bring praise to our bountiful God. Amen.

Creative Prayer

Look out of a window or go for a walk and take note of three things you see which give you pleasure. Give thanks for the lens of faith and thankfulness through which we can appreciate and enjoy God's gift of abundant life.

Lucy Bubb, Mothers' Union contact.

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At the end of the meeting we can check the diary and you will be able to book your Baptism.

- **Sat 13th January** - 12 noon at Horndon Church
- **Mon 12th February** - 7.30pm at Orsett Church
- **Sat 9th March** - 12 noon at Horndon Church
- **Mon 8th April** - 7.30pm at Orsett Church
- **Sat 11th May** - 12 noon at Horndon Church
- **Mon 10th June** - 7.30pm at Orsett Church
- **Sat 13th July** - 12 noon at Horndon Church
- **Mon 12th August** - 7.30pm at Orsett Church
- **Sat 14th September** - 12 noon at Horndon Church
- **Mon 14th October** - 7.30pm at Orsett Church
- **Sat 9th November** - 12 noon at Horndon Church
- **Mon 9th December** - 7.30pm at Orsett Church



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We are all part of God's family. Through trying our best in all that we do, we find a sense of belonging.
1 Corinthians 12:27 'All of you together are Christ's body and each of you is a part of it'.

Dear All,

We are holding our annual Easter Egg raffle at the end of this term and have been amazed by the generosity of our parents and friends. Raffle tickets will be on sale during the last week. All money raised will be donated to Lennox Children's Cancer Trust, a charity that was chosen by our School Councillors, following class council meetings.

Book Week with Theatre workshop



What an amazing week it was! It started with West End Workshops visiting us, where all pupils engaged in amazing drama activities linked to specific books. There were so many wonderful experiences and lessons in all classes throughout the week. The children remained so enthusiastic. Madison: "I really enjoyed the workshop because the lady did actions and we got to do them as well". Eddie: "I thought it was fun because we got to make shapes and act like fireworks".



World Book Day

Wear a character hat day was a huge success. The children enjoyed the experience and have asked that we repeat it again next year.



There are so many things happening in the school in the coming weeks and months and we look forward to keeping you updated.

Wishing you all a very happy and peaceful Easter – see you in the summer term!

Warmest wishes

Mrs D Bradley - Headteacher



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This year the Horndon Feast and Fayre reaches a milestone of 50 years. However the Horndon on the Hill Fair dates back to the 13th Century when the King granted Lords of the Manor charters (permission) to hold fairs and markets for a fee, payable to the Monarch. The Horndon on the Hill Fair was held on the feast day of the patronal saints of Horndon on the Hill church (Saints Peter and Paul) which falls on June 29th.

In the 1860s, although reporting is scant, it appears that many of these fairs across the country had lost their original purpose and owners, as a result an Act of Parliament was passed in 1871 to abolish many of these, among which was the Horndon on the Hill Fair, although even without the fair, Horndon Church would have continued to mark the feast of the patronal saints. As such the church has been the constant thread in the modern Feast and Fayre in the form of a wonderful flower festival in the church. A cross country run was held in the late 1970s, with the now extremely popular 10K run becoming a regular feature from the early 80s.



Roll forward to 1974 and a descendant of the original Lord of the Manor was asked to preside over an event on the last weekend in June and the Horndon on the Hill Fair was reborn as the Feast and Fayre . It is unlikely in 1974 it was imagined that it would have been as successful as it has. The ethos of the event is to evoke a sense of things past, in a modern setting. Accounts of similar events through history, show that people would travel to these fairs to conduct business and or take part in religious ceremonies. It is

probable with a gathering of people, the local businesses would sell their wares and travelling hawkers trading goods, food and drink, and entertainers would have been present. In the modern event the selling of goods, food and drink and entertainment are central, with many stalls hosted by charities and groups raising money to help them do the work they do. Over the last 50 years, the Feast and Fayre has supported the community donating thousands of pounds to local groups and organisations to help fund their work and projects.

The event has been organised by a small group of predominately local people over the last 50 years. If you feel you can assist you will be welcomed. The group currently holds meetings at 7pm on the last Thursday of the month in the Woolmarket, to organise and fine tune for the event. It cannot be stressed enough that without people prepared to help, the event will very easily become, again, a paragraph in the village's history. If you would like to find out more, and either get involved in the organising, or can spare a couple of hours over the weekend, please contact the current Chairmen chair.feastandfayre@gmail.com.



The 50th Anniversary has been tinged with sadness with the death of Sir Graham Bright, who was a supporter of the revived event. He will be remembered for his support over the years, while donning a monk's outfit and acting as MC for over two decades.



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We have had another busy term here at Bulphan, where the children continue to make us very proud of their achievements and attitude to learning.

Pupil Parliament visit to Mayor's Parlour

Last Term, our Pupil Parliament were invited to the Mayor's Parlour where they had the opportunity to have a chat with Madam Mayor and enjoy some tasty snacks.

They then went into the chamber where they had a debate about whether school breaks should be longer.

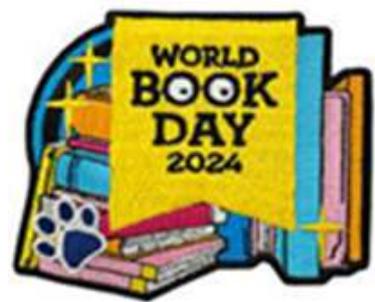


World Book Day

Wow! What an incredible day we have had. The children looked amazing in their costumes and so many could talk about who they were dressed as and the book the character was from. Thank you for all your efforts with costumes. The children had a day full of lots of fun activities related to reading: The Masked Reader quiz, visiting the library and choosing a book and, we finished the day with the children choosing to hear a story read by an adult.



*'God's word is a lamp to guide our feet and a light for our path'
Inspired by Psalm 119:105*





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Ecology & Social Justice Action Group

What do we do?

Ecology

We discuss how we, as a Parish and church community, can continue to reduce our environmental footprint and get that recognized by striving to achieve a Gold Eco-Church Award for each of the three churches. For example, we are exploring how we can incorporate water butts at each church without impacting on the listed historic fabric (e.g. damaging cast iron downpipes) so that we reduce our demand for fresh drinking water for feeding cut flowers or watering plants. Similarly, we want to reduce the capacity of toilet cisterns to reduce how much water is used for each flush. Other objectives include wildflower areas in church yards, use of green energy, use of recycled or eco-friendly products, etc.

As an Action Group, we also signed a Climate Coalition open letter to the leaders of the main national political parties, calling on them to commit to doing everything they can to meet our national and international commitments to tackle climate change and protect and restore nature.



Social Justice

We want our churches to be a welcoming and safe space for everyone who wants to join us for Open Church, Services, or other events. In other words, we want to be inclusive to everyone whether they have challenges with mobility, sight or hearing, or if they are attending alone, or with lively children, or if they are from a different worshipping tradition, family unit, etc. We want visitors and our church family to be comfortable in our presence, know that they will be treated with respect, and feel able to express any difficulties they have. Our Action Group has been having conversations exploring how we can achieve this.

We explore how we can support others beyond our immediate community. The recent Lent Lunches have raised, at the time of writing, over £800 for WaterAid. We are encouraging support in May of Fairtrade Fortnight by broadening our purchase of Fairtrade products and for Christian Aid week by holding a late-breakfast event after a Sunday service. We want to promote the making of knitted scarves for Mission for Seafarers later in the year.



If you have any comments or suggestions you wish us to consider, please contact us through the church website.

Philip Mann

Ecology & Social Justice Action Group



Bulphan WI

At our March meeting we welcomed one new member, Bernie, and we all enjoyed an amusing and informative flower arranging presentation from Shirley Perkins. She told us stories of her travels around the world, how to condition flowers and leaves, and how she'd got lost in West Horndon on her way that evening!. She answered our questions, and we were so impressed with the end results.

Each member and visitor had been given one free raffle ticket on arrival, and so many of us went home with arrangements and bunches of flowers.

We are looking forward to a trip to the Queens theatre in Hornchurch, and to a St George's Day walk in Thorndon park on 23 April.

Also in April, Bulphan WI will be celebrating its formation 95 years ago with a party for invited guests and members, and so unfortunately for this particular meeting we are unable to welcome any visitors, but visitors will be most welcome at meetings from May onwards.

Leslie Crisp



Shirley Perkins' flower arranging presentation

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FREDERICK LORD NORTH

2nd Earl of Guildford

16th April 1732 – 5th August 1792

Frederick North, 2nd Earl of Guilford, but better known by his courtesy title of Lord North, was Prime Minister of England during the important years of the American Revolution. Born in 1732, he was educated at Eton and Christ Church, Oxford, and then sent to make a grand tour of the continent. On his return, though only 22, he was at once elected a Member of Parliament for Banbury, where his father was high steward. He sat in Parliament for the same town for nearly 40 years.



In 1759 he was chosen by the Duke of Newcastle to be a Lord of the Treasury and continued in the same office under Lord Bute and George Grenville until 1765. He had shown himself such a ready debater, that on the fall of the first Rockingham ministry in 1766, he was sworn of the Privy Council and made Paymaster-General by the Duke of Grafton. His reputation for ability grew so high that in December 1767, on the death of Charles Townshend, he was made Chancellor of the Exchequer.

With a temper that was never ruffled and a perpetual quiet humour, his popularity with both the House of Commons and the people continued to increase. When the retirement of the Duke of Grafton was necessitated by the hatred he inspired and by the attacks of the pseudonymous writer Junius, no better successor could be found than the Chancellor of the Exchequer. Lord North succeeded the Duke in March 1770 and continued in office for 12 of the most eventful years in English history.

He became Prime Minister to a king who was determined to govern as well as rule. George III had at last overthrown the ascendancy of the great Whig families, under which he had so long groaned, and he realized that he could only govern by obtaining a majority in Parliament to carry out his wishes. This had been attained by a great expenditure of money in buying seats and by a careful exercise of his patronage. However, in addition to a majority, he needed a minister who would act as his lieutenant. Such a minister he found in Lord North. How a man of undoubted ability could have allowed himself to be thus used as a mere instrument cannot be explained. But the confidential tone of the King's letters seems to show that there was an unusual intimacy between them — which may account for North's compliance.

The path of the Prime Minister in Parliament was a hard one. North had co-defend measures which he had not designed, and of which he had not approved — and this in a House of Commons in which all the oratorical ability of Edmund Burke and Charles James Fox was against him.

The most important events of his ministry were those of the American Revolutionary War. Though North cannot be accused of causing it, one of his first acts was the retention of the tea duty; and it was he who introduced the Boston Port Bill in 1774. When war broke out he counselled peace, and it was only the earnest solicitations of the King that he not to leave his sovereign again to the mercy of the Whigs that induced him to defend a war which, from 1779, he knew to be both hopeless and impolitic. At last, in March 1782, he insisted on resigning after news reached him of the surrender of Lord Cornwallis at the Battle of Yorktown (1781).

No man left office more blithely. North had been well rewarded for his assistance to the King. His children had good sinecures; his half-brother was Bishop of Winchester. He himself became Chancellor of the University of Oxford, Lord Lieutenant of the county of Somerset, and, finally, a Knight of the Garter.

And he did not remain out of office for long. In April 1783 he formed a coalition with his old opponent C.J. Fox; he became Secretary of State with him under the nominal premiership of the Duke of Portland. He probably formed this coalition with Fox in order to show that he could act independently of the King and not merely be a royal mouthpiece. The coalition ministry went out of office on Fox's India Bill in December 1783. North, who was losing his sight, finally gave up political ambition — though he played a somewhat important part in the debates on the Regency Bill in 1789.

He left his seat in Parliament in 1790. In the same year he succeeded his father as Earl of Guilford. He did not long survive his elevation, for he died peacefully in 1792.



WOOLMARKET MUSIC

At this month's meeting we were entertained by CDOT Voices – a community choir based in Stanford le Hope. Accompanied by the talented Clare Penfold and conducted by Angelo Tsocos, they provided an evening of eclectic entertainment, with some of their members also providing solo items.

On Saturday, April 13th, at 8pm, the singers of BasOp will be making a welcome return to Woolmarket Music giving us an evening of song just before they launch into their latest production of "Oliver".

We hope you'll come along. The venue is St Peter & St Paul's Church at 7.30 for yet another brilliant Woolmarket Music evening.

Do come along - £7.50 entry or free to members and under 18s.
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April

A decorative header for the month of April. The word 'April' is written in a large, outlined, sans-serif font. Below the letters are two stylized rain clouds, each with several teardrop-shaped raindrops falling from them.

The
Lord
Is



My

Shepherd

Psalm 23:1





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