

HOBNOB

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Online



**The parish magazine for
St. Peter and St Paul. Horndon-on-the-Hill
St. Giles and All Saints. Orsett
St. Mary-the-Virgin. Bulphan**

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PRAYER DIARY

Some thoughts to include in your daily prayers

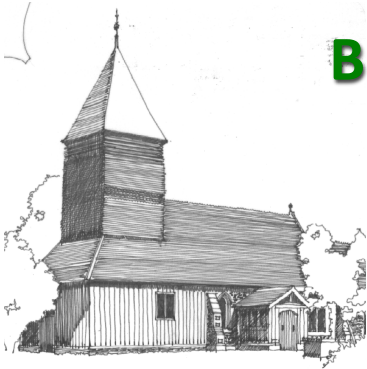
July 1st	For those who have had to cancel baptisms and weddings
July 2nd	For those living on Hornsby Lane, Orsett
July 3rd	For people we have not yet met
July 4th	For the homeless and hungry
July 5th	For those living on Horndon Road, Horndon
July 6th	For those living on Nelson Road, Orsett
July 7th	For family and friends overseas
July 8th	For the leaders of nations
July 9th	For those who must travel by land, sea or air
July 10th	For local charities struggling financially at this time
July 11th	For those living on North Hill, Horndon
July 12th	For our patrons, the Dean & Chapter of St Paul's,
July 13th	For those living on The Paddocks, Orsett
July 14th	For our twin dioceses in Romania, Sweden, and Kenya
July 15th	For those living on Annabell Avenue, Orsett
July 16th	For those living on Pound Lane, Orsett
July 17th	For children in lockdown and unable to attend school
July 18th	For those living on Fen Close, Bulphan
July 19th	For those living on Ridgwell Avenue, Orsett
July 20th	For those living on South Hill, Horndon
July 21st	For those living on Robinson Road, Horndon
July 22nd	For those suffering with financial problems
July 23rd	For those living on Sandown Road, Orsett
July 24th	For St Luke's and all hospices throughout the land
July 25th	For those who have had to cancel their summer holiday
July 26th	For those living on Randall Drive, Orsett
July 27th	For those living on Saffron Close, Horndon
July 28th	For those who are ill in body, mind or spirit
July 29th	For those living on Southview Cottages, Orsett
July 30th	For those living on Vincent Avenue, Horndon
July 31st	For the church musicians

PLEASE CONTINUE TO PRAY FOR ALL FRONTLINE WORKERS AS THEY HELP US THROUGH THIS TIME OF PANDEMIC

People are often unreasonable and self-centred. Forgive them anyway.
If you are kind, people may accuse you of ulterior motives. Be kind anyway.
If you are honest, people may cheat you. Be honest anyway.
If you find happiness, people may be jealous. Be happy anyway.
The good you do today may be forgotten tomorrow. Do good anyway.
Give the world the best you have and it may never be enough. Give your best
anyway.

For you see, in the end, it is between you and God.
It was never between you and them anyway.

Mother Teresa



Bulphan Churchwarden's Report

As a person long into retirement I have found no difficulty living in lockdown. Obviously I have missed Sunday services in church, but these have been very successfully substituted with on-line alternatives, which have been quite innovative and in a strange way very personal, probably because we are, in a way, invited into the homes of others for bible readings and sermons, with the pleasure of seeing someone you may know bringing us scripture from the comfort of their armchair or garden. I find this quite exciting, a bit like seeing someone you know on television, but in a very inclusive atmosphere.

What has been noticeable are the developing skills of the production team and the use of available technologies to bring these services into our homes. There is nothing amateurish in their making and we should be very grateful to Rev Sue, Philip and Thomas for the time they dedicate to making these videos. Max's sermons have a story-telling quality which is captivating and lends itself so well to what feels like a one-to-one conversation. I have to say that I have greatly enjoyed these virtual services.

Lockdown is being eased, which will bring joy and relief to many. However I am personally in no hurry to leave this state of semi-isolation, because for me it is all happening far too quickly. I never appreciated old age until I got there; now I would like to hang on to it for as long as I can.

May God keep us all safe!

Bulphan church will reopen for private prayer each **Monday and Thursday from 10:00 till 12:00**, commencing on the **6th July**. Please observe Social Distancing rules of **2 Metres** and use the hand sanitiser provided

Thank You!

A MESSAGE FROM ST. PETER & ST. PAUL, HORNDON ON THE HILL

For many Christians, the coronavirus-induced limitations on life arrived at the same time as Lent, the traditional season of doing without. However, those sharp new regulations—no theatre, schools shutting, virtual house arrest for us over-70s—made a mockery of our little Lenten disciplines. Doing without whisky, or chocolate, was child's play compared with not seeing friends or grandchildren, or going to the pub, the library or church.

We are just starting to emerge from this strange period of lockdown and pray that there won't be another wave of infection or anymore members of our beloved congregations who pass without us being able to say a proper 'goodbye'.

'Life goes on', we say, and life has certainly gone on in our church family. Rev. Sue and Max have kept us comforted and able to worship with them throughout the last three months. Their services online have given us a new and personal way to follow our faith and we all thank them for it. We also thank Thomas who has been very helpful in getting the readers and intercessors to the screen.

This brings me to another "thank you". In Horndon we have been extremely grateful to those who cut the grass in the churchyard regularly during their own furlough. Our "Master of the Mower", Tony Ward, went down with Covid-19 early on in the pandemic so we may have had to don jungle fatigues to get through the grass had it not been for the volunteers. Thank you so much.

As we look forward to reopening Horndon church for private prayers (and this is happening next Tuesday morning, 30th June) a few of us met yesterday to deep clean the whole building. It looks spic and span, if a little clinical without pew cushions, crosses on the pews where you can sit but chairs blocking the ends of the pews where you can't sit. Yellow and black tape guides us through the aisle.

We look forward to seeing our friends in Orsett and Bulphan once again in the not too distant future but in the meantime – STAY SAFE!

A PRAYER FOR THE CONTINUED FIGHT AGAINST CORONAVIRUS

Now is a time to be in prayer not only for protection but for all involved in this time.

Pray for a cure and for vaccines to be made so that this virus will not claim another life.

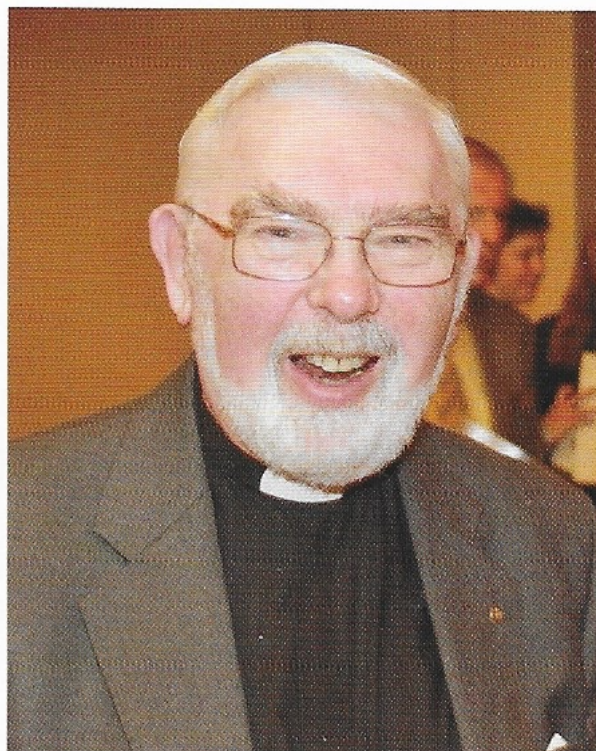
Advancements are being made each day and praying for each step of the process is needed.

We live in an age where we are able to look back at worldwide illness that could easily be eradicated today because of discoveries in modern medicine, and in such we have the opportunity to pray for the Lord to reveal to scientists and doctors what is needed to wipe coronavirus from the face of the earth so that it is a distant memory very soon.

A tribute to The Revd Canon Glyn Jones

We were very saddened to learn of the death in April of the Reverend Canon Glyn Jones. Glyn had a long career with The Mission to Seafarers and was Secretary General from 1990. The Rt Revd Bill Down, who worked closely with him and who was his predecessor as Secretary General, has written.

"After ten years in parishes in South Wales, Glyn spent the next twenty-eight years in the service of The Missions to Seamen, now The Mission to Seafarers, till his retirement from full-time stipendiary ministry. In 1972 he was appointed Port Chaplain for Swansea, where he familiarised himself with the shipping world and the ministry to the seafarers of the world. In 1976 he was appointed Senior Chaplain for the Port of London. It was a time of great change and development in shipping, with the introduction of containerisation, the increasing automation of life aboard ship, and the building of very large tankers, bulk carriers and other types of vessels. It was also a time of great change in the Church's ministry to seafarers. Following the establishment of the International Christian Maritime Association in 1969 the Church's ministry to seafarers became much more ecumenical and inter-confessional. Anglicans, Roman Catholics and other Churches started to work together, usually from one centre rather than separately. The Port of London was at the heart of this change, and Glyn was very much part of it. In 1981 he was appointed Auxiliary Ministries Secretary, based at the society's Central Office in London,



specifically to monitor and pioneer newly developing ministries. In 1985 he was appointed Assistant General Secretary, and in 1990 Secretary General, a task he fulfilled admirably until his retirement in 2000. He was a faithful priest, a loyal colleague, a trusted friend, a devoted husband and father, and a highly respected Secretary General and Chaplain to the Queen."

We celebrate and honour Glyn's life and service, thanking God for his many gifts. Our thoughts and prayers go to his wife, Anita, and to the family.

'The Great Revelation' by Tom Roberts is written as a bedtime story to a child, in a time after the coronavirus pandemic has passed. Broadcast on "This Morning" in May.

THE GREAT REALISATION, BY TOM ROBERTS

"Tell me the one about the virus again, then I'll go to bed.

'But my boy, you're growing weary, sleepy thoughts about your head.

'Please! That one's my favourite. I promise just once more.

'Okay, snuggle down my boy, though I know you know full well
The story starts before then, in a world I once dwelled

'It was a world of waste and wonder, of poverty and plenty
Back before we understood why hindsight's 2020

'You see the people came up with companies to trade across all lands.
But they swelled and got bigger than we could ever have planned

'We'd always had our wants, but now it got so quick.
You could have everything you dreamed of in a day and with a click.

'We noticed families had stopped talking. That's not to say they never spoke.
But the meaning must have melted and the work life balance broke.

'And the children's eyes got squarer and every toddler had a phone.
They filtered out the imperfections but amidst the noise, they felt alone.

'And every day the sky grew thicker, 'til we couldn't see the stars.
So we flew in planes to find them while down below we filled our cars.

'We'd drive around all day in circles. We'd forgotten how to run.
We swapped the grass for tarmac, shrunk the parks till there were none.

'We filled the sea with plastic cause our waste was never capped.
Until each day when you went fishing, you'd pull them out already wrapped.

'And while we drank and smoked and gambled, our leaders taught us why,
It's best to not upset the lobbies, more convenient to die.

'But then in 2020, a new virus came our way.
The government reacted and told us all to hide away.

'But while we were all hidden, amidst the fear and all the while,
The people dusted off their instincts, they remembered how to smile.

'They started clapping to say thank you, and calling up their mums.

'And while the cars keys were gathering dust, they would look forward to their runs.

'And with the sky less full of planes, the earth began to breathe.
And the beaches brought new wildlife that scattered off into the seas.

'Some people started dancing, some were singing, some were baking.
We'd grown so used to bad news but some good news was in the making.

'And so when we found the cure and were allowed to go outside,
We all preferred the world we found to the one we'd left behind.

'Old habits became extinct, and they made way for the new.
And every simple act of kindness was now given its due.

'But why did it take a virus to bring the people back together?'
Well, sometimes, you got to get sick, my boy, before you start feeling better.

'Now lie down, and dream of tomorrow, and all the things that we can do.
And who knows, maybe if you dream strong enough, some of them will come true.

'We now call it the Great Realisation, and yes, since then there have been many.

'But that's the story of how it started, and why hindsight's 2020.'

FAMOUS PERSON IN JULY

HELEN BEATRIX POTTER (28 July 1866 – 22 December 1943)



Helen Beatrix Potter was an English writer, illustrator, natural scientist, and conservationist best known for her children's books featuring animals, such as those in *The Tale of Peter Rabbit*.

Born into an upper-middle-class household, Potter was educated by governesses and grew up isolated from other children. She had numerous pets and spent holidays in Scotland and the Lake District, developing a love of landscape, flora, and fauna, all of which she closely observed and painted.

Potter's study and watercolours of fungi led to her being widely respected in the field of mycology. In her thirties, Potter self-published the highly successful children's book *The Tale of Peter Rabbit*. Following this, Potter began writing and illustrating children's books full-time.

In all, Potter wrote thirty books; the best known being her twenty-three children's tales. With the proceeds from the books and a legacy from an aunt, in 1905 Potter bought Hill Top Farm in Near Sawrey, a village in the Lake District which at that time was in Lancashire. Over the following decades, she purchased additional farms to preserve the unique hill country landscape. In 1913, at the age of 47, she married William Heelis, a respected local solicitor from Hawkshead. Potter was also a prize-winning breeder of Herdwick sheep and a prosperous farmer keenly interested in land preservation. She continued to write and illustrate, and to design spin-off merchandise based on her children's books for British publisher Warne until the duties of land management and her diminishing eyesight made it difficult to continue.

Potter died of pneumonia and heart disease on 22 December 1943 at her home in Near Sawrey at the age of 77, leaving almost all her property to the National Trust. She is credited with preserving much of the land that now constitutes the Lake District National Park. Potter's books continue to sell throughout the world in many languages with her stories being retold in songs, films, ballet, and animations, and her life depicted in a feature film and television film.

Potter's paternal grandfather, Edmund Potter, from Glossop in Derbyshire, owned what was then the largest calico printing works in England, and later served as a Member of Parliament.

Beatrix's father, Rupert William Potter (1832–1914), was educated at Manchester College by the Unitarian philosopher James Martineau. He then trained as a barrister in London. Rupert practised law, specialising in equity law and conveyancing. He married Helen Leech (1839–1932) on 8 August 1863 at Hyde Unitarian Chapel, Gee Cross. Helen was the daughter of Jane Ashton (1806–1884) and John Leech, a wealthy cotton merchant and shipbuilder from Stalybridge. Helen's first cousins were Harriet Lupton (*née* Ashton), the sister of Thomas Ashton, 1st Baron Ashton of Hyde. It was reported in July 2014 that Beatrix had personally given a number of her own original hand-painted illustrations to the two daughters of Arthur and Harriet Lupton, who were cousins to both Beatrix and Catherine, Duchess of Cambridge.

Beatrix's parents lived comfortably at 2 Bolton Gardens, West Brompton, where Helen Beatrix was born on 28 July 1866 and her brother Walter Bertram on 14 March 1872. Beatrix lived in the house until her marriage in 1913. The house was destroyed in the Blitz. Bousfield Primary School now stands where the house once was. A blue plaque on the school building testifies to the former site of The Potter home.

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As we are sure you're aware, we continue to be unable to hold our Sunday evening meetings at the church building in Church Road. However we increasingly look forward to getting back to our evening meetings at 6.30pm once the government relaxes the rules concerning churches.

In the meantime we are using Sundays to listen to and watch some of the many good local services which are on line including the HOBNOB service broadcast by Revd Sue.

As you may have seen we have a poster on our notice board with Isaiah 46 verse one on it, alongside a note that we are praying for those in Bulphan village at this time. We trust that this may be of encouragement to all who pass by:

'God is our refuge and strength, an ever present help in trouble'

- Psalm 46 verse 1

If you would like to learn more about the church at any time please visit our website or contact the Secretary: Ian Blackburn on 01375 891522



MOTHERS' UNION

Wave of Prayer

The internet and the connection that it gives us to the rest of the world is amazing, and especially during this time of the coronavirus pandemic. It has been truly wonderful to join with Mothers' Union members around the world each day at midday to say prayers as a short service is live-streamed on Facebook, led by a number of different senior leaders from around the country. Since the early 20th century the Mothers' Union has had the "Wave of Prayer" – the practice of coming together at midday to say prayers for sisters and brothers across the world, the wave created as midday is reached in each country and continent. Each diocese with Mothers' Union members is prayed for on a selected time in the year; Chelmsford Diocese and our link diocese of Rejaf (South Sudan), Owo and Doko (Nigeria), Military Episcopate (Kenya), and Jamaica and the Cayman Islands are prayed for on 18 – 20 June. It was even more wonderful to join in the live-streamed prayers on those days and hear the prayers for our diocese.

The internet connection has also enabled us to have email contact with the majority of our link diocese. It was so interesting to receive an email from the Diocesan President of Rejaf, South Sudan, in which she asked for our prayers for peace in war torn South Sudan, who are also now experiencing the coronavirus pandemic without the same health and social care resources that we are fortunate to have in the UK.

I was reminded of the quote by Burton Hill:

"Prayer changes things? No! Prayer changes people, and people change things."

International Widow's Day



On 23 June it was International Widows' Day, a United Nations day of action to address the "poverty and injustice faced by millions of widows and their dependents in many countries". It is estimated that there are 245 million widows worldwide, 115 million of whom live in poverty and suffer from social stigmatisation and economic deprivation purely because they have lost their husbands. It is a day when nations are invited to give special attention to the situation of widows and their children. Throughout the Bible God pays particular attention to the plight of the widow and has deep compassion for those who are left alone. As the majority of the current Mothers' Union members in Orsett are widows it meant a great deal to read this and also to see the Mothers' Union photo (below), which was shared on Facebook to celebrate the day and also

includes Rachel, our dear friend from Myanmar in the top right hand picture.

Mothers' Union Appeal

As mentioned in my article last month, like many charities the financial position of the Mothers' Union has been affected by the pandemic. An urgent appeal has launched and members have now raised over £720,000 with a target of £1 million – can you help too?

<https://support.mothersunion.org/>

Di Bubb, Mothers' Union contact



Bulphan WI

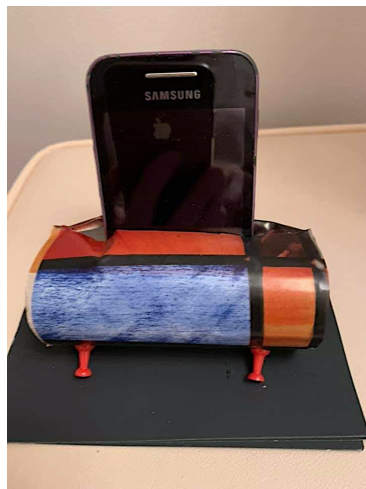
Several members took part in a Show and Tell via Zoom for our June meeting. They had been busy baking, knitting, gardening, making PPE, scrubs, bags for scrubs, some are keyworkers or working from home. One member is keeping a journal, noting her feelings and emotions over the past months, this prompted a discussion about how others had felt, coped and had wobbles, we agreed we are all there for each other and to phone or message for a chat if having an off day. Making the most of the slower pace of life was also mentioned, all those unfinished projects are being worked through.

The cardboard tube challenge provided some interesting items including a phone holder, planters, jewellery set, cat toy and seed pots.

Next month, via Zoom, we have our fab member Sherry giving us tips for staying grounded and wellbeing during these unusual times, if you'd like to join us please email or message via our WI Facebook page for the meeting ID.

Updates about future meetings along with this year's programme, information, photographs, and much more can be found on Facebook at Bulphan Women's Institute and on Twitter @bulphanwi or contact Secretary Janet McCheyne on 07752836902

Jan Curtis President





ORSETT WOMEN'S INSTITUTE

Well although we have not been able to have our usual meetings, we have been learning new ways of communication and being able to still see the person you are talking to on the telephone, laptop, computer, using "Zoom", what's app, and Facebook messenger.

All this is new to a lot of us and difficult at times I can tell you. Talking via our committee what's app has given us funny moments, sad moments, compassionate moments, empathy and support to each other. Due to this we are now trying to open this up to our members.

We are still getting our newsletters edited by our secretary and our members have been sending in items still, ranging from poems, stories, history, and things they have been doing during this lockdown.

We have been sewing, knitting and gathering items to assist the NHS.

Our president Geraldine has celebrated her 70th Birthday, not like she wanted to do with a big party, but a smaller gathering with her family, which she has very much enjoyed never the less. "HAPPY BIRTHDAY GERALDINE" from us all.

We are now discussing and planning how we will get back to holding meetings and remain safe:

If you would like to come and join us, we will be very welcoming.

You can find us on our Facebook page under Orsett Women's Institute, or Orsett Women's Institute website. Our email address is Orsettwi@gmail.com

Sharon Larsen

ORSETT EDWARD BEAR TODDLER GROUP

Did you know that June was National Month of Prayer for Toddler Groups? Edward Bear is so pleased that Revd Sue and Revd Max led prayers throughout the month during Morning Prayer each day and during the Sunday services for his Orsett Edward Bear Toddler Group; for the small group of helpers; for the babies, toddlers and their carers that come along each fortnight; and to those who have yet to find out about all the fun that we have. He knows that others joined in the prayers so he would like to say a big THANK YOU!

Edward Bear shared his prayer for all his toddler friends on his Facebook page, together with the photo of him praying:

God, my life has just begun; keep me safe, your little one. Amen.

Amelia	Arjun	Axele	Bella
Brandon	Charlotte	Elena	George
Harrison	Jackson	Lottie	Ruby
Theo			

God take care of everyone Until we meet again. Amen



Edward Bear is continuing to stay with Di and he's so glad that he remembered to pack his summer clothes with all this wonderful warm summer weather that we've been having recently – it does get hot underneath all his fur so he's changed from his winter woollies to his shorts and t-shirt. Here he is with his new friend, Shaun the Solar Light Sheep!

Edward Bear is really missing seeing his friends face-to-face but he's so grateful for his Facebook page! It means that he can share stories and photos with his friends and receive messages from them. Check it out if you haven't already

<https://www.facebook.com/Orsett-Edward-Bear-Toddler-Group>

Edward Bear, Di, Gill, and Sandra

Former Archbishop of Canterbury Dr. Rowan Williams caused a ripple when he told us all to get out into the wet now and again. If Eco Church is to mean anything, it should start with our everyday existence. Here are some practical tips for transforming your personal lifestyle.



Changing our personal lifestyles is essential if we're to worship God with heart, soul, mind and strength – and love our neighbours as ourselves.

'We all need to make a complete, radical and honest audit of our lifestyles, their impact on the poor and on the planet,' said A Rocha UK founder Dave Bookless, 'and ask God to pinpoint where we should start making changes.'

In his book Planetwise (IVP), Dave admitted this has been a slow, ongoing process in his own family. But they've simply tried to put their faith into practice, and sought to make changes as they've become aware of issues.

'Because we're a family,' he said, 'it's been a process of joint discussion and decisions, with our children playing a full part – sometimes challenging us to go faster, and at other times reluctant to give up their favourite luxuries.'

As a result of his journey, Dave set up an initiative called Living Lightly, which continues today on the A Rocha UK website. Planet-saving tips are shared on a range of lifestyle issues – from church to workplace and garden to travel.



Measure your Footprint

Each of us has a 'carbon footprint' which represents how we live and the lifestyle choices we make. Why not take a few minutes to calculate your footprint, and think about ways you could start to reduce it? Climate Stewards' carbon footprint calculator 'Footprintr' asks a few simple questions about your travel, household bills, food and waste, and then invites you to see whether your shopping, leisure and holidays mean that you are more of a 'Low Carbon Lucy' or a Carbon-Hungry Harry' - or somewhere in between!

<https://footprint.wwf.org.uk>