

HOBNOB

*MAY
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**

**While our churches are closed you can watch services from
home; on weekdays by visiting our Facebook page
@HOBNOBChurches and on Sundays by following the
link: hobnob.org.uk/watch**

During the Corona Virus pandemic there will be no printed version of the Hobnob



Such peculiar and unsettling times in which we live! The whole of life feels surreal and in suspension, but we must be optimistic that things will get better. One thing is for certain; life will be very different when normality finally returns. The heroism and compassion demonstrated by people, not only in the front line, but by friends and neighbours too is inspirational. We can but hope that society will continue to be equally caring once the pandemic is finally over.

Benefice life has not been without tragedy and in recent weeks, we have lost Peter Rood, Peter Moorse and Canon Glyn Jones; none of these dear people can have the funerals for which their families would have wished or planned. I do not doubt that there will be many memorial services to follow at a later date. Meanwhile we think about and pray for Judy, Diane and Anita as they each deal with their own personal grief.

I am now the only person visiting our church buildings in Bulphan, daily checking that all is secure. The hymn numbers from the last service held are still displayed, almost as if time has been suspended and awaiting rebirth. It is extremely selfish but I do indulge myself in those visits to soak up the quiet tranquillity and prayerfulness of the church. My visits are part of my daily walk, something I have never before undertaken; if I couldn't drive somewhere I wouldn't go there. But now I see all manner of folk taking exercise, many I have never seen before nor spoken to, but now greet from the opposite pavement.

Even though our three churches are currently closed, Church Life is still very much alive and active. You too can be a part of this with live-streamed Morning and Night Prayer at 9.00am and 7.30pm, by visiting Facebook “@HOBNOBChurches” and Sunday services at 10.00am at hobnob.org.uk/watch

I look forward to the day when we can once more produce the Benefice magazine and become reconnected. Meanwhile we should all do as we are instructed and stay indoors.

God bless!

St Mary the Virgin Bulphan



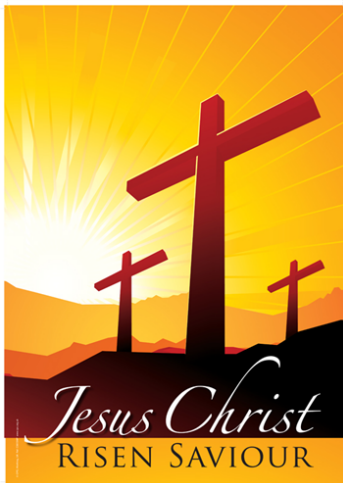
PRAYER DIARY:

Some thoughts to include in your daily prayers

May 1st	For those living in Albert Road in Bulphan
May 2nd	For the Clergy and Lay Ministers in our Deanery
May 3rd	For those living in Church Road in Bulphan
May 4th	For all the youth of our Benefice and the Youth HUB
May 5th	For the Orsett Churches' Centre
May 6th	For our schools, the pupils and staff
May 7th	For the wonder of our planet
May 8th	For those living in Baker Street in Orsett
May 9th	For members of our congregations who live in Grays
May 10th	For humanitarian organisations working around the world
May 11th	For those who would have been married this month
May 12th	For those living in The Spinney in Orsett
May 13th	For those living in St Giles Close in Orsett
May 14th	For those living in Gordon Road in Horndon
May 15th	For those living in Victoria Road in Bulphan
May 16th	For Christians in lands where the church is being persecuted
May 17th	For those living in Prince Charles Avenue in Orsett
May 18th	For the children who will be born today
May 19th	For those living in the High Road in Horndon
May 20th	For those living in Church Lane in Bulphan
May 21st	For those living in Penn Close in Orsett
May 22nd	For those living in Orsett Road in Horndon
May 23rd	For our farming community
May 24th	For those living in South Hill Crescent in Horndon
May 25th	For those living in Victoria Road in Horndon
May 26th	For Bishop Stephen as he leaves Chelmsford to become Archbishop of York
May 27th	For the hospitals in Orsett and Basildon
May 28th	For those living in Mill Lane in Horndon
May 29th	For those living in The Green in Orsett
May 30th	For those living in Doesgate Lane in Bulphan

Please pray daily for victims of Covid-19, frontline workers and our clergy

To see a world in a grain of sand
And a heaven in a wild flower
Hold infinity in the palm of your hand
and Eternity in an hour
William Blake



Zion Hall Mission, Bulphan Interdenominational

Church Road, Bulphan

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At this greatest time in the Christian calendar we pray that all readers of Hobnob may find Peace, Joy and Love in the knowledge and experience of our risen Saviour.

In these unusual times we are unable to hold our Sunday evening meetings at the church building in Church Road. We continue in prayer for everyone in Bulphan village at this time and look forward to when we can meet again. If you would like to learn more about the church in the meantime please visit our website.

We have put a text on our notice board as follows and pray 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

Meanwhile we enjoy fellowship through contact with our regular congregation and friends and worship with the help of the many internet broadcasts including that of Hobnob churches and thank all involved in the production of these.

For any information on our Church please contact the Secretary: Ian Blackburn on 01375 891522

Woolmarket Ladies April 2020

Due to the present situation in which we all find ourselves, our meetings have been cancelled until further notice. We hope that you all stay safe and well, and that we can meet again in the not too distant future.

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ORSETT WOMEN'S INSTITUTE



Well this has been a challenging time for everyone so during lockdown Orsett WI are keeping in touch with a daily magazine (currently on week five), packed with information, photos, reminiscences, or stories, this has been put together by our secretary, Sue Andrews and President Geraldine Rogers. They have got ideas from what members have sent via email, about how they have been crafting, family stories or from the WI archives etc.

The committee members are talking on WhatsApp every day, discussing supporting each other with funny videos and banter and ideas are discussed for the future months and when we can be together again.

It will be so nice to be able to see everyone again at our next meeting. We will keep you updated.

We can be found on Facebook (Orsett Women's Institute) or Orsett Women's Institute web site.

If you wish to contact us, please do so via email orsettwi@gmail.com.

Take care everyone and stay safe.

Sharon Larsen

SOMEONE FAMOUS FOR THE MONTH OF MAY

EDWARD JENNER WAS AN ENGLISH DOCTOR, THE PIONEER OF SMALLPOX VACCINATION AND THE FATHER OF IMMUNOLOGY.

Edward Jenner was born in Berkeley, Gloucestershire on 17 May 1749, the son of the local vicar. At the age of 14, he was apprenticed to a local surgeon and then trained in London. In 1772, he returned to Berkeley and spent most the rest of his career as a doctor in his native town.

In 1796, he carried out his now famous experiment on eight-year-old James Phipps. Jenner inserted pus taken from a cowpox pustule and inserted it into an incision on the boy's arm. He was testing his theory, drawn from the folklore of the countryside, that milkmaids who suffered the mild disease of cowpox never contracted smallpox, one of the greatest killers of the period, particularly among children. Jenner subsequently proved that having been inoculated with cowpox Phipps was immune to smallpox. He submitted a paper to the Royal Society in 1797 describing his experiment, but was told that his ideas were too revolutionary and that he needed more proof. Undaunted, Jenner experimented on several other children, including his own 11-month-old son. In 1798, the results were finally published and Jenner coined the word vaccine from the Latin 'vacca' for cow.



Jenner was widely ridiculed. Critics, especially the clergy, claimed it was repulsive and ungodly to inoculate someone with material from a diseased animal. A satirical cartoon of 1802 showed people who had been vaccinated sprouting cow's heads. But the obvious advantages of vaccination and the protection it provided won out, and vaccination soon became widespread. Jenner became famous and now spent much of his time researching and advising on developments in his vaccine. Jenner carried out research in a number of other areas of medicine and was also keen on fossil collecting and horticulture. He died on 26 January 1823.